

FESTIVE FOURTH OF JULY



As summer reaches its peak, the Mosquito community is ready to celebrate Independence Day with family, friends, and plenty of festivities. Whether it's backyard barbecues, patriotic decorations, or simply enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Finnon Lake, July 4th is always a special time in our community.

Enjoying the Celebration Responsibly

While the Fourth of July is a time for fun and celebration, it's also important to keep safety in mind. **Fireworks are strictly prohibited at Finnon Lake Recreation Area** to

protect the natural environment and prevent fire hazards. Given the dry summer conditions, even small fireworks pose a significant risk to local wildlife and surrounding areas.

Instead, we encourage residents to take advantage of community activities, such as a picnic at Finnon Lake, an evening gathering with neighbors, or attending a professionally managed fireworks show in nearby towns. Let's celebrate responsibly while preserving the beauty of our local landscape!

Looking Ahead

Beyond Independence Day, Finnon Lake remains a great place for outdoor recreation throughout July. Whether it's fishing, hiking, or simply relaxing by the water, there's plenty to enjoy while keeping safety a top priority.

Let's make this Fourth of July a memorable one while respecting the rules that keep our community and environment safe!



MFPD UPDATE



MFPD would like to thank everyone who came out to support the department at the Open House on June 14, 2025. Summer is here and we are feeling the heat. For those of you wishing to show appreciation to the firefighters, cases of water or Gatorade are always welcome!!

BRIDGE TOUR: RAFFLE WINNERS GET A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK

Twenty lucky community members got an exclusive peek at progress in action this month, thanks to a behind-the-scenes tour of the new Mosquito Road Bridge construction site in El Dorado County. The tour spots were raffled off at the MFPD “Raise the Roof” Gala held back in May, and the winners were treated to a rare up-close experience of one of the county’s most ambitious infrastructure projects.

The tour was made possible thanks to the generous support and expert guidance of Sr. Civil Engineer Brian Franklin and Sr. Engineer Aradhana Kochar, who led participants through the site. With hard hats on and questions flowing, attendees explored the evolving structure and gained insights into the engineering challenges and environmental stewardship shaping the project. Brian and Aradhana offered a detailed look into the planning, safety, and progress of the bridge build—transforming technical work into a compelling story of community connection.





More than just concrete and steel, the bridge symbolizes a vital link—between neighborhoods, emergency services, and the future of our mountain community. Tours like this don't just inform—they inspire, reminding us all of the value of public projects and the role we play in supporting them.

A heartfelt thank you to Brian Franklin and Aradhana Kochar for making the experience so memorable, and to everyone who supported the “Raise the Roof” Gala. Your enthusiasm helped turn a simple raffle into a morning of learning, laughter, and local pride.

For more information about the Mosquito Road Bridge Replacement visit the project website at:

<https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/County-Projects/Bridge-Projects/Mosquito-Road-Bridge-Project>

Questions or comments: Email: mosquitobridge@edcgov.us or call (530) 621-5900.

Reflecting on the visit, Brian Franklin shared, “I want to thank you again for your interest in the Project and the great group of residents that you brought to the bridge tour today. Everyone engaged well and had some really good questions and discussion.”



MOSQUITO BRIDGE FACTS-

- Construction Cost - \$75M
- Working Days – 700
- Construction Start - 7/2022
- Estimated Completion – Mid 2026
- Currently 70% Complete
- Length 1180 Feet
- Distance Above River Approx. 400'
- Approx. 12th Tallest Bridge in the US
- Once Complete / Top 5 in California
- Approx. \$75k Annual Maintenance Cost of Old Bridge

MVFA UPDATE

by MVFA Board of Directors

NEW NEIGHBORS

If you are new to the area, or know someone new to the area, MVFA has welcome packets that contain great information about our community and helpful guidance for living in a high risk fire area. Please contact us at MVFA95667@gmail.com so we can get one delivered to your door!

MVFA'S SPAGHETTI DINNER BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The aroma of simmering tomato sauce and warm garlic bread filled the air as the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) hosted its much-loved Annual Spaghetti Dinner, bringing neighbors together for a hearty meal and even heartier conversation.

This year's event was a resounding success, with over sixty-five meals served to hungry guests from across the community. Families, friends, and first-timers filled the tables at the fire station, sharing stories, laughter, and generous helpings of pasta. A number of families brought young children, whose cheerful energy added to the evening's joy.



A special thanks to Kirk Bronsord of **Smoke on the Water**, who prepared the delicious spaghetti and sauce that anchored the evening's meal. While volunteers with MVFA worked behind the scenes—setting up, cooking, and serving with a smile. Their efforts helped create a warm, welcoming environment that reminded us all how strong and spirited our small community can be.

Thank you to everyone who attended, helped, or simply spread the word. We can't wait to see you at next year's dinner!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Festival at Finnon Lake - 10 am - 3 pm Free Lunch October 11, 2025

Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75 - 6 pm - 8 pm October 25, 2025

Christmas Craft Sale at Station 75 - 10 am - 2 pm November 15, 2025

Christmas Dinner at Station 75 - 5:30 pm December 6, 2025- Free Dinner

MVFA SWAG

Looking to sport some community spirit? Explore the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association's collection of **Mosquito T-shirts and Sweatshirts**, available in a variety of sizes and fresh colors! With newly added styles, there's something for everyone, so be sure to check out the latest selections.

MVFA apparel, along with local phone books, are conveniently available for purchase at the **diner during regular business hours** or at **MVFA-sponsored events**.

For personalized orders or special requests, feel free to reach out to us at MVFA95667@gmail.com. Show your support, stay stylish, and represent Mosquito proudly!



MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM

The MVFA Recycle Program continues to provide a valuable resource of funding for the Mosquito Fire Station to be utilized by the department at the Fire Chief's request. Your participation in this program is appreciated and is benefiting our fire department!

Please drop off bags of **Plastic Bottles** and **Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass)** at the back of Station 75. Note: Lids and caps on plastic bottles must be removed before they can be redeemed. Lids and caps can be included for redemption. Stay green, stay responsible, and happy recycling! ♻️



The next MVFA Board meeting will be on **Thursday, July 17th** at 3:00 pm at the Diner

SENIORS MEAL SERVICES

El Dorado County Senior Nutrition offers Home Delivered Meals for individuals 60 years of age or older who are homebound either temporarily or permanently, and unable to shop for their own food or prepare their own meals. Home delivered meal service is available to help them meet their nutritional needs. Dedicated, caring volunteers deliver meals Wednesday's, while also checking in on the well-being of each participant -- bringing peace of mind to clients and their families. Our goal is to provide nutritious meals and social contact to support overall wellness that will enable participants to remain living independently and with dignity in their own homes. Frozen meals for weekends and holidays are available upon request. Call today to see if you qualify! 530-621-6160

<https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Services/Assistance-Programs/Seniors/Senior-Services/Senior-Nutrition-Services>

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

Finnon Lake remains a haven for birdlife and birding enthusiasts alike, providing a peaceful setting for nature observation. Whether you are an expert birder or simply enjoy the wonders of wildlife, Finnion Lake's diverse ecosystem is always offering something new to admire.

The next Bird Watch will be on the 12th of July at Finnion Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. The starting time for Spring and Summer is 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event. Come join in the birdwatch!



Ash-throated Flycatcher

3 Canada Goose	1 Double-crested Cormorant	1 Bewick's Wren
3 California Quail	1 Bald Eagle	1 Lesser Goldfinch
12 Wild Turkey	15 Acorn Woodpecker	3 Spotted Towhee
1 Mourning Dove	1 Ash-throated Flycatcher	22 Red-winged Blackbird
1 Anna's Hummingbird	4 Bushtit	1 Brown-headed Cowbird
2 Pied-billed Grebe	2 Wrentit	7 Brewer's Blackbird
4 White-breasted Nuthatch		10 Great-tailed Grackle

SMOKE ON THE WATER

by Kirk Bronsord and Matt Ridgeway

Summer Has Arrived!



The campground is buzzing, the sun is shining, and our diner is hopping with fresh faces and returning friends. There's nothing better than sharing good food by the lake, and we're loving every minute of it.

To celebrate the season, we've cooked up some mouthwatering new dishes just for summer—come try something new or stick with your tried-and-true favorite. Dine in, hang out, or take your meal lakeside to go!

Thanks for being a part of our Smoke on the Water family. We're here all summer long, serving sunshine with every bite!

— **Your Smoke on the Water Crew**

Diner Hours:

Monday - Thursday - Closed

Friday 11 am – 1:30 pm

Saturday - 11 am - 7 pm

Sunday 9 am - 3 pm

(Breakfast served on Sunday only)

<https://www.facebook.com/smokeonthewaterplacervilleca>

AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro airport is home to many interesting aircraft, both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft display July 11th, 12th and 13th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM each day at the airport. Aircraft that are unique as well as older than 35 years will be out and you are invited to look but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway. Please also be respectful and look but do not touch without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, would like further information or a guided tour you can contact Kim Purcell at 530-621-1049.

MOSQUITO CRAFTERS

By Natasha Cutter

The Mosquito Crafters have been working hard throughout the year to build our inventory! We've been sharing our crafts with the group at our monthly meeting and we all agree our inventory is getting more exciting and more impressive by the year. Our Crafters are very enthusiastic about what they do and it shows in their quality of work! You can come see us at the next pancake breakfast, July 26, 2025, D'Ax will have another silent auction offering two items that will go directly to the Roof Fund! We invite new members to join our craft group! We



gather on the fourth Friday of every month. Attending our meetings is not required to join. Your level of participation is completely up to you. All proceeds we raise go to supporting the Mosquito Fire Protection District. If you're interested in becoming part of our group, have any questions, or wish to contribute to the Mosquito Crafters, please reach out to us at mosquitocrafters@gmail.com. You can also find us and follow us on Facebook.

MOSQUITO COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

By Kim Purcell

We had another very successful day filling two dumpsters again this year. Members of the Swansboro pilots group volunteered to unload trucks and trailers and we were very thankful to have Brandon, of Cornerstone Land Services, volunteer with one of his pieces of equipment to munch the large items into small ones so we could fit everything and to those who donated to our scholarship fund. Watching Brandon crush the larger items then deposit them into the dumpster added some entertainment and helped to assure plenty of room, so much so that we were able to continue to take more on Sunday for those who couldn't make Saturday. Brandon lives up here so give him a call if you need land clearing or tree work done, 530-306-4430.

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP shares the Good News of Jesus Christ right here in Mosquito. We meet Sunday at 11am at 3342 Stope Drive and in various homes throughout the week for worship, study and fellowship. Everyone is invited. Call (530) 295-0503 for more information.

SCPOA REPORT

By Meredith Blain

The Swansboro Country Property Owners Association Board of Directors (SCPOA) meets monthly at the MFPD Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road, on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Dyer Lake and on the SCPOA website: SCPOA.info. All SCPOA Members are invited to attend the monthly meetings and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 6pm.

Members of SCPOA can visit SCPOA.info, the official SCPOA website, and get information about upcoming meetings, meeting agendas and minutes, association bylaws, individual unit's DC&Rs, using the Swansboro Airport, and find information for use of common areas, and much, much more! If you have not requested a login for the SCPOA website, please send an email to Kpaulscpoa@gmail.com, or Melissa.bell@managementtrust.com to gain access.

DISTRICT AUXILIARY aka D'Ax

By Meredith Blain

D'Ax is very excited to be working with MFPD's Capital Improvement Project members to make the new roof a reality! Many thanks to everyone who donated and attended our Gala event on May 10th. Donations are still coming in and we gratefully thank the Swansboro Pilots Association for their generous support received this week! To date, we have raised a lot of money, but not quite enough. If you were thinking of donating to the cause but have not, we welcome your tax-deductible donation now! Any amount will help, and donating is easy! Go to: paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/5109067. Your donation at that website is fee-free. If you prefer cash or check, make your check payable to D'Ax and drop at the firehouse during business hours Monday through Thursday. You can always reach out to any D'Ax board member directly or send an email to Admin@dAx-NP.Org and we'll be happy to help your donation find its way into the Roof Fund.



We are just \$4,000 away from being able to start the project!

Please donate today!

Mark your calendar for the next **Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, July 26, 2025!** Look for information on social media and the MFPD.us website about two items available for a silent auction that day!

D'Ax meets the fourth Thursday of the month, just prior to the regular MFPD Board of Directors meeting. The next meeting is Thursday, July 24, 2025, and will start at 6pm. Find us in the kitchen at Station 75, 8801 Rock Creek Road. Check the MFPD.us website for meeting dates.

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MEETINGS

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MOSQUITO CREEK OUTFITTERS

3000 Mosquito Road, Placerville, Tuesday – Friday 9 to 6, Saturday 9 to 5, El Dorado County's premier source for the best hunting, fishing, archery, and outdoor products. Mosquito Creek Outfitters is always stocked with the best gear to accompany you wherever you may roam. 530-621-4500.

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JULY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Support Group Training 9am Station 75
6 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	7	8 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	9	10	11	12 Bird Watch Finnon Lake 8am
13 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	14	15	16	17 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Diner	18	19
20 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	21	22 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	23 SCPOA Board Meeting 6pm Station 75	24 D'Ax Board Meeting 6 pm MFPD Board Meeting 7pm Station 75	25	26 D'Ax Pancake Breakfast 9am Station 75
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Local Area Web Links

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)
 Finnon Lake Recreation Area
 Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)
 Swansboro Country Property Owners Association
 Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito (MFOM)
 El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

<https://www.gomvfa.org>
<https://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>
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MVFA values and promotes voluntary efforts in our community. MVFA continues to carry on the work begun by its predecessors many years ago. If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Mosquito Fire House, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville at 3:00pm. At the meetings, you have the opportunity to obtain correct and updated information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake and events and volunteer opportunities. Mosquito residents may request a copy of approved MVFA Board meeting minutes by emailing your name and address to mvfa95667@gmail.com, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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