

MVFA UPDATE

by MVFA Board of Directors

RAINBOW TROUT STOCKING AT FINNON LAKE RESERVOIR!

As we approach spring we anticipate that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will provide a fish stocking at Finnon Lake Reservoir. The Nimbus Fish Hatchery in Gold River, CA, (between Folsom and Sacramento), plays a crucial role in this event, typically providing 400 pounds of rainbow trout, approximately 800 fish in total. Some of these trout are impressive, measuring up to 14 inches in length!

These stocking events are part of CDFW's ongoing efforts to enhance recreational fishing opportunities and maintain healthy fish populations in California's waterways. The Nimbus Fish Hatchery, one of the 21 fish hatcheries overseen by CDFW, is known for raising Chinook salmon and steelhead, but our typical stocking of rainbow trout is a treat for local anglers.

Finnon Lake Reservoir, located in Placerville, CA, is a popular spot for fishing, boating, picnicking, and other outdoor



activities. The addition of these rainbow trout is sure to attract fishing enthusiasts from near and far, offering a chance to catch some beautiful fish in a picturesque setting.

Whether you're an experienced angler or just looking to enjoy a day by the water, Finnon Lake Reservoir is the perfect destination. Don't forget to grab your fishing license pay the \$10 per car day use fee and enjoy the fishing!

Watch for a future announcement confirming when our next stocking might occur!

We hope to see you at Finnon Lake soon, and happy fishing!

Discover the Wonders of Nimbus Fish Hatchery

Nestled in eastern Sacramento County, the **Nimbus Fish Hatchery** is a fascinating destination for nature enthusiasts and families alike. Built on the downstream side of the Nimbus Dam, this hatchery is one of the 21 facilities overseen by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



The Nimbus Fish Hatchery plays a crucial role in preserving the populations of Chinook salmon and steelhead trout. Each year, the hatchery releases approximately 4 million Chinook salmon and 430,000 steelhead trout into the American River, helping to maintain the delicate balance of the local ecosystem.

Visitors to the hatchery can enjoy a range of educational activities. The **Visitor Center** offers interactive exhibits that teach about the biology of salmon, hatchery operations, and river conservation. You can even watch the egg-

taking process through viewing windows, providing a unique glimpse into the life cycle of these remarkable fish.

The hatchery is surrounded by the beautiful **American River Parkway**, which offers miles of trails for hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing. Whether you're interested in spotting birds, enjoying a picnic, or simply taking a leisurely stroll, the parkway has something for everyone.

The Nimbus Fish Hatchery is open daily from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, with extended hours on weekends. Admission is free, and the hatchery parking lot is open from **7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** daily. For guided tours, especially for school groups, reservations are recommended and can be made through their new calendar reservation system.

Located off Highway 50, about 18 miles east of Sacramento, the hatchery is easily accessible. Don't forget to check their Facebook page for the latest updates on operations and guided tour availability.

Whether you're a seasoned angler, a curious student, or just looking for a fun outdoor activity, the Nimbus Fish Hatchery offers an enriching experience that connects you with nature and conservation efforts. Plan your visit today and discover the wonders of this remarkable facility!

Introducing the California Inland Recreational Angler Survey (CIRAS)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) recently launched an innovative new program called the **California Inland Recreational Angler Survey (CIRAS)**. This web-based platform is designed to gather valuable data from anglers about their fishing trips, providing immediate access to aggregated sport fishing data through an interactive “Ready to Fish” dashboard.

What is CIRAS? CIRAS is a crowdsourcing platform that allows anglers to submit information about their fishing experiences. This data includes details about the species caught, catch rates, size distributions, and the time of year when fish are most active. The platform aims to give anglers a user-friendly experience while contributing to scientific research and helping CDFW better manage California's fisheries.

Why is CIRAS important? By participating in CIRAS, anglers can help CDFW understand angler preferences and the performance of fisheries. This information is crucial for making informed decisions about fish stocking, habitat conservation, and other management practices. Additionally, anglers can access data submitted by others, helping them plan their next fishing trip more effectively.

How does CIRAS work? Anglers can access the CIRAS platform online and submit their fishing data. The platform is currently available for waters within CDFW's North Central Region, which includes counties such as Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, and Yuba². CDFW plans to expand the platform statewide in the future.

What's next for CIRAS? As the pilot phase continues, CDFW will gather feedback from anglers and make improvements to the platform. Eventually, CIRAS will be available to all California counties, providing a comprehensive database of fishing information for anglers across the state.

Get Involved! Anglers are encouraged to participate in CIRAS by submitting their fishing data and exploring the information available on the platform. By contributing to this program, anglers can play a vital role in the conservation and management of California's fisheries.

For more information about CIRAS, visit the CDFW website. Finnon Reservoir is a listed location in the CIRAS app, so please document your fishing experience online when fishing at Finnon Reservoir.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event dates will be conveyed if approved by the MFPD.

The MVFA Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 19th at 3:00 pm at the Diner
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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 CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM

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! ♻️



SPECIAL MESSAGE

During our last recycle sorting activity, a significant amount of trash and garbage was included in the recycle materials (See Photo). **Please do not drop off anything other than plastic and aluminum drink containers that are marked with a CRV label!**



MVFA SWAG

Step Into Spring with Community Spirit

As the days grow warmer and the hillsides start turning green, it's a great time to refresh your wardrobe and show your support for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association! Our apparel collection includes lightweight **Mosquito T-Shirts** perfect for sunny afternoons, along with **comfortable Hooded Sweatshirts** for those cool spring mornings and breezy evenings.

Layer-Friendly Hooded Sweatshirts: Great for early spring chill, available in a variety of sizes.

Fresh Colors & Styles: New designs and seasonal colors mean there's something for everyone.

T-Shirts for Warmer Days: Stay cool, casual, and community-minded as temperatures rise.



Whether you're out enjoying the trails, visiting with neighbors, or gearing up for spring events, MVFA apparel is a fun and practical way to represent Mosquito with pride. Take a look at the latest selections and step into the season in style.

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

For personalized orders or special requests, reach out anytime at MVFA95667@gmail.com. Celebrate spring, support your local fire association, and wear your Mosquito pride proudly!

MOSQUITO BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

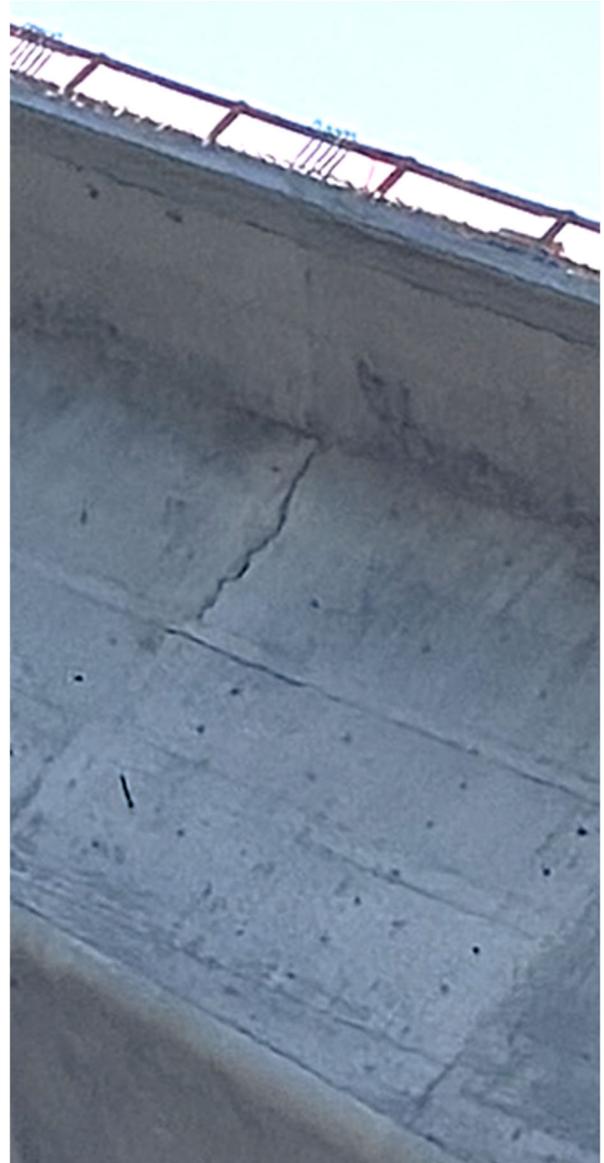
Recently a resident noticed what appeared to be cracks in the new Mosquito Bridge. His concern prompted him to email the county project engineer, Brian Franklin, who provided the following reply –

I appreciate you reaching out with questions. It is good that people are paying attention as they travel through the jobsite. Answers to your questions with some additional information:

1. Concrete cracks, that is a fact of life. Cracks in the wrong locations and/or cracks that continue to propagate must be investigated and monitored. The County and Contractor perform drone flight videos and photos of the piers and superstructure, inspections from the ground, inspections from the stair towers, and inspections within the superstructure bay to monitor the structure performance in general as construction progresses.
2. Each new segment opposing pair is post-tensioned back to each other through the previous segments, and then the entire structure is post-tensioned a final time once the closure concrete placements are complete. Rebar and post-tensioning tendons take all of the tension (pull) loads in the structure. Concrete takes most of the compression (push) loads in the structure. Concrete can show cracking in tension zones where the rebar and tendons take

up the load. The bridge is designed to move and flex under construction and permanent loading cycles, which will cause some superficial cracking. Concrete can also show shrinkage cracking during cure, which is why there are admixtures in the concrete itself to reduce shrinkage cracking as well as moisture curing after each concrete placement. Any and all cracking is regularly being inspected and monitored.

3. This being a cast in place segmental bridge, it is designed to flex and move during construction much more than a standard cast in place box girder bridge built on temporary supports (falsework). The 50' end-spans are the only part of the superstructure built on falsework. This movement is accounted for in the geometry control plans and surveys that are performed before, during, and after construction of each segment to make sure alignment and grade is correct when we get to the closure concrete placements where each end meets. That constant movement during construction is expected to cause some superficial cracking, which is regularly inspected and monitored.
4. If cracking that is monitored continues to propagate, widen, cause spalling, or otherwise continues to get worse, the Team would meet to determine the cause and mitigation to correct any concerns. We would also be alerted to excessive longitudinal or vertical movement, deflections, settling, pier movement, or any type of movement outside of predicted values during the geometry control surveys during each segment constructed. None of this has been the case to date. Additionally, after construction of each segment, there are geometry control reports that graph the as-built grades and alignment to the theoretical grades and alignment from the geometry control plan and Project plans. To date, these reports are all within 2 inches or less from expected values.
5. There is no cladding on this structure. All bridge concrete is structural.
6. One of the photos appears to show an overlap of concrete at a construction joint that shadows to appear as a crack. Bridge finish work will be performed on the entire superstructure once segment construction and closure placements are complete.





7. The other photo is of a segment construction joint. There are segment construction joints every 15 feet longitudinally out from the piers. These are built in "cracks", or cold joints, throughout the entire segment joints at each segment face and will all appear as cracks until the final concrete finish work is complete.

I know there have been bridge collapses in the news and historically that put people on edge. Rest assured that the County, Contractors, Geometry Control Consultants, and Design Consultants work together daily to assure a successful project is delivered. I appreciate the concerns and you reaching out. Feel free to contact me any time regarding questions. We are all working hard to get this Project completed in Summer 2026.

Sincerely,

Brian Franklin, RE
Sr. Civil Engineer
El Dorado County DOT

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>

MOSQUITO HISTORY PRESENTATION

By Steve Vrabel

Discover the Stories Beneath Our Feet: A Look Into Mosquito's Past

Our community sits atop a landscape rich with stories—some well-known, many long forgotten. Who were the Native peoples who lived in the Mosquito area long before modern settlement? What became of the 1850s town of Nelsonville, once a bustling foothill community? How did Fannon Lake come to be, and where did early travelers find lodging in this rugged corner of El Dorado County?

These questions are just the beginning. The forests east of us hold remarkable chapters of regional history, from early industry to surprising events that shaped the development of the El Dorado National Forest. Even familiar landmarks—our swinging bridge, the Swansboro subdivision, and the roads we travel every day—have stories that reveal how this community grew into what it is today.

Residents will have the opportunity to **hear about** all of this and more during a special two-hour presentation on Mosquito History, scheduled for 1 pm on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026, at the Mosquito Fire Department. Whether you're new to the area or a longtime local, this presentation promises a fascinating look at the people, places, and events that built the community we call home.

Mark your calendars—there's no better way to celebrate Memorial Day than by connecting with the history beneath our feet.

A Presentation On

❖ MOSQUITO AREA HISTORY ❖

WHERE: Mosquito Fire Station
8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, CA 95667

WHEN: Memorial Day, May 25, 2026, 1 pm

*Limited seating available

MOSQUITO CRAFTERS

By Natasha Cutter

The Mosquito Crafters held our initial meeting of the year in January. During this gathering, we brainstormed ideas for 2026! Our first focus will be on Easter baskets, which will be available in March. Stay tuned for more information on how to acquire our uniquely curated and thoughtfully assembled Easter baskets. We are excited about the upcoming year and the creative ideas that our talented group is sure to craft up! We are looking forward to the unique designs and projects they will bring to life, showcasing their skills and imagination!

SCPOA REPORT

By Meredith Blain

The **Swansboro Country Property Owners Association (SCPOA)** Board of Directors generally holds monthly meetings at the MFPD Fire Station, located at 8801 Rock Creek Road, on the fourth Wednesday of each month. All SCPOA members are invited to attend.

The next SCPOA meeting will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, and will serve as the Annual Membership Meeting. During this meeting, open Director seats are typically filled by ballot and election. This year, three Director seats were open and received three nominations; therefore, no election will be necessary.

Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Dyer Lake and on the official SCPOA website at SCPOA.info.

Visit SCPOA.info for general public information. SCPOA members can also access details about upcoming meetings, agendas and minutes, association bylaws, individual unit DC&Rs, use of the Swansboro Airport and common areas, and more.

Member access requires a login. If you need login credentials, please email Kpaulscpoa@gmail.com or Ashley.silva@managementtrust.com.

DISTRICT AUXILIARY aka D'Ax

By Meredith Blain

D'Ax* hosted a fabulous New Year's event that brought together many families from our community. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time, and it was especially fun to watch toddlers, children, and teenagers all engaging in activities together. As a first-time event, D'Ax* has already identified a few ideas for improvement, but the overwhelming feedback has been, ***"Let's do this again!"***. While a specific date has not yet been selected, D'Ax* will definitely plan another family event in 2026.



At the January 11, 2026, D'Ax* meeting, elections were held to fill two director positions. Melissa Stever and Meredith Blain were voted in for new two-year terms. No additional community members submitted nominations. The meeting was well attended and greatly appreciated, as D'Ax* directors had the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the many

supporters who have generously volunteered their time and resources and donations. Aside from the elections, the meeting proceeded with routine business, though the public comments proved to be particularly engaging.

During public comments, Steve Vrabel announced an upcoming event, ***Mosquito Area History***, which will take place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Mosquito Fire Station. D'Ax* voted unanimously to support this event by assisting with setting up and providing free beverages and popcorn for attendees.

Public comments then turned to questions regarding Bingo. Last month, Acting Chief Scott Bravo issued a directive indicating that MFPD Command Staff had discussed bingo and determined it would not be allowed at the fire station. Community members expressed concern, with comments such as, *"It seems the fire district does not want community support,"* and *"Why would they not allow a fundraising activity?"* Others shared how discouraging this decision felt, noting the long history of community support and successful fundraising through community events. D'Ax* Treasurer, Melissa Stever has spent countless hours arranging all the necessary details and licensing with government entities and D'Ax* has been provided with all necessary permits and licenses to conduct Bingo as a non-profit 501.C.3 organization for fund raising purposes.

Several community members encouraged D'Ax* to appeal to the MFPD Board of Directors who holds the ultimate authority to approve use of the fire station. An appeal was written and ready for presentation, however, the MFPD Board of Directors would not hear the appeal. Board President, Linnea Ugglá, stated she had been counseled and the board would hear public comment. Director Buhnerkempe stated there was no procedures in place to have an appeal. Chief Bravo stated the appeal was moot because the New Year's Eve event had already taken place. This all took place before the appeal was presented. Had D'Ax* presented the appeal, it would have been apparent the issue was to have Bingo games, not just on New Year's Eve, but as an activity allowed in the fire station. The appeal asked the board to use its authority to approve use of the fire station for Bingo games to raise much needed funds for the fire department. The board heard public comments only, however they agreed to take the issue up with legal counsel. D'Ax* agreed to provide evidence of the proper licenses and permits to hold legal Bingo. D'Ax* hopes the issue will be resolved in favor of Bingo and the board will add it to next month's MFPD Board of Directors meeting for vote. D'Ax* hopes the board will vote in favor of Bingo.

At the time of this writing, D'Ax* has no events scheduled. Check back next month, or better yet, come to our regular meeting on **Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the fire station, just prior to the regular MFPD Board of Directors meeting.

Thank you to all who attended our January D'Ax* meeting. The support shown by the community is very important and means a lot to each D'Ax* director and it helps make our work meaningful.

To donate or volunteer, please email admin@dax-np.org, contact any D'Ax* director, or visit our website at dax-np.org.

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

January Bird Watch: A Midwinter Burst of Activity

January delivered a lively start to the new year, with an impressive mix of resident favorites and seasonal visitors showing up across the community. Even in the quietest months, our local habitats prove they're anything but still. This month's sightings highlight everything from energetic finches to stately raptors, with a few charismatic surprises in between.

Ground Dwellers and Woodland Regulars

A covey of 12 California Quail made a cheerful appearance, shuffling through underbrush in their usual tight-knit formation. Woodpeckers were especially active, with 25 Acorn Woodpeckers chattering around and 6 Northern Flickers flashing their bright underwings. The forest chorus continued with 12 Steller's Jays, 4 California Scrub-Jays, and a single White-breasted Nuthatch being sighted.



Songbirds and Small Wonders

Finches and sparrows brought plenty of motion to the open spaces. A



remarkable 36 Lesser Goldfinches brightened the landscape, joined by 17 Dark-eyed Juncos, 2 California Towhees, and 4 Spotted Towhees. A lone Ruby-crowned Kinglet added a dash of winter charm, while a Black Phoebe kept busy with its signature tail-bobbing patrol.



Waterbirds and Wetland Highlights

Finnon Reservoir was bustling. The standout count came from 100 American Coots, a classic winter spectacle. They were joined by 2 Pied-billed Grebes, 4 Double-crested Cormorants, and elegant waders including 2 Great Egrets and 1 Great Blue Heron.



Raptors and High-Fliers

January also brought impressive aerial activity. A Turkey Vulture circled lazily overhead, while a Red-shouldered Hawk made its appearance. The resident 2 Bald Eagles, were busy relocating their nest from the dead tree they have resided in to a new pine tree located nearby. Rounding out the list were 1 Band-tailed Pigeon and a single Anna's Hummingbird, proving that even in winter, there's always a flash of color to be found.

The Count

12 California Quail	1 Turkey Vulture	1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
1 Band-tailed Pigeon	2 Bald Eagle	1 White-breasted Nuthatch
1 Anna's Hummingbird	1 Red-shouldered Hawk	36 Lesser Goldfinch
100 American Coot	25 Acorn Woodpecker	17 Dark-eyed Junco
2 Pied-billed Grebe	6 Northern Flicker	2 California Towhee
4 Double-crested Cormorant	1 Black Phoebe	4 Spotted Towhee
2 Great Egret	12 Steller's Jay	2 Red-winged Blackbird
1 Great Blue Heron	4 California Scrub-Jay	

Closing Notes

From the tiniest Kinglet to the commanding presence of Bald Eagles, this month's sightings reflect the rich diversity that makes our area such a rewarding place for bird enthusiasts. As winter slowly gives way to early signs of spring, keep your binoculars handy—February often brings the first hints of seasonal movement.

SMOKE ON THE WATER

by Kirk Bronsord and Matt Ridgeway



Happy Valentine's Day!



February is the month of love, and we're feeling it here at the diner!

Bring your special someone and enjoy a cozy, delicious meal with us. The weather may be a little unpredictable this time of year, but don't let that keep you away — the eagles certainly haven't! They've been hard at work building a brand-new nest, and it's a beautiful sight to see.

We'd love for you to come out, take in the scenery, and share in the charm of our little spot on the water. Your support means everything to us, and we're excited for all the good things coming this spring.

If you haven't visited the diner yet... what are you waiting for? Folks from near and far are making the trip to enjoy our food and our one-of-a-kind location. We're especially grateful for everyone "down the hill" who's been coming up to see us.

So come on out and show us some love — we can't wait to welcome you.

With warm hearts, Your Smoke on the Water Family

Diner Hours:

Monday - Friday- Closed
Saturday - 11 am - 6 pm
Sunday 9 am - 2 pm

(Breakfast served on Sunday only)

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MEETINGS

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EL DORADO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY OPENINGS

The El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury has opened the Application process for the 2026-2027 Grand Jury.

The Civil Grand Jury functions as a watchdog over local government operations to determine if local government can be made more efficient and effective. They are empowered to examine any aspect of county government, city government, and special districts including schools. In addition, they review and may inquire into citizen complaints.

The term is one year (July - June) and requires* a minimum of 8 hrs/wk participation. Usually all members attend a weekly plenary meeting and selected Committee Meetings that are topic specific. Grand Jurors are reimbursed for mileage and receive a \$15/day stipend.s

Desirable Qualities: Have sufficient time and commitment, be in good health, ability to work with others, open minded and respectful of the views of others, have a genuine interest in community affairs, possess basic investigative skills, and ability to use a computer and write reports.

Prior to the commencement of the term, all newly sworn members receive a two day orientation and training, typically in late June.

To apply or for additional information go to: Website www.edcgov.us/GrandJury or contact the Superior Court Administrative Analyst at (530) 621-7414. The Application period closes in early May.

HANDCRAFTED ART ON THE HILL

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FEBRUARY 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Support Group Training 9am Station 75
8 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	9	10 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	11	12	13	14 Bird Watch Finnon Lake, Day Use area 9am
15 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	16	17	18	19 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Diner	20	21
22 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	23	24 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	25	26 D'Ax Board Meeting 6pm MFPD Board Meeting 7pm Station 75	27 Crafters Meeting 10am	28 SCPOA Annual Meeting 6pm Station 75

Local Area Web Links

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

<https://www.gomvfa.org>
<https://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>
<https://mfpd.us>
<https://dax-np.org>
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