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2016 Defensible Space Inspections

By Mike Hazlett, Mosquito FPD Fire Chief

CAL FIRE Defensible Space inspectors will make the majority of their inspections in the months leading up to fire season in order to allow landowners time and flexibility to prepare their property for the upcoming fire season. CAL FIRE inspectors will attempt to inspect all the homes they have access to (e.g., no locked gates, can be viewed from a public place/roadway,



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or property that can be accessed by any private citizen, mailperson, delivery person, etc.) within a given target area prior to moving onto another area. The inspectors will be conducting their inspections during reasonable daylight hours, knocking on the door of the residence and being professionally dressed so that CAL FIRE staff can easily be identified as fire department personnel. Ideally, CAL FIRE would meet all landowners on-site so that questions can be answered and hazardous conditions addressed. If the Defensible Space inspectors are not able to meet face to face with the landowners, a "Notice of Fire Hazard Inspection" form will be left at the property. The "Notice of Fire Hazard Inspection" form will give a detailed description of what was inspected and if any corrections are needed to improve the property for fire survival. A phone number will be provided to the landowner to use in the event they have questions concerning the inspection or what/why hazards need to be reduced.

Defensible Space inspections are supported by the State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Prevention fee, which is an annual fee assessed to rural residents for fire prevention activities in the SRA. The Fire Prevention Fee resulted from a law signed by Governor Brown in 2011 which imposed a fee to owners of habitable structures in the SRA.

For more information on preparing for wildfires and defensible space visit: <u>www.ReadyForWildfire.org</u>.

The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, April 14th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station You are welcome to attend!

MVFA By Tom Harris

We are happy to see the Finnon Lake water level continue to rise with all the recent rainfall! Thankfully, Dave Angelo and a team of volunteers laid in the first level of sand at the swimming area before the water level got too high. The lower area of sand is now under water. At the lake's highest water level the sand will reach to a depth of about 6 feet of water.

The Café's garden area also saw improvements thanks to Gary Morris. Gary and a helper finished the split-rail fence project that defines the garden area.

MVFA would like to thank everyone for participating in our Cowboy Chuck Wagon Dinner event. It was a great turnout! We send a special shout out to our dedicated firefighters for their help and participation. And thank you to all the terrific, hardworking volunteers who helped make this fund raising event happen.



And finally, special thanks to Stacy and Mark for the great music and all who donated the great raffle gifts - many from off "the hill". What a generous display of support!

Upcoming events include the Cinco de Mayo Dinner at the fire station on **Saturday**, **May 7**th. It's always a good time and the food is Bueno!

Visit our website to see photos from all MVFA events at: www.goMVFA.org

The MVFA Board meeting is Thursday, April 7th, at 7:15 p.m. at Mosquito General. We hope to see you there!

SCPOA By Roger Stenbock

The new SCPOA Board of Directors (BOD) had its first open session on March 17th. After we managed to clear the firehouse of a couple of firetrucks, the meeting was under way. We had a full BOD quorum and about thirty-five members attended. This is the second time I've had the privilege to serve the community. I was encouraged by the interests you expressed. There were diverse opinions and great questions focused on our community affairs and its welfare. Some of you posed questions to which I (or the Board) did not have immediate answers, or you wished to extend your comments for a longer time period. I promised to address these questions ASAP. Subsequently, I've already spoken with some of you. This has given me valuable feedback which will allow me to serve you better.

There were also some questions as to how your BOD can best serve the Homeowners Association (HOA). This may not have been clearly addressed in the agenda, so I offer this: An elected person of a public or private BOD has a fiduciary duty to all voters or members. A public organization, such as a School Board, is governed by very strict and often inflexible laws and policies. Fortunately, our HOA is a private corporation governed by its By-Laws and the Davis Sterling Act. This allows us greater flexibility in the way we conduct business.

The BOD has certain discretion in its decisions and actions. For example, just as a private corporation such as General Motors BOD determines how a meeting is conducted and who may be invited, so does our private HOA BOD decide how to conduct our meetings. This BOD has decided that in addition to considering the comments from the members attending, it will also take into account the interests of the hundreds of community members not attending.

Your input guides the Board and is always welcome. I encourage anyone with any SCPOA comments or questions to speak with me directly.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, April 21st, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to participate!

Finnon Lake Recreation Area By Tom Harris

MVFA Board of Directors is continuing to find ways to pay the costs of keeping the park operating and improving. MVFA receives no money from any tax source or from the Swansboro Country Property Owners Association. We are totally self-supporting. MVFA offers an annual Day Use Pass for

Mosquito residents for activities like swimming, fishing, boating and disc golf. Contact Dave Angelo (530-621-3688) to purchase the new 2016 Day Use Pass. Hiking, bird watching, and bicycling at Finnon are free of charge. Every cent collected from park fees and donations goes back into improving the site. The MVFA budget is public information. The budget is discussed, and copies are available at every board meeting. MVFA has no paid employees; everyone who gives their time is a volunteer.

MVFA moved its annual community picnic back to Finnon Lake, plus additional events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Trunk or Treat now take place at Finnon Lake. Mosquito residents are encouraged to consider Finnon Lake when planning family events, church outings, or club campouts. There were two weddings at Finnon Lake in 2015, with more to come. Now that the dam road and bridge are complete, the park is open all year. Click on the "Camping and Reservations" page of our website at <u>www.finnonrecreationarea.com</u> to check the reservations calendar for availability. For more information and to make reservations, call 530-409-5515.

Finnon Lake Recreation Area progress has come a long way since our dam was condemned a number of years ago when the decision was made to reconstruct it. Most of the costs of the Dam Reconstruction Project were paid by grants from private conservation organizations and state grants set aside for wildlife and wetland preservation. With the dam project complete, MVFA must comply with the requirements of these grants. These requirements primarily call for fish and wildlife monitoring to ensure the health of the habitat for years to come. Recently, it appeared that a mating pair of Bald Eagles may consider making Finnon Lake home. A wet winter and spring have helped the habitat immensely.

Other projects and maintenance work will continue at Finnon Lake under the MVFA Campground and Property committee as well as the newly formed Fish and Wildlife committee chaired by Dave Angelo. Future projects include improvements to the campground bathrooms, continued development of the beach/swim area, and improvements to the cafe gardens and pavilion area. We will continue to have our annual Campground Cleanup day later in the spring. Volunteers are always welcome. Thanks to Jan Okumura and friends for their recent volunteer work and contributions to the cafe gardens. We also appreciate the more than 30 volunteers who have helped improve and maintain the park over the years. If you would like to help, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Café. You may also call Dave Angelo or Tom Harris or email mvfa95667@gmail.com.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. The easiest way is to click the 'Donate' button at <u>www.goMVFA.org</u>. There is the opportunity to add a comment to make your donation specific to Finnon Lake projects if you'd like. You can also send a check with a note



specifying your choice to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville 95667. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter specifying the donation amount will be provided back to you. Also, please continue to attend our fundraiser dinners and other events! Thank you for supporting MVFA and your Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

Red Cross Partnership

By Kari Guthrie

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape? The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. 60 percent of house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives.

The MVFA is proud to be partnering with the American Red Cross for the National Home Fire Campaign. This education only takes about 15 minutes of the resident's time.

This campaign focuses on volunteers visiting homes in our Mosquito/Swansboro area to:

- Installing new smoke alarms
- Replace alarm batteries
- Educate residents on fire and local hazard safety and
- Make home fire escape plans.



Home fires kill more people in an average year than every domestic natural disaster combined. The goal of this campaign is to reduce home fire deaths and injuries by 25% by the end of 2019.

Every bedroom and every level of the house needs to have a smoke alarm. This will be a FREE event in May 2016 for anybody who is in need of replacing old smoke detectors or having new smoke detectors installed. We need your help to identify the need here on the hill so that we'll be prepared.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please call Kari Guthrie (530) 626-1768 or email her at Kari95667@yahoo.com and request to be put on the list for this event. She will need to know how many bedrooms you have and how many levels in your home so she can get a good idea of how many smoke detectors we need from the Red Cross headquarters.

Smart Driver - Refresher Class

By Ralph Hern

Want to keep the discount on your automobile insurance? Want to refresh your knowledge of the "rules of the road" and learn what's new for 2016 at DMV? If your answer is "YES" and you have taken the initial Driver Safety Course within the last <u>3 years and 6 months</u>, an upcoming "AARP Smart Driver" class is just for you. To accommodate those who work during the week, the four-hour refresher class will be offered on **Saturday, April 23rd, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, at the Fire Station. There's NO TESTING, and a new DMV certificate of completion will be issued. There is a \$15 class fee for AARP members and a \$20 fee for non-members. <u>Pre-registration, with payment, is required.</u> Call Sharon or Ralph at 530-626-5268 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

Support MVFA

MVFA coffee mugs and grocery totes are still in stock and for sale. Coffee mugs are \$5.00 each, and grocery totes are \$4.00 each. Extra savings on 2 or more items! Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688. Also, Finnon Recreation passes for resident day use activities, which include swimming, fishing, boating and disc golf, are now on sale for 2016 and beyond. The one year pass is \$50.00. The two year pass is \$75.00 and the five year pass is \$175.00. Passes are good for the entire family, and one pass will cover up to 3 vehicles registered to the same address. Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688.

Crafters

BySharon Hern

ATTENTION LADIES - If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, you are encouraged to come join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, and goodies. Our meeting this month is on **Friday, April 22**nd. We have lots of projects to finish and several new projects to start in preparation for our big "On the Hill Craft Sale" at the MVFA Community Picnic in July. Come join the fun! Our craft meetings are generally held the 4th Friday of each month from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on April 22nd.

El Dorado County Community Programs

By Linda Heyart & Sharon Hern

Health Services available In El Dorado County are:

- Marshall Hospital Placerville 622-1441 www.marshallmedical.org
- El Dorado Community Health Center –Primary health care and preventative health services for uninsured, Medi-cal and Medicare individuals. Sliding scale fee. 4327 Golden Center Drive, Placerville 4641 Missouri Flat Road, Placerville 3104 Ponte Morino Drive, Cameron Park 621-7700 or <u>www.edcchc.org</u>



- El Dorado County Social Services
 County Medical Services Program (CMSP)
 Medi-Cal Program
 Provides medical assistance to residents may or may not meet Medi-Cal eligibility criteria.
 3057 Briw Road, Placerville
 642-7300
 or
 www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Health Care Services/CMSP.aspx
- Shingle Springs Tribal Health Program Health care services for uninsured, Medi-cal and Medicare individual. Sliding scale fee.
 5168 Honpie Road, Placerville

5168 Honpie Road, Placerville387-4975www.sshwc.org

 Western Sierra Medical Center Health care services for uninsured, Medi-cal and Medicare individuals. Sliding fee scale. 3070 Camino Heights Drive, Camino 647-9762 or http://wsmcmed.org/

• Public Health Department

Health and Human Services Agency 931 Spring Street, Placerville 621-6100 or www.edcgov.us/PublicHealth

T-Shirts and Sweatshirts For Sale

By Eileen Guell

MVFA has a limited selection t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. They come in adult sizes Small – 2XL. <u>Hooded w/zipper sweatshirts</u> are \$35 each. Colors: Ash Gray, Black and Forest Green. <u>Short sleeve t-shirts</u> are \$20 each. Colors: Ash Gray, Black, Cardinal Red, Forest Green, Navy, Red and Sapphire. Please call Mary Ann Haywood at 622-5477 for more information.

Birding at Finnon Lake

By Dave Angelo

Here are the findings from our March 12th outing. Our next outing will be **Saturday, April 9th**. We meet at the Mosquito General Market & Kitchen.. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. The community is invited to participate. For more information, call Dee Taylor at 626-1196.

US-CA-Placerville-9100 Rock Creek Rd - 38.7967x-120.7519 Mar 12, 2016 8:57 AM Traveling - 1.10 miles All birds reported? Yes Comments: Lake almost full, 40 degrees, partly cloudy. Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.1.5 Build 44

10 California Towhee 5 Hooded Merganser 3 Northern Flicker 25 Red-winged Blackbird 10 Canada Goose 4 Turkey Vulture 5 Western Scrub-Jay 20 American Robin 2 Mallard 1 Cooper's Hawk 10 Steller's Jay 10 Dark-eyed Junco

75 minutes

5 Bufflehead 45 American Coot 6 Western Bluebird

Number of Taxa: 15

WANTED!!!

ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES. Please

drop off bags from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials. (Wine bottles don't have CRV! We can't use them)



NOTE: The "recycle rules" at our new buy-back location have changed. Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. If you have a chance and can remove the lids it will sure help the recycle

volunteers.

This is a very important fund raiser for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association and the MVFA THANKS YOU!



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Pine rounds, ready for splitting. We have plenty! You haul. Call Tim at (408)859-3182.

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One (1) white, across truck tool box; two (2)white, side mount tool boxes; one (1)diamond plate, truck tool box. For prices and more information, call Fred tenNapel, (530)626-4281. (10)

2 acre parcel of land at 3081 Stope Drive. No water or power ready. Make offer. Call Donna Borchin at (209)624-3918 (9)

MEETINGS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP – Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. Groups for Men/Women/kids/young adults. We meet Sunday mornings 10 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website <u>www.mfom.net</u> or call (530)295-0503.

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1stAND 29th?



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5	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 BINGO! 5 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Bingo Mosquito General	2 MFPD Support Group 10 a.m. Fire Station
	3	4	5	6	7 MVFA Board 7:15 p.m. Mosquito General	8	9 Birding at Finnon Lake 9 a.m. meet at Mosquito General
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