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#### **MOSQUITO ROAD CLOSURE**

DOT has announced that Mosquito Road will be **closed August 14 thru September 15**. The roadway will be closed 24 hours a day throughout the duration of this project. The Maintenance Division will also be performing Mosquito Bridge maintenance for approximately 15 working



days of this 25 Working Day Project. Please see the official letter elsewhere in this newsletter.

#### Propane Safety

Chief Dwyer is out of town for his son's wedding, so we are reprinting a portion of a timely article from the August 2015 Mosquito Byte. And congratulations to Chief Dwyer and his family!

Most of El Dorado County is considered a high hazard fire environment. Based on past experiences, this area possesses all the ingredients necessary to support large, intense, and uncontrolled wildfires. Within this hazardous environment, there are individual homes, subdivisions, and entire communities. Many homes, however, would be unable to survive an intense wildfire.

Since it is not a question of "if" wildfires will occur but "when" they will occur, the likelihood of human life and property loss is great and growing. Our ability to live more safely in this fire environment greatly depends upon our use of pre-fire activities. Pre-fire activities are actions taken before a wildfire occurs which improve the survivability of people and homes. They include proper vegetation management around homes (known as defensible space), use of fire resistant building materials, appropriate subdivision design and other measures. Research clearly shows that pre-fire activities save lives and property.

Fire is a natural part of our environment. Our forests and range lands were burning long before our community existed. Many homes have been built and maintained in this fire environment without regard to wildfire. With more people using our wildlands, there is a greater chance of wildfire starts. Today's wildfires can burn intensely and be difficult to control. Therefore, the potential exists for greater loss of life, increased property losses, more damage to natural resources, and more money needed for firefighting.

Propane Safety – Tips for Your Home

- To readily recognize a leak, know what propane smells like. Propane retailers have pamphlets available with a scratch-and-sniff spot so that your entire family can recognize the smell.
- If you smell a leak, immediately evacuate everyone and call 911 from a neighbor's home. Do not remain in the building, use the telephone or light switches or try to determine the source of the leak by yourself.
- Be aware of where propane gas service lines are located, especially when working in the yard.
- All furnaces can collect lint and dirt and should be cleaned regularly. Contact your local propane supplier or follow the manufacturer's instruction for information on proper cleaning.

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• Have your range serviced if the burner flame is not blue. The blue flame indicates complete combustion. A yellow flame means air inlets are clogged or burners need adjustment. Contact your propane supplier's service department immediately.

More resources

- 100 feet of defensible space: www.readyforwildfire.org
- NFPA Propane Safety: <u>http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/gasoline-and-propane-safety</u>

You are also welcome to stop by the fire station for further guidance.

# The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

#### **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)**

By the MVFA Board of Directors

Each year, while the Mosquito Bridge is closed for maintenance, MVFA sponsors the Mosquito Road Cleanup event. According to El Dorado DOT, the project dates will be between August 7 and September 15. The bridge closure will be concurrent with the repair of the culvert that was washed out due to heavy rains last winter. Watch our website <u>www.GoMVFA.org</u> for updates. Also, the phone number for El Dorado Department of Transportation which will give you exact dates of the bridge closure is (530)642-4909 and the website link is <u>www.edcgov.us/government/dot/pages/roadworkalerts.aspx</u>.

The Community Cleanup Day was a big success again this year! Thanks to volunteers of the Swansboro Pilots Association (SPA) and MVFA for their help. Both big dumpsters were full by noon. Thanks also to El Dorado Disposal for donating the dumpsters free of charge.

As of this writing, the annual MVFA Community Picnic is almost here! We added a bigger lunch menu this year and reserved the entire facility for participants to use all day.

A huge thank you to Gene and Betsy Bowen, whose generous donation to MVFA in April was matched by Betsy's employer for a total donation of \$659.32.

Keep the date of **Saturday**, **September 16**<sup>th</sup> open for the annual MVFA Spaghetti Feed at the fire station. Proceeds from this event will help pay for the free annual Christmas Turkey Dinner. A complete list of annual MVFA events is at www.finnonrecreationarea.com. Click the "EVENTS" button. Watch for further details in the Byte and at <u>www.GoMVFA.org</u>.

Finnon Lake Recreation Area, including the Café building, is owned by MVFA and managed by the MVFA Board of Directors. At present, most maintenance and improvements are accomplished by volunteers. Contractors are hired as needed. MVFA recently received the first installment of the settlement from the café fire. Work is now proceeding to restore the building, and replace damaged equipment. MVFA also possesses engineered blueprints for improvements to the campground bathrooms to comply with ADA standards. The MVFA Bathroom Improvement Fund was established for this work and will determine the timeline for accomplishment. If you would like to donate to this fund, please contact a board member or email us at mvfa95667@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the fire station. Or call Tom Harris at 642-2333 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery, and wildlife or to obtain a Resident Annual Day Use Pass. We can also be contacted at mvfa95667@gmail.com.

MVFA is a limited membership non-profit community support organization and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fund raisers and rents and fees at Finnon Lake. MVFA receives no tax money from any source, nor any dues money from SCPOA. MVFA has no financial connection to Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates entirely with volunteers who donate their own time, and often their own money, to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, become a volunteer.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. We have a community fund designed to help neighbors in need, and the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides funds to purchase tools and other items at the Chief's request. And there are always future projects at Finnon Lake Recreation Area such as the Bathroom Improvement Fund. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

For up-to-date information, photos from MVFA events and happenings at Finnon Lake, please visit <u>www.GoMVFA.org</u> and <u>www.finnonrecreationarea.com</u>. Thank you for your support.

#### Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

#### SCPOA President's Message

By Mark Hermann

#### Pride in Ownership

Swansboro is a great place to live, play, and enjoy community events. Wouldn't it even be better if we all took pride in the ownership of our common areas as well as our own properties?



Those with internet access may have read postings with regard to

"unknown" persons leaving garbage along our roadways and parks throughout the community. Usually this is a car stopping and dumping garbage on the side of the road. Please, if you see this occur, report it to the local authorities and SCPOA.

Then, there are those residents who discard personal garbage; car seats, barbeques, old chairs, soda machines, kitchen sinks, etc., either at the edge of the roadway in front of their properties or scattered across the front of their properties. This only devalues our community properties as well as your own property. Please pick up after yourselves. If you cannot clean up your yard yourself due to personal capabilities and need help, I am sure your neighbors or our local community associations such as MVFA or MS75 would be willing to come together and assist. Please reach out and ask.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

#### Swansboro Airport Aircraft Display Days

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro airport is home to many interesting aircraft, both home built as well as production built. Our display days for August are the

**11th, 12th and 13th** from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM each day, which is your opportunity to see unique as well as aircraft older than 35 years. Aircraft will be out and you are invited to stop by to see them 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 you can contact Kim Purcell at 621-1049.

#### **Crafters**

By Sharon Hern

Many THANKS to all who stopped by our "Summer Craft Sale" at the MVFA Community Picnic.

We are now starting our Fall and Holiday craft projects, so.....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 craft meetings are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Don't miss out on the Friday Fun Day!!! Our next Craft Meeting is August 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

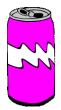
#### Community Cleanup Day

By Kim Purcell

Thank you to all the volunteers from the Swansboro Pilots Association as well as MVFA for manning the two dumpsters. Volunteers assisted unloading vehicles, as well as packing and stomping to ensure all that



was brought would fit in the dumpsters. We also wish to thank those who donated to our scholarship fund which brought in just over \$200! We look forward to another event next year where we hope to include hazardous waste as well as tires. Until then, remember you can always drop off any hazardous waste at the dump for free every Friday and Saturday, mattress and box springs every day for free and tires during tire amnesty days.



#### 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. (Sorry, wine bottles do not have CRV so we cannot use them)

NOTE: 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.

#### MVFA THANKS YOU!





#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

http://www.edcgov.us/government/DOT

PLACERVILLE OFFICES: MAIN OFFICE: 2850 Fairiane Court, Placerville, CA 35667 (530) 621-5900 / (530) 626-0387 Fax CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE: 2441 Headington Road, Placerville, CA 35667 (530) 642-4909 / (530) 642-0508 Fax LAKE TAHOE OFFICES: ENGINEERING: 924 B Emerald Bay Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 (530) 573-7900 / (530) 541-7049 Fax MAINTENANCE: 1121 Shakori Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 (530) 573-3180 / (530) 577-8402 Fax

#### EL DORADO COUNTY TO PERFORM ROAD WORK WITH FULL ROAD CLOSURES & DETOURS IN THE MOSQUITO – SWANSBORO COMMUNITY August 14, 2017 through September 22, 2017

July 24, 2017

El Dorado County's Department of Transportation will be performing road work with full road closures and detours on Mosquito Road from the gate at the south side of the South Fork American River to the north side of the Mosquito Bridge beginning on Monday, August 14, 2017. Repairs are scheduled to continue through September 22, 2017 with road closure for the duration of the project.

Access for local residents, visitors, emergency personnel and law enforcement will be available on Rock Creek Road as an alternate route during the work period. Detour notifications will be posted approximately one week in advance of the closure, and will be clearly posted and in effect for the duration of the closure. These closures are necessary to ensure motorist and worker safety while the County's contractor performs work on the roadway.

The repairs consist of drainage, roadway, and retaining wall improvements to repair a failed culvert and section of the roadway just south of the Mosquito Bridge that was damaged during the storms in January and February earlier this year. The County will also be performing annual maintenance on the Mosquito Bridge during this closure.

Portable changeable message signs will be placed at the approaches to each end of the work zone to keep motorists updated on the schedule for full road closures. The County sincerely appreciates the cooperation and patience of motorists that use these roadway facilities and we apologize for any inconvenience as a result of this closure.

For questions regarding this construction and maintenance project, please contact the County's Transportation main line at (530) 621-5900.

#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

#### FOR SALE

#### **1968 CORVETTE RESTORATION PROJECT.**

Original 427, 4spd, a/c car. Matching numbers with rebuilt engine ready to be installed. Fiberglass body is clean but needs to be repainted. No cracks or rust. Priced at \$16,000 Mark (916) 873-4522 (9)

#### LOTS FOR SALE BY OWNER

Three Lots in **GRIZZLY FLATS** for sale

- 0.6 of an acre at 5169 Evergreen Dr, Grizzly Flats Ca. Price \$22,500.
- 0.41 of an acre at 4904 Coralaine Dr, Grizzly Flats Ca. Price \$20,000.
- 0.39 of an acre at 7273 Grizzly Creek
  Dr, Grizzly Flats Ca. Price \$15,500.

Or package deal for all three lots at \$52,000.

All lots have water and electricity at the street. Water meter needed at a price of \$6,000 per meter.

Cash sale with transfer of deed at County Recorders office by owner. If interested, please contact: Mark (916) 873-4522 (9)

**SWANSBORO LOT FOR SALE -** 3729 Stope Dr, Placerville Ca. 95667. Nice lot between Buckeye Court and Pawdick Court.

A little over 2 acre lot with water meter installed. Nice drive onto property into a nice clearing. Priced at \$45,000. If interested, please contact: Mark (916) 873-4522. (9)

#### **GEORGETOWN PROPERTY FOR SALE -**

11.5 Acres of paradise. Located at the end of Ringtail Rd, 1.5 Miles from Wentworth Springs Rd off Volcanoville Rd., is this beautiful, peaceful lot.

Lightly southern sloped lot with many level areas and drive in locations. Power at the road with transformer. Invest in pure paradise for \$95,000

If interested in any of the above, please contact: Owner: Mark (916) 873-4522 (9)

#### MEETINGS

**MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP** – Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship

here in Mosquito. 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.

#### SERVICES

#### SIERRA SHIELD FIREARMS & TRAINING -

Mention MOSQUITO BYTE and get 25% off CA CCW Class. Also, receive FREE box of ammo with each firearm purchase.

www.SierraShield.com or call 530-387-0110.

**FLOWERS ON THE HILL** – August is *ADMIT YOU'RE HAPPY* month! Get some fresh flowers to help you enjoy your happy. Stop by and pick out your bouquet. Elaine Galvan 3342 Stope Drive (530) 295-0503 Flowers always delivered for free 'on the Hill'.

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**RESPITE CARE** – Available in Swansboro /Mosquito, M-F, weekends or overnight as needed. Also available for short periods of time (barring previously scheduled commitments) and/or for hospice care for your family member. I have 17 local home-care references to verify my skills and the level of care I will provide for your loved ones. Call Nancy West at (530)626-7975.

**CONCRETE AND BOBCAT SERVICE** - Driveways, patios, retaining walls, finish grading, property clean up. \$80/hour Bobcat rental. Call Dustin (530)306-9291.

**CLOCK REPAIR** — Antique/Vintage, Electric and Quartz. Pick-up and delivery free in Swansboro area. Call Gary at (530)409-0526.

**UNIQUE JEWELRY** - Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333.

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FREE VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES Food preparation demonstrations, recipe handouts, video clips, resource materials, generous samples provided. Interact with healthminded folks, learn healthful lifestyle principles and discover tasty new recipes. We meet once a month at the Camino SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Mondays at 11 a.m. Call Fred Adams at (530) 642-9441 or <u>AdamsAmigos@gmail.com</u> for dates and to reserve your space.

**ONE LOVE REFILL STATION -** Protect your home: use products that are septic safe and biodegradable. Refill old clean containers at **ONE LOVE REFILL STATION:** 617A Main St., Placerville. (530)344-9058. Chemical free

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**OPTOMETRY CLINIC** – Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eye Care, 118 Main Street. Open Tues - Fri 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday by appointment. Call (530)622-8300. Most insurances accepted. New patients welcome!

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**NOTARY SERVICE** – I'm a mobile Notary Public living here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at (530)295-0503.

If you find it too hot to cook, give this salad from Allrecipes.com a try!

#### Thai Cucumber Salad

Recipe By:camp0433

"This sweet and tangy summer salad of cucumber, cilantro, and peanuts with just a hint of heat is always a hit at picnics and potlucks since it doesn't need to be refrigerated and you're pretty much guaranteed to be the only one bringing this dish!"

Ingredients

3 large cucumbers, peeled, halved lengthwise, seeded, and cut into 1/4-inch slices

1 tablespoon salt

1/2 cup white sugar

1/2 cup rice wine vinegar

2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped

1/4 cup chopped cilantro

1/2 cup chopped peanuts

#### Directions

- 1. Toss the cucumbers with the salt in a colander, and leave in the sink to drain for 30 minutes. Rinse with cold water, then drain and pat dry with paper towels.
- 2. Whisk together the sugar and vinegar in a mixing bowl until the sugar has dissolved. Add the cucumbers, jalapeno peppers, and cilantro; toss to combine. Sprinkle chopped peanuts on top before serving.

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## All events are held at the Fire Station unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 MVFA Board Meeting 7 p.m.	4	5 Support Group 10 a.m.
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13 Aircraft Display Days Swansboro Airport 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	14	15	16	17 SCPOA Board Meeting 7 p.m.	18	19 <b>Birding at</b> <b>Finnon Lake</b> 8 a.m. Finnon Lake Dam
20	21	22	23	24 BINGO	25 <b>CRAFTERS</b> 10 a.m. Darlene Rood's (see article)	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 September	2 Support Group 10 a.m.

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