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Chief's Corner

By Eddie Dwyer

The Holidays are here!

Again, another year is approaching an end. We want to wish you all the very best. There is much that we will be discussing in the new year, especially about where the fire district is going or not. But, for now, we will be focusing on you, the community, the holidays and what we at the fire district can do to serve you better.



On **Friday, December 7**th at **7pm**, we will be holding the Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. This is a gift to the community from the firefighters. It is a way for us to express to all of you our gratitude for your support given throughout the year. Come early at 6pm, as there will be arts and crafts, ornament decorating, and time for the community to trim the tree. We will have warm beverages including hot chocolate. We invite you all to bring your favorite Christmas snack to share with others. We will have Christmas music playing. Once the tree has been trimmed, we will select a lucky elf to throw the switch. We want to make the tree as bright as possible, so Santa will see it from his sleigh.

When you go to set up your own decorations at home please remember some simple safety tips.

- 1) Check the wires. Any strand that has exposed wire, please replace them. If you accidentally put a staple through a strand, remove the staple and wrap with electrical tape, ensure that it is weather tight. If your light strand is 3 to 5 years old, consider replacing it. Most manufacturers' recommendations state that these types of lights are temporary and should be taken down or replaced after 90 days of use.
- 2) If you use a pre-lit tree, read the Manufacturers recommendation for use. Inspect all the connections for corrosion and damage. Also, please keep young critters away from electrical cords. Our little fury friends like to chew on the cords.
- 3) If you use a real tree to celebrate the season, please make sure it is fresh, and watered well. When you first get your tree, pull on the branches. Count the needles that fall off in your hand. Repeat this weekly. If your tree starts to release more it is an indicator that it is drying out.
- 4) LED Lights vs Incandescent. LED lights are much safer, they use considerably less electricity and produce very little heat. If you use incandescent lights on a real tree watch for browning of needles around the lights. This is an indicator that the needles around the bulb are drying out and can ignite. Keep paper wrapped presents away from hot bulbs or other ignition sources.

For me, personally, this time of year is a way to focus on why we celebrate Christmas. Thousands of years ago a wonderful gift given to the world. To Christians, the Christmas season represents that gift. To other faiths, this time of year represents a promise given and kept by God in the Celebration of Lights, or Hanukah. To others, it represents a time of perpetual hope. A time where people of the world focus on the needs of others.

This Thanksgiving means so much to us at the fire station. We have had personnel on the fire lines all season long. During an eight-week period this fire season, we lost a firefighter a week in the state of California. Our firefighters took part in saving a community so very much like Mosquito. While deployed on the Carr fire, our firefighters took part in a heroic stand to protect the community of French Gulf. We had personnel on the frontlines during the destruction of the town of Paradise. Our personnel took part in rescue, evacuation and initial recovery operations during the height of the fire and then deployed as fire line medics. Though we truly appreciate the chance to serve our state, we are grateful to have a chance represent this community with great pride and distinction.

Most of all, we are grateful that all our personnel returned to us unscathed. I thank God every day for these young men and women. This Thanksgiving Day, I thanked God for his watching over them and focus on the reason for the season. We will stand for firefighters lost, for law enforcement and our military. We kneel in gratitude, contemplation and prayer. Our prayers for all of you, is for a joyous, safe holiday season.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Eddie, Todd, Ryan, Andrew G, Andrew D, AJ, Curtis, Johnny, Phil, Trent, Gary, Dave, Chris D, Chris G, Brian, Evan, Ileana

The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, December 13th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

MVFA (Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association)

by Tom Harris

The annual MVFA Christmas Dinner is on Saturday **December 8**th, **2018** at the fire station. This dinner is a free event given by MVFA to show our thanks to the great members of our special Mosquito community including our superb fire department personnel, and the great many volunteers who help make our community the best. Thank You! Serving will begin at 6:00 pm and take-outs will be available. MVFA apparel will be on sale as well as Christmas gifts from the Mosquito Crafters. Join your FRIENDS and have some FUN!

Notice: persons under the age of 18 are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian age 21 or older at all MVFA events held at the fire station.

MVFA is asking for donations of canned and boxed foods for the Community Christmas Baskets. You can bring donations to the Community Christmas Dinner on December 8th or drop them off at the Fire Station **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12**th.

Those wishing to donate either a turkey or a ham please call Linda at (702) 236-9138 or Kim at (530)409-2357. There is a donation barrel located at the fire station. Please remember, outdated food, opened boxes, and perishables cannot be accepted. Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday. Donations of gifts for children should be unwrapped so they can be matched to the children's ages and please don't forget our pre-teens and teenagers. Thank you.

General elections will take place by hand or written ballot at the **general membership meeting on December 6th** to prevent interference with the MVFA Christmas Dinner. Nominations for representation on the MVFA Board were placed on the ballot during our regular Board meeting in November following the priorities outlined in Article III of the MVFA by-laws, which are posted on the www.GoMVFA.org website under "Who Are We". The nominees for the three open seats are: Andrew Gregory - Firefighter, MFPD; Chris Dillender, Volunteer Firefighter, MFPD; Tom Harris,

incumbent and volunteer member of MFPD, Support Group. Look for a biographical review of members of the MVFA Board of Directors in a future edition of the Byte.

Because of its history, MVFA has always had strong ties to the Mosquito Fire Department. Former chiefs and fire fighters have been members of the MVFA Board of Directors. MVFA By-laws have ALWAYS specified giving fire fighter personnel top priority in the nomination process for membership on the MVFA Board of Directors. At present, five of the eight MVFA officers and directors are card-carrying members of the Mosquito Fire Protection District. After the election, this number will increase to six.

If you wish to enhance your membership in MVFA, or seek a position on the board, become a volunteer on one of our many committees at Finnon or at any MVFA annual event. (For an events schedule, go to www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click on the "Events" page.)

MVFA maintains the Station 75 Fund, to which anyone can donate, and the money is used to buy tools, equipment, station improvements and other non-budgeted items at the chief's request. At most MVFA fundraiser events taking place at the fire station, a portion of the proceeds automatically goes to the MVFA Station 75 fund.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. If you would like to donate, please send your check with a note specifying so to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct, Placerville CA 95667. Or visit www.GoMVFA.org, and major credit cards accepted. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter specifying the donation amount will be provided to you upon request.

If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at Frank's Diner at 7:00pm. All board members, Fish and Wildlife committee chairman Dave Angelo or Campground & Property Committee chairman Tom Harris can also be reached by email at: mvfa95667@gmail.com. Thank you for your support. Notice: The views expressed in public, in the Byte or on social media by individual board members or other contributors may not represent the views or policies of the MVFA Board.

Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting to cast your ballot on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

MFA (Mosquito Firefighters Association) by Johnny Valenzuela

Mosquito Firefighters Association is hosting *A Night of Mosquito Holiday Lights* at Station 75. Hot chocolate and churros will be offered while kids decorate ornaments at the craft table and Christmas movies and music are projected for thematic entertainment. Unwrapped toys will be accepted to benefit Camp Fire Victims. Come on down, **Friday, December 7th starting at 6:00pm** with the tree

lighting promptly at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join us - looking forward to seeing you there!

SCPOA (Swansboro Country Property Owners Association)

by Roger Stenbock - Board Director

I'd like to personally thank the entire SCPOA and MVFA community and all who volunteer to serve it, for their tireless contribution. I wish them a joyous holiday season with their loved ones and family. I'd also like to take this final opportunity to remind those wanting to serve their community as SCPOA board members, that nomination for candidates on the SCPOA board closes at **5pm on December 14th**. You can also self-nominate. For nomination forms visit scpoa.info. Enjoy the holidays.

The next SCPOA board meeting will be held on Monday, December 10th at 6 pm at the fire station to vote on approving the 2019 budget. There will be NO SCPOA board meeting on Thursday, December 20, 2018.

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

2018 is winding down for our Firehouse Crafters. All in all, it's been a pretty good year. We had our customary two annual sales which netted a total of \$470 (after sales tax) for use by the fire department. Our final sale was at the Cold Springs Church and we saw a lot of our community members who came to support us. We will kick 2019 off with our first "work meeting" on **Friday, January 25**th.

Thank you all for your support, and if you would like to become a part of the Firehouse Crafters, please join us in January. We traditionally meet the 4th Friday of the month at 10 AM. Check the byte for additional information or get on the email list by contacting Sharon Hern.

Christmas Basket Donations

by Kim Purcell



MVFA, in cooperation with our wonderful firefighters and community members, is asking for donations of canned and boxed food for the Community Christmas Baskets. Please remember that opened boxes and outdated food cannot be accepted. Donations can be brought to the community Christmas dinner on Saturday. December 8th or dropped off at the fire station no later than December 17th. If you wish to donate a turkey,

ham or other perishable items please contact Kim Purcell at 621-1049 or Linda Heyart at (702)-236-9138.

MVFA Community Christmas Craft Sale

by Kim Purcell

Come join the Trading Post participants, community artists and some of our firefighter artists for our Christmas craft sale on **Sunday December 9th** at the fire station from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Come see the talent of our community members, do some Christmas shopping for yourself and others, visit with your neighbors and enjoy some holiday spirit. If you would like to participate, we ask for a \$10 donation per table to the MVFA Station 75 fund. Please contact either Sharlyn Fields at 440-0240 or Kim Purcell 621-1049 to arrange for a table, we would love to have you join us.

Toy Donations

by Kim Purcell

We are also asking for toy and gift card donations for distribution with our Community Christmas baskets, any items not needed in our community will be donated to local organizations in Placerville. These items can also be brought to the Christmas dinner or dropped off at the fire station. Thank you in advance for your help and we wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!



2019 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Risner



The Mosquito Phone Book is published every 2 years and the 2019 Mosquito Phone Book is available for purchase.

The Mosquito Phone Book contains information on our Mosquito/Swansboro area such as, Who Are We? (MVFA, MFPD & SCPOA), Helpful Area Phone Numbers, a Timeline History of Mosquito,

Mosquito Fire Department History & Other Useful Information, Map of our Area, and Residential & Business Listings.

The Phone Book is available at the Mosquito Fire Station 75 at 8801 Rock Creek Road {530-626-9017} or Frank's Diner for \$5 per copy.

For changes to the Phone Book, email us at mosquitophbook@gmail.com or mail the information to: MVFA, phone book 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667. Residential and business listings are free to list.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

If you and interested in joining us the next bird watch will be scheduled for **Saturday**, **December 15**th. We meet at 9:00 A.M. at the pavilion at Frank's Diner.

November Results:

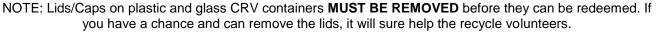
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| 6 Canada Goose | 2 Mallard/Mexican Duck | 13 Bufflehead | | |
| 3 Band-tailed Pigeon | 85 American Coot (Red-shielded | 1) | | |
| 2 Killdeer | 2 Common Loon | 1 Great Blue Heron | | |
| 3 Turkey Vulture | 1 Belted Kingfisher | 3 Acorn Woodpecker | | |
| 2 Black Phoebe | 1 Steller's Jay | 4 California Scrub-Jay | | |
| 1 Common Raven | 3 Oak Titmouse | 5 Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | |
| 2 Western Bluebird | 5 American Robin | 6 European Starling | | |
| 5 Fox Sparrow | 15 Dark-eyed Junco | 8 California Towhee | | |
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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)



MVFA THANKS YOU!



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Franks Diner by Frank Ethridge

Thank you to our Veterans and their families that showed up on Veteran's Day. It was an honor to serve those who have served us.

Welcome to the holidays. We know you are busy getting ready for family and friends, so let us help you with your side dishes. Call us @ (530) 409-1977. Frank's Diner is going to be busy this month with parties and caterings, so we have some dates to remember:

December 7th & 8th (Friday and Saturday) we will be closed for private catering. We will be open Sunday the 9th from 8 am-8 pm (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

December 15th We will be open only for breakfast until 1:00 PM, We have a private catering that night.

*New Year's Eve lands on a Monday, we will be taking food orders for that night as soon as the menu is done. We will NOT be open for breakfast or lunch that day.

We will be posting the menu for New Year's Eve on Facebook, Next Door and our website soon.

We will be closed January 1st and 2nd. We open on January 3rd at 11 am.

www.franksmosquitodiner.com franksmosquitodiner@gmail.com (530) 409-1977

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Normal Hours: Mon/Tues-Closed Wed-Friday 11 am-8 pm Saturday and Sunday 8 am- 8 pm

Frank's Diner is also starting an email list. We know that a lot of people do not want to spend time on social media. we invite vou send vour email address SO to to franksmosquitodiner@gmail.com for you to stay updated and informed about the diner. You can also subscribe to the website as we send out announcements a couple of times a month (depending on the number of events going on). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Next Door for more information.

December Wednesday Family Night Dinners

5th Chicken Pot Pie

12th Lasagna and Salad

19th Beef Stew

26th Chicken Enchiladas

Dinners start at 5 pm and are only \$10.00

December's Recipe: Smashed Apples and Sweet Potatoes

Here is a healthy take on a seasonal favorite. It's also gluten-free.

Prep 10 m Cook 30 m Ready in 40 m Recipe By: ELFINDANCER

"This is a super simple recipe that I make as a sweet, easy side dish. It tastes a LOT like apple pie... but even healthier!"

Ingredients

2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and diced

2 tablespoons butter

1/4 cup white sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

1 Granny Smith apple - peeled, cored and sliced

1/8 cup milk

Directions

Place the sweet potato in a medium saucepan and fill with enough water to cover the potatoes. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium, and simmer for about 20 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat, drain and set aside.

Melt butter over low heat in a small saucepan. Mix in the sugar, cinnamon and allspice. Add the apple slices, cover, and let simmer for 5 minutes, or until the apples are tender.

Mix the apple mixture into the drained sweet potatoes along with the milk. Mix well using an electric mixer or just a fork until potatoes are mashed.

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December 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 Happy Hanukkah | 3 | 4 | 5 Frank's Family Night Chicken Pot Pie | 6 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner | 7 Christmas Tree Lighting 7 pm Fire Station Frank's is | Support Group 10 am Fire Station 8 MVFA Community Christmas Dinner 6pm serving time Fire Station |
| 9 Craft Sale 10 am – 2 pm Fire Station | 10 SCPOA Board Meeting 6 pm Fire Station | 11 | 12 Food Basket Deadline Frank's Family Night Lasagna and Salad | 13 MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station | closed. 14 Last day for SCPOA Board nominations | closed. 15 Birding at Finnon Lake 9am Finnon Lake Pavilion Frank's closes @ 1pm |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Frank's Family Night Beef Stew | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Merry Christmas! | 26 Frank's Family Night Chicken Enchiladas | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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