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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service:

October 24-November 19

Medical: 4

Storm Response 10/24- Trees/Branches down-Clear Roads

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize two important people and their families. Chief Leo Chaloux has served our community as Fire Chief and community protector for twenty-two years. Chief Chaloux and I met shortly after I came on board with the Fire District. After a great deal of arm twisting, Leo agreed to come back to us as a Battalion Chief, assisting with emergency response and volunteer training. Leo was instrumental in helping us rebuild our volunteer program and establishing Tuesday night training once again. He provided duty chief officer coverage on many occasions and his presence at emergency scenes created a calming effect. Leo's command presence at the recent Gravel Fire resulted in a positive outcome for the neighborhood. A fully involved two story house, upon arrival, during windy Red Flag fire conditions, in a high fire danger area, had all the makings of a disaster. Leo's depth of experience proved invaluable.

Chief Chaloux is headed back to retirement status, but always available to us in the future. He feels the District is in good condition and headed in the right direction. He has other goals and projects he would like to see through, in addition to spending more time with his fantastic wife, Chris. Leo and Chris have raised two leaders, a son, who is an Engineer with Cal Fire and daughter, who is a supervising nurse at Kaiser Permanente. We thank you Leo, for your many contributions over the years, resulting in lives and property saved. We thank you for returning to help us get on track and for your willingness to remain available in the future for advice and guidance. You will always be in our hearts and an admired central figure, not only with the Fire District, but the entire Community and County.

Amanda Morris is the daughter of beloved residents, Ray and Susan Morris. Ray recently passed away in March of this year. I had the recent opportunity to meet Amanda, her family and friends at an inspiring gathering to celebrate Ray's life and legacy. Ray's legacy is obviously his wonderfully supportive family. Daughter Amanda, now a mother with a son on the way (due in April), was recruited by Chief Chaloux to become a volunteer firefighter in 2002. Susan Morris was in Leo's EMT class that the time. Amanda went on to earn her EMT and later Firefighter 1 and Paramedic certifications. Amanda spent six years as a volunteer firefighter, including two years as a resident firefighter at Station 75. We hope to revive the resident firefighter program in 2022.

From her experience and training at Mosquito FD, she joined the Army and deployed to Afghanistan as a flight medic and crew chief. Amanda returned stateside and earned her nursing credentials. Amanda and her husband, also in the Army, are assigned to active duty in Texas.

Amanda is a talented, amazing person who like Leo, has made sacrifices for Country and Community. These great people and their families are inspiring and represent the most positive aspects of our Community. We follow in their footsteps with the same dedication and commitment to our Community. Many people have passed through our doors and it's important for all of us to learn from them and never forget what they have done.

Burn Permits:

A reminder that burn permits are required, obtained on-line only. The Fire District does not issue burn permits, which are under the jurisdiction of Cal Fire and El Dorado County Air Quality District. Burn piles 4'x 4' or smaller, obtain a burn permit at <https://burnpermit@fire.ca.gov>. For larger burn piles obtain a permit at <https://www.edcgov.us/government/airqualitymanagement/burn-permit-application>. Burn barrels are not allowed.

Training Update:

We have five personnel scheduled for EMT school, which includes Captain Lugo, Engineer Devin Hern, Firefighters Coleman Johns, Carson Keeton and Trevor Dillender. Hern, Johns, Dillender and Keeton will also attend Firefighter 1 academy. This training will be funded by our two FEMA grants.

Four new firefighter recruits are in the process of obtaining their basic wildland firefighting certification.

We are putting together a proposal to host an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course in early 2022. The 80-hour class would provide additional medical training and capability for our firefighters and Support Group. The class would have 15-20 seats and is expensive to put on (instructor fees, materials, National Registration and County Accreditation). We are working on grant funding to make this a reality. After our staff, open class seats would be open to interested community members and our partner fire districts after that.

We continue to seek interest from the Community for those interesting in CERT training. CERT basic training consists of approximately 30 hours of basic disaster preparedness training delivered in a flexible format over 6-8 weeks. Those obtaining the training will be much better prepared for emergency and disaster situations at home and elsewhere. Additional training will be available for those who wish to expand their knowledge and become certified volunteer responders to emergency incidents. If this interests you and would like to learn more, please contact me or Fire Director Wayne Gregson (wgregson@mfpd.us).

The District is also in the process of obtaining American Heart Association certification for Chief Hern to teach CPR/AED classes for the community. Chief Hern will also be teaching the basic CERT training class, once we are able to obtain FEMA certification.

Station 75- Digital LED Sign:

The Board of Directors has approved moving forward with Yesco Signs LLC of Sacramento to design and install our new LED sign, replacing the current station sign, funded by our FEMA SAFER Volunteer Recruitment and Retention grant. The \$37,000 project will have the necessary County/Federal permits and should be operational by February 2022.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season. December 11th is the Community Christmas Dinner and tree lighting. More details coming soon on the station sign and the District website/social media.

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we definitely have a place for you. Please visit our website, www.mfpd.us.

Fire District staff is fully committed to our Community. We stand ready to assist our residents with any needs they may have, to prepare, support and provide the most up to date information. Please call us at 626-9017 or stop by the station.

The next MFPD Board Meeting will be held on December 23rd starting at 7:00pm at the Fire House, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, CA

MVFA UPDATE

MVFA Board of Directors

2021 MVFA Christmas Dinner and MFA Tree Lighting

We are excited to be able to have the annual MVFA Christmas Dinner this year. We will be serving turkey with all the fixings. There will be no charge. The word on the hill is Santa plans on stopping by to wish Mosquito residents a Merry Christmas!

Dinner will be held at the Fire Station on December 11

5:00 pm Doors Open

5:15 pm Santa Arrives

5:45 pm MFA Christmas Tree Lighting

6:00 pm Dinner Will Be Served

MVFA Station 75 Donations

Thanks to the community's donations to MVFA recycling and the hard work put in by volunteers to sort and turn it in, we were able to provide;

Firefighter T-Shirts	\$638.68
Stove for upstairs	\$870.27

MVFA also donated;

Hoses for the Fire Department	\$9728.65
Traffic control signage for Support Group	\$851.03
Community assistance	\$600

Finnon Lake Update

Finnon has done well over the last year, giving us the ability to accomplish some projects that have been put on the back burner.

Campground:

Cleaned, painted and replaced sinks and toilets in both restrooms \$1760.00

Upgraded septic system \$4470.00

Frank's Diner:

Upgraded septic system \$9400.00

Cleaned, repaired, painted and upgraded restrooms and dining area \$3900.00

Recently we had a tree on the property fall across two fences. MVFA contracted with **Sierra Mountain Tree Service** to remove the tree. We owe **Sierra Mountain Tree Service** a big thank you for donating \$1,500.00 of services for the tree work done on Finnon property. MVFA highly recommends **Sierra Mountain Tree Service**. They can be contacted at 530-409-6952.

The Finnon campground will be closed from 11/15/21 to 3/1/22. We will use this time to complete additional projects in the campground such as; Removal of dead limbs from trees for safety, Replacement of damaged tables, campsite posts, and fire rings.

The next MVFA Board meeting will be on December 2nd at 3:00pm at the Fire House.

Mosquito/Swansboro Community Christmas Baskets by Paula Panther

Traditionally the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association provides a Christmas basket to families in our community who find themselves in need during the holiday season. We generally identify these families in one of two ways; (1) by a referral from a friend or neighbor, or (2) the family was a recipient from a previous year, who still resides in our community and still finds themselves in need. We also provide a gift for any children 18 years or younger in the immediate family. Please help us make this holiday season more enjoyable to families in need this year. We would appreciate a response by December 7, 2021. Please call me direct at 530-621-3286 so this information is not posted on any thread or if you prefer you may email me at paulasharpei7@yahoo.com. All information will be kept strictly confidential. I will need names, contact phone information and number of children and ages. Also if you are aware of any seniors who are possibly shut-ins who would enjoy a small batch of homemade cookies please get me this information also. Thank you.

Crafters

MVFA Firehouse Crafters will hold our first meeting since COVID on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at Darlene Rood's home located at 2211 Swansboro Road. The first meeting will be a chance to share ideas for future sales. If you have been working on some projects, bring them along to share with the group. All proceeds from our sales goes to the MVFA Station 75 Fund, used to buy needed items for the Mosquito Fire Station. For information call Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541.

Holiday Sale December 4th by Kim Purcell

MVFA and the Trading Post are again teaming up for the Holiday Sale on December 4th at the firehouse featuring 20 of our local artists and their products. Mark your calendars and plan to start your holiday shopping without having to leave the hill. Some of the items available will include: jewelry, soaps, glass and wood art, vanilla, a variety of arts and crafts, Christmas items including handmade ornaments and decorations, lavender products, caramel and baked products, crocheted market bags, denim crafts and wearable items, hot/cold rice packs and so much more all produced by the many talented individuals who live in our community. Lunch will be available so come by, shop, meet and chat with new and old neighbors and enjoy the holiday spirit.

Birding at Finnon Lake
by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the November bird watch. The next bird watch is scheduled for the December 11th. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. We will start at 9:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



2 Pied-billed Grebe
175 American Coot
1 Killdeer
1 Great Egret
1 Cooper's Hawk
2 Bald Eagle

1 Belted Kingfisher
30 Acorn Woodpecker
1 Black Phoebe
3 California Scrub-Jay
5 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
18 Western Bluebird

2 American Robin
5 Lesser Goldfinch
5 Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)
1 California Towhee
1 Spotted Towhee

Number of Taxa: 17

The 2021 Mosquito Phone Book
by Adam Reisner

2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK. The Mosquito Phone Book contains information on our Mosquito/Swansboro area such as, Who Are They (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 Franks Diner for \$5 per copy. The Mosquito Phone Book is published every 2 years. 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.



Franks Diner
by Frank Ethridge

“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.” – **Aristotle**

Here we are in December looking forward to friends and families gathering together. If you need any help with your gatherings, please let us know. Lots of things going on this month, please check the dates we are open or closed.



Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday -Thursday 11 am – 7 pm
Friday 12 pm - 7 pm
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 7 pm
Monday-Tuesday – Closed

(Breakfast served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977
www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$12.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

1st - **Beef Stroganoff**

8th - **Pork Loin**

15th - **Baked Ziti**

22nd - **Chicken Pot Pie**

29th - **Chili and Cornbread**

Dates to Remember in December

- 4th - Closed for Private Party
- 11th - Christmas Dinner at the Fire House
- 24th - Closes at 4 pm
- 25th - 28th - CLOSED - Merry Christmas
- 31st - New Year's Eve

Recipe of the Month – Cabernet Cranberry Sauce Recipe **Franks Diner**

- 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup cabernet, or other dry red wine (white wine or sparkling wine can be substituted)
 - 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
 - 2 tablespoons orange zest
 - 1 stick cinnamon
 - 1 (12-ounce) bag fresh cranberries
 - 1 pinch salt
 - 1 pinch cayenne
 - 1/4 cup cold water
1. Put the sugar into a medium saucepan. Add the orange juice, wine, zest, cinnamon stick, and spices, and stir to combine. Bring the mixture to a simmer over medium heat. While the mixture is simmering, add the cranberries. Bring back to a simmer, and cook until the berries start to "pop." Simmer the mixture for about 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. The sauce will begin to thicken, and the berries will have all popped and collapsed.
 2. Add the 1/4 cup of cold water, stir well, and turn off the heat. Don't worry if a couple of berries didn't pop, as they will break down as the sauce is cooled and stirred. Remove and discard the cinnamon stick. Transfer the mixture to a medium bowl.
 3. Let the mixture cool to room temperature, stirring occasionally. As the sauce cools it will get very thick. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. The cranberry sauce will keep in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

MVFA SWAG by Paula Paynter

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts in a variety of sizes and colors, Tote Bags and Local Phone books are also for sale at Frank's Diner during normal business hours or at MVFA sponsored events. Custom orders can be taken and delivered on the next re-order schedule. For custom orders, contact Paula Paynter at: 530-621-3286



T-Shirts S-XL	\$20.00	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00		

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00

MVFA CRV Recycle Program



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 no Glass)

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic **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!

CLASSIFIED ADS

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LOCAL ORGANIC FARM

Seeks manure source, specifically goat, sheep, chicken, llama or alpaca. Please contact Ryan at THREE GOATS FARM. (530) 497-4279 or farm3goats@gmail.com (0000)

FOR SALE

Having a hard time finding the book Goat Doctor of the Sierra's? I still have some left from the Harvest Festival. \$20 each. Proceeds support MFPD. Call Taffy at 530 626-8689.

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 am at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

SERVICES

House Painter – American Eagle

Painting Residential/Commercial
Specializing in repaints contact Steven Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com
Lic# 960086

HARP TEACHER

Have you always wanted to play the harp? There is now a Harp Teacher in Swansboro. Over 20 years' experience teaching children and adults. I have a few harps available for rent. For more information, please call 530-344-1531 and ask for Paula or e-mail: harppaula@gmail.com. (1222)

WELDING & FABRICATION

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0622)

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](tel:530-387-0110). (0622)

VHS VIDEOS CONVERTED TO DVDs

Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs. Call Dee at (530) 642-2333. (0722)

UNIQUE JEWELRY

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0722)

FLORIST ON THE HILL

Your source for fresh, local, organic and international flowers. All occasions deserve flowers. Call me 530.295.0503 Elaine Galvan for a specially made arrangement or buy individual blooms to brighten your day. Always delivered FREE on the hill! (0622)

Hangtown Range

1540 Broadway, Placerville Tuesday – Saturday 9 to 8 and Sunday 10 to 5 with 10 Indoor Shooting and 8 Archery Ranges, Firearms and Recurve Bow rentals, Milo Virtual Shooting Range w/ live fire ammunition, Archery and Handgun classes, CCW classes, One on One training, Basic Pistol Classes, Women's Classes. Call 530-497-5443 for more information. (0622)

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

HANDCRAFTED GLASS ITEMS

Birdbaths, flowerpots, plates, bowls, etc. Also, handmade wooden jewelry boxes. Affordable and unique. Studio open most days; call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill! Call Pam or Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688. (0322)

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 (0622)

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Live the American Dream: the ownership of a home and a little acreage to call your own! Sally Long Johns, your resident Mosquito Road Realtor, will help you buy or sell any property in El Dorado County! You can reach me at www.mosquitoadneighbors.com or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, snlngjohns@yahoo.com. (0000)

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 (0622)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>

<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>

<https://mfpd.us/>

<https://scpoa.info>

<http://mfom.net>

www.edcfiresafe.org

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Frank's Family Night – Beef stroganoff	2 MVFA Board Meeting 3:00pm at the Fire House	3	4 Community Holiday Sale , Fire House, 10-3pm Franks Diner Closed for private party
5 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	6	7	8 Frank's Family Night – Pork Loin	9	10	11 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 9 am
12 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	13	14	15 Frank's Family Night - Baked Ziti	16 SCPOA Board Meeting No December Meeting	17	18
19 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	20	21	22 Frank's Family Night – Chicken Pot Pie	23 MFPD Board Meeting , 7pm Fire House	24 Christmas Eve Frank's Diner closes at 4:00pm	25 Christmas Day Frank's Diner closed
26 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website Frank's Diner Closed	27	28	29 Frank's Family Night – Chili and Cornbread	30	31 New Years Eve	

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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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