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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: October 23- November 13

Fires- 1 (reported structure fire- burn pile)
Vehicle Accident- 1 (motorcycle - 1 air ambulance)
Medical Aid- 2 (1 air ambulance)
Public Assist- 4
Fire Alarm- 1 (false)

With fire season 2022 now behind us, 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.

Firefighters consistently covered more 24-hour shifts at Station 75, during fire season, than ever before. We were able to maintain three firefighters on duty during the summer months, when the Community is at its highest risk. This was made possible through shift stipend funding through our FEMA SAFER Volunteer staffing grant. During the winter and spring months, we will reduce staffing to a minimum of two fire fighters on duty. This reduction is to preserve our grant funding for Summer 2023 staffing, which is the final year of the Grant. We will continue to explore and apply for every possible grant program.

This is the time of year, as the season turns cold, to use caution with fireplaces, wood stoves and portable heating devices. Placement of portable heating devices is critical, to prevent the ignition of combustible materials such as beds and couches. An annual safety check and cleaning of the chimney or wood stove pipe will prevent a fire which could spread into the attic. Now is also the time to check batteries for smoke detectors. Always have a functioning carbon monoxide detector. We are happy to conduct an interior or exterior fire safety inspection upon your request. Please contact Captain Lugo @ 530-626-9017.

We are looking forward to the holiday season and some great community events coming up. Below is a list of important dates. Community members are always welcome to attend Tuesday night training and meet our firefighters and Support Group members. Our training has shifted to winter storm preparedness and structure fire response.

We continue to provide addressing signs for residents and installing in the Community. Firefighters put together signs and mount it at the best location at a resident's property. The cost of the sign is \$35. Contact Captain Lugo at mlugo@mfpd.us for ordering.

Our 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 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. We appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. Fire season has passed and we are thankful for another safe year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email at jrosevear@mfpd.us.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday December 1 - MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 3pm- Station 75

Saturday December 3 - Community Annual Holiday Sale - Station 75 – 10am – 3 pm

Tuesday December 6, 13, 20, 27- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75 –
Public Welcome

Thursday December 15 - Special Board Meeting

Community Event Calendar and Goal Setting with Staff

The next MFPD board meeting will be on December 22th at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse

MVFA Christmas Dinner

Please come join us on December 10th for our annual Christmas Dinner at the Fire Station. Tree lighting and the arrival of Santa Claus will start at 5pm with the free dinner at 6pm. When Santa Claus arrives, he will be handing out gifts to all the little kids.



MVFA Campground Update

MVFA Board of Directors

November brought us to the close of the campground. The weather was cooler and we even had some hard rain during the last week we were open, but that didn't stop the campers. We have finished the year on a strong note and now we are ready to do some clean up. Our goal while we are closed is to get the campsites graded, refresh the restrooms and do some major tree work. We have gotten so many great reviews during the year and we want to make sure we keep making it better.

MVFA UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

December 10, 2022 Christmas Dinner, Fire Station

Firehouse Fund Raiser

By Kim Purcell

On behalf of the Swansboro Pilots Association, I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made the Station 75 fundraiser such an amazing success. So many participated in the planning, executing and cleaning up afterwards. We had the pilots, firefighters, MVFA and so many community members



working together and having a great time. Scott Reiman worked with the firefighters, Meredith Blain and Melissa Stever put so much time into organizing everything to be able to accept and track the donations as well as setting up the new nonprofit organization for the department. Kirk Bronsord with his Bad Boyz of BBQ not only made some amazing food including the amazing chicken that about melted in your mouth but also donated a significant amount to the event. We had about 200 attend and thanks to the generosity of so many community members over \$12,000 was raised. The purchasing of equipment has started so we can look forward to an announcement soon for an upcoming breakfast at the station. Thank you to everyone!

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA Mosquito Firehouse Crafters participated in the 23rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair in Placerville. We really outdid ourselves; sales were \$2,500 from this year's event. We have been fortunate to have some new crafters join the team bringing new ideas!

We are looking forward to participating in the December 3 Christmas sale at the Fire Station. All proceeds for the above sales will go into the MVFA Station 75 Fund.

An additional opportunity has come our way, we have been asked to have our crafts sold in a local consignment store on Main Street. Michelle Ryan owner of the The Wild Pea is allowing the crafters to put our merchandise in her store. The Wild Pea offers new and used children's products. We see this as a way of bringing funds in throughout the year. The Wild Pea is located at 464 Main Street, in Placerville. The store is keeping 25% of the proceeds, 75% will go into the MVFA Station 75 Fund. We encourage those of you with young ones to visit this unique store.

Our next meeting will be held on January 27, 10:00 AM at Darlene Rood's house. Anyone interested in joining the Mosquito Crafters, contact Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541 or email eileenreisner@yahoo.com.

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for November. The next bird watch is scheduled for December 10th. 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.



7 Mallard	1 Great Egret
5 Bufflehead	1 Bald Eagle
2 Pied-billed Grebe	2 Acorn Woodpecker
225 American Coot	3 California Scrub-Jay
1 Double-crested Cormorant	5 American Robin

Number of Taxa: 10

Amazon Smile

If you have been ordering through Amazon, we would encourage you to use Amazon Smile. In doing so you can choose a charity and they will donate a small portion to your chosen charity. If you don't have a specific charity, you have already chosen, we would appreciate your considering Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association.

FRANKS DINER

by Frank Ethridge

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more."

- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Dr. Suess



Christmas is almost here and there will be a lot of cheer coming your way with all the things going on up here in Mosquito. The Holiday Craft Fair and the Christmas dinner are coming up. Frank's Diner is celebrating Christmas with our community with "Hot Chocolate and Carols" on December 22nd starting at 6pm. Come out and enjoy the festivities. We will be closing for a couple of private events coming up this month, please check below. If you need any help with Christmas as parties and such, don't hesitate to ask.

Frank's Winter Diner Hours:

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

(Breakfast served on the weekends
only)

(530) 409-1977

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$14.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

7th-Champagne Chicken

14th-Beef Stroganoff

21st-Chili and Cornbread

28th-Pork Chops

December Dates to Remember

4th-**CLOSED** for Private Party
10th-**CLOSED** for Christmas Dinner at the Fire Station
22nd-Hot Chocolate and Carols @ Frank's Diner 6 pm
25th-**CLOSED**-Merry Christmas
31st-New Year's Eve (menu will be out soon, look for it on social media)

Recipe of the Month Let's make an easy side dish for your Christmas Dinner

by Frank Ethridge

Honey-Thyme Butternut Squash

Ingredients:

1 large butternut squash (about 5 pounds),
peeled and cubed
1/4 cup butter, cubed
3 tablespoons half-and-half cream
2 tablespoons honey

2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
1/8 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

Directions:

1. In a large saucepan, bring 1 in. of water to a boil. Add squash; cover and cook for 10-15 minutes or until tender.
2. Drain. Mash squash with the remaining ingredients.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to one and all.

MVFA SWAG

by Paula Paynter



MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweatshirts 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	
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00		\$35.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00

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 of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials.



NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic water bottles **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. Lids/caps can be included for redemption. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycling volunteers.

MVFA THANK'S YOU!

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

WANTED

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)

LOCAL ELECTRICIAN for installation of generator fuse panel with house fuse panel. Please call with est. 530-295-1531

FOR SALE

2002 Cross Country 35 ft Motor Coach

Diesel Pusher on a Freightliner chassis. Good tires, All Appliance's Work, One Slide out, Generator Runs good, some light Body damage, Hydraulic Leveling, Low Mileage, Used lightly. \$20,000.00
530-621-1173

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.

UNIQUE JEWELRY

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

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)

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 Wednesday – Saturday 10 to 6 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)

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)

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

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, snljohns@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)

<https://www.gomvfa.org>

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

<https://mfpd.us>

<https://scpoa.info>

<https://mfom.net>

www.edcfiresafe.org

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	2	3 Community Annual Holiday Sale - Station 75 – 10am – 3 pm
4 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am	5	6 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	7 Frank's Family Night Champagne Chicken	8	9 SCPOA Candidate Meet and Greet 6:30pm Firehouse	10 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 8 am MVFA Christmas Dinner, 5PM Firehouse
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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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