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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Summary: We are now prepared for winter storms, along with snow and ice in the higher elevations of the District. Slippery conditions could lead to an increase in vehicle accidents. Increased use of heating equipment, fireplaces and woodstoves are a leading cause of fires and carbon monoxide incidents during the cold season. Residents should use caution and reduce risk by inspecting/servicing equipment, changing heater filters, cleaning chimney/wood stove flues and maintaining a safe distance from portable heaters to combustible materials. Residents should also check their smoke detectors and make sure it has a fresh battery. Our residents should always feel free to contact us for additional safety information and/or a home inspection.

Early December saw a dramatic increase in escape control burns (low humidity and winds). In the late afternoon of 12/9, we experienced two wildland fires within an hour of each other. A rapid response by our crews and Cal Fire prevented a home from being damaged on Wildflower Ct. Two days later our crews quickly contained a wildland fire in the early morning hours behind a residence on Log Cabin Lane. While crews were at the Log Cabin incident, our Support personnel (a few houses from the main incident) discovered a fire in debris waiting for the garbage truck to pick up. This was caused by fireplace ashes being placed with combustible household garbage. The response to these incidents, and prevention of further property damage affirms the great value of our District personnel. We must continue to improve our programs, equipment, training to support and expand our personnel, especially community-based volunteers.

Grant Update: I will be preparing a recruitment and hiring plan for a new grant coordinator for our FEMA SAFER Recruitment and Retention Grant (\$700,000). The position will be a 20 hour per week paid employee of the District, reimbursed through the Grant. The focus of the position will be to coordinate various aspects of the grants, but also to develop a training plan and organize/lead/train volunteers. I also expect this position to be company officer-level, able to work shifts when needed, respond to emergency incidents and be an active part of our staff. I will have more information and a plan for the Board's January 28th meeting.

Captain Ryan Purves has returned to duty and is completing the final stages of his paramedic certification testing. I am working with the medical JPA to form an agreement with them for the part time staffing of a paramedic engine. This will allow Ryan to function as a certified paramedic when he is on shift Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. We are also adding a paid part-time Fire Captain to our staff, who is also a certified paramedic.

Support & Radio Group: The Support Group was invaluable to our operations at the series of wildland fires, last month. They continue to use and test the new auxiliary radio system. When the system was established, we knew most of the District had coverage, but not all. The Log Cabin area was a place at the upper area of the District which the radio system was

not as strong. We are in the process of adding a second radio repeater to clear up those weak areas. The value of the radio system is significant for the Support Group. They will continue to use and test they system. Eventually the radio network will be integrated into a community neighborhood assistance//support program (CERT).

For information, Visit the Mosquito Fire Department website at <https://mfpd.us>

The next MFPD Board meeting on Wednesday, February 25th starting at 7:00 PM via telephone conference. Contact the station at 530-626-9017 prior to the meeting for more information. <https://mfpd.us/>

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

MVFA has continued to do maintenance out at the campground. Repairs to the bathrooms have been underway as well as cleanup in the campground. We will be planning a campground work day coming up and will be looking for volunteers to come help.

Finnon Lake is such a huge asset to our community as well as our fire department and is currently maintained solely by all volunteer work. If you might be interested in participating in helping out with this beautiful asset please contact any MVFA board member, any assistance is always greatly appreciated.

While many of our normal community events are still in question for this year we will be planning a community yard sale as we are able to do it outdoors with distancing. Look for updates on this event and any others we may be able to hold in the next couple of months. We hope everyone stays healthy and that we can return to some sort of community gatherings soon.

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 3:00 Fire House, Masks are required

SCPOA REPORT

by Kim Purcell

This meeting was done via Zoom and call in.

Treasurer, David Blain, reported last month had another \$9,000 excess bring the total excess funds for this year to just over \$54,000. The excess from last year was voted prior to be returned to the owners in the amount of \$140 per parcel. There is currently \$715,000 in reserves which is invested to earn interest and \$50,000 from the operating account was transferred to checking for bill payments. The board voted to write off a bad debt of \$900 due to a foreclosure.

The manager reported that the board took two actions in prior executive session to foreclose on a delinquent property and to retain the firm Baydaline and Jacobson to represent the association.

It was reported that Kevin is having a difficult time obtaining the materials for the additional Vinyl fencing to be installed at Trout Lake.

The board discussed the updated common area use form, the idea should be one form that allows use for residents and outlines the rules of use that community members would be required to follow. The form was sent to the common area committee to review use rules and come up with a plan.

The board approved a lake treatment plan for \$11,216, treatment will be once a month from April through September. The same company who has been doing treatments was approved, unable to get bids from other companies.

The board requested the management company to look for another CPA for our financial review. They would like one that is local rather than the current firm located in San Francisco.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on February 13, 2021.

This will be a Zoom Meeting. See SCPOA.INFO for details

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the January Bird Watch. The next Bird Watch is scheduled for the 13th of February. 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 event at that time.



37 Canada Goose
6 Mallard
4 Bufflehead
3 Common Merganser
2 California Quail
1 Pied-billed Grebe
100 American Coot
2 Common Loon
4 Double-crested
Cormorant

1 Cooper's Hawk
1 Bald Eagle
1 Belted Kingfisher
18 Acorn Woodpecker
2 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)
5 California Scrub-Jay
1 Oak Titmouse
6 Western Bluebird
8 American Robin

17 Dark-eyed Junco
2 White-crowned Sparrow
1 Golden-crowned
Sparrow
4 Spotted Towhee
12 Red-winged Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 23

Crafters

by Linda Heyart

Unfortunately Crafters will continue to be on hold for a while longer. We know this pandemic is nothing to joke about and we want to get back to crafting but staying safe and healthy is paramount. Please feel free to work on projects at home and we will get back together as soon as it is safe.

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

“If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love.” —Maya Angelou

Welcome to February. We have a few things to look forward to this year and Valentine' Day food is one them. We will be open all day on February 14th and offering specials throughout the day. Since we don't know whether or not there will be indoor seating at this time, we will assume (at the moment) that it will be takeout or out on the patio (if the weather is good.)



NEW Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Thursday 11 am - 7 pm

Friday 12 pm – 7pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 7 pm

Monday – Tuesday Closed

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Wednesday Family Night Specials

3th - Pasta Primavera

10th – BBQ Chicken

17th – Korean BBQ Robs

24^h – Burritos (Chicken, Beef or Veggie)

Veggie options are available

All specials are \$10.00

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Receipt of the Month: Garlic & Herb Artichoke Salmon

Ingredients:

- 4 salmon fillets (6 ounces each)
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 green onions, white and green portions separated and sliced
- 1/4 cup marinated quartered artichoke hearts
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/3 cup garlic-herb spreadable cheese (about half of a 6.5-oz. package)

Directions:

- **1.** Place fillets on one large piece of heavy-duty foil (about 18x12-in.), skin side down. Sprinkle with lemon zest, salt and pepper; top with white portion of green onions. Fold foil around fish, sealing tightly. Grill, covered, over medium-high heat until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork, 7-9 minutes.
 - **2.** Meanwhile, place artichoke hearts, lemon juice and cheese in a food processor; process until smooth. To serve, open foil carefully to allow steam to escape. Remove salmon to serving plates, leaving skin on foil. Top fillets with artichoke mixture; sprinkle with remaining green onion.
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FINNON LAKE RECREATION AREA

By the MVFA Board of Directors

Finnon Lake Recreation Area is owned and maintained by MVFA and is open year-round for camping, fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking and disc golf. The MVFA Board of Directors is responsible for finding ways to pay the costs of keeping Finnon Lake Recreation Area (FLRA) operating safely and always improving. The MVFA Board is responsible for payments of more than \$15,000 in annual bills (dam fees, insurance, taxes and maintenance costs) to keep the park open to the public. Finnon Lake is a valuable community asset with potential for recreation and fire abatement. Neither Finnon Lake nor MVFA is part of the Mosquito Fire Department (MFPD) and receives no money from MFPD or any other tax source. Neither Finnon Lake nor MVFA is a part of Swansboro Property Owners Association (SCPOA), and receives no money from SCPOA. MVFA is totally self-supported by park fees, rents, donations and fund-raiser events. All adult residents in good standing of the Mosquito Fire Protection District are automatically members of MVFA.

The \$6.00 Day Use fee for day use activities - swimming, fishing, boating (including inflatables), picnicking and disc golf - is collected on the honor system. Hiking, walking, bird watching and bicycling at Finnon are free of charge. Every dollar collected from park fees and donations goes to paying bills and improving the site. The café is leased to a concessionaire who has full responsibility for its operation and upkeep. MVFA has no paid employees. Everyone who gives their time to help with park maintenance, improvements, websites and reservations, Mosquito Byte, Mosquito Phone Book, events and other projects - is a volunteer. To enhance your membership in MVFA, become a volunteer. MVFA offers an annual Day Use Pass for Mosquito Fire District residents. Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688 to purchase the Resident Day Use Pass.

Thanks to the many volunteer members of the Hangtown Disc Golf Club who do the work of maintaining the disc golf course at Finnon Lake, and to local resident Marc Angelo for helping to organize the work parties.

MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community support organization, and its budget is public information. If you have any questions for the MVFA Board of Directors, we meet on the first Thursday of each month. Or you can email us at: mvfa95667@gmail.com. The Mosquito Byte is available on-line at www.GoMVFA.org. Also, visit

www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click the "About" button for more information. Thank you for supporting MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

The NEW 2021 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner

2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK. Fresh off the presses the MVFA 2021 Mosquito Phone Book has arrived! 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.



MVFA SWAG

by Maryann Haywood

The Holidays are fast approaching so consider purchasing some MFVA wearables. 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 Mary Ann Haywood at: 530-622-5477



T-Shirts S-XL	\$20.00		
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$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			



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

(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)

HELP WANTED

Looking for a person to work on garden and home maintenance projects. Price set on weekly basis. Saturday and Sunday's are OK. 3 -4 hours a week. \$20 - \$30 per/hour depending on experience and equipment. Call Lou @ 621-4613

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.

Tires, Studded snow winter, size 225/50R-17, Federal- Himalaya WS2 Mud/Snow \$300 916-765-3652

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

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. (1220)

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Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0621)

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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). (0621)

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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! (0621)

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. (0621)



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 (0621)



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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,
snlongjohns@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 (0621)

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
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

<http://www.gomvfa.org>
<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>
<https://mfpd.us/>
<https://scpoa.info>
<http://mfom.net>
www.edcfiresafe.org

Due to the current Covid-19, the February calendar of events and meetings listed below may change at any time. Contact the organization's for the current status.

February 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Frank's Family Night – Pasta Primavera	4 MVFA Board Meeting 3 pm	5	6 MFPD Support Training 10:am
7 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	8	9	10 Frank's Family Night – BBQ Chicken MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm via Tele-conference	11	12	13 SCPOA Annual Membership Meeting, Zoom Bird Watching Finnon Day use area 9 am ManLand , 8 am at 3342 Stope Drive
14 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	15	16	17 Frank's Family Night - Korean BBQ Ribs	18	19	20
21 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	22	23	24 Frank's Family Night – Burritos (Chicken, Beef or Veggie)	25 MFPD Board Meeting 7pm Telephone Conference	26	27
28 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website						

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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 meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Finnon lake pavilion located at Frank's Diner at 3:30pm. 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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