

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Be Prepared For The Cold Winter Heating Season

By **Mike Hazlett**, Fire Chief, Mosquito FPD



Facts about home heating fires:

- From 2010-12, an average of 45,200 home heating fires occurred in the United States each year and resulted in an annual average of approximately 155 deaths, 625 injuries and \$351 million in property loss.
- Heating was the second leading cause of home fires, following cooking.
- Home heating fires peaked in the early evening hours between 5 and 9 p.m. with the highest peak between 6 and 8 p.m. This four-hour period accounted for 30% of all home heating fires.
- Home heating fires peaked in January (21%) and 50% of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.
- Confined fires, those fires confined to chimneys, flues or fuel burners, accounted for 84% of home heating fires.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (28%) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Twenty-nine percent of the non-confined home heating fires occurred because the heat source was too close to things that can burn.
- Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) of home heating fire deaths.
- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, was the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half (53%) of home heating fire deaths.

With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening:

- Ensure your heater and chimney has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional in the last 12 months. If you are using portable space heaters, plug them directly into a wall outlet, not an extension cord. Keep them 3 feet from anything that can burn. This includes upholstered furniture, bedding, paper, walls and even people.
- Test your smoke alarms and carbon dioxide alarms to ensure they are working correctly. Smoke alarms should be installed in every sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and every level of your home, including basements. Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in a central location outside sleeping areas and every level of the home.



**The MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.  
You are welcome to attend!**

## **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association ([www.goMVFA.org](http://www.goMVFA.org))**

By Tom Harris

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, was MVFA's annual Community Christmas Dinner at the Mosquito Fire Station. Once again, this event was a terrific success! It was a great way to enjoy the holiday spirit with neighbors and friends, and show our appreciation to the people who serve and support our community. Santa appeared at 5:00 p.m. with gifts for the kids. Over 140 meals were served. Thanks to the many volunteers who set up, cooked, served, cleaned up and helped make this event memorable. Special thanks to the many volunteers who delivered take-out dinners to our elderly neighbors and shut-ins. Check out the photos on our website: [www.GoMVFA.org](http://www.GoMVFA.org).

MVFA distributed baskets of food to individuals and families in the Mosquito/ Swansboro Community on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Along with food, MVFA teamed up with the CHP's "Chips for Kids" program to provide gifts for children in the family. In addition, we provide "HUGS" consisting of plants and homemade cookies to our senior residents.

The MVFA Board of Directors created a new **Welcome Packet** for new Mosquito/Swansboro residents. An MVFA Mosquito Tote bag contains a Welcome Letter with local information, a Mosquito Phone directory, a complimentary issue of the Mosquito Byte, and a brochure about Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Thanks to our local realtors Sally Long Johns and Debbie and Rusty Harris for supplying new resident information.



Special thanks to Sally Long Johns for printing and donating additional Mosquito Phone directories for MVFA. You may purchase them at the fire station.

Mosquito tote bags and coffee mugs are always on sale locally. Call Eileen Guell at (530) 642-3588 or Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for more information. For Mosquito T-shirts and sweatshirts, contact Mary Ann Haywood at (530) 622-5477.

We are pleased to announce that Gus and Dawn Moore at Mosquito General Market and Kitchen just signed on for two more years! Stop by and see them soon to enjoy their delicious food and pies.

BINGO at the Café will return in 2016! Check our website [www.GoMVFA.org](http://www.GoMVFA.org) in January for the specific date. Thanks to committee chair Eileen Guell for making the arrangements.

2016 Finnon Lake Annual Day Use Passes are now available to Mosquito residents. Day Use includes fishing, boating, swimming and picnicking as well as Disc Golf. For information, call Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688.

**The MVFA Board meeting is Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at Mosquito General. We hope to see you there!**

## **Christmas Baskets**

By Sharon Hern & Mary Ann Haywood

What a wonderful community we live in! With all of the food, toys, gift cards and monetary donations that were received, MVFA was able to make a lot of families and seniors smile and their holidays a little brighter.

**Thank You** to all of our helpers who sorted and packed the food baskets, sorted and wrapped the presents, Dee Harris and her “Cookie Angels” for the wonderful Cookie Boxes, Kim Purcell for her great Pumpkin Bread, Jan Okumura for the wonderful Christmas Plants, and to our Delivery Team who delivered all the baskets. And a very special **Thank You** to our community for your very generous donations including our very own Volunteer Fire Fighters!

## **SCPOA**

By **Connell Persico**

### **Your annual assessment for 2016-17 has been reduced from \$780 to \$720!**

At its meeting on December 17, 2015, the SCPOA Board made a set of financial decisions for the 2016-17 fiscal year and beyond that led to this reduction. Thanks go to Barb Mikel and our property manager, Judy Reule, for identifying issues in past Browning studies, that when addressed, enabled this reduction.

First, the Board approved a Browning reserve study with a recommendation that the Association set aside \$150,000 into reserves to insure adequate funds to cover anticipated capital needs over the next 30 years. The Board then approved an annual operating budget of \$203,740 to meet anticipated 2016-17 expenses. When combined, these two items represent a \$509 per lot annual assessment.

The difference between the \$509 per lot needed and the \$720 per assessment will add to the accumulated reserves the Association maintains and which may be applied to completing the first phase of our road upgrade project by accelerating the upgrade of the courts with grindings as well as the other courts already designated for completion next year. Owners and their board must spend time discussing and deciding further reductions and unmet needs over the next year.

The Vegetation Management Program, previously adopted by the Board, caused a lot of concern for a lot of members. As the “window” for spraying has shut until February, the Board sent the program back to committee for additional review and recommendation. The Common Areas Committee will review the plans for Dyer and Trout lakes and the Roads Committee will review the roadside ditch line plans.

In response to our letter to the Department of Transportation regarding trucks and damage to our bridge, Supervisor Ranalli has convened a meeting in mid-January with SCPOA, DOT, and the Highway Patrol. We will let you know what we learn from that meeting next month.

The Mosquito Fire Safe Council, under the direction of Chief Hazlett, is submitting a grant seeking funds to enhance fire protection in the community. As the area which is the focus of the grant is SCPOA common area, the Board agreed to provide \$10,000 in supplemental funds should the grant be awarded by the Council. The decision regarding the grant is expected in March 2016.

Finally, a reminder that the SCPOA Board elections are coming and **January 4, 2016**, is the deadline for filing candidate statements. The Board will hold a candidate meet and greet on Saturday, January 23, 2016, from 3p.m. – 5p.m. The election results will be announced at the February 13, 2016, General Meeting.

As of this writing, we are looking forward to lots of rain, snow, and holiday cheer. Here’s hoping by the time you read it all expectations have been met.

**The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to participate!**

## **Community Fire Safe Council Meeting**

By Karen Pullin

On **Saturday, January 30, 2016**, at 12:00 p.m. at the Fires Station, please join Chief Hazlett and your Mosquito/Swansboro Fire Safe Council for a community meeting following the Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast. Discussion will focus on the benefits of having a Fire Wise Community, the needs and concerns of our community members, the grant application process and future meeting topics and guest speakers.

## **Birding at Finnon Lake**

By Dave Angelo

MVFA has a responsibility to monitor the birds, bats, mammals and fish at Finnon Lake as part of a mitigation obligation of the dam project. To cover the bird monitoring, Dee and Mike Taylor have been doing monthly bird walks on the trail around the lake, and have come across a fair number of species that are always enjoyable to see and hear. To get a more comprehensive list we would like anyone birding Finnon to help us by supplying us with your sightings. The easiest way to do this is through eBird ([www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org)) which is a birding website (and also an app) utilized across the world to log bird species and locations of sightings. If you sign up in eBird and bird Finnon, please call the location Finnon Lake.

Another easy way to record sighting is to use the birding application named BirdLog (<http://www.birdseyebirding.com/apps/birdlog/>) which will tell you what birds have been seen in the area recently and what birds would normally be in the area. If you use BirdLog, your sightings automatically upload to the Cornell Ornithology Lab which is the holder of all things bird related.

As bird books and bird applications go for bird identification, Sibley's Field Guide to Birds of Western North America is an excellent source and the electronic iBird Pro (<http://ibird.com/app/iphone/ibird-pro-guide-to-birds/>) has great information, pictures, audible sounds of the birds and their general range.

If you are interested in going birding and need a little help or even a lot of help identifying the birds, get in touch with me or the Taylors, and we might be able to set up a time to bird Finnon together.

Below is the list of birds the Taylors observed while walking on the trail around Finnon Lake on December 12, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.:

10 Canada Goose	5 Mallard
2 Hooded Merganser	25 Pied-billed Grebe
1 Great Blue Heron	1 Great Egret
2 Cooper's Hawk	1 Bald Eagle
1 Belted Kingfisher	10 Acorn Woodpecker
2 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	1 Black Phoebe
5 Steller's Jay	5 Western Scrub-Jay
1 Common Raven	2 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
5 Western Bluebird	10 Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)
2 Spotted Towhee	



## **Crafters**

By **Sharon Hern**

**ATTENTION LADIES** – Our 2016 Crafting begins!! 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 first meeting of 2016 is on **Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at 10 a.m.! This is our planning meeting where we set the dates for our Craft Sales this year and determine the projects that we will be working on. (Craft sales dates will be in the February Byte.)

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**!

## **Cookie Angels**

By **Dee Harris**

I'd like to thank all my cookie angels for baking such delicious goodies to be added to MVFA's Christmas Food Baskets. And also the littlest angel, Elena, for decorating the Christmas cards we put on the cookie boxes.

## **The Trading Post**

By **Joyce Radmanovich**

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our final 2015 Trading Post at the tenNaple residence. It featured a warm boutique of Christmas gifts and goodies.

In 2016, we hope to expand our garden offerings. We also hope to provide Mosquito-Swansboro residents with a catalog of local Trading Post services.



## Mosquito Fire Protection District

Invites applicants for the position:

### District Board Clerk and Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief

Salary Range \$15.00 – \$17.00 per hour / 20 hour week

#### Minimum Qualifications:

- 18 years of age.
- High School Diploma or GED equivalent.
- Valid California Class C Driver's License.
- US citizen or legal resident with permission to work in the United States.

#### Desirable Qualifications:

- Two years' experience working in fire service. Municipal government or special district office setting.
- Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business, bookkeeping or related field.

Full announcement, job description and application may be obtained at the MFPD's Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, CA or at the District web site [www.mfpd.us](http://www.mfpd.us).

Filing Deadline is January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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This is a very important fund raiser for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association so  
MVFA THANKS YOU



### Only in Mosquito...

By Vicki DeKay

Are there notices on Nextdoor such as:

- My cows are loose.....Now my horses are loose.....
- Free cat litter and cappuccino machine ... (??)
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- Not to mention rattlesnake warnings and coyote sightings.....
- And the best so far... a fawn that got caught in a certain vineyard and couldn't get out. The property owner left an opening in the fence for the fawn to escape, but that just drew more deer into the vineyard. Eventually, the deer party departed. Happy New Year!

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# January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 <b>Deadlines for:</b> - SCPOA candidate statement - MFPD Admin Clerk	5	6	7 <b>MVFA Board</b> 7 p.m. Fire Station	8	9 <b>Birding at Fannon Lake</b> 10 a.m. Mosquito General
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