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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Summary: The recent rains have thankfully put a close to the devastating 2020 fire season. Cal Fire has lifted the burn ban and are issuing burn permits (see attached info). Even though we have had rain, the fuel moisture and humidity are low. A fire can potentially spread beyond a burn pile. Please follow burn permit instructions carefully. Cal Fire issues burn permits for piles up to 4'x 4'. Piles larger than that are regulated and permitted through the El Dorado County Air Quality District.

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.

Personnel Update:

Administration: Administrative Assistant Teresa Wren is retiring effective December 4. Teresa has been a foundation for our staff and operations for nearly the past four years. Prior to our District, Teresa was with the El Dorado Sheriff's Office for sixteen years. She will be nearby, but everyone will miss her, her compassion for others, her excellent work for the District and her positive attitude. Teresa will be missed.

Volunteer Firefighters: Tuesday night training is progressing nicely. Training is held at the Fire Station at 6:00pm every Tuesday night. Average participation is 10-15 members of both Support Group and firefighters. The training topics have been beneficial to both groups, which is currently focusing on structure firefighting and water supply. Many thanks to Chiefs Chaloux, Hern and Captain Dillender for their leadership and instruction to the group.

Our group of fire officers (volunteer and paid) comprises the leadership for our day to day operations and is the backbone of everything we are doing to serve our community. All operational ideas, proposed changes, equipment placement/needs, training and safety programs are discussed and agreed upon by the group. The team will discuss and be informed of issues on a weekly basis or as needed but will meet on the third Tuesday of each month, as a part of training night.

Captain Ryan Purves will be returning for duty, after completing his paramedic internship program, on Monday December 14.

The Explorers have been a part of the District for years. It is an important part of the District's outreach to the community and its young people. Explorers have a chance to participate with District events, training and emergency response. They often go on to be volunteer firefighters (age 18) and to careers in the fire service.

Our workers compensation policy currently covers an explorer program. We are in the process of remodeling the explorer program and will present it to the Board next month. It is intended that the program be under the sponsorship (insurance) of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts organization sponsors many explorer programs, including those with fire and law enforcement agencies.

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

The next MFPD Board meeting on Wednesday, January 6th 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

Christmas Baskets and Hugs

MVFA would like to thank community members, the Swansboro Pilots Association and our Fire Department for their donations and assistance in delivering our community Christmas baskets and hugs. We wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and look forward to many improvements for next year.

From Dee Harris

THANK YOU to all my 'Cookie Angels' for the delicious home baked goodies that were added to the MVFA Community Christmas food baskets.

MVFA Board

This past year was certainly a strange one for all of us. MVFA was unable to hold any of our usual community dinners and we especially missed having our annual Christmas gathering at the Fire Station.

The campground at Finnon Lake was discovered and became almost a full time job to manage as it was full almost every weekend and many weekdays. MVFA relies on the income from camping fees, day use and disc golf to pay its expenses, this past year over \$30,000 had to be paid to the state for the dam inspection and the newly required inundation

plan. We will be taking time over the winter to do maintenance to the bathrooms as well as campsites.

MVFA continues to manage the recycle program at the Fire Station, volunteers continue to separate the CRV plastic and cans, bag and transport to the recycle center with all proceeds going to the MVFA Station 75 fund. Funds are used to purchase items for the station as requested by the Chief, recent funding's included badges for the firefighter's, the new open lockers for the firefighters as well as the shed for support group.

We would like to thank our outgoing board members Sandi Brauns, Becci Calderon and Teresa Wren for their all their work done over the past very busy year, their efforts were greatly appreciated. Teresa decided to continue on and was voted back in, there is still an opening on the board and we would encourage anyone with an interest to contact MVFA or any board member for more information.

Going forward into 2021 the board needs to find ways to manage the workload with the campground and will be looking at the option of hiring help.

MVFA continues to work closely with and support our Mosquito Fire Department. Finnon Lake is used for training, MVFA works to purchase items requested by the Chief and most of the board members are part of the department and respond on calls. For an accurate history of how MVFA and the Mosquito Fire Department evolved with Finnon Lake please refer to our webpage at <http://www.gomvfa.org/p/mvfa-history.html>

We currently have no dinner events scheduled for 2021 but sincerely hope that will change as the year progresses and will keep the community updated as any events are planned.

We hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays, stay safe and healthy and we look forward to a better upcoming year.

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, January 7th at 3:00pm at the fire station, 8801 Rock Creek Road. Masks will be required and temperatures will be taken before entering.

SCPOA REPORT

by Kim Purcell

Treasurer, David Blain, reported as of end of October there is a \$44,000 year to date excess. Currently \$714,000 is earning interest in investments which include 13 CD's, three of these will expire next year. David recommended to the board a budget for next year that keeps the dues at \$550 but also returns the excess funds from last year back to the members in the amount of \$140. This will result in dues for next year being \$410, the board unanimously approved the budget and return of funds.

Our maintenance crew, Kevin, has been chipping, delivering chips to members, burning and doing truck maintenance. He also reported that the chain on the dumpster at the

maintenance shed was stolen. Research into purchasing additional fencing for Trout Lake showed the amount approved was not adequate so additional funds up to \$3500 was approved by the board for the project.

Tom Best gave an update on the airport that obstructions are being removed by owners and there is still the continuing problem by one individual feeding the deer and turkeys. Fish and game has been notified many times, he has been fined but refuses to stop. The proposal for airport lights has been tabled for now.

The board approved putting draft minutes on the website.

There are 8 candidates running for 4 positions on the board for the next election, a meet and greet will be set up in January. A motion was made and approved to move future meetings back to the fire station, They will be held the 3rd Thursday starting at 5:30.

You are welcome to attend the SCPOA Board meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 5:30 pm at the Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road. Masks will be required and temperatures will be taken before entering.

Birding at Fannon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the December Bird Watch. The next Bird Watch is scheduled for the 9th of January. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of Fannon 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.



52 Canada Goose
10 Mallard
8 Bufflehead
150 American Coot
2 Killdeer
2 Double-crested
Cormorant
6 Spotted Towhee

1 Great Blue Heron
1 Bald Eagle
2 Belted Kingfisher
18 Acorn Woodpecker
2 Northern Flicker
4 California Scrub-Jay
1 Common Raven

4 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
2 Lesser Goldfinch
1 Fox Sparrow
22 Dark-eyed Junco
2 California Towhee

Number of Taxa: 19

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

Thank You to the community for supporting our business in these times. May the New Year bring you happiness, peace, and prosperity. Wishing you a joyous 2021! Let's start the New Year right and move forward with our dreams and goals.



Wednesday Family Night Specials

- 6th - Chicken Piccata
- 13th - Roast Pork Loin
- 20th - Beef Stew
- 27th - Chili and Cornbread

Veggie options are available
All specials are \$10.00
5:00pm – 8:00pm

NEW Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Thursday 11 am - 7 pm
Friday 12 pm – 7pm (new)
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 7 pm
Monday – Tuesday Closed
(530) 409-1977
www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Receipt of the Month : Zucchini Pizza Casserole

Here is a recipe that you can use easy substitutions to make it vegetarian.

- 4 cups shredded unpeeled zucchini
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
 - 1 pound ground beef
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 1 can (15 ounces) Italian tomato sauce
 - 1 medium green or sweet red pepper, chopped
- 1. Preheat the oven to 400°. Place zucchini in a colander; sprinkle it with salt. Let stand 10 minutes then squeeze out moisture.
 - 2. Combine zucchini with eggs, Parmesan and half the mozzarella and cheddar cheeses. Press into a greased 13x9-in. or 3-qt. baking dish. Bake for 20 minutes.
 - 3. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, breaking meat into crumbles; drain. Add tomato sauce; spoon over zucchini mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheeses; add green pepper. Bake until heated through, about 20 minutes longer.
 - Serve with a nice green salad and some garlic bread and you have an easy dinner. Enjoy.

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 MVFA 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, Glass bottles do not have CRV so we cannot use them)

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **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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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)

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. (0721)

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Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0721)

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! (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)

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. (0321)

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,
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)

Area Web Links

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>

Finnon Lake Recreation Area

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

Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)

<https://mfpd.us/>

Swansboro Country Property Owners Association

<https://scpoa.info>

Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito

<http://mfom.net>

Mosquito Fire Safe Counsel

<https://mosquitofsc.org/>

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

January 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website					1	2
3 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	4	5	6 Frank's Family Night – Chicken Piccata MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm via Tele-conference	7 MVFA Board Meeting 3 pm	8	9 MFPD Support Training 10:am Bird Watching Finnon Day use area 8 am ManLand , 8 am at 3342 Stope Drive
10 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	11	12	13 Frank's Family Night - Roast Pork Loin	14	15	16
17 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	18	19	20 Frank's Family Night - Beef Stew	21 SCPOA Board Meeting, 5:30 pm	22	23
24 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	25	26	27 Frank's Family Night – Chili and Cornbread	28	29	30

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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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