

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)

by Station 75 PIO

### **CALL 9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCIES**

A number of recent occurrences have led to issuing this critical reminder:  
**WHEN THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 9-1-1.**



### **DO NOT ASSUME MOSQUITO STATION 75 IS OCCUPIED DURING ADMIN HOURS**

Mosquito Station 75 is staffed ONLY from 8:00am-5:00pm, daily. This is NOT a guarantee that the staff is in the station to answer the station phone or receive your walk-in for request for assistance during these staffing hours.

All emergency responses are required to go through 9-1-1 Dispatch. Calling Mosquito Station 75 directly will delay response. Station admins will instruct you to hang up and dial 9-1-1. It happens VERY frequently. Too frequently. DO NOT DELAY RESPONSE--DIAL 9-1-1

### **THERE IS A 9-1-1 CALL BOX AT THE STATION FRONT DOOR**

If you happen to come to the station, do not ring the doorbell for emergency assistance. Do not knock and yell for help expecting someone upstairs to come to the door. DIAL 9-1-1 directly from the Call Box at the station's front door. Press the call button to dial directly to a dispatcher for immediate assistance.

### **WE ARE STILL A VOLUNTEER DEPENDENT DISTRICT**

The budget constraints of our district allow for staffing from 8:00am-5:00pm, daily. We are critically dependent on volunteers that reside in the district from 5:00pm-8:00am each night. Resident resources are issued pagers that activate an alert when a 9-1-1 dispatch is initiated.

We are very fortunate to have the in-district resources available to respond. We are making a conscious effort of ensuring our district has resources available at all hours of the day, every day. This is NOT always a guarantee given the limited numbers of qualified personnel that we have. Remember, your best chance at getting assistance is dialing 9-1-1.

### **DO NOT DELAY RESPONSE--DIAL 9-1-1**

**Next MFPD meeting will be the Second Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Fire House**

## Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

by MVFA Board of Directors

Due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, MVFA will not conduct a July meeting. The next regular board meeting will be August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Frank's Diner is hosting a **Fourth of July** party. The MVFA Crafters will have a craft sale at this event and proceeds benefit the MVFA Station 75 fund. See other articles in this issue of the Byte as well as social media sites for more information. Don't forget Frank's Diner is open Wednesday thru Sunday

for lunch and dinner, and now for breakfast. Frank and Heidi also offer catering, at the cafe or at your home. The café, patio and pavilion are also available for family events and club outings. Watch for postings of future events at the Diner, or call Frank for more information at (530) 409-1977 or visit: [www.franksmosquitodiner.com](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com).

**The Mosquito Road Clean-up Day will be scheduled while the bridge is closed on a date TBD, between July 8 and 20. If you are interested in volunteering send a message to: [mbyte.editor@gmail.com](mailto:mbyte.editor@gmail.com) for more information.**

MVFA likes to welcome new members to our community with a welcome bag of information about our community, our organization and Finnon Lake Recreation Area. If you have moved here within the past year and have not received a welcome bag, please contact us at (530) 409-5515, or email at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com).

Our community is dependent on our Fire Department to enable Mosquito residents to live safely in an area so close to nature and we are eternally grateful for Chief Eddie Dwyer and the paid and volunteer members of the Mosquito Fire Department who take the risks and give their time to protect our community.

As a reminder, when the former Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) reorganized from a volunteer fire department to the MVFA, a community and fire department support organization, it submitted an Amendment of Articles of Incorporation. In it, MVFA stated that, "All of the activities conducted by the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association are performed by volunteers", and that these activities include:

- a) Providing equipment to firefighters through its fund raising events.
- b) Publishing the Mosquito Byte monthly newsletter.
- c) Youth Community events: Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Picnic, Halloween Party and Christmas Party.
- d) Assisting the elderly including: holiday food and gift baskets, clearing areas of brush and debris around residences for fire safety, providing firewood for home heating and other assistance as requested.
- e) Firefighter training at Finnon Lake Recreation Area, and maintaining the area used for training.
- f) General public recreational activities at Finnon Lake Recreation Area (FLRA).
- g) Camp ground: maintaining the sites, bathrooms and refuse area.

In addition, as a community service MVFA publishes the Mosquito Phone Book every two years which includes information and a street map of the area.

A small Day Use fee is collected at Finnon Lake for activities such as fishing, boating, picnicking and Disc Golf. A Resident Annual Day Use Pass is available to Mosquito residents for \$50. (See below.) Unlike other membership organizations in the area, who charge at least \$600 annually whether the members use the facilities or not, only users pay at FLRA. These fees help pay the costs associated with operating the park.

MVFA is organized as a non-profit tax exempt entity and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fund raisers and rents and fees at Finnon Lake - which it owns. MVFA receives no tax revenues, nor any dues money from SCPOA. As per IRS mandate, MVFA gives no cash nor has any financial connection to any non-501(c)(3) organization or to the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates primarily with volunteers who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, please become a volunteer.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. We have a community fund designed to help neighbors in need, and the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides funds to purchase tools and other items at the Chief's request. And there are always maintenance and improvement projects at the Fire Station and at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Many thanks to the many community members who have donated very generously to MVFA - in time and money - over the past years.

MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

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 Frank's Diner. 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 their name and address to [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com), or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

In the meantime, please visit both MVFA websites for legal, historical and event information: [www.GoMVFA.org](http://www.GoMVFA.org) for by-laws, mission statement, *Mosquito Byte* online and upcoming events. Also, look for the "Amazon Smile" link on the top right hand corner of the home page. By signing up for "Smile", and indicating MVFA as your charitable beneficiary, 0.5% of your Amazon purchases will go to MVFA.

Visit [www.finnonrecreationarea.com](http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com) and click "EVENTS" for the 2019 MVFA events schedule. Click "ABOUT" for the message board and historical information about Finnon Lake Recreation Area and MVFA. Call our reservationists at (530) 409-5515 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery, and wildlife or to obtain a Mosquito Resident Annual Day Use Pass. Or contact the board at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

*Notice: The views expressed in public, in the Byte or on social media by individual board members or other contributors may not represent the views or policies of the MVFA Board.*

**You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, August 1<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.**

## **SCPOA Report**

by Robert Kirkpatrick

The scheduled June SCPOA meeting was canceled because of a lack of a quorum. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Saturday July 20 at 10AM at the Dyer Lake Hall, 6770 Sluice Street. Note: The Bylaws ballots will be counted at this meeting. For more information goto: <https://scpoa.info>



**Next SCPOA meeting will be the third Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am @ Dyer Lake Hall 6770  
Sluice Street.**

## Crafters

by Lynda Heyart

Crafters, we would love to have you join us at our monthly Craft meeting. There is the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee and goodies. Proceeds from our craft sales are used for some of the needs of our Fire Department. Our meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. This month the date is July 26. And the Crafters will have a table full of great summer crafts and jewelry at the 4th of July BBQ at Frank's Diner. Please stop by for a look.

## Mosquito Community Cleanup Day

By Kim Purcell

MVFA in partnership with the Swansboro Pilots Association and El Dorado Disposal will again be hosting a community cleanup day. The event will be held at the firehouse on **Saturday July 20th** from **8:00 AM to 12:00** or until dumpsters are full which usually occurs about noon. Members of MVFA and the Pilots Group will be on site to assist with unloading. **We cannot accept appliances, tires, hazardous waste or construction material.** You can also bring your CRV cans and bottles for the MVFA recycling program which benefits the Station 75 fund. If you have clean bedding and towels you wish to get rid of please bring them and they will be distribution to various animal rescue groups in our area who will be very appreciative. If you have any questions contact Kim Purcell 621-1049

We will also be scheduling a community hazardous waste collection day hopefully to include tires. We're working on a date for this with the county, most likely in the fall, and will post as soon as the date is determined.

## Aircraft Display Days

By Swansboro Pilots Association

The Swansboro airport is home to many interesting aircraft both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft display July 19, 20 and 21st from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM each day at the airport. Aircraft that are unique as well as older than 35 years will be out and you are invited to look but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway as the aircraft will be. Please also be respectful and look but do not touch without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, would like further information or a guided tour you can contact Kim Purcell at 621-1049

## Swansboro Pilots Association Scholarship Offering

by Swansboro Pilots Association

The Swansboro Pilots Association is again offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for this \$500 college scholarship. If you are a high school senior going on to college next fall we hope you will apply. We've had some amazing winners and applicants in the past and look forward to seeing more! If you have any questions, please call 621-1049.



- To apply, send at least a one-page, double spaced, typed essay that states:
- Any community service projects you have done
- What college you plan to attend
- Your life and college plans
- Your high school grade point average
- Mailing address, phone number and email address

Send your essay, postmarked **no later than July 15th** to:  
 Swansboro Pilots Association  
 2724 Swansboro Road  
 Placerville, CA 95667

**Birding at Finnon Lake**

by Dave Angelo



Below are the results of the June 8<sup>th</sup> observation. The next Bird watching gathering will be on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am. Parking is at the Day Use Area Parking Lot at the far North side of the Finnon dam.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 38 Canada Goose                | 1 Pied-billed Grebe       |
| 3 American Coot (Red-shielded) | 1 Osprey                  |
| 5 Acorn Woodpecker             | 8 White-breasted Nuthatch |
| 32 Western Bluebird            | 10 European Starling      |
| 2 Lesser Goldfinch             | 25 Red-winged Blackbird   |

Number of Taxa: 10

**Franks Diner**

By Frank Ethridge

We had a great June here at Frank's Diner. You came out and toe-tapped through Side-Wheeler and supported Pinocchio/Lobos, shared Father's Day with us. We appreciate your community spirit.



July is going to be fun, starting out with our 4th of July Blues and BBQ from 11 am to 3 pm at Frank's Diner (\$17.00 + tax). "Almost Blue" will be providing some fun music for our event. On July 20th we are bringing back "Open Mic" so dust off those guitars and find a friend to join us from 5 pm to 8 pm. We will be grilling Hamburgers and Hotdogs with salads and all the trimmings for \$13.00. (No other service will be available for these nights).

**Wednesday Night Specials**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Closed
- 10<sup>th</sup> Meatball Sub with Pasta Salad
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pork Schnitzel
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sweet and Sour Chicken
- 31<sup>st</sup> Meatloaf

**Dates to Remember**

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Closed
- July 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ and Blues 11 am-3 pm
- July 4<sup>th</sup> No MVFA Board Meeting
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Manland Men's Fellowship 7 am @ Frank's Diner
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Open Mic from 5 pm to 8 pm



## Looking forward to August?

Mosquito Road is joining us on Friday August 16th  
End of Summer Party with the Tiki Lounge Lizards August 24th

## Recipe of the Month Jicama Mango Slaw

It's hot outside. Why not cool off with this salad.

### Ingredients

- 1 jicama (peeled, I use a carrot peeler and cut into matchsticks)
- 1 red pepper (cut into matchstick-size pieces)
- 2 mangoes (ripe, make sure these aren't too ripe as they'll be too soft to maintain their form, cut into strips.)
- 1/2 red onion (medium, sliced thinly, optional, can omitted)
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro (add more or less to taste)
- cayenne (to taste, optional, if you like a little spice)
- 3 limes (small to medium)
- 1/2 Orange (small, or a large clementine)
- 4 tablespoons agave (vegan or honey, sweeten to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (more to taste or can be omitted)

Let me know if you like these recipes.

## MVFA SWAG

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts in a verity 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- \$30.00

Hooded with Zipper S-XL -\$35.00

Hooded with Zipper XXL- \$38.00

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1/\$4 or 3/\$10 or 4/\$12

2019 Mosquito Phone Book - \$5.00

## The 2019 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner



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

### Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 8 am - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

[www.franksmosquitodiner.com](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com)

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](mailto: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.



### Finnon Recreation Area Daily Passes

Daily use passes are now available for purchase. The one-year pass is \$50.00 and expires January 1, 2020. The two-year pass is \$75.00 and expires January 1, 2021. Please contact Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for information about or the purchasing of these passes.



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, wine 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!**

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#### WANTED

**LOCAL FARM** seeking manure source. Specifically, Goat, Sheep, llama or Alpaca. Please contact Ryan at Goat Mountain Farms. 530-497-4279 or [goatmntnfarms@gmail.com](mailto:goatmntnfarms@gmail.com)

#### 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 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website [www.mfom.net](http://www.mfom.net) or call (530)295-0503. (0620)

#### SERVICES

**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](http://www.SierraShield.com) or call 530-387-0110. (0620)



**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. (0619)

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SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Mondays at 11 a.m. Call Fred Adams at (530) 642-9441 or [AdamsAmigos@gmail.com](mailto:AdamsAmigos@gmail.com) for dates and to reserve your space. (0000)

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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 (0619)

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**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 (0620)



# July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> <i>Closed</i>	4 <b>Independence Day</b>  <b>Franks Diner</b> BBQ and Blues 11 am-3 pm	5	6
7	8	9	10 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Meatball Sub with Pasta Salad	11 <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 7 pm Fire Station	12	13 <b>Support Group</b> 10 am Fire Station <b>Manland Men's Fellowship</b> 7 am @ Frank's Diner <b>Bird Watch Finnon Lake</b> 8 am Finnon
14	15	16	17 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Pork Schnitzel	18	19	20 <b>SCPOA Board Mtg.</b> 10am, Dyer Lake Hall 6770 Sluice <b>Community Cleanup Day</b> Fire House, 8-12 <b>Franks Diner</b> Open Mic from 5 pm to 8 pm
21	22	23	24 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Sweet and Sour Chicken	25	26 <b>Crafters</b> 10 am @ Darlene Rood's	27
28	29	30	31 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Meatloaf	1 <b>MVFA Board Meeting</b> 7pm at Franks Diner		

The **MOSQUITO BYTE** is mailed first class to subscribers each month. A subscription is \$15.00 per year, with a two-year maximum pre-pay. Please mail your check, payable to MVFA, to 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville, CA, 95667. The deadline for advertising and articles is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. It is also posted on the [www.goMVFA.org](http://www.goMVFA.org) website each month.

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