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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: April 22-May 20 Medical Aid- 9 Vehicle Accident- 1 Aircraft Incident- 1 Lift Assist- 1 Public Assist- 3

Congratulations to FF/EMT Austin Eby who graduated from Firefighter 1 academy on May 17 from American River College. Tony Christensen, Trevor Dillender and Angel Rosevear will be graduating from Sierra College Firefighter 1 & 2 Academy on June 2. We are proud of these four men, who will embark on a great career in the fire service. Firefighter academy training is funded by our FEMA SAFER grant.

We have recruited three experienced fire personnel, who will be coming on board soon to assist Chief Dwyer with training and supervision of our firefighters. Two of the three are certified paramedics, adding to two already on staff. One will assume the position of Battalion Chief and the other two Captains. Lieutenant Ryan Howard will be promoted to the position of Captain. We are excited about these new additions as fire season approaches.

Fire Season 2024 will soon be upon us. Cal Fire burn permits are required until they declare a burn ban for fire season. We would anticipate the burn ban to be announced within the next few weeks, if not sooner. Our staff is currently training and preparing for the fire season. Cal Fire will be in full operation, with all stations staffed. There are almost ten fire (hand) crews available, going into the season, with camps at Growlersburg and Cameron Park. Aircraft (helo & fixed wing) are currently available and will be fully staffed by the end of June.

County DOT announced the closure of the Mosquito Bridge for annual maintenance from May 28 - August 4. In the event of a fire evacuation while the road is closed, the Support Group has procedures in place to reopen Mosquito, if possible. If not possible, or delays, the safe refuge area is the Swansboro Airport, until Sheriff's Deputies arrive to manage the evacuation. Our procedures also restrict vehicles leaving out Rock Creek Road, to allow responding fire engines to safety respond in. Evacuation procedures are reviewed and updated often. Copies of the evacuation plan are available through Shar Fields at Station 75 (email admin75@mfpd.us).

On Thursday July 25th at 6:00pm, the District will be hosting a town-hall meeting at Station 75 to discuss evacuation procedures and preparedness issues related to home and community

protection. Personnel from Sheriff OES, Cal Fire, USFS, County DOT and Shimmick Construction will be attending to answer questions and coordinate resources. More information will be forthcoming.

We have submitted grant applications to FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) program, which we have had past success for training and equipment. The new applications request a replacement Type 6 Fire Engine (\$327,380), updated portable radios (\$60,569), breathing air compressor (\$76,213). Awards will be announced beginning April 30. We have submitted the application for the FEMA SAFER staffing program to request three full time positions to staff the Station (\$1,241,460). We have applied for a grant extension of residual funds from our previous volunteer Recruitment and Retention Grant (\$139,016). This will allow purchase of a number of items and services for marketing to recruit new volunteers.

We have completed purchasing for the Cal Fire 50/50 grant (\$20,000). Items purchased included 5 Bendix King portable radios, training fire shelters, forceable entry tools, wildland hose, nozzles, and fittings. We have applied again for the next open application period in May for 2025 purchasing.

In the Fall of 2023, our District was awarded \$666,320 from the FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) program. The grant was applied for in February 2023 and we were successful in the first round of awards. This gives us another four years of grant funding for our productive volunteer program, which has resulted in the fire station being staffed 24/7 for over two years. The funding covers volunteers' stipend pay for shift coverage and response to emergencies, training classes, new volunteer expenses including physicals, background checks, uniforms and safety gear, support of the Explorer program, salary and benefits for a volunteer coordinator (Fire Captain), and more. Residual money from the current grant ending in December 2023 can be used for enhanced marketing and other volunteer support needs. Many thanks for grant writing efforts by Meredith Blain and Didi Everhart (Gatchell Grant Resources-Canton, OH). We are currently awaiting the results of a parallel SAFER grant application for full time station staffing (3 positions - 1 firefighter/supervisor 24/7/365).

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. We are happy to conduct an interior or exterior fire safety inspection upon your request. Please call us at 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

This concludes my report. It has been an honor serving this Community and the members of our District. As a member of the Community myself, I am proud of what our District has accomplished and the level of extra effort the group gives, in dedication to the Community. The spirit of commitment and dedication to volunteering is very strong. We appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. As the District moves forward, please give your best support to Chief Dwyer, the Board of Directors and our great staff.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday June 1 - Support Group Training (Evacuation procedure) - 9am - Station 75

Tuesday June 11 & 25 - Fire Training - 6pm - Station 75 (Public Welcome)

Thursday June 6 - MVFA Monthly Board Meeting - 3pm - Station 75

Saturday June 15 – Spaghetti Dinner – 6pm – Station 75

Tuesday June 18 - SCPOA Monthly Board Meeting - 6pm - Station 75

Thursday June 20 - Special Board Meeting - Budget Discussion - Station 75

Thursday June 27 - Monthly Fire Board Meeting - Preliminary Budget Adoption

7pm - Station 75

Thursday July 25 - Fire Season & Evacuation Preparedness Town Hall - TBD Time - Station 75

The next MFPD Board meeting will be on June 27th at 7:00 pm at Station 75

MVFA UPDATE

by MVFA Board of Directors

ANNUAL YARD SALE

The MVFA Annual Yard Sale was a resounding success once again this year. Thanks go out to the enthusiastic community members who turned up in droves. With over 20 participants, the Mosquito Fire Station parking lot was transformed into a bustling marketplace, brimming with fantastic items for sale. From vintage treasures to quirky collectibles, there was something for everyone. Seeing how this event brings our community together and supports local causes is heartwarming.

MVFA SWAG

Explore MVFA's collection of Mosquito T-shirts and Sweatshirts, available in an array of sizes and colors. Additionally, local phone books are conveniently for sale at the Diner during regular business hours or at MVFA-sponsored events. For personalized orders, reach out to us at mvfa95667@gmail.com.



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JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 15th at 6:00 pm at the Fire Station. Suggested adult donations are just \$10, while children 12 and under are free. The menu includes mouthwatering red sauce, fresh salad, garlic bread, and a sweet dessert. Come on out, show your support, and savor a fantastic meal with friends and neighbors!

EAGLE LOSS UPDATE

As reported in the May BYTE, we sadly lost one of our bald eagles at Finnon Lake at the end



of April. The necropsy was completed by the Wildlife Health Laboratory of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and it was determined that the cause of death was electrocution with a small burn on the underside of the left wing. The laboratory notified PG&E of the eagle's death so they could check the overhead power lines where the male eagle was found. It was noted that the eagle was found with a large partially eaten fish. Likely he was carrying the large fish and made contact between two of the power lines overhead. It has been reported that the

chick seems to be doing well and is growing nicely. Hopefully mother will find a new compatible mate and continue to grace our lake with future fledglings. (Photo by Kim Purcell)

DINER UPGRADES AND MODIFICATIONS

During the past year the Finnon Lake Diner has been vacant, but that is soon to change. During this period of closure, the MVFA Board has made a number of changes to the diner in the form of new equipment, infrastructure repairs, interior and exterior painting and landscaping. Some of the major equipment changes have been the addition of two new refrigerated food prep units, a rapid hood style dishwashing unit, a new over/under washer and dryer unit, relocation and modification of the three-compartment sink, relocation of the ice maker and repair of the range. In addition, new umbrellas, new patio lighting and new landscaping plants and irrigation have been added. A major project was the installation recently of a ground water barrier to prevent flooding of the septic leach field which was upgraded two years ago. We want to thank Ron Beesley, Steve Loree, Kirk Bronsord, Jan Okumura, Ron Speake, and David Dudley for their substantial assistance to the MVFA Board members in making these diner improvements. In total the MVFA Board approved and funded over \$36,000.00 in equipment and infrastructure upgrades this past year. We would also like to thank our suppliers, AC Septic and Gustavo Naranjo for their assistance on the septic system and painting projects.

FLRA CAMPGROUND HIPCAMP RECOGNITION

As reported in the April BYTE, the Finnon Lake Recreation Area campground was named Number 1 All-Around Campground in all of California by HIPCAMP for 2024. In addition, we have received notification that our campground was awarded 3rd place for Best All-Around Campground in the United States by HIPCAMP. We appreciate the honor and recognition and are especially proud of being awarded 3rd place only behind Zion Wright Ranch Eco-Camp in Utah and Cedar Bloom Campground in Oregon.

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DINER OPENING

The diner is once again open for business with the completion of a couple of soft openings on Saturdays to get the kinks out and streamline the food delivery process. Our new diner managers are Kirk Bronsord and Matt Ridgeway.

Kirk Bronsord – Hello everyone this is Chef Kirk your new face at the Diner now called Smoke on the Water. We are bringing a new look and style to the community. I have 19 years of experience operating a BBQ catering company and am bringing my knowledge and passion to the local diner. We hope that what we bring will have you joining us for great food and atmosphere.

Matt Ridgeway – Chef Matt grew up in the Bay Area where he was exposed to a wide variety of people and food that would set him on a path to a long career in the restaurant industry. He developed an interest in food at a young age and over the years he was able to build his skillset and continued to explore many of the different culinary delights that the Bay Area had to offer. Eventually Chef Matt would begin working with the Dona Tomas restaurant group and focus on regional Mexican cuisine. In the years that followed he would continue to expand on his knowledge of the industry and participate in the opening of multiple successful Mexican restaurants in Oakland and Berkeley. These included Dona Tomas, Tacubaya, and Xolo. Eventually Chef Matt was offered an opportunity to branch out and open a new restaurant in Sacramento. In 2016 he made the move and opened Oakhaus. Oakhaus was a deviation from Mexican food. It was a unique modern version of the classic Hof Brau. It proved to be a delicious adventure but after a few years he was recruited by another restaurant group and returned to Mexican cuisine. Chef Matt then opened Polanco Cantina. Polanco was an exceptional Mexican food experience in the heart of downtown Sacramento. After building a successful menu and team at Polanco, Chef Matt partnered with Purple Pig Eats and opened another small eatery in the Oak Park Area of Sacramento. For the last 3 years Purple Pig Eats has brought casually delicious house made food to the Oak Park community. Now Chef Matt is joining forces with local BBQ master Kirk Bronsord to create a fun, fresh, and inviting dining experience in the Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Chef Matt says he is very excited and honored to be able to bring delicious food to this amazing community.









Photos by Stanley Simon





Photos by Cheryl Owen

MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM

Please drop off bags of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 am - 5 pm at Station 75. 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.

All proceeds go to Station 75



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please mark these on your calendars and plan to join us on these dates for fun and community comradery.

- Saturday, June 15, 2024 Spaghetti Dinner at Station 75 6:00 pm.
- Saturday, October 12, 2024 Fall Festival at Finnon Lake 10 am 3 pm *Free Lunch*
- Saturday, October 26, 2024 Trunk-or-Treat at Station 75 6 pm 8 pm
- Saturday, December 7, 2024 Christmas Dinner at Station 75 5:30 pm *Free Dinner*

The next MVFA Board meeting will be on June 6th at 3:00 pm at Station 75

CRAFTERS

By Eileen Reisner

Our focus continues to be on preparing for the annual sale in Placerville. We will continue to participate at the pancake breakfasts with limited inventory. Our next Crafters meeting will be held on June 28 at 10:00 AM. If you're interested in joining us, contact Eileen Reisner at 530-748-7962.



SCPOA Report

By Meredith Blain

The Swansboro Country Property Owners Association Board of Directors (SCPOA) meet monthly at the MFPD Fire Station 75. Meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Dyer lake and on the SCPOA website. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6pm MFPD firehouse, 8801 Rock Creek Road.

Members of SCPOA can visit SCPOA.info, the official SCPOA website, and find information about upcoming and past meetings, agendas, meeting minutes, association bylaws, individual unit DC&Rs, the Swansboro Airport, get information for use of common areas, read our newsletter and much more! If you have not requested a login for the SCPOA website, please send an email to Kpaulscpoa@gmail.com, or Melissa.bell@managementtrust.com and request a login.

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for May. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th at Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. We will start at 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



Bald Eagle	2	American Coot	5	California Quail	2
Great-tailed Grackle	18	Brewer's Blackbird	20	Lesser Goldfinch	8
Ring-billed Gull	1	Calliope Hummingbird	3	Spotted Towee	2
Red-winged Blackbird	16	Acorn Woodpecker	12	Pie-billed Grebe	2
Violet-green Swallow	3	Scrub Jay	3	Mourning Dove	7
Canada Goose	27			Lewis's Woodpecker	2

DISTRICT AUXILIARY aka D'Ax

By Meredith Blain

D'Ax has been busy! We set up the popcorn machine at MVFA's May Yard Sale in the parking lot at MFPD! We had a great time and appreciated all the donations received that will directly benefit MFPD and its first responders! We also hosted a luncheon in May for the



graduates of MFPD's recent Title 22 training. Congratulations to all who trained and received their certification! D'Ax will offer free popcorn and shaved ice at the June 22nd Fly and Drive event! Drop by and say hi! We will be located under the pavilion at Dyer Lake Park and hope to see you there! D'Ax is also busy seeking donations from local businesses to provide beverages and food for the MFPD Rehabilitation Program. The Rehabilitation Program provides much needed refreshments for our MFPD first responders during 911 emergency calls.

At the April meeting, D'Ax approved a new "Raise the Roof" campaign! In addition to our usual fund-raising efforts, directors voted to raise funds to replace MFPD's deteriorating roof! We will fund-raise until we meet our goal of \$35,000! At all events, donors will be given the option to donate to the general fund, or to the building fund! We have received \$250 in roof donations already! We have a long way to go, but our community has a history of generous donating to help our community fire department and we are confident we will meet the goal!

Did you know that National Fire Prevention Week is an observance each year in the week of October 9th to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire? D'Ax is busy planning with MFPD an Open House on Saturday October 5th to kick off 2024's Fire Prevention Safety Week, October 6-12, 2024. Mark your calendar to bring your family and friends and gather information and learn about how to stay safe in case of a fire, cooking safety, smoke alarms, home evacuations, fun for the kids, and much more! Meet local organizations and the MFPD community's first responders!

Looking ahead, D'Ax is planning a gala event for March 2025, a Mardi Gras celebration! More information to follow. Mark your calendars now, as you don't want to miss this one!

An update on the Fund Raiser to raise funds for the purchase of fund-raising equipment! D'Ax approved spending the remaining funds to purchase another griddle. After many pancake breakfasts, we have determined that we need to provide more guests with more bacon! The MVFA will donate the additional needed funds to purchase another gas griddle! We thank the MVFA and our generous community and look forward to seeing you all at our future Pancake Breakfasts in July, August and November, dates to be determined.

The District Auxiliary meets the same day as the MFPD Board of Directors Meeting, generally on the fourth Thursday of each month. Dates and times can be verified by checking the MFPD.us website under the Meetings tab. Agendas and minutes can be found under the Supporting Groups tab. All residents of Mosquito Fire Protection District are invited to attend D'Ax meetings. Find us at MFPD.us. Email us at admin@dax-np.org. We hope Mosquito residents will join us at our next meeting, Thursday, June 27, 2024.

Aircraft Display Days

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro airport is home to many interesting aircraft both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft display June 21, 22 and 23 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 for viewing, but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway. Please be respectful and look but do not touch without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, or would like further information or a guided tour you can contact Kim Purcell at 530-621-1049.

Swansboro Pilot Association Scholarship

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots Association is offering Swansboro/Mosquito High School seniors a chance to compete for a college scholarship of up to \$1000. If you are a high school senior going on to college this fall, we hope you will apply. We have had some amazing winners and applicants in the past and look forward to seeing more!

To apply, send at least a one page, double spaced, typed essay that states:

- Your life and college plans.
- Any community service projects you have done.
- What college you plan to attend.
- Your high school grade point average.
- Mailing address, phone number and email address.

Send your essay, postmarked no later than June 30th to:

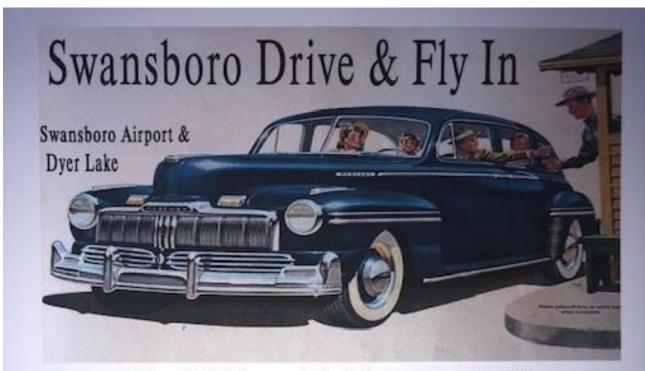
Swansboro Pilots Association

2724 Swansboro Road

Placerville, CA 95667

If you have any questions, please contact Kim at (530) 621-1049.

SWANSBORO DRIVE & FLY IN



June 22, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

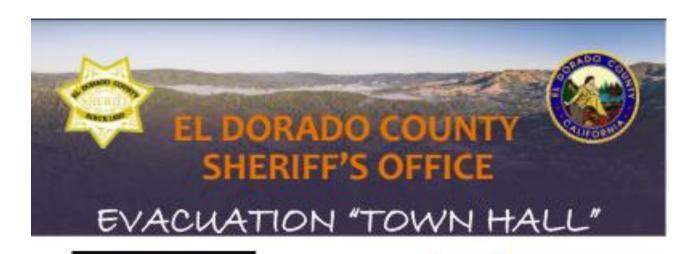
WANTED: antiques, hot rods, classic motorcycles, cars, aircraft & vendors



\$10.00 donation to enter your "toy". \$10.00 donation for a vendor's booth space.

All proceeds benefit Mosquito Fire Department

For more information call: Tom (motorcycles & cars) 530-957-0900 Kim (aircraft) 530-409-2357 Dee (vendors) 415-823-5443



July 25, 2024 5:30 PM

Location: Mosquito FPD Station 75

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOWN
HALL MEETING ON EVACUATIONS &
WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS!

Basic Information

Join the El Dorado
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of Emergency Services,
Local Fire Agencies,
CALFIRE, CHP, Fire Safe
Councils, and the
Office of Wildfire
Preparedness for an
Educational Town Hall
Meeting on
Evacuations and
Wildfire Preparedness.

Please participate in this town hall meeting!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Lilienthal Office of Emergency Services El Dorado County Sherriff's Office at

(916) 947-8502 or lilienthalm@edso.org

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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.

SERVICES

GOLDIE LOCS OF LOVE - Loc creation / extension installation / decoration / maintenance kelsvanfleet@gmail.com (916) 295-9059

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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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.mosquitoroadneighbors.com or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, snlongjohns@yahoo.com.

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

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

June 2024									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
						1 Support Group Training 9am Station 75			
2 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	3	4	5	6 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	7	8 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, day use area 8am			
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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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