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Fire and Fall Injury Prevention in the Home

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



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Americans age 65 and older are 2.5 times more likely to die in fires than the overall population, and as Americans age, their fire risk increases. Contributing factors to fires and falls include medications, hearing/vision loss, loss of strength, balance, and mobility. It is possible to reduce your risk by reviewing these tips and changing or modifying your behavior, habits, and environment:

Fall Prevention Tips

- Clear the way, and keep stairs and walking areas free of electrical and phone cords, shoes, clothing, books, magazines, and other clutter.
- Improve the lighting in your home by using nightlights to light the path between the bedroom and bathroom. Turn on the lights before using the stairs.
- Use nonslip mats in the bathtub and shower, and install grab bars on the wall next to the bathtub, shower, and toilet.
- Use only throw rugs with rubber, nonskid backing. Always smooth out wrinkles and folds in carpeting and rugs.

Fire Prevention Tips

- The number one cause of kitchen fires is cooking left unattended. NEVER leave stovetop cooking unattended.
- Wear tight, short, or rolled up sleeves while cooking, and never use loose or dangling clothing.
- Use oven mitts or potholders, and never use a dishtowel as a potholder.
- If a pan catches fire, slide a lid over it, turn off the burner, and call 9-1-1.
- In case of an oven or microwave fire, turn off the oven or microwave. Do not open the door. Call 9-1-1.
- Don't cook if you are drowsy from medication. Plan meals around your medications.
- Keep clutter and combustibles away from your stove.
- If your clothes catch fire, STOP, DROP, and ROLL, or smother the flames with a towel or a blanket.
- Test smoke alarms monthly; replace batteries at least once a year, and replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

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By **Ken Joseph**, MFPD board of Directors, President



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The King Fire and this year's Butte and Valley fires are prime examples of the dangers of living in a remote, beautiful and rugged area, but it can carry a devastating potential. Luckily, the majority of our emergency calls are medical and public assist. These calls are not as globally significant, but they provide emergency response when needed.

Our staff and volunteers answer emergency calls at all hours, 365 days a year, under all weather conditions. Often, they are climbing out of bed and responding before knowing what the emergency is and what dangers they may face. Their primary motivation is an intrinsic satisfaction in helping their neighbors.

We all recognize the benefits of an active fire station in the community. The majority of our department is comprised of volunteers that make up an important part of the fire district's operational strategy. Without the volunteers, we would need to rely on Georgetown, Garden Valley and Placerville as primary response. This reliance could delay emergency response 30-45 minutes outside of normal business hours.

How can you help? Encourage participation. Help make the department our department. Not everyone needs to be a responder, but we are always looking for new recruits to train and respond. We also have opportunities to participate with the support group, fund raising, grant writing, district ambassadors, committees, etc. The most important way you can help is thanking and supporting our volunteers and department. The Firefighter Appreciation Celebration was a one day event. Let's make it an everyday event.



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By **Tom Harris**



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MVFA will sponsor a Mosquito/Swansboro Veterans Meet-up on Veterans Day, **November 11th**, at 5:00 p.m., at the Mosquito General Market and Kitchen. Milo Laguna will co-host. Coffee and a sampling of Dawn's delicious pies will be served, compliments of MVFA. It's high time for Mosquito/Swansboro residents who served, or are now serving in the U.S. Military, to meet up. MVFA would like this to become an annual event to show our appreciation for our local veterans.

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"Bingo at the Café" will take a holiday during the months of November and December and is expected to resume in January. MVFA would like to thank everyone who participated in the record turnouts for this event throughout the year. Bingo is a great fundraiser to help MVFA pay its bills!

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Swansboro Country Property Owners Association (SCPOA)

By **Connell Persico**

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Heather Loyola was selected by the Board to be its Secretary. As Secretary, she will provide supervision to our staff and so be our main liaison with the Management Trust, Kocal Division for all matters relating to records, minutes, and required corporate signatures. We appreciate Heather's willingness to take on this additional volunteer responsibility on behalf of our community.

At our Budget Committee meeting, we noted that with current expenditure rates and the add-ins of our management firm, salary adjustments, and the above projects, we will end the fiscal year - next February - with a healthy operating budget surplus. Many thanks go out to our Treasurer, Jerry Pullin, and the Finance Committee - Heather Loyola, Barb Mikel and Barb Beacham - for their attention to and care of Association finances.

Your Board also approved a letter to be sent to the County Department of Transportation requesting improved signage notifying truck drivers of the limits on our bridge. Our hope is such signage might help decrease the damage done to the bridge and the delays caused to residents.

We will also put out a request for proposal and move in a timely manner to select a vendor to spray the ditch lines along our roads to control weeds that cause damage to the roads. As a part of that request, we will also begin a long term program to control the starthistle growth at Dyer and Trout lakes, which will allow the regrowth of native grasses. The first application of pesticide should occur shortly after the first rains. So moving quickly with the proposal is critical.

The Board also approved establishing a Dogwood Trail Volunteer Cleanup Project. Under the direction of our maintenance staff, volunteers will make the trail that parallels Dogwood Drive more accessible to community members. If interested in helping, please contact Kevin or Jonathan.

While on the subject, let me end with praise for our maintenance staff, Jonathan and Kevin. They have taken full advantage of the drought conditions to improve our lakes. Twin Ponds is transformed! Enough sand has been removed from Dyer Lake to not only expand the beach area there but to also transfer a load to building up the sandy area at Catfish Lake. We loved the October 17th storm and look forward to an El Nino winter!

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Finnon Lake News

By Tom Harris

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MVFA moved its annual community picnic back to Finnion Lake. Additional events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Trunk or Treat will be held at the Finnion Lake site. Mosquito residents are encouraged to consider Finnion Lake when planning family events, church outings, or club campouts. There have already been two weddings at Finnion Lake in 2015, with more to come. Now that the dam road and bridge are complete, the park will be open all year. Click on the word "Calendar" on the "Camping and Reservations" page of our website at www.finnionrecreationarea.com to check for availability. For more information, and to make reservations, call (530)409-5515.

You may not realize that much of the revenue that supports the operation of Finnion Lake Recreation Area comes from outside the Mosquito Fire Protection District. Fees paid by folks from outside our community help support our park while local residents enjoy it as a part of the neighborhood. Hiking, bird watching and bicycling at Finnion are free of charge. Every cent collected from park fees and donations goes back into improving the site. The MVFA budget is public information. The budget is discussed, and copies are available at every board meeting. MVFA has no paid employees; everyone who gives their time is a volunteer.

The MVFA Board of Directors is continuing to find ways to pay the costs of keeping the Finnion Recreation Area operating and improving. MVFA receives no money from any tax source or the Swansboro Country Property Owners Association. We are self-supporting. Recently, MVFA has offered annual Day Use Passes for district residents. Day Use refers to swimming, fishing, picnicking, boating, and disc golf. Contact Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688 to purchase the upcoming new 2016 Annual Day Use Pass.

Other projects, as well as maintenance work, will continue at Finnion Lake under the MVFA Campground and Property committee and the newly formed Fish and Wildlife committee chaired by Dave Angelo. Future projects include improvements to the campground bathrooms, development of the beach/swim area, and improvements to the cafe gardens and pavilion area. We will continue to have our annual Campground Cleanup day in the spring. Volunteers are always welcome.



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Birding at Finnon Lake in October

By **Dave Angelo**

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Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.1.2 Build 27



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55 American Coot

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Number of Taxa: 12

2 Pied-billed Grebe

16 Acorn Woodpecker

8 Steller's Jay

20 Western Bluebird

3 Turkey Vulture

2 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)

12 Western Scrub-Jay

8 Dark-eyed Junco

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By **Clay Heironimus**, Chair and **Karryn Morris** and **Mary Ann Haywood**, Co-chairs

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Christmas Basket Recipients

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Want to help by donating? Donations may be dropped off at the fire station beginning **December 1st**. We are looking for canned and boxed foods, vegetables, hams, turkeys and gifts for children. Please remember that opened boxes, outdated food, and perishables cannot be accepted for donations. We will be distributing these baskets on **December 19th**, so don't wait too long to donate. We are again partnering with our local CHP office for "Chips for Kids". Gifts for children should be unwrapped, so we can match them to the children's age with a reminder: please don't forget our pre-teens and teenagers. Thank you in advance for your help, and may you have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Trading Post News
By Joyce Radmanovich

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17th Annual Holiday Craft Faire

Please join the Firehouse Crafters at our last Craft Sale of the year!

Fall and Christmas decorations as well as holiday gifts galore!

Friday, **November 13th** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, **November 14th** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cold Springs Community Church
2600 Cold Springs Road, Placerville

Please note: The Crafters group will take a break in November and December. Please join us at the Holiday Craft Faire!

Calling All Mosquito/Swansboro Shoppers
By Mary Ann Haywood

Last call for **SPECIAL ORDERS** on long sleeve T's, crew neck, hooded pullover and hooded zip sweatshirts. We'll be ordering the second week of November. Think holiday gifts! Call me at (530)622-5477.



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