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Chief's Corner

By Eddie Dwyer

There are many things going on here at the fire station. We have been able to accomplish a lot for the community. Squad 75 is in service. Squad 75 is a light duty vehicle which is fully equipped to handle medical emergencies. Squad 75 has a full complement of basic life support and advanced life support equipment. When a paramedic is on duty, the squad can deliver cardiac assessment through EKG, including full 12-lead EKG and interpretation. We are in discussion with the county JPA to obtain authorization to transport patients to a Helistop, or in times of extreme weather and if Rock Creek Road is closed, to transport medical patients across the Mosquito bridge then transfer the patient to an incoming JPA Ambulance.



When you drive past the fire station you will see work happening on the west side. We found a considerable amount of dry rot and are in the process of re-siding the station. All the labor is provided by your firefighters! We seriously take to heart the fact that we are the stewards of the fire station, the equipment and the funds that you provide this fire district. We try to do more every day with what we have.

There have been many falsehoods placed on social media. Much of it is purposeful twisting of statements made to validate personal agendas. Over the last two years we have done all we can to meet the Grand Jury's expectations. We have done all we can to maintain as high a level of transparency as possible. So, let me take this time to clear some things up.

Yes, the district will be bringing to the residents of the community a ballot request for increased taxes for service. These funds will go directly to the fire district and not the county coffers.

Yes, through the ballot you; the individual, will have a say in what happens. This can only pass with the community's say so. It cannot be mandated on you by the fire board or myself.

Yes, we are in discussion with Garden Valley Fire Protection District for consolidation. Yes, the public will have a say in consolidation. If the process moves forward to a point that it appears that this will indeed move forward, El Dorado County LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) will send out mail-in ballots for the community to decide to consolidate or not. If we receive less than 25% negative response, then the measure moves forward. Between 26 and 49%, then the measure goes to a full ballot. With 50% or greater the initiative fails, and LAFCO will not permit the process to continue.

We continue to explore options that can bring greater income into the district without having to go to the citizen hat-in-hand. We do all we can to ensure that all funds expended are done so with the greatest fiscal responsibility. Every expenditure, every dollar is accounted for.

There are statements that have been made that the tax increase measure was done in haste and secrecy, which is not true. We have had this on the agenda many times over the last two years and almost monthly for the last year. This is fully open information to the community. The agendas and meeting minutes are all available online, as is the budget and fiscal information of the fire district.

In the upcoming year, there will be many changes in the district, from board members, a new fire chief and personnel. We will continue to move forward knowing we are only the stewards of the fire district. Though we have taken on the ownership of the fire station and have done all we can to be responsive to the fire safety and emergency management, but the true owners of this Fire District are you. We thank you for the privilege to serve you.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is
Thursday, November 8th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.**

MVFA

By the MVFA Board of Directors

November 11th is Veterans Day. **Frank & Heidi will host a Meet Up of Mosquito area veterans and their spouses at Frank's Diner from 3:00 to 5:00pm Sunday November 11th.** Complimentary coffee and sweets will be served. This is a chance for veterans of our community of all ages and service branches to meet and greet.

The annual **MVFA Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday December 8th, 2018**, at the fire station. This dinner is a free event given by MVFA to show our thanks to the wonderful members of our special Mosquito community, our superb fire department personnel, and the great many volunteers who help make our community the best. Thank You! Serving will begin at 6:00 pm and take-outs will be available. There will be a gift raffle, and donors are asked to call Eileen Reisner at (295-0541 for drop-off information. Join your FRIENDS and have some FUN.

Notice: persons under the age of 18 are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian age 21 or older at all MVFA events held at the fire station.

MVFA is asking for donations of canned and boxed foods for the Community Christmas Baskets. You can bring Donations to the Community Christmas Dinner on December 8th or drop them off at the Fire Station **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12th**. Those wishing to donate either a turkey or a ham please call Linda at (702) 236-9138 or Kim at 409-2357. Please remember, outdated food, opened boxes, and perishables cannot be accepted. Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday.

And don't forget our Toys for Tots toy drive. MVFA is teaming with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. There will be a donation barrel located at the Fire Station. Gifts for children should be unwrapped so they can be matched to the children's ages and please don't forget our pre-teens and teenagers. Thank you.

During October, MVFA took nominations for the three open seats on the MVFA Board of Directors - by US mail or email. Nominations for representation on the Board will be placed on the ballot during our regular Board meeting in November following the priorities outlined in Article III of the MVFA by-laws, which are posted on the GoMVFA.com website under "Who Are We". General elections will now take place by hand or written ballot at the general membership meeting in December to prevent interference with the MVFA Christmas Dinner.

MVFA community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Trunk-R-Treat (formerly the Halloween Party) and community dinner events have been sponsored by the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) dating back to its formation in 1972. In late 2006, on the advice of the attorney for the taxpayer supported Mosquito Fire Protection District and explained on the GoMVFA.com website, the MVFD reorganized as a 501c3 non-profit, and changed its name to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association. As a 501c3, MVFA is forbidden by IRS rules to give cash to any non-501c3 organization - including the Mosquito Fire Department. MVFA maintains a Station 75 Fund, to

which anyone can donate, and the money is used to buy tools, equipment, station improvements and other non-budgeted items at the Chief's request. At most MVFA fundraiser events taking place at the Fire Station, a portion of the proceeds automatically goes to the MVFA Station 75 fund.

Today, MVFA carries on the same traditional events that were begun by its predecessor - MVFD. MVFA volunteers are residents who simply want to give back to their community, and make it a better place. MVFA is totally self-supporting. No one is forced to pay any dues, and MVFA receives no taxpayer money. If one chooses to not support the mission, goals and/or events sponsored by MVFA, no one is forced to pay or participate. If anyone has a complaint against MVFA, the board wants to hear about it - individually and immediately, to get the issue resolved - as adults.

Because of its history, MVFA has always had strong ties to the Mosquito Fire Department. Former Chiefs and fire fighters have been members of the MVFA Board of Directors. MVFA By-laws have ALWAYS specified giving Fire Fighter personnel top priority in the nomination process for membership on the MVFA Board of Directors. At present, six of the eight MVFA officers and directors are card-carrying volunteer members of the Mosquito Fire Protection District.

MVFA respects our veterans, peace officers and our flag, and supports the Chief and the excellent staff of our fire department. If you wish to enhance your membership in MVFA, or seek a position on the board, become a volunteer on one of our many committees - at Finnon or at any MVFA annual event. (For an events schedule, go to www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click on the "Events" page.)

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. If you would like to donate, please send your check with a note specifying so to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct, Placerville CA 95667. Or visit www.GoMVFA.org - major credit cards accepted. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter specifying the donation amount will be provided to you upon request.

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, 9100 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, CA starting at 7:00 pm. All board members, Fish and Wildlife committee chairman Dave Angelo or Campground & Property Committee chairman Tom Harris can also be reached by email at: 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.

Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

SCPOA Report - A Call to Serve on the SCPOA Board.

By Roger Stenbock

It is truly astonishing how tough it is to get folks to serve on the SCPOA Board. It is also equally astonishing how some volunteers manage to serve for numerous terms - as have several of our current Board members. But ultimately, we all need a break. These volunteers put in a lot of their time serving the community. They view this as their civic duty, not for personal gain or some ego gratification. They get their reward from helping others. Some even go a step further, putting in extra time and effort in more ways than just going to meetings (witness the recent playground construction by volunteers and undertaking the bark beetle infestation challenge). Board members may not always agree on everything, but are passionate to do what is in the best interest of our community. Their

service is laudable. Without them, SCPOA would not be this extraordinarily beautiful place in the Sierra foothills many of us call home. They deserve our thanks and respect.

According to SCPOA Bylaws Article VII, the affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) directors. The Association members at each annual meeting shall elect directors to fill the vacancies for a term of two (2) years. This year there are four (4) directors (Connell Persico, Jerry Pullin, Gordon Smith and Scott Butler) whose terms will expire in January, 2019. The three remaining directors' (Debbie Harris, Paul Beacham and Roger Stenbock) terms expire in January, 2020. Thus, four (4) director positions will be open for election this January.

The October 2018 SCPOA Newsletter (available at scopa.info) had this information in part: "...It also is not too early to begin thinking about the next SCPOA Board election. The election cycle is voting in January for candidates who will take office in mid-February. Declarations of intent to run will be due in December. There will be at least two vacancies on the Board as both Jerry Pullin and Connell Persico have declared they will not run for reelection. The issues of assessments, level of regulation through our DCR's, and common area usage will remain in front of us. There are strong disagreements among current Board members on some of these issues and these disagreements will carry forward to the new Board. We encourage you to know/learn what you want from your Association, learn where each candidate aligns with your wishes and vote on that alignment..."

According to the information from TMT (The Management Trust), as of this report, "The Annual Membership meeting will be held February 9, 2019 at 10 AM. There are four (4) openings on the Board of Directors for a service of two (2) years. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors and would like to be listed as a candidate for the upcoming election, please mail, email or fax this form to The Management Trust, Northern California Division, so that it arrives no later than December 4, 2019 at 5:00 PM..." The form includes contact information and the candidate's message. This form should be available from the Manager, or at scopa.info (<https://scopa.info/application-for-board>).

Finding volunteers willing to serve the Association is always challenging. But your community really needs your help. If you are interested in volunteering, working long hours for the satisfaction you are doing your civic duty and making your community a better place, why not throw your hat into the ring and run for the board. If you accept the challenge, I look forward to serving with you on the SCPOA Board for the remainder of my term. Until the next time, enjoy the great fall colors.

The SCPOA Board meets Thursday, November 15th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

2019 Mosquito Phone Book

By Adam Reisner

The Mosquito Phone Book is published every 2 years, and the next publication will be available for purchase in January 2019. 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.

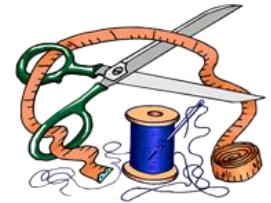
If you are listed in the 2017 Mosquito Phone Book, Residential or Business, and have changes to your listing or wish to have your phone number removed, please let us know not later than the end of November (11/31) as these listings will automatically be carried over to the 2019 phone book.

If you wish to be listed in the new 2019 Mosquito Phone Book or add a business listing, you can email us at mosquitophbook@gmail.com or mail the information to: MVFA phonebook 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667. Residential and business listings are free to list.

Crafters 20th Annual Holiday Craft Faire

By Sharon Hern

Please join the Firehouse Crafters at our November Craft Sale. Fall and Christmas decorations as well as holiday gifts galore! Lunch and other goodies will be available.



Friday, November 9th 9-4 pm
Saturday, November 10th 9-4 pm
Cold Springs Community Church, 2600 Cold Springs Road, Placerville

Get an early start on your "Holiday" Shopping.

Christmas Baskets

By Linda Heyart

Over the years MVFA has helped families in our community who have found themselves in a less fortunate position during the Christmas holiday. Traditionally we have been able to provide these community members with a full Christmas meal as well as gifts for any children in the family. As we approach the holidays we are asking for the communities help so that we can plan for this year's baskets. If you know of someone in our community that you believe could use a Christmas basket please call Kim Purcell at (530) 621-1049 or Linda Heyart at (702) 236- 9138. They will need the adult names, any child's name age and sex (to help determine appropriate gifts), address and a phone number. The information provided will be treated as confidential

Holiday Craft Fair

By Kim Purcell

Our local crafters as well as the Mosquito Trading Post crew will again be hosting a holiday craft sale on Sunday December 9th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the fire station. There will be a variety of wonderful hand made treasures for sale as well as some MVFA items, perfect for Christmas gifts. If you would like to participate in the event you can reserve a table for a donation of \$10 each which goes towards the MVFA station 75 fund. To join in the fun and reserve a table please contact Kim Purcell (530) 621-1049 or Sharlyn Fields at (530) 440-0240

Franks Diner

By Frank Ethridge

October is over and Thanksgiving is around the corner. Here are some dates to remember:

November 1st MVFA Meeting 7 pm at Frank's Diner
November 11th (Sunday) - Veteran's Day Meet and Greet at Frank's Diner 3 pm-5 pm.
Hot Dogs, Chili and SweetTreats will be served (Complimentary). Come
on down and thank a veteran.
November 22nd Thanksgiving, Frank's Diner is CLOSED

November Family Nights, Family night is on Wednesday nights from 5 pm - 8 pm and costs \$10.

- 7th Beef Stroganoff
- 14th Herbed Roasted Chicken
- 21 Chili with Cornbread and Salad
- 28th Chili Relleno Casserole

We always have a Vegetarian option, just ask.

Did you know Frank's Diner Caters? **"Wild Chefs Catering and Events"** is our alter-ego, we are a full service catering company ready to make your event special with great food, awesome service and attention to detail. We mix that of that up with your ideas and a dash of creativity to bring out the "wild" for your special day. Call us (530) 409-1977 to plan your next event.

Since we are getting ready for the holidays let's get started with a Cranberry sauce for your turkey.

Cranberry Sauce

- 1 Bag of Cranberries
- 1/2 cup Sugar
- One stick of Cinnamon
- 1 cup port or wine of your choice

Combine ingredients in sauce pan and simmer for 20-30 minutes until slightly thickened. Remove cinnamon stick. Cool down and Serve.

Frank's Diner is also starting an email list. We know that a lot of people do not want to spend time on social media, so we invite you to send your email address to franksmosquitodiner@gmail.com for you to stay updated and informed about the diner. You can also subscribe to the website and we send out announcements a couple of times a month (depending on the amount of events going on).

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Next Door for more information. Call us at (530) 409-1977 www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

If you are interested in joining us the next bird watch will be scheduled for November 16th. We will now meet at 9:00 A.M. at the pavilion at Frank's Diner.



October Results:

Canada Goose	4 Northern Shoveler	3 Pied-billed Grebe
1 Anna's Hummingbird	100 American Coot (Red-shielded)	4 Killdeer
25 Acorn Woodpecker	6 Northern Flicker	1 Black Phoebe
6 California Scrub-Jay	8 Bushtit	10 Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Number of Taxa: 16

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November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			31 October Frank's Family Night <i>Worms & Blood (Spaghetti)</i>	1 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	2	3 Support Group 10 am Fire Station
4	5	6	7 Frank's Family Night <i>Beef Stroganoff</i>	8 MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	9	10
11 Join us for a meet up of Mosquito area veterans and their spouses at Frank's Diner from 3:00 to 5:00pm 	12 Veteran's Day Observed State/Fed offices closed	13	14 Frank's Family Night <i>Herbed Roasted Chicken</i>	15 SCPOA Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	16	17 Birding at Finnon Lake 9 am Finnon Lake Pavilion
18	19	20	21 Frank's Family Night <i>Chili with Cornbread and Salad</i>	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	23 Black Friday Shopping! 	24
25	26	27	28 Frank's Family Night <i>Chili Relleno Casserole</i>	29 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	30	1 December Support Group 10 am Fire Station

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