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Burn session is now open.

Burning permits are required. All burn permits for Mosquito Fire District are handled by Cal-Fire. There is no need to contact our local fire station. Cal-Fire handles permitting of clean vegetation burn piles up to 4' x 4' in size. Go to: <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov> for your permit. If you plan to burn clean vegetation larger than the 4' x 4' size then you will also need to contact the El Dorado County air quality management district. They handle permits of clean vegetation burn piles larger than 4' x 4' in size. Apply for permit on-line at:

<https://www.edcgov.us/government/airqualitymanagement/burn-permit-application>

Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: September 21-October 24

Fires: 2 (Structure Fire- Gravel Rd. 10/11 - OES 4613 assigned to the KNP Complex on 10/3 - Returned to Station 75 on 10/13) , Medical: 9 . Electrical Hazard: 1, Smoke Check: 2 and Road Hazard: 1.

On Monday October 11, 2021 at 3:09pm, Camino Dispatch received a report of a structure fire on Gravel Road. Engine 75 and Water Tender 75 departed Station 75 at 3:10pm to the location at the end of Gravel Rd. Heavy dark smoke was visible from a distance on Gravel Rd. Assistant Chief Hern requested two additional water tenders to respond. The fire location was nearly at the end of Gravel Rd. Due to the poor and severely rutted condition of Gravel Road, the engines could not travel more than 20-25 mph to the scene. Engine 75, Water Tender 75, Chiefs Chaloux and Rosevear arrived at scene at 3:20pm, to find a two-story residence fully involved in fire and spreading to the surrounding wildland area. Winds were blowing the time from the north as Red Flag fire weather conditions were in effect. Camino Dispatch upgraded the response for the wildland spread, which included three hand crews, bulldozer, helicopter, air tankers and additional engines. MFPD Engine 275 arrived to assist prior to mutual aid engines arriving. Members of the Support Group closed gravel road and responded with hydration for the fire crews.

MFPD personnel deployed hose lines to stop the spread of the fire from the well involved structure. There were a number of homes in the area which were threatened, including properties on both sides of the fire scene and below on Rock Creek Rd. Approximately 23 minutes later, the first of the Cal Fire engines and our partners from the Garden Valley Fire District and El Dorado County Fire arrived to assist. While MFPD and El Dorado County FD personnel attacked the structure fire, Cal Fire engines and hand crews deployed to contain six spot fires down-wind of the fire scene. Wildland fire crews were assisted by bucket drops from a helicopter while a large capacity air tanker (VLAT) orbited overhead, ready to drop, if needed.

Engines and water tenders were able to access a newly installed (by MFPD) 10K gallon water storage tank at the end of Gravel Rd. The addition of the recently installed 10K gallon water storage tank was instrumental in refilling and providing water to the fire scene. The tank was installed with permission of

a nearby landowner, because of the lack of water supply and severe wildland fire threat in the Gravel Road area. Without that new tank in service, water tenders would have had to refill on Rock Creek Rd. near Frank's Diner, a turn-around time of approximately 30 minutes. This was truly a game changer for our community's safety and our ability to confine a fire under extreme conditions, as we experienced that day.

Approximately 80 personnel were deployed to the incident to ensure the fire did not advance and cause widespread damage. This included 11 MFPD support group personnel who responded to provide hydration and food to the firefighters, and staff the station, to answer questions for community members calling with questions and concerns. An MFPD firefighter suffered a minor back injury after falling, while no civilians were injured. Firefighters remained at the scene overnight to check for hotspots.

During the cold and winter season, the top hazards are fires caused by portable heating equipment and chimneys (or stove pipes). It is important to use extreme caution with portable heaters, making sure they are in good condition, limiting use of extension cords and assuring they are placed away from combustible material (furniture, bedding, etc.). Stove pipes and chimneys should be cleaned and inspected annually. When responding to chimney fires, our primary concern is extension of the fire into the attic space where the chimney or stove pipe passes through. If you suspect a chimney fire, do not delay calling 911.

Grant Update:

We will be receiving two new Zoll brand heart monitors, provided by a FEMA-AFG grant sponsored by the Rescue Fire District. From the same grant we have already received a Lucas battery powered CPR device. Our matching fund contribution for the monitors is approximately \$7,000 (we have not received an invoice yet). Matching funds for the Lucas device has already been paid.

The Garden Valley Fire District was going through employee layoffs at the time the monitor grant was being applied for, is now in need of a new heart monitor. The monitors we are currently using, including Garden Valley FD, are older and can no longer be serviced or repaired. Checking with other fire districts, who will receive grant monitors (County Fire will get 11), no one was willing to part with a monitor for Garden Valley.

Due to our Joint Operations Agreement (JOA) and the fact we primarily use one heart monitor (the second would be a back-up), we will indefinitely loan Garden Valley our second heart monitor, when the monitors are received. It is important that our unified fire districts support one another and the communities we are proud to serve. Garden Valley provides ALS medical service. The Zoll sales representative is a member of our community and if there are any problems with our new monitor, we will have easy access to repair and/or a loaner monitor. The new heart monitors are also backed up by our supply of Automatic Defibrillators (AEDs), generously donated by SCPOA. Garden Valley also has adequate older monitors, which can be used as back-up by both departments. The grant requires that there be an older heart monitor trade in for each new monitor received. There is no impact to our service or operations if we share the additional monitor with Garden Valley. This is a last resort solution, after many months of research and discussion for a larger department to loan one of theirs. There is a small chance there might be an available monitor from a different source, and will utilize that, if possible.

Training Update:

We have training goals established for the remainder of 2021 and new year 2022. There are mandatory training certifications for structure and wildland firefighting, in addition to emergency medical/rescue response. Managing volunteer firefighters requires that we be flexible with our training scheduling. The delivery of certified classes requires that a volunteer either take time off work and away from family or we modify instruction to fit into a volunteer's available hours. It can be a challenge, but we are confident we can deliver what our staff needs to be competent and qualified. We are developing our plans based on volunteer schedules and availability to participate.

An important aspect of training volunteers is developing an individual training plan for each person, which accommodates both the District's and individual's needs. The use of task books is important to track and document individual progress. It is also helpful for volunteers to know what skills they need to work on to progress to the next level. We are looking at options to send our recruits for a Firefighter 1 academy. It is unclear if the annual Divide Fire Academy will proceed in 2022. At this point, there does not appear to be enough recruits between the three departments to hold an academy. More information will be developed within the next month.

On Sunday October 17th we hosted CPR/AED training for 29 participants. There were four members of the community who attended, the rest were District staff. Assistant Chief Todd Hern renewed his CPR instructor certification and will be able to accommodate future CPR and first aid classes for staff and community members, in the future. This is a significant accomplishment in our service to the Community.

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we have a place for you. Please visit our website, www.mfpd.us.

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. Please call us at 626-9017 or stop by the station.

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. We appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email me at jrosevear@mfpd.us.

The November MFPD board meeting has been canceled for the Thanksgiving holiday.

MFPD board meetings will return in December.

MVFA UPDATE

MVFA Board of Directors

We are all looking forward to some cooler weather and hopefully some rain over the next several months. The campground has been busy since we opened back up after the Caldor Fire. We continue to receive bookings for next year and booked an additional wedding for next May.

Young couples are finding our campground to be a desirable venue for holding their wedding.

Like last year we will close the campground from November 15th through March 1st. During this time, we will be doing our annual maintenance of the property. We will be conducting a couple of clean up

days to perform some tree trimming, brush removal, and minor repairs. We are looking for volunteers to help with these cleanup efforts.

December elections, the MVFA Board will have 3 openings this year. We will accept applications for the board positions up until November 3rd. Please submit a letter of interest to mvfa95667@gmail.com. Applicants must be members in good standing according to our Bylaws. Elections will take place during our December Board Meeting.

Please remember these dates:

Thursday, November 11th - Frank's Diner Veterans Day Celebration

Sunday, November 28th - MFA Christmas Tree Event - Go out into the forest and find your special tree. More details to come.

Saturday, Saturday, December 11th – Free Christmas Dinner and Tree Lighting - MVFA will bring back the annual free Christmas dinner. MFA will be leading the tree lighting ceremony.

December 18th - MVFA Gift Baskets

Campground Reservation

To make campground reservations go to: www.hipcamp.com and search on Finnon Lake

The next MVFA Board meeting will be on November 4th at 3:00pm at the Finnon Lake Pavilion

Holiday Sale December 4th

by Kim Purcell

MVFA and the Trading Post will again be teaming up for the Holiday Sale on December 4th at the firehouse featuring our local artists and their products. If you wish to participate contact Kim 621-1049 or Sharlyn at 440-0240. Mark your calendars and plan to start your holiday shopping without having to leave the hill.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for the October bird watch. The next bird watch is scheduled for the November 13th. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of Finnon 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 free event.



28 Canada Goose

16 Mallard

1 California Quail

2 Pied-billed Grebe

2 Calliope Hummingbird --

Very small hummingbird

100 American Coot

5 Killdeer

1 Great Egret

2 Cooper's Hawk

1 Bald Eagle

1 Belted Kingfisher

20 Acorn Woodpecker

3 Northern Flicker

2 Black Phoebe

6 California Scrub-Jay

6 Western Bluebird

8 American Robin

6 Lesser Goldfinch

8 Dark-eyed Junco

5 White-crowned Sparrow

1 California Towhee

3 Spotted Towhee

5 Brewer's Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 23

Crafters

by Eileen Reisner

The MVFA Fire House Crafters are looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings in January of 2022. During this down time we hope you are all putting your thinking caps on to come up with some new creative ideas. Don't have time to meet? That's okay, we are always looking for crafters willing to donate their crafts for the cause. All sales go to the Station 75 Fund, used to buy needed items for the Fire Station. For information contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541.

The 2021 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner

2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK. 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.



Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

Frank's Diner will be closed on November 25th for Thanksgiving.

"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools." —**Henry Beston**



Thanksgiving is just around the corner, how did this year go so fast? If you need help with your Thanksgiving dinner or holiday parties, give us a call here at Frank's Diner and we will be glad to help. We will be having a Veteran's Day gathering on Thursday, November 11th from 2-4 pm at Frank's Diner. Come on down and be celebrated with chili dogs and desserts. We hope to see you then.

Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday -Thursday 11 am - 8 pm

Friday 12 pm - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

Monday-Tuesday – Closed

(Breakfast served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$12.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

3rd-Porkchops and Applesauce

10th-Meatloaf

17th-Burritos (Chicken, beef, or veggie)

24th-Lasagna

Dates to Remember in November

11th-Veteran's Day @ Frank's Diner 2-4 pm
13th-Closed 11-5 for Private event

25th-Thanksgiving-Closed
December 4th-Closed for Private Party

Recipe of the Month – Big Soft Ginger Cookies

By Franks Diner

Let's get started on our Christmas baking with these Big Soft Ginger Cookies

Ingredients:

3/4 cup butter, softened	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sugar	3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 large egg, room temperature	1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 cup molasses	1/4 teaspoon salt
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour	Additional sugar
2 teaspoons ground ginger	

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and molasses. Combine the flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well.
2. Roll into 1-1/2-in. balls, then roll in the additional sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake @ 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes, remove to wire racks to cool.

Enjoy the holidays,
Frank's Diner

MVFA SWAG

by Paula Paynter

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 Paula Paynter at: 530-621-3286



T-Shirts S-XL	\$20.00	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00		

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00

MVFA CRV Recycle Program



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 no Glass)

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic **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)

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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)

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.

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

House Painter – American Eagle

Painting Residential/Commercial
Specializing in repaints contact Steven Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com
Lic# 960086

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. (1222)

WELDING & FABRICATION

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0622)

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 or call [530-387-0110](tel:530-387-0110). (0622)

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Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs. Call Dee at (530) 642-2333. (0722)

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Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0722)

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! (0622)

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. (0622)

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

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. (0322)

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 (0622)

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 (0622)

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

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Frank's Family Night – Pork chops & Applesauce	4 MVFA Board Meeting 3:00pm at Pavilion	5	6 ManLand , 8 am at 3342 Stope Drive Support Group Meeting 9am Firehouse
7 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	8	9	10 Frank's Family Night – Meatloaf	11 Veteran's Day Celebration , Frank's Diner 2-4 pm SCPOA Board meeting , 6:30pm, Dyer Hall	12	13 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 9 am ManLand , 8 am at 3342 Stope Drive Franks Diner Closed 11-5 for Private Party
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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 3:00pm. 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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