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BURN SEASON IS OPEN

As of October 24, 2023 Residential Burning has been restored. A burn permit is required for burn piles up to 4' x 4' and can be obtained at:

<https://www.eldoradocountyfire.com/burn-permits>

For burn piles larger than 4'x 4' an additional burn permit (LE-5) is required from Cal Fire at: <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

Burn Safe!!!

CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: Sept 25-October 30

Vehicle Accident- 1 (No injuries)
Gas Hazard- 1
Illegal Burn- 1 (Cal Fire notified)
Medical Aid- 2
Public Assist: 3

Fire Season 2023 is coming to a close and winter weather will soon be upon us. A big thanks to our staff for the dedicated staffing of the Station 24/7 for the entire season, with at least two firefighters and a supervisor. This significant accomplishment is made possible by dedicated firefighters and financial support from our FEMA SAFER grant. Our Community has a significant risk of wildfire. The commitment to firefighter staffing and training cannot be overstated. Our personnel are proud to serve.

Saturday morning 10/14 at 4:00am, firefighters were dispatched to a vegetation fire on Buckboard Road. Had the fire occurred during a different set of circumstances (wind/none and humidity/high), the fire could easily have threatened/destroyed homes and spread to Dyer Way and through the neighborhood. It was a miracle that someone was up at that hour to spot the fire and adequate fuel reduction was done on the neighboring property. The fire worked its way into a drainage with a chimney effect uphill and would have quickly spread to houses nearby. The fire was contained by the homeowner upon our arrival, and we handled mop up with our crew. Cal Fire sent an engine for a report. This is another reminder about how volatile the wildland threat is here (even at night-time) and the importance of a staffed department close by.

A special thank you to Randy Campos, who has been repairing/servicing our engines and keeping the fleet in service. Randy returned E75 back in service, repairing a major steering component. A new part, but Randy figured out the existing part was not

properly installed. He was able to fix it and we returned the replacement part for a refund.

El Dorado County Fire District recently donated a 2009 Ford Expedition Command vehicle to replace the vehicle I am currently driving. The vehicle was added to our insurance coverage and placed in service. The 2002 Ford Expedition will be placed in reserve as a utility vehicle.

Tony Christensen, Trevor Dillender, and Kristen Dillender will finish their EMT academy, graduating November 9th. They will have to take and pass their National Registry Exam and obtain their El Dorado County certification. We will be sending four personnel to the Sierra College Firefighter 1 Academy in January. With FEMA grant funding, we will be hosting State certified classes Operator 1A & 1B hopefully before the end of the year. The new Fire Authority partnership will soon open opportunities for certified classes and specialized training.

The Fire District was recently 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). I have posted a success story, about our grant experiences, on the US Congressional website for SAFER and AFG staffing. The District has also been awarded \$10,000 from Cal Fire for wildland PPE and equipment to be spent in the Spring 2024 (50/50 grant- \$10,000 matching from District).

TSU Tree Service is continuing their major tree removal operation for PG&E, which will continue through October. They are utilizing our parking area for vehicle staging during the project. The lead contact person for TSU is local resident Samantha McClung (530-417-5251). She invites residents with concerns and questions to contact her. We appreciate the work being done here to increase fire safety and keep our power on longer during storms. The project should be concluded within the next few weeks.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday November 2	MVFA Board Meeting	3 pm	Station 75
Saturday November 4	Support Group Annual Meeting and Lunch	11am	Station 75
Saturday November 11	Firefighter Pancake Breakfast, Veterans Day	9 to 11am	Station 75
Thursday November 16	DAX Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Station 75
Thursday November 16	Fire Board Meeting	7 pm	Station 75
Tuesday November 21	SCPOA Board Meeting	6 pm	Station 75
Saturday December 2	Annual Holiday Sale	10 to 2 pm	Station 75
Saturday December 9	MVFA Christmas Dinner	5 pm	Station 75

The next MFPD Board meeting will be on November 16th at 7:00 pm at Station 75

MVFA UPDATE

PDGA DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 45th Gold Pan Open - Western States Disc Golf Championships - Presented by the DGA was held on September 23rd and 24th at the Finnon Lake Recreation Area Disc Golf Course. The tournament is a PDGA sanctioned event that is hosted by Cliff and Kimbodia Brison. This year's tournament had 88 participants with a total purse of \$3,757 distributed to 15 individuals who placed in 11 different categories. This tournament has been held at the Finnon Lake Recreation Area Disc Golf Course for the past three years. The MVFA looks forward to having this important tournament continue to be played at our course as we progress with course improvements. Full tournament results can be accessed at <https://www.pdga.com/tour/event/73167>.

DISC GOLF COURSE UPDATE

MVFA volunteers continue to create concrete disc golf tee pads at the Finnon Lake Recreation Area Disc Golf Course. The latest addition has been the placement of a full pad at hole 22 along with an additional two-part pad which will be relocated to a hole which cannot be poured in place. Thank you, Cheryl Owen, David Dudley, Dave Angelo, and Trent and Mary Williams, for your continued efforts in making disc golf course improvements.



MVFA FALL FESTIVAL

We held our annual Fall Festival last month at Finnon Lake Recreation Area! The weather was beautiful. We had over 40 vendors who participated and made our event an overwhelming success. The many craft vendors included: jewelry, wreaths, woodworking, candles, glass art, and historical Mosquito information. We even had children who sold their beautiful works of art. We also were honored to have local agencies join us such as the American Red Cross, Commission on Aging, Cal Fire, Mosquito Fire Safe Council and the Neighborhood Radio Watch, just to name a few. Our local Mosquito Fire Department was there as well with their engines and fire hoses for the kids to enjoy and play with. The firefighters gave away pumpkins and we provided games and prizes for the kids. We had a wide array of vendors and organizations providing a little something for everyone to enjoy. Lunch was served to everyone who attended. It was quite an undertaking as we served over 200 meals, which is one of our highest numbers for an event. We so appreciate everyone who came out to enjoy the day with us. We would like to give a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped us make the event such a great success. We could not have done this without all of the support we had. We look forward to next year's event which we plan to make even bigger and better.





RECYCLE AREA

The fencing for the relocated recycle collection area has been completed except for painting. The relocation was motivated by the placement of the new D’Ax fundraising equipment storage shed where the recycle area resided previously. We appreciate the community’s continued support of the recycling effort which provides valuable funding to the MFPD fire station for use as the Fire Chief designates. This past year has generated \$2,551.07 in supplemental funds for the department. It is also beneficial in helping to save our environment. Bring your CRV plastic bottles and aluminum cans and drop them off at the new recycle area for redemption to support our fire department.



NEW STATION 75 FLAG POLE

The MVFA donated a new flagpole for Mosquito Station 75. Great job, firefighters Heide Glockner, Austin Eby, Trevor Dillender, Coleman Johns and Chief Rosevear on the installation and the raising of Old Glory!



CHRISTMAS DINNER

It is almost time for the annual MVFA Christmas dinner to be held at the fire station. Mark your calendars for December 9, 2023 and come and enjoy a free dinner with family and friends. The event starts at 5:00 pm and the Firefighters will be lighting the Christmas tree at 5:15 pm right before Santa's arrival at 5:30 pm. Please bring an ornament to put on the tree. Santa and his reindeer will be there to pass out presents to all the kids. Dinner will be served immediately after Santa is through passing out the gifts at approximately 6:15pm. Hope to see you there!

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for October. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th at 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.



American Coot 60
Pie-billed Grebe 2
Scrub Jay 7
White-breasted
Nuthatch 2
California Towhee 1
Northern Flicker 3
Spotted Towhee 10
Calliope Hummingbird 1
Acorn Woodpecker 10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3

Number of Taxa: 15

The next MVFA Board meeting will be on November 2nd at 6:00 pm at Station 75

DISTRICT AUXILIARY
by Meredith Blain D'Ax President



In November, D'Ax together with the Mosquito Fire Protection District's firefighters, will host the next pancake breakfast on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2023. Breakfast will be served from 9-11am and Veterans eat for free! At 10am there will be a brief ceremony honoring those who have served in our armed forces. We hope the community will join us that day to honor our veterans!

Last month the Byte featured an article describing D'Ax and what D'Ax is up to. If you haven't had a chance to read it, you can find information about D'Ax on the MFPD website under the Supporting Groups tab. D'Ax has plans for fundraising with a focus on building projects. In addition, it is our goal to provide support for our district firefighters and the Support Group members by funding food and beverages that support their wellbeing while they are in training or on extended shifts/calls.

As mentioned in last month's article, the community came out in great support at the November 2022 fundraiser with monetary and other donations! The Pilots Association and MVFA were the top donors, and many community individuals gave very generous donations. D'Ax worked with the Chief and firefighters to compose a list of equipment needed for pancake breakfasts. Kirk Bronsord, professional chef of the Bad Boyz of BBQ provided tremendous support, guiding in the purchase of quality equipment as well as managing the purchase of food. Kirk, together with Scott Reiman, manage the preparation of the food for the pancake breakfasts. At each breakfast they have refined processes, and the events are well planned, have community support and are well attended. Best of all, the food is excellent!

About the equipment purchased, the MFPD now owns all the equipment requested at the November fundraiser! Aside from the breakfast cooking equipment, we were able to obtain a shaved ice and popcorn machine! As a result, the D'Ax has provided coffee, popcorn and shaved ice at several community events. In addition, the funds from the November fundraiser provided for a shed to securely store assets, and shelving and rolling racks for efficient set up and breakdown during events! The D'Ax is responsible for the inventory of assets and conducts regular inventories of all items. It is through generous donations of time and money from our community that this has happened! With group support and group participation the entire community benefits! Many thanks to all for your support!

Due to Thanksgiving holiday, please join us at our next Board meeting on November 16, 2023, at 5:30 pm. We generally meet prior to the MFPD Board meetings (the fourth Thursday of the month) at the firehouse at 5:30 pm.



Holiday Sale December 2nd

By Kim Purcell

The annual Holiday Sale will be held on Saturday December 2nd from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The event will be held at the firehouse and will be featuring our local artists with their products, this will be a great opportunity to shop local for your holiday gifts while visiting with your neighbors. If you wish to participate as a vendor please contact Kim at 621-1049, we will also again be donating to Station 75. Mark your calendars and plan to start your holiday shopping without having to leave the hill while supporting our talented local artists.

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

The Mosquito Firehouse Crafters have been working hard on various projects. We welcome all interested in crafting, talent is optional 🐾. The Crafters meeting for November and December will be canceled due to the holidays.

If you are interested in joining our group, contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541.



Mark your calendar for the 24th Annual Holiday Craft Fair held at Cold Springs Church at 2600 Cold Springs Road in Placerville. Dates are November 10th and 11th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There are over 30 crafters participating in this event including the Mosquito Firehouse Crafters. The Church sells breakfast sweets and lunch. We hope to see you there!

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.



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(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

WANTED

LOCAL ORGAINC FARM seeks small to medium lightweight trailer (I.e.- small horse trailer, small flat bed, boat trailer) to be remade into mobile chicken coop. Have anything sitting around? Open to trade/negotiation. Please reach out if you have something sitting around that you don't use anymore. All trailers considered. Please contact Ryan at: farm3goats@gmail.com

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)

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The Goat Doctor of the Sierras book by Gloria Hockensmith is available locally. Call Taffy (530) 626-8689 to buy your copy (\$20). A great fact based read about a local legend. Perfect for gifting.

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MEETINGS

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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. (0622)

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)

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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

November 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	3	4 MFPD Support Group Training & annual lunch 11 am Station 75
5 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	6	7 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	8	9	10	11 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 9am
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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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