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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: July 25th - August 21st

Vegetation Fire- 1 (Assist Garden Valley- Strike Team to Nevada County)

Medical Aid- 2

Public Assist: 5

On Wednesday August 16th, Firefighter Cole Caudle was assigned to Garden Valley Engine 351, as a part of a strike team which responded 'immediate need' to the Highway Fire in Nevada County. For a time, fire threatened the town of Washington. The combined efforts of firefighters averted structure loss and the strike team participated in strengthening containment lines. On Saturday August 19th, Firefighter Caudle was relieved by a Garden Valley firefighter and the strike team reassigned to lightning fires in Northern California. We appreciate the relationships we have with our neighboring districts, to help and support one another.

Captain Moore and I participated in meetings/tours with County DOT, Shimmick Construction and County Fire to plan and prepare for emergencies at the bridge construction area and the concrete batch plant. We are forming response plans to deal with incidents, working cooperatively with County Fire and Shimmick to assure we provide the best possible coordination to save lives and property.

Tony Christensen and Trevor Dillender will start EMT academy in September, graduating in December. We are expecting to also send personnel to Firefighter 1 academy in the Spring.

OES Engine 4312 and Water Tender 75 are repaired and are back in service.

TSU Tree Service will be doing a major tree removal operation for PG&E in September. They will utilize our parking area for vehicle staging during the project, which will last approximately one month. They have completed our Temporary Use Form and agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by CIRA. The District will be compensated \$1,200 plus a transfer load of gravel for the grading of our parking area, in preparation for the winter months. I will assure, along with the TSU manager, that there will be no obstruction to our fueling area and designated parking for District business.

Fire Season 2023 dangerous burning conditions are upon us, after a late Spring delays. As the weather improves, increased caution must be taken with outside burning.

If residents find it necessary to cut weeds/grass/vegetation, do it in the cooler morning hours before noon and never when it is windy.

Remember to practice evacuation procedures and always be aware of two escape routes. It's easy to get cut off during an actual incident.

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.

The next MFPD Board meeting will be on Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 pm at Station 75

MFPD & MVFA Events

Thursday September 7 th	MVFA Board Meeting- 3pm- Station 75
Saturday September 9 th 75	Support Group Monthly Training- CPR Class- 9am- Station 75
Saturday September 16 th	Pancake Breakfast – 9:00 to 11:00 am Station 75
Tuesday September 21 st	SCPOA Monthly Board Meeting- Station 75- 6pm
Thursday September 28 th 75	Mosquito Bridge Update- Community Meeting- 6pm Station 75
Thursday September 28 th	Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75 (Special Presentation & Budget Adoption)
Saturday October 14 th	Fall Festival at Finnon Lake 10:00 am to 3:00pm
Saturday October 28 th	Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday December 9 th	Christmas Dinner at Station 75 6:00pm to 8:00pm

MVFA UPDATE

MVFA Board of Directors

Upcoming MVFA Event

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association is very excited to host the annual Fall Festival at Finnon Lake Campground Saturday, October 14th. Please save the date to come out to enjoy this family fun community event that will feature local vendors selling their goods. There will be arts and crafts, entertainment, kid activities, and many local safety agencies. There will also be a free lunch provided for all. We look forward to seeing everyone there. **Registration for vendor booths is open now. Please contact us at mvfa95667@gmail.com if you would like to be a vendor and sell your goods. We already have 13 very excited vendors signed up and ready to sell.**

CAMPGROUND UPDATE

Camping has slowed down a little now that school has started. We had an extremely busy summer and some of June and most of July is already booked for next year. We are very grateful to all the returning campers we get each year. Everyone comments on how much they enjoy the peaceful serene place we have here. We are still looking forward to a couple disc golf tournaments yet this year, along with two more scout troops coming before we close in November. We have almost doubled up on our full campground bookings from last year and every one of those groups have already booked for next year.



DISK GOLF COURSE UPGRADES

Over the past year the MVFA volunteers have been busy making some significant improvements to the Finnon Disc Golf Course. With the availability of waste concrete from the Shimmick batch plant located on Finnon property, the volunteers have created 16 concrete tee pads to replace the rubber mats previously in use. The rubber mats will be relocated closer to the golf holes to accommodate younger disc golfers. The volunteers will continue to create pads over the next year to complete the 27 holes on the course. In addition to the tee pads, the MVFA board reviewed the condition of the four original vault toilets which were constructed by the State when they owned the campground. The condition of the toilets were at a point at which the units would need to be totally abandoned and eventually torn down, or restored to their original condition. The Board elected to restore the units and the first of the four has been nearly completed. The remaining three units will be restored over the next two years.



VOICES FROM THE CAMPGROUND

Michael says:

Our site is not the only thing that's clean, the whole campground is as well the bathroom! Very nice place. It's a last minute camping for us before school starts and we had a great time! Definitely will be coming back and try other campsites! Thank you!

Brigit says:

Such a nice local great for families. Birds will take over your food so don't leave anything out.

Mark says:

My son and I loved our time at Finnon Point. Even though we had other campers around us, it was quiet and peaceful. During the night I got to hear a couple of hoot owls, which I personally love. We also saw geese and deer. The camp is kept clean. I got a beautiful picture of the lake on the morning we left. We've placed it on our "favorites" list.

Erin says:

This was our second trip to Finnon and it was better than the last. The kids had an amazing time swimming, playing and getting super dirty! We loved that our site had really nice shade all day and being lakeside was so awesome. We had our own "beach" and what felt like our own lake, despite there being some larger groups at other sites on the lake. We joked that all we did was move our chairs from one awesome viewpoint to another within our site. We walked the great trail around the lake to stretch out our legs. Jumped off the dock, stood under the bald eagles nest (though they had left for the year), and played disc golf. Seriously, the best spot! But don't tell your friends as we want to have it available again ;)

Tina says:

Absolutely beautiful to wake up looking at the lake so peaceful and relaxing.

Stephanie says:

Beautiful, peaceful, and quiet. Shady and clean. I will come back to enjoy again. Thank you for keeping such an amazing place. Shalom

Krista says:

I've been coming to Finnon Lake for many years now & this was my first time in A2. It's one of the better sites. It is nicely shaded. It does get flooded with the motion light from in front of the bathroom, which was the worst thing about this site. I tent camp and like most of the sites here there is no flat spot, but the slope here was very minimal compared to most of the other sites. This one would also be great for an RV/ camper van or trailer.

Corina says:

Extremely clean property! Great fishing. We will be making this part of our summer plans from now on.

Alison says:

I love that the campsite was right on the lake. There were so few sites that you practically had the lake to yourself. The hosts were very responsive. I would DEFINITELY stay here again.

Carol says:

This is one of my favorite camps to camp at. I love how big the land is and the small # of camp sites make the experience so much better. T14 is private and the nature around is amazing. The nature all around is wonderful currently an eaglet is up in the trees, experimenting with flight. We enjoyed watching the geese and their 2 duck followers through the afternoons. The birds are fascinating to watch and listen too. The water is clean and access is right from you site. One thing that may turn people off is the amount of geese droppings, we didn't mind. Oh, birds will wake you up at 6 am. We aren't naturally early risers, but again, we didn't mind. We enjoyed our stay and will be back.

The next MVFA Board Meeting will be on Thursday, September 7th at 3:00 pm at Station 75

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for July. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th. 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 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



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| 10 Turkey | 5 Great tailed Grackle | 1 White-breasted Nuthatch |
| 25 Lesser Goldfinch | 3 Pie-billed Grebe | 2 Raven |
| 1 Band-tailed Pigeon | 4 California Towhee | 3 Turkey Vulture |
| 1 Western Bluebird | 2 Scrub Jay | 1 Brewer's Blackbird |
| 12 Acorn Woodpecker | 2 California Quail | |
| 15 Coots | | |

Number of Taxa: 15

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

The Mosquito Firehouse Crafters have been working hard on various projects. We welcome all interested in crafting, talent is optional 😊. Our meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month. Next meeting is on Friday, September 29th at 10:00 am at 2211 Swansboro Road. If you are interested in joining our group, contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541.



DISTRICT AUXILIARY

by Mosquito District Auxiliary Board of Directors



The District Auxiliary (D'Ax) board has agreed to align their meetings with the MFPD Fire Board meetings. Moving forward, D'Ax will meet at Station 75 at 5:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. Our meeting may be held outdoors from time to time.

All Mosquito residents are invited to attend D'Ax meetings. When we meet, we review the Treasurer, Communications, and Secretary's Reports. Currently we are working to wrap up the spending of the proceeds of the November 2022 fundraising event. We are also working to get information about D'Ax added to the MFPD website. The D'Ax has been a strong supporter of the MFPD Firefighters pancake breakfasts and provides planning, food and volunteers for the breakfasts. We are responsible for the sale of MFPD insignia items which can be purchased anytime or at the breakfasts. The D'Ax also plans and supports other fundraising activities that benefit the Mosquito Fire Protection District which includes firefighters, the support group and staff of the department. Come out to a meeting to get more information and see what we are up to!

Swansboro Aircraft Display Days

The Swansboro Pilots will be displaying their aircraft on September t 8^h, 9th and 10th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. Come to the airport and have a look. Questions are always welcome.

MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM



Please drop off bags of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 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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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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UNIQUE JEWELRY

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

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

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harppaula@gmail.com. (1222)

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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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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)

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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

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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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