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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

by Chief Eddie Dwyer



To The Community

Work here at the Fire District continues to move forward. We are searching for every way possible to best serve this community.

In recent weeks, the Mosquito Fire Safe Council and my office held a long meeting to re-establish communication, opening these avenues of communications is key to a successful promotion of Fire Safety. I want to express my appreciation to the Fire Safe Council for the graciousness extended this office, with the opportunity to place negative issues in the past and be able to move forward in a strong cooperative manner.

During the Crozier Fire, apparently a group tried to access the area of evacuation as a Large Animal Rescue. While I applaud the idea of a LAR Team, to access areas under emergency evacuation, you must be assigned to the Fire, receive an O-number and be associated or affiliated with a Fire Department or Law Enforcement agency as a recognized group that has undergone training, received their qualification and is listed in IRQS (Incident Response Qualification System) with appropriate credentials. Then you must go through the planning section of the Incident Command Team or be dispatched as a resource through an Emergency Communications System.

You cannot just show up saying you are a Large Animal Rescue and be expected to access the Fire Area. You must be vetted through a legal authority.

It must be made clear as accusations have been made, when contacted by Law Enforcement asking me about a Large Animal Rescue Team, showing some kind of Mosquito Fire Credential, I told Law Enforcement the MFPD does not have a LAR Team. The Mosquito Fire Safe Council had nothing to do with your being denied access.

If there is a Community Group looking to establish an LAR Team, please contact me.

Fire Chiefs Report:

With my last report I had high hopes in completing several projects to present to the Board, unfortunately due to the workload, much remains in progress.

Restructuring of the Fire District Operational Command is ongoing. I have established a communications group, which will act as District PIO.

This communication group is separate from the Districts Communication Committee, The Comm Group will have 5 members who will be working in a week to week rotation to ensure there is always someone available to provide immediate emergency and non-emergency information to the public. During any significant emergency to avoid misleading information, the Comm Group will direct you to the most appropriate website for the best information.

Though some timelines have changed, I will be presenting an organizational chart that represents the changes required that are coming and those that have already been implemented. This plan will have a broad scope and be presented to the board by years end. With the expectation of full implementation in early 2025.

The Fire District Continues to build relationships with other County Agencies and stakeholders, recently hosting the El Dorado County Emergency Medical Services Authority here at the Fire Station. We were able to discuss EMS Operational proposals which will greatly enhance Emergency Medical Services here in the community.

Part of what was discussed is the official endorsement of using the Support Group vehicle as a patient extrication unit. The visit and discussion were born out the use of the Support Group Vehicle to extricate a critical patient from their home to the Swansboro Airfield where a waiting medical flight crew was waiting on the ground.

Dr. Duncan from EDCEMSA expressed appreciation for the issues impacting this community and could see the value for in district movement and extrication of injured and ill patients to the airfield when incoming ambulances would be delayed. More information will be provided in October.

In District Members

We continue to increase the numbers of Personnel who live in the Fire District.

Our Operational Goals have remained the same with one exception.

The MFPD will be looking to establish a qualified Technical Rescue Team, which can be fielded in times of emergent rescue, as well as a deployable Rapid Extrication Module Support (REMS) Team

Goals Established :

1. Hire mid-level Command Fire Captain, a position that is funded through our annual budget.
2. Expand training for our EMS Corp to include Emergency Medical Technician Level. This will increase the skill level to assist our on-duty firefighters. The implementation of our Support Group EMS Medical Corp has shown great promise of continued success. To achieve a greater level of service to our community we will recruit from current medically trained Support Group personnel to attend Emergency Medical Technician courses through local colleges.
3. We will be seeking a reassignment of an OES Type VI Engine. And investigate the purchase of a retired OES Type I engine. The engines come fully equipped with rescue equipment, hand tools, chain saws, nozzles and sundry equipment. These engines sell for about \$40,000 fully equipped. Purchasing a retired OES engine

- will provide the district a change in water supply platforms from 3" Supply lines to 4" + water supply capability, with a 1000-gallon tank and 1500 gpm pump.
4. We will also investigate the purchase of a new/used Tactical Water Tender for future mutual aid deployment. Increasing deployment to Mutual Aid Fires can increase income to the district as well as increase the annual income earned by our personnel, thus increasing potential draw and easier continued recruitment of personnel.
 5. Increase Support Group responsibilities and operational capabilities.
 6. To continue focus on building a resilient Fire Command capability with the goal of reducing the fiscal impacts of personnel costs on the Fire District. Looking to work with the El Dorado County Regional Fire Authority to increase command presence and oversight as we seek the most appropriate and cost-effective leadership for the Fire District.
 7. With the development of a resilient part time and volunteer command staff, it provides the Command and Managerial presence necessary to be successful in this endeavor.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Community Safety Training:

We will begin providing quarterly CPR Training to the Community, The first class to be held in January, date to be provided at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Department Training and Safety:

Firefighters will be undergoing operational ability evaluations. These evaluations are NFPA based standards established for equally trained, equipped and staffed Fire Departments. The reports generated will be done to maintain the District ISO rating.

Operations Report:

Water Tender 75 deployed to the Bridge Fire in Southern California. The deployment lasted 12 days earning the Fire District roughly \$55,000 in vehicle rental and administrative fees. This allowed our personnel to earn a considerable income paid by the state.

Calls for service:

Medical	11	Smoke Check	1
Structure Fire	1	Mutual Aid	
Veg/Debris Fires	3	Deployment	1

Equipment and Apparatus Status:

Ongoing evaluation of equipment and assets continue, as we identified Fire Apparatus Maintenance needs. Current Status of Equipment-

- Engine 75, in service, minor maintenance issues.
- Engine 275, out of service with electronic issues

- Water Tender 75 Is in service. Required the front tires to be replaced. It also requires the replacement of dashboard systems cluster, along with other maintenance issues.
- OES 4312, in service requiring minor maintenance issues

Recruitment & Retention:

Nothing to report

Public Recognition of Haven Little:

On August 25, there was a Structure Fire reported at 2809 Darr Court. The fire was the result of pyrolysis occurring in potting soil, better known as peatmoss.

If it were not for the quick decisive actions of one young resident of the house, the situation had the potential for loss of life and total destruction of the home.

Haven Little, made the difference that night. Smelling smoke, she investigated finding an active fire on the upstairs deck of the house. She immediately evacuated her younger sister then returned to the house spraying water from a garden hose onto the fire.

This action cooled the fire considerably, slowing its interior spread, keeping it in check until Fire District Personnel arrived on scene to fully extinguish, mop up and overhaul the fire. Due to her actions, damage to the house was minimal keeping the home habitable. All family members and pets were safe.

So tonight, I want to recognize Haven for her courage, and critical thinking that truly made the difference, saving her home and ensuring the safety of her family.

Fire Chief's Association/El Dorado County Regional Fire Authority:

A meeting of the County Chiefs occurred on Wednesday September 25. Information discussed included, upcoming changes to Fire Scope and State Mutual Aid process.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday Oct 5 - Support Group Training - 9am - Station 75

Fire Prevention Week! Open House - October 5th from 11am to 3pm – Station 75

Tuesday Oct 8 & 22 - Fire Training - 6pm - Station 75 (Public Welcome)

Wednesday Oct 23 - SCPOA Monthly Board Meeting - 6pm - Station 75

Thursday Oct 24 – Monthly D'Ax Board Meeting – 5:30 pm – Station 75

The next MFPD Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 pm at Station 75

MVFA UPDATE

by MVFA Board of Directors

FINNON LAKE RECREATION AREA

46th Gold Pan Open - Western States Disc Golf Championships



The 46th Gold Pan Open - Western States Disc Golf Championship was held at the Finnon Lake Recreation Area Disc Golf course on Saturday and Sunday September 21st and 22nd. This is a Professional Disc Golf Association-sanctioned singles tournament held annually. There are ten divisions of golfers with a pro purse of \$3183.00 being awarded. The event is hosted by Clifton Brison and Knecht Kimbodia. The division categories, number of entrants in each, awarded place winners and prize monies are listed below-

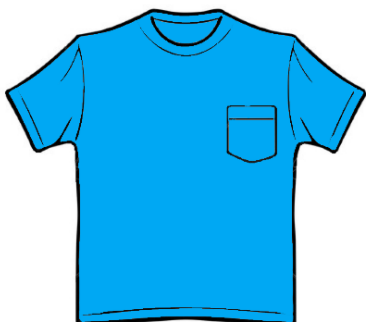
Division	Entrant	Score	Prize	Division	Entrant	Score
MPO · Mixed Pro Open (16)				MA1 · Mixed Amateur 1 (14)		
1	Andres De Loa	162	\$465	1	Kevin Omand	175
2	Tristan Cook	163	\$320	2	Carlos Rios	182
3	Dustin Evanger	165	\$230	3	Mitchell Conner	183
4	Nathan Welker	171	\$145	MA40 · Mixed Amateur 40+ (9)		
4	Peter Kean	171	\$145	1	Steven Roberts	198
4	Sam Minges	171	\$145	2	Chris McCole	199
7	Cameron Herron	176	\$91	2	Edward Elam	199
MP40 · Mixed Pro 40+ (11)				MA50 · Mixed Amateur 50+ (5)		
1	Joshua Stretch Cites	182	\$380	1	Tony Crabb	202
2	Zack Crooks	183	\$260	2	Ricky Reeves	208
3	Ben Buker	184	\$180	3	Ken Griffith	210
4	Joe Avansino	188	\$135	MA2 · Mixed Amateur 2 (27)		
5	Manuel Garcia	189	\$105	1	Adrian Lopez	193
MP50 · Mixed Pro 50+ (5)				2	Dylan Haumeder	193
1	Mike Griffith	178	\$300	3	Mathius Dealtonaga	196
2	Ron Skull Brown	192	\$182	MJ18 · Mixed Junior ≤18 (3)		
3	Keith Wolter	196		1	William Buker	218
MP60 · Mixed Pro 60+ (1)				2	Allison Menchaca	223
1	Todd Williams	200	\$100	3	Cody Buker	235
				MJ08 · Mixed Junior ≤8 (2)		
				1	Dalton Ohman	165
				2	Jack Buker	183

Campground Septic System

The campground restroom septic leach lines, which were likely installed by the state in the mid 1950's, have failed and need to be replaced. The MVFA Board has solicited a system design which has been completed along with multiple quotes for construction from local contractors. The construction project has been awarded and will cost \$10,500 to complete. This is another in a series of improvements that the current board has approved to upgrade the Finnon Lake Recreation Area campground and diner. We are pleased to be able to make these investments in our assets as a result of high demand at the campground and the benefit of our leasing space to Shimmick for the bridge replacement batch plant.

Diner/Pavilion Garden Area

Thanks to the efforts of MVFA board member volunteers and Jan Okumura the garden area around the diner and the pavilion has been replanted and renewed with fresh ground cover. The irrigation system has been repaired and expanded and new deer resistant plants have been added. These improvements make for a pleasant area to sit and enjoy the beauty of the lake and take a relaxing break.



MVFA SWAG

Explore MVFA's collection of Mosquito T-shirts and Sweatshirts, available in an array of sizes and colors. New colors and style choices have been recently added, so please check them out. Apparel and local phone books are conveniently for sale at the diner during regular business hours or at MVFA sponsored events.

For personalized orders, reach out to us at mvfa95667@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Winter Safety: Fireplaces & Wood Stoves

As the temperatures dip and the allure of a crackling fire grows, ensuring safe use of fireplaces and wood stoves becomes paramount. Here are key safety considerations:

1. **Regular Maintenance:** Before lighting up your first fire of the season, ensure your chimney is clean and free of obstructions. Have it inspected by a professional annually to prevent creosote build-up, which can lead to chimney fires.
2. **Proper Ventilation:** Always ensure that your fireplace or wood stove has proper ventilation. This prevents carbon monoxide buildup, which can be deadly. Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home and test them regularly.
3. **Use the Right Wood:** Burn seasoned hardwoods, as they produce less creosote and burn hotter than softwoods. Avoid burning painted or treated wood, which can release harmful chemicals.
4. **Fireplace Screens and Doors:** Use a metal screen or glass doors to keep embers from escaping into your living space. This can prevent accidental fires and protect pets and children from getting too close.
5. **Safe Storage of Ashes:** Store ashes in a metal container with a tight lid and place it outside, far from your home and any combustible materials. Even seemingly cold ashes can retain heat and ignite.
6. **Children and Pets:** Keep an eye on children and pets around open flames. Educate them about the dangers and set clear boundaries to keep them safe.
7. **Emergency Readiness:** Always have a fire extinguisher readily accessible and know how to use it. Additionally, make sure your family has an escape plan in case of a fire emergency.



Remember, with the right precautions, you can enjoy the warmth and beauty of your fireplace or wood stove all winter long, without compromising on safety.

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MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM

The MVFA Recycle Program continues to provide a valuable resource of funding for the Mosquito Fire Station to be utilized by the department at the Fire Chief's request. Your participation in this program is appreciated and is benefiting our fire department!

Please drop off bags of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) at the back of Station 75. Note: Lids and caps on plastic water bottles must be removed before they can be redeemed. Lids and caps can be included for redemption.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annual Fall Festival

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association is excited to host the annual Fall Festival at Finnon Lake Campground on Saturday, October 12th from 10am to 3pm. Please save the date to come out and enjoy this family fun community event featuring local vendors selling their goods. There will be arts and crafts, entertainment, kid activities, and many local safety agencies. Additionally, there will be a free lunch provided for all. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Registration for vendor booths will be open until September 30th. Please get in touch with us at mvfa95667@gmail.com for more information.

Please mark these future events on your calendar and plan to join us on these dates for fun and community comradery as well.

- Saturday, October 26, 2024 - Trunk-or-Treat at Station 75 - 6 pm - 8 pm
- Saturday, December 7, 2024 - Christmas Dinner at Station 75 - 5:30 pm **Free Dinner**



The next MVFA Board meeting will be on November 7 th at 3:00 pm at Station 75
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SCPOA REPORT

By Meredith Blain

The Swansboro Country Property Owners Association Board of Directors (SCPOA) meets monthly at the MFPD Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Dyer Lake and on the SCPOA website. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6pm. All SCPOA Members are invited to attend.

The SCPOA Board of Directors are busy wrapping up tasks planned for this year, including a roads maintenance survey, the Reserve Study and preparing next year's budget. Committees have other projects as well, and members are invited to attend committee meetings. Please check the SCPOA website for meeting dates.

Members of SCPOA can visit SCPOA.info, the official SCPOA website, and get information about upcoming meetings, meeting agendas and minutes, association bylaws, individual unit's DC&Rs, using the Swansboro Airport, and find information for use of common areas, and much, much more! If you have not requested a login for the SCPOA website, please send an email to Kpaulscpoa@gmail.com, or Melissa.bell@managementtrust.com to gain access.

DISTRICT AUXILIARY aka D'Ax

By Meredith Blain

The September pancake breakfast was a hit! The featured biscuits and gravy were delish, and the food went fast! Helpful hint for next time, show up early! We served the most food between 9 and 10 am. The next breakfast will be on November 16th, so mark your calendar now!



The District Auxiliary is working with Chief Dwyer to host an open house to kick off Fire Prevention Week! The event is on October 5th from 11am to 3pm. Hotdogs, chips, popcorn, lemonade and something sweet will be offered for free at noon! There will be goodies for the kids and an opportunity to have photos taken in a fire engine! Lots of information will be on hand about home safety and being prepared for a fire. There will be Firefighting 101 demonstration at 1pm! Residents can sign up for free smoke detector testing and residents can order a reflective house number (\$35) that when displayed will help firefighters find your property. So, come'on down and join the festivities!

In the aftermath of the Crozier fire, things seem relatively quiet at the station. Check the Chief's report for updates as there is plenty of things happening! Of note, Mosquito sent two firefighters to fight fires on a strike team. D'ax funded, shopped and shipped care packages for our firefighters. The packages had personal comfort items, some snacks, and homemade cookies prepared by Pat Johnson! The packages were well received and appreciated. Strike teams work is very hard, demanding and uncomfortable, and we hope this small token shows our appreciation, community support and love. This is just a small example of how Mosquito resident's generous donations are spent. Many thanks!

Hope to see you all on October 5th!

The District Auxiliary usually meets the same day as the MFPD Board of Directors Meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month, our next meeting will be October 24, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Please verify dates and times by checking the [MFPD.us](https://mfpd.us) website under the Meetings tab. Agendas and Minutes can be found under the Supporting Groups tab. All residents of Mosquito Fire Protection District are invited to attend District Auxiliary meetings.

Find us at [MFPD.us](https://mfpd.us). Email us at admin@dax-np.org.

CRAFTERS

By Natasha Cutter

Firehouse Crafters has been working on items for the November sale in Placerville at the Cold Springs Church. We will also be attending the Fall Festival at Fannon lake on October 12th. We meet on the last Friday of the month at 10:00am. We welcome new crafters to our meeting. If you do not have time to join our meetings, we also accept donations for our sales. All proceeds go to the Station 75 Fund used solely for the Mosquito Fire Department. For more information contact Natasha Cutter at mosquitocrafters@gmail.com or 831-435-0626.



BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for September. The next Bird Watch will be on the 12th of October. Our new starting time for Fall and Winter will be 9:00 A.M. at Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



Mallard	4	Belted Kingfisher	1	American Robin	2
California Quail	6	Acorn Woodpecker	20	Lesser Goldfinch	2
Wild Turkey	6	Black Phoebe	2	California Towhee	2
Pied-billed Grebe	4	California Scrub-Jay	5	Brewer's Blackbird	6
Mourning Dove	2	Western Bluebird	25	Great-tailed Grackle	10
American Coot	29			Taxa	16

SMOKE ON THE WATER

by Kirk Bronsord and Matt Ridgeway

Thanks for another good month where we hosted a 100 year birthday celebration and added new items to our menu.



now accepting credit cards, debit cards, and cash.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay tuned to our social media for the latest updates, menu highlights, and more exciting news about our diner.

We will continue to be open on weekends, with a dinner option available on Saturdays. The Saturday hours have been extended from 11 AM to 7 PM. We will also be transitioning to a fall seasonal menu. Come and see what's cooking!

There is now a contact number for Smoke on the Water: 530-622-1060 and we are

Diner Hours:

Monday - Friday - Closed

Saturday - 11 am - 7 pm

Sunday 9 am - 4 pm

(Breakfast served on Sunday only)

<https://www.facebook.com/smokeonthewaterplacervilleca>

COMMUNITY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots Association is partnering with El Dorado County's Hazardous Materials Program again to bring back the household hazardous waste collection day.

Saturday October 12th from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM at the Swansboro Airport parking area at Rock Creek and Sluice. This event requires an appointment for dropping off 530-621-5300



FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for Residents of El Dorado County

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Saturday October 12, 2024, 9am-12pm
Swansboro Country Airport
6770 Sluice St, Placerville

ACCEPTED WASTE

Automotive

- Used oil/oil filters
- Batteries
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline/Diesel
- Brake Fluid

Backyard

- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Pool/spa chemicals
- Charcoal lighter fluid/tiki oil
- Propane cylinders (5gallons or smaller)

House/Garage

- Paint/paint thinner
- Drain cleaners
- Aerosol products
- Roof tar
- Kerosene
- Batteries (all kinds)
- Mercury thermostats/
thermometers
- Home generated sharps (needles)

Electronic Waste

- Computers, printers, and monitors
- Televisions, microwave ovens
- VCR's, DVD players, stereos, cell
phones
- Fluorescent lamps (limit 10)

- The HHW collection event is by appointment only. Please call 530-621-5300, or email hhw@edcgov.us for an appointment time before 3:00pm Friday October 11, 2024.
- There is a 15 gallon or 125 pound limit per household
- Business waste will not be accepted
- Be safe with your waste: Do not mix materials. Keep all waste in their original containers with lids on tight. If a container is leaking, place in a sturdy plastic bag or bucket and label it. Transport waste in the rear of your truck or in the trunk of your car.
- For more information about the HHW program, please visit our website:

www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Public-Safety-Justice/Waste-Disposal/Hazardous-Materials-Program

**We Do Not Accept the Following: Empty Containers*
Tires* Business Waste* Commercial AG chemicals* Asbestos*
Radioactive waste* Welding/Oxygen cylinders* Propane
cylinders larger than 5 gal.* Explosives* Ammunition* Dried
paint* Hardened concrete* Large appliances and electronics
(freezers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, washers/
dryers)* Loads over 125 pounds or 15 gallons.**



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front and rear, complete from wheel to wheel with springs. Must pick up in Swansboro. Call 669-254-0456

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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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OXBOW FIREWOOD \$375 for hardwood, \$300 for softwood. Delivery on the hill gratis. Are you cold? Call the Ox at 916-862-7511

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2012 HARLEY-DAVIDSON SPORTSTER 883

Super low mileage Original 875 miles
New Michelin Tires, New Drive Belt
Just serviced, New Battery, Freshly Detailed email
daviddudleyca@comcast.net

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.

SERVICES

GOLDIE LOCS OF LOVE - Loc creation / extension installation / decoration / maintenance kelsvanfleet@gmail.com 916-295-9059

NOTARY SERVICES ON THE HILL

Contact Devon at: 510-719-1247.

FIREWOOD

Tired of paying outrageous prices for wood? I will cut and split downed trees and/or rounds for you. Call Daniel @ 530-919-8878

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.

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General contractor 530-903-1869
Decks, fences, siding, flooring, and more.
5% senior or veteran's discount.
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FLORIST ON THE HILL

"I am your community florist providing long lasting flowers for all occasions. We ALWAYS deliver FREE on the hill! Stop by and check out our collection of Honey House products, gifts, jewelry, & handmade cards. Also offering flower subscriptions specifically created for you. Call me Elaine Galvan 530-295-0503 for all your floral needs."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

OCTOBER 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	4	5 Support Group Training 9am Station 75 Open House- 11am to 3pm – Station 75
6 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	7	8 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	9	10	11	12 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, day use area 9am Fall Festival at FLRA 10 am to 3pm
13 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	21	22 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	23 SCPOA Board Meeting 6pm Station 75	24 D'Ax Board Meeting 5:30pm MFPD Board Meeting 7:00pm Station 75	25 Crafters Meeting 10am	26 Trunk-or-Treat at Station 75 - 6 pm - 8 pm
27 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	28	29	30	31		

The MOSQUITO BYTE is mailed first class to subscribers each month. A subscription is \$15.00 per year, with a two-year maximum pre-pay. Please mail your check, payable to MVFA, to 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville, CA, 95667. The deadline for advertising and articles is the 19th of each month. It is also posted on the www.goMVFA.org website each month.

Editors have the right to edit, limit, or refuse any article submitted for publication. Authors are responsible for article accuracy and their opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the MVFA Board of Directors or the editors.

MVFA is organized as a non-profit tax-exempt entity and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fundraisers and rents and fees at Fannon Lake - which it owns. MVFA receives no tax revenues, nor any dues money from SCPOA. As per IRS mandate, MVFA gives no cash nor has any financial connection to any non-501(c)(3) organization or to the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates primarily with volunteers who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, please become a volunteer. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

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 Fannon 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.

ADVERTISING POLICY

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