

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.



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**Going Away for the
Winter?**
If so, it's important to
winterize your pipes.
See page 3 for tips on
how to do that.



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Check out PMC's website at www.pinemountainclub.net

Chimney Fire Safety Information from PMC Patrol

Patrice Stimpson, PMC Patrol Chief

The recent house fires have reminded us that we can never be too vigilant regarding fire prevention. The following advice is from the Chimney Safety Institute of America.

Chimney fires are a dangerous and serious problem to have, but the good news is that they are also almost entirely preventable. You must be careful to only burn materials that are ready and meant to be burned. For example, only use seasoned, dry wood, newspapers and dry kindling.

Burning cardboard boxes, regular trash or wrapping paper will cause the creation of excess creosote and put your home and family in danger. While using the correct fuel is important, a chimney fire can still occur even after taking these precautions. Creosote is a black or brown residue that can be crusty and flaky, tar-like, drippy and sticky, or shiny and hardened. At first, the buildup may be light and easy to remove. But with each fire you burn in your fireplace, creosote can build up, thicken, and glaze.

You may also have a chimney fire and never know it until it is too late. Besides the raging blazes, slow-burning fires can also take place within the chimney walls and you may nev-

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STR Owners: You Must Have 2 Permits for Filming

Short-term-rental property owners who are advertising their homes for use as film locations, please note the following: Any filming, exterior or interior, within PMC must have a Kern County film permit AND a PMC film permit. Filming without a PMC film permit may lead to a citation being issued and a fine being imposed.

For information on the PMC Film Permit, contact Liz Venegas at 661-242-3788, ext. 223. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Please Sign up for ReadyKern Notifications

To sign up for ReadyKern, Kern County's emergency notification system, please visit <http://www.readykern.com/> or the express sign-up page at <https://kerncountyfire.org/readykern-express-signup-form/>. In the event of an emergency, participants in this program receive text messages about the alerts they select when signing up.

According to the Kern County ReadyKern website page, messages are sent to all standard voice and text communication devices, including land-line phones, cell phones, email, and more. If you don't confirm receipt of the message, the system will try to reach your second contact number or email. The system will continue trying to contact you until it receives a confirmation from you.

To receive these important communications from Kern County, residents and business owners must register the voice and text communication devices where they wish to receive messages.

Our World of Nature

The Treasures of Hudson Ranch Road

Lynn Stafford with Liz Buchroeder

Just west of Pine Mountain Club there exists a rural road that displays some of the splendor and wildness of California that



Fig. 1: Tule elk have been reintroduced to nearby Wind Wolves Preserve, and are expanding their range.

was widespread a few hundred years ago. Hudson Ranch Road is a 23-mile winding descent of almost 3000 feet of elevation from forest to grassland. The land to the side of the road is either privately owned ranch land, protected Condor refuge or national forest. This route is often used to go to Taft or the coast. However, making the road a destination itself can allow one to enjoy the spectacular views and the plants and animals of this area. This can be done by driv-

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January is the Deadliest Month for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely in your home. Heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be a source of carbon monoxide poisoning.

In May 2010, the state of California enacted a law requiring homeowners to install carbon monoxide detectors in their homes and apartments. All new homes and remodels must have hard-wired detectors with battery backup. In older homes, detectors should be plug-in, with battery backup. CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height. Test the CO and smoke alarms once a month.

How Can I Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in my Home?

- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors.
- Never use a generator inside your home, basement or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent; fatal levels of carbon monoxide can be produced in just minutes.
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned every year, and make sure your fire-place damper is open before lighting a fire and well after the fire is extinguished.
- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly.
- Never use a gas oven for heating your home.
- Never let a car idle in the garage.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning (dizziness, nausea, headache, weakness).

Steps to Take When Carbon Monoxide Alarm Sounds

- Never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm.
- Immediately move outside to fresh air.
- Call 911.
- Do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for.
- Do not reenter the premises until emergency responders have given you the permission to do so.

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***Thank you,
Karin Shulman, GM***

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The PMCPOA Board of Directors meets on the third Saturday of every month at 10 am in the Condor Room of the Clubhouse. All members are invited to attend the open session. The executive session is a closed meeting for the discussion of and action on legal and personnel matters, third party contracts, and member-requested hearings.

Members may request copies of the open Board Meeting minutes. These requests should be made in writing to the Corporate Secretary. There is a charge per page for making copies of the minutes.

Tips on How to Winterize Your Home, from the Water Company

Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company

In either case following, if you are not sure of how your system works or, for some reason, you desire to have the water shut off at the meter, REMEMBER: ONLY Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company personnel can operate the valve at the meter and will do so upon request. The homeowner use of this valve is a violation of section #11 of the General Provisions of Rules, Regulations and Rates of Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company.



Shutting it Down for an Extended Period

1. Shut off the water supply outside the home.
2. Open the outside hose-bib.
3. Open all inside faucets at the sink, lavatory and bathtub.
4. Shut off the breaker switch that only applies to the water heater.

5. If the water heater is electric, do not drain the water out.

6. If the water heater is gas, set the thermostat to vacation or pilot.

7. Pour approximately 1 tablespoon or less of food-grade antifreeze into the toilet bowl and the same amount into the tank and flush the toilet. Then pour another tablespoon or less into the water standing in the toilet. (The tank should be left empty. Overuse of food grade antifreeze may hinder septic tank function).

8. Pour 1 tablespoon or less of food-grade antifreeze into the sink, lavatory and bathtub drains.

9. Insulate any exposed piping on the service side of the main water shut-off valve to the house, including any that are

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er know these fires are going on. These fires may burn silently, but their silence is no indication of the harm they may cause; slow-burning fires burn at incredibly high temperatures and can cause serious structural damage to the chimney as well as nearby walls of the home.

This is why annual chimney inspections and cleanings are a critical part of home maintenance.

If your chimney is clean, there will not be a fire; therefore, regular inspections and cleanings are necessary to ensure you and your home have a safe and happy winter season.



Sample photo of chimney fire damage.

How to View the Clubhouse Renovation Project Town Hall Meeting

If you have not yet viewed the recording of the Town Hall about the clubhouse renovation project, please do so as soon as possible. It will not only address some of the costs involved, but also provide a historical perspective of recent efforts to improve the facilities.

Please view the meeting here: <https://youtu.be/hKJmGZFatl8>.

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Christmas fun in Pine Mountain Club

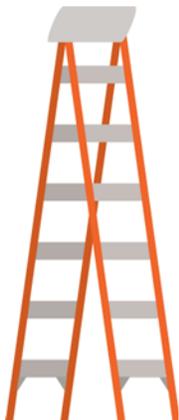


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under the floors of the house. Wrap pipes with polyurethane, a minimum of 2" thick, and bind with duct tape or equivalent to below its entry into the earth. "Heat tapes" can be used and are available locally.

Temporary Winterizing

1. Leave the heat on inside the home with the thermostat set at the lowest setting that will assure its operation during the coldest periods (it must be set to maintain home above freezing. This will minimize power costs and yet prevent freezing of the house and pipes).

2. Shut the water off at the outside source.

3. Open the outside hose bib.

4. Open all inside faucets at the sink, lavatory and bathtub.

5. Shut off the electric breaker only to the water heater.

6. Heat tape is a preferred source to prevent freezing of exterior piping (entire length of all exterior pipe wrapped with heat tape including that under the house) or insulate as described in #9 for extended periods. The insulation in lieu of heat tape is more economical and can be left on the exposed piping all year.

You should winterize your unit selecting the method that will best suit your usage. If you are planning on coming up several times a month, then it is suggested that you only do a temporary winterizing of your unit. If you are going to leave your home for a more extended period, then it would normally be best to completely winterize the home using the extended winter-

izing procedure.

In either case, you must not leave the water running at the hose bib or inside your home as this will cause other problems, including possible backup of your septic system and undermining of your home's support footings, icing of your driveway and the association streets.

Leaving the water running will waste water and cost more for power and is a violation of Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company's rules, regulations and rates. Section #4, general provisions. In such a case, the water will be shut off by the company at the meter with all responsibility and damages at the expense of the homeowner.

PMCPOA Transfer Site Hours:

8:30am - 5pm Daily

Reminders:

*** For PMC residents/guests only; please bring your member or guest card.**

*** Four vehicles at a time at the site; please wait your turn outside.**

*** Please secure your trash before heading to the site.**

*** Please do not leave trash outside the gate of the Transfer site. It is for your safety (from the bears protecting the food in trash bags left for them outside the gate) and for the safety of the animals, who will tear into the bags and make a big mess while eating something they shouldn't eat. Please hold your trash until the site reopens the next morning.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

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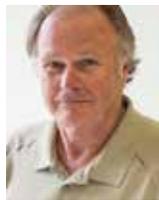
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A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

Happy New Year! As we look ahead to 2023, I'd like to provide another update regarding the progress toward the remodel and revitalization of the clubhouse complex. We will be mailing a survey to members this month. In that survey, we plan to have approximate costs for the completion of the project. We will be asking members if they prefer a vote for a one-time special assessment to avoid any debt to the association or if they prefer an increase in the annual assessment that may cover a 15-year loan.



It's important to understand these will be "approximate costs" because we are still working to confirm numbers and the plans have not been submitted yet to general contractors in a bid package where the true numbers will be better known.

We also cannot confirm an interest rate with a lender until plans are approved and

permitted but we will share a rate within the survey to enable members the opportunity to get a better look at potential numbers for a one-time special assessment or increase for the annual assessment – and we will openly share with members that these numbers are estimates and not actual costs and those numbers could vary upward or downward as we proceed.

Based on the response of members to the survey, the board will consider placing a one-time special assessment on the June ballot to avoid a loan where we would need 50% plus one of the membership to approve that assessment – not a simple majority of the members casting their votes. That vote would require over 1,400 members to approve. We should have a better idea of the costs if and when the issue is placed on the ballot.

Since the Town Hall and the board meeting in November, a few members have responded with concerns about the necessity

for a new kitchen and new space for our employees. I remind members that during the workshop conducted in July 2021, the members participating clearly prioritized both the kitchen and new space for staff and recommended the overall plans as presented. It was important to these members and others to have a bigger, more efficient kitchen to serve members on the same level as the dining and the members believed in making better accommodations for our staff to serve the members. The other directors and I agree with them.

When you receive your survey, please read the information carefully, consider the options, and provide your input to assist the board in determining the best way to proceed.

Be safe, stay healthy, and please be positive.

A Message from the Chairman - January 2023 is based on the Chairman's Report from the Dec. 17, 2022 Board Meeting.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Dec. 17, 2022. Complete minutes are available at the business office or online at www.pinemountainclub.net after their approval at the next board meeting. In the regular open meeting, Chairman Bill Lewis II called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eight directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Bill Lewis II, Ellen McClellan, and Phyllis Throckmorton. Director Steve Burkett was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of Dec. 17, 2022, be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve

the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

There were zero (0) committee applications for approval.

Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's report. General Manager Shulman presented the General Manager's report. Director McClellan presented the Treasurer's report.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to ratify the Association's November 2022 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were three (3) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

There were zero (0) cottage industry permits requested.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SEC-**

OND by Director McClellan to approve **RESOLUTION #01-12-17-2022** as follows: 3.06 No person shall willfully or negligently litter, or deface, injure or destroy property or equipment of the Association. Members may be held liable for the full cost of the loss and/or remediation for violations of this section. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve **RESOLUTION #01-12-17-2022** as follows: 7.10 No person shall expose wildlife to any toxic substance or a container that contained any toxic substance such as, but not limited to, poisons, automotive fluids, household chemicals or other harmful substances that may attract or harm wildlife. A. The use of glue boards and/or glue traps outdoors is prohibited. Directors Ballard, Gabriel, Gilbert, Hoyt-Voelker, and Throckmorton opposed. Directors Acosta and McClellan approved. **MOTION** failed.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SEC-**

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Treasurer's Report

A full financial packet is available for viewing at <https://www.pinemountainclub.net/group/pages/financials>

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
As of November 30, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,156,690	2,151,930	4,760	
Operations/Maintenance	154,512	116,455	38,057	
Social Activity	309,857	322,365	(12,508)	
Projects	25,503	23,750	1,753	
Interest Income (Operating)	5,098	9,157	(4,059)	
Total Revenue	2,651,660	2,623,657	28,003	
Payroll Summary				
Wages	(982,213)	(1,019,657)	37,444	
Benefits	(161,454)	(158,245)	(3,209)	
Taxes	(79,066)	(86,907)	7,841	
Worker's Comp	(24,331)	(42,383)	18,052	
Total Payroll Expense	(1,247,064)	(1,307,192)	60,128	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	(981,177)	(1,032,699)	51,521	
Social Activity	(170,375)	(175,930)	5,555	
Operating Projects	(5,525)	(60,000)	54,475	
Designated Fund Projects	(92,252)	(101,471)	9,218	
Reserve Contribution	(228,000)	(228,000)	0	
Total Operating Expenses	(1,477,330)	(1,598,099)	120,769	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(220,120)	(220,120)	0	
Assets purchased	0	0	0	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	13,030	0	13,030	
Total Other Transactions	(207,090)	(220,120)	13,030	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(279,825)	(501,754)	221,929	
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,695,620	4,673,568	22,052	0.47%
22/23 Assessment Collection Update	5,168,214	4,999,057	169,157	3%
Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2022 *	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	0	352,394	(124,703)	227,691
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,604,661			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	4,175,213			

Respectfully Submitted



Ellen McClellan / Treasurer
December 17, 2022

* Due to the auditor's recommendation during the 21/22 audit, the Reserve fund beginning balance has been moved to contract liability. See Reserve financial statement for more detail.

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

We have had a good 2022. We haven't had to wear masks in a while. We have found a couple of places to capture surface water when it rains or snows that will feed into Fern's Lake and the upper pond. We have had some fire mitigation done behind and around the campground, and the Fire Safe Council has been hosting monthly Zoom meetings on fire mitigation and how to make your home fire safe. Guest speakers have included So Cal Edison, FEMA, the Kern County Fire Chief and others.

I bring this up because we had two homes burn down on Freeman a few weeks ago. This is a tragedy for the homeowners, but fortunately, there was no loss of life. We had an email out by 6 a.m. that day and still had many complaints. Unfortunately, we live in a world where people tend to be reactive and

not proactive. We have brochures in the clubhouse with information on what to do in a disaster, and there is a page with information on our website at <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/living-in-pmc>. It is time to be pro-active. Have a To-Go Bag ready for each family member and pets. Have your most important documents in one place and easy to grab if we have to evacuate. Come to the special meetings that are hosted by Emergency Preparedness in the Spring. Jump on Zoom for the Fire Safe Council meetings.

The other thing the association is doing is looking into Robo Calls. We will be sending out the annual Member Update Form so members can update phone numbers and addresses, and opt-in for Robo Calls and email blasts. Be aware that once you, yourself unsubscribed to the email blast, you (yourself) must re-subscribe. To do so, you need to call the office to have the link

forwarded to you to re-subscribe, or you can give us a new email address to use to start receiving the email blasts again.

I want to thank the board for their hard work this year. Our board is a working board, and the members take their positions very seriously. Some of the directors at times have put in 40 hours a week. It is a non-paid, thankless job, and I personally appreciate our directors and all their support.

I wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year!

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1. \$1500 for EC Code 7.13C (exterior fire, 2nd violation)
2. \$250 for Rule 4.11 (unleashed dog)
3. \$500 for Rule 4.11 (unleashed dog, 2nd violation)
4. \$250 for Rule 12.05 (dog on golf course)
5. \$500 for Rule 4.12 (dog on other's property, 2nd violation)
6. \$2000 for EC Code 7.17 (maintenance of lot, 3rd violation)

7. \$250 for EC Code 7.13A (weeds, brush, fire hazard)
8. \$250 for EC Code 7.17 (maintenance of lot)
9. \$750 for Rule 4.11 (unleashed dog, 2nd violation)
10. \$250 for EC Code 7.18 (noxious activities)
11. \$250 for Rule 3.13 (unauthorized use of Association property)
12. \$500 for EC Code 7.13C (exterior fire)
13. \$1000 for Rule 3.10 (abusive behavior)

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OND by Director Gilbert to approve the Communications Committee Charter. MOTION carried.

The board sent and received thirty-nine (39) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Jan. 21, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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CHP Lebec: (661) 248-6655

CHP Roads: (800) 427-7623

CHP Traffic Accidents: (661) 334-3913 or (661) 864-4444; on Weekends (661) 864-4400

US Forest Service: (661) 245-3449

23 News 24-hour Weather Line: (661) 637-1010

Want to Talk With the Board Chairman?

If members would like to speak with the Chairman of the PMC Board of Directors, there is a way in which to do so.

Chairman Bill Lewis II meets with members, primarily via phone or email, to provide members with the opportunity to vent, inform, question, enlighten, propose a solution or put an end to issues and concerns they believe the Board should know about.

To speak with Chairman Lewis II, contact the Business Office, or send inquiries or comments via email to pmcboard@pmcpoa.com. When sending emails, please put "Attention: Chairman Lewis" in the subject line. Please note that all meetings with the chairman must be approved by the general manager.

Prep Your Car for Winter With Traction Equipment

If you don't already have them, now is a good time to purchase snow chains for your vehicle. You will need to carry chains in your car, even if you have all-wheel or 4-wheel drive. There have been times when the highway patrol wouldn't let drivers into PMC without chains. Below is a list of places where you can purchase chains:

- Ace Hardware – Frazier Park
- CarQuest Auto Parts – Lebec
- O'Reilly Auto Parts - Castaic
- Walmart - Stevenson Ranch
- Amazon
- Or check out getting Spider Spikes – visit <https://spikes-spider.com>

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COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

PMCPOA welcomes member input. Drop ideas off in the CCC Box in the Clubhouse Lobby, or click on the "CCC Box" menu item on the members'-only side of the PMC website at www.pinemountainclub.net. Anonymous submissions will not be published, and individual submissions of a more personal nature that don't pertain to the membership in general may not be published.

There were no CCCs submitted for publication this month.

PMC Golf Course Snow Play Reminder

Please remember that the PMC Golf Course must have a least 6" of snow on it before anyone can sled or play on the Golf Course. Please do not go onto the Golf Course after it snows unless there is 6" or more snow on it. It will be monitored closely, and people will be asked to leave if less than 6" of snow have fallen.



- Mailbox pick-up
- Grocery pick-up
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Please Don't Bring Hot Ashes to the PMC Transfer Site

Please Help! We cannot accept hot ashes at the Transfer Site! Please water your ashes down before you place them in the large gray ash container.

Hot ashes cause problems for Mountain Disposal related to hauling it out of PMC. The landfill could begin refusing to receive ashes from PMCPOA. Once again, we ask for your help. If you arrive at the Transfer Site with hot ashes, staff will ask you to water them down in your container prior to disposal.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please remember to provide your post office box number to anyone who is sending you something. The PMC Post Office receives a lot of mail that has to be returned to the sender because it does not have a post office box number on it.

The editorial and advertising deadline for the February 2023 Condor is Monday, Jan. 16, 2023.

Content can be submitted to the editor at rwilde@pmcpoa.com. or dropped off, mailed or emailed to the PMCPOA Business Office.

Science & History Fair

The Peak to Peak Mountain Charter School Science and History Fair will take place on Thursday, Jan. 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Condor Room. Come check out what our talented local school kids have created!

Condor Cafe Hours

Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday - Sunday
8 am to 2 pm

Wednesday - Saturday:
Breakfast 8-11 / Lunch 11-2

Sunday:
Breakfast 8-12 / Lunch 12-2

The Condor Café is open for inside dining for breakfast and lunch. Patio seating is available weather permitting. Takeout is also available; please call 661-242-2233.

Dinner

Mon/Thur Night Football
Menu

4 to 7:30 pm

Fridays and Saturdays

4 to 8:30 pm

The Condor Lounge is open for dinners on Mondays and Thursdays from 4-7:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays 4-8:30pm. (The Bar is also open Thursdays through Saturdays.) Walk-ins are welcome. If you have a party of four or more, we require a reservation. You can call the café any time during our hours of operation at 661-242-2233 to place your reservation with a server.

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ing slowly and stopping at some of the unmarked pull-outs along the way. This bull tute elk surveys its hilly terrain (Fig. 1, on page 1).



Fig. 2: The single-leaf pinyon is the most common conifer in the scrub woodlands.

Two miles west of Pine Mountain Club, Mil Potrero Highway becomes Hudson Ranch Road at the Apache Saddle Fire Station. From there to Highway 33/166 at the lower end of Hudson Ranch Road, there are no residences except for a few ranches. This route begins at 6000 feet in elevation. The Jeffrey Pine forest soon changes to

Photographers

Most of the photographs were taken by Bill and Liz Buchroeder. The condor was found by Mary McDevitt, and the kestrel was provided by Randy Cushman.

Thank you, photographers!

thick stands of Pinyon Pine (Fig. 2), juniper (Fig. 3) and various shrubs. The California scrub-jay (Fig. 4) is at home here. The views



Fig. 3: This berry-laden juniper creates food and shelter for a variety of wildlife.

are of vast wildlands that are little changed from pre-historic days (Fig. 5). Many animals live here, mostly unseen. If one is patient and fortunate, the California condor may be seen soaring above the canyons (Fig. 6).



Fig. 4: A scrub-jay perches near a pinyon that may provide pine nuts.

As the elevation lowers, brush and trees give way to grasslands (Fig. 7). The road snakes its way down the slopes. Slow and careful driving will avoid the occasional rattlesnake (Fig. 8) and tarantula (Fig. 9) crossing the road.



Fig. 5: Pristine wild ridges form a background for California buckwheat.

This is raptor country, especially in winter when migrants arrive. Hawks, falcons and eagles often perch on utility poles or



Fig. 6: The California condor has returned from near extinction.

fence posts. The red-tailed hawk (Fig. 10) is very common and easy to locate. Another permanent resident is the American kestrel (Fig. 11). Prairie falcons (Fig. 12) are occasionally seen.

This is a very special road with a taste of early California (13). One should be prepared and cautious.

Although it is not heavily traveled, a few drivers like to speed through the curves. It is important to park only in pull-outs that allow the vehicle to be completely off the pavement. Most of the land is off-limits for visitation, but the views from the road are

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excellent. There are no public facilities on this stretch, and the weather and road conditions can vary greatly. Enjoy!



Fig. 7: Santiago Creek passes through the private Wind Wolves Preserve.



Fig. 8: If possible, avoid driving over any snakes. They all are important inhabitants.



Fig. 9: In October, male tarantulas can be seen on the road searching for females.



Fig. 10: This red-tailed hawk may be looking for small rodents.



Fig. 11: American kestrels hunt for insects from perches over grasslands.



Fig. 12: It takes patience to find the prairie falcon.



Fig. 13: Hudson Ranch Road winds its way through undeveloped natural lands.

GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

10-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pavilion

Second/Fourth/Fifth Wednesdays

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone . Pool Pavilion

First Thursday

6:00 pm . Quilt Guild Business Mtg . Pool Pav (April through December)

Every Friday

9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More Pool Pavilion

PMC Amateur Radio Club Meets on Third Sunday

The Pine Mountain Amateur Radio Club (PMARC) meets the third Sunday of every month at 2pm in the Pavilion. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call the office at 242-3788 or contact Tom Yancey at (661) 242-1094 or tomlyancey@gmail.com.



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There is no fishing allowed in Fern's Lake after the gate is closed at dusk. And NO swimming, rafting or playing is allowed in the lake at any time.

Pickle Ball

Mon, 9-11am

Wed, 7-9pm

Sat, 9-11am

Pickleball players generally gather to play during the above days and times. Times are subject to change.

If the courts are not being used, anyone can come down and play outside of scheduled pickleball times, whether it be tennis or pickleball.

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Saturday nights 7-11pm

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Friday, Jan. 6

**6-9pm -- Cary Park
(Singer/Songwriter Who Plays Classic Rock & Country)**

Saturday, Jan. 7

7-11pm -- Dave Wilson Band (Country)

Friday, Jan. 13

**6-9pm -- Steve Wilkinson
(Hipster Fun)**

Saturday, Jan. 14

**7-11pm -- Steve Hill
(Country, Master Fiddle Player)**

Friday, Jan. 20

**6-9pm -- Jeffrey Bretz
(Classic Rock, Country & Oldies)**

Saturday, Jan. 21

**7-11pm -- Journey in Time
(‘60s & ‘70s Soft Rock, Folk & Country)**

Friday, Jan. 27

**Asher and Friends
(Folksy & Mellow)**

Saturday, Jan. 28

Bandit

(Mix of Classic Rock, Blues & Country)

Condor Lounge Hours

Mon/Thu, 4-10 p.m.

Fri, 4-11 p.m.

Sat, 4-11 p.m.

Football happy hour

4-10pm Mon/Thu

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Wood Pellet Orders Resume in January; Single Bags Offered

Let's Live Local, a Mountain Communities non-profit, offers wood pellet delivery to PMC.

Golden Fire Wood Pellets are delivered 2 tons at a time to your PMC lot. Two tons equals 100 40-pound bags on two 4 x 5 pallets. Deliveries are scheduled by area of PMC to reduce delivery time and cost.

Orders can be paid by check, cash, money order and Venmo. Deliveries resume Tuesday, Jan.10, weather permitting. Count your remaining wood pellet bags and place your order ASAP. Full-time residents, estimate 20-31 bags for January, 10-28 bags for February, 10-31 bags for March, 10-20 for April, 2-6 bags for May.

If you are interested in wood pellet delivery, please call Vicky at 661-242-6988 with your name, phone number and cross-streets.

Lets Live Local also offers single bags of pellets \$7.30 per bag. Contact Debra at (310) 704-9020 to pay (check, cash or Venmo) and arrange for pickup if interested in single bags.

Firewood Stacking:

Firewood should be stacked neatly, with as few voids as possible, at least 10 feet from the structure and should have surface fuels removed (pine needles, etc.), at least 3 feet around. Earth-tone tarps are acceptable if securely fastened.

Rec Room Hours:

**Fall/Winter Hours
12-5pm Fri, Sat, Sun
and school holidays**

**(Rec Room open 1/16/23 for
Martin Luther King Day)**

Arts and Crafts for Kids

**Sundays, 3-5pm
PMC Clubhouse Rec Room**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Most committees meet live. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.

Friday, Jan. 6 (First Friday)

**DARK Greens and Grounds Pro Shop
2 pm Environmental Control Condor Room**

Saturday, Jan. 7 (First Saturday)

**9 am Governing Documents ZOOM
1 pm Planning Pavilion**

Tuesday, Jan. 3 (First Tuesday)

6 pm Communications ZOOM

Wednesday, Jan. 18 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

5 pm Budget & Finance Condor Room

Saturday, Jan. 21 (Third Saturday)

10 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room

Saturday, Jan. 28 (Fourth Saturday)

**9 am Emergency Preparedness Pavilion
10:30 am CERT CERT Facility**

Member & Guest Card Information

If you have any questions regarding member cards, guest cards, pool key cards, or member card stickers, please call (661) 242-3788, ext. 225, or email to adminclerk@pmcpoa.com Monday through Friday.

Have you ordered your new (copper-colored) guest cards yet? Please call 661-

242-3788, ext. 225 or stop by the business office to put in your request. The Orange guest cards are no longer valid.

Please remember to always carry your member or guest card with you in PMC. You may be asked to present it at the Transfer Site or in the Clubhouse.

Also, if you are asked to show your ID in the Lounge, please do so, otherwise you will not be served any alcoholic drinks. Thank you.

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