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Emergency Preparedness Radio Safety Net

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The PMC community has always pulled together to assist one another in times of emergency.

To improve our Emergency Preparedness Committee's efforts, PMCPOA is starting a **Radio Safety Net (RSN)**. This will link volunteers across PMC, who monitor situations in their own neighborhoods and exchange critical information with fellow RSN members, Patrol, and local agencies. When other communication lines are down, this system is a vital lifeline.

We are recruiting volunteers throughout PMC right now! We will teach you everything you need to know about obtaining, setting up, and using specified radios [FRS and GMRS] to help keep our community connected.

To learn more or sign up for the PMC RSN call 661-241-3754, click or scan the QR code:



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Family Game Night
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 information.



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Our World of Nature

Lockwood Valley Road

Lynn Stafford with Liz and Bill Buchroeder

Starting at Lake of the Woods, Lockwood Valley Road runs southward through 10 miles of rural valleys surrounded by natural scrub and tree vegetation (Fig. 1). The valleys are along Cuddy Creek to the north and Lockwood Creek to the south. Church-



Fig. 1: Lockwood Valley Road looking north towards Tecuya Ridge

update Ranger Station is located near the northern end of the road. The valleys have a rich history of human occupation. At present, there are scattered ranches and rural homes.

These valleys still contain remnants of the original grassland present before modern human development. This article will focus on birds of this area that indicate the presence of grassland habitat. PMC residents Liz and Bill Buchroeder often travel this route. All the photographs in this article were taken by Bill Buchroeder.

Environmental biologists often mention indicator or keystone species. These are species of animals or plants whose presence in a given habitat means



Fig. 2: This barbed-wire fence allows birds to observe, advertise, and look for food.

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Introducing the New PMCPOA Q&A

In an effort to address various questions being asked regarding a variety of topics involving the Association, PMCPOA has begun a new Q&A series on our path toward better communications and transparency. The Q&A will be used to answer some of those questions as best as possible. The first installment is on the association website here: <https://pinemountainclub.net/group/pages/member-faq>. This is on the members' side of the website, so you must be logged in to read the Q&A.

Navigating the Roads: Safety Tips for Driving in PMC

Joe Ladin, PMCPOA Environmental Officer

Due to ongoing and recent incidents involving dangerous vehicular situations, it is important that we review some safety tips for driving in PMC. Ensuring safety on our narrow roads requires a unique set of considerations. Here are some essential tips for safe driving in PMC:

1. Respect One-Way Streets — PMC has narrow, winding roads with the occasional one-way road restriction. It's crucial to pay attention to signage and adhere to designated traffic flow. Avoid the temptation to take shortcuts by going down one-way streets the wrong way, as this can lead to accidents and confusion.

2. Be Mindful of Wildlife — Driving in rural areas brings you closer to nature, and encounters with wildlife are not uncommon. Be vigilant, especially during dawn and dusk when animals are more active. Reduce your speed in areas with warning signs and remember that sudden movements can startle animals. This not only safeguards the wildlife but also ensures your safety on the road.

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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 plugged in with battery backup. 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 you light a fire and well after the fire is extinguished.
- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly.
- If you use a propane camping stove inside a home only do so with good ventilation. Have a couple of windows open.
- Never let a car idle in the garage.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: Low to moderate carbon monoxide poisoning causes headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. High levels of carbon monoxide poisoning cause mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness and death.

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 re-enter the premises until emergency responders have given you permission to do so.

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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.

PMCP OA Patrol Service Calls for November

Compiled by Patrice Stimpson, Patrol Chief

During the month of November 2023, Patrol responded to 330 calls for service. Observations and calls included:

STR		#	YTD (fiscal)
0	Enforcement	65	350
0	Citations	5	19
	Written Warnings	0	1
	Incident Reports	0	1
	Public Assists	146	782
	House/alarm checks	22	74
	Agency Assists	11	40
	Animal Control	11	34
	Conflicts	1	20
	Deaths reported	1	5
	General complaints	20	96
	Injury	1	2
	Medical	0	0
	Suspicious incidents	6	47
	Traffic incidents	4	9
	Welfare checks	8	16
	Wildlife	29	541
	STR CALL TOTALS	0	5
	Other:		
	Other:		

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3. Horse Sense on the Road — In PMC, it's not unusual to share the road with equestrians. Give them ample space and reduce your speed when passing. Be patient and wait for a safe opportunity to overtake, ensuring minimal disturbance to these slower-moving road users. Additionally, honking or sudden loud noises can startle horses, so maintain a calm and composed driving demeanor.

5. Pedestrian Awareness — PMC often has vibrant community life, with locals frequently walking or cycling along roadways. Exercise extra caution at crosswalks and intersections and be prepared for unexpected pedestrian movements. Slow down in residential areas and be attentive to children playing near the streets.

6. Mind Your Speed — Maintain a moderate speed that allows you to react quickly to unexpected situations. PMC may have obscured driveways, intersections, or pedestrians around corners. Adhering to speed limits and adjusting your speed based on road conditions ensures a safer driving experience for you and others.

Respecting local traffic rules, being mindful of wildlife and horses, and staying aware of your surroundings will help make your drive through PMC a pleasant and safe experience.

For more information, please feel free to contact me at ECOfficer@pmcpoa.com or 661-242-3788.

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 adminclerk@pmcpoa.com Monday through Friday.

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.

Wishing you happy holidays and a happy New Year!

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PMC's Snow Berm Removal Procedure

PMCPOA Staff

During the winter months, our Association faces many weather-related challenges. The first priority in the event of a snowstorm is clearing and sanding the roads of the community.

The removal of berms from property owners' driveways is provided as a courtesy to members who, in advance, have requested this assistance. In order to be added to this list, you need to present a current ADA placard or doctor's note at the business office.

This free service is only provided after snow removal from all Association roads and necessary sanding have taken place. As a result, it could be two or more days before the crews begin to remove berms. As with the roads, this courtesy service has an established procedure in determining the order in which property owners' berms are removed.

When crews are available to begin berm removal, they will follow the approved ADA berm removal list. Our berm removal list is quite long, and due to limitations of time, equipment and manpower, the process of removing berms for every property owner on the list can take several days, even after the snow has stopped falling.

The berm removal list is intended for the physically impaired. If you have any

questions regarding our snow plowing and berm removal policies, please call 242-3788, come see us, or visit <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/snow-plow-policy-updates>.

PMCPOA's Snowplowing Procedures

PMCPOA Staff

During winter storms, the Pine Mountain Club Maintenance Department's snowplow equipment will be dispatched as needed to maintain all roadways, cul de sacs and access roads within the PMC community. This equipment will be dispatched as soon as possible after the snow begins to stick to the road surfaces, and plowing will continue until all the roads are clear of snow.

Cinders will be applied when the Pine Mountain Maintenance Department deems it appropriate. The streets in our community will be plowed in the following order: First, the main roadways. Second, all access roads. Third, all cul de sacs. And, when time permits, attempts will be made to try to clear snow berms in driveways (see related story).

Copies of this procedure are available in the PMC Business Office, and on the PMCPOA website here: <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/snow-plow-policy-updates>.

Reminder: If cars are parked on the street, your street will not be plowed. The



plows slip and slide on ice and could run into any cars parked on the street. To be on the safe side for our drivers, they will not plow your street if a car or cars are parked on the street. Association Rule Article 6:6.06 reads, in part, "Parking on Association roads, including unpaved as well as paved portions thereof, is not permitted."

Golf Course Snow Play Requirement

Please remember that the Golf Course must have a least 6" of snow on it before sledding or playing on the course is allowed.

Please do not go onto the Golf Course after it snows unless there is 6" or more of snow on it. The course will be monitored closely and people will be asked to leave if less than 6" of snow has fallen.

Make Sure to Have Snow Chains

Now is the time to purchase snow chains if you don't already have them. 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 anyone into PMC without chains.

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Holiday Craft Fair Fun



The annual Holiday Craft Fair was a big success last month, drawing a nice crowd and offering lots of festive shopping opportunities.



PMCPOA Transfer Site Hours & Info:

8:30am - 5pm Daily

*** 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. This is for your safety and the safety of the bears.**

Need to Order Pellets?

PMCPOA Staff and Let's Live Local

Let's Live Local, a mountain community non-profit helping those in need, serves alongside the Mountain Community Family Resource Center, Laborers of the Harvest, VFW and others. Let's Live Local has focused on mountain cleanups, food distribution when local pantries and providers' shelves get low, assisting collecting for Toys for Tots and for teens at Christmastime, and more.

During the winter months, LLL offers pellets by the ton or by the bag. The pellet sales help fund projects using credit card awards and Lowe's rewards to generate funds.

In September, the Golden Fire Pellet pricing was updated with the LLL supplier, Lowes. New pricing is as follows: Pellets by the ton (50 40-lb bags) are \$445 with a \$20 delivery charge. Pellets by

the bag are \$8.90 per bag, with pickup at 15600 Mil Potrero Frontage (at the corner of Nesthorn & Mil Potrero, or inquire about home delivery.) Since the "surge in pricing" is going to impact many households, if you are on a fixed income, please let LLL know so they can work out a discount for pellets.

To order pellets, contact Debra Ma-noogian at 310-704-9020 via text, or on Facebook Messenger. Payment is accepted by check to "Let's Live Local," PO Box 6180, PMC, CA 93222, cash drop off, or contact Debra for instructions on how to pay by Venmo. Please include your name, exact address, phone and the number of tons or bags you would like.

When the order is placed, you will be notified of the delivery date. On the day of delivery, the driver will contact Let's Live Local when they exit off the interstate, and the LLL rep will contact you with that information.

A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

Happy New Year!

Our staff continues to prepare for winter, and we hope you are doing the same. There is plenty of information on our website to assist and guide you, including a one-page Winter Preparedness Checklist located here: <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/snow-plow-policy-updates>. There is also good winter preparedness information on the “Living in PMC” page here: <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/living-in-pmc>. The Emergency Preparedness Committee is still recruiting volunteers to assist their efforts as needed, including their Radio Safety Net program.



Bill Lewis II

Regarding fire mitigation, we should have an update at January’s board meeting for what will be happening this coming year involving the Ceasar Chavez Environmental Corps, and I understand Team Rubicon will also be returning.

It appears we are still on course to present a rule change at the January board meeting for the short-term rental restriction; a proposal has been submitted to change it to a 25% rental cap to include both long-term and short-term rentals – and that proposal should now be posted for members to view, and we will send it out also via an email blast. We had originally planned to present that proposal at the December meeting,

but there was a delay as it was being reviewed and reworded by our legal counsel.

We are waiting for the Kern County planning department to advise us about any potential structural and retrofitting changes that may need to be made — or not — to the clubhouse and Pavilion plans to address any codes and requirements related to earthquakes as part of the revitalization project. Once we receive this information, we should be ready to finalize the plans and get the costs for the project.

Regarding the revitalization project, we are assembling excerpts from the Condor that have been shared about this project with members since 2020 so that you may review or learn more about the history of this important project. You will be notified when it is posted on our website.

I recently shared the problems we are having with defamation and verbal attacks

against our employees. The problem continues – and the board is both concerned about and supportive of our staff. We are taking this matter seriously and taking steps to protect our staff and will continue to do so to the best of our ability that may or may not include legal action in their defense. Obviously, we would prefer the attacks and lies discontinue on their own – but that does not appear to be a consideration.

Be safe, stay healthy, and please be positive.

This message is based in part on the Chairman’s Report from the Dec. 16, 2023 Board Meeting.

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.

FINES

FINES: The following fines were imposed by the Board of Directors at their executive session on Dec. 16 (2023) for the violations listed:

1. \$5,000 for EC Code 21.30 (marijuana cultivation)
2. \$250 for EC Code 21.20B (exterior fire)



Pellets & Holiday Giving Success!

Thank you, thank you for the year of support. LLL was able to purchase Christmas gifts for all the teams with the Family Resource Center; there were over 200 reading books circulated through the letters to Santa while kids visited him throughout the mountain communities. And your clothing donations were freely available to those in need in partnership with the local VFW. We are providing pellet bags and ton deliveries throughout the mountainside, as well as pickup in PMC. Please note that the only LLL contact for Golden Fire pellets is Debra at 310-704-9020.

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PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Dec. 16, 2023. 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. Nine directors attended: Cam Acosta, Mark Bailey, Richard Ballard, Jennifer Emmett, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, Brad Hudson, Chairman Lewis II, and Ellen McClellan. Also in attendance were General Manager Todd Greisen and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director McClellan that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting

of Nov. 18, 2023, be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director Acosta to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

There was one (1) committee application for approval.

Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's report.

General Manager Greisen presented the General Manager's report.

Director McClellan presented the Treasurer's report.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Ballard to ratify the Association's November 2023 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of the

committee minutes.

There were zero (0) Environmental Control Committee project recommendations and zero (0) cottage industry permits requested.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director Hudson to approve **RESOLUTION #01-12-16-2023** as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director Hudson to sanction the Internet Radio Club. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received nineteen (19) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Jan. 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Condor Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Treasurer's Report

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Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
As of November 30, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,327,181	2,322,836	4,345	
Operations/Maintenance	157,210	118,170	39,040	
Social Activity	324,357	328,214	(3,857)	
Projects	43,337	15,000	28,337	
Interest Income (Operating)	41,103	37,600	3,503	
Total Revenue	2,893,188	2,821,820	71,368	
Payroll Summary				
Wages	(994,959)	(1,041,413)	46,454	
Benefits	(161,104)	(171,340)	10,236	
Taxes	(78,826)	(81,938)	3,112	
Worker's Comp	(26,303)	(41,298)	14,995	
Total Payroll Expense	(1,261,193)	(1,335,989)	74,796	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	(1,092,400)	(1,092,437)	37	
Social Activity	(177,952)	(181,633)	3,681	
Operating Projects	(4,232)	(213,000)	208,768	
Designated Fund Projects	(75,141)	(168,237)	93,095	
Reserve Contribution	(294,255)	(294,255)	0	
Total Operating Expenses	(1,643,980)	(1,949,562)	305,582	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	0	0	0	
Assets purchased	(167,884)	0	(167,884)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	0	0	0	
Total Other Transactions	(167,884)	0	(167,884)	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(179,868)	(463,731)	283,863	
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,695,620	4,693,882	1,738	0.04%
22/23 Assessment Collection Update	5,168,214	5,104,225	63,989	1.24%
23/24 Assessment Collection Update	5,584,507	5,339,598	244,909	4.39%
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2023 *	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases and Adjustments	Ending Balance Current Period
Reserve Fund Update	71,056	307,945	(177,980)	201,022
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,575,369			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	4,704,571			

Respectfully Submitted



Ellen McClellan / Treasurer
 Saturday, December 16, 2023

* 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---

A couple of very successful events were held at the clubhouse in December, including a craft fair and Christmas tree lighting. The clubhouse also hosted a Christmas play for the holidays, and planned a great party to ring in the new year. As you'll see



Todd Greisen,
CACM,
CMCA, AMS

in the most recent financial statements, the combined food and beverage amenities continue to come in well below budgeted costs. Large-screen TVs for sporting event viewing in the lounge continue to increase revenue. Both factors are helping the ongoing effort to decrease member subsidies of these amenities.

A baby grand piano has been donated by some generous residents to add entertainment options to the clubhouse. We'll be looking for piano players interested in scheduled times. Please contact the office if you're interested. Additional events will also be added in the coming months, which we expect will further increase lounge revenue. Pay attention to the various PMC media outlets for event announcements.

We continue efforts to prepare for another potentially tough winter with plowing and other responses to heavy snow. Thanks to the board's approval of additional funding, snow removal equipment has been upgraded for better performance this year. Additional on-call personnel have been hired to supplement existing staff, if needed. Improvements are also underway for better coordination of county first responder agencies and the community. Residents are strongly encouraged to join the Emergency Preparedness Committee's Radio Safety Net. You can do so by acquiring a walkie talkie to be able to communicate with nearby neighbors if other commu-

nications are down. You can participate at a higher level by getting a GMRS license and acquiring a more powerful radio that will allow you to reach our repeater and the clubhouse from anywhere in the community. That repeater is also undergoing some improvements, adding back-up solar power. More information about the RSN is found on the [PMC website here](#). Along with volunteer HAM radio operators in the network, a hard-line telephone has also been activated in the clubhouse for alternative emergency communications off the mountain. Also, AM 1610, used for broadcasting road conditions and other emergency notifications from the clubhouse, is also under repair and upgrades. If you don't already have one, having an AM radio is another way to stay connected.

Management has been able to hire a replacement for our accounting manager, who has chosen to stay on part time to help with the transition and training of his replacement. We are confident that our new accounting manager will take on her role with proficient and accurate accounting, just as her predecessor did. She will also be taking a lead role in implementing new management software, beginning in January. This software cost is significantly lower than our current management program. Not only will it enhance accounting functions, but it will also greatly improve efficiency of other daily operations such as patrol, rule enforcement and maintenance functions. It will also enhance member and guests' experience with better communication and interaction with the POA via a new web portal and smartphone app. The implementation is expected to take a minimum of 90 days, with additional enhancements following that period. Watch for further information this spring as the roll-out progresses.

We've also begun planning for next year's warmer weather and higher risk of wildfire. Staff recently met with Kern County Fire Safe Council and Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps to begin planning fire mitigation through under-

brush clearing in high-risk greenbelt areas. This has been an ongoing project since 2021 and will continue in the coming years. Roughly 50% of these costs are being subsidized by government grants. Additionally, we expect to be able to announce fire mitigation assistance and potential wildfire insurance cost reduction for PMC homeowners in the future. As we get it, more information will be forthcoming.

Other warmer weather plans have begun, as well. In the springtime, staff anticipates making needed repairs and improvements to Lampkin Park, the tennis courts, the campground, and the dog park. These projects will begin as weather, budget dollars, and time allow. Regarding the potential clubhouse complex remodel project, in 2023, the board worked with the architect to significantly reduce estimated costs well below the original estimate of \$10.5 million dollars. If you're interested, revised plans are available on [PMC's website here](#). This rough estimate will become more accurate once building plans can be finalized, allowing us to go out to bid with contractors. Once bids are received, more accurate costs can be established, and funding options can be determined. Unfortunately, progress toward that has stalled with getting Kern County approval of required geological studies. However, in recent weeks the project manager has helped make progress toward that next step. Additional updates will come as more progress is made.

Happy New Year!

The editorial and advertising deadline for the February 2024 Condor is Monday, Jan. 15, 2024.

Please help us to save trees and keep our costs down substantially by allowing us to email all of your member notices and your monthly Condor to your email address. Simply email me at gm@pmcpoa.com and we will add your email address to your member account. Thank you, Todd Greisen, GM

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.

Monthly CCC recap: There was one new CCC submission this month that came in via email. It is published below.

Thank you for your submissions to the Compliments, Concerns, and Complaints Box. It takes a village to run a village, and your care and concern help keep PMC the wonderful place we love. The CCC box in the lobby and the online version on the PMCPOA website exist to allow members to voice their compliments, concerns or complaints publicly when appropriate. Once a submission is received, it is directed to General Manager Todd Greisen, who writes the response or sends the submission to the appropriate staff member or department to write the response.

When you submit to the CCC boxes, look for responses in the next month’s edition of the Condor. (Note that the monthly submission deadline for the Condor is the Monday before the Board of Directors meeting.) Please be sure to include your contact information. While your name will not be published or posted, we don’t respond to anonymous submissions. If you have a concern that involves maintenance, sanitation, or safety issues, or is of a confidential nature, please contact the Business Office immediately at 661-242-3788. Thank you!

Complaint

- Two days in a row we bring the kids and guests down to hit some balls at the driving range and were told they were out of balls. Doesn’t someone go out and pick them up? This is a good way to lose money.

Response: We apologize for any in-

convenience. Driving range ball inventory was replaced earlier this year and has already been depleted, causing us to retrieve them more frequently. An improved-design ball picker has recently been purchased, helping us to be more efficient at that process. To help replace the

lost balls, we are going to reuse hardware from the old ball picker to build a device to retrieve balls from the adjacent lake. With it, we expect to be able to retrieve a significant number of lost balls, helping to keep down the cost of buying new balls.



**Join us Friday January 5th for
a family game night at the
PMC Clubhouse Rec Room!**

5-10pm

***Bring one of your own games
or play one of ours.***

**** Popcorn available for
Purchase ****



School Science Fair

The Peak 2 Peak Mountain Charter School science fair is Thursday, Jan. 11, from 1-3pm in the Condor Room. Come support our awesome local kids!

Pickleball

Mon, 9-11am
Wed, 7-9pm
Sat, 9-11am

Pickleball players generally gather to play during the above days and times, though times are subject to change. If the courts are not being used, anyone can come and play tennis or pickleball outside of scheduled pickleball times.

Grief Support Group

Come to the new PMC Grief Support Group, a place where you will be supported. The group meets every Tuesday from 10am-12pm in the Clubhouse Pavilion. Contact Boo Gard for more information at (818) 517-1533.

PMC Facebook Page

The only OFFICIAL PMCPOA Facebook page can be accessed at

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

Food Distribution is Fridays at 12:30pm

The all-mountain Community Food Distribution takes place on Fridays from 12:30-1:30pm at the Activity Center, located at 16301 Askin Dr. All are welcome!

The food, which is gleaned from name-brand grocery stores, is approaching the "sell-by" date (not the expired date). A \$30 fee for 30 days covers the cost of maintaining state food safe standards (refrigeration, freezers, transportation and administrative costs).

Please do not park at the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company building! Please bring your own bag to put food in. Take what you need and leave some for others.

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that the habitat is relatively intact, and not greatly disturbed by human activity. The grasslands along Lockwood Valley are in transition between pristine natural environment and human-dominated landscape. The fences and utility lines along



Fig. 3: This meadowlark is declaring its territory with song and bright colors.

Lockwood Valley Road are good places to look for some of these indicator species (Fig. 2). The Western Meadowlark is strictly a grassland bird. It nests on the ground hidden under grass clumps. It feeds on seeds and insects in the grass. When the males want to advertise and protect their territories during the breeding season, they become very obvious with their bright yellow chests marked with black Vs. They sit conspicuously on a prominence and sing loudly and

Photographer

All photographs were taken by PMC resident Bill Buchroeder.

beautifully (Fig. 3). If they wish to be hidden, they present their straw-colored backs (Fig. 4). If an intruder gets too close to the hidden nest, the female will sneak off the nest, and run hidden through the grass before exploding into flight to distract the potential predator.



Fig. 4: Now the meadowlark uses its straw-colored back for camouflage.

Another indicator species of grasslands can be found by checking out fences and utility lines along Lockwood Valley Road; the American Kestrel, our smallest falcon, can be seen hunting for grassland insects from these conspicuous spots (Fig. 5). Each pair of kestrels maintains a territory, which they protect by fly-



Fig. 5: The kestrel will fly from pole to pole searching for grasshoppers and other large insects.

ing from post to post, discouraging other kestrels from invading their territory as they hunt for food.

The Loggerhead Shrike is an unusual bird. It is a small songbird that has an appetite for large prey, such as grasshoppers, lizards and even mice (Fig. 6). Its large head and strong curved beak help it to catch these animals in fields (Fig. 7). However, being a songbird, it has no stout talons to hold the creature once it is captured. The shrike impales its meal onto a thorn or other sharp object (Fig. 8). Barbed-wire fences are perfect for this task.



Fig. 6: The shrike is one of very few songbirds that catches lizards and other large prey.

Several other species of birds occur in the pastures next to Lockwood Valley Road. The Prairie Falcon is an occasionally observed raptor that hunts in the fields and nests on cliff ledges in the nearby mountains (Fig. 9). Western Kingbirds migrate north from Mexico to raise their young in these valleys each summer (Fig. 10). Mountain Bluebirds are beautiful relatives of our more common Western Bluebird



Fig. 7: The large head and strong hooked beak help the shrike hold its prey.

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(Fig. 11). Small numbers visit our grasslands during the winter.



Fig. 8: Without strong talons, the shrike impales its food on thorns and barbed wire.

The Lockwood Valley area provides rural homes for people and still is natural enough to support some grassland animals. When driving this road, remember that all the lands adjacent to the road are privately owned. Please respect these properties and be very careful concerning traffic.



Fig. 9: Prairie falcons are found in local open country year round, but are not easily seen.



Fig. 10: Kingbirds feast their babies with insects in the grasslands.



Fig. 11: Mountain bluebirds are uncommon winter visitors from the north.

GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday and 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

10-3 • Lace Guild • Pavilion

Second/Fourth/Fifth Wednesdays

9-3 • Quilt Comfort Zone • Pavilion

First Thursday

6 pm • Quilt Guild Business Mtg • Pavilion (April through December)

Every Friday

9-3 • Quilt & Chat & More • Pavilion

There is a donation jar in the lobby of the clubhouse placed by local youth who are raising money to restock Fern's Lake with Largemouth Bass. They appreciate all donations.

Recycling Reminder:

Don't forget, the PMC-POA Transfer Site accepts recycling of cardboard, bottles and cans and more, and is open seven days a week. Let's help keep our beautiful community clean.

Remember to Provide Your P.O. Box Number

Please remember to provide your post office box number to anyone who is sending you mail. 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.



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PMCPOA Office Hours

8am-5pm Mon-Fri
 8am-3pm Sat
 (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)
 Office 242-3788
 Patrol 242-3857 (24 hrs)

Teen Nights in Rec Room

Teens, come join the fun at Teen Night in the PMCPOA Rec Room on Jan. 12th and 26th! The Rec Room stays open from 7-10pm for 9th- to 12th-graders. Watch for more details coming soon!

Golf Course Pro Shop Hours

9am - 5pm Daily
 The Pro Shop has a wide selection of terrific items available for purchase, including T-shirts, hats, glassware, greeting cards, puzzles and more. There are many items with the PMC logo on them.
 661-242-3734

Want to Support the Native Plant Garden? Here's How

Susan Amon, Garden Volunteer

The volunteers who take care of the Lockhart Native Plant Garden have created a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$1,800 to cover replacement of a few storm-damaged split-rails fences, hire landscapers to clear overgrowth, order Lockhart Native Plant Garden brochures and order additional plant signs. Please support the garden here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lockhart-native-plant-garden>.

Condor Cafe Hours
Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday - Friday
 8 am to 2 pm
 Saturday - Sunday
 Breakfast 8-12 / Lunch 12-2
 Sundays: Breakfast & Lunch in the Lounge with a full bar.
 The Condor Café is open for inside dining for breakfast and lunch. Takeout is also available; please call 661-242-2233.

Dinner

Thursday Night Special
 4 to 7:30 pm
 Fridays and Saturdays
 4 to 8:30 pm

Reminder: Do Not Feed the Wildlife

Reminder: Rule 7.03. The feeding of or providing food in any manner to bears, mountain lions, bobcats, raccoons, deer, foxes and/or coyotes is strictly prohibited on any lot or other portion of the Pine Mountain Club development. "Feeding" includes giving, placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, scattering, or allowing food or any edible material to remain in the development that may attract wildlife. Food or any edible material left outside unattended is prohibited and is considered feeding the wildlife. This prohibition will be strictly enforced, and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife will be notified of any violations.

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.

Entertainment Line-Up:

Friday nights 7-10pm
 Saturday nights 7-11pm

Friday, Jan. 5

7-10pm -- Carey Park (Singer/Songwriter Who Plays Classic Rock & Country)

Saturday, Jan. 6

7-11pm -- Bandit (Mix of Classic Rock, Blues & Country)

Friday, Jan. 12

7-10pm -- Walt & Pam (Folk Rock, Country, '50s, '60s, '70s)

Saturday, Jan. 13

7-11pm -- Wyndsong (Strong Harmonies Singing Music from '60's, '70's, '80's & Some Current)

Friday, Jan. 19

7-10pm -- Asher and Friends (Folksy & Mellow)

Saturday, Jan. 20

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

Friday, Jan. 26

7-10pm -- Foxtail Rangers (Country, '50s, '60s, '70s Rock & a Little Bit of Bluegrass & Jazz)

Saturday, Jan. 27

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

Condor Lounge Hours

Thu, 4-10 p.m.
 Fri, 4-11 p.m.
 Sat, 4-11 p.m.

PMC Fitness Classes

Classes are \$5 each (except for Tai Chi, which is \$20 each) payable to the instructors.

Yoga with Deb

Every Tues/Thurs at 12pm
(Please bring a yoga mat and water.)

NEW! Total Abs with Shawna Rust

Every Wednesday at 1pm
(Class is for all fitness levels; inform instructor if modifications are desired)

NEW! Full Body Workout with Shawna Rust

Every Thurs at 2pm
(Class is for all fitness levels; inform instructor if modifications are desired)

Low Impact Cardio with Charlee

Wednesdays 10-11am
(Optional: Bring flat resistance band and light weights.)

Tai Chi with Shannon

Mondays, 5-6pm
Wednesdays 2-3pm
Thursdays 9-10am

Rise and Shine with SunJay

Mondays, 10-11am
(Please bring a mat, blanket and water bottle.)

Condor Room

Celebrating 27 Years of Preserving Local History
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Ridge Route Communities Museum
3515 Park Drive, Frazier Park
Open Fri thru Sun 1-4 p.m.
Or By Appointment
Call 661-245-7747

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Friday, Jan. 5 (First Friday)

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

Saturday, Jan. 6 (First Saturday)

9am Governing Documents ZOOM
1 pm Planning Pavilion/ZOOM

Tuesday, Jan. 2 (First Tuesday)

6 pm Communications ZOOM

Wednesday, Jan. 17 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

5 pm Budget & Finance Condor Room/ZOOM

Saturday, Jan. 20 (Third Saturday)

10 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Rm./Stream

Saturday, Jan. 23 (Fourth Saturday)

9 am Emergency Preparedness Pavilion
10:30 am CERT (CERT Facility/Pavilion when cold)

Rec Room Hours:

12-5pm
Fridays-Sundays
And Holidays
Open Jan. 2-Jan. 7
for Winter Break and Jan. 15
for Martin Luther King Day
Closed New Year's Day
Arts and Crafts for Kids
Sundays, 3-5pm

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