**Property Clearance Reminder** The deadline for Kern County Hazard Reduction Property Clearance is June 1st. Property inspections will begin on June 2, and citations will be issued for properties not in compliance. Please

see page 2 for more information.



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

## It's PMC Election Time Again

The PMCPOA election takes place at the Members' Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 20, 2020 when three new members will be elected to the Board of Directors.

The four candidates vying for the three 3-year openings are:

- Sandy Brown
- Phyllis Throckmorton
- Peggy Hoyt-Voelker
- Shirin Murphy

To view the complete resume and position statement packages of these candidates, please refer to the PMCPOA website

### **Meet Your Board of Directors**

Philip Gabriel said he came onto the PMCPOA Board of Directors in 2019 because he wanted to be a more involved community member, and be a part of the ongoing evolution of Pine Mountain Club. "We fell in love with PMC, and bought our home in 2008. When my daughter was younger, we would come up almost every weekend with a carload of girls, as



#### Philip Gabriel

her friends would have such a blast in PMC. This is where we plan to retire," he said. "I am most interested in getting things done for the benefit of the entire community."

Gabriel graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Literature. "After college, I owned a bookstore in Westwood, near UCLA, called Butler Gabriel Books. When the large chain bookstores took over, I worked as a loss prevention manager at Border's Books and Music. I opened my current store, Scrubs Unlimited, in 1999, right near UCLA where I sell scrubs, lab coats and medical accessories." Gabriel said his business has grown over the years, and he now enjoys a robust internet business

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(www.pinemountainclub.net) and click on the "Election Documents and Results" menu (https://pinemountainclub.net/group/ pages/election-documents-results). The candidates are listed at left and on the website in the order in which they submitted Letters of Intent.

Voting will take place up until the closing of the ballot box on election day (usually around 1 p.m.). An Inspector of Elections tallies the votes, with the winners announced immediately thereafter. Election packets will be mailed to the membership this month.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the previously scheduled "Meet the Candidates" forums that were to take place on April 25 and May 8 are being replaced with a videotape of can-

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# PMC Locals Describe Life in the COVID-19 Pandemic Era

#### Ronni Wilde, Condor Editor

Whether we like it or not, we are making history at this very moment. None of us has escaped the affects of the COVID-19 pandemic; our way of life was radically altered almost overnight. With the stoppage of all activities except those essential to keep life going; our homes have become our shelters, and we have been ordered to stay in them. We've had to become more technologically advanced very quickly, and we've had to either partner with our families as our "quaranteam" members, or isolate ourselves from them.

Like the rest of the world, mountain locals have had to change the way they do things, and it's probable that future generations of PMC-ers will be curious about how we survived the great pandemic of 2020. This era will be talked about in future history books, and museums will likely house documents and writings reflective of this epic time in our global culture.

To paint a picture of how Pine Mountain Club residents are handling the COVID situation, we spoke with a sampling of people who live, work and play here.

Kim Bucio, a resident of 20 years who raised her children here and who has owned several businesses in PMC, said she is taking all the needed precautions, because her parents are in their 70s, and her mother is high-risk due to pre-existing health conditions.

# Defensible Space Works! Make Your Home Fire Safe

#### PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Defensible space is your property's front-line defense against wildfire. Creating and maintaining defensible space around your home can dramatically increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire, and improves the safety of firefighters defending your property. One hundred feet of defensible space is required by law.

ZONE ONE: Zone One extends 30 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

• Remove ALL non-ornamental combustible and vegetation materials from around all structures. For more information on ornamental vegetation and "fire-wise" plants, go to www.readyforwildfire.org.

• Remove any dead/dry material such as grass, leaves, limbs, etc.

- Remove trees and limbs within 10 feet of stovepipe and chimney outlets.
- Remove any limbs that overhang or are adjacent to structures.
- Clear roof of all combustible vegetation, including leaves and pine needles.
- Provide a 10-foot clearance of all combustibles around propane tanks.
- Relocate woodpiles or other combustible materials out of this zone.

• Remove flammable plants and shrubs from around windows, remove combustibles from under your decks.

- Cover all vent openings with 1/16- to 1/8-inch metal mesh.
- Cover your chimney and stovepipe outlets with a non-flammable screen.

#### ZONE TWO: 30 feet to 100 feet from the structure. Reduce ALL combustible fuels in this area.

• Remove dead material and remove and/or thin vegetation.

• Remove "ladder fuels" (low-level vegetation that allows the fire to spread from ground to the tree canopy). There should be a minimum of 6 feet of clearance from vegetation to lowest tree limb of all non-ornamental trees, or 1/3 the height of the tree.

Next month, we will have more information on "Preparing You and Your Family for a Wildfire" and possible evacuation.

THE KERN COUNTY FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1. Beginning June 2nd, Fire Department personnel will start inspecting properties. Properties found to be in violation will be issued a \$500 citation. The owner of the property will be given 15 days from the mailing date of citation to either dispute the citation or show proof that the violation was corrected.

For more information, go to www.kerncountyfire.org to view hazard reduction guidelines.

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, 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.

# May Events

Please note: As of the printing of this Condor, all May events at the Clubhouse have been postponed or canceled. We will keep you posted about PMCPOA events as the COVID-19 situation continues. Please refer to email blasts, the official PMCPOA Facebook page and the PMCPOA website for the most current information.

Thank you.

## Workshops on PMCPOA Financials Have Been Postponed

PMCPOA had planned two gatherings to help members understand the financials better, but they have both been postponed. We will keep you posted as to when we are able to reschedule them.

# MIL POTRERO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company, Inc., the Annual Shareholder's Meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the administrative office of the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company, 16275 Askin Drive, Conference Room, Pine Mountain Club California. The deadline for clearing the Water Company accounts of overdue charges, to be eligible for submitting a proxy, shall be June 3, 2020. Shareholders in good standing desiring to place their names in nomination for a seat on the Board of Directors should submit their resume, as defined by the Equal Access Policy adopted by the Board of Directors on May 26, 1987, to the Water Company office **no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 15, 2020**. The resume must be typed on a single 8 ½" x 11" page and must include the candidate's signature. The Equal Access Policy is available for review upon request.

The resumes may be mailed to: Secretary of the Board, Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company, P. O. Box "W," Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222, or may be taken to the business office located at 16275 Askin Drive, Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting before the close of the proxy box.

Robert Lame, Secretary Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company

The Golf Course and Pro Shop are closed pending the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

# Please Note:

The only OFFICIAL PMCPOA Facebook page can be accessed at: https://www.facebook. com/Pine-Mountain-Club-Property-Owners-Association -483903745518764/

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# CREAMY PESTO CHICKEN PASTA

Here's another great recipe from Chef Mike!

This super lush Creamy Pesto Chicken Pasta is perfect for busy weeknights. Everything cooks in one pot and is done in under 30 minutes!

Prep Time: 5 mins Cook Time: 20 mins Total Time: 25 mins Servings: 4

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast

2 Tbsp butter
2 cloves garlic
1/2 lb. penne pasta
1.5 cups chicken broth
1 cup milk
3 oz. cream cheese\*
1/3 cup basil pesto
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Freshly cracked pepper
1 pinch crushed red pepper

#### **OPTIONAL ADD-INS**

3 cup fresh spinach (approx. \$0.90)

1/4 cup sliced sun-dried tomatoes (approx. \$1.10)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Cut the chicken breast into 1-inch pieces. Add the butter to a deep skillet and melt over medium heat. Add the chicken to the skillet and cook over medium heat until the chicken is slightly browned on the outside.

While the chicken is cooking, mince the garlic. Add the garlic to the skillet with the chicken and continue to sauté for one minute more.

Add the uncooked pasta and chicken broth to the skillet with the chicken and garlic. Stir to dissolve any browned bits from the bottom of the skillet. Place a lid on the skillet, turn the heat up to mediumhigh, and bring the broth up to a boil.

Once the broth comes to a full boil,



Penne is a delicious tube pasta.

give the pasta a quick stir, replace the lid and turn the heat down to medium-low. Let the pasta simmer over medium-low heat for about 8 minutes, or until the pasta is tender and most of the broth has been absorbed. Stir the pasta briefly every two minutes as it simmers, replacing the lid quickly each time.

Once the pasta is tender and most of the broth is absorbed, add the milk, cream cheese (cut into chunks) and pesto. Stir and cook over medium heat until the cream cheese has fully melted into the sauce. Finally, add the grated Parmesan and stir until combined.

If using, add the fresh spinach and sliced sun-dried tomatoes. Stir until the spinach has wilted, then remove the pasta from the heat. Top the pasta with freshly cracked pepper and a pinch of crushed red pepper, then serve.

#### NOTES

\* Cream cheese usually has markings on the outer wrapping showing lines for each ounce. Use this as a guide to cut three ounces from the block.

The editorial and advertising deadline for the June 2020 Condor is Monday, May 11, 2020.

# Condor Cafe Offering Take Out & Curbside Dinner Service Thursday Through Saturday

The Condor Café/in-house dining is closed until the CO-VID-19 restrictions are lifted. The café is open for dinner take-out only; due to light sales, breakfast and lunch are no longer available.

Delivery is available for those who need it. We will knock on the door and place the food on the porch and leave the food to protect our staff and members/guests. There will be a \$2.00 delivery charge. You can pay by credit card on the phone when you order your food.

The café is open for dinner take-out Thursday (special only), and Friday and Saturday (full menu) from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Take-out menus are available for viewing on the PMCPOA website on the "Clubhouse" and "Condor Cafe" tabs.

Please call 661-242-2233 to place your order and pay with a credit card, then come on over and park in the tennis court parking lot and call the cafe again to let them know you are here and they will run the food out to you.

Please note that this information is subject to change depending upon circumstances.

# **Operations Updates**

\* The PMCPOA business office is closed due to the COVID-19 situation. We will be here to answer phones during normal business hours. Assessments, RV and Equestrian fees can be mailed in or called in.

\* A reminder: please do not come into the clubhouse. Only staff are allowed. If you have questions, please (661) 242-3788.

\* Patrol will remain on duty and other essential staff will remain working.

\* The Post Office remains open at this time. Masks and gloves are required to enter. One person at a time is allowed to enter.

\* The golf course and tennis courts are closed until the governor lifts the Stay at Home order.

\* The market in PMC is requiring masks and gloves before entering the store.

(This information is subject to change. We will keep you posted as we learn more about the ongoing COVID situation.)



Condor Lounge

Closed Until COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted

PMCPOA Office Hours (Phone Calls Only) 8am-5pm Mon-Fri 8am-3pm Sat (Closed for lunch from 12-1 p.m.)

# Want to Talk With the Board Chairman?

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

To book some one-on-one time with Board Chairman Bill Lewis II once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, contact the front desk and schedule an appointment. Visits will be booked in 15-minute increments.

Please call the Business Office to schedule an appointment. You may also send inquiries or comments via email to pmcboard@pmcpoa.com.

When sending emails, please put "Attention: Chairman Lewis" in the subject line.

#### Kern Transit Update

Kern Transit reports that as of March 27, due to the COVID-19 virus, route 210 (our local fixed route from PMC) will be canceled temporarily. However we will have service on our regular bus days, Tuesday and Saturdays, with Dial-a-Ride. You need to call a day in advance to reserve your spot. Call 800-323-2396, Option 1.

# Rules Regarding Short-Term Rentals

PMCPOA would like to remind the owners of short term rentals (STR) that you are required to registered your property per Rule 22.02 of Article 22.

In addition, the owner must provide the name, phone number and email address of the tenant, lodger or boarder who is the responsible party renting the property, as well as dates of occupancy and submit this information to the PMCPOA office before each tenant, lodger or boarder takes occupancy.

### Assessment Prepayments Accepted

PMCPOA accepts pre-payments for the 20/21 assessment. You can mail a check to PO Box P, Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 or call with a credit card number. Some members find this a little easier than coming up with the total amount all at once in July.



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# Mountain Vacation Rentals 661-724-6067

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# A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

MAY 2020

We continue to deal with challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in our best efforts to keep the Association running smoothly and serve the



members. We owe many thank you's to our employees in appreciation of their service and dedication as they continue working on the frontlines and behind to serve the members in various capacities to provide essential services. The take-out dinners from the Condor Café continue to be delicious and we hope you will continue to support the café.

We are also thankful for our local merchants in the village who continue to provide services as they are able to do so and to our members who are doing their best to isolate and stay at home despite our natural tendencies to socialize in our very socially oriented community. The walks and occasional road trips for mail and essential items often seem to be the highlights of the day or week. I know many of you are following the news on television and online sources about the pandemic and how to deal with it and be safe. To further assist your access to information, we have posted a few links on our website to access for advice as well as the orders from our governor and Kern County health officer. You can also access and/or review the related email blast items and notices we have sent in the Alerts/Weather menu. There is a link on the homepage that takes you directly to the alerts.

Phases 1 and 2 of the Clubhouse Remodeling Project continue to move forward as allowed, and we learned recently that initial construction may begin on May 11. Our staff is already taking steps to prepare the construction zones to help expedite the process once it officially begins. The old pool will not be repaired based on costs and the timing of potential delays to the start of the Phase 1 project.

The budget for 2020/2021 was approved at the last Board meeting, and

there will no increase to the current assessment despite the revenue losses now being experienced at the café (closed for breakfast and lunch), lounge, Pro Shop and Transfer Site (for recyclables). The anticipated carryover funds have been used to maintain the current assessment rate and were approved for allocation to the Reserve Fund and possibly the purchase of snow gates based on a recommendation from the Snow Operations Task Force.

The upcoming elections will proceed on track with the election of three directors and many bylaw proposals submitted, with most related to the changes in the law per SB323. The one significant change in submitting ballots will probably require all ballots to be mailed and none to be handdelivered. We have canceled the in-person "Meet the Candidates" forums, and you will be receiving an update on how that process and the elections will be changed this year due to the outbreak.

Be safe, please!

# PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of April 18, 2020. 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 10:08 a.m. Nine directors attended: Cam Acosta, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Bill Lewis II, Bryan Skelly and Phyllis Throckmorton. Directors Steve Burkett and Dianne Pennington attended by phone. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were no (0) committee applications for approval.

There was one (1) Environmental Con-

trol Committee project recommendation.

**MOTION** by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of April 18, 2020 be adopted.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to amend the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of April 18, 2020 to add "Election update and possible motion," "Pool repair and possible motion," "Post Office discussion" and "Cardboard baler purchase from capital reserve." **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Harmon that the amended agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of April 18, 2020 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SEC-OND** by Director Gabriel to approve the draft minutes of the Special Open Board Draft Budget Meeting Minutes of March

14, 2020 and the Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2020. **MOTION** carried.

Chairman Bill Lewis II presented the Chairman's report.

General Manager Karin Shulman presented the General Manager's report.

Director Cam Acosta presented the Treasurer's report.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SEC-OND** by Director Throckmorton to ratify the Association's March 2020 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS: None NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Acosta, SEC-OND by Director Hoyt-Voelker to ap-

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# **Treasurer's Report**

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc. Treasurer's Report As of March 31, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	3,474,704	3,478,475	(3,771)	
Operations/Maintenance	185,514	136,555	48,959	
Social Activity	508,857	440,790	68,067	
Interest Income (Operating)	28,072	23,415	4,657	
Total Revenue	4,197,147	4,079,235	117,912	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	2,815,936	3,128,150	(312,214)	
Social Activity	785,773	832,960	(47,187)	
Operating Projects	51,752	0	51,752	
Designated Fund Projects	46,194	0	46,194	
Reserve Contribution	266,999	266,999	0	
Total Operating Expenses	3,966,653	4,228,109	(261,456)	
Net Operating Revenue Over Expense	230,493	(148,874)	379,367	
Payroll Summary				
Payroll Wages	1,549,395	1,647,943	(98,548)	
Payroll Benefits	279,738	321,306	(41,567)	
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	224,754	254,542	(29,788)	
Total Payroll Expense	2,053,888	2,223,791	(169,903)	
	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	
	Billed	Collected	Receivable	
18/19 Assessment Collection Update	4,231,452	4,228,513	2,939	
19/20 Assessment Collection Update	4,631,550	4,545,764	85,786	
Reserve Fund Update	Beginning	Plus <sup>,</sup> YTD		Ending Balance
	Balance July 1,	Interest and	Less: YTD	March 31,
	2019	Contributions	Purchases	2020
	2,579,463	787,754	(188,068)	3,179,149
	Operating Fund Ca	sh Balance	2,099,867	

Respectfully Submitted

Cameron Acosta / Treasurer April 18, 2020 Reserve Fund Cash Balance

3,285,884

# --- General Manager's Update ---

#### Karin Shulman

We had our second "Open" Zoom Board Meeting last month. Life has certainly changed in the past couple of months.

All May events have been canceled. The golf course and tennis courts are closed and will not open until the stayat-home ban is lifted. The clubhouse is closed. We are allowing only staff to come inside. The restrooms are closed to everyone at this time.

Also, people are going into the Post Office without wearing masks and are coughing and hacking. Please, wear a mask for other peoples' protection. Most people are wearing masks to protect you.

A reminder that June 1 is the property clearance deadline. Now is the time to start cleaning your yards and pulling weeds.

I hope everyone stays well and healthy and enjoys walking in the fresh air. It is good for us. We can all be grateful for our health and our families. Remember, we are in this together, and we will get through this together. We all just need to hang in there for a little while longer. 'ELECTION' Cont. from page 1

didates responding to member questions.

Members can submit questions in two ways:

1. A locked box will be placed on the front porch of the Clubhouse for members to submit their questions.

2. Members can email their question to recept@pmcpoa.com.

All questions must contain the member's lot & tract number. Questions can be submitted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020.

The Elections Committee will then separate and screen the questions, and prepare them for presentation by the candidates.

# **Concerts on the Greens are Coming Soon!**

Though the first Concert on the Greens has been canceled, there are four more coming to look forward to!

#### <u>Here is the schedule:</u> <u>June 27th 4:30-7:00pm</u> Dark Desert Highway

Dark Desert Highway's goal was to put on a performance to pay homage to their all-time favorite group as well as to finally have a forum to showcase their singing abilities and pinpoint harmonies. After many band name iterations it was finally decided that it should be the opening lyrics to perhaps the Eagle's most important song.

#### July 25th 4:30-7:00pm The Jimi Nelson Band

Jimi brings a blend of the classic & modern country musical influences of Merle Haggard, Dwight Yoakum, Jason Aldean & Keith Urban as well as his own original music. Jimi has toured with Frankie Avalon Jr., Tony Avalon, sons of Frankie Avalon & Eden Everly, Son of Don Everly, before pursuing his own musical journey.



**Ronny & The Classics** 

#### August 22nd 4:30-7:00pm Cale'

Cale' creates an intimate relationship with their audience almost immediately with deep, guarded places in the soul. The origin of their Latin-fusion music, shaped and re-shaped through generations, is from SpanishArabic, North African & Romany regions. Cale' fuses in its components a musical recipe for all music fans from traditional to modern crowds.

#### September 6th 4:30-7:00pm Ronny & The Classics

This is a five-piece concert & dance band, bass, guitar, keyboards, saxophone & drums and everyone sings lead harmonies. Ronny & The Classics have headlined many concerts. They have also opened for Johnny Rivers, Little Richard of America, Steppenwolf, Blood Sweat & Tears, Grassroots & Chubby Checkers.

On the PMC Golf Course

Concerts on the Greens are FREE events!

Bring a blanket, lawn chair or park your golf cart on the greens while you dance the night away!

#### NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR ALCOHOL PLEASE!

# Outdoor food & barbecue are available for purchase

Stick around for the party to continue from 7-11pm every Saturday in the PMC Lounge, when more live music is presented in the Lounge and/or Condor Room.

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prove **RESOLUTION #01-04-18-2020**, and adopt the 2020-2021 budget and approve the assessment for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$1,604 (one thousand, six hundred and four dollars) per lot per CC&R Article 6. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Skelly, **NO SECOND** to approve taking the Reserve funding allocation from carry over to lower the amount of the assessment.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Skelly to approve **RESOLUTION** #02-04-18-2020, the 2020-2021 Election Packet and Candidates pursuant to Bylaw 8.08 (F) (6). **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SEC-OND** by Director Harmon to approve **RESOLUTION #03-04-18-2020**, the report regarding snow berm mitigation from the Snow Removal Task Force and approve the recommendations in the Power Point presentation titled "PMCPOA Snow Removal TF."

MOTION by Director Skelly, SEC-OND by Director Harmon to table RES-OLUTION #03-04-18-2020, the report regarding snow berm mitigation from the Snow Removal Task Force and approve the recommendations in the Power Point presentation titled "PMCPOA Snow Removal TF." MOTION carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, SEC-OND by Director Skelly to approve RES-OLUTION #04-04-18-2020, allocating \$30,000 (not to exceed) from carryover funds for the purchase and installation costs for three (3) Henke Hi-Gates, and allocating the remaining carryover funds to the Reserve Fund following the 2019-

# Firewood Reminder from the EC Officer

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. 2020 Audit as directed by Bylaw 10.12. Directors Burkett, Harmon, Pennington, Skelly and Throckmorton approved. Directors Acosta, Gabriel and Hoyt-Voelker opposed. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SEC-OND** by Director Harmon to approve a variance. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Harmon, SEC-OND by Director Acosta to approve allocating "Aging in Place" money to the Frazier Park Resource Center according to the "Memorandum of Understanding." MO-TION carried.

MOTION by Director Throckmorton,

**SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve canceling the two "Meet the Candidates" forums and continue giving committee direction on proceeding. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Skelly, **SEC-OND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve baler with PTR Baler & Compactor not to exceed \$17,000 from the reserve funding.**MOTION** carried.

The Board sent and received 23 items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on May 16, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



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Professional Services ads are \$5 per line per month, two-line minimum, when paid by the year.

### Tree Service/Arborist

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Otherwise, \$6 per line per month. No refunds. The fee includes the name of your business and phone number. PMCPOA does not guarantee the accuracy of the information nor does it endorse any business or service listed here. To place an ad here, call 242-3788.

# **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.

Thank you for your submissions to the Complaints, Concerns and Compliments Box. It takes a village to run a village, and your care and concern help keep PMC the wonderful place we love.

Look for responses in the Condor. 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!

#### **COMPLIMENTS**

• Thank you for the article about Mr. Biggs, in the April issue of The Condor. Lori (Harmon) wrote a heart-warming story, which was also a learning experience. Not being a "horse person," I was motivated to research where a horse's "withers" are, and learned how to approach a newto-me horse. I hope that Mr. Biggs can continue to bring happiness and healing to many more special children.

**<u>Response</u>**: We are happy you enjoyed the article. Lori is doing an amazing job as Equestrian Center Manager.

• I called the Condor Cafe at 3:30 p.m. on a Saturday night and placed an order for two Angus Brisket Burgers and fries and one chocolate overload cake to be delivered at 4:30 p.m. At exactly that time, there was a knock on my door and two bags were on the doormat. The burgers were perfect and dressed as ordered, and the piece of cake that looked small was rich enough for us to share. Kudos to the order taker, the chef and the delivery person.

<u>**Response:</u>** We are very glad you enjoyed your delivered meal.</u>

#### **CONCERNS**

• Hello, two weeks ago our neighborhood (on Bryce Court above the S-curves) noticed the Verizon LTE signal became reduced significantly; enough so, that our phone calls get cut off constantly. A number of us have contacted Verizon to get the problem resolved, but they haven't done anything to fix it. If we go to the village, the signal is strong, but not where we are. We would like to have your assistance in contacting Verizon to fix the issue. The cell phone tower needs to be fixed so residents above the S-curves can receive reliable service as promised by Verizon when



the tower was put in.

Thank you for your assistance.

**<u>Response</u>**: You are right. Verizon will be contacted to see if there are issues going on and what can be done about them.

• We haven't been able to get the current stickers for the resident cards because we only visit on weekends and the office is closed. Our daughter and son-in-law, who occupy the house, can't get the stickers because they aren't the owners. Now they can't take their trash to the Transfer Site. Could you please allow them to pick up our stickers?

**<u>Response</u>:** Please call the office and you can request cards/stickers. Also, the office is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (for phone calls only until the CO-VID restrictions are lifted).

#### COMPLAINT

• Why does a threatening paragraph regarding the Dog Park appear each month in the Condor? Who wrote this offensive language? Those of us who enjoy taking canine friends to the dog park do not appreciate hearing each month that "the dog park will be closed permanently."

Why isn't similar language used for the Equestrian Center? "If the Equestrian Center is not kept up, the Equestrian Center will be closed permanently" is not written anywhere in the Condor. Last year's final

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The 2020 Lilac Festival Has Been Cancelled Due to Coronavirus Concerns.

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budget link on your website reports revenue for the Equestrian Center at \$54,574 and expenses at \$150,389. Spending almost \$100,000 on an amenity doesn't get threatened to be close permanently, but yet a dog park which receives \$0 from the PMCPOA is threatened monthly with being closed permanently. Not only is this rude, it is not logical. By the way, while I do not own a horse, I am pro equine. I am just not anti canine as the PMCPOA appears to be. This also does not make sense as there are more canines than equines in Pine Mountain Club.

How about the torn nets at the basketball court? "If it is not kept up, the basketball court will be closed permanently." Or this one, as I noticed a few beer cans laying around that were not in the trash bins: "If it is not kept up, the golf course will be closed permanently?" I could go on but I am hopeful that you can see the point; no other amenity is threatened monthly to be closed if it is not kept up. Why pick on the

**Reminder:** The bears are waking up! Please take your trash to the Transfer Site more often. and don't leave anything out that will attract them. There have been a couple of incidents of bears breaking into houses. This is a reminder to lock your cars, as the bears can open them. Also keep your garages closed. Dog Park, which the PMCPOA does not support either in theory by the tone of this paragraph or financially; other than emptying the trash on occasion?

Here is what you should do: Remove this threatening paragraph from the Condor, commission someone to write a warm, welcoming, inviting piece on the Dog Park to put in its place in the Condor, and support the Dog Park financially. Our good members would appreciate you doing so!

<u>**Response:**</u> Originally, the Dog Park after a long, hard fight to create the Dog Park — became a club, in which each member paid \$25 per year to receive the entry code and be able to use the park. The club functioned with the understanding that the Dog Park was to be maintained by the people who used it.

For the past 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  years, however, fees have not been paid and the club is no longer functioning. We know that many people like the Dog Park and do use it though, so we opened it up to everyone with the caveat that it had to be maintained by the people who use it. If it is not maintained, then we would take the fence down and there would not be a dog park, and that space would become part of the campground.

So, the verbiage was not intended to be threatening at all, and we are sorry you take it that way. It is intended to be a reminder of the understanding between the association and the Dog Park users that those who use it must maintain it. You mentioned the Equestrian Center, basketball court and golf course; these are all maintained by staff and are amenities for all members, not clubs, as the Dog Park was.

We hope this helps clarify, and please note that for now, we have removed the verbiage about the Dog Park from the Condor.

> Rec Room Closed Until COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted

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that reaches worldwide.

He is married to Lisa Chapman, who is retiring from UCLA after working there for 34 years. "We have two boys and a girl. We are also new grandparents to a precious baby boy," he said. When not spending time with his family, Gabriel serves on many boards in Los Angeles, including their local homeowner's board, the Westwood Rotary Club, West LA Chamber of Commerce and the Westwood Neighborhood Council.

In his year on the PMCPOA Board, Gabriel said the greatest challenge for him has been trying to make the best decisions for the entire community while making sure to listen and try to understand all facets of community input. "I try to have a positive attitude and I believe I have helped the Board to be a more cohesive group in working together," he said. "I would like to see a continued evolution of PMC's infrastructure in a gradual and thoughtful way."

Gabriel said his favorite things about life in PMC are hiking the trails, going out and enjoying the restaurants and local businesses (when COVID restrictions aren't in place), meeting new PMC residents, developing new friendships and participating in community events. "I love the quietness and varied wildlife as well."

Though he loves the wildlife here, he said sometimes, it can get a bit scary. "I made my wife come pick me up while hiking on upper Zermatt after three large bears ran across the road 2 feet in front of me," he said with a laugh. "Too close for comfort."



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"We are having to be extra careful, because my mother fell and broke her hip a month ago and had surgery, and she is diabetic," said Bucio. "There has been a learning curve in trying to get my dad to understand that he needs to wear a face mask out, because he's 'invincible.' But we remind him that my mom is not. If she gets this, she could die. On top of it, I caught a cold from my grandson, so we are wearing masks, washing hands continually, wearing gloves and going around disinfecting everything when at her house."

Bucio owned the former Sage & Cinnamon Restaurant from 2004-2006 and the Sweet Shoppe from 2007-2009, both of which were located in the PMC Village. She was also food and beverage manager of The Bistro (Condor Cafe) from 2009-2012, and she now works with her family at Com Plus, Inc., a small PMC-based business that builds and maintains communications towers. Because the business is considered an essential service, she and her family are able to continue working, although business has slowed because they have lost clients due to the COVID shutdown. "We are fortunate. We have work for another month, but we don't know after that. We are finishing up projects that were already in the works. The maintenance of the towers is ongoing, but as far as new projects are concerned, that has slowed down quite a bit."

To help stay calm, Bucio says she tries



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to focus on the positive. "Walking around in the sunshine is a tremendous boost. I clean house, paint, decorate, re-decorate, pray, listen to positive music and I try to stay away from a lot of the news." She added, "I watch and listen to comedy shows, work in the yard... anything positive. I can't live in fear." Having family around also helps, she said. "My son and daughter-inlaw and our 2-year-old grandson live with us, so we've been able to be together. And our second grandchild is on the way."

The biggest challenges on the mountain, she said, are navigating the long lines at the post office, and seeing the price gouging that is taking place. "I'm discouraged by the price gouging I've seen. A lot of people are on fixed incomes; it makes it tough for them."

Laura Williams, owner of Peak to Peak Realty in the PMC Village, said realtors have had to learn new ways of conduct-



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Lot Clearing and Firewood Tree Treament and Fire Code Clearance ing business with the onset of the pandemic, and that there is a new normal in her industry, as with so many others. "The California Association of Realtors has provided new forms and guidelines for buyers and sellers, as well as agents and brokers. Most homes I've shown lately are non-owner-occupied; the owner-occupied homes concern me more."

When a client is looking for a home, they are shown photos and videos of the home first to make certain that they really want to see the home. If they do, all parties involved wear gloves, masks and booties, and Williams and her clients ride in separate cars to the property. Her office is closed, so meetings take place online or over the phone. "I'm thinking about doing face-time videos of me showing the homes," she said. "Everything can be done electronically, but sometimes, a client really must see the property."

Williams purchased a vacation home here in 2012, and said she knew PMC was where she wanted to live in retirement. She retired from her first career in 2014, earned her real estate license and opened Peak to Peak in 2018.

The most difficult part of the COV-ID situation for her, she said, is not seeing her immediate family members, who are in Bakersfield and Tulare. "I was super active with my grandkids, but now we're doing lots of messaging. They love using Messenger and Zoom," she said with a laugh. To help keep herself healthy, Williams said she is doing lots of hiking.

Although the demand for real estate is definitely down compared to last year, she said, Williams is confident that the slowdown will be short-lived. "There is no comparison to last year. There has only been one property that has gone into escrow since the end of March," she said. "There are changes to the lending process; some lenders are doing checks to make sure people are still employed up until the day a loan closes. But I believe real estate will bounce back quickly. I think this will be short term. The real estate market was strong, and people still want a place to escape to." She added, "Everybody who can, please think about those who are less for-

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Strangely, the coronavirus outbreak has caused two familial scenarios to arise: For those whose children are grown and gone, isolation and lonliness have often been the result, as families stay away from each other to protect one another. But for those whose kids are still in school or college, the stay-at-home order has brought about intense togetherness due to the school closures. For Rick and Linda Rivette, longtime PMC residents who have eight adult children, this has been the case.

"The biggest change for us is that three of our daughters came home - our oldest is on the faculty of Azusa Pacific University, and is also working on a doctorate degree from USC, so she is online teaching lessons as well as taking classes," said Rick Rivette, who is pastor of Pine Mountain Christian Community Church (PMCCC). "My daughter in grad school is also online taking classes, having chat groups with other students and working to complete assignments. Then my youngest daughter is a junior at the university, and she too is online for classes and meeting with other students to complete group projects." He added, "Sharing the house with our daughters is a change that we are enjoying. We have played games and watched a movie on rare occasions when everyone has the evening free. We all meet each night for prayer - usually after dinner before leaving the table." On Easter Sunday, Rivette said they did a group face chat with their other grown children in L.A., Seattle, Appleton, Wisconsin and Louisville, Kentucky. "We have also had to adjust to buying more food and cooking larger meals, and we have to be very careful backing up in our driveway with three additional cars," he said with a laugh.

As with many churches across the country, PMCCC is streaming services on Facebook and uploading them on You Tube. "We had to purchase new equipment and learn how to use it. We have wanted to do this for a long time, but the COVID situation forced us to move on this form of communication now." To keep connections strong within the congregation, Rivette said he's been calling members ev-



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ery week to check in, pray and take note if there are any needs. "Church members have done well staying in touch by phone or text. Some of our church folks don't go online for anything, so we have been busy finding other ways to include them, like providing a CD of the sermon."

As a family, Rivette said the biggest challenge for them on the mountain, like Bucio, has been waiting in line at the post office to get mail, and going on shopping trips. "The shopping has not been a big problem; we mountain folk are used to stocking up with at least two weeks' worth of food. But the waiting in line to get into a store has made the trips to the valley longer."

To help cope and stay well, the Rivettes get outside for fresh air, and they follow the guidelines set forth by the health organizations, he said. "We are doing the normal things like eating well, jogging, hiking and exercising. We are washing our hands after every activity. Linda has made some face masks that we use if we go out to a public place, like the post office. I'm the one traveling to the valley to do shopping, so I take my mask and gloves, and when I get home, our daughters wipe everything with a disinfectant, and I take a shower and put my clothes in the washing machine." He added, "We are all staying at home, except that I am out delivering things to people in need (gift certificates to the local market, firewood, putting gasoline in people's cars, etc.) and doing work at the church alone."

Liz Venegas, recreation manager of PMCPOA, said COVID-19 has effected her job tremendously due to the fact that there are no events or activities going on at the moment. "All the planning and scheduling came to a screeching halt," she said. "For a minute, it seemed like all I was doing was canceling all these things we put time and effort into planning." On the days when she feels worried, Venegas agrees with Bucio, Williams and Rivette that getting outside works wonders. "There are those days when I feel a little extra anxious or stressed, and that's when I get up and go outside and take a walk, and take advantage of the beauty of this place in which we live."

She said she feels fortunate in that she is married so is not home alone, but that she misses spending time with family and friends. "Luckily, I have the company of my spouse, which is nice. But our relationships with people are a big part of our lives, and not being able to see them face to face has been rough. Thank goodness for technology; I don't know what I'd do without FaceTime," she said.

"With all of that being said, the one thing I have truly been grateful for is this community. There has been so much kindness and generosity, it warms my heart. When it comes down to it, we are a family up here, and when someone needs help, there is always someone there to lend a helping hand."

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#### Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc. Draft Summary Budget for 2020/2021 As of 04/18/2020

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	2019/2020				
	Pro Forma Actuals	Dudget	Variance	2020/2021 Budgot	Increase /
Revenue	Actuals _	Budget	variance	Budget	(Decrease)
Assessment Income	4,632,421	4,637,966	(5,545)	4,626,738	(11,228)
Operating Interest	40,994	31,220	9,774	30,485	(735)
General & Administrative	94,252	35,640	58,612	48,420	12,780
Association Business	9,321	5,400	3,921	8,100	2,700
Patrol	7,000	1,200	5,800	1,200	0
Maintenance Operations	5,022	7,600	(2,578)	5,800	(1,800)
Environmental Control	17,057	7,200	9,857	10,200	3,000
RV, Campground, Parks, & Grounds	19,991	19,600	391	19,200	(400)
Refuse & Recycling	11,195	28,800	(17,605)	13,200	(15,600)
Equestrian Center	57,612	53,000	4,612	54,300	1,300
Pro Shop	106,177	94,250	11,927	107,575	13,325
Lounge	197,386	201,100	(3,714)	198,950	(2,150)
Condor Café	377,064	243,500	133,564	351,000	107,500
Recreation & Events	3,497	2.050	1,447	2,450	400
Post Office	76,500	76,500	0	76,500	0
Designated Funds used	574,651	100,000	474,651	100,000	0
Total Revenue	6,230,140	5,545,026	685,114	5,654,118	109,092
<u>Expenses</u>					
General & Administrative	1,512,065	1,588,206	(76,141)	1,653,171	64,965
Association Business	99,112	127,180	(28,068)	98,514	(28,666)
Patrol	383,530	406,108	(22,578)	372,361	(33,747)
Clubhouse Maintenance	278,129	354,760	(76,631)	313,416	(41,344)
Maintenance Operations	932,960	913,612	19,348	902,372	(11,240)
Environmental Control	99,871	110,948	(11,077)	91,352	(19,596)
RV, Campground, Parks, & Grounds	10,946	22,930	(11,984)	20,103	(2,827)
Refuse & Recycling	142,954	129,767	13,187	149,013	19,246
Equestrian Center	189,054	236,847	(47,793)	220,581	(16,266)
Pro Shop	116,358	133,056	(16,698)	127,713	(5,343)
Golf Maintenance	244,163	300,998	(56,835)	266,760	(34,238)
Lounge	174,836	206,800	(31,964)	197,289	(9,511)
Condor Café	485,048	395,456	89,592	469,867	74,411
Recreation & Events	92,461	111,011	(18,550)	118,690	7,679
Pool	14,075	28,548	(14,473)	21,730	(6,818)
Post Office	117,083	122,799	(5,716)	125,186	2,387
Project Expenses	131,184	0	131,184	50,000	50,000
		0		0	0
Project Contingency	76,639		76,639		
Reserve Funding Total Expenses	817,000 5,917,467	<u>356,000</u> 5,545,026	<u>461,000</u> 372,441	456,000 5,654,118	100,000 109,092
Net Revenue Over Expenses	312,673	0	312,673	0	0
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Additional Reserve Funding					
Operating Fund Contributions (pending					
verification by the Audit & approval by Board)				312,673	312,673
Total Additional Reserve Funding	0	0	0	312,673	312,673
Projected Excess (Deficit)					
Budget Year 2019/2020 (pending verification by the Audit & approval by Board)				312,673	312,673
	312,673	0	312,673	0	0
Total Net Income Over Expenses	512,073		512,073		0
Assessment Amount		1,604		1,604	0
Billable Lots		2,891.5		2,884.5	7

The complete budget is available at the Association Office to members upon request at the Association's expense and will be provided by agreed upon method (mail, email, etc) within 5 days of the request.

### Transfer Site Cardboard Bailer Broken, ID Cards Required to Use Facility

The PMC Transfer Site cardboard bailer is once again broken. The Board has approved the purchase of a new bailer from Reserve Funds, and it is expected to arrive the first of June. Meanwhile, members are asked to please break down their cardboard at home and save it temporarily (if you have space) until the new bailer arrives.

On another note, a reminder that our Transfer Site is strictly for PMC residents/guests and tenants. Please bring your member/guest card, as it will be verified before you can dump your trash. Only three vehicles at a time are allowed inside the Transfer Site. All other cars will wait outside the gate. When one car leaves, another car may come in.

We have received calls from Frazier Park, Lebec and Lake of the Woods wanting to use the PMC Transfer Site. This will not be allowed. If you do not have your member/guest card you will be turned away. Please do not argue with the staff. This rule is for everyone's safety as well as staff. We are in trying times, not only in our community, but in our state, country and the whole world. We all need to practice patience and kindness.

Transfer Site Hours: 8:30am - 5pm Daily 8:30am - 7pm Thurs

# Do We Have Your Contact Information?

Does PMCPOA have your current phone number? This is important so that the Association can contact you if there is ever an urgent issue at your PMC home.

Please fill out and return the Information Update form you received with your assessment package, or call the office and give the receptionist your contact information.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

# **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All committee meetings are subject to cancelation this month. However, some committees will hold online meetings via the Zoom application. Please see below, and check with each committee for details.

> *Friday, May 1 (First Friday)* DARK **Greens and Grounds** Golf Shop DARK **Environmental Control** Condor Room

Saturday, May 2 (First Saturday) 9:00 am Governing Documents ZOOM 1:00 pm Planning ZOOM

*Tuesday, May 5 (First Tuesday)* DARK **Equestrian** Pool Pavilion/Equestrian Center

> Thursday, May 7 (First Thursday) DARK Recreation Lounge

Saturday, May 9 (Second Saturday) DARK Emergency Preparedness Pool Pavilion 10:00 am Communications ZOOM DARK CERT Pool Pavilion

Wednesday, May 13 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg) 5:00 pm Budget & Finance ZOOM

Saturday, May 16 (Third Saturday) 10:00 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. ZOOM

# Want to Be on Email Blast List?

PMCPOA has an effective email blast system that is used to provide information in the quickest way possible.

While many members are already receiving these emails, many are not yet on the list. This established system is being used to enhance the timely distribution of information to the membership. However, the system is only effective if the Business Office has your email address. The list is growing, but the staff needs to have as many of the members provide email addresses as possible to maximize effectiveness.

Please stop by the office and sign up, or email your request to the office at recept@pmcpoa.com. It will be worth your while to do so.

## Reminder from PMC Patrol Regarding Wildlife

PMCPOA property, members' properties and Los Padres National Forest are subject to California Code of Regulations 14, and California Fish & Wildlife regulations as they may be amended from time to time regarding the harassment of wildlife.

Rule 7:03: The feeding of bears, mountain lions, bobcats, raccoons, foxes and/or coyotes is strictly prohibited on any lot or other portion of the Pine Mountain development (this includes allowing access to trash). This prohibition will be strictly enforced.