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Holiday Season! See
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Helpful Tips and Reminders for PMCPOA Members

Environmental Control Committee

Here are a few reminders to help you keep in compliance with the rules and regulations of Pine Mountain Club.

House numbers are to be visible from the street

It is a Kern County requirement that all residences have street numbers posted. The ordinance states: "House numbers shall be at least 3 inches in height and placed on the house facing the street. If the numbers are not visible from the street, an additional set shall be placed on a sign post, fence, mailbox, etc., so as to be visible from the street."

To make it easier for Emergency Responders to find your home, please make sure your house numbers are visible from the street at all times. Check this yourself by seeing how easily you can find the numbers when driving by in the daytime, in the dark and when there is snow on the ground. Not only is this a Kern County ordinance, but it will save precious minutes in case of an emergency.

Holiday Closures

• Please note that the PMCPOA Business Office and the Environmental Control Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

• There will be no fitness classes on either of these days either.

• The Pro Shop will be open until 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving.

• The Transfer Site will be closed on Thanksgiving.

Propane tank screening must be on all four sides

Paragraph 5.10 of our CC&Rs states: "... and tanks for propane storage shall be screened in accordance with the EC Code." The EC requirements for screening are:

1. The screening material shall be six (6") inches higher than

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What to Know About Hazardous Waste Protocol at Transfer Site

PMCPOA EC Department

We would like to share with the membership the items that the Transfer Site attendants look for when conducting load check operations, or as observed otherwise.

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 17407.5 (a) states "an operation of facility shall not intentionally accept or store hazardous wastes. You might be surprised at some of the items on the hazardous waste list. They include:

- Most household cleaners
- Fluorescent tubes and bulbs
- Non-empty aerosol paint cans
- Mercury thermostats and thermometers
- Mercury-added novelties, such as flashing athletic shoes, jewelry, games and greeting cards that play sounds
- Pressurized cylinders, even those that are empty (propane cylinders)
- Asphalt Shingles
- Pressure-treated lumber
- Tires
- Electronic devices, all of which contain hazardous materials, may be placed in the electronic recycling area.

The above-listed items may be taken to:

Kern County Special Waste Facility

4951 Standard St. (Corner Standard & Foster Streets)

Bakersfield, CA

661-862-8922

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

WINTER WEATHER PREPARATIONS

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Winter weather will be here before we know it. Now is the time to prepare your home and vehicles.

Prepare Your Home:

- Clean out gutters and drain all outside hoses. If possible, shut off outside water valves.
- Repair roof leaks and remove tree branches that could become weighted down with ice or snow and fall on your house.
- Wrap water pipes in your basement or crawl spaces.
- Have your chimney and heating equipment cleaned and inspected.
- Make sure you have enough fuel for fireplaces, wood stoves, pellet stoves and heaters.
- Check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to make sure they are working and install new batteries.
- Never use a generator indoors, inside the garage or near an air intake of your home.
- Make sure you have flashlights, battery powered radio and extra batteries.
- Have at least a week's worth of food, water and safety supplies.

Prepare Your Vehicle:

- Check your antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, oil and other fluids. Keep your gas tank full.
- Make sure your tires have enough tread. Consider snow tires and chains.
- Keep bagged salt or sand in the trunk for extra traction and to melt snow.
- Clear snow from the top of car, headlights and windows.
- Keep in your vehicle a cold-weather kit containing a blanket or sleeping bag, gloves, snacks, bottled water, flashlight, folding shovel, first aid kit and car cell phone charger.
- Drive only if necessary.
- Monitor the television and radio if there is a chance of inclement weather. Sign up for ReadyKern (emergency notification system for Kern County). It is easy to register by going online to www.ReadyKern.com.

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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.

***The editorial and advertising
deadline for the December 2016
Condor is Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.***

Town Hall

**Tejon Ranch
Conservancy Slide
Show**

**Friday, Nov. 11
7 p.m.**

Condor Room

**Presenters Ashley Ross,
Public Access Manager
and Chris Gardner,
Docent**

The Tejon Ranch is the largest contiguous private property in California. For more than 150 years, the ranch has been highly restricted from public access. In 2008, the Tejon Ranch Conservancy was formed to oversee the conservation of 240,000 acres of land at the convergence of four major ecological regions.

The mission of the Tejon Ranch Conservancy includes the goal of providing public opportunities to learn, explore and experience first-hand both the beauty and diversity of the Ranch along with conservation in action as a volunteer.

The ranch is a working cattle ranch with a rich cultural history. It is home to unique species of plants, a third of the oaks found in California, a great diversity of birds, as well as mammals including Rocky Mountain Elk, Bears, Mountain Lions, Bobcats and Pronghorn. Aspects of these will be explored during this presentation as the Ranch undergoes transformation through the seasons.

PMCPOA

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, Nov. 26

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PMC Clubhouse

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Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Friday, November 25th

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Golf Tournament Rallies Up Money for Breast Cancer Research

Danny Hoff & Golf Operations Team

On Oct. 15, the PMCPOA Golf Course held its first “Rally for The Cure” Golf Tournament fundraiser in support of breast cancer research.

There were 24 golfers who participated in a scramble, kicked off with a “Big Break Skills Challenge.” The winners were Kelly Fendley, Bob Hoff, Everett Richardson and Lori Cooper. Congratulations to all!

Following the golf tournament, everyone feasted on barbecued tri-tip sandwiches, potato salad, beans and their favorite beverages.

A total of \$2,007.00 was raised, which included proceeds from a silent auction and an opportunity drawing with wonder-

ful items donated from our local vendors and people within our PMC community. The tournament was so successful that it will be an annual event in PMC.

A special “thank you” to several anonymous donors, who added to the success of this worthwhile event! Your generosity

far exceeded our expectations. The funds raised will go directly to cancer research and finding a cure for everyone afflicted with this disease.

A fun time was had by all, and we are excited to see what our little community can do next year!



Two dozen golfers competed in the Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament.

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PMCPPOA's first Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament raised more than \$2,000 to help support breast cancer research. Local vendors donated items for a silent auction and opportunity drawing.



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A Message from the Board Chair

During this month's Board meeting, I announced the formation of an ad hoc task force charged with the responsibility of assisting the General Manager in the development of a request for proposal for the replacement of our current website. For some time the need to update the site and make it a more useful tool for communicating with our members has been discussed and debated. Hopefully, we can anticipate a new and improved communication tool this coming year. The committee, chaired by John Cantley, will include Sandy Browne, Ben Salazar, Finn Myggen and Agustin Moran. I will keep you updated as they move forward.

The October Board meeting was dominated by a discussion surrounding the possibility of offering those members who currently have chickens on their property the opportunity to continue to do so. As you may know, the Board, at its September meeting, passed a revision to association rules Article 4 that banned chickens. Although the Board included a 90-day delay in implementation of the rule, there remained the desire on the part of some that

we should allow for the grandfathering in of those who already had chickens. There was a great deal of debate with much to be said in support of both those who wanted this to happen and those who did not. Ultimately, the Board decided not to support the grandfathering of chickens. I want to thank all of you who either wrote letters to the Board, discussed the issue with your fellow members or attended Board meetings to present your opinions and concerns. All of those efforts were important and contributed to the discussion. Each of us may agree or disagree with the outcome, but I do believe that a full and open discussion was held, and that is the most important result.

If you have not noticed, winter is fast approaching as the temperature begins to fluctuate, dropping into the 20's one day and back up to the 70s the next. That means it's time to check those pipes and furnace filters and stock up on firewood. We must also keep in mind that the risk of fire is still very much with us, and we need to be prepared.

There was a momentary hint of rain on Saturday, but it was short-lived. Water is

increasingly the single-most important issue we face. We need a wet winter to even begin to relieve the situation. All other problems pale in comparison.

Thank you to all of our members who help make our community the great place it is. Please continue to participate and be involved. What we are as a community is a true reflection of who we are as individuals.

Want to Talk With the Board Chair?

If you would like to speak with PMCPOA Board of Directors Chair Bill Gurtner, there is a way to do so. To book some one-on-one time with him, contact the front desk and schedule an appointment. Visits will be booked in 15-minute increments.

This is the members' chance to vent, inform, question, enlighten, propose a solution or put an end to issues and concerns they believe the Board should know about. Please call the Business Office to schedule an appointment.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Karin Shulman, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Oct. 15, 2016. Complete minutes are available at the Business Office or online at www.pinemountainclub.net after their approval at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Bill Gurtner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Nine Directors attended: Stephan Bates, Gary Biggerstaff, Sandy Browne, Susan Canaan, John Cantley, Bill Gurtner, Garry Kemmer, Tom McMullen and Doug Wilde. Also present were General Manager Rory Worster and Recording Secretary Karin Shulman.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda of the Board of Directors' meeting of Oct. 15, 2016, which included the Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting of Sept. 17, 2016 and two (2) commit-

tee applications. The Board acknowledged receipt of "Committee-Approved Committee Minutes for Board Review." There were three (3) approved Environmental Control Committee Project Recommendation and one (1) Cottage Industry Permit.

Chairman Gurtner presented the Chair's report.

General Manager Worster presented the General Manager's report.

Director McMullen presented the Treasurer's report.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVED RESOLUTION #01-10-15-16, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO Rule 4 that allows chicken owners to keep chickens for a specified

time period and only under the following strict conditions (See full Resolution). **MOTION** by Director Biggerstaff, **SECOND** by Director Wilde. **MOTION** failed. Opposed by Directors Bates, Browne, Cantley, Canaan and Gurtner.

APPROVED RESOLUTION #2-10-15-16, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the PMCPOA Board of Directors approves the 2015-2016 audit report as prepared by Poindexter and Company. **MOTION** by Director McMullen, **SECOND** by Director Browne. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

The Board sent and received 25 items of correspondence this month.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Nov. 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Condor Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Todd Draa

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc
 Treasurer's Report and Y-T-D Financial Statement
 Year to Date Through September 30, 2016

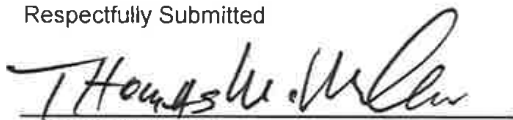
Operating Fund	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
Revenue			
Current Year Assessment Revenue	1,018,120	1,016,538	1,582
Operations/Maintenance	32,982	37,847	(4,865)
Social Activity	175,855	175,265	590
Interest Income (Operating)	1,169	3,000	(1,831)
Total Revenue	1,228,126	1,232,650	(4,524)
Operating Expenses			
Operations/Maintenance	980,319	1,000,183	(19,864)
Social Activity	310,217	330,669	(20,452)
Operating Projects	4,610	18,750	(14,140)
Designated Fund Projects	0	0	0
Worker's Comp Safety Incentive	0	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	11,646	11,646	0
Capital Improvements	0	0	0
Transfer to Property Fund	0	0	0
Reserve Contribution	360,000	360,000	0
Total Operating Expenses	1,666,792	1,721,248	(54,456)
Net Operating Revenue Over Expense	(438,666)	(488,598)	49,932

	2016/2017 Assmt Billing	YTD Assessments Collected	YTD Assessments Receivable
Assessment Collection Update	4,066,152	3,865,098	201,054

Payroll Summary	Actual	Budget	Variance
Payroll Wages	436,857	446,091	(9,234)
Payroll Benefits	104,649	81,195	23,454
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	67,625	72,426	(4,801)
Total Payroll Expense	609,131	599,712	9,419

Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2016	Interest and Contributions	Less YTD Trnsfrs and Purchases	Ending Balance September 30, 2016
	2,409,498	360,264	133,149	2,636,613

Respectfully Submitted



Thomas McMullen
 October 12, 2016

Operating Fund Cash Balance	3,293,195
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	2,636,613

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

Rory Worster

For the first time that I can remember since moving to PMC, we did not receive even one summer rain storm that resulted in water runoff to help with our overall irrigation situation. This has been the driest I have ever seen it up here.

For anyone who has gone down to Fern's Lake, you know that it is very low, and the middle lake has dried up. We are still doing pretty well with the upper lake as a fire-fighting reserve, however. For about a month, we were getting around 4 gallons per minute into the lake, or about 5,500 gallons every 24 hours. With the warm and breezy weather, this is just enough to stay ahead of evaporation. We have been mostly watering tees and greens by tank and hand, and will need to continue to do that until the remaining grass we have goes dormant.

The Los Padres Forest is in Level 4 fire restrictions until further notice. There is an exception being made that if you have a proper hunting license and tag, you may discharge a firearm to take legal game. Other than that, the restrictions are pretty severe.

Please remember that we are surrounded by a high tree-mortality forest, and carelessness with any heat-generating item is not an option we can live with. So, for the people who are throwing lit ciga-

rettes out onto our roads, stop it. We have found them in a few areas lately. If you witness this, please take down the license plate number and turn it into the CHP and then our Patrol.

Don't Litter Our Roads

Also, trash that appears to have been thrown out of car windows is becoming more prevalent and alarming than ever. Please respect our area and do not throw garbage out the car window, ever, but especially not in our town along our roads. If you see something, say something.

\$500 Reward Posted

Along these lines -- which really saddens me to have to do this -- we are posting a \$500 reward for the first person who provides information leading to the arrest of the individual(s) placing nails on PM-CPOA roads. They are very random, and not just at one time of day or night, not in just a couple of locations, but many. Please be observant while moving along our roadways, and if you see anyone tossing or placing nails on the road, please report it to Patrol.

Earth Plate Movement Station

And now for something totally different: The station that some of you have observed with the solar panels and dome antennae north of the meadow area is ac-

tually part of more than 1,200 sites that are placed in a network to track earth plate movement. Our station was installed in 2006 as part of this network. For those of you who have been feeling the earth move under your feet, well you are right. The data from this station shows the velocity of the plate movement averages about 28.8 mm per year to the northwest. Our total movement north has been about 200 mm, or about 8 inches, in 10 years.

Filming in Area

We have entered into a daily film shoot agreement with CBS studios for filming in and around PMC. This can be a very lucrative contract if this show gets picked up and gets more episodes to be shot. The show is currently called "Guest Book" and will start to air next year on TBS, I believe.

Fitness Classes

We have new aerobic fitness classes underway in the Condor Room and they are getting rave reviews. Please check the lobby for class times and other details.

The Pool is now closed for the season.

PMC Patrol Recap – Sept. 2016

During the month of September, Patrol responded to 217 calls for service.

Observations and calls included the following:

Enforcement--76
Public Assist--81
Suspicious Incident--39
Traffic Incident--5
Wildlife--16

EC recap for Sept. 2016

Construction Projects – EC Committee Recommendation: 3

EC Officer Approvals of Minor Projects (No KC Permit Needed): 49

EC Letters Written: 43 written, no citations for September

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Emergency Prep. Committee Poised to Step In If Disaster Strikes

Pine Mountain Club is in a very remote location. If a disaster strikes, there could be a long wait until outside help arrives.

With this in mind, it's comforting to know that PMCPOA has an Emergency Preparedness (EP) Committee. The committee is composed of volunteers who are property owners in PMC and are appointed by the Board of Directors annually through submittal of an application process.

"In a disaster, we could be isolated, with only three firefighters to help," said Dayne Yancey, longtime chair of the EP Committee. "Our community members need to know how to take care of themselves and their neighbors."

To assist with this, the EP Committee is in charge of maintaining updated emergency supplies in three storage trailers on PMCPOA property, including emergency water storage. Part of that includes cleaning and organizing the trailers.

"I joined this committee, and still belong, because I feel it's important to this community," said Yancey, who joined almost 15 years ago and has been chair for about 12 years.

"We have a great group of hard-working members on the committee. They all

say we have a large committee because of the home-baked goodies I bring to the meetings," she said with a laugh.

In addition to maintaining the emergency trailers, the committee also staffs a booth at festivals to hand out information and talk with attendees about Emergency Preparedness. It also sponsors one or two First Aid/CPR classes for the community each year.

"We have organized Safety Fairs in the community and at Town Hall meetings, where we bring first responders to speak to community members; and we sponsor the PMC CERT Team," said Yancey.

Dissemination of emergency preparedness literature is another duty of the committee, and it contributes monthly safety and preparedness articles to the Condor newsletter. Although the committee does not have authority in PMC, it is tasked with generating recommendations and guidance on emergency preparedness to the Board of Directors. This is accomplished through the EP liaison, who is currently PMCPOA Board Chair Bill Gurtner.

The EP Committee meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Condor Room. For more information, please call Yancey at 661-242-1094.

Golf Shop Hours:

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Daily

Call 242-3734

for tee times.

Twilight hours/rates are available at 2 p.m.

Contact the Pro Shop for details. Remember: For safety reasons, non-golfers may NOT be on the course during hours of daylight.

Check out the new merchandise in the Pro Shop, coming Nov. 1!

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PMCPOA welcomes your input. Drop ideas off in the CCC Box in the Clubhouse Lobby, or click on the "CCC Box" menu item on PMC's website at www.pinemountainclub.net.

Thank you for your submissions to the Compliments, 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

- The food during Monday Night Football is great; good variety, wings are great,

hot dogs too. It's a fun, inexpensive night out.

Response: Thank you for the compliment. The Bistro staff will continue to mix it up a little and provide nice tasty food at reasonable prices.

COMPLAINT

- The tennis courts are badly in need of maintenance. The only time they were cleaned was by a tennis club member not the maintenance staff. It took a month to get a new strap for the east court and still no wind screens. We were told that they tore the wind screens when they removed them last year but no one ordered new ones. That is a lack of leadership from the Board. Someone took out the hose, so we cannot clean the courts and no one

from maintenance has cleaned the courts since we cleaned the court more than a month ago. Please replace the hose so we can clean the courts as needed or add the cleaning to the maintenance schedule twice a month. Also we need more protection from golf balls that are causing a lot of damage to the courts. Yes, the golf balls are causing the damage; I have seen it happen and have a collection of golf balls that were left on the courts.

Response: Thank you for your comments about the tennis courts. We are working on a plan to improve and clean up the courts as time and staffing allows.

Want to Receive Your Condor by Email?

Would you like to receive your Condor newsletter by email? Printed versions are still being sent through the mail to those who prefer it. However, online versions come earlier and save the association as much as \$2.50 per copy in mailing and labor costs.

If you are interested in an online version, please email the Condor editor at rwilde@pmcpoa.com or contact the Business Office in person or by phone at 242-3788 to let us know. Please provide us with your name as it appears on the property title, tract and lot number if possible, and your property or mailing address, phone number and email address. Save money, trees, and postage costs!

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the tank, filler valves, or pipes, whichever is greater in height, and no higher if it will unreasonably obstruct the view from other lots.

2. If the material to screen the tank is to be non-combustible material, the owner must submit the type of material to the ECC for approval.

3. If wood screening is of solid construction, with no space between the planks, a six- (6) inch clearance from the ground is required for ventilation.

4. A means of access for filling the tank shall be part of the structure.

5. The propane tank must be anchored.

All lots are to be kept in clean and neat condition

Section 7.17 of the Environment Control Code reads, "It is the members' sole responsibility to, and they shall, maintain their lots and all improvements in a neat, clean and sanitary condition and in good repair and in such manner as not to create a fire hazard or create a public nuisance. Vegetation on any lot shall be planted and maintained in such a manner as to prevent or retard erosion and to encourage the growth of indigenous ground cover."

ANY exterior house modifications, including colors, roofing, windows and additions, etc. must be reported to the Environmental Control Office for approval

The association has a set of rules and guidelines that must be followed when making changes to a property or structure. For specifics on these requirements, please visit the Environmental Control Office, or view the materials found on the PMCPOA website on the "Environmental Control Office" page under the "Association" menu along the left side of the home page (www.pinemountainclub.net). Downloadable permit applications are available on the website, as well as all supporting information.

All of the above are the sole responsibility of the property owner as per the EC Code, the Rules and Regulations and the CC&Rs of the association.

Cal Fire Offers a Seasonal Look at Tree Health and Fire Prevention

There are steps that can be taken each season to help reduce the risk of wildfire and promote tree health. Here are ideas offered by Cal Fire for each season:

Fall

- If planting trees, wait until the weather cools and fall rains have increased soil moisture.
- Now is one of the best times to remove dead and dying trees and dense undergrowth.
- Water high-value trees only if significantly less than average rainfall this season; otherwise, do not water.

Winter

- Check property for dead or bark beetle-infested trees.
- Weather permitting, now is the best time to remove those trees and dense undergrowth.
- Trim up trees for vertical clearance as part of your home's defensible space. If

this is not feasible in winter, then plan now to do so when weather permits.

- If you're planting trees this spring, plan ahead now and plant locally native trees.

Spring

- Prepare defensible space.
- Remove dead and bark beetle-infested trees.
- Bark beetles are most active now and in summer—be careful not to damage remaining trees as fresh wood attracts beetles.
- If possible, remove freshly cut wood. Otherwise, cover, lop or chip infested wood—and do not place near healthy trees.
- Following an extended period of little to no rain, sparingly water high-value trees. Use best watering practices.
- Now is the time to plant new trees, as long as irrigation is available.

Summer

- Remove dead and dying trees.
- Follow spring guidelines as beetles are very active in summer as well.
- Be especially careful with power tools—one spark can start a wildfire. If planting trees in fall, plan ahead now and plant locally native trees.

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Just What Do Those Weather Terms Mean, Anyway?

Cooler weather is upon us, and with that may come winter storms. Here is a guide to help you familiarize yourself with terms used to identify winter weather.

- “Freezing Rain” creates a coating of ice on roads and walkways.
- “Sleet” is rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes roads to freeze and become slippery.
- “Winter Weather Advisory” means cold, ice and snow are expected.
- “Winter Storm Watch” means severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two.
- “Winter Storm Warning” means severe winter conditions have begun or will

begin very soon.

- “Blizzard Warning” means heavy snow and strong winds will produce a blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts and life-threatening wind chill.
- “Frost/Freeze Warning” means below-freezing temperatures are expected.
- When a Winter Storm WATCH is issued, listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio and television stations, or cable television such as The Weather Channel for further updates.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- If a storm hits or there is very cold weather and you still must go out, dress accordingly. Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water-repellent.
- Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves, and wear a hat. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

Be Prepared for Cold Weather: Home Heating Tips and Best Practices

Now that the weather is changing, we are beginning to crank up the heat and ignite our wood stoves and other heating devices. Here are some tips offered by Cal Fire to help prevent home fires and help keep your home safe and warm this winter:

- Never use flammable liquids or excessive amounts of paper to start or accelerate a fire.
- Keep flammables away from heat sources. Wood stoves require a 36-inch clearance from combustible surfaces.
- The use of kerosene heaters inside the home is prohibited in California (Sec. 19881, Health and Safety Code).
- Keep children away from heat sources.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Wood stoves should be UL approved.
- Never attempt to heat a structure with a device that was designed for outdoor use, such as a camp stove.
- Charcoal gives off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide. Do not burn it indoors.
- Have a professional inspect and clean your chimney, stovepipe and/or furnace annually. Do not attempt repairs yourself.
- Keep a metal or glass screen in front of the fireplace opening. Make sure the damper is open before lighting.
- Check furnace control and emergency shut-offs to be sure they are working properly.
- If using a fossil fuel for heating, install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. Make sure your home has working smoke alarms as well. If using space heaters, be sure to keep them away from combustibles and turn them off before leaving a room.

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Want to Be on the Email Blast List? Sign Up in Office

Did you know that PMCPOA has an 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, and the new Board of Directors is exploring ways to use the system even more frequently.

At the same time, 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 recept@pmc-poa.com. It will be worth your while to do so.

*Please Note
that the PMC
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for the Season*

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**Saturday
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Group Hikes
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**Meet in Clubhouse
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Monday Night Football Serves up Food and Fun

Why not kick off your week right by coming to the Clubhouse to enjoy Monday Night Football with your friends, then continuing the fun on Thursday nights?

Football season is underway, and so are the festivities in the Lounge. The fun begins Mondays at 4:00 p.m. when the bar opens, and the first game is at 4:30 p.m. The buffet also opens at 4:30 p.m., offering mini corn dogs, buffalo wings, chips, chili and cheese sauce. The cost is \$5 for a plate. The fun continues with a second game shown at 7 p.m. In addition to the buffet, happy hour beer pricing is available. Pricing on domestic beer is \$11 per pitcher, \$4 for a 22-ounce glass and \$3 for a 16-ounce glass.

On Thursdays, a themed dinner is served every week beginning at 5 p.m. to enjoy while watching the games.

Fitness Schedule Program One

Tai Chi . 9:30-10:30 am
Monday . Wednesday .
Friday

Gentle Stretch . 9:30-10:15
am . Tuesday . Thursday

PMC Yoga & Pilates .
10:15-11:00 am . Tuesday .
Thursday

Program Two

Zumba . 8-9 am. Monday .
Thursday

Weights (free) . 9-9:30
am . Monday

Drum Fitness . 5-6 pm
. Monday . 8-8:45 am .
Wednesday

Cardio-Dance & Tone .
8-9 am Tuesday . Friday

Body Work . 8:45-
9:30 am . Wednesday

Night Club Zumba . 5:00-
6:00 pm . Thursday

Outdoor Activity . Satur-
day mornings as scheduled
(hikes, trail runs, walk/run,
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Sat, Sun

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Arts & Crafts

Wednesdays

3-5 p.m.

Entertainment

Line-Up:

Saturday Nights

7 to 11 p.m.

*(unless otherwise
noted)*

**Nov. 5 -- Tsunami
Surfers (Mix of Rock,
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**Nov. 12 -- Breakfast
with Barbi (Formerly
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Classic Rock &
Country Rock)**

**Nov. 19 -- Bandit
(Mix of Classic Rock,
Blues & Country)**

**Nov. 26 -- Rich
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Thursdays

10:00 am . Skins Golf

Fridays

7 pm . Amateur Radio Club . Pool Pavilion . (3rd Friday)

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Tuesday, Nov. 1 (First Tuesday)

4 pm **Equestrian Committee** Pool Pavilion

Thursday, Nov. 3 (First Thursday)

10:30 am **Recreation Committee** Lounge

Friday, Nov. 4 First Friday)

8:30 am **Greens and Ground** Golf Shop
2:00 pm **Environmental Control** Condor Room

Saturday, Nov. 5 (First Saturday)

9:00 am **Governing Documents** Pool Pavilion
1:00 pm **Planning** Pool Pavilion

Saturday, Nov. 12 (Second Saturday)

9 am **Emergency Preparedness** Condor Room
10:00 am **Communications** Pool Pavilion
10 am **CERT** Condor Room

Wednesday, Nov. 16 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

5:00 pm **Finance & Budget** Pool Pavilion

Saturday, Nov. 19 (Third Saturday)

10:00 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg.** Condor Rm

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GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

9-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pavilion

Second/Fourth/Fifth Wednesdays

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone . Pool Pavilion

First Thursday

6:30 pm . Quilt Guild Business Meeting . Pool Pavilion

Every Friday

9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More Pool Pav (9-1:30/3rd Fri)

First/Third Saturdays

1-4 . Knitting Guild . Condor Room

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8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday-Saturday

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