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**Spring is here, and that means it's time for Easter fun! Join us for the annual Egg Hunt (see page 15), and for Easter Brunch (See back cover).**



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## Our World of Nature

### How Did our Wild Birds Deal with this Winter?

Lynn Stafford with Liz Buchroeder

We have had quite a winter in Pine Mountain Club and nearby communities. We humans have been busy shoveling snow, checking the weather reports and road conditions, bringing in firewood, and sending our city friends and relatives photos of snow banks and giant icicles (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1: Icicles adorn a Pine Mountain Club home (LB).

The wild animals and plants that inhabit our mountains have experienced the same conditions. How did they manage? This article will focus on some of our birds that opt to stay here during the winter instead of migrating southwards or descending to lower, milder valleys. Birds are warm-blooded, having body temperatures higher than humans, between 102 and 109 degrees F. How do they retain their warmth when the outside temperature reaches below 20 degrees, often with added wind-chill factor?

One method of staying warm is regulating insulation. We humans must change from light summer jackets to heavy winter parkas. All birds have to do is raise the downy feathers underneath the outer feathers with tiny muscle fibers. The dark-eyed junco is a sleek, trim bird in the summer (Fig. 2). In winter, a junco nestled in snow-covered twigs looks chubby (Fig. 3), but has simply 'changed clothes' by fluffing the hidden down. Of course, all these feathers need care. Preening, including oiling from a special gland, takes up a good part of a bird's daily activity.



Fig. 2: This junco is enjoying moderate weather (BB).

Then there is the problem of food supply to keep the body temperature stable while



Photo by PMC Patrol Chief Patrice Stimpson

### Snow, Snow and More Snow

PMC received record amounts of snowfall last month during a rare blizzard that impacted much of California. Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in 13 counties affected by the storms, including Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Santa Barbara counties. Mountain community residents found cars buried in snow, experienced power outages, and had to dig pathways in order to leave their homes. The state's emergency agency and private weather forecasters in January said that damage from weeks of storms and flooding in California could surpass \$1 billion. (See additional photos page 3.)

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# EVACUATION TIPS

*PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee*

## **How to be Prepared Before Wildfire Strikes**

- Plan where to go: To a hotel, evacuation center, friend's house, or family home out of the area.
- Plan your evacuation route: We only have two ways in and out of Pine Mountain Club. Follow the direction of the emergency personnel on which direction they want you to go. Practice different routes from your home to Mil Potrero Highway. Streets may be blocked, and you need to know alternate ways to get to the main road. Drive out Hudson Ranch Road to Highway 166 to become familiar with that route.
- Long before a fire threatens, prepare an evacuation checklist. Prepare an emergency kit for each member of your family and your pets. Go to [www.Ready.gov/kit](http://www.Ready.gov/kit) for more information on packing an emergency kit.
- Look around every room in your home and make a list of the most important items and mementos you would want to take with you. You may only have five or 10 minutes to evacuate. You may want to prioritize them by what to take depending upon amount of time to evacuate.
- Make copies of important documents: Take photos of all the rooms and the outside of the house. These may be needed for insurance purposes. Save these on a thumb drive and put them in your Grab-and-Go Kit. **STAY INFORMED.**
- Sign up for ReadyKern, the reverse 911 system. You can sign up at [www.readykern.gov](http://www.readykern.gov).

## **If Evacuation is a Possibility**

- Locate your Evacuation Checklist and place the items in your vehicle.
- Cover up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, heavy shoes/boots, a cap, a dust mask or dry bandana, and goggles or glasses.
- Park your vehicle facing outward and carry your car keys with you. Put your Emergency Kits in the car.
- Locate pets and keep them nearby.
- Place connected garden hoses and buckets full of water around the house.
- Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- Leave lights on in the house and the door unlocked.
- Leave windows closed and air conditioning off.
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains.
- Move flammable furniture away from the windows.
- Have a ladder available and place at the corner of the house.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut wood.
- Remove flammable items from your deck.

## **When to Evacuate**

**Leave as soon as fire officials recommend evacuation** to avoid being caught in fire, smoke, or road congestion. Do not wait to be ordered by authorities to leave. Evacuating early also helps firefighters move more freely to do their job. In an intense fire, officials may not have time to knock on every door.

**IF YOU ARE ADVISED TO LEAVE, GO. DON'T HESITATE!**

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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.



Snow amounts during the 2023 blizzard in PMC varied depending upon location and elevation. The photo at left was taken at 5,800 feet. The “bump” at the bottom right is a vehicle. The photo above is at an elevation of 5,450 feet. The association has created a new snow plowing status map on the PMCPOA website that automatically updates every five minutes. It can be viewed at <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/snow-plow-policy-updates>.

*Photo at left by General Manager Karin Shulman; Photo above by Tom Marshall*

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## **Election Time is Around the Corner**

The PMCPOA election season continues, and the candidate registration list is being finalized.

As per the association’s Election Policy and Procedures, at the April meeting of the board of directors, the board will proofread and approve the draft election packet and draft ballot as prepared by the Inspector of Elections and authorized in bylaw 8.08.

Once the packet is approved, the corporate secretary directs and supervises the printing of the packet, and sets printing deadlines to ensure the mailing takes place no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual Meeting of the Members date as stated in the bylaws. This year, the annual Meeting of the Members and election take place on Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m.

The corporate secretary also determines and notifies the candidates of the “Meet the Candidates” members’ open forums hosted by the Election Committee and moderated by the corporate secretary or their designee. Please watch for details about this year’s forums.

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**Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.**  
**Draft Summary Budget for 2023/2024**  
**As of March 18, 2023**

# Draft

	2022/2023			2023/2024 Budget	Increase / (Decrease)
	Pro Forma Actuals	Budget	Variance		
<b>Revenue</b>					
Assessment Income	5,173,057	5,164,638	8,419	5,574,812	410,174
Operating Interest	17,708	17,111	597	69,408	52,297
General & Administrative	115,673	105,450	10,223	102,961	(2,489)
Association Business	12,542	6,600	5,942	9,000	2,400
Patrol	44,871	20,100	24,771	24,000	3,900
Maintenance Operations	4,265	5,340	(1,075)	4,770	(570)
Environmental Control	28,189	19,200	8,989	22,500	3,300
RV, Campground, Parks, & Grounds	20,085	18,300	1,785	19,920	1,620
Refuse & Recycling	11,181	25,500	(14,319)	17,004	(8,496)
Equestrian Center	74,597	71,700	2,897	73,080	1,380
Pro Shop	102,326	99,615	2,711	100,627	1,012
Lounge	157,605	162,100	(4,495)	179,500	17,400
Condor Café	342,144	384,510	(42,366)	360,870	(23,640)
Recreation & Events	707	2,800	(2,093)	2,900	100
Pool	5,630	0	5,630	4,000	4,000
Post Office	76,500	76,500	0	76,500	0
Projects	46,931	57,000	(10,069)	36,000	(21,000)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>6,234,010</b>	<b>6,236,464</b>	<b>(2,454)</b>	<b>6,677,852</b>	<b>441,388</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
General & Administrative	(1,644,172)	(1,703,853)	59,681	(1,736,851)	(32,998)
Association Business	(91,338)	(89,130)	(2,208)	(91,333)	(2,203)
Patrol	(461,043)	(452,705)	(8,338)	(487,771)	(35,066)
Clubhouse Maintenance	(340,865)	(304,043)	(36,822)	(375,786)	(71,743)
Maintenance Operations	(816,759)	(841,263)	24,504	(861,664)	(20,401)
Environmental Control	(137,053)	(136,950)	(103)	(147,921)	(10,971)
RV, Campground, Parks, & Grounds	(11,036)	(21,475)	10,439	(150,478)	(129,003)
Refuse & Recycling	(179,437)	(199,830)	20,393	(208,672)	(8,842)
Equestrian Center	(235,359)	(260,240)	24,881	(267,457)	(7,217)
Pro Shop	(118,313)	(119,327)	1,014	(126,258)	(6,931)
Golf Maintenance	(352,372)	(397,859)	45,487	(248,181)	149,678
Lounge	(149,567)	(162,060)	12,493	(186,498)	(24,438)
Condor Café	(434,162)	(502,648)	68,486	(470,581)	32,067
Recreation & Events	(133,248)	(132,358)	(890)	(140,900)	(8,542)
Pool	(53,352)	(68,983)	15,631	(61,965)	7,018
Post Office	(133,479)	(139,540)	6,061	(146,324)	(6,784)
Projects	(63,460)	(107,000)	43,540	(213,000)	(106,000)
Future Designated Projects			0	0	0
Project Contingency	(50,000)	(50,000)	0	(50,000)	0
Reserve Funding - Budget	(547,200)	(547,200)	0	(706,212)	(159,012)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(5,952,216)</b>	<b>(6,236,464)</b>	<b>284,248</b>	<b>(6,677,852)</b>	<b>(441,388)</b>
<b>Net Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>281,795</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281,795</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Carry-over</b>					
Confirmed Carry-over funds - prior yrs	362,249	362,249	0	0	(362,249)
Project Contingency	(12,202)	(12,202)	0	0	12,202
Designated Projects	(129,927)	(129,927)	0	(50,000)	79,927
Reserve Funding - Carryover	(220,120)	(220,120)	0	(231,795)	(11,675)
Current Projected Carry-over funds (actual will be different)	0	0	0	281,795	281,795
Additional Reserve funding (pending verification by the Audit & Board approval)				0	0
<b>Total Carryover</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Net Income Over Expenses</b>	<b>281,795</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281,795</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Assessment Amount		1,788		1,928	140
Billable Lots		2,888.5		2,891.5	3

**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.**

## PMCPOA Transfer

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- \* **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.**
- \* **Please Help! We cannot accept hot ashes at the Transfer Site!**

*Please water your ashes down before you place them in large gray ash container.*

## Recycling Reminder:

**Don't forget, the PMCPOA 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.**

## 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 8, 2023 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 May 30, 2023. 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 earlier than 8:00 a.m. April 17, 2023 and no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 19, 2023. The resume must be typed on a single 8 1/2" 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.

*Kris Staidle, Board Secretary  
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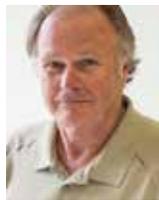
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# A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II  
pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

Some members have described the board as being defensive toward comments that were made at the March board meeting about our response to the



recent storm. Some people were offended that we defended our actions. What would one reasonably expect us to do to refute misinformation and update members on the actual actions that were taken and how we plan to do better?

Members asked, "What did you do?" and we reported what we did at the meeting and through email updates. Members asked, "What could you do better?" and we reported on several things we can do better at the meeting and through email messages.

We have not denied we could do better. We have addressed operational issues and communications concerns, purchased equipment, and rented equipment to be better prepared.

Our response to the recent storm was called a complete failure by some members. A complete failure would have been, among other things, abandoning all snow

plowing efforts, not assisting Edison, not providing a warming shelter, and not removing berms for those on our list.

Prior to the storm, our road maintenance crew prepared our vehicles and equipment. All our vehicles and equipment were fully functional and ready to go before the storm.

We had some mounts for snowplows break that were not a result of improper maintenance and some vehicles had issues related to the physical stress of the workload and heavy amount of wet snow that was being plowed. All the issues were addressed, and vehicles were subsequently repaired except for one pickup and one loader.

A few of the delays our crews encountered during the snow fall were significant when they were assisting Southern California Edison with road clearing escorts to downed power lines and rescuing some of their trucks. We had to make the decision to assist Edison in restoring power or not, and we opted to prioritize Edison assistance to resume power to members. When doing so, the snow continued to fall heavily and accumulate on other streets. Crews were also

diverted when directed to clear snow for medical emergencies.

When this community was first developed, I don't think the people planning the road system gave much thoughtful consideration to snow and snow operations. The community was originally envisioned as a summertime getaway and many of our streets and homesites reflect that summer concept. We have some streets that are extremely challenging and dangerous during heavy snow, due to ice buildup, and at night, particularly those streets in the higher elevations and those that are very steep and narrow.

We appreciated the assistance from Kern County Public Works when they escorted Edison trucks to PMC during the first days of the storm and returned after the storm on March 4, along with Supervisor Scrivner and 50 firefighters, to aid with snow plowing on some streets and berm removal.

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*This message is based on the Chairman's Report from the March 18, 2023 Board Meeting.*

## PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of March 18, 2023. Complete minutes are available at the business office or online at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://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, Richard Ballard, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Chairman Lewis II, Ellen McClellan, and Phyllis Throckmorton. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of March 18, 2023 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

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

There were two (2) committee applications

for approval.

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

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

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were two (2) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

There were zero (0) cottage industry permits requested.

### BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve RESOLUTION #01-03-18-2023, the Delinquent

cy Policy for the Annual Assessment mailing package for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve the 2023-2024 Pine Mountain Club User Fee Schedule. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to include petition New Bylaw (Project Financing Cap) in the election packet and on the ballot. Directors Acosta, Ballard, Burkett, Gabriel, Gilbert, Hoyt-Voelker, McClellan, and Throckmorton opposed. Zero (0) directors approved. **MOTION** failed.

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to include petition Pursuant to Section 5.05 (All projects whose costs are anticipated to exceed \$1,500,000 etc.) in the election packet and on the ballot. Directors Acosta, Ballard, Burkett, Gabriel, Gilbert,

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# Treasurer's Report

Full financial packets are available for viewing at <https://www.pinemountainclub.net/group/pages/financials>

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.  
Treasurer's Report  
As of February 28, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse) Variance	
<b>Revenue</b>				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	3,450,665	3,443,090	7,575	
Operations/Maintenance	217,885	186,440	31,445	
Social Activity	445,395	486,735	(41,340)	
Projects	34,003	38,000	(3,997)	
Interest Income (Operating)	14,060	13,181	879	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,162,008</b>	<b>4,167,446</b>	<b>(5,438)</b>	
<b>Payroll Summary</b>				
Wages	(1,569,485)	(1,641,845)	72,360	
Benefits	(267,069)	(264,848)	(2,221)	
Taxes	(137,541)	(141,652)	4,111	
Worker's Comp	(40,144)	(68,013)	27,869	
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>(2,014,239)</b>	<b>(2,116,358)</b>	<b>102,119</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Operations/Maintenance	(1,346,750)	(1,405,728)	58,978	
Social Activity	(238,683)	(257,342)	18,659	
Operating Projects	(11,831)	(90,000)	78,169	
Designated Fund Projects	(101,480)	(164,427)	62,947	
Reserve Contribution	(364,800)	(364,800)	0	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>(2,063,544)</b>	<b>(2,282,297)</b>	<b>218,753</b>	
<b>Other Operating Transactions</b>				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(220,120)	(220,120)	0	
Assets purchased	0	0	0	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	21,302	0	21,302	
<b>Total Other Transactions</b>	<b>(198,818)</b>	<b>(220,120)</b>	<b>21,302</b>	
<b>Total Change in Operating Fund</b>	<b>(114,595)</b>	<b>(451,329)</b>	<b>336,734</b>	
	<b>Assessment Billed</b>	<b>Assessment Collected</b>	<b>Assessment Receivable</b>	<b>Assessment Receivable %</b>
<b>21/22 Assessment Collection Update</b>	4,695,620	4,678,728	16,892	0.36%
<b>22/23 Assessment Collection Update</b>	5,168,214	5,042,759	125,455	2.43%
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2022 *	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases and Adjustments	Ending Balance Current Period
<b>Reserve Fund Update</b>	0	187,929	(157,752)	30,178
Operating Fund Cash Balance	1,715,805			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	4,157,383			

Respectfully Submitted

*Bill Lewis II for Ellen McClellan*

Ellen McClellan / Treasurer  
Saturday, March 18, 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---

Karin Shulman

There is so much I want to say to contradict all the lies on Facebook, but I have decided not to do so.

I did a 30-minute interview with Bakersfield 29, and they edited most of the interview out and put together about a 1½-minute interview. There were some members upset by the interview, think-

ing I don't care about the members. Well, if you know me, you know that is not true. The interview was taken out of context.

I have put heart and soul into this job for six years. I care very much about our community and our members. Those who know me know that is true. To those who don't know me, I am sorry you took from the interview that I don't care about our members.

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Hoyt-Voelker, McClellan, and Throckmorton opposed. Zero (0) directors approved. **MOTION** failed.

**MOTION** by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to amend **RESOLUTION #02-03-18-2023**, parts and labor for Reserve Items #163, #171, #172 and #2010, Snowplows, not to exceed (NTE) \$33,000 from the Reserve Fund and Operating Fund. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received forty-eight (48) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on April 15, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



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- \$500 for EC Code 7.04C (unpermitted fence)
- \$1,000 for EC Code 7.13C (exterior fire)
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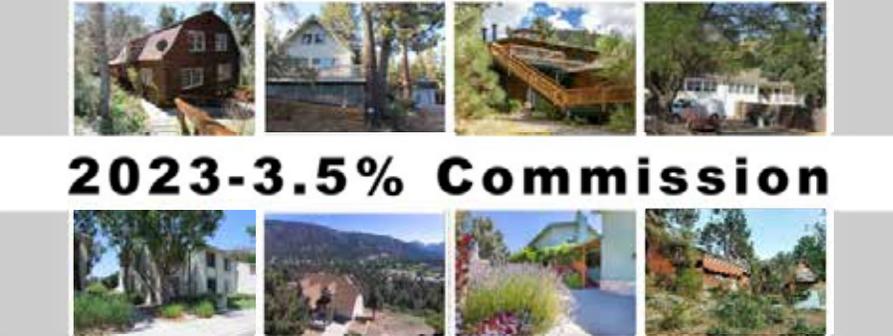
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Many people opined that this storm was overwhelming, a rarity, an extraordinary amount of snow, an unprecedented situation, a once-in-a-generation event – but who can guarantee that it will not occur again? We have critiqued our performance with input from staff and members of the community and will continue to do so, and we are preparing for future events that may include snow, floods, fire, and earthquakes.

Several suggestions were outlined in an email message from me to the members. We purchased better radios to improve communications, we purchased four new snowplows with mounts to be compatible with all our pickups, and we ordered supplies and large maps for activating an emergency operations center.

A recommendation has been sent to the Emergency Preparedness Committee to assemble a support team of volunteers to physically assist during a response to emergencies. We have had the opportunity to test our first “emergency operations center” and we will have hopefully evaluated its overall effectiveness and how it might be improved upon.

You may have already visited the Google Map system, which is a work-in-progress that will update our snowplow crews and members on the snow-plowing status of our streets – and we’ve had over 1,542 views (as of 1pm March 21, 2023) since it went live. Some of our streets are not shown on the actual map, but they are included on the written list.

Regarding the storm, I believe the associ-

ation staff and members of this community came together in a variety of ways to tackle this storm by working as individuals and teams, including plowing, snow removal, information sharing, delivering supplies, food and medicine, and checking on the well-being of others. These people are the real heroes – our snowplow crews, our staff, our general manager, and the neighbors helping neighbors. Your efforts and contributions were greatly appreciated, and I say “thank you” on behalf of all our members.

I’ve been working with the general manager for almost four years. I do not believe there is one person who cares more about this association and its members than Karin Shulman. Unfortunately, she has been victimized recently with criticisms regarding what I will reference as a bad sound bite taken from a news interview that lasted about 20 minutes. Fortunately, most members and this board appreciate her contributions and dedication and do not believe for one second that she does not care about our members.

I believe I accounted for my whereabouts and association-related actions during the recent storm in my email message to the members on March 7. I should have sent a message to members earlier during the storm to reassure members we were all doing our jobs, but I honestly believed the information being shared by our general manager and roads maintenance manager was satisfactory at the time. For those of you who know me and trust me, you know I would not hide during a crisis and not be responsive to the needs of the association.

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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!

### **COMPLIMENT**

• A HUGE thank you to the snowplow staff who worked long, hard hours to clear the roads. With the amount of snow we received, the larger amount of snow at higher elevations, and the miles and miles of roads, they did an amazing job. Thank you also to the staff who worked to take care of the community members at the clubhouse.

**Response (From General Manager Karin Shulman):** The snowplow staff and I want to give YOU a huge thank you for the compliment. The snowplow staff worked very hard 24/7 for 11 straight days before going back to two eight-hour shifts. Your compliment means a lot.

## **PMC Fitness Classes**

### **Yoga with Deb**

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

### **Lilac Festival is Back!**

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## Learn the Maverick at Line Dance Class on 4/1

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The class is \$7, and no refunds will be offered. Call or come by the PMC office to sign up (242-3788). (Please note that this class was rescheduled from Feb. 25.)

## **The editorial and advertising deadline for the May 2023 Condor is Monday, April 10, 2023.**

**Content can be submitted to the editor at [rwilde@pmcpoa.com](mailto:rwilde@pmcpoa.com).**

## **Condor Cafe Hours**

### **Breakfast and Lunch**

**Wednesday - Sunday**  
**8 am to 2 pm**

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

**Sunday:**  
**Breakfast 8-12 / Lunch 12-2**

*The Condor Café is open for inside dining for breakfast and lunch. Patio seating is available weather permitting.*

*Takeout is also available; please call 661-242-2233.*

### **Dinner**

**Thursday Night Special**  
**4 to 7:30 pm**

**Fridays and Saturdays**  
**4 to 8:30 pm**

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

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having a high metabolic rate. Jays collect acorns, pine nuts and other seeds (Fig. 4), and then store them in secret caches in the ground, under bushes and in tree



**Fig. 3: A junco adjusts to snowy conditions by fluffing up (CN).**

cavities (Fig. 5). They forget where they put some supplies, which aids the plants in future propagation. Acorn woodpeckers have taken caching to a very refined level. Colonies of these busy birds will drill many small holes in trees and other wood and stuff one acorn in each hole (Fig. 6). Then the pantry is zealously and noisily guarded against intruders, such as squirrels. Other food sources for winter birds are nuts, fruits and



**Fig. 4: A Steller's jay acrobatically plucks a nut from a pinyon pinecone (MAR).**

seeds left over from the growing season (Fig. 7).

How do our winter birds find shelter in challenging weather conditions? Woodpecker holes and other cavities in dead and dying trees are vital for some species. Firs, oaks



**Fig. 6: Acorn woodpeckers maintain and protect acorn larders in trees and other wood (DS).**



**Fig. 5: This California scrub-jay may be searching for a place to hide its pine nut (BB).**

and other evergreen trees and bushes provide both shelter and bare ground for foraging (Fig. 8).

Fern's Lake maintains a winter population of ducks. Limited blood circulation to legs and feet allow mallards to walk on ice (Fig. 9). Our wintering ring-necked ducks circulate while resting in the lake, helping to keep a section ice-free during the coldest

**Photographers**

- Bill Arbanas (AB)**
- Bill Buchroeder (BB)**
- Liz Buchroeder (LB)**
- Charles Noble (CN)**
- Maryann Ryan (MAR)**
- David Schindler (DS)**
- Edie Stafford (ES)**



**Fig. 7: This red-breasted sapsucker has found a nice left-over apple. (ES).**

times (Fig. 10).

One more way to endure the winter is to go to sleep or, even further, into a torpor condition in which body functions slow down. More mammals use this method than birds.

Bears and ground squirrels are local examples. There are two birds in our mountains that practice torpor.

Hummingbirds (Fig. 11) will drop their internal body temperature from 104 degrees to 50 degrees and their heartbeats per



**Fig. 8: This snow-covered tree provides shelter and bare ground for foraging (LB).**

minute from 500 to 50. They may do this each cold night to save energy. The common poorwill (Fig. 12) is the first bird in the world to have been discovered to truly hibernate. This nighttime moth hunter lives in our mountains, but is rarely en-



**Fig. 9: These mallard ducks are adapted to tolerate ice on Fern's Lake (LB).**



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**Fig. 10: Wintering ring-necked ducks keep in motion to prevent icing over on Fern's Lake (BB).**

countered.

Spring is now here. Both we and our wildlife can enjoy its bounty and moderate weather.



**Fig. 11: Hummingbirds often adjust body functions at night to conserve energy (DS).**



**Fig. 12: This poorwill may hibernate or migrate during our winters (BA).**

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9 am **Governing Documents ZOOM**

1:30 pm **Planning Condor Room**

**Tuesday, April 4 (First Tuesday)**

6 pm **Communications ZOOM**

**Friday, April 7 (First Friday)**

9am **Greens and Grounds Pro Shop**

2 pm **Environmental Control Condor Room**

**Wednesday, April 12 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)**

5 pm **Budget & Finance Condor Room**

**Saturday, April 15 (Third Saturday)**

10 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room**

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