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celebration continues!  
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days on page 3.**



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## Our World of Nature

### *Mt. Pinos: A Special Place*

*By Lynn Stafford, Liz Buchroeder and Bill Buchroeder*

We live on the north slope of a very unique and special mountain -- Mt. Pinos. At 8,847 feet, it is the highest mountain for many miles around. One has to travel 85 miles southeast into the eastern San Gabriel Mountains to find higher peaks. In the southern Sierra Nevada, it would be a trip of 95 miles to find a higher mountain. And in the California Coastal Range, the nearest taller mountain is Mt. Eddy near Mt. Shasta, more than 450 miles distant. Here, one can easily drive from Bakersfield in the Central Valley to high mountain forests (Fig. 1).



**Fig. 1: Pine/fir forest on upper slope of Mt. Pinos**

Mt. Pinos is actually a ridge running mostly east to west. Mt. Pinos itself is the easternmost high point, then comes Sawmill Peak, Grouse Mountain and Cerro Noroeste. The isolation of this mountain massive has produced a phenomenon known as a biogeographic island. Populations of plants and animals have been isolated so long that some of them have begun to differ genetically. Merriam chipmunks are

very common little rodents in PMC. But, up on the highest ridges, lives a different chipmunk, the Mt. Pinos chipmunk (Fig. 2). It prefers rugged high-altitude pine and fir forests with abundant fallen logs (Fig. 3). There are several other high-mountain animals that are isolated, including Clark's nutcracker (a member of the jay/crow family) and the blue grouse (which is on the verge of local extinction).

There also are several isolated plant species, including a timberline pine called limber pine. One has to drive to the upper end of Mt. Pinos Road, then hike up a trail towards the top of Mt. Pi-

## Meet Your PMCPOA Board: *Richard Ballard*

*By Ronni Wilde, Condor Editor*

Richard Ballard is the newest member of the PMCPOA Board, having been appointed last year when former director Sandy Browne stepped down due to health considerations, and then being elected for a three-year term during the Board election this past June.



**Richard Ballard**

"I ran for the Board to try to preserve the beautiful area in which we live while continuing to provide quality amenities to our members," Richard says. "The association faces many challenges in the next few years, from solving the problems of owners and renters alike not obeying the rules, to how we repair, renovate or replace our aging infrastructure that for so long has been neglected. My goal is to try to offer realistic, long-term solutions to these problems."

**'RICHARD'** *Continued on page 11*

## New Member Orientation, All-Member Meet and Greet is 08/14

After a year and a half of minimal face-to-face time with others, it's safe to say most of us are ready for a little interaction with fellow PMC members. Here are two great ways to do just that:

On Saturday, Aug. 14 prior to the Concert on the Greens at 4:30 p.m., the association will host two events:

1. New members (only) are invited and will receive an invitation to attend a New Member Orientation from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Pool Pavilion, and,

2. All members are invited to attend a Meet and Greet Reception in the Condor Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., where representatives from PMCPOA committees and sanctioned clubs and other guests will be present to share information and answer questions about their respective committees and clubs. Staff will be present from Patrol, Environmental Control and Recreation to participate.

**'NATURE'** *Continued on page 12*

## Get Involved for the Safety of Our Community

*PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee*

Pine Mountain Club is a beautiful community. BUT, we are surrounded by national forest and sit on the San Andreas Fault, which makes our community vulnerable to fires and earthquakes. There are ways you can get involved to help our community in an emergency.

### ***CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)***

- The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. We have one fire station with three firefighters: In a large disaster, they may be overwhelmed. The CERT team works under the guidance of Kern County Fire Department.

- To become a member of our CERT team, you are required to take a 20-hour CERT training class and must be over 18. We will be conducting CERT training classes on Sept. 25, Oct. 9 and Oct. 23, 2021. The classes usually run from 8am-4pm, and you must attend all three sessions. We have a very active CERT team in PMC, but we are in need of more members. We have a meeting and training on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

- Preregistration is required. For more information or to sign up for the classes, contact Tom Yancey at [tomlyancey@gmail.com](mailto:tomlyancey@gmail.com) or 661-242-1094, or for more information about CERT, go to our website at [pinemtnacert@samariteam.com](http://pinemtnacert@samariteam.com).

### ***PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee***

- Another way to get involved in assisting the community to be prepared for an emergency is by joining the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

- We maintain updated emergency supplies in three storage trailers on PMCPOA property, support the CERT team, distribute emergency preparedness literature and hold emergency preparedness education/training meetings for our residents.

- The Committee meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Dayne Yancey at 661-242-1094 or at [daynelly477@gmail.com](mailto:daynelly477@gmail.com).

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

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

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

# PMC's 50th Birthday: The Stories Continue

By Ronni Wilde, Condor Editor

As most already know, PMC is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and the stories from long-time residents are so fun! Mike Schmidt is one of those PMC pioneers, and here he shares more information about the early days of the community.

## No Gas Station

When Pine Mountain Club was a fledgling community, there was no gas station here, so proper planning was essential. "I commuted to L.A. every day, and I bought this Dodge 4x4 truck to commute in, for hauling wood and to drive in bad weather," says Schmidt, sales manager of Golden Bear/Brucher Winery. "When I ordered it, I didn't realize I could order a larger fuel tank, and it got terrible gas mileage. I would always gas up on Friday night, and I had to be careful to not drive around too much in PMC over the weekend, because otherwise I wouldn't make it back down on Monday morning."

Schmidt says he feels fortunate to have the local gas station now, and that people don't realize what it was like back in the early days of PMC. "Now that we have a gas station, it's a real blessing. Imagine living up here now without fuel: What if you needed gas for your weed eater or chainsaw? We did without those things back then. Once more services became avail-

able, it was great to have them for sure."

## The First Fire Station

When PMC was young, there was a one-captain fire station, and 12 volunteer firefighters. The building that is now utilized by CERT was the engine house, and there was a little building next to it for the firefighters.

"Whenever there was an emergency, the sirens would go off and we would go to the fire station," explains Schmidt, who was a volunteer firefighter. "The rule was that the fire captain would write on a chalkboard inside the firehouse where the emergency was, then head to the emergency. It took 22 minutes for the old-fashioned engine we had to make it from the firehouse to the top of the mountain. So, the captain would take the patrol vehicle, which was a pickup-style truck with some emergency capabilities and a hose, and the other firefighters would then arrive and see the chalkboard."

He continues, "The first two or three there were to take the fire engine. The thinking was that it would be best for the captain to get there sooner so he could tend to the emergency. Now, with state-of-the-art equipment and paramedics, it's much different."

Schmidt says they got paid \$5 per call as volunteer firefighters, and another \$5 to attend one meeting a month. "If you missed the meeting, you were allowed to go to the fire station and meet with the captain and do a few other things to make up for the missed meeting and still get paid. One time, I missed a meeting, so I went


to the firehouse and the captain had us do a pump and hydrant check." To perform the check, Schmidt says he and the captain did a "controlled" burn by lighting a lot on fire. "But the wind was blowing, and the people who had a cabin to the west of us were in there having their breakfast. The smoke just blew right into their house," he recalls with a laugh. "They came out coughing and wheezing. The captain assured them it was just a test, but I felt so sorry for them. That was an interesting way to get my 5 bucks."

## The General Store Laundromat

The General Store was one of the few buildings in the Village in the early days, and it housed the PMC laundromat, where the deli counter is now located. "When I first moved here, I couldn't afford a washer and dryer, so I used the laundromat," says Schmidt.

"I liked to get my laundry done on Fridays so I didn't have to deal with it on the weekends, and I'd get there as early as I could. The owner, Floyd Bolton, kept good hours, and stayed open until 9 p.m. or so on Fridays, which really helped those of us coming up for the weekend. Several times, I wasn't done with my laundry by the time he was ready to close, so he'd just toss me the keys and tell me to lock up."

He continues, "I'd have a beer or a snack, and leave him an 'I Owe You' note. It was small-town life, where you knew everybody and trusted everybody. Stuff like that just doesn't happen anymore."



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# Lockhart Native Plant Garden Updates & Events

A brochure has been published for the Lockhart Native Plant Garden that describes the history, mission and location of the garden. Please pick one up at PMC Clubhouse, Adventure Ink Bookstore in PMC or the Artworks Community Gallery in PMC. Thank you to Maxine Stenstrom for the design of the brochure and Susan Amon for the text and pictures.

On Saturday, Sept. 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Pam De Vries, local author of "Plants of the San Emigdio Mountains Region of California," will be presenting a talk at Artworks Community Gallery in PMC. Pam has worked as a botanical consultant in Southern California since the mid-1990s. She moved to Pine Mountain Club in 2006. She continues to be inspired by the diversity of the flora in the area. Her talk is titled, "A Botanical Tour of the San Emigdio Mountains Region."

Pam's talk will be \$10.00 per person, with all donation proceeds going to Lockhart Native Plant Garden fund. Artworks Community Gallery is sponsoring the event. All funds raised through donations will support the purchase of additional plant identification signs for Lockhart Native Plant Garden and the printing of the new brochure. Hope to see you all there.

*Please remember the speed limit on our roads is 25 miles per hour. Let's protect our residents and wildlife by obeying the speed limit.*

**T**hanks to all the volunteers for their tireless work on the Lockhart Native Plant Garden so future and current generations may enjoy and learn about California native plants of the historic San Emigdio Mountains Region.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the garden, contact: [pinemountaingardenersclub@gmail.com](mailto:pinemountaingardenersclub@gmail.com)




To make donations in support of future projects like our garden, please go to: [www.gofundme.com/f/lockhart-native-plant-garden](http://www.gofundme.com/f/lockhart-native-plant-garden)



**The Lockhart Native Plant Garden** is located in Pine Mountain Club, CA. You can find it on the south side of Mil Potrero Highway behind the baseball diamond and across from PMC tennis courts. Look for the "Native Plant Garden" sign at the garden's entrance and walk across the wooden bridge. The bridge and all garden paths are wheelchair accessible.

**Come explore and enjoy.**





Pine Mountain Club, CA





**A new brochure has been created for the Lockhart Native Plant Garden (above). And on Sept. 11, local author and botanical consultant Pam De Vries (left) will give a talk at the Artworks Gallery in the PMC Village.**







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## Community Picnics in the Park are Back!

Wednesday "Picnics in the Park" (formerly on Thursdays) at Lampkin Park group picnic area will continue every Wednesday until the weather turns cold.

Picnics start at 5 p.m. Bring something to throw on the BBQ if you wish, a dish to share and your own drinks and table service. Come out and enjoy the great food and visiting with your friends and neighbors. It's a great time to meet new people. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 242-1094.

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***The editorial and  
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for the September 2021  
Condor is Monday,  
Aug. 16.***

*Content can be submitted to  
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## Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation.

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your community! Coffee with a Cop is Monday, August 19 at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse Lounge.

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***The Rec Room  
is open again!***  
Fridays, Saturdays  
and Sundays  
12-5 p.m.

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## Condor Cafe

### Hours

**Indoor & Outdoor Dining/  
Take-out/Curbside Pickup  
Available**

### Breakfast and Lunch

**Wednesday through Friday  
8 am to 2 pm**

**Saturday - Sunday  
Breakfast 9-12 / Lunch 12-3**

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

### Dinner

**Thursday (Special)  
4 to 7:30 pm**

**Fridays and Saturdays  
4 to 8 pm**

**The Condor Lounge is open  
for dinners on Thursdays  
from 4-7:30pm and Fridays  
and Saturdays 4-8pm. The Bar  
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# A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II  
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We have two important events for members scheduled on July 31 and August 14. Both of these events will be held in the Condor Room.



On July 31, we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary along with the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company. As we celebrate and reflect back at the last 50 years of PMCPOA, we will also be looking ahead to the next 50 years as the most current plans for the clubhouse revitalization will be presented to the members for review and input. This presentation will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

After this presentation, the plans will be revised if necessary and sent to the Planning

Committee and the Environmental Control Committee for input before returning to the board for final review before the plans are completed and sent out for cost calculations based on options that will include solar alternatives and potential project phases.

Once the costs are calculated for the revitalization, a review of the plans will be conducted again and various options to pay for the project will be researched and presented to the board and the members.

The one question that will not be answered on July 31 about the revitalization will be "How much is it going to cost us?" since the cost has not yet been determined because the plans have not been finished and have not been submitted for cost calculations.

On August 14, all members are invited to

the Meet and Greet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., where they can meet representatives from and learn more about our PMCPOA committees and sanctioned clubs. We will also have staff from Patrol, Environmental Control and Recreation available for information sharing and questions. I anticipate CERT and the Kern Fire Safe Council will also have representatives participating. Afterward, Concert on the Greens begins at 4:30 p.m.

New members will be receiving invitations soon to the "New Member Orientation" to be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. this same day (Aug. 14) in the Pool Pavilion.

I hope you have a chance to attend at least one of these upcoming events to keep you updated and be able to learn more about what's happening with your association.

## PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Adel Martin, Confidential Clerk

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of July 17, 2021. 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, Corporate Secretary Peggy Hoyt-Voelker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Six directors attended: Richard Ballard, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker and Ellen McClellan. Directors Cam Acosta, Bill Lewis II and Phyllis Throckmorton were excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Confidential Clerk Adel Martin.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were eleven (11) committee applications for approval.

There were (7) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

**MOTION** by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Burkett that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of July 17, 2021 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Ballard, **SEC-**

**OND** by Director Harmon that the agenda be amended in order to approve Director Hoyt-Voelker to act as chairperson for the day and to give the Oath of Office to Director Burkett.

**MOTION** by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve the agenda as amended. **MOTION** carried.

Chairman Bill Lewis II was excused. See above for Chairman's report. General Manager Karin Shulman presented the General Manager's report. Director McClellan presented the Treasurers report.

**MOTION** by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to ratify the Association's June 2021 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

### BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**MOTION** by Director Harmon, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to approve the cottage industry permit for trash recycling pickup and removal. **MOTION** carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION** by Director Burkett, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to approve **RESOLUTION #01-07-17-2021**, to replace Reserve Item #111, Cushman Utility Cart, with two (2) John Deere HPX615E

California (Model Year 2022) at a cost Not To Exceed (NTE) \$32,960 from the Reserve Fund. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve Barrera & Company for a Level 1 on-site Reserve Study. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Harmon, **SECOND** by Director Burkett dissolution of the Executive Hearing Committee.

**MOTION** by Director Burkett, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to approve the Condor Group/Kern Kaweah Chapter of Sierra Club, the Pine Mountain Amateur Radio Club, the PMC Equestrian Club, the Pine Mountain Garden Club and the Pine Mountain Golf Club. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Harmon to approve Association Rule 19: Common Rules for All Committees, which has met the 30-day posting requirements. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

The board sent and received sixteen (16) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on August 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

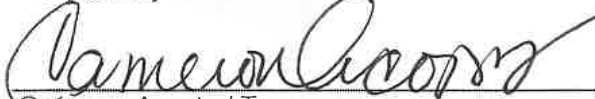
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

# Treasurer's Report

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.  
Treasurer's Report  
As of June 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
<b>Revenue</b>				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	4,634,841	4,626,738	8,103	
Operations/Maintenance	272,254	182,620	89,634	
Social Activity	507,498	714,275	(206,777)	
Interest Income (Operating)	17,092	30,485	(13,393)	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,431,685</b>	<b>5,554,118</b>	<b>(122,433)</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Operations/Maintenance	3,610,682	3,992,597	(381,915)	
Social Activity	859,125	1,155,870	(296,745)	
Operating Projects	34,778	176,417	(141,639)	
Designated Fund Projects	431,730	486,304	(54,574)	
Reserve Contribution	456,000	456,000	0	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>5,392,316</b>	<b>6,267,188</b>	<b>(874,873)</b>	
<b>Other Operating Transactions</b>				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(121,895)	(121,895)	0	
Assets purchased	(24,510)	0	(24,510)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	(50,798)	0	(50,798)	
<b>Total Other Transactions</b>	<b>(197,202)</b>	<b>(121,895)</b>	<b>(75,307)</b>	
<b>Total Change in Operating Fund</b>	<b>(157,832)</b>	<b>(834,965)</b>	<b>677,133</b>	
<b>Payroll Summary</b>				
Payroll Wages	1,987,112	2,251,979	(264,867)	
Payroll Benefits	348,831	392,395	(43,564)	
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	273,290	306,699	(33,409)	
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>2,609,233</b>	<b>2,951,073</b>	<b>(341,840)</b>	
	<b>Assessment Billed</b>	<b>Assessment Collected</b>	<b>Assessment Receivable</b>	<b>Assessment Receivable %</b>
18/19 Assessment Collection Update	4,231,452	4,230,582	870	0.02%
19/20 Assessment Collection Update	4,631,550	4,628,669	2,881	0.06%
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,628,342	4,581,559	46,783	1.01%
<b>Reserve Fund Update</b>				
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2020	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	3,268,288	645,845	(831,634)	3,082,499
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,766,317			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,108,174			

Respectfully Submitted

  
Cameron Acosta / Treasurer  
July 17, 2021



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

*Karin Shulman*

It was so good to see everyone at the Board meeting last month. It had been almost a year and half since we began lockdown, and it felt good to be out among friends again.

Just a reminder, we still require masks in the clubhouse and pro shop. We have signs posted on the door that if you do not wear a mask, you are affirming you are vaccinated.

## **Pool Updates and Info**

It seems everyone is enjoying the new pool. We have received many compliments, and I believe it was well worth the wait. It opened just in time as the heat waves came.

We had a little bump in the beginning with vandalism in the restrooms, which have been fixed. Just a note, I have been asked about lap swim etiquette. If you are lap swimming in the morning or evening, please stay in your own lane. We don't want any head bumps or people running into each other by sloppily swimming over lanes. Wear goggles so that you can see where you are swimming. Two people can swim per lane, but there may be enough lanes for one person each on some days. Please be considerate. Yes, children can swim laps at lap swim. Yes, parents can let their children sit on the stairs while they lap swim. Children who don't lap swim can't be in the pool.

Be sure to rinse off before getting in the pool or jacuzzi. Also, please be respectful of others who want to use the jacuzzi. People are walking away who want to use the jacuzzi; some people just sit in there for a very long time visiting and probably lose track of time. Please be respectful of others. After 20 minutes, allow others to use the jacuzzi.

## **Other News & Events**

We are still looking for servers with experience. Take-out orders will stop at 7pm on Friday and Saturdays. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

We have bears breaking into cars. Please remove all food, gum and so forth

from your car and lock it. Once the bear gets in your car, it will be completely destroyed inside.

July 31st, MPMWC and PMCPOA will be celebrating our 50th birthday. We will start from 9-11am with a meeting inside the Condor Room to show you what the architect has designed for our facility plan. This will be about two hours, and your chance to ask questions. From 11:00-11:30am, we have Bonnie Kane from the Historical Museum in Frazier Park to talk about the local history, and then MPMWC will be in the Condor Room to answer any questions you may have about the water, drought and a tour of the water plant. Hamburgers and hotdogs with chips and water or soda will be provided compliments of MPMWC. We will have a bounce house for the kids, music at lunchtime outside and at 4:30 p.m., City Beat for our Concert on the Greens. It will be a full, fun day.

On August 14th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be a presentation for new members in the Pool Pavilion, and all members are invited to the Meet and Greet in the Condor Room from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We will have tables for the committees, sanctioned clubs and staff, such as Patrol and Environmental Control. We will provide cookies and ice water. Please join us and meet our new members, and maybe you will be interested in volunteering on a committee. We could use new members for our committees.

Now is the time to clean out your basement, garage or closet and join us for the August 28th Community Garage Sale. The garage sale will be at your own home, and you need to sign up with the Environmental Control office to get a permit, which is free. We did this last year for the first time and it was a lot of fun. Then end the day with a Concert on the Greens, and for a small fee, you can purchase barbecue.



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## 2021 Pool Hours

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Water Aerobics with Stefani  
12-7pm - Open Swim  
7-8pm - Evening Lap Swim

### Important Reminders:

- No lifeguard on duty
- Member or guest cards are required to enter pool
- Every member/guest must have a signed waiver on file
- Ages 14 and under require adult supervision (ages 15-17 may swim without adult only if a parent or legal guardian has a completed waiver on file at the office)
- No alcohol permitted in pool area
- No sports equipment allowed for safety reasons, and no floaties larger than 3 feet
- Lap swim is for all ages

## PMC Fitness Classes

### Yoga

Every Tuesday and  
Thursday at 12pm

Please bring a yoga mat.

### Interval Training

Every Tuesday at 6pm

### Stretch & Tone

Every Wednesday at 10am

All the above classes are in the Condor Room.

Please bring water and a mat or towel.

### Water Aerobics

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 10am in the pool

All classes \$5

**Do you have Knapp Weed or Star Thistle in your yard?**

*If so, please come by the EC office and pick up a special bag to put them in. They must not go in the regular Green Waste site. Please Google them to see what they look like.*

### Message 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.*

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## COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

**PMCPOA welcomes member input. Drop ideas off in the CCC Box in the Clubhouse Lobby, or click on the "CCC Box" menu item on the members'-only side of the PMC website at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://www.pinemountainclub.net). Anonymous submissions will not be published.**

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!

### **COMPLAINT**

- We were shocked to see the two new statues in the entry to our clubhouse. Why? Because they communicate that Pine Mountain Club is an evil and unfriendly community...and, this is not who we are. We hope that these will be removed. If a statue is considered in the future, please communicate that we are an inviting and friendly community. Thank you.

**Response:** We are sorry you that you were "shocked" and thought the statues represented an evil and unfriendly com-

munity. They represent wildlife, which we absolutely have. We have had many compliments from the members on both pieces. They are actually gifts for spouses, and should be picked up by the recipients soon.

### **CONCERNS**

- The pool and spa are wonderful beyond my expectations, but the dying trees on the golf course side are an eyesore. Please water them regularly so they survive. Trees are one of our defenses against global warming, and we should save every one we can. Otherwise, we are negligent. Thank you for your help.

**Response:** Thank you for your comment about the trees outside the pool on the east side. We are carefully watch-

ing them and hope they come back. The "Christmas Tree" that we decorate each year looked the same way but came back 100 percent. As an association, we do not like to remove trees unless they are beyond saving. Let's keep our fingers crossed that they will come back.

- Please fix the bench in the changing room. We need it for clothing items and for putting on shoes, etc. And fix the sanitary covers for the toilet in the ADA women's bathroom. Thanks.

**Response:** The benches have been installed. We had some vandalism the first week the pool was open, and just had the benches reinstalled.

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### PMC Facebook Page

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can be accessed at:  
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# An Invitation to Join the 'Trashy Mountain Folk'

Val Oliver

Have you noticed that the road from the Y to PMC is looking, well, less trashy lately? Is it because the Mountain Faeries are picking up trinkets for their pine tree homes? Maybe the Ghost of PMC is baking a dinner out of old cigarette butts and beer bottles, crushed to make an untasty salad of sorts? No, it's because a group of 20 or so volunteers from PMC gave up just a few hours of a recent Saturday to make this mountain community they live in a more inviting place to call home.

Those Trashy Mountain Folk (NOT a sanctioned club) donned safety jackets and trash bags and with the support of the local CHP, journeyed from the Village -- after collecting free coffee from the Bear Claw Bakery -- to the Y, gathering dozens of bags full of unsightly trash, as well as larger items such as empty paint cans, motorbike parts and construction material.

It's easy to think, "It's just a little bit, someone else will pick it up." Or, "The animals will eat it." But those cigarette butts are not just toxic, they are flammable! With an empty beer bottle, they could ignite the paper sitting nearby. Our beautiful forest could be gone in a moment, and, it's ugly! We can all do better!

Want to volunteer for the next pick up? Or report trash you have seen on the mountain roads? Information can be found at the group's Facebook page. Just ask to join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/202085701806199/?ref=share>.

# PMCPOA Assessment is Now Past Due

The 2021/22 assessment is now past due. The amount is \$1,624.00 this year (a \$20 increase), and was due by July 1. Assessments will become delinquent on Sept. 15, 2021 at 5 p.m. You can mail a check to P.O. Box P, Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222, drop it off at the Business Office or call us with a credit card at 661-242-3788.

## 'RICHARD' Continued from page 1

Richard brings to the Board an extensive background in management and self-employment positions, mostly within the real estate industry. He began his career in the business of real estate as a mortgage banker, starting out as a loan officer and working his way up over the years into middle management. He then became the senior vice president of a regional bank in Southern California, in charge of its entire mortgage operation. In 2000, Richard decided it was time to leave the corporate banking world and open his own real estate brokerage, which has a mortgage lending arm.

In serving on the PMC Board, he says, "The biggest challenge I've seen so far has been trying to analyze the unique problems we face and being able to find long-term solutions to those problems without applying 'Band Aid'-type repairs." Having served in both corporate management as well as the management of his own

companies, Richard says he has garnered a thorough knowledge of many of the financial and profitability concepts required to maintain a viable organization, knowing how and when to allocate resources, understanding budgeting processes, being able to deal effectively with personnel and employment issues and understanding how to interact with government entities.

He says he and his wife, Debbie, love Pine Mountain Club, and want to see it prosper and continue to be the jewel that it is. "PMC has long been a favorite place of mine, dating back to the days when we first purchased our weekend cabin in 2005. One of my dreams had always been to have a home in the mountains...fresh air, blue sky, tall trees, wildlife all around... what's not to like?"

When asked if he had any funny memories to share about life in PMC, Richard recalls, "Several years ago, when we were still weekenders in that small cabin we bought in 2005, we were having dinner on the back deck with some friends. It was a warm summer day, so we had both the front and back doors open to provide some breeze through the house." He continues, "When dinner was finished, my wife began clearing the table. She walked into the house with an armload of dishes, through the back door, and immediately saw a bear standing upright in the front door as if to say, 'smells good, what's for dinner'? Needless to say, she screamed bloody murder, and the bear ran away. However, to her credit, she didn't drop a single dish!"

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**'NATURE** *Continued from page 1*

nos, before encountering this five-needled pine at about 8,700 feet in elevation. These mountain species of plants and animals are probably stranded populations of a much more widespread mountain flora and fauna that existed several thousands of years ago after the last ice age.



**Fig. 2: Mt. Pinos chipmunk**

na that existed several thousands of years ago after the last ice age.

Several unusual habitats have developed within our mountain. Up near the end of Mt. Pinos Road

is a fine iris meadow (Fig. 4 and 5), otherwise unknown on our local mountain. Here in PMC, our water supply is entirely local, coming off the north slopes, mostly as snow. Other areas of western United



**Fig. 3: Mt. Pinos chipmunk habitat**

States are very concerned about the present drought. Their water often comes from very distance sources, as much as 750 miles away. Our water is all local, and we are the only town in our watershed. So, by controlling our water usage, we can preserve our supply. The downward flow and



**Fig. 4: Meadow at upper end of Mt. Pinos Road**

**Photos by Bill Buchroeder, Liz Buchroeder, Mary McDevitt, Randy Cushman and Lynn Stafford**

seepage of water has produced the Mil Potrero Wetlands (Fig. 6), a highly unusual feature in Southern California mountains. This wetland lies completely within PMC. In addition to our more common tree species, there are a few isolated pockets of other types that are probably left over from cooler, wetter times. These include Ponderosa pine, sugar pine, big-cone Douglas-fir (Fig. 7) and incense cedar.



**Fig. 5: Western blue flag (iris) in the meadow**

Our mountain features altitude-related seasonal differences. One can find wild flowers blooming in Antelope Valley and Carrizo Plains in March and April, while there is still snow up on the peaks. Summer does not come until July and August up above.

One of the important features of our Mt. Pinos is the absence of dark sky pollution. Modern humans, especially those who reside in cities, do not see the night sky. Light pollution of the night sky by modern human activity has been well doc-



**Fig. 6: Cottonwood tree in Mil Potrero Wetlands - PMC**

umented. I have a 13-year-old grandson who has probably never seen stars. I, in PMC, am able to watch the Milky Way, notice which object comes out first at night and am able to observe the rotation of stars around Polaris (the North Star). Amateur

astronomers gather at the parking area at the upper end of Mt. Pinos Road many times each year to observe the visible universe. This is one of their most important destinations in southern California. And it is part of the legacy of our mountains.

Mt. Pinos has a fascinating human history. The mountain has long been considered a sacred place to the Chumash. The trail to the peak has been named in honor of one Chumash elder, Vincent Tumamait (Fig. 8). The Ridge Route Communities Historical Museum



**Fig. 7: Big-cone Douglas-fir in PMC greenbelt**

in Frazier Park features local history with exhibits and special events and tours. The museum also sells maps and books.

Now is a good time of year to visit the tops of our mountains. Mt. Pinos



**Fig. 8: Vincent Tumamait Trail sign - Mt. Pinos**

Road ascends from the "Y" to the east of PMC. And to the west of PMC, at the pass known as Apache Saddle, Cerro Noroeste Road goes to the top of the mountain of the same name. Enjoy our mountains, but do be alert for summer thunder and lightning storms.

**Property Addresses:**  
***The property address must be clearly marked on your home or a sign post and be visible from the road for emergency responders.***

## A Few Association Rules Reminders:

3.06 -- Any person who willfully or negligently litters, defaces, injures or destroys property or equipment of the Association will be held liable for the full cost of the lost.

3.10 -- Abusive, bullying, threatening and harassing language or behavior directed at staff or members is not allowed at any time or place within the community. Any physical or verbal confrontation with PMC Patrol may constitute cause for verbal and/or written warning, a citation or a citizen's arrest. The issuance of a warning or citation of an alleged violation will comply with the provisions and due process of Article 2 (Enforcement). In addition, drunkenness, threatening action or behavior will not be permitted on Association property at any time.

4.04 -- Farm animals, including but not limited to chickens, ducks, geese, goats and pigs, are not permitted on any lot within Pine Mountain Club.

Article 4.12 states: Dogs are not allowed on the private property of others without the permission of the property owner. Dogs, except service dogs, are not allowed inside the post office, at Lampkin Park, on the Golf Course or in the Clubhouse.

4.13 states: Excessive and/or habitual barking, howling, whining or yelping by an animal is prohibited.

### ***Please Pick Up After Your Pets***

*Please be considerate and pick up after your dog. The association office has been getting lots of complaints about dogs doing their business in other people's yards, on the street, on walking paths, etc. Please take along a bag when you are out walking your dog. Thank you.*



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## CDFW Reports Disease Outbreak in CA Deer Herds

As we all know, feeding wildlife in our community is against the rules, but here is another reason not to do so: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has confirmed outbreaks of adenovirus hemorrhagic disease in deer in several California counties, and is asking California residents to help curb the spread by not feeding wild animals, and report potential cases to the department.

“Providing attractants for deer – food, salt licks or even water – is against the law for good reason,” said Dr. Brandon Munk, senior wildlife veterinarian with CDFW’s Wildlife Investigations Laboratory. “Because these artificial attractants can congregate animals and promote the spread of disease, it’s particularly imperative to leave wildlife alone during an outbreak.

There is no cure or vaccine for this disease, so our best management strategies right now are to track it carefully, and to take preventative measures to limit the spread.”

Beginning in May, CDFW began receiving increased reports of mortality in deer, both free-ranging and at fawn rehabilitation facilities. With the assistance of wildlife rehabilitation facilities and the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, CDFW confirmed cervid adenovirus 1 (CdAdV-1) as the cause of hemorrhagic disease outbreaks this year in Kern, Napa and Nevada counties.

The disease is typically fatal to young deer, particularly fawns, and can be spread by animals in close contact with each other. The virus is not known to affect people, pets or domestic livestock.

CdAdV-1 was the cause of a 1993-1994 outbreak of hemorrhagic disease in black tailed deer and mule deer that spanned at least 18 California counties. Since then, CdAdV-1 has been identified as the cause of sporadic, often widespread, outbreaks of hemorrhagic disease in California and other western states. Deer fawns are at greatest risk, with high rates of mortality following infection. Yearlings and adult deer are more resistant but mortalities in these age groups occur as well. Outbreaks can be widespread and may have significant impact on affected deer populations.

Affected deer are often found dead without any obvious symptoms. They may be found near water. Sick animals may have excessive salivation (drooling or foaming at the mouth), diarrhea, regurgitation or seizures.

In addition to removing food and other attractants, Californians can help wildlife veterinarians track and study the disease by reporting sightings of sick or dead deer. Anyone who observes a deer exhibiting symptoms, or encountering a deer that has died from unknown causes, can submit the information to CDFW through the department’s online mortality reporting system at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Health/Monitoring/Mortality-Report>.

## Entertainment Line-Up:

### Fri/Sat Nights

Friday, Aug. 6

7-10pm -- **Matt Galindo**  
(Acoustic Alternative/Folk  
Rock)

Saturday, Aug. 7

7:30-11pm -- **Breakfast  
With Barbie**  
(Classic Rock & Country  
Rock)

Saturday, Aug. 14

4:30-7pm (COG) -- **Cale’**  
(Latin Fusion)

7:30-11pm -- **Hollywood  
Hillbillies**

(Country, Country Rock)

Friday, Aug. 20

7-10pm -- **Dave Wilson**  
(Mix of Rock ‘n’ Roll &  
Country Rock)

Saturday, Aug. 21

7:30-11pm -- **The Rich  
Herman Band**  
(Mix of Rock & Motown Soul)

Saturday, Aug. 28

7:30-11pm -- **Karson  
City Rebels**

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*Only four vehicles are allowed into the site at a time. All other cars will wait outside the gate. When one car leaves another car may come in. Please do not leave your car while waiting in line and walk into the site. Please be patient and wait your turn into the site.*

*Please secure your trash before heading to the Transfer Site. There has been an increase in trash along the side of our roads from trash flying out the back of vehicles going to the Transfer Site. Let's keep our roads clean.*

**Green Waste Site Reminder:**

*There are no trash bags, lumber or other non-green waste material allowed at the Green Waste Site. Please empty your trash bags and take them back with you or bring them to the Transfer Site for disposal. Bags and other trash get buried under the green waste and as a result end up getting ground up in the slash and can damage the machine. Your cooperation with ONLY dropping off green waste would be greatly appreciated.*

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Most committees are meeting live again. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.**

**Monday, Aug. 2 (First Monday)**  
6 pm **Communications ZOOM**

**Friday, Aug. 6 (First Friday)**  
9am **Greens and Grounds Pro Shop**  
2 pm **Environmental Control Condor Room**

**Saturday, Aug. 7 (First Saturday)**  
9 am **Governing Documents ZOOM**  
1 pm **Planning Pool Pavilion**

**Wednesday, Aug. 18 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)**  
6 pm **Budget & Finance Condor Room**

**Saturday, Aug. 21 (Third Saturday)**  
10 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room**

**Saturday, Aug. 28 (Fourth Saturday)**  
9 am **Emergency Preparedness Condor Room**  
10 am **CERT CERT Facility**

**Doing Some Work Around your Property?**

If you are doing any kind of work on or around the outside of your house (roof, painting, decks, putting up a shed or adding a fence to the property, adding a garage, removing trees, etc.) a reminder that you must

first talk with the PMCPOA Environmental Control Department. You can call them at 661-242-3788, ext. #212 or 213.

There are permits required for many projects, and guidelines that must be followed as per PMCPOA CC&Rs and the Environmental Control Code.

Also, if you are planning on having a yard sale, please call the EC office at extension #213 and have them send you a permit. You must have the permit on file before you have your yard sale. It's free; just fill it out and return it to them.

**Everything Exchange is September 12**

The Everything Exchange will be Sunday, Sept. 12 from 10am-3pm at the basketball courts in Lampkin Park. Small household items, music, books, office items, computer software, jewelry, knickknacks, rugs, small tools, sports equipment, toys, games, etc. are all welcome.

This is a community swap meet where you can give, take or both, for free! To donate items, call Pam at 661-242-2035 or Tara at 661-242-6901.

***If you are going off the hill and need to check for backups on the I-5 Freeway, there is a handy website to check before you leave: <https://www.sigalert.com/?lat=34.65778&lon=-118.69714&z=0>***

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