

Thanks to all who participated in the annual exterior house decorating contest, and thanks to all who drove around viewing the beautiful lights and then cast votes!

Here are the contest winners:

1st place -- 15904 Zurich

2nd place -- 2612 Teakwood

3rd place -- 1917 Bernina

Prizes were as follows:

First place, a \$75 gift certificate; second place, a \$50 gift certificate; and third place, a \$25 gift certificate.

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Our World of Nature
PMC comes alive with activity at night after most of us have gone to bed. For a special look at some of the animals we share the forest with, please see page 3.



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

Application Process for New PMCPOA GM Now Open

PMCPOA is now accepting applications for a new General Manager. Applications/resumes should be sent to hr@pmcpoa.com. Details about the position and requirements can be found on the PMCPOA website at <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/employment-opportunities>.

Happy 50th Anniversary PMC! Calling all Long-time Members: We Want to Hear From You!

Pine Mountain Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! We hope to be able to have some sort of gathering to mark the occasion, but that may not be possible. Meanwhile, we will feature stories in the Condor in 2021 highlighting the history, events, people and even the struggles that have shaped our beautiful mountain community into the special place it is today.

For those newer to the area, you may not be familiar with just how PMC got started. Historical records state that the area of today's Pine Mountain Club changed hands a few times over the years. There was a saw mill in the valley to harvest lumber for

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Serving on the Board is a Great Way to Volunteer in PMC

Looking to volunteer in PMC? Love living or vacationing in Pine Mountain Club? Want to keep it beautiful? Make it better? Add an activity not currently offered? Serving on the PMCPOA Board of Directors offers many opportunities for leadership to those with creative ideas and a desire to actively volunteer.

For those interested in running for the Board, Letters of Intent to run must be submitted, signed and dated, along with a candidate filing form and a biography/resume, to the office no later than Friday, April 9 by 5:00 p.m. This year's Board election takes place on Saturday, June 19 at 1 p.m.

If you are a PMC member in good standing, you are eligible to run for election. The Elections Committee, made up of representatives from all PMC committees, forms each year at this time. They look for dedicated members interested in participating in PMC's governance; and they are there to assist potential candidates through the election filing process — from letters of intent to understanding the rules of signage, and the two forums, which normally take place on a Friday night and a Saturday afternoon but last year were videotaped due to COVID. The forums are designed to help introduce candidates to the community.

What does a member need to bring to the job? Your talents and skills: e.g., experience in management, budgeting and accounting, communications, maintenance, non-profit leadership,

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Discounted Ambulance Service Plans Offered Through PMCPOA

PMCPOA is again offering the membership an opportunity to sign up for the EmeriCare Membership Plan, an annual membership program offered by Hall Ambulance Service, at a discounted group rate.

By signing up through the PMCPOA group program, members can purchase the one-year plan for \$100 and save \$25 off the standard rate. The fee for individual family plans is \$125, but by signing up through the association, you receive the discounted group rate. The \$100 plan covers the entire household, including spouses and all unmarried children under 21 years of age.

This offer is open to members in good standing. Please note that this service plan does not cover other ambulance companies, nor does it cover air transport.

Applications are available in the Business Office, and must be completed and returned to the office by the end of February.

For more information, contact the Business Office at 242-3788.

Winter Heating and Fire Safety

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

As the temperature drops outside, fireplaces, wood and pellet stoves may be fired up inside the home. Everyone needs to realize, however, that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months. Here are some safety tips:

- Have a qualified professional install stoves, chimney connectors and chimneys.
 - In wood stoves and fireplaces, burn only DRY seasoned wood. In pellet stoves, burn only dry seasoned wood pellets.
 - Have your chimney and stove inspected and cleaned by a certified chimney sweep every year.
 - Fireplaces should have a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
 - Allow ashes to COOL before disposing of them. Place ashes in a covered metal container. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from the home and other buildings. Ashes must be cool before you take them to the PMC Transfer Site.
 - Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from stoves, fireplaces and portable heaters.
 - Keep a close eye on children whenever a fireplace, portable heater or wood or pellet stove is being used. They should stay 3 feet away.
 - Purchase a portable heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
 - Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection. Make sure the heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
 - Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
 - Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
 - Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.
 - Never use your oven to heat your home.
 - Make sure you have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) monitor alarms. Test them regularly.
- Always have a working fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.
- Make sure the fire extinguisher is in good working condition and fully charged. Check the gauge to make sure the pressure is at the recommend level. Make sure the hose and nozzle are in working order. Shake dry chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling.
 - Disposable extinguishers should be replaced every 12 years and rechargeable should be recharged every five years.
 - Select the proper extinguisher. For a home, select a multi-purpose ABC extinguisher.
 - Install fire extinguishers near an exit and in plain view above the reach of children, and in garages. Know how to use the extinguisher. Stand at least 6 feet away from the fire. Follow the four-step "PASS" procedure. **P**ull the pin out. **A**im low: point the hose at the base of the fire. **S**queeze the lever below the handle. **S**weep from side to side. If the fire does not go out immediately, call 911 and leave the area at once.

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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.

Our World of Nature

The Night World

By Lynn Stafford with Liz and Bill Buchroeder

Humans are primarily daytime creatures. In modern times, through the development of candles, lanterns and then electricity, we have moved daytime indoors, thus extending our daily activity periods. But still, we tend to turn off lights to sleep. Dark time is sleep time. Here in Dark Skies-aware PMC, there are no streetlights. Residential outdoor lights are few. Someone viewing our village from a nearby mountain ridge late at night would see a few bright points of light letting them know there was a human settlement. There would be little activity, few vehicle lights. This is one of the important differences between us and the cities below.

As we humans slumber or read late into the evening, a world comes alive outside in the woods, along trails, down creek beds and between houses. There are many wild animals that prefer dawn and dusk and even midnight to conduct their daily affairs. Owls, bats and moths are among the aerial denizens. Owls seek night-active rodents and other creatures. Bats are using sonar to locate and capture night-flying insects. Moths use scent and perception of white color to find night-blooming flowers.


On the ground, moving out of wood piles, coming up out of burrows, passing down from forest and brush dens come the night mammals. This article will fo-

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Chef Mike's Slow-Cooker Beef Stew & Loaded Potatoes

When there's a chill in the air, nothing beats this Crock Pot Beef Stew. Seasoned with thyme and dry mustard, the hearty slow-cooked stew is chock-full of tender carrots, potatoes and beef.

Total Time:

Prep, 25 min / Cook, 7 hours

Makes: 8 servings (2 quarts)

Ingredients:

1-1/2 pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed

6 medium carrots, cut into 1-inch lengths

1 medium onion, coarsely chopped

3 celery ribs, coarsely chopped

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1-1/2 pounds beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes

3 tablespoons canola oil

1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained

1 can (14-1/2 ounces) beef broth

1 teaspoon ground mustard

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/2 teaspoon browning sauce, optional

Minced fresh thyme

Directions:

Layer the potatoes, carrots, onion and celery in a 5-qt. slow cooker. Place flour in a large shallow dish. Add stew meat; turn



to coat evenly. In a large skillet, brown meat in oil in batches. Place over vegetables.

In a large bowl, combine the tomatoes, broth, mustard, salt, pepper, thyme and, if desired, browning sauce. Pour over beef. Cover and cook on low for 7-8 hours, or until the meat and vegetables are tender. If desired, sprinkle with fresh thyme before serving.

Slow-Cooker Beef Stew Tips:

Can you put raw beef in the slow cooker?

It is perfectly safe to add raw beef to a slow cooker. However, if the beef is frozen, be sure to thaw it in the refrigerator overnight before slow cooking to ensure safe cooking temperatures.

Do I have to brown beef before slow cooking?

While beef can certainly be added directly to a slow cooker, stew meat that has been browned first gets added flavor from the caramelization that happens during browning. Searing or browning the meat also helps to lock in the juices to keep it from drying out. Beef that has been dredged in flour before browning aids in thickening the stew as well.

Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Tired of the same old side dish, I whipped up this new family favorite. We can't get enough of these loaded mashed potatoes at our house! Often, I'll prepare this casserole ahead and refrigerate it. Then I bake it just before serving.

Total Time:

Prep, 35 min. / Bake, 30 min.

Makes: 14 servings

Ingredients:

5 pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed

3/4-cup sour cream

1/2-cup milk

3 tablespoons butter

Salt and pepper to taste

3 cups shredded cheddar cheese blend, divided

1/2-pound sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled

3 green onions, sliced

Directions:

Place potatoes in a Dutch oven and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until tender. Drain and place in a large bowl. Add the sour cream, milk, butter, salt and pepper. Beat on medium-low speed until light and fluffy. Stir in 2 cups cheese, bacon and onions.

Transfer to a greased 3-qt. baking dish. Top with remaining cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

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PMCPA recently purchased two new Chevrolet Colorado 4WD pickups for Patrol duties, to replace the previous cars. One of the old cars will now be used by the Environmental Control Department.

Rules for Snow Play on the Golf Course

A reminder that the PMC Golf Course must have a least 6 inches of snow on it before anyone can sled or play on the course. Please do not go onto the golf course after it snows unless there is 6 inches or more of snow. The course will be monitored closely and people will be asked to leave if less than 6 inches of snow has fallen. If in doubt, please call the office or Pro Shop before arriving.

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The Café will not be open on Valentine's Day because it falls on a Sunday this year. However, special menu items will be offered on Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13 in honor of the day of love. Watch for more details coming soon.

A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

The Planning Committee has submitted their questions to be used in the upcoming survey to assist in preparation for the new five-year Strategic Plan.



They've done a good job, and we are hoping to get the survey out to members this coming month. Please take the time necessary to complete this survey, as it truly does help the board, staff and committees plan for the coming years. Also, please help us to spread the word and encourage other members to complete the survey.

One of the inquiries on the survey will assist the board in determining the future of long-term and short-term rentals in Pine Mountain Club, to comply with the new

civil code 4741 based on Assembly Bill 3182. Although there may be some exemptions still not clarified by our legal counsel, the basic options are contained with the survey to assist in providing direction on how to proceed.

We have started the budget process and are gathering numbers to prepare for the 2021/2022 budget. We will have open meetings via Zoom for all members to attend and participate, even if only to watch and listen. Also, as part of this process, I am appointing Director Throckmorton, Director Acosta, Director McClellan, John Martin (as chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee) and myself to serve as our budget working group.

I'm sad to announce the resignation of Director Sandy Browne from the board

due to health reasons. We will miss her spunk, experience and dedication to PMC. The board has appointed Richard Ballard to fill this vacancy for the remainder of this fiscal year. As such, there will now be one 2-year term for a director position at the upcoming election, in addition to three 3-year terms.

Lastly, the COVID vaccines have arrived in the Mountain Communities, the Bakersfield area and other nearby communities. I know several people who have received their vaccines, and others have scheduled their appointments. Let's hope this momentum continues and these vaccines help curb the spread and eliminate the virus so we can get back to normal this coming year. Wear a mask. Be safe!

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Jan. 16, 2021. Complete minutes are available at the business office or online at www.pinemountainclub.net after their approval at the next board meeting. In the regular open meeting, Chairman Bill Lewis II called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Nine directors attended: Cam Acosta, Sandy Browne, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were zero (0) committee applications for approval.

There were zero (0) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended and five (5) cottage industry permits.

MOTION by Director Burkett, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to approve the amended agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of Jan. 16, 2021. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

Chair Bill Lewis II presented the Chair's report.

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

Director Cam Acosta presented the Treasurers report.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to ratify the Association's December 2020 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to approve the amended Planning Committee survey. **MOTION** carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to form the Election Committee. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker,

er, SECOND by Director Throckmorton to approve Greens & Grounds A-2 project (Prefabricated building to house equipment) not to exceed (NTE) \$18,000, pending funding in the 2021/2022 Budget Operating Fund. **MOTION** carried.

WITHDRAWN - MOTION to approve Recreation's A-2 project (Outside Band Stage), pending funding in the 2021/2022 Budget Operating Fund, and pending Planning Committee review.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve Business Policy E-17 (Collection Process). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve Business Policy E-19 (PMCPOA Foreclosures). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy E-20 (Accounting Procedures for Successful Foreclosures/Sale of PMCPOA Foreclosed Lots). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker,

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Treasurer's Report

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

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance		
Revenue					
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,316,634	2,313,366	3,268		
Operations/Maintenance	151,279	91,310	59,969		
Social Activity	256,354	363,825	(107,471)		
Interest Income (Operating)	10,254	18,600	(8,346)		
Total Revenue	2,734,521	2,787,101	(52,580)		
Operating Expenses					
Operations/Maintenance	1,962,517	2,163,161	(200,644)		
Social Activity	423,598	591,258	(167,660)		
Operating Projects	7,812	51,417	(43,605)		
Designated Fund Projects	268,632	291,729	(23,097)		
Reserve Contribution	228,000	228,000	0		
Total Operating Expenses	2,890,559	3,325,565	(435,006)		
Other Operating Transactions					
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(121,895)	(121,895)	0		
Assets purchased	(9,719)	0	(9,719)		
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	(800)	0	(800)		
Total Other Transactions	(132,413)	(121,895)	(10,518)		
Total Change in Operating Fund	(288,452)	(660,359)	371,907		
Payroll Summary					
Payroll Wages	1,005,373	1,134,664	(129,291)		
Payroll Benefits	162,271	194,163	(31,892)		
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	132,322	153,492	(21,170)		
Total Payroll Expense	1,299,967	1,482,319	(182,352)		
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %	
18/19 Assessment Collection Update	4,231,452	4,230,582	870	0.02%	
19/20 Assessment Collection Update	4,631,550	4,610,721	20,829	0.45%	
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,628,342	4,530,280	98,062	2.12%	
Reserve Fund Update					
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2020	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period	
	3,268,288	376,398	(463,380)	3,181,306	
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,619,309				
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,413,658				

Respectfully Submitted



Cameron Acosta / Treasurer
January 16, 2021

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

Welcome to the New Year. Unfortunately, so far, it seems the same as 2020. We are still on a Regional Stay-at-Home Order, which means that private gatherings of any size are prohibited. Some people had New Year's parties and celebrated Christmas with a group; we can't stop that, but all we ask is that you wear your masks and socially distance when outside of your home. Please be respectful to those who follow the rules. It doesn't take away your rights if you wear a mask for the safety of others. It isn't forever. It is just for now.

In Kern County, there were 1,149 new cases of COVID as of 1/15/2021 and seven more deaths. These numbers mean nothing to some, until their family member or friend gets COVID-19. These numbers are real people.

In the 93222 zip code, we currently have 36 cases with 11 recovered and three presumed recovered. In the 93225 zip code, we currently have 185 cases with 34 recovered and 21 presumed recovered.

Other News

- There has been a lot of activity with the new pool. The pump house is in place. We will have a cover on it soon. The sitting wall by the pool is complete. We put three rocks in the dirt area, which will be landscaped in the spring. Bathrooms have the fixtures in and are just waiting on a little more plumbing to be completed.

- The plastering of the pool and then filling the pool will be the last steps to be completed.

Our Recreation Supervisor is in the process of getting a head count for the COVID-19 vaccine. As of Jan. 15, we had 275 people on the list with 82 emails waiting to be opened. The vaccine itself is free, but we are waiting to see what the fee will be for the mobile unit and staff to come up here. Also, check with El Tejon Pharmacy in Frazier Park, as they also will be administering vaccines once they receive them.

- The Houchin Mobile Unit for blood donations will be back in May. Stay tuned.

- Thank you to all of you who continue to support the Café by buying take-out food. We will continue to do home deliveries for \$2 while the weather is good.

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

Thank you, Karin Shulman, GM

SECOND by Director Throckmorton to approve Business Policy E-21 (PMCPOA Owned Lot Sales). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to delete Business Policy E-22 (PMC Foreclosures). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy E-24 (Check Signing Policy). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve the update to Rule Article 21 (EC Code) Section 7.13 (Hazards). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve the update to Rule Article 21 (EC Code) Section 7.12 Color and Building Material of Structures and Windows. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to nominate Richard Ballard to fill the director vacancy by Sandy Browne, effective January 17, 2021. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Throckmorton, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to nominate Richard Ballard to fill the director vacancy by Sandy Browne, effective Jan. 17, 2021. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received five items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Feb. 20, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room or on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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- CarQuest Auto Parts – Lebec
- O'Reilly Auto Parts – Castaic
- Walmart – Stevenson Ranch
- Amazon

Or, check out getting Spikes Spiders -- www.spikes-spiders.com.

Snow Play Traffic

During the winter when nonresidents come to play in the snow, residents need to have proof of residency (Driver's License, PMC Car Decal, utility bill, etc.). If your visitor/guest is coming up, send them a picture/text of one of these things to show the officer at the checkpoint. If a resident wishes to drive down and wait for their guest at the checkpoint, please do so.

When Shopping for Traction Devices, Don't Forget About Your Feet!

Did you know that there are traction devices for your shoes, too? These can be tremendously helpful when walking

across slippery driveways or parking lots, or when out walking or hiking during the winter.

These devices typically work on your feet in much the same way that chains or Spikes Spiders work on your car. They usually have coils in a diamond pattern that are attached to straps that go around the outside of your shoes. The coils cover the bottom of your shoes and can be plain, or can have little spikes on them, just like studded snow tires do.

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these snow cleats is Yaktrax. Pricing runs from about \$18 to \$60, depending upon the level of traction you want. Some of the models have just the coils and are intended for walking, while the more expensive types have spikes that help with running in the snow. For serious athletics in the snow and on icy surfaces, micro spikes or crampons are recommended.

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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!

PMC Facebook Page

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

COMPLIMENT

A huge thank you to the Condor Cafe staff for the amazing chow mein dinner on December 24. The Thursday night dinners have been amazing, but giving up their Christmas eve to make us dinner is over the top. We love you!

Response: Thank you for the compliment. The Condor Cafe staff will be pleased to hear this. They take pride in the food they put out. Keep enjoying.

CONCERN

We are living on Tirol Drive. We read in a PMC document that snow will not be removed from the streets when cars are parked on the side. For months, there has been a Hyundai with Oregon license plates on it parked on the side of the road.

The right rear tire touches the pavement. It looks like an abandoned car because it almost never moves. At the moment, I am not on the mountain, however I plan to come up soon, and I am concerned about all the neighbors above. They might get stuck only because the road cannot or will not be cleaned due to this car. Can PMC do something about it? I just want to make sure that all of us up there will not be buried in snow due to this issue. I have pictures of the car if it is needed.

Response: Thank you for letting us know. Patrol will handle this issue.

Lounge Remains Closed

Under the Governor's orders, the PMCPOA Lounge remains closed.

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Office 242-3788

Patrol 242-3857 (24 hrs)

Transfer Site

Hours:

8:30am - 5pm Daily

A reminder that our Transfer site is strictly for PMC residents/guests and tenants. Please bring your Member or Guest card.

Only three 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. We do this for social distancing and that defeats the purpose. 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.

'ANNIVERSARY' Cont. from pg. 1

Fort Tejon before the Civil War. The Kern Land Company, incorporated in 1890, owned the property known as Mil Potrero Ranch, and cattle apparently used to graze in the location of today's PMC Golf Course.

Tenneco Corporation purchased the Kern County Land Company in 1967, and in 1971 began development of Pine Mountain Club. Once the development was finished and all lots were sold, Tenneco turned over the community to the Pine Mountain Club Property Owners Association. The Articles of incorporation were filed in 1975, and from there, the community began to grow.

In honor of this momentous year, we'd like to hear from our long-time members! If you have owned property here for a long time, or know someone who has, please share your fun stories with us for publication over the next year! Email details or stories to rwilde@pmcpoa.com. Thank you! We will look forward to your submissions.

'BOARD' Cont. from page 1

law or other areas of experience that can benefit the association and community.

And yes, Board service takes time: One Saturday a month for open board and executive board meetings, an additional meeting as a committee liaison and more than likely, special meetings as needed to help fulfill association needs. But, what doesn't take time? And where is it more meaningful to give that time than in making the place where you live better?

If Board service interests you, but you'd like to know more about it and who serves, look no further than the current Board. It is made up of people from a wide variety of backgrounds and career fields, each with their own interests and ideas, working together collegially on your behalf. They will be happy to share their experiences with you — and perhaps convince you that Board service is for you.

For further information on the election process or to obtain a candidate election packet, call the office at 661-242-3788 or email to recept@pmcpoa.com. There is also a detailed Elections Policy and Procedure document on the PMCPOA website at <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/pmcpoa-governing-documents>.

Save the Date

The next blood drive for Houchin Blood Bank will be on Thursday May 13 from 10am-2pm in the PMC Clubhouse parking lot. Details coming soon.

Reminder: Have you ordered your new (blue) guest cards yet? Please call the business office, ext. 225, to put in your request. Last year's green guest cards are no longer valid.

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Time to renew your Archery Club membership.

Membership runs Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 and is \$15 for individuals or \$20 for a family.

Call the Business office to sign up or renew at 661-242-3788.

PMCPOA Snowplowing Info

During winter storms, the Pine Mountain Club Maintenance Department's snowplow equipment will be dispatched as needed to maintain all roadways, cul de sacs and access roads within the PMC community.

This equipment will be dispatched as soon as possible after the snow begins to stick to the road surfaces, and plowing will continue until all of the roads are clear of snow. Cinders will be applied when the Pine Mountain Maintenance Department deems it appropriate.

The streets in our community will be plowed in the following order: First, the main roadways. Second, all access roads. Third, all cul de sacs. And, when time permits, attempts will be made to try to clear snow berms in driveways.

A reminder, however, that if cars are parked on the street following a storm,

your street will not be plowed. The plows slip and slide on ice and could run into any cars parked on the street. To keep PMC-POA's drivers safe, they will not plow a street if a car/cars are parked on it. Association Rule Article 6:6.06 reads, in part, "Parking on Association roads, including unpaved as well as paved portions thereof, is not permitted." Cars are subject to being towed away if they are parked on the street. This includes cars belonging to guests.

Also, do not play, ski, toboggan, sled or snowmobile on roadways, snow berms or along roadway edges, and please make sure your children don't play in the streets. Cars, trucks and snowplows cannot stop quickly on snow and ice. There have been close calls, and we don't want anything tragic to happen.

Please tell any tenants/guests who are staying in your home to be aware of these protocols too.

(Copies of this policy are available in the PMC Business Office. The Snow Removal Policy brochure is also viewable on the PMCPOA website in the Association Governance & Business menu. Just click on the "Business Office" tab to view.

ed to this list, you need to present a current ADA placard or doctor's note at the Business Office.

This free service is only provided after snow removal from all Association roads and necessary sanding have taken place. As a result, it could be two or more days before the crews begin to remove berms.

As with the roads, this courtesy service has an established procedure in determining the order in which property owners' berms are removed.

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

The berm removal list is intended for the physically impaired.

If you have any questions regarding our snow plowing and berm removal policies, please call 242-3788.

Tips on Finding Info on Road Conditions

To find out about road conditions on the I-5 freeway, call 800-427-7623 (Cal Trans).

Also, there is a website to check before you leave to go off the hill: www.sigalert.com. You can request conditions for Los Angeles, which will give you conditions from Lebec going south toward Los Angeles, or switch it to Bakersfield, which gives you conditions from Lebec going North.

It will tell you if anything is happening on the I-5 and what the problem is, as well as how long the back-up is.

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

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Snow Berm Removal Procedure

During the winter months, our Association faces many weather-related challenges. The first priority in the event of a snow storm is clearing and sanding the roads of the community. In a nutshell, we have well-established and effective procedures that determine the order in which snow is removed throughout PMC.

The removal of berms from property owners' driveways is provided as a courtesy to members who, in advance, have requested this assistance. In order to be add-

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Remember: If It's Too Cold for YOU Out There, It's Too Cold for THEM

PMC Patrol

Although this winter has been relatively mild so far, PMC Patrol would like to remind residents that pets should live indoors, especially at night.

The American Veterinary Association advises that dogs and cats should be kept inside during cold weather. It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but this is not true.

Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other "snow dogs," are more tolerant of cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. To do so is considered animal cruelty/neglect.

Cold cars also pose significant risk to your pet's health. Your car can rapidly cool down in cold weather, and becomes like a refrigerator. Pets that are young, old, ill or thin are particularly susceptible to cold environments and should never be left in cold cars. Limit car travel to only that which is necessary, and don't leave your pet unattended in the vehicle.



PMCPOA Animal Control Rule 4.07 states that pets shall not be left outside unattended between dusk and dawn. This rule was designed to protect everyone's pets from inclement weather and predatory wildlife, and in particular to reduce the problem of barking dogs that keep neighbors awake at night.

Animal Control Rule 4.10 states that every

reasonable precaution shall be used to ensure animals are not abused, abandoned or neglected as defined by Kern County Ordinance 7.08.110. Violations of the PMCPOA Animal Control Rules may result in a citation, and/or a fine.

Clubhouse Serves as Shelter During Power Outages

During severe weather or a power outage, the PMCPOA Clubhouse has an emergency generator that provides power immediately upon the outage. The clubhouse is open during those times for those who need heat and need to plug in medical devices. Social distancing is mandatory, and masks must be worn at all times.

During inclement weather when the power stays on, you can tune into PMCPOA's radio station, AM 1610, for regular updates, or call 242-3857 after hours for current conditions. It's a good idea to keep a transistor radio in the house that operates on batteries in case of a power outage.



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'NATURE' *Continued from page 3*

cus on some of these elusive creatures that are right here in PMC. They were here before PMC was built in the early 1970s. They are natives; they don't need people and most avoid people, although some have found people useful. White-footed mice and wood rats love to build nests in our structures. Bats often find daytime shelter in our buildings during the summer months when they are present. And, of course, deer enjoy some of our planted morsels.

Then, there are the bears! Bears, like humans, are omnivores. They will eat almost anything. Their sense of smell is outstanding. Some hand lotion left in a car; a sack of dog food on the deck; even a window left open so that the kitchen smells can pass through the screen will entice a hungry bear. And bears are always hungry. They store up fat for the lean times of winter. Unfortunately, some bears have been legally shot by authorities in PMC because they have become dangerous. But all that is due to carelessness on the part of us humans.

There are several enterprising photographers up here who place motion cameras out to capture the wildlife. Included (on page 3, and at right) are several photos taken right here in PMC; some in the daytime, some at night. One captured shot shows a sow bear guiding her two cubs on a food hunt. The older fawn deer has yet to grow into its ears. A buck in the fall knows there is safety from hunters in the greenbelts of PMC. A long-tailed gray fox uses its nose to search for small rodents. For stealth and secrecy, there are the cats. A bobcat is at high alert with short tail curled up, ears up and body poised. Finally, a secretive mountain lion passes silently between homes searching for the deer.

It is always important to remember that we humans are the newcomers here. Our mountain paradise has been home to the wild animals for thousands of years. Most of them are not adapted to deal with fast vehicles and bright headlights at night. Driving slowly and carefully is not only important for feeling the tranquility of our forests, but essential for the safety of the nightlife that is still trying to figure us out.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All committees are meeting via Zoom, or are dark. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.

Monday, Feb. 1 (First Monday)
4:30pm **Communications ZOOM**

Tuesday, Feb. 2 (First Tuesday)
12 pm **Equestrian Equestrian Center**

Thursday, Feb. 4 (First Thursday)
DARK **Recreation Lounge**

Friday, Feb. 5 (First Friday)
10am **Greens and Grounds Driving Range**
2 pm **Environmental Control ZOOM**

Saturday, Feb 6 (First Saturday)
9 am **Governing Documents ZOOM**
1 pm **Planning ZOOM**

Saturday, Feb. 13 (Second Saturday)
DARK **Emergency Preparedness Condor Room**
DARK **CERT Condor Room**

Wednesday, Feb. 17 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)
5 pm **Budget & Finance ZOOM**

Saturday, Feb. 20 (Third Saturday)
10 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. ZOOM**

