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SPINACH & MOZZARELLA RAVIOLI 19.75
VEGETARIAN: Spinach and Mozzarella Ravioli Topped with House-Made Zesty Marinara Sauce.



Monday, Feb. 14
Dinner 4-7:30 pm
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**The Lockhart Native Plant
Garden blossomed in 2021!
See story on page 4**



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

Serving on the Board: Great Way to Volunteer in PMC

Do you love living in Pine Mountain Club and want to keep it beautiful? Or make it better in some way? Serving on the PMCPOA Board of Directors offers many opportunities for leadership to those with creative ideas and a desire to actively volunteer.

For members interested in running for the Board, Letters of Intent to run can be submitted now, and the office will then supply you with the complete candidate's packet to fill out. The deadline to submit the Letter of Intent and packet, including the candidate filing form and a biography/resume, is Monday, March 28 by 5 p.m. The packet must be signed and dated and turned into the office. The deadline would be March 26, but since that day falls on a Saturday in 2022, the deadline is the following Monday as stated in the Election Procedures. This year's Board election takes place on Satur-

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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 directly to Hall Ambulance with payment checks included by the end of February. For more information, contact the Business Office at 242-3788.

Our World of Nature

How About Those Woodpeckers!?

By Lynn Stafford, with Liz and Bill Buchroeder, Terre Ashmore

This month's and next month's nature articles will focus on local birds that use tree wood in their lifestyles. Here, in and near Pine Mountain Club, are many trees and several species of woodpeckers. We know that many birds and other animals use tree branches as support for nests. And many birds forage on insects and other small invertebrates within tree foliage. But, what about the wood itself? Most of the wood in a living tree is dead. The bark is a thin layer on the outside of the inner dead trunk. Only the inner part of the bark is alive and allows transport of food, water and minerals. The inner dead wood, the main part of the trunk, serves as support for the tree. And the outer bark, also dead, serves as protection.



Fig. 1: Valley oak snag (TA)

Woodpeckers have discovered the value of tree wood to a remarkable extent. Through millions of years of evolution, they have become adapted to lives centered on trees. Woodpeckers have very strong bills to drill into wood. They have special anatomical adaptations to protect the brain from all the pounding. Most woodpeckers have a special alignment of toes, so that two are in front and two are behind. This way, they can walk up vertical trunks. Stiff tails help to support the bodies. Woodpeckers drill into tree trunks to build nesting cavities within the inner dead wood. Many woodpeckers use drumming on hollow areas in wood to communicate with each other. Nesting and foraging often occur in dead trees or dead branches of trees, where the wood is softer, and more insects are present. Therefore, it is true that dead wood in a forest, whether it be a dead standing snag (Fig. 1), dead branches or logs on the forest floor, is an essential part of the forest ecosystem.

There are 22 woodpecker species in North America. Nine species find suitable habitat in our local mountains. One of the easiest species to be aware of is the acorn woodpecker (Fig. 2). It is noisy, bright-colored, lives in boisterous colonies, and often

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HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER LATELY?

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

With many of us using our fireplaces, wood stoves and pellet stoves during the cold winter months, it is important to have a nearby fire extinguisher and know how to use it. When used properly, a portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out small fires.

Portable extinguishers, intended for the home, are not designed to fight large or spreading fires. However, even against small fires, they are useful only under certain conditions:

- The operator must know how to use the extinguisher. There is no time to read directions during an emergency! Remember the “PASS” word: Stand 6 to 8 feet away from the fire and follow the four-step PASS procedure. PULL the pin out. AIM low: Point the hose at the base of the fire. SQUEEZE the lever below the handle. SWEEP from side to side. If the fire does not go out immediately, leave the area at once.

- Make sure the extinguisher is in good working order and fully charged. Check the gauge to make sure the pressure is at the recommended level. Make sure the hose and nozzle are in working order. Shake dry-chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling. Immediately replace the extinguisher if it needs recharging or is damaged in any way.

- Select the proper extinguisher. For the home, select a multi-purpose ABC extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not too heavy to handle.

- Extinguishers should be installed in plain view above the reach of children, near an escape route and away from stoves and heating appliances.

Before you begin to fight a fire:

- Make sure everyone has left, or is leaving, the building.
- Make sure the fire department has been notified by calling 911.
- Make sure the fire is confined to a small area and that it is not spreading beyond the immediate area.
- Make sure you have an unobstructed escape route to which the fire will not spread.

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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.



New Year's Eve at the Clubhouse!

The dinner was delicious and the party was a blast as guests counted down the clock.



The photo booth (at right) and a table centerpiece



Exterior Decorating Contest Winner

The winner of the 2021 annual outdoor decorating contest was 2204 Bernina! Congrats!

Unfortunately, the association only received three votes for best-decorated house this year, so we are just awarding the First-Place prize, which is a \$75 gift certificate. Let's hope that next year we have more participants.

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.

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Reflecting on the Native Plant Garden's Progress

By Susan Amon

I'm taking a moment and thinking about this past year and all we've accomplished at the Lockhart Native Plant Garden. Thanks to all the volunteers for contributing their energy and skills to making the garden more beautiful and accessible.

Many thanks to Tovah LeLah, David LeLah, Sara-Jane Sunjay Owen, Elisa Christensen, Nikko and Cruse Christensen, our local botanist Pam DeVries, Russell Rogers (for the sitting logs) and Maxine Cameron Stenstrom (for her T-Shirt designs and the brochure). I spent time volunteering in the garden as well.

Thanks also to all who contributed money to our Go Fund Me campaign. (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/lockhart-native-plant-garden>). Because of your support, we were able to put in our perimeter fencing, plant new plants, make plant signs and print our brochure, (available at the PMC clubhouse lobby). Our funding campaign continues, and we will accept any donations. We have new signs to order and new plants to plant this next year. Volunteers are always welcome for weeding, path maintenance and planting.

This year, the Community Garden members voted to "umbrella" the Native Plant Garden into their charter. We are pleased to have their support. Thanks to all who visited the garden and continue to appreciate its beauty and purpose. For more information, email to lockhartgarden@frazmtn.com or visit us on Facebook.



A few of the awesome Lockhart Native Plant Garden volunteers with their tools. At right are sitting logs.







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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.

Assessment Pre-Payments Now Being Taken in Office

We are accepting pre-payments for the 22/23 Assessment. You can mail a check to P.O. Box P, Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222, drop it in the Drop Box outside (to the right) of the front door of the clubhouse, call us with a credit card or come into the office to make a payment. Some members find this a little easier than coming up with the total amount all at once in July. The actual amount will not be determined until the April Board meeting, but you can get a head start on it if you would like. Please make sure you put your tract and lot number on your check.

PMCPOA Office Hours
8am-5pm Mon-Fri
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Office 242-3788
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Condor Cafe Hours

Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday through Sunday
8 am to 2 pm

**Wednesday thru 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 (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 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.

Condor Lounge Hours

Thu, 4-9 p.m.
Fri, 4-11 p.m.
Sat, 4-11 p.m.

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A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
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We have received a few requests that board meetings be held both in open session and via Zoom. While I do understand the convenience for some to watch via Zoom, it's more important for the board to operate and make decisions in a conducive environment with members physically present and participating if they choose to do so without worrying about or having technical distractions and problems that were often encountered during the Zoom meetings not associated with operator-error. The bandwidth in the clubhouse makes it very difficult and challenging to run a well-managed meeting exclusively via Zoom and it was very frustrating at times for both the board and members in attendance.



It is not simply a matter of convenience with Zoom, it is also about logistics, budget and trouble-free connections that don't get dropped or temporarily go blank. I have

attended other meetings and seminars via Zoom or other similar applications for over a year now, and I have yet to attend one session that was held without problems – some significant -- and we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to participate fully with these meetings.

It is best when these board meetings are held in person, however, we continue to monitor the mandates and recommendations from the state and CDC with respect to COVID that addresses open meetings, the café and lounge, and office visits in the clubhouse. We will adjust as necessary keeping in mind the safety and well-being of our staff and members, and we may be forced to return to Zoom meetings.

It is the responsibility of the chairman to appoint a budget working group according to policy to develop our annual budget to determine the amount of the assessment required to operate the Association for the coming 2022-2023 fiscal year. The working group is charged to implement

the timing and policy procedures and shall consist of Phyllis Throckmorton, Ellen McClellan, Cam Acosta, Bill Martin, Karin Shulman, Beth Blackmon and me.

I have also appointed eight members to serve on the STR (short-term rental) Working Group; Carolyn Gilbert, Mark Bell, Bill Graney, Denlin Doty, Lee Dunnivant, Kenny Bellini and Directors Cam Acosta and Ellen McClellan, who will serve as co-chairs. I think we have a good cross-representation of members who will review policies, rules and the economic viability related to short-term rentals in PMC. I will be sharing the tasks for this group in a separate message to the members.

Elections for the board are coming with three (3) director positions open. The Election Committee is being formed according to our rules. If you are interested in running for the board and serving our community, I encourage you to consider and get involved.

Be safe, healthy and stay positive.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Jan. 15, 2022. 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 10:00 a.m. Eight directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Chairman Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton. Director Tony Harmon was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of Jan. 15, 2022 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

There were no committee applications

for approval.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve the Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2021. **MOTION** carried.

Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's Report. General Manager Shulman presented the General Manager's Report. Director Acosta presented the Treasurer's Report.

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

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were five (5) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

There were no cottage industry permit recommendations.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve **RESOLUTION #01-01-15-2022**, to approve \$210,000 from the Operating Account: Greenbelt Line Item at \$50,000 July 1st, 2022, July 1st, 2023, July 1st 2024 and \$60,000 for July 1st, 2026. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve Greens & Grounds A-2 project (Pickleball Court Expansion) not to exceed (NTE) \$78,000, pending funding in the 2022/2023 Budget Operating Fund. Director Acosta opposed. Directors Ballard, Burkett, Gabriel, Hoyt-Voelker, McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton approved. **MOTION** carried.

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Treasurer's Report

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
 Treasurer's Report
 As of December 31, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,347,086	2,343,836	3,250	
Operations/Maintenance	185,989	113,020	72,969	
Social Activity	354,807	350,405	4,402	
Interest Income (Operating)	10,445	10,355	90	
Total Revenue	2,898,327	2,817,616	80,711	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	2,085,980	2,217,700	(131,720)	
Social Activity	553,209	613,380	(60,171)	
Operating Projects	73,125	140,202	(67,077)	
Designated Fund Projects	810	30,000	(29,190)	
Reserve Contribution	228,000	228,000	0	
Total Operating Expenses	2,941,124	3,229,282	(288,158)	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(325,129)	(325,128)	(1)	
Assets purchased	(25,389)	0	(25,389)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	7,991	0	7,991	
Total Other Transactions	(342,527)	(325,128)	(17,399)	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(385,324)	(736,794)	351,470	
Payroll Summary				
Payroll Wages	1,103,550	1,204,845	(101,295)	
Payroll Benefits	171,301	199,062	(27,761)	
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	142,594	161,195	(18,601)	
Total Payroll Expense	1,417,445	1,565,102	(147,657)	
	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	4,629,946	1,604	0.03%
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,628,342	4,621,666	6,676	0.14%
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,694,082	4,603,030	91,052	1.94%
Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2021	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	3,082,499	564,886	(276,131)	3,371,254
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,292,162			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,598,454			

Respectfully Submitted


 Cameron Acosta / Treasurer
 January 15, 2022

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

We had our first snowstorm, and hopefully not the last. We have quite a few new snow plowers this year, and they did a good job. Thank you everyone who refrained from calling in regarding berms. It helped out a lot and was very appreciated.

Remember, masks are to be worn inside until Feb. 15 per the governor of California. COVID-19 seems to be spreading rapidly in PMC. As of mid-January, PMC had 104 cases. Please be courteous to everyone and wear your mask.

This is a reminder to anyone who rents their home, short term or long term, that the owner of the property is responsible for their guests' behavior per Association Rule 3.02. Fireworks and guns are not allowed to be shot off. As a short-term own-

er, you may want to charge a hefty deposit, because you will be cited for these infractions if they happen at your home by your guests. The association takes fires very seriously, and the fine for fireworks and discharging of firearms is up to \$2,000 for the first offense.

We are in budget season and received

two A-2 projects, which were on the agenda for January's board discussion.

Events happening in February include the Super Bowl Party and Valentine's Dinner. However, these are subject to change due to COVID-19. We will keep everyone notified through the email blast.

EC Dept. Roadways Reminder

The EC Department would like to remind everyone that the roadway extends beyond the pavement on both sides of the street by 7 to 10 feet. Please do not park cars or place signs on that extension. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Joe in the EC Office at 661-242-3788, ext. 212.

Masks Required Inside

California Governor Gavin Newsom has extended the Mask Mandate requiring that masks be worn inside all buildings until Feb. 15. Please make sure you are wearing a mask when going into the Post Office and Clubhouse.



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MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, SECOND by Director Throckmorton to approve Equestrian Center's A-2 project (Corral Pipe Fencing) NTE \$70,000, pending funding in the 2022/2023 Budget Operating Fund. MOTION carried.

The board sent and received twenty-five (25) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Feb. 19, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Guest Card Orders

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- Ace Hardware – Frazier Park
- CarQuest Auto Parts – Lebec
- O'Reilly Auto Parts – Castaic
- Walmart – Stevenson Ranch
- Amazon

Or, check out getting Spider Spikes -- spikes-spiders.com.

Snow Play Traffic

During the winter when nonresidents come to play in the snow, residents may need to show 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

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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. Anonymous submissions will not be published.

There were no CCC submissions for publication this month.

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 snow tires do.

One of the better-known brands for 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.

YakTrax are available at most sporting goods stores and can be ordered off Amazon or off the company's website at yaktrax.inplus.com.

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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.

PMC Facebook Page

The only OFFICIAL PMCPOA Facebook page can be accessed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pmcpoa>

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.

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day, June 18 at 1 p.m.

If you are a PMC member, you are eligible to run for election according to the PMCPOA Election Policy and Procedures, which were updated in May 2021. To view those, please visit the PMCPOA website's Governing Documents page at <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/pmcpoa-governing-documents> and click on the election procedures documents. They may also be viewed in the Business Office.

The Election 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 forums, which traditionally have taken place on a Friday night and a Saturday afternoon in late April or early May, but have been virtual via videotapes for the past two years due to COVID. The forums and video-

tapes help introduce candidates to the community. The format of this year's forum(s) will be announced as the date gets closer.

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, 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. If you don't know who is on the current Board, please visit the website at <https://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/board-of-directors>.

For more information or to obtain a candidate election packet, call the office at 661-242-3788 or email to recept@pmcpoa.com.

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gets into trouble with human residents. As its name implies, it is found around oak trees. It eats acorns and tree sap (pine), as well as insects. It is an unusual woodpecker in that it is highly colonial. These birds



Fig. 2: Acorn woodpecker (RC)

are always found in tight family groups. These groups maintain well-guarded territories that often last for generations. Tasks are divided up

between individuals. Some are breeding pairs; some specialize in childcare; some obtain food; some create larders of cached acorns (Fig. 3); and some guard the stored

food. In other words, these woodpeckers do not exist as individuals. Each bird is part of a tight community. Throughout one bird's lifetime, it will probably pass through several



Fig. 3: Acorn woodpecker protecting its larder (DS)

roles in the functioning of the colony. Acorn woodpeckers get into conflict with us forest-dwelling humans because of their habit of stashing acorns in drilled holes in the wood of trees. Often, they try to use our buildings. There are several ways to discourage them from turning one's house into "Swiss cheese." I have found plastic netting to be of some use. Just remember, the birds were here before us modern humans. We need to be a little tolerant.



Fig. 4: Female Nuttall's woodpecker (BB)

Another oak-loving woodpecker is the Nuttall's woodpecker. It is common in oak/pinyon woodlands but has a very different lifestyle than the acorn woodpecker. These small

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black-and-white birds are found singly or in pairs. They move deftly along the trunks of trees and on all sides of spreading branches, searching for insects. They can be identified by the ladder-like pattern of white dots on their backs (Fig. 4). The males have small red head patches (Fig. 5). Their nesting holes are small because of their size.



Fig. 5: Male Nuttall's woodpecker (BA)

Three other fairly small forest-dwellers are the downy, hairy and white-headed woodpeckers. Like other woodpeckers, they create nesting cavities in trees with their strong bills. Downies are more common in riparian (streamside) woodlands. The hairy and white-headed prefer pines and fir forests. The downy and hairy look very much alike, each with a white stripe down the back (Fig. 6). The



Fig. 6: Downy woodpecker (KP)

white-headed is very conspicuous, if it lets you see it (Fig. 7). It likes to perch on the side of the trunk away from the viewer. It is particularly common in the highest parts of our mountains.

A popular, and rather different, woodpecker is the northern flicker. This is the

largest woodpecker in our local mountains. It is brownish in color (Fig. 8) with bright orange wings in flight (Fig. 9). This bird provides nesting sites for larger bird species who frequent abandoned woodpecker holes. Flick-



Fig. 7: White-headed woodpecker (KP)

ers are unusual in the fact that they like to feed on the ground, as well as in trees. They particularly like ant larva, which they



Fig. 8: Northern flicker fluffed out in cold weather (CN)

scoop out of holes in soil with their long, sticky tongues.

There is a group of woodpeckers called the sapsuckers. Our common species is the red-breasted sapsucker (Fig. 10). This is the bird that drills parallel series of small holes in trees

(Fig. 11). These holes are found in many local fruit trees in our gardens. They eat both the sap and the insects that are attracted to the sap in the holes they produce. High in our mountains is the rarely seen Williamson's sapsucker (Fig. 12).



Fig. 9: Northern flicker showing orange wing patches (MM)

Woodpeckers, like many birds, tend to wander at times. There is a very attractive woodpecker of open woodlands in the Intermountain West that occasionally visits our area. This is the Lewis's woodpecker, discovered by the Lewis and Clark expedition. It was certainly known to the indigenous nations long before. This woodpeck-

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Fig. 10: Red-breasted sapsucker (MM)



Fig. 11: Apple tree with lines of sapsucker holes (LS)



Fig. 12: Williamson's sapsucker (PS)

er is quite dark with glossy green, red and white patches (Fig. 13).

The next article will focus on birds that prefer to nest in cavities and have become dependent on abandoned woodpecker holes. These are some of the many animals that depend on the dead wood in our forests.



Fig. 13: Lewis's woodpecker (CN)

The editorial and advertising deadline for the March 2022 Condor is Monday, Feb. 14.

Adventure Ink Activities

Adventure Ink is an independent bookstore in the PMC Village that has fun activities for the community. On the first Thursday of each month, Adventure Ink hosts Poetry Night, though this event is currently on a winter break until the weather warms up.

Adventure Ink also holds a book club on Sundays at 2pm. Adventure Ink is located at 16229 Pine Valley Lane.

For more information, visit <https://adventure-ink.com> or call 805-526-8731.

Important Reminder: Your pool card keys do not expire. They are good every year that you own your property. Please do not toss them out at the end of the year; they will cost \$100 to replace.

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 band)

Monday, Feb. 14
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Saturday, Feb. 19
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Once again, we ask for your help. If you arrive at the Transfer Site with hot ashes, staff will ask you to water them down in your container prior to disposal.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, Feb. 1 (First Tuesday)

6 pm Communications ZOOM

Friday, Feb. 4 (First Friday)

**DARK Greens and Grounds Pro Shop
2 pm Environmental Control Condor Room**

Saturday, Feb. 5 (First Saturday)

9 am Governing Documents ZOOM

1 pm Planning Pool Pavilion

Wednesday, Feb. 16 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

6 pm Budget & Finance Condor Room

Saturday, Feb. 19 (Third Saturday)

10 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room

Saturday, Feb. 26 (Fourth Saturday)

9 am Emergency Preparedness Condor Room

10 am CERT CERT Facility

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.

Reminder: Riding dirt bikes in greenbelts or on hiking trails within PMC is not allowed.

The Rec Room is closed until further notice due to the COVID surge.

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