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Christmas Tree
Lighting Kick Off the
Holiday Season! See
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EC Reminders On Decorations

Environmental Control Committee

It's that time of year again, when lights and other festive decorations go up on and around houses throughout the community. Here are a few reminders about what the rules have to say pertaining to decorations in Pine Mountain Club.

Section 7.09 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND DECORATIVE FLAGS OR BANNERS

"Holiday decorations" shall mean and refer to any seasonal decorations. The purpose of these requirements for holiday decorations is to protect the aesthetic quality of the community.

Winter decorations may be placed on the lot or residence the weekend prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and must be removed no later than January 15.

Decorations for other generally recognized holidays that occur during the year may be placed one (1) week prior to the holiday and must be removed within ten (10) days following the holiday.

Decorative flags or banners may be displayed in the prescribed manner:

- Must be displayed from a pole affixed to the residence.
- Limited to a size not to exceed 15 square feet.
- No more than three (3) decorative flags or banners may be displayed at any one time.

NOAA Says La Niña May Develop This Fall or By Winter

The Climate Prediction Center and the International Research Institute for Climate and Society released information last month stating that La Niña conditions are favored (55 to 65% chance) during the Northern Hemisphere fall and winter 2017-18.

This finding prompted the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to issue a "La Niña Watch." If a La Niña develops, it could have some impacts on weather in the United States during this fall and winter.

La Niña/El Niño, the periodic cooling/warming of the equatorial eastern and central Pacific Ocean, can shift weather pat-

Clubhouse Task Force to Hold Open Meeting Dec. 2

Brent Bennett

The Clubhouse Task Force, a group appointed by the Board of Directors to create new ideas about updating the Clubhouse, will hold an informational meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. The meeting is open to all members and will take place in the Condor Room.

The group of Pine Mt. Club members is working on a program designed to come up with new ideas on how to bring our aging clubhouse up to date without breaking the bank. This group includes several architects, design professionals, financial people, building specialists and involved property owners.

The Clubhouse Task Force will be exploring aspects of what the problems are, available solutions, and how to keep the costs as low as possible. The goal is for the group to work without interference.

All interested parties are invited to come to the meeting to listen and understand what is going to be proposed, how it affects them, and to ask/answer questions and submit thoughts and ideas via 3 x 5 cards.

This will be a preliminary meeting to demonstrate the direction in which the task force is proceeding and will be purely oriented toward our initial ideas. There is no time limit for this program. The group is just getting started, and does not yet have any financial information available.

The membership will be kept informed about the progress of the task force.

terns over a period of months, bringing the possibility of more sustained warm, cold, wet or dry weather in parts of the world.

What would a La Nina mean for U.S. this winter?

There are many factors that affect the atmosphere, and El Niño/La Niña or the absence of either -- known as the neutral phase -- is just one of the large-scale influences. It is not the determining factor as to whether a season is wet, dry, cold or warm.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Winter is coming! Have you taken steps to prepare your home for the cold weather? Here are tips on what to do.

- Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Change the batteries at least twice a year. As of July 1, 2011, it became state law in California for carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in homes that have an attached garage, fireplace, wood stove, or gas heater or appliance.

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Check all the weather-stripping around windows and door frames for leaks to prevent heat loss.

- Clean gutters of leaves and pine needles.

- Trim overgrown branches back from the house and check electrical wires so that iced-over branches will not blow lines onto the house, which can cause property damage or a power problem.

- Insulate hot and cold water pipes in the crawlspace under your house as well as in the basement, attic and exterior walls with snap foam insulation. Make sure foam insulation fits tightly without gaps. Apply duct tape to joints in insulation and miter foam around elbows, so that joints and pipes are completely covered.

- Consider wrapping problem pipes with UL-approved heat tape that has a built-in-thermostat to prevent overheating.

- Turn off your sprinkler system and drain the water.

- Disconnect and drain garden hoses.

- If you will be away from your home for an extended time, turn off water to the home and drain the pipes.

Last month, our safety tip was “Every Second Counts--Plan Two Ways Out.” Considering the catastrophic fires in northern California, everyone needs to review their evacuation and emergency plans now! Also, do not get rid of your land line! Cell towers burned down in the fires up north, and there were many people who could not be reached by the Reverse 911 system. If you have not already done so, this is a reminder to register now for ReadyKern, the reverse 911 for Kern County. Go to www.ReadyKern.gov to register your home numbers, e-mails and cell phones.

Want to Receive Your Condor by Email?

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

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

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The 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 Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, Nov. 19

1 to 3 p.m.

Condor Room

*If you are new
in town, come
get to know your
neighbors and
learn about all the
wonderful offerings
to be found in Pine
Mountain Club and
the association.*

Kern Transit Schedule Changes Now in Place

Big changes took place in the Kern Transit schedules beginning last month. There are new arrival and departure times for both the local fixed route (#210) and the bus to Bakersfield (#130).

The biggest change for PMC passengers is that Dial-A-Ride service is now available to us on our bus days, Tuesdays and Saturdays. To reserve a place on Dial-A-Ride, call 800-323-2396 at least one day in advance. Printed schedules are available in the clubhouse lobby and in the bus shelter outside the clubhouse.

PMC's two stops for all Kern Transit buses, including Dial-A-Ride, are at the shelter outside the clubhouse and the one at Tirol Drive. For more information, please visit www.kerntransit.org.

PMCPOA

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, Nov. 25

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PMC Clubhouse

*Featuring handmade items from
more than 35 vendors
Get a jump on holiday shopping
locally!*

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Friday, November 24th

5:45 p.m. at Clubhouse Parking Lot

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Aging in Place Task Force Meeting
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Despite that, the peak atmospheric response to the equatorial Pacific anomalies tends to occur in the Northern Hemisphere's winter months. During last winter's weak La Niña, the West and Upper Midwest had one of their wettest winters on record, while a large swath of the East, South and Midwest had one of their warmest winters.

Temperatures

While there are some differences among La Niña magnitudes, some commonalities emerge regarding a La Niña winter in the U.S.:

Cold: Northern Plains, Upper Midwest, New England, New York state, West Coast

Warm: Southern Plains, Southeast

Neglecting other factors, it appears the stronger the La Niña, the stronger the likelihood the winter warmth spreads farther north into the Corn Belt, Ohio Valley and mid-Atlantic states.

Precipitation

Again, despite some differences among La Niña magnitudes, some commonalities are apparent:

Wet: Pacific Northwest, Bitterroots (western Montana/Idaho), parts of the Ohio Valley, Tennessee Valley

Dry: Southern Plains, Gulf/Southeast coast including Florida, Southern Califor-

nia, Desert Southwest

For the drought-ravaged California, last year's La Nina brought welcome precipitation in the form of rain at sea level and snow at higher elevations. Pine Mountain Club was no exception.

Forecast computer models as of mid-September indicated an increasing potential of at least a weak La Niña beginning about this time and persisting into the upcoming winter, with a return to neutral – neither La Nina or El Nino – conditions possibly during spring 2018.

Memoir Writing Class Taught by local author Mar Preston

Call 242-8529 or email to marpreston@frazmtn.com to indicate interest. This will determine days and times of the class. Cost will be \$5 per session, which will help fund the Aging in Place group.

Golf Shop Hours:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Every Day
Call 242-3734 for tee times.

Twilight hours/rates are available at 2 p.m. Contact the Pro Shop for details. Remember: For safety reasons, non-golfers may NOT be on the course during hours of daylight.

Pro Shop Awards Banquet is Nov. 3

The PMCPOA Pro Shop's annual meeting and awards banquet takes place Friday, Nov. 3rd at 5 p.m. in the Condor Room.

Sign ups and payment are due to the Pro Shop no later than Oct. 30th by 5 p.m. cost is \$23 per person.

Here's what is planned for the menu: Roast Beef & Gravy, Lemon Herb Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, green salad, Kings Hawaiian rolls & butter, dessert, coffee and Tea. Complimentary beer, wine and soft drinks will be available.

Water Company Provides Tips on How to Winterize Vacant Homes

Here are tips provided by the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company on winterizing a mountain home if you are leaving for an extended or short period of time.

- Shut off the water at your ‘house valve.’ (It is normally outside the house where the water line comes out of the ground before entering the house.)

- Turn off the water heater and open the drain valve at the bottom of the heater’s tank. (You might want to connect a hose to the valve and drain the water outside the house.)

- Open a hose bibb at the lowest point of the house’s plumbing. (It’s okay to open all the outside hose bibbs.)

- Open all sink, tub and shower valves. (It’s important to open all the shower valves, water can sit in the risers to the shower head, freeze and split the pipes in the wall.)

- Shut off the master breaker switch to the house.

- Make sure there’s no water flowing into the house. Listen to the house valve. You should not hear noise. If you do, the valve is not “holding” and allowing water to go into the house. You’ll need to call MPMWC to have the service shut off at the meter.

- If you’ve had toilet or sink traps freeze, pour a small quantity (1 Tbsp. or less) of anti-freeze in the traps and toilet bowls. (It’s important to use the smallest quantity possible. Too much can damage septic systems and has the potential to pollute our drinking water. There are environ-

mentally friendly antifreezes available.)

- Call MPMWC to have the service shut off at the meter. Only Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company personnel can operate the valve at the meter and will do so upon request. The homeowner use of this valve is a violation of section #11 of the General Provisions of Rules, Regulations and Rates of Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company. If you believe the meter box needs to be insulated, call the MPMWC office.

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

Did you know that PMCPOA has an email blast system that is used to provide information in the quickest way possible?

While many members are already receiving these emails, many are not yet on the list. This established system is being used to enhance the timely distribution of information to the membership, and the new Board of Directors is exploring ways to use the system even more frequently.

At the same time, the system is only effective if the Business Office has your email address. The list is growing, but the staff needs to have as many of the members provide email addresses as possible to maximize effectiveness.

Please stop by the office and sign up, or email your request to the office at receipt@pmcpoa.com. It will be worth your while to do so.

Bistro Task Force to Hold Open Meeting for Members on 11/11

The Bistro Task Force will hold an open meeting for the members on Nov. 11th at 2 p.m. in the Condor Room. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Task Force Report of Findings to the Board of Directors.

The Pine Mountain Club Chairman of the Board of Directors established this Task Force in July 2017 to investigate the financial issues surrounding the cost centers of the Lounge and Bistro operations. The Members of the Task Force are all elected Directors of the Board, and consists of: Michael Glenn, who serves as Chair of the Task Force, Phyllis Throckmorton, Garry Kemmer and Bryan Skelly.

The charter of the Task Force was to investigate the business operations of those financial cost centers and then make recommendations to the full Board of Directors.

During the initial meetings, the Task Force (TF) completed comprehensive tours and investigations of all of the facilities and current operation of the Bistro and Lounge. Items investigated were staffing, financial reporting and controls, processes of operations, facilities, and history of the cost centers.

The TF also drafted and completed a full open forum briefing presentation for the membership of the Association to ask for community input as to their desires and

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Assessment Past Due

The 2017-18 assessment is \$1,452.00 per lot, and was due and payable on July 1, 2017. It became delinquent on Sept. 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Interest and Collection fees have been added to unpaid accounts, and an Intent to Lien Notice has been sent out. If you have not yet paid your assessment, please do so immediately.



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A Message from the Board Chair

The October Board meeting was dominated by the presentation of the Bistro and Lounge Task Force report. Following a great deal of discussion, the Board approved the recommendations of the Task Force, including an open meeting of the members to be held on Nov. 11th in order to present the recommendations to the members and receive their feedback.

In addition, the full report is available on the website. The Board also requested that the General Manager bring a plan for implementation to the next Board meeting. Although there are a number of ideas for change in the report, the central direction is to move away from menu-driven service to a more efficient buffet approach. This will require a number of changes for us to fully implement the recommendations.

It is important to remember that the Task Force was charged with developing a new business plan for the Bistro and

Lounge in response to a bylaw revision that passed on the June ballot. The Board, with the guidance of our legal counsel, came to the conclusion that the bylaw was unenforceable as written. Despite the bylaw being unenforceable, the Board of Directors did recognize the need to respond to the concerns of many of our members. As a result, the Task Force was formed. I want to thank the members of the Task Force for doing the hard work of addressing the many competing interests of the community and offering a new business plan that I believe is responsive to the fiscal concerns addressed by the bylaw revision. The members of the Task Force were Mike Glen, Chairman, Phyllis Throckmorton, Garry Kemmer and Bryan Skelly.

I want to take a moment to update all of you on the current status of the threat to take legal action against each of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

Wesley Rogers has in fact pursued his threat to do so. As a result, and upon careful consideration and consultation with our legal counsel, the Board offered Mr. Rogers an opportunity to participate in a process known as "alternative dispute resolution" which would require the use of an external mediator acceptable to both parties. This is a requirement of the Davis Sterling act as a precursor to any further action on the part of the Board.

Regrettably, that offer has been declined. I cannot discuss the next steps the Board may take, but I can assure you that every avenue of response is being pursued and we are adhering very closely to the ongoing advice of our legal counsel. We believe that as a Board, we have, from the very beginning, pursued this matter very carefully and sought advice from our legal counsel at every step. The Board will continue to act in good faith and in the best interests of our members as this situation progresses.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Oct. 21, 2017. 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 Gurtner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eight directors attended: Stephan Bates, John Cantley, Michael Glenn, Bill Gurtner, Garry Kemmer, Bryan Skelly, Phyllis Throckmorton and Doug Wilde. Director Sandy Browne was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda of the Board of Directors meeting of Oct. 21, 2017, which included the regular minutes of Sept. 16, 2017. There were six (6) committee applications approved. The board acknowledged receipt of "Committee-Approved Committee Minutes for Board Review." There were (5) Environ-

mental Control Committee Projects and zero (0) Cottage Industry Permits submitted for approval.

Chairman Gurtner presented the Chair's report.

General Manager Shulman presented the General Manager's report.

Treasurer Bates presented the Treasurer's Report.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVED Resolution #01-10-21-17, to approve the contribution to the replacement (capital reserve) fund of \$400,000 and to direct management to immediately transfer these funds, with funding approved by the Board of Directors from the 2017/2018 budgeted operating fund, and deposit this amount into the replacement (capital reserve) fund. **MOTION** by Director Glenn, **SECOND** by Director Cantley. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

APPROVED Resolution #02-10-21-17, the 2016-2017 audit as prepared by Poindexter and Company. **MOTION** by Director Cantley, **SECOND** by Director Glenn. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

APPROVED Amended Resolution #03-10-21-17, to approve the recommendations as discussed in the Bistro and Lounge Task Force Report and that staff is directed to implement those recommendations.

MOTION by Director Skelly, **SECOND** by Director Kemmer to discuss **Resolution #03-10-21-17**, the recommendations as discussed in the Bistro and Lounge Task Force Report and that staff is directed to immediately implement those recommendations.

AMENDED MOTION by Director Cantley, **SECOND** by Director Kemmer to accept and approve **Resolution #03-10-21-17**, the recommendations as discussed in the Bistro and Lounge Task Force Report and that staff is directed to develop

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Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Todd Draa

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc
 Treasurer's Report and Y-T-D Budget vs Actual Summary
 Year to Date Through September 30, 2017


Operating Fund	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
Revenue			
Current Year Assessment Revenue	1,047,981	1,047,981	0
Operations/Maintenance	38,642	56,972	(18,330)
Social Activity	184,017	182,514	1,503
Interest Income (Operating)	1,533	3,000	(1,467)
Total Revenue	1,272,173	1,290,467	(18,294)
Operating Expenses			
Operations/Maintenance	1,012,453	1,040,923	(28,470)
Social Activity	312,010	359,651	(47,641)
Operating Projects	4,390	18,747	(14,357)
Designated Fund Projects	15,386	0	15,386
Worker's Comp Safety Incentive	0	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	3,882	11,646	(7,764)
Capital Improvements	0	0	0
Transfer to Property Fund	0	0	0
Reserve Contribution	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	1,348,121	1,430,967	(82,846)
Net Operating Revenue Over Expense	(75,948)	(140,500)	64,552

	2017/2018 Assmt Billing	YTD Assessments Collected	YTD Assessments Receivable
Assessment Collection Update	4,191,904	3,994,904	197,000

Payroll Summary	Actual	Budget	Variance
Payroll Wages	436,446	472,094	(35,648)
Payroll Benefits	81,307	82,199	(892)
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	63,933	77,261	(13,328)
Total Payroll Expense	581,686	631,554	(49,868)

Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2017	Interest and Contributions	Less YTD Trnsfrs and Purchases	Ending Balance September 30, 2017
	2,452,768	85	15,219	2,437,634

Respectfully Submitted


 Stephan Bates
 October 18, 2017

Operating Fund Cash Balance 3,885,678
 Reserve Fund Cash Balance 2,437,634

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

Karin Shulman

There is a chill in the air and fall is here with winter approaching. The Bistro and Pro Shop are now closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the Fall/Winter Season and will re-open on those days in the spring.

I am sure those of you who attend Friday and Saturday night dinners in the Lounge have noticed that we are shortening the dinner menu. Please bear with us as we try to find a good balance on the menu. This is a work in progress. Also, as you know, we are working without a food and beverage manager, and staff is working very hard to make this successful.

Winter Preparations

All of us are fortunate to live in the mountains, and with that comes weather, including snow. Winter preparations are important: We need to make sure that pellet and wood stoves have been cleaned for winter use. As for your vehicle, carry chains in your cars and please, if possible, make sure you have good tires. It's a good idea during the winter to carry a bag in your car with water, blankets and whatever you might need in the event you are stuck in your car overnight on the freeway or at the Flying J. It does happen. In case of power outages, please check on your elderly neighbors to make sure they have heat.

I have put a flyer titled, "Snow Removal Frequently Asked Questions" on the buffet table by the Clubhouse lobby door. Please pick one up and read it through, as it contains important information on snow and berm removal. There are typically questions about berm removal here during the winter.

We have a list in the office of people with Handicap Placards and/or doctor notes whose berms will be removed after a snow event, once all the roads have been plowed and cindered. If there is an emergency and one of these individuals on the list needs berm removal right away, we ask that they call 911, and 911 then notifies us of the emergency. In those cases, we try to get the berm and road cleared so the emergency vehicles can get through to the person.

Want to Help With PMC's Youth?

The PMCPOA Youth Committee was re-established to address the needs and concerns of the youth in PMC. Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Pool Pavilion.

For more information, please contact the PMC Business Office/Recreation Room.

If you have a doctor's appointment or some other type of appointment and you know a storm is coming in, please, if possible, reschedule your appointment. Don't take risks on the road.

Fern's Lake

Fern's Lake dredging is officially on hold until next year. The biology report is in but needs some clarification before we can get the permits from Fish and Wildlife, and we have missed our window of opportunity this year. We will bring forth a reso-

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Tips on Finding Info on Road Conditions

To find out 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: <https://www.sigalert.com/?lat=34.65778&lon=118.69714&z=0>. 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.

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lution in the last fiscal quarter to carry the funds that were set aside for this project into the new fiscal year.

Patrol Recap

During the month of September, Patrol responded to 198 calls for service. Observations and calls included the following:

- Enforcement -- 79
- Animal Control – 33
- Misc. Calls – 46
- Public Assist -- 75
- Agency Assist – 6
- Conflict -- 2
- General Complaint – 1
- Welfare Check -1
- Misc Calls – 65
- Reports -- 1
- Suspicious Incident -- 36
- Wildlife -- 7

**Remember:
No open fires
of any kind are
allowed in Pine
Mountain Club.**

**Want to Talk With
the Board Chair?**

If you would like to speak with PMC-POA Board of Directors Chair Bill Gurtner, there is a way to do so.

To book some one-on-one time with him, contact the front desk and schedule an appointment. Visits will be booked in 15-minute increments.

Please call the Business Office to schedule an appointment.

**Winter
Clothing Exchange**

**Sunday, Nov. 12th
10 a.m.**

Condor Room

**Donate winter clothing
or just come by and
pick something up.
It's all free.**

**Pickle Ball
Mondays, 9:00 am**

**Join us for a little fun
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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 PMC's website at www.pinemountainclub.net.

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.

If you are a PMCPOA member in good standing, 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. Please note that we do not respond to renter's submissions; the CCC Box is for members only.

If you have a concern that involves maintenance, sanitation or safety issues, or is of a confidential nature, please contact the Business Office immediately at 661-242-3788. Thank you!

COMPLIMENTS

• Thank you Sandy Browne, Secretary, PMCPOA Board of Directors, for taking a stand against harassing and uncivilized behavior within the PMC community. It certainly is important to follow state and federal laws that cover employment situations. It is also important to set a standard of civility that will preserve the unique community we have in PMC. Continued tolerance of the behaviors displayed encourages and even emboldens those who exhibit those behaviors as if they were socially acceptable. Thank you for setting up processes for fair investigation and effective actions to preserve our community. Thank you for taking a stand for civility.

Response: Thank you for this acknowledgement. The PMC Board of Di-

rectors and the management staff will not tolerate abusive behavior toward employees or residents of Pine Mountain Club at any time, ever.

• Thank you for putting the Lounge furniture back to the original design. Persons with canes or walkers can now move around the room once again. It seems larger and is much more functional. The servers can once again serve around all the tables.

Response: You are welcome for putting the furniture in the Lounge back to the original design. We agree with you: It is roomier and easier for the servers and those with disabilities to get around. It also looks neater.

• Dinner was great, and our server, Anthony, was super during a recent evening. The workers were very attentive and helpful. It was good meal and a nice experience at the Club. It was nice seeing and hearing the band in the next room; it let us talk and listen in the bar area.

Response: Thank you for the compliment regarding our server and other staff members. They work very hard and want the Bistro to be successful. We are also glad you enjoyed the meal. The cooks work hard to please the members and guests. Come back soon!

'CCCs' Continued on page 11

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CONCERN

• When are the lines being painted on St. Anton? They are invisible.

Response: We have been in the process of painting the streets over the past months, but have been prioritizing and painting the streets in the most need of new lineage first. We are running out of warm weather, so some streets will have to wait until next Spring.

SUGGESTIONS

• I loved the line dancing classes with instructor Grace. Could we have some more classes? I would be willing to pay. (Please note that there were two requests for line dancing classes that have been combined here.)

Response: We are glad you like Grace's line dancing class. It is always a favorite. We are trying to work out something in the near future. Thank you for the request.

• Thank you to whoever posted a suggestion about people dumping/emptying their green waste out of the trash bags when they are dumping it at the Transfer Site. Here is my suggestion: Post a sign at both entrances/exits of the green waste site that bags are to be discarded and not left at the site. These bags and other litter collected with yard waste is being put through the mulcher, and then gets distributed all throughout our association properties. On a Saturday morning walk along the highway in front of the golf course, I picked up two handfuls of black bag trash scraps and other trash and threw them away. Why would we spread litter around our beautiful grounds? Can the employee who does the mulching discard the bags before putting them through the machine? Or can people dump out their own bags?

Response: Dumping black bags has always been a sore topic around here. No matter how many times we request that the bags be emptied, and despite the posted signs in the green waste site area, people just ignore the requests and sign. We will attempt to try harder to remove the bags before grinding the woodchips.

'TASK FORCE' Cont. from page 5

expectations of the food and beverage operations.

Two open forums were held for the members using the same presentation for both. Members were encouraged to ask questions and give information as to how to proceed with the direction based upon input from the general membership. The stated purpose of the forum was how to go forward given the historical information presented.

Members were encouraged to fill out 3x5 cards to provide written information for the TF to evaluate and resolve.

The forums were well attended, and more than 55 cards were handed in with suggestions and comments. Some, as expected, were negative and non-informational, but many offered valid suggestions as to how the members would like to see the operations proceed.

The TF took the information on those cards, and, along with the comments made during the open forums by speakers, com-

plied them into a matrix sorted by subject matter. These cards were not only kept in the original format, but were included in the discussion during the next open Board meeting.

A major item that continued to exhibit itself was the concept of having an outside vendor take over the Bistro operations. Previous outside vendors were interviewed to envision the conceptual type of operation needed.

The TF generated a Request for Information (RFI) ad to be placed in various newspapers to solicit interested parties in possibly assuming contract operations of the Bistro. The General Manager had the RFI inserted into the Santa Clarita Signal, the Bakersfield Californian and the Mountain Enterprise. The purpose was to evaluate the interest within the community and geographic area and to see if a qualified entity might be interested.

To hear more detailed information about the findings and recommendations of the TF, please plan on attending the Nov. 11 meeting.

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These packets are available at the PMC office. You can find out about them by calling the receptionist at 661-242-3788 or by going to the front desk. We heartily encourage anyone with a home that is rented out to acquire a packet and to post the items that need to be posted in the house and leave the extra pamphlets where renters can find them. We DO fine renters for offenses against PMC rules, so please help keep them -- and us -- safer by utilizing these materials. Thank you.

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The editorial and advertising deadline for the December 2017 Condor is Monday, Nov. 13, 2017.

Content can be submitted to the editor at rwilde@pmcpoa.com or mailed or delivered to the Business Office.

A reminder that the PMCPOA staff and editor of the Condor newsletter do not endorse nor make any representations for any advertiser, and we strongly encourage all persons to perform their own due diligence in selecting with whom they transact business. The association will, however, keep tabs on those that do place and pay for ads in the Condor. If we see a negative trend in performance issues, we will exercise our discretion and remove such ads from future publications.

Arts & Crafts in the Rec Room
Seasonally themed art projects

Come join the fun!
Wednesdays
3-5 p.m.

'HIGHLIGHTS' *Cont. from page 6*

and implement a plan.

AMENDED MOTION by Director Cantley, **SECOND** by Director Kemmer to amend **Resolution #03-10-21-17**, the marketing plan subject to legal review. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

The Board sent and received 31 items of correspondence this month.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Nov. 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us here at PMCPOA!



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

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

- Never use flammable liquids or excessive amounts of paper to start or accelerate a fire.
- Keep flammables away from heat sources. Wood stoves require a 36-inch clearance from combustible surfaces.
- The use of kerosene heaters inside the home is prohibited in California (Sec. 19881, Health and Safety Code).
- Keep children away from heat sources.

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



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ART-CRAFT CLASSES:

2nd Sunday of month
10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Reservations only -seats limited. Fee is \$35-45/student, includes materials. 3rd Sunday "Creative Hands" - Coffee, Bakery Goods, Chat and Create your projects at our Dining Table! 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Fitness Schedule

Program One

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

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

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

Program Two

Cardio Dance . 8-9 am Monday

Cardio Groove . 8-8:30 am Tuesday

Cardio Dance/Drumfit . 8-9 am Wednesday

Cardio Groove . 8-8:30 am Thursday

Cardio Dance & Tone . 8-9am Friday

Outdoor Activity

• Saturday mornings as scheduled

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Tues, Thurs
2:30-4:30 p.m.
Gaming is open
4:30 to 6 p.m.
after Homework
Club**

**The Rec Room
will be closed
Thanksgiving Day.**

Bistro Hours

**Thursday-Monday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Breakfast/Lunch
Friday-Saturday
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Dinner
Sunday
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Light Menu**

*Please note that the Bistro
and Lounge are now on
winter hours. Both are
closed on Tuesdays and
Wednesdays, with the
exception of the Bistro
being open on Wednesday,
November 22nd, the day
before Thanksgiving
(breakfast and lunch only).*

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**Please Note that
the PMC Pool is
Closed for the
Season**

**Entertainment
Line-Up:**

Saturday Nights

7 to 11 p.m.

**Nov. 4 -- Bandit
(Mix of Classic Rock,
Blues & Country)**

**Nov. 11 -- Breakfast
with Barbi (Formerly
Sierra Highway;
Classic Rock &
Country Rock)**

**Nov. 18 -- Dave
Wilson Band (Mix
of Rock 'n' Roll &
Country Rock)**

**Nov. 25 -- Jimi Nelson
Band (Country)**

Sunday Jam:

**Nov. 5
2-5 p.m.**

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Bridge . Condor Room

Tuesdays

10 am . WOW . Pool Pavilion
6:30-9 pm . Celtic Jam . Condor Lounge

Wednesdays

12:45-4:00 pm .
Bridge . Condor Room

Thursdays

10:00 am . Skins Golf

Fridays

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

Saturdays

3 pm . Garden Club Pool Pavilion (2nd Saturday)
7 pm . Music . Lounge

Sundays

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Thursday, Nov. 2 (First Thursday)

10:30 am Recreation Lounge

Friday, Nov. 3 First Friday)

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

Saturday, Nov. 4 (First Saturday)

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

Tuesday, Nov. 7 (First Tuesday)

3:00 pm Equestrian Equestrian Center

Saturday, Nov. 11 (Second Saturday)

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

Wednesday, Nov. 15 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

5:00 pm Finance & Budget Pool Pavilion

Saturday, Nov. 18 (Third Saturday)

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

Saturday, Nov. 25 (Fourth Saturday)

10:00 am Youth Advisory Pool Pavilion

***Family Dining
is available
in the Condor
Room on
Friday and
Saturday
nights pending
other events.***

Transfer Site Hours:

***8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Every Day***

GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

9-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pavilion

***Second/Fourth/Fifth
Wednesdays***

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone . Pool Pavilion

First Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

First/Third Saturdays

1-4 . Knitting Guild . Condor Room