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Serving on PMCPOA Board is a Great Way to Volunteer

Carolyn Davenport

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.

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, is just forming. They are looking 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 (one on a Friday night, the other on a Saturday morning) that 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, 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, a special meeting or two 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 various sales or management experiences in the fields of aeronautics, law enforcement, the military, electrical sales, food service and insurance, among others, 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, visit or call the office at 661-242-3788. See you at the installation on election day.

PMC E.C. Made Easy

Environmental Control Committee

Can we help you?

The Environmental Control Office receives inquiries in regard to a variety of subjects. Whether the question is related to building requirements, hiking trails or that ugly bug found under the deck, the E.C. staff tries to be of help. The following are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions.

1. What are my property line setbacks?

Answer (From your lot line): Single-family lots -- Front 25 feet, Back 20 feet, Sides 10 feet; Multi-family lots -- Front 15 feet, Back 15 feet, Sides 10 feet. NO structures may be constructed in the setbacks.

2. What is the minimum size for a residence?

Answer: 480 square feet of living space, exclusive of decks, porches, garages and carports. The requirement is the same for individual units of a multi-family structure.

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During Storms/Power Outages, Hunker Down at Clubhouse

Last month's big snow storm and power outage are not uncommon occurrences in Pine Mountain Club. During severe weather, however, the association wishes to remind members that the Clubhouse remains open 24/7 in the event of the power going out. PMCPOA has an emergency generator that provides power immediately upon an outage, so the Clubhouse stays warm and lit. You can bring sleeping bags and games, and hunker down during the storm until the power comes back on. (No pets please; and do note that PMCPOA cannot provide transport to the Clubhouse.)

During inclement weather when the power stays on, you can tune into PMCPOA's radio station, AM 1610, for regular updates, or call 242-4017 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. PMC will also post emergen-

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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.

Generator and Heating Safety Tips

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Winter weather has arrived. Here are tips on how to stay warm and safe this winter:

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, including the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, portable heater or anything else that generates heat.
- Have a 3-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test your smoke alarms and CO detectors monthly.

Generator Safety Tips

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts and heavy snowfalls can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks. Here is what you need to know:

- Generators should be used in well-ventilated locations outside, away from all doors, windows and vent openings.
- NEVER use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can’t enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. NEVER refuel a generator while it is running.
- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for that purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.
- When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord.

New Member Orientation

Saturday, Feb. 13th

Pool Pavilion

1-3 p.m.

This orientation will cover:
How to be a Good Neighbor
Understanding the Governing Documents
Common Issues of Compliance
Surviving our Changing Seasons

Town Hall Dark for February

***The editorial
and advertising
deadline for
the March 2016
Condor is Monday,
Feb. 15, 2016.***

Chain Requirement on Mt. Pinos Road

The Mt. Pinos Ranger District issued a road alert as of Jan. 13, 2016 requiring the use of chains on Cuddy Valley Road up to the Mt. Pinos Recreation Area and Chula Vista parking lot due to snow and ice. The road is open at the second snow gate.

Road conditions can change rapidly, especially with inclement weather. Therefore, the ranger district recommends that visitors to the forest contact the Ranger District Office nearest to their destination for the very latest information. It further suggests checking the National Weather Service forecast, which can be a good resource for information about current and predicted weather.

For snow conditions and road conditions on and near Mt. Pinos, please contact the Mt. Pinos Ranger District Office at 661-245-3731, ext. 0. For Kern County road status, Mt. Pinos Road, go to <http://roads.kerndsa.com/road-status-closures>.

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 mailed to Hall Ambulance by Feb. 15. The address for Hall Ambulance Service, Inc., is 1001 21st St., Bakersfield, CA 93301-1492.

For more information, contact Hall Ambulance at 661-322-8741, or the Business Office at 242-3788.

Prescribed Burns Scheduled in Area

Los Padres National Forest officials have announced plans to launch a series of prescribed burn projects over the next several months. This is to eliminate forest understory, piled brush and mechanically treated vegetation in the Mt. Pinos Ranger District.

Vegetation was masticated or cut and piled for Healthy Forest and Wildfire Community Defense projects in and around the Mountain Communities of Frazier Park, Lake of The Woods and Pine Mountain Club. Understory burn-

ing on the Frazier Mountain Project will reduce ground and ladder fuels, reducing wildfire intensities and protecting Long Needle Pine stands that are present.

The prescribed treatments will involve crews burning the treated vegetation in order to reduce hazardous fuel build up and to improve the health of the forest. The projects will commence when weather conditions and air quality are suitable for safely burning these fuels.

If you have questions about the projects, please contact Mt. Pinos Fire Management Officer John Abell at (661) 245-3731.

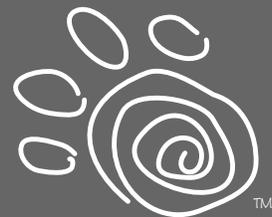
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Golf Club Season Begins Next Month

Pine Mountain Club has a very active Golf Club that welcomes new members.

Membership in the Golf Club automatically enrolls you into the SCGA (Southern California Golf Association). You get a GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) number that establishes your golf handicap. It also allows you to post scores anywhere (our course, other courses or from your computer).

PMGC is always accepting membership applications. The new season will begin in March. The club conducts approximately 21 tournaments per year. A few of them are held at other courses, but the majority are right here on our home course in Pine Mountain Club. Home tournaments often include continental breakfast and wine & cheese events. A champagne brunch kicks off the home season in April, and

an awards banquet wraps up the season in October. The 2016 tournament schedule should be available by early February.

To join the Pine Mountain Golf Club, download an application off the PMCPOA website's Golf page, or pick up an application in the Pro Shop. The membership fee

is \$55, plus a \$5 Hole-in-One fee. Complete the application and drop it off at the Clubhouse, or mail it back to PMGC, P.O. Box 5199, PMC, CA 93222. Pine Mountain Golf Club can only accept cash or checks (no credit cards). For more information, call the Pro Shop at 242-3734.

Golf Shop Hours:

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Every Day

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PMC Archery Club Holds Four Tournaments Yearly

Brent J. Bennett

The PMC Archery Club is going strong with about 60 members, and welcomes newcomers.

Dues are \$15 per year for one person, and \$20 per year for a family. This helps to cover insurance and new straw bales.

The archery range is behind the Fourth green, behind Fern's Lake. It is open to all members any day, from 7 a.m. to dark. You must be a paid member and sign the waiver to use the range. Parking for the range is at the lake. The posted safety rules must be followed at all times; non-compliance results in loss of membership.

The club and range are coed, open to

any age group and any type of archery equipment, (long bow, recurve and compound), except crossbows, which are not allowed.

Regular meetings are not held, however, impromptu meetings are called at the range during shoots. There are four tournaments a year, (one each quarter), and the targets are varied; from regular targets to balloons and 3-D targets made of Styro-foam. The club now has a moving target, and a very long-distance target for the finale of the tournament. Tournaments are \$5 each. Tournaments are designed to be fun get-togethers, with trophies awarded to the winners.

Lessons are available for beginners, but the club does not provide the equipment for lessons.

For more information, call 661-242-2704 or email bjblcb@earthlink.net.

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A Message from the Board Chair

John Dilibert
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Welcome to 2016. I hope this finds you recovered from the holiday season and ready to face the New Year with good health and vigor. We look forward to PMC events and new friendships.

Let's keep the holiday cheer going. Please enhance your POA by joining a committee, participating in weekend events, joining the array of exercise classes and/or clubs, etc. Some of you may want to run for election to the Board of Directors. Application packets are available at the Business Office in the Clubhouse. Cold weather is here, so don't stay inside: "spring" into involvement now.

The weather since Jan. 1 indicates that El Nino-related weather patterns have begun. El Nino is not characterized as a major rain event that hovers for six to eight hours and then nothing for a week or so, but rather a series of storms that come and go over several days. Having time to dry out or clean up is limited.

If you have NOT been reading the local newspaper and the Condor, following our website and various links while paying heed to the winter preparation tips,

you will find living on the mountain to be a challenge. I cannot impress upon the importance of having alternatives to heat your home, fixing a leak or sealing a draft, taking time to store some food and water, preparing for power outages, and having alternative transportation and communications plans in place. These are absolute necessities. My fellow members: Get it done now!

It is everyone's responsibility to take care of themselves. This is not the job of the Association or its limited staff. The POA does assist with snow plowing and some unforeseen emergencies in partnership with the Sheriff and Fire departments and the water, power and propane companies, but, it is on the member to be the primary source of preparation and response to themselves or their neighbors.

If you need additional tips, please go the PMC website (www.pinemountainclub.net), or check out the January 2016 Condor. There is quality information posted from various sources, including our own Emergency Preparedness (EP) Committee, that can assist you in navigating this season that is now here.

Recently, the mountain communities had the first real snow event in a couple of years. This played a dramatic role in the traffic pattern for the mountain. The CHP and Sheriff's Dept. will tell you that many of their personnel who were assisting in similar events from a few years back have moved on to other assignments, taking with them the knowledge on how to manage the "snow bunnies."

So, what are "snow bunnies" and what are we doing about it? From time to time, the mountain gets inundated with people (commonly referred to as "snow bunnies") from Bakersfield and Santa Clarita who come to the area to visit the snow and enjoy sledding, snowshoeing and other such activities. If you are a veteran PMC member, you have experienced it along Cuddy Valley, at the Y or along the way to Mt. Pinos, so this comes as no surprise. This influx of visitors can be good for our local businesses on the mountain, but it also impacts the roads, most of which are public roads, and PMC does not have ownership to police those roads, including when to close them or to limit

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PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Karin Shulman, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors Open Meeting of Jan. 16, 2016. 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 John Dilibert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Nine directors attended: Stephan Bates, Gary Biggerstaff, Sandy Browne, Susan Canaan, John Dilibert, Mike Glenn, Garry Kemmer, Tom McMullen and Douglas Wilde. Also present were General Manager Rory Worster and Recording Secretary Karin Shulman.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda of the Board of Directors' meet-

ing of Jan. 16, 2016, which included the regular open meeting minutes of Dec. 19, 2015, and there was one committee application approved. The Board acknowledged receipt of "Committee-Approved Committee Minutes for Board Review." There were two (2) Environmental Control Committee Project Recommendations (Variance Request is listed under New Business) and two (2) Cottage Permits submitted for approval.

Chairman Dilibert presented the Chair's report.

General Manager Worster presented the General Manager's report.

Director McMullen presented the Treasurer's report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Browne, **SECOND** by Director Bates to table variance for Tract 3507, Lot 131 until reviewed by counsel. **MOTION** carried, unanimously.

MOTION by Director Glenn, **SECOND** by Director Bates to approve the installation of a par course along the fitness trail, NTE \$4,745 from the Operating Funds for project. Resolution #05-03-15-14, NTE \$10,000 from the Operating Fund, was approved to add a fitness trail. Only \$5,255 was spent on the installation of the fitness trail, leav-

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Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Todd Draa

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc
 Treasurer's Report and Y-T-D Financial Statement
 Year to Date Through December 31, 2015

Operating Fund	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
Revenue			
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,018,825	2,019,792	(967)
Operations/Maintenance	88,735	94,456	(5,721)
Social Activity	293,699	378,137	(84,438)
Interest Income (Operating)	1,011	3,000	(1,989)
Total Revenue	2,402,270	2,495,385	(93,115)
Operating Expenses			
Operations/Maintenance	1,637,850	1,705,054	(67,204)
Social Activity	603,820	657,503	(53,683)
Operating Projects	21,961	29,498	(7,537)
Designated Fund Projects	6,908	0	6,908
Worker's Comp Safety Incentive	0	0	0
Bad Debt Expense	13,500	0	13,500
Reserve Contribution	300,000	300,000	0
Total Operating Expenses	2,584,039	2,692,055	(108,016)
Net Operating Revenue Over Expense	(181,769)	(196,670)	14,901

	2015/2016 Assmt Billing	YTD Assessments Collected	YTD Assessments Receivable
Assessment Collection Update	4,039,584	3,875,075	164,509

Payroll Summary	Actual	Budget	Variance
Payroll Wages	864,346	876,805	(12,459)
Payroll Benefits	166,951	163,660	3,291
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	136,670	137,650	(980)
Total Payroll Expense	1,167,967	1,178,115	(10,148)

Reserve Fund Update	Beginning Balance July 1, 2015	Interest and Contributions	Less YTD Trnsfrs and Purchases	Ending Balance December 31, 2015
	2,354,709	314,036	200,631	2,468,114

Respectfully Submitted



Thomas McMullen
 January 13, 2016

Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,320,202
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	2,468,114

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

Rory Worster

Roads

A mishap occurred recently when a load of cinders was in the process of being delivered. The long dump that came up with 25 tons of our road cinders was not parked properly to dump his load, and the trailer tipped over on its side. No damage to any association property has been discovered so far, but the trailer was a real mess. Recovery tow trucks were called and handled the job just fine.

You will start to see new, updated signs going up at the entrances to our streets. This is needed to become compliant with current vehicle code requirements for the association. This will also allow us to more rapidly tow vehicles that are abandoned or left on association streets and/or that are creating a safety hazard situation. Please, if you are going to have friends or visitors

come up in the winter, remind them that they need chains or traction tires. If they are not properly equipped, have them park below the snowline and well off any street, and shuttle them up to your place.

Weather-Related Issues

Unfortunately, your Association cannot offer a concierge or delivery service when it is snowing or raining.

The association staff also cannot put chains on non-association equipment or vehicles, nor can they stop by to check them for you. During snowstorms, staff will be tending to snowplowing operations or sanding and cindering. You should be prepared to install your particular traction aids prior to needing them. YouTube has dozens of videos showing how to do this for various types of chains, cables, Spider Spikes, etc.

Reminder/request on safety issue: Please do not under any circumstances try and stop a snowplow vehicle while they are working. If you have an issue with plowing, etc., please call the office, and someone will return a call. But again, do not go into the street and stand in front of a moving plow with your hand up trying to get the plow unit to stop. This is a recipe for a complete -- and possibly deadly -- disaster.

Lastly, on the snow berm issue, the association does not make up plans based on whims. We have a team with over 80 years of snow plowing experience. We have snow equipment vendors that we routinely consult with for new ideas to minimize the byproduct of snow plowing, which is snow berms. We are researching, calling and asking other associations and cities how they perform this needed service. We are talking with cities and associations in cold climate areas from the East Coast to Northern Cal. All this shapes our plowing program. Our staff does a very good job at seeking out ways to do things better. The manager and team debrief after every snow event to look at what can be safely improved upon.

Reminder: In the case of a power outage on the mountain, the Clubhouse has a large emergency generator and will have heat and electricity. Sorry we cannot take your pets in; please make other arrangements for them.

PMC staff participated in and was present at the two meetings held last month regarding the gigantic influx of "snow bunny" visitors to the mountain communities. Short of a promise of and increase in weekend law enforcement staffing levels and police parking issues, most of the suggestions will require some study and implementation plans to accomplish. I would suggest that when there is snow on the ground, the issues surrounding the snow bunnies will be with us regarding getting to and from our little slice of Heaven here

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Day Dinner
Sunday,
Feb. 14
5-9 p.m.
Condor Room
and Condor
Lounge**

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in PMC. If you must leave the mountain after a snowfall, I recommend leaving early and coming back after dark, especially on the weekends.

We have had some equipment issues due to the recent extreme cold temps. We had to source and replace some clutches and gear boxes on our new spreaders. We have also had to rebuild a couple of front differentials on our one-ton trucks that we use for plowing. We are getting them back together and should be ready for the next El Niño event.

Other News

Budget work has begun for the coming year. Committees should be getting ready to turn in their project recommendations for consideration. We have most of the department projects in, and the true up of numbers is underway.

As always, please look in the lobby for flyers with details for upcoming events,

such as Superbowl Sunday on Feb. 7th, Valentine's Day on Feb. 14th and St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Patrol Recap

During the month of December, Patrol responded to 268 calls for service. Observations & calls included in the following:

- Enforcement: 67
- Public Assist: 174
- Call / Suspicious Incident: 19
- Traffic Incident – 3
- Welfare Checks – 4
- Written Warnings - 1

EC Office Recap for December 2015

Construction Projects/EC Committee Recommendation - 2

EC Officer Approvals of Minor Projects (No KC Permit Needed) - 20

EC Letters Written - 18 enforcement letters written, resulting in 4 citations

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ing a balance of \$5,745, to be spent on the par course. **MOTION** carried, unanimously.

MOTION by Director Bates, **SECOND** by Director Glenn to approve A-15, Election Procedures pending changes by the Governing Documents Committee. **MOTION** carried, unanimously.

The Board sent and received 25 items of correspondence this month.

The next regular open board meeting will take place on Feb. 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Condor Room.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

PMCPOA welcomes your 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.

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!

COMPLIMENTS

- The decorating done in the Condor Room looks fantastic! Thank you to those responsible for such great improvements!

Response: Thank you for noticing and providing your very favorable comment on the progress we have made thus far in the Condor Room.

CONCERNS

- Why do we even have the PMC emergency information number (242-4017) when it is never updated? On Dec. 28 in the early evening, streets became very icy and power went out. I called the number around 10 p.m., and the recording was from 4:30 a.m. Why was it not updated?

Response: Great Question. It should be updated as any of the mentioned conditions change. If nothing from the last update has changed, it will not be updated. Patrol will be updating the conditions as warranted and as time allows going forward 24 hours a day.

Please be mindful that some of those changes in conditions might require action in the community from our Patrol staff. This means it might take a little while for them to free up time to get back to the Patrol office to perform the update process.

As always, AM 1610 will be our best method of getting information out to the community.

- On your website weather page, it lists "www.pmcweather.com" for the PMC weather station. But when I go to this site, it only shows Frazier Park weather. It lists only PMC's weather history. Why show this as PMC weather station now that they have moved to Frazier Park?

Response: The short answer is that we do not name the website address links we have on our site, the people who own the domains do, and the older link address was still active. However, the PMC website has now been updated to reflect the most recent link address to the weather website in question.

We keep this site link on the PMC website because it is still the closest weather station in our area, and it does provide reliable information, even if is not right in town. The site also has a webcam showing live shots of the Commercial Center, so viewers can see what the weather looks like and how much snow is on the ground. This is particularly helpful to those living off the mountain who want a live view of the weather.

COMPLAINTS

- In the Bistro on 12-29-15, service was slow! At 11 a.m., 9 people ordered breakfast and lunch. I received my Club sandwich at 12:20 p.m.! There were no other people until 12 Noon. We were the only table to order. I called one day ahead to be sure they would have enough ingredients for lunch: no spinach! No avocado! They could have run across the street to stock for lunches! The Club sandwich was two pieces of dry toast, no mayo, not sliced. This is not a Club sandwich!

Response: It may not seem like it, but we do appreciate your CCC complaint. However, there is one issue with these kinds of submissions: They get pulled out

of the CCC Box in the lobby once a month for reviewing and answering. It might well be three weeks after a specific issue occurred before the Board, General Manager or the appropriate department managers are made aware of the given issue.

Please, in the case of the Bistro, notify the Food and Beverage Manager or the on-duty shift manager immediately to explain your concerns or issues with the service or products. This is the best and fastest way for us to get better at our services to the membership.

The one big area we continue to struggle with here in our community is forecasting and planning on food and beverage orders. We get 10-day forecasts for weather, and they are right it seems less than 40% of the time going that far out. We then have to predict if there will be more or less attendance in our Bistro and Lounge based on the weather. We only receive our food deliveries once a week here in PMC, unlike city-based eating establishments that can get three or more deliveries from their vendors each week. If we order too much, we get more spoilage. If we order too little and source it locally, it is much more expensive. We continue to try and meet this optimum balance, but weather can play a big role in how successful we are.

Want to Talk With the Board Chair?

If you would like to speak with the Chair of the PMC Board of Directors, there is a way to do so. To book some one-on-one time with Chair John Dilibert, contact the front desk, and schedule an appointment. Visits will be booked in 15-minute increments.

This is the members' chance to vent, inform, question, enlighten, propose a solution or put an end to issues and concerns they believe the Board should know about. Please call the Business Office to schedule an appointment.

The PMCPOA 'Letter to the Editor' Policy

Letters to the Editor for the Condor are very welcome. When submitting a Letter to the Editor, there are procedures in place as indicated in Business Policies and Procedures Number C-2. Here are summaries of the steps to follow.

* All letters must include name, address and telephone number, and be signed by the author. Mark the letter clearly "for the attention of the Editor" and hand deliver it to the PMC office, mail it to PMCPOA P.O. Box "P," PMC, CA 93222, or e-mail to rwilde@pmcpoa.com.

* Short, concise letters are to be given preference; letters should not exceed 250 words. The preferred method of submission is an electronic file.

* Views, opinions and validity of facts expressed in a letter are the views of the writer only and not necessarily shared by the Editor, or the Condor Committee, or the Association.

* To be published, a letter must be signed by the author and include "that he/she is solely responsible for the contents of the letter and acknowledges that his/her views are not necessarily shared by the Association, the Editor, or the Condor Committee."

* Letters may or may not be included depending on space availability and at the discretion of the Condor Review Committee members.

* To qualify for publication, a letter must be courteous.

* Because of space limitations, letters may be published at a later date, at the discretion of the Condor Committee. Prior to publication, the writer's approval on all changes will be required. If no approval is given, the letter may be withheld at the discretion of the Condor Committee.

* Letters chosen for publication are likely to be edited for brevity and clarity. Prior to publication, the writer's approval on all changes will be required.

* Where a controversial letter is published, the Condor Committee will make a good faith effort to find and publish a second letter in support of the opposing view, in the same issue. If a letter is written about an article appearing in the Condor, the author of the article shall be given the same space to reply to the letter in the same issue. Therefore, at the discretion of the Condor Committee, letters may be printed at a later date. The Editor shall inform the writer of such delay.

* Any person's name, business name, or title, used by the writer must have that per-

son's written permission to do so included with the letter.

* Deadline for submission of letters to the Editor will be posted in each Condor publication.

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.

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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Power Outage Tips

The American Red Cross offers these valuable tips on what to do during a power outage.

Food Safety

To help preserve your food during a power outage, keep the following supplies in your home:

- One or more coolers—Inexpensive Styrofoam coolers work well.
- Ice—Surrounding your food with ice in a cooler or in the refrigerator will keep food colder for a longer period of time

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access to them.

The CHP and representatives of LA, Kern and Ventura counties, the Forest Service, Cal Trans and others, with the assistance of Kern County Supervisor David Couch, have met to address the issue and develop a plan to help lighten the load. It is not going to be perfect, and tweaks will need to happen as the situation changes.

There will also be times when they just cannot manage it to our personal satisfaction. We know the “bunnies” are not going to leave without being replaced by others. Their respect for the mountain is at a different level than our expectations. The visitors do not drive, park or pick up trash the way we do, and this is unnerving. Your Board understands that, and the GM and Patrol team have been engaged in the process. We have communicated your concerns to the authorities; and hopefully, we can get some assistance. Just be mindful that we all share public roads and public lands.

The best recommendation is that when the news stations are reporting that snow is coming, or that it has fallen in our area, if at all possible, just stay home. You will find that your blood pressure will drop when you avoid the areas, because one thing we do know is that “bunnies” do multiply!

Have a good Valentine’s Day!

during a prolonged blackout.

- A digital quick-response thermometer—With these thermometers you can quickly check the internal temperatures of food to ensure they are cold enough to use safely.

After the power has gone out:

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Use perishable food from the refrigerator first. An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about four hours.
- Second, use food from the freezer. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.
- Use your non-perishable foods and

staples after using food from the refrigerator and freezer.

- If it looks like the power outage will continue beyond a day, prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items.
- Keep food in a dry, cool spot and keep it covered at all times.

Electrical Equipment During a Blackout

- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment, including sensitive electronics.
- Turn off or disconnect any appliances (like stoves), equipment or electronics you were using when the power went

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out. When power comes back on, surges or spikes can damage equipment.

- Leave one light turned on that is not powered by the generator so you'll know when the power comes back on.

Reminder: Carbon Monoxide Kills

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning device inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially

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3. What is the maximum fence height?

Answer: Five feet of wood material; 6 feet w/variance.

4. What is the cost of a tree removal permit?

Answer: They are FREE, as are permits for yard sales and temporary placement of a dumpster.

5. May I get a permit to remove a live tree?

Answer: Yes, under specific circumstances. Permission may be granted related to new construction, fire hazard (close to a structure), invasive root structure damaging septic/water system and traffic/safety hazard. If a permit is issued, it may be under the condition that replacement tree(s) be planted.

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cy situations on the electronic sign board in front of the Clubhouse as needed. For information provided by county and state agencies, PMCPOA's website has links to many sources, including Kern County Fire, Caltrans and the National Weather Service. Look under the "PMC Safety Alerts" menu item.

In the event of an emergency, it is essential that PMCPOA knows how to contact you: If you do not have current contact information on file with the association, please notify the Business Office to provide updates right away by calling 242-3788 or by stopping at the front desk during regular business hours.

enclosed area. Locate the unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.

- The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.

- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.

- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

- Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

What to Do When the Power Comes Back On

- Do not touch any electrical power lines and keep your family and pets away from them. Report downed power lines to the appropriate officials in your area.

Throw Out Unsafe Food After a Black-out:

- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures higher than 40° F (4° C) for 2 hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color or texture. When in doubt, throw it out!

- Never taste food or rely on appearance or odor to determine its safety. Some foods may look and smell fine, but if they have been at room temperature too long, bacteria causing food-borne illnesses can start growing quickly. Some types of bacteria produce toxins that cannot be destroyed by cooking.

- If food in the freezer is colder than 40° F and has ice crystals on it, you can re-freeze it.

- If you are not sure food is cold enough, take its temperature with a food thermometer. Throw out any foods (meat, poultry, fish, eggs and leftovers) that have been exposed to temperatures higher than 40° F (4° C) for 2 hours or more, and any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture, or feels warm to touch.

The Wine Room Gallery



Fine Wine Bar/Tasting Room featuring a variety of high-quality wines by the glass, bottle or tasting flight.

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Hours:

Fridays 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturdays 1 to 7 p.m.

Sundays Noon to 5 p.m.

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Fitness Schedule

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

**Classes in PMC
Clubhouse**
Check the office for fees.

Recreation Room Hours:

3 - 6 p.m.

Mon, Wed, Fri

11 a.m. - 6 p.m

Weekends

Arts and Crafts Day

Every Wed 3-5 p.m.

Homework Club

Tues/Thurs

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Entertainment

Line-Up:

Saturday Nights

7 to 11 p.m.

*(unless otherwise
noted)*

**Feb. 6 -- Karson
City Rebels (Mix of
Country & Rock 'n'
Roll)**

**Feb. 13 -- Jimi
Nelson Band
(Country)**

**Feb. 20 -- The
Fulltones (American
Roots Music)**

**Feb. 27 -- Dave
Wilson Band (Mix
of Rock 'n' Roll &
Country Rock)**

Sunday Jam:

**Feb. 21
2-5 p.m.**

*Menu available from
Bistro*

Celtic Jam: 6-9 p.m.

Every Tuesday night

*Bring your own instrument
to play or just come enjoy the
music and have fun.*

Jams in Condor Room

Board

Game Day

Every Friday

3-5 p.m.

**Recreation
Room**

*Family Dining is
available in the
Condor Room on
Friday and Satur-
day nights pen-
ding other events.*

Bistro on Greens Monthly Dinner Specials

February 5th

Orange Shrimp

February 6th

Roasted Chicken Ziti

February 12th

Lemon Garlic

Stone Crab Claws

February 13th

*Pan Seared Flat Iron Steak
with Wild Mushrooms*

February 19th

Seafood Paella

February 20th

Porterhouse Steak for 2

February 26th

*Mussels in White Wine and
Garlic*

February 27th

*Greek Spiced Rack of Lamb
Chops*

***For reservations, please
call 242-2233.***

Activities

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

10 am . WOW . Pool Pavilion
6-9 pm . Celtic Jam .
Condor Room

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

11:30 am . Skins Golf

Fridays

6 pm . Amateur Radio Club . Pool Pavilion .
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Saturdays

7 pm . Music . Lounge

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**All committee meetings are open to
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Thursday, Feb. 4 (First Thursday)

10:30 am **Recreation Committee** Lounge

Friday, Feb. 5 First Friday)

8:30 am **Greens and Ground** Golf Shop

2:00 pm **Environmental Control** Condor Room

Saturday, Feb. 6 (First Saturday)

9:00 am **Governing Documents** Pool Pavilion

1:00 pm **Planning** Condor Room

Saturday, Feb. 13 (Second Saturday)

8:00 am **Equestrian Committee** Pool Pavilion

9:00 am **Emergency Preparedness** Condor Room

10:00 am **Communications** Pool Pavilion

10:00 am **CERT** Condor Room

Wednesday, Feb. 17 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

5:00 pm **Finance & Budget** Pool Pavilion

Saturday, Feb. 20 (Third Saturday)

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

Transfer Site Hours:

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Every Day

Bistro Hours

Mon-Sun -- 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thurs -- Dinner 5-8 p.m.

(Condor Lounge)

Fri-Sat -- Dinner 5-9 p.m.

Sun -- Dinner 5-8 p.m.

Pizza Served Thurs/Sun!

Bistro -- 242-2233

GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

9-3 . Lace Guild . Pool Pav

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

9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone .
Pool Pavilion

First Thursday

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

Every Friday

9-2:30 . Quilt & Chat &
More . Pool Pav

First/Third Saturdays

1-4 . Knitting Guild . Pool
Pav