

## July Entertainment Lineup

*Fri 7/2 - Journey in time*

*Sat 7/3 - Odie Crabtree*

*Sat 7/10 - Dave Nachmanoff*

*Fri 7/16 - Gil Karson*

*Sat 7/17 - Tony Ernst and the Not Too Shabby Band*

*Sat 7/24 - TBA*

*Sat 7/31 - 1pm, Karson City Rebels (lunch band)*

*4:30pm, (COG) City Beat*

*First and last Friday, 7-10 p.m.*

*Every Saturday 7:30-11 p.m.*

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**Reminder: We are in a high drought season. Please remember to conserve on water, and do not throw cigarette butts on the ground. Visit [KernFireSafe.org](http://KernFireSafe.org) to see how to harden a home for fires with defensible space, landscaping and evacuation preparation. Be prepared in case we have a wildfire in our area. Per the Forest Service – the fire danger level is HIGH in our area. To check status of fires in California go to <https://www.fire.ca.gov>.**

**And also remember:**

**Absolutely no fireworks in PMCI!**

**The fine from the Kern County Fire Dept. is \$1,500 for the first offense and cost of recovery for damages in case of wildfire.**

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**The PMC Equestrian Center  
Open House is back!  
See page 11 for details.**



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## Happy Birthday PMC!

### Longtime Member Mike Schmidt Reflects Upon Early Days

*Ronni Wilde, Condor Editor*

Did you know that back in the early days of PMC, there was no television reception, and if you wanted to make a phone call, you had to do so on one of eight party lines? “We had dial phones; so you’d dial up the number, but you couldn’t call past

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## Our World of Nature

### Showy Flowers in our High Mountains

*By Lynn Stafford, Liz Buchroeder and Bill Buchroeder*

Spring and summer come later on the peaks and ridges above PMC than down here in our village. Residences in PMC range from 4,900’ to 6,400’ in elevation. San Emigdio Mountain to the north of us rises to a little over 7,000’. Immediately to the south of our community are several peaks over 8,000’, with Mt. Pinos being almost 9,000’. July is a good time to visit the higher country for flowers and other outdoor enjoyments. Two paved



**Figure 1: Western blue flag (iris)**

roads lead to the Mt. Pinos and Cerro Noroeste high country. This article will focus on some of the more attractive wildflowers. A future article will discuss other aspects of our mountains. Close to the upper end of the Mt. Pinos Road is a lush meadow, a rarity in these mountains. One of the stand-out features is the wild iris known as western blue flag (Fig. 1). Before we proceed further, why flowers? And why are they so showy? The answer is to attract insects and a few other animals. The flowers offer nutritious nectar and pollen, and the feeding animals pass the pollen on from plant to plant, facilitating reproduction of the plants. Flowering plants and insects have evolved in unison over many millions of years. The bumblebee working a blue flag is an industrious ex-

‘NATURE’ *Continued on page 12*

## PMCPOA Election Results

The PMCPOA Annual Meeting of the Members took place on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 1 p.m. via the Zoom platform. There are 2,883 PMCPOA members, but only 693 were represented for this election. At 24.04%, quorum was not met, so the meeting reconvened at 3:10 with a reduced quorum.

Because this year’s candidates ran uncontested, the 2021-2022 Board of Directors will remain the same as the previous year. Voting went as follows: For the 2-Year Term, Steve Burkett received 627 votes. For the 3-Year Term, Richard Ballard received 571 votes, Bill Lewis II received 585 votes and Ellen McClellan received 584 votes. Because of a lack of quorum, none of the three bylaws passed.

A special organizational meeting of the Board was conducted to elect the 2021-2022 Board officers, who will remain the same as the previous year. The Board officers are: Chairman, Bill Lewis II; Vice Chair, Phyllis Throckmorton; Treasurer, Cam Acosta; and Secretary, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker.

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## The New Pool is Here!

*Brent J. Bennett*

PMCPOA is the proud owner of a beautiful new pool; and just in time for the summer swimming season. The timing is perfect, as last year was a loss due to the COVID Virus.

In case you have not been by to see it, it is one of the most fantastic view sites in PMC. Here is a light blue, clear-water pool, with the tennis courts behind it, the well-kept green golf course to another side, the mountains in the background and the white clouds above the mountains.

The view alone is worth swimming in the new pool.

Tied in with the pool is the new south deck off the Condor Lounge. It is a magnificent vista itself, probably the best in PMC. We will all enjoy this for a long time to come.

The pool is the result of seven PMC members working together with a goal in mind. The Clubhouse Task Force, later named the Facilities Task Force, was formed with seven professional people in architecture, design, construction, business, property

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## Have You Prepared Home Survival Kits In the Event of an Earthquake?

*PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee*

We have written about the need to have “Grab and Go” packs, car packs and pet packs ready in case of a wildfire and a quick evacuation order. But you also need to have home disaster kits in the event of an earthquake or other emergency that prevents you from leaving your home.

Roads could be closed because of landslides, fallen power lines and downed trees, etc. You should be prepared to survive in your home for a minimum of two weeks or outdoors if your home is not safe. Keep a household kit in a large waterproof container that can be easily moved and would be accessible after an earthquake. Because of bears, do not store it outdoors.

### **Home Survival Kit**

- At least one gallon of water per person per day for two weeks, (preferably more). Have commercially bottled water on hand for emergencies. Check the expiration date periodically. Other sources of water are toilet tanks and hot water heaters. You can purify water by adding 10 drops per gallon with standard household unscented bleach.

Check to make sure the label states 5.25% to 6% hypochlorite before using. If you choose to prepare your own containers of water, buy airtight, food-grade water storage containers. Water stored in your own containers should be replaced about every six months.

- Canned and packaged food and cooking utensils and a manual can opener. Store food for a two-week period for each member of your household, including your pets. Try living on your emergency food supply for two weeks and see if you have planned your meals correctly.

- Battery/solar-powered flashlights, lanterns, radios and phone chargers.

- First aid supplies, medications and essential hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste and toilet paper. Also, special needs items such as eyeglasses, contact lens solution, hearing aid supplies and infant supplies.

- Extra clothing for each member in your family, sturdy shoes, work gloves and jackets.

- Shelter supplies, in the event your home is unsafe. Have tent, tarps, heavy-duty garbage bags, blankets and sleeping bags ready.

- Fire extinguishers, and be sure you know how to use them.

- Keep emergency tools and equipment on hand. You should have a pipe wrench, and an adjustable wrench for turning off gas and water valves, and know where the shutoffs are located. You also should have nylon rope, an axe, broom, crowbar, duct and electrical tapes, hammer, screwdriver, pliers, shovel, wire and a whistle.

- Copies of important personal and financial documents. Emergency cash in small bills.

- Have a Family Emergency Plan and review the plan with your family members. It should include out-of-state emergency contacts and phone numbers. You should have a planned meeting place if your family becomes separated.

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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.

## Dark Skies Vs. Home Security Lighting

*Patrice Stimpson, PMC Patrol Chief*

Located just south of Pine Mountain Club is Mt. Pinos, which is famously known and often visited by amateur astronomers. Tripadvisor refers to Mt. Pinos as a “stargazer’s paradise,” and has awarded it a five-star rating. The 4K Travel Channel calls it “a mecca for astronomy, astrophotography, and star gazing, the best in Southern California.”

One of the many pleasant differences between living in the city and living in the mountains is the beautiful, clear night sky. In the summer, the view of the Milky Way and the Perseid meteor shower is truly awesome.

However, there have been several complaints in the past few months that some residents have installed blindingly bright outdoor security lighting that remains on all night. Not only does this interfere with the enjoyment of the night sky, but this type of lighting is prohibited by both Kern County Ordinance and Pine Mountain Club Environmental Control Code.

Kern County Ordinance 19.81 states: In order to maintain the existing character of Kern County, a minimal approach shall be taken to outdoor lighting, as excessive illumination can create a glow that may obscure the night sky and excessive illumination or glare may constitute a nuisance.

PMC Environmental Control Code 7.08 addresses exterior lighting, which in

part states: Good (outdoor) lighting design increases safety, respects the privacy of neighbors, is energy-efficient and minimizes the negative effects of sky glow and light trespass. Lighting shall be designed, installed and operated to control glare, prevent light trespass onto adjacent areas... and avoid interference with safe operation of motor vehicles. Use dimmers, motion detectors and/or timers to ensure lights are on only when needed.

On another related note, constant outdoor lighting does not discourage wildlife from visiting your property or deck. In fact, lights that are triggered by motion may startle bears in particular and send them running.

## Reminder: PMCPOA Assessment Due 7/1

The 2021/22 assessment is now due. The amount is \$1,624.00 this year (a \$20 increase).

You can mail a check to P.O. Box P, Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222, drop it off at the Business Office or call us with a credit card. Assessments will become delinquent on Sept. 15, 2021 at 5 p.m.

### Message from the EC Officer:

***Firewood should be stacked neatly, with as few voids as possible, at least 10 feet from the structure and should have surface fuels removed (pine needles, etc.), at least 3 feet around. Earth tone tarps are acceptable if securely fastened.***

## Community Picnics in the Park are Back!

Wednesday “Picnics in the Park” (formerly on Thursdays) at Lampkin Park group picnic area have resumed and will continue every Wednesday until the weather turns cold.

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

For more information, call 242-1094.

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To view the official report of the Inspector of Elections, please visit the PMC-POA website “Election Documents and Election Results” page of the Members’-only side (<https://pinemountainclub.net/group/pages/election-documents-results>) or on the “Alerts” page of the public side of the website (<https://pinemountainclub.net/alerts>). A link to the official results certification by the Inspector of Elections can be found on both those pages.

## CORRECTION

In last month’s Condor, it was reported that the founders of Oktoberfest were Rick Young and the late Fred Westlund. However, we learned that Oktoberfest was originally the idea of the late Ed Montgomery, PMC’s first golf pro. From there, Rick Young and Mike Schmidt took it over. We apologize for the incorrect information.

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## A Warning About Off-Leash Dogs

*Patrice Stimpson, PMC Patrol Chief*

There has been a sharp increase recently in the number of off-leash dogs on our streets and along the hiking trails and open areas that has resulted in a number of dog fights, causing serious injuries to both humans and their dogs.

PMCPOA has strict rules regarding dog owners allowing their dogs to leave their property. If your dog leaves your property unleashed or with a leash attached but not under control of the owner or caretaker, the property owner can be cited and fined up to \$1,000 for the first offense. If your dog is on your property, but not under your control, and it runs out into the street to confront a dog being walked on a leash and/or the dog walker, you are in violation. Please consider this message as a warning to comply with the rule.

PMCPOA Rule Article 4.11: Dogs must be leashed and under control at all times by the owner or caretaker while on Association roads or property. (Similar restrictions apply within the Los Padres National Forest when hiking and walking along the trails.)

If you'd like your dog to be able to run without a leash, the newly expanded dog park is open daily between dawn to dusk.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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



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**MIL POTRERO MUTUAL  
WATER COMPANY  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL  
ELECTION**

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company, Inc., the Annual Shareholder's Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administrative Office of the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company, 16275 Askin Drive, Conference Room, Pine Mountain Club, California.

*Robert Lame, Secretary*

*Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company*

**The editorial and advertising deadline for the August 2021 Condor is Monday, July 12.**

**PMC's 50th Anniversary  
Celebration!**

**July 31st**

*This will be a mutual event with Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company*

**Bounce House &  
Barbecue**

**"Karson City Rebels"  
1-4pm**

**"City Beat" 4:30-7pm**

**Live Music has returned!  
(See lineup on back cover)**

**Fridays: First and last  
Friday of every month,  
7-10pm**

**Saturdays: Every Saturday,  
7:30-11pm**

**Condor Cafe Hours**

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

**Breakfast and Lunch**

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

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

**Dinner**

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

**Fridays and Saturdays  
4 to 8 pm**

*Kern County is in the Orange Tier, which means inside dining on Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights is now at 50%. We have more tables available and outside tables are also available. Please call 661-242-2233 for reservations if you have four or more people. For breakfast and lunch, the outside patio is available and inside dining downstairs in the Café is at 50%.*

*The Condor Lounge is open at 50% capacity for dinners on Thursdays from 4-7:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 4-8pm. The Bar is open once again Thursdays thru Saturdays – but drinks (if not with a meal) must be consumed out on the deck, and of course drinks may be ordered with dinners inside.*

*For take-out, please place your food order at 661-242-2233 and then call us again when you are in the parking lot and your food will be brought out to your car.*

*Home delivery is offered for dinners for \$3.50 when weather permits.*

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# A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II  
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It has been an interesting and challenging year for all of us – the board, staff, committee members, volunteers and our members. We persevered, and as the nation and our state re-open, so will we, with just a few restrictions and conditions remaining in place over the next few months.



The swimming pool officially opened on June 18, and we've received many compliments since the first splash. We all should be very proud of these phases, as they have enhanced our community and provided an amenity to promote and encourage the health and well-being of our members and their families. Enjoy it!

There were a few complaints about the rules for the new swimming pool and the hours of operation. These rules were made to address safety, liability and insurance requirements. The hours are based

on staffing. As staffing increases, so might the hours. As John Lydgate said, "You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time."

The two contractors and their staffs did a good job on these projects. And, equally important and commendable, our PMC staff also worked diligently to make these projects a reality and they contributed and supported where they could in a myriad of ways – so kudos to the staff and managers from roads, golf maintenance, recreation, clubhouse maintenance and accounting.

I'm hoping we can continue this momentum of change for the betterment of this association and improve upon the existing clubhouse complex to benefit all in the future. Phases 1 and 2 are perhaps just the start of better things to come.

I am also pleased to see the progress we

have made this past year toward making our community more fire safe, and we plan to continue these fire-mitigation efforts.

As we close out this fiscal year, I want to say thank you again to all our managers and staff who have been instrumental in keeping this association on track and operating during the pandemic to serve the members. Thank you to the board for your guidance, commitment and volunteerism. Thank you to Karin Shulman for helping guide this association this past year and for her leadership. We are fortunate to have retained her services and commitment to this association for two additional years.

And, lastly, thanks to you - the members - who have been patient and overwhelmingly supportive of this board, the general manager and our employees during the past year. I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you in person at the July board meeting.

## PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of June 19, 2021. Complete minutes are available at the business office or online at [www.pinemountainclub.net](http://www.pinemountainclub.net) after their approval at the next board meeting. In the regular open meeting, Chairman Bill Lewis II called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eight directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Chairman Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton. Director Steve Burkett was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman, Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann and Confidential Clerk Adel Martin.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were twenty-seven (27) committee applications for approval.

There were eight (8) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Acosta that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of June 19, 2021 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker,

**er, SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's report.

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

Director Cam Acosta presented the Treasurer's report.

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

### BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**WITHDRAWN - MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Acosta to approve the cottage industry permit for trash recycling pickup and removal.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION** by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve **RESOLUTION #01-06-19-2021**, building a canopy cover for the Tirol mailboxes, NTE \$26,500 from the operating funds. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker,

**SECOND** by Director Ballard to approve the Archery Club, Pine Mountain Scrapers Quilt Guild, PMC Guitar Society Club, PMC Pickleball Club, Speak Easy Theater/WAG Club, Tuesday Night Celtic Session Club and the White Sage Lace Guild Club. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy A-12 (Access to Records). **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy A-14 (Memorials). **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve Association Rule Article 7.03 (Rules Regarding Wildlife), which has met the 30-day posting requirements. Directors Ballard and Throckmorton opposed. Directors Acosta, Gabriel, Harmon, Hoyt-Voelker and McClellan approved. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received thirteen (13) items of correspondence.

The next regular open Board meeting will take place on July 17, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

# Treasurer's Report

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

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance
<b>Revenue</b>			
Current Year Assessment Revenue	4,248,352	4,241,176	7,176
Operations/Maintenance	244,540	167,485	77,055
Social Activity	447,595	652,275	(204,680)
Interest Income (Operating)	15,931	28,485	(12,554)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	4,956,418	5,089,421	(133,003)
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Operations/Maintenance	3,335,110	3,637,123	(302,013)
Social Activity	768,554	1,054,658	(286,104)
Operating Projects	18,099	51,417	(33,318)
Designated Fund Projects	431,715	312,563	119,152
Reserve Contribution	418,000	418,000	0
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	4,971,477	5,473,761	(502,284)
<b>Other Operating Transactions</b>			
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(121,895)	(121,895)	0
Assets purchased	(24,510)	0	(24,510)
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	(46,904)	0	(46,904)
<b>Total Other Transactions</b>	(193,308)	(121,895)	(71,413)
<b>Total Change in Operating Fund</b>	(208,368)	(506,235)	297,867

**Payroll Summary**

Payroll Wages	1,816,329	2,047,240	(230,911)
Payroll Benefits	322,082	360,023	(37,941)
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	249,983	280,712	(30,729)
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	2,388,395	2,687,975	(299,580)

	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %
<b>18/19 Assessment Collection Update</b>	4,231,452	4,230,582	870	0.02%
<b>19/20 Assessment Collection Update</b>	4,631,550	4,628,669	2,881	0.06%
<b>20/21 Assessment Collection Update</b>	4,628,342	4,580,990	47,352	1.02%

	Beginning Balance July 1, 2020	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
<b>Reserve Fund Update</b>	3,268,288	606,215	(746,321)	3,128,183

Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,012,237
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,155,871

Respectfully Submitted



Cameron Acosta / Treasurer  
May 31, 2021

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

*Karin Shulman*

The good news is we made it. California is open again. June was our last Zoom meeting unless we are locked down again. As you know, there is still a pandemic. I was told recently the pandemic is over, but it isn't. The Delta Variant is in California along with other variants. If you are fully vaccinated, you do not have to wear a mask outside. If you are not vaccinated and don't wear a mask in the post office or clubhouse, by acclimation of not wearing your mask, you are telling us you are vaccinated. We are still requiring masks in the clubhouse and pro shop, and hope you will respect that. There are some people who are still nervous about the pandemic and are more comfortable wearing their masks. FYI, there were 1,295 new cases

of COVID-19 on June 17, 2021, in California. Twenty-four of those cases were in Kern County.

The clubhouse is fully open now, and the staff and myself are enjoying seeing everyone again!

The pool is officially open as of June 18, and the opening weekend went pretty smoothly; just a couple of people upset over rules. I will be watching the pool carefully during the first few weeks of its opening, and could possibly change a current rule or two. Be patient: The kinks will get worked out. I would say most everyone using the pool is happy with the pool, its size and the restrooms. It has been very hot lately, so be sure to stay hydrated.

It has been a difficult year and a half for many reasons. My wish for everyone this summer is to be happy, enjoy the pool, come back to the clubhouse and renew friendships.

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

## 2021 Pool Hours

**8-10am - Morning Lap Swim**  
**12-7pm - Open Swim**  
**7-8pm - Evening Lap Swim**

### Important Reminders:

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

**Green Waste Site Reminder:**

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Route 130 leaves the mountain communities from the bus stop near the Post Office in Frazier Park. To get there from PMC, you can arrange for a Dial-a-Ride bus by calling (800) 323-2396. Don't wait for the menu, as soon as the call connects, press 52411. This extension will put you through to Norma Hernandez, who will personally help you make a Dial-a-Ride reservation at the right time to catch the commuter bus.

Dial-a-Ride costs \$2 each way (\$1 for seniors and youths). Route 130 costs \$3 each way (\$1.50 for seniors 62+ and youths K-12th grade). There is no way to get change on the bus, so be sure to bring exact amount to put in the fare box.

### Important Message from the Patrol Dept.: Wildlife Warning

*It has been reported that a coyote jumped up onto a deck and took a small dog. Unfortunately, the dog did not survive. Wildlife predation is not uncommon in this area. What is uncommon is that this happened mid-morning, and the coyote came up onto the deck. This is not normal behavior. Please be aware that pets can be taken anywhere when they are outside, even from your deck.*

### Everything Exchange is September 12

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

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

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

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

### *Fitness Classes are Back!*

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Thank you for your submissions to the Complaints, Concerns and Compliments Box. It takes a village to run a village, and your care and concern help keep PMC the wonderful place we love.

Look for responses in the Condor. Please be sure to include your contact information. While your name will not be published or posted, we don't respond to anonymous submissions.

If you have a concern that involves maintenance, sanitation or safety issues, or is of a confidential nature, please contact

the Business Office immediately at 661-242-3788. Thank you!

### **CONCERNS**

- We live on Zermatt Place, and our street sign is not visible because there is a tree growing directly in front of it. It needs to be moved so that it is visible from Zermatt Drive.

**Response:** We will have someone come out to take a look. Thank you for letting us know.

- I have been trying to pay the assess-

ment online, but it does not let me. Also, when is the gas station going to be functional?

**Response:** Our team is working on the online assessment payment website function. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please call our office and we can take your credit card over the phone for your assessment payment. As for the gas station, the association does not oversee that, so we do not have the answer to that question. The gas station is in the commercial center and is owned by the gentleman who owns the market.



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 ample (Fig. 2). Please do not trample the meadow while observing the flowers. It is fragile.



**Figure 2: Bumblebee on blue flag**

Sometimes, plant names have interesting backgrounds. The Mexican pink (Fig. 3) is sort of pinkish in color, but that is not the source of the name. As people who work with clothes can tell us, a pinking shear cuts a zig-zag pattern in fabric, just like the tips of these flower petals. Another odd name is the western wallflower (Fig. 4). Of course, a person is called a wallflower because he/she is shy, standing at the edge of the dance floor, not taking part. The wallflower plant is known for occurring either



**Figure 3: Mexican pink**

solitarily or in very small numbers. Their bright yellow can be seen occasionally on the sides of our mountain roads.

Now we come to two strange characters. Most flowering plants make their



**Figure 4: Western wallflower**

food through photosynthesis in their green leaves. But, there are exceptions. The Sierra snow plant (Fig. 5), named because it often emerges shortly after snow melt,

has no greenery, produces no food and derives its nutrition indirectly from tree roots. Paintbrush (Fig. 6) is another showy flower that, at least partially, relies on other plants for its nutrition. Paintbrushes are often found with sagebrush. Any attempt to dig up and transplant a wild paintbrush will yield only failure, because the host will not be present.

Two showy blue wildflowers are the

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

lupine (Fig. 7) and the showy blue penstemon (Fig. 8). It may be tempting to think that they are being so attractive for our benefit, but, in reality, it is all about the insect pollinators. There are several local lupine species, growing in a variety of habitats. One interesting species is named the grape-soda lupine. Sometimes, plant taxonomists can have a bit of fun. The showy blue penstemon is also named creatively. It is found throughout a range of elevations in open areas.



**Figure 5: Sierra snow plant**

Next are two hard-to-overlook flowers in the yellow-to-orange color range. The



**Figure 6: Paint brush**

seep-spring monkeyflower (Fig. 9) gives away its habitat with its name. Its feet are always wet. One of my favorite local flowers is the Kennedy's mariposa lily (Fig. 10). There are several lovely mariposa species in our area. Did you know that mariposa means butterfly in Spanish?

(Fig. 11) is an artistic photographer's creation. My friend, Randy Cushman, captured this duet of color and form up on Mt. Pinos. The white comes from common yarrow. The bright red is the southern scarlet penstemon.

I hope you all find time to enjoy our High Mountain



**Figure 7: Lupine**

beauties. For more information on our local flora, check out the excellent book, *Plants of the San Emigdio Mountains Region of California* by local professional



**Figure 8: Showy blue penstemon**

botanist, Pam De Vries. This book can be purchased at Adventure Ink, a bookstore in PMC's Business Center.

As a final note, if you request that the Condor be sent electronically to you, the

photos in this Nature Column will be in color. In addition, it will save some paper.



Contact the **Figure 9: Seep-spring monkeyflower** PMCPOA at 242-3788.



**Figure 10: Kennedy's mariposa lily**

**Figure 11: Common yarrow/ Southern scarlet penstemon**



**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.***

**'REFLECT Cont. from page 1**

Frazier Park without assistance,” says Michael Schmidt, one of the early residents of Pine Mountain Club. “You had to know what your ring was, and you knew when you picked up that you had to be careful what you said because someone was probably listening,” he recalls with a laugh.

Schmidt, who is sales manager of Golden Bear/Brucher Winery, first heard about PMC in an article that ran in the Los Angeles Times. “I worked a lot, and always wanted a home in the mountains. But even back then, going out to Big Bear was a challenge,” he says. “I read about PMC, and drove up on a Saturday. I had also looked at modular homes in Thousand Oaks. But after I saw PMC, the rest, as they say, is history.” He purchased a lot in late 1971, he says, and then moved here permanently the Saturday before Thanksgiving in 1974. “A picture hangs in our living room of that snowy day when I moved in,” he says. Though the road leading down into Pine Mountain Club had been a dirt road in the beginning, it was paved by the time he moved here.

Back then, when you came to PMC, Schmidt says that Bonnie (Ketterl) Kane (now the curator of the Ridge Route Communities Museum & Historical Society), had a table set up outside the clubhouse, and she would check in visitors and invite them inside for coffee and cookies. “There was a model train-style display of the overall concept of PMC, like where the stables and golf course would be, and all the things that were going to go into PMC,” recalls Schmidt. During his first visit, Schmidt was introduced to a real estate agent, who drove him around in a Jeep Cherokee to show him the lots available. “I picked one, and then we went back to the clubhouse. I didn't

have my checkbook, so they took a counter check from me.” The cost of the lot he purchased, he says, was \$5,495.

When Schmidt later purchased his home in PMC, it was all electric, but the electric heaters didn't work well, he says. “Some of my electric bills were over \$500 per month, with me living there by myself. I would lay on the floor in a sleeping bag trying to watch TV and see a grainy nothing on the screen and ask myself what I'd done to myself,” he says with a chuckle. At one point, he says it got so cold in his house that there was frost on the inside of his windows. “There was no cocktail lounge, no pizza place and nothing in the commercial center but the general store and a couple of offices,” he explains. When the Pine Tree Tavern was opened where the pizza place now is, that became

the hangout. “They had hot dogs and chili and cold beer, and that was enough.” Eventually, Schmidt says a contractor built a bar at the clubhouse, and everyone would bring their own bottle of whatever they wanted to drink and their own glasses, and that also became a hangout, as did the stables. “The stables were an early PMC social hub, and even people without horses would hang out there,” he says. “Most of the early permanent residents and weekenders had horses there, and many of them had children. There was a grain barrel by the office, and there was a bottle of George Dickel Tennessee Mash whiskey at the bottom of it. We'd just help ourselves and take a sip from it.”

When he moved to Pine Mountain Club, Schmidt was still working in Los Angeles, so he commuted down every day.

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**Road Paving Update**

VSS will be doing our roads again this year. Following is a list of the streets that will be resurfaced this year starting approximately July 12 (this date is subject to change). Roads to be paved are: Nadelhorn, Geneva Ct., Basil, Sarned, Nestorn South, San Moritz, Mistletoe, Halfhitch, Thorn, Almen, Bowline, (partial), Silk, Berne Ct., Brig Ln., Berne Ln, Plum Way, Nesthorn North, Davos Ct., Ward Dr., Polar Way, Yukon Way, Kodiak Way, Klondike, Caribou and Aleutian (Partial).

If you would like your driveway paved while they are up here, (it's cheaper, since they are already here) please call the office to have the application mailed or emailed to you.

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management and finance.

The original task was the goal of creating an overall future plan specifically for the PMC clubhouse complex. It was determined that it should be done in seven phases with the first phase being the pool, and the second phase being the south deck to the clubhouse, including ADA accessibility to the facilities and accessibility for food delivery.

Those people spent 1-1/2 years on a part-time basis, meeting when they could, coming up with a workable plan for upgrading the clubhouse complex to become more useable for today's needs. This plan was presented to the club members, and was accepted by the Board of Directors.

The Facilities Task Force was made up by Don Sharpe, Gwynn Pugh, James McGary, Philip Gabriel, Linda Jassim, Doug Fethke and chaired by me, Brent J Bennett.

Others directly important to the pool task were Bill Gurtner, John Cantley, Karen Schulman and Ron Nesbit of Maintenance; along with many of the Board Directors, during the period of creating the clubhouse future plan.



The new PMC pool has arrived, just in time for summer! Thanks to all who joined us at the sneak peak of our long-awaited pool. The evening was a great success! Here is the chairman of our board of directors, Bill Lewis II and our general manager, Karin Shulman, cutting the ribbon. We want to thank them and the entire PMCPOA board of directors and staff for their hard work to get our pool open for the summer.

Many thanks for all the support received from the PMCPOA membership.

It's here, and will be enjoyed for many years to come.

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"When I first moved there, I couldn't afford two homes, and I just really wanted to be there, so I bit the bullet and commuted. It was easier back then because there was not as much traffic." But the snowstorms could make commuting difficult, he says, adding that during one big storm, he got stuck in Frazier Park and couldn't get home for 48 hours. "I'd get calls from realtors sometimes asking me to tell their clients that yes, I really did commute to L.A. every day. Coming home at night during the week, it was really dark coming into PMC. The only lights would be at the general store and one or two lights at the clubhouse."

As the years went by, Schmidt became heavily involved in the community, and 41 years ago, he met his wife, Janis, at a Little League fundraiser in Frazier Park. He has

served on the Board of Directors, and was chairman of the Recreation Committee. "I had the idea for the first 'Clean Up PMC Day.' I got a lot of friends and the Rec Committee involved; and the club rented us a roll-off. We all used our own pick-up trucks and hauled trash bags. There was a lot of trash from people building weekend homes." Schmidt also did the announcing for the Lilac Festival for many years, and was deeply involved in Oktoberfest and many other recreation events, he says. What he's most proud of though, he says, is his part in bringing on PMC's very first official recreation director, Greg Sanchez. Though the former golf pro, Ed Montgomery, had served as head of recreation, Sanchez was the first dedicated recreation director. "He was a fabulous employee, and did a great job as rec director," says Schmidt. "Of all the things I did, I think this had the most positive impact. He was

terrific with the kids."

As activities increased in his fledgling mountain community, Schmidt continued to wear many hats... literally. He has dressed up as Smokey the Bear, Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, and donned a traditional lederhosen costume for Oktoberfest for many years. When TV reception was marginal, he hosted Monday night football gatherings so the group could at least listen to the games. "A friend put a big antenna on my roof that looked like we were trying to reach another galaxy."

Schmidt adds, "There have been many changes in PMC, not all good. But over the years, I think there have been a lot more good things than bad things. I feel that the community as a whole has given me a lot more than I could ever give back. Moving up here gave me the opportunity to do things I probably could not have done otherwise."

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**Reminders**

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

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committees are meeting in various ways, mostly via Zoom. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.

**Friday, July 2 (First Friday)**

9am **Greens and Grounds** Pro Shop  
2 pm **Environmental Control** Condor Room

**Saturday, July 3 (First Saturday)**

DARK **Governing Documents** ZOOM  
1 pm **Planning** ZOOM

**Tuesday, July 6 (Normally First Monday)**

6 pm **Communications** ZOOM

**Wednesday, July 14 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)**

5 pm **Budget & Finance** ZOOM

**Saturday, July 17 (Third Saturday)**

10 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg.** ZOOM

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