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SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH 12-7PM
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REQUIRED 2-5PM**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING:

JOURNEY IN TIME 12:30-3:30PM

4 LADS FROM LIVERPOOL 4-7PM

DIVE BAR MESSIAHS 7-11PM (LOUNGE)

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Meet Your New Board Members: Mark Bailey



Mark Bailey

Mark Bailey is one of three new directors on the PMCPOA Board, and says that when he found Pine Mountain Club in the mid-1990s, it was love at first sight.

"I had a coworker who would show up at my Santa Clarita office, often with snow dripping out of the bed of his pickup truck," he says. "Curiosity got the better of me, so while I was working (as

an accident investigator) on a tractor-trailer fatality on the Grapevine, I made a little detour to check out Pine Mountain Club." He continues, "Laying my eyes upon PMC, I was immediately seduced and placed an offer on a house that very first day. Shortly thereafter, I became a full-time PMC member."

Mark, who lost his mom earlier this year, says his parents were his "everything," and stresses that family is hugely important to him. "I was born in my grandparents' house and raised in Southeast London, a somewhat lower-income common area where we're known as 'Cockneys,' he says. "I was blessed to have the best parents ever, who were the epitome of opposites attracting. My mum was a lady's lady and a Sunday school teacher; my dad was a boxing trainer and tough as nails. Sundays were interesting," he says with a laugh, "as I'd go to church in the morning and be in the ring beating someone up in the afternoon."

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Knapp Weed/Star Thistle Disposal

If you have Knapp Weed or Yellow Star Thistle in your yard, please come by the EC office and pick up a special bag to put them in. They must not go in the Green Waste site. Once they are in the special yellow bags, they can be thrown in with the regular trash at the Transfer Site. If you do not know what these invasive weeds look like, please do a search on Google.

Our World of Nature

Our Mountain Plants and their Animal Companions

Lynn Stafford with Liz Buchroeder

Summer is a good time to get outdoors and look at nature. Flowering plants and animals, particularly some insects, have evolved together over many millions of years. In this article, we will look at several local examples of plants and animals helping each other.

In late summer, a greenish native bush called Rabbitbrush becomes vividly yellow with masses of flowers. Among the many small flowers, one can find pollinating insects including honey bees



Fig. 1: This honeybee is laden with a load of orange pollen from a Rabbitbrush (LB).

(Fig. 1). The bee spreads pollen from flower to flower, which aids germination as it collects pollen and nectar for protein and sugars for the bee colony. This showy member of the sunflower family can be found blooming in late summer along many of our roads and trails.

California Sister butterfly is one of our most attractive butterflies (Fig. 2). It is found mostly in California and requires oaks, particularly Canyon Live Oak, for the nurturing of its caterpillars. Canyon Live Oak is Pine Mountain Club's most common tree oak. The adults also can be found sipping muddy water nutrients (Fig. 3).

A fascinating bond of cooperation between a plant and an animal involves the Monarch Butterfly (Fig. 4) and milkweed. The Monarch is well known, both because of its tourist-attracting massive winter flocks (Fig. 5) and because it is rapidly declining in numbers throughout its range. The Monarch has complicated migration patterns. The eastern U.S. population tends to winter in Mexico. In the west, the adults fly to several groves of trees, particularly Eucalyptus, along the California coast. In each of the two migrations, the butterflies return to the same groves of trees. The caterpillars eat the toxic leaves of various species of milkweed (Fig. 6). The caterpillars have immunity, but their predators do not. In turn, the adults feed on milkweed flowers, pollinating

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GET INVOLVED FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Pine Mountain Club is a beautiful community. BUT, we are surrounded by national forest and sit on the San Andreas Fault, which makes our community vulnerable to fires and earthquakes. There are ways you can get involved to help our community in an emergency.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

- The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. We have one fire station with three firefighters; in a large disaster they may be overwhelmed. The CERT team works under the guidance of Kern County Fire Department.

- To become a member of our CERT team, you are required to take a 20-hour CERT training class and must be over 18. We will be conducting CERT training classes on Sept. 9, Sept. 23, and Oct. 14, 2023. The classes usually run from 8am-4pm and you must attend all three sessions. We have an active CERT team in PMC, but we are in need of more members. We have a meeting and training on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, or to sign up for the classes, contact Steve Glaseman at mjaynnel@gmail.com, or, for more information about CERT, visit our website at pmccert.com.

- Preregistration is required, and the deadline to sign up is Sept 2.

PMCPOA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

- Another way to get involved in assisting the community to be prepared for an emergency is by joining the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

- We maintain updated emergency supplies in three storage trailers on PMCPOA property, support the CERT team, distribute emergency preparedness literature, and hold emergency preparedness education/training meetings for our residents.

- The Emergency Preparedness Committee receives funding from the annual budget. Join the committee so you have a say on how your money is spent each year on emergency preparedness supplies.

- The committee meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9am in the Pavilion. We need more members. We do not have enough members for our trailer work-days and staffing of events.

Fire Danger Reminders

PMCPOA wants to remind members that **NO EXTERIOR FIRES** are allowed here per EC Code 7.13C and CC&R 5.2. We live in a high-risk fire area, and there is zero tolerance for outdoor fires. Fines can and will be imposed. Please make sure that out-of-town guests and renters, both long-term and short-term, are aware of this policy.

As of mid-July, the Forest Service has posted that the Fire Danger Level is "High" in our area. Please be extra careful: do not flick your cigarette butts out the car window or toss them on the ground, they could cause a wildfire that would destroy homes and lives. Please remind friends and neighbors. Life as we know it would be gone.

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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 Sky Vs. Home Security Lighting

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 “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 occasional 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, this type of lighting is prohibited by both Kern County Ordinance and Pine Mountain Club Environmental Control Code.

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.

PMCPOA Patrol Service Calls for June

During the month of June 2023, Patrol responded to 465 calls for service.

Observations and calls included:

	#	YTD
Enforcement	132	997
<i>Citations</i>	9	57
<i>Written Warnings</i>	0	10
Incident Reports	1	4
Public Assists	208	2,382
<i>House/alarm checks</i>	13	152
Agency Assists	8	134
Animal Control	10	123
Conflicts	8	78
Deaths Reported	3	20
General Complaints	34	341
Injury	0	3
Medical	0	0
Suspicious Incidents	14	161
Traffic Incidents	1	22
Welfare Checks	5	65
Wildlife	19	283
STR Call Totals	0	29

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When he came to the United States, Mark says he started off working as an auto mechanic at a British car repair shop, working on Rolls-Royces, Jaguars, Triumphs, MGs and others. "I then joined the United States Postal Service as an auto mechanic, and shortly thereafter, was promoted to the Vehicle Maintenance Facility Supervisor. One of my duties in this position was to investigate vehicle accidents, which I found particularly interesting." During this time, Mark attended classes at Oklahoma University, Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) at the University of North Florida, and Texas A&M. "All these classes were related to traffic accident reconstruction, and covered topics such as physics, calculus, biomechanics of injury, neurolinguistics and much more." He continues, "I eventually sat for my ACTAR (The Accreditation Commission for Traf-

fic Accident Reconstruction) exam, which I fortunately passed the first time, and thereafter worked both for the government and in starting my own collision consulting company as an ACTAR Accredited Accident Reconstructionist."

After moving to PMC, Mark commuted for a couple of years and was flying all over the United States reconstructing accidents and testifying in court as an expert witness. "As glamorous as that sounds," he says, "I preferred to be at my mountain home in the forest." Word reached him that a local restaurant, then called "The Chalet," was for sale in the Commercial Center so he says he snapped it up and retired from his 20-year government career and became a PMC restaurant owner for the next 19 years. "During much of this time, I served on the Pine Mountain Club Commercial Property Owners Association Board of Directors. Although my wife and I sold our restaurant

in 2019, we continue to serve the PMC-CPOA and just finished running the 2023 Wine in the Pines, an event that I co-founded in the early 2000s."

Today, Mark is a local and traveling Realtor, representing commercial and residential buyers and sellers here on the mountain and throughout much of California. His wife, Debbie, is also a Realtor and a high school teacher, Notary Public, and "often a translator, translating my English to American English," he says with a chuckle.

"I am happily married to my beautiful wife of seven years, and we have two adult children, raised by Debbie, who I proudly claim as my own. Our son graduated last year from UCLA, and our daughter is in her last year at California State University Bakersfield."

Mark says he decided to run for the PMCPOA Board because he wants to work toward reduced spending. "We are pricing our long-term friends and neighbors out of their community. I believe that the clubhouse expansion isn't necessary, nor is it supported by much of the membership, some of whom will be forced to leave." He adds, "My goals are to fix what's broken, properly maintain what we have, and to keep PMC affordable and let the members vote on high expenditures since it's money coming out of their pockets that they may not have."

When asked what he loves most about PMC, Mark says it's the nature, beauty, peacefulness, and starry nights that can be found here. "We enjoy walks in the wilderness with our dog, Shep. I'm simply an outdoorsy kind of person, and I live here for the country living, not the country club living. With that being said, I will always work to maintain our wonderful amenities in an affordable way." His best advice to the community? "Stay kind and love thy neighbor."



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The next PMC Houchin Blood Drive takes place on Friday, Aug. 4. from 11am to 3pm. Come donate blood and help save a life.

Trash Left at Transfer Site After Hours is Attracting Bears

It is very important that members and their guests not leave garbage at the Transfer Site after hours. The bears get into it and cause property damage, and our limited number of employees have to stop what they are doing to clean up and repair the damage that has been done.

This can all be avoided by bringing your trash during regular hours only, from 8:30am – 5:00 p.m. every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas. During the summer, the site stays open on Thursdays (only) until 7:00 p.m. Your cooperation on this would be greatly appreciated.

PMCPOA Transfer

Site Hours:

8:30am - 5pm Daily

Open until 7pm

Thursdays

Reminders:

- * For PMC residents/guests only; please bring your member or guest card.
- * Four vehicles at a time at the site; please wait your turn outside.
- * Please secure your trash before heading to the site.

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Lounge Serves as Cooling Center

This is a reminder that the PMC Concor Lounge is open as a cooling center until 4pm each day. When the weather is hot, feel free to bring books, games, cards, etc. and enjoy the cool space.

Also, please check on elderly neighbors to make sure they are doing OK in extreme heat and are aware of the cooling center.



Aug. 4

Tom & Jerry The Movie (PG)

8pm / Golf Course



Aug. 25

Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone (PG)
8pm / Pool



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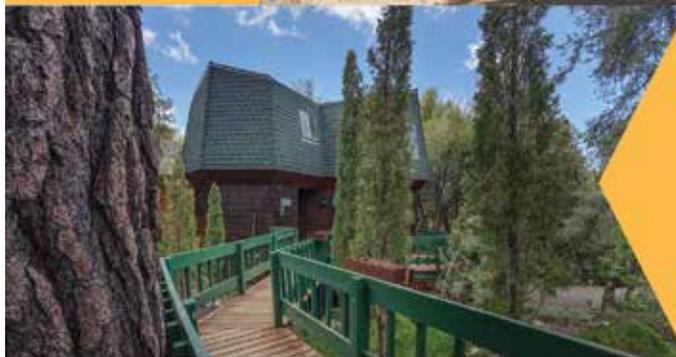
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A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
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I'd like to update you about the inquiry into our status as a 501(c)(7) organization that I mentioned at June's board meeting. As you may recall, we were accused of being out of tax-exempt compliance for the past 19 years despite a determination letter issued in 1977 by the IRS which recognized our organization as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(7) and a clean audit on 2017 conducted by the IRS.



We still have not received a response from the IRS - but since reaching out to the IRS we have found two letters issued by them to us in 2003 and 2011 both re-confirming our status as a 501(c)(7) and both letters referred to the determination letter issued in 1977. It does not appear we are out of compliance, and we will continue to operate and file our taxes as a 501(c)(7) unless we are notified otherwise by the

IRS.

We have been working in cooperation with the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company to activate and subsequently test three fire evacuation sirens in PMC. You may have heard one of the sirens recently during a brief test. Two of the sirens are located on water tanks and a third one, which many years ago was mounted on top of the old fire station, has been retrieved from the current fire station and will be installed on the water company building at the Transfer Site.

One of the sirens has been switched over to a remote activation system that allows it to be activated remotely by phone or via an office computer instead of manually onsite. That is the siren that was recently tested in the Zermatt area. As soon as the other two sirens have been switched over to a remote system, we will coordinate a test of all three sirens to determine their effective range and we will be reach-

ing out to residents with enough advance notice to assist us in evaluating the range of the sirens. Unfortunately, the transitions of the remaining two sirens and tests will not occur until the end of August or first of September.

After we test the sirens, we will then meet with the fire department to establish an activation protocol. We will also evaluate the coverage of the sirens to determine if additional sirens will be needed. I want to thank the water company for helping us with this important endeavor to help keep our members and residents safe.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and spending quality time with your friends and family.

Be safe, stay healthy, and please be positive.

This message is based in part on the Chairman's Report from the July 15, 2023 Board Meeting.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of July 15, 2023. Complete minutes are available at the business office or online at www.pinemountainclub.net after their approval at the next board meeting. In the regular open meeting, Chairman Bill Lewis II called the meeting to order at 10.00 a.m. Nine directors attended: Cam Acosta, Mark Bailey, Richard Ballard, Jennifer Emett, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, Brad Hudson, Bill Lewis II, and Ellen McClellan. Also in attendance were General Manager Todd Greisen and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director Ballard that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of July 15, 2023 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director Emett to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

There were twenty (20) committee applications for approval.

Chairman Bill Lewis II presented the chairman's report. General Manager Todd Greisen presented the general manager's report. Director Ellen McClellan presented the treasurer's report.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

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

There were zero (0) cottage industry permits requested.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director Hudson to approve **RESOLUTION #01-07-15-2023**, Association Rule 3.10 Update. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director Acosta to approve **RESOLUTION #02-07-15-2023**, Bylaw 10.02 (Formation and Purpose of Assessment) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Ballard, **SECOND** by Director Emett to approve **RESOLUTION #03-07-15-2023**, Bylaw 10.03 (Budget formation) as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Ballard to approve **RESOLUTION #04-07-15-2023**, allocating \$50,000 not to exceed (NTE) from carryover funds to the California Highway Patrol). Directors Bailey and Hudson opposed. Directors Acosta, Ballard, Emett, Gabriel, Gilbert, and McClellan approved. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Ballard to approve **RESOLUTION #05-07-15-2023**, \$150,292 to Gwynne Pugh Urban Studios for additional and outside services for the revitalization project as specified plus a 10% contingency using a combination of allocated funds and reserves). Director Bailey opposed. Directors Acosta, Ballard,

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Treasurer's Report

Full financial packets are available for viewing at <https://www.pinemountainclub.net/group/pages/financials>.

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
As of June 30, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	5,177,508	5,164,638	12,870	
Operations/Maintenance	314,889	276,990	37,899	
Social Activity	670,279	720,725	(50,446)	
Projects	45,003	57,000	(11,997)	
Interest Income (Operating)	29,234	17,111	12,123	
Total Revenue	6,236,912	6,236,464	448	
Payroll Summary				
Wages	(2,373,145)	(2,477,922)	104,777	
Benefits	(404,624)	(407,124)	2,500	
Taxes	(201,485)	(218,756)	17,271	
Worker's Comp	(64,462)	(103,290)	38,828	
Total Payroll Expense	(3,043,715)	(3,207,092)	163,377	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	(1,929,350)	(1,940,354)	11,004	
Social Activity	(375,969)	(384,818)	8,849	
Operating Projects	(31,581)	(112,202)	80,621	
Designated Fund Projects	(178,673)	(186,927)	8,254	
Reserve Contribution	(547,200)	(547,200)	0	
Total Operating Expenses	(3,062,773)	(3,171,501)	108,728	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(220,120)	(220,120)	0	
Assets purchased	(17,059)	0	(17,059)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	11,360	0	11,360	
Total Other Transactions	(225,819)	(220,120)	(5,699)	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(95,395)	(362,249)	266,854	
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,695,620	4,691,671	3,949	0.08%
22/23 Assessment Collection Update	5,168,214	5,079,771	88,443	1.71%
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2022 *	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases and Adjustments	Ending Balance Current Period
Reserve Fund Update	0	264,113	(181,447)	82,666
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,559,493			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	4,175,616			

Respectfully Submitted

Ellen L. McClellan

Ellen L. McClellan (Jul 13, 2023 11:11 PDT)
Ellen McClellan / Treasurer
7/15/2023

* Due to the auditor's recommendation during the 21/22 audit, the Reserve fund beginning balance has been moved to contract liability. See Reserve financial statement for more detail.

---General Manager's Update---

Todd Greisen, CACM, CMCA, AMS

It's great to be here serving the community as your new general manager. For the month of June, PMC actually had two general managers in action. I had the privilege of working with your now-retired GM, Karin Shulman, to learn more about the day-to-day operations of the Association. In the world of community management, transition time like that is not always possible. So, I'm thankful to have had that time to be better prepared to begin full responsibility for PMC operations as of July 1.

Right out of the gate, we faced challenges with unexpected loss of staff and some pool issues. Those of you who are on our email distribution list are already aware that an important underwater valve cover was damaged in late June. This missing part required us to close the pool on the 21st, which started a chain-reaction of overheating of the

water. Then, over the July 4th weekend, we had a larger-than-anticipated weekend crowd in the pool – larger than past Independence Day crowds. The weekend heat and combination of 100-plus people in the pool made the water conditions additionally challenging, with some reported to have not rinsed in the showers before entering the pool. Excessive body oils and lotions can make the pool water very cloudy. With chemical rebalancing, we were able to bring the pool back to normal by Monday of the holiday weekend. Within a few days following that, we were also able to get the water temperature back to normal. I appreciate your patience as we worked through these challenges.

To mitigate future challenges like these, we've contracted with a commercial pool expert. Already, he's discovered some pump issues that could lead to additional pool shutdowns. So, we're taking steps to bring these pumps back to full operational condition as soon as possible.

In other PMC operations news, we

had a rainout for June's Concert on the Greens, but a very successful one in July with Kingston Tree playing reggae and 80's classics. It followed immediately after the village's Wine in the Pines. Kids' camps have been going on through July and into August. Basketball courts are getting long-overdue goal replacements. Some roads are scheduled for resealing this summer, which will extend their life before complete resurfacing will be required. The golf course is experiencing good use through tournaments and regular play. The greens and fairways have benefited from the heavy snow and rainy season, along with staff efforts to improve conditions. Equestrian Center operations continue to run smoothly, except for the recent passing of a rescue horse that could not be saved despite a veterinarian's best efforts. Restaurant operations and entertainment are also going well, in spite of being short-staffed. Hiring additional staff is in progress. Other operations are also running smoothly, with only minor hiccups to the services they provide.

Overall, my goal is to improve operational efficiencies, to ensure the best value is provided for member assessments. I've identified some areas where pending improvements will streamline administrative processes that should have a positive impact on future budgets. Also, I hope to make improvements to amenities that will bring greater value to your assessments, while managing our costs. I welcome ideas that members would like to share with me regarding potential improvements.



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FINES

The following fines were imposed by the Board of Directors at their executive session on July 15 (2023) for the violations listed:

- \$500 for EC Code 7.12A (unapproved paint color)
- \$1,000, EC Code 7.22D.3 (RV storage, 2nd violation)
- \$250 for Rule 4.11 (unleashed dog)
- \$250 for Rule 4.13 (excessive dog barking)
- \$1,500 for EC Code 7.13A (debris, weeds, fire hazard, 3rd violation)
- \$2,000 for EC Code 717 (maintenance of lot, 3rd violation)
- \$500 for Rule 18.07 (disposal of construction material)
- \$1,000 for EC Code 7.17 (maintenance of lot)
- \$2,250 for Rule 4.13 (excessive dog barking, 4th violation)

- \$250 for Rule 18.07 (disposal of construction material)
- \$500 for Rule 7.04 (food left unattended outside, 3rd violation)
- \$2,000 for EC Code 7.17 (maintenance of lot, 3rd violation)
- \$1,000 for EC Code 7.02 (unpermitted construction, 3rd violation)
- \$1,000 for EC Code 7.17 (maintenance of lot)
- \$500 for EC Code 7.12A (unapproved paint color)
- \$500 for EC Code 7.12D (repainting without permit)
- \$250 for Rule 3.06 (littering)
- \$500 for Rule 18.07 (disposal of construction material)

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Emett, Gabriel, Gilbert, Hudson, and McClellan approved. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy B-15 (Employee Contacts). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director Ballard to approve Business Policy B-17 (Employee Incentive Bonus Program). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy B-18 (Implementation of Employee Raise Pool Allocations). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director Hudson to sanction the Speak Easy Theater/WAG Club). **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received six (6) items of correspondence.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on Aug. 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Want to Talk With the Board Chairman?

If members would like to speak with the Chairman of the PMC Board of Directors, there is a way in which to do so.

Chairman Bill Lewis II meets with members, primarily via phone or email, to provide members with the opportunity to vent, inform, question, enlighten, propose a solution or put an end to issues and concerns they believe the Board should know about.

To speak with Chairman Lewis II, contact the Business Office, or send inquiries or comments via email to pmcboard@pmcpoa.com. When sending emails, please put "Attention: Chairman Lewis" in the subject line.

Fern's Lake Reminder

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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 the members'-only side of the PMC website at www.pinemountainclub.net. Anonymous submissions will not be published, and individual submissions of a more personal nature that don't pertain to the membership in general may not be published.

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!

COMPLAINTS

I'm writing in reference to the current

pool situation. Allegedly, the thermostat was broken early this week. No immediate action was taken, and five days later, the pool has reached 90 degrees. This renders the pool useless for the sake of cooling down on a hot holiday weekend and means members have also paid a lot of money to heat the water to this uncomfortable temperature. I am also basing all of this information on hearsay, as no official communication has been released to members regarding this issue or its resolution, which is equally problematic as the pool itself.

This brings me to my next concern -- transparency and the role of the GM. The General Manager plays a huge role in guiding daily operations in our community, the priorities we have, and the direction we're heading. I'm wondering why members don't have a more active role in the hiring process and selection of the GM. It seems we're only told after the fact without any power to affect the outcome. I'm wondering if this can't be changed. It also seems that there should be more transparency and communication about when one leaves and one begins, so that we as members know the appropriate point of contact for our concerns at any given time -- especially if an emergency should arise.

Response: Thank you for your com-

ments, received on July 2. Regarding the multiple pool challenges we had at the end of June and into July, we sent out an email update on July 3, and sent additional updates as the month progressed. Hopefully, you saw those emails explaining the details about the problems we faced and the resolutions. If not, please sign up for our email list to get the most up-to-date and accurate information directly from PMC. To follow up on the July 3 email, I'll add that other mechanical and chemical issues have been discovered and are being addressed as they arise. In addition to the certified staff members monitoring pool conditions daily, we are contracting with a certified pool service professional to add oversight and expertise in solving equipment malfunctions that can sometimes contribute to water quality issues.

Regarding the hiring of me -- your new General Manager -- Civil Code § 4935(a) provides for several topics that should be handled in Board of Directors' executive sessions (non-open meetings). Among these topics are personnel matters, including but not limited to hiring, disciplinary matters, firing, and salaries. The interviewing and hiring process has been described in multiple open session board meetings, including the Feb. 18, 2023 meeting when it was announced that I'd be taking the position effective July 1 following the retirement of PMC's previous GM. I actually came on duty June 1 to spend the month with our former GM to make the transition as smooth as possible. You'll continue to hear more about the daily operations in my open session monthly reports and in the Condor. And in case you missed it, July's Condor had an article telling you more about me and my qualifications. I am available at my predecessor's same email address: gm@pmcpoa.com, and members are welcome to reach out to me there.

Todd F. Greisen, CACM, CMCA, AMS
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The 23rd annual Run to the Pines Auto Show in PMC is on Saturday, Sept. 2. The show is located in the Village beginning at 9am. Vehicles of all kinds and ages are welcome, and there will be live music, vendors, food and more for the entire family. There are awards and T-shirts for registered entrants. Registration after Aug. 1 and on the day of the show is \$40. This event will take place rain or shine! Enter today at www.runtothepinesautoshow.com. For more information, email to info@runtothepinesautoshow.com.

The editorial and advertising deadline for the September 2023 Condor is Monday, Aug. 14, 2023.

Condor Viewing Booth

Here is something fun and educational you can do this summer: There is a California Condor Viewing Booth from 10am to 3pm on the first and third Saturdays through September.

The booth is located on Hudson Ranch Road (west of PMC between PMC and Highway 33) at the Bitter Creek NWR sign. Look for the shade canopy. For more information, visit www.friendsofcondors.org/events, or email Helen Johnson ki-osc@friendsofcondors.org.

Pickle Ball

**Mon, 9-11am
Wed, 7-9pm
Sat, 9-11am**

Pickle ball players generally gather to play during the above days and times, though times are subject to change.

Condor Cafe Hours

Breakfast and Lunch

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

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

Sundays: Breakfast & Lunch in the Lounge with a full bar.

The Condor Café is open for inside dining for breakfast and lunch. Patio seating is available. Takeout is also available; please call 661-242-2233.

Dinner

**Thursday Night Special
4 to 7:30 pm**

**Fridays and Saturdays
4 to 8:30 pm**

The Condor Lounge is open for dinners on Thursdays from 4-7:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays 4-8:30pm. (The Bar is also open Thursdays through Saturdays.) Walk-ins are welcome. If you have a party of four or more, we request a reservation. You can call the café any time during our hours of operation at 661-242-2233 to place your reservation with a server. Takeout is available for dinner Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

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them in the process.

For an example of bird and tree helping one another, we have our loud, obvious jays and a very common pine tree. The single-leaf Pinyon Pine is the prominent pine



Fig. 2: The California Sister is truly a California butterfly (BB).

tree thriving on our drier slopes. Both California Scrub-jay (Fig. 7) and Steller's Jay (Fig. 8) are attracted to the large nutritious nuts of this pine. These jays bury their nuts in many different places in soft humus soil. This is ideal for the reproductive success of the Pinyon Pine, because, as smart as jays are, they will forget where they stored some of their nuts.

There is native tobacco growing locally. It is often called Indian tobacco. Its foliage has been used for medicinal and



Fig. 3: California Sisters find both water and nutrients at a muddy spring (BB).

ceremonial purposes, but is quite toxic. The long tubular flowers suggest pollination by an animal that can reach down into the flower. The tobacco produces white flowers that open mostly at night (Fig. 9). Their animal

partners are night-time moths that are attracted by the easily visible white color.

In addition to many native plant/animal cooperatives, some introduced garden plants attract pollinators. Buddleia, also called Butterfly Bush, is a hardy fast-growing bush with bright blue



Fig. 4: Monarch butterflies have remarkable migration patterns (MM).

Photographers

Bill Buchroeder (BB)
Liz Buchroeder (LB)
Mary McDevitt (MM)



Fig. 5: Western Monarchs overwinter in large flocks along the California coast (BB).

inflorescence. It grows well in Pine Mountain Club. True to its common name, it is visited during summer by several butterflies, including the Western Tiger Swallowtail (Fig. 10). Hummingbirds hover over the foliage

seeking nectar (Fig. 11).

High up on Mt. Pinos, a beautiful blue flag grows in a lush meadow often called Iris Meadow. A native bumblebee has discovered this one (Fig. 12).



Fig. 6: Monarch caterpillars feed only on species of milkweed (MM).

No living creature exists by itself. There are innumerable patterns of connections between organisms. It is vital to leave the

natural ecosystems as undisturbed as possible.



Fig. 7: Nut-laden Pinyon Pine trees attract the California Scrub-jay (BB).

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Fig. 8: This Steller's Jay will probably forget where it stores some of its pine nuts (MM).

Fig. 9: This native tobacco is beginning to open its white flowers in the evening (BB).



Fig. 10: Western Tiger Swallowtails are attracted to the Buddleia Bush (MM).



Fig. 11: A female Anna's Hummingbird finds a Buddleia growing in a PMC garden (MM).



Fig. 12: This Mountain Wild Iris has been discovered by a Yellow-faced Bumblebee (MM).

Community Picnics in the Park Ongoing

The Wednesday "Picnics in the Park" at Lampkin Park group picnic area 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. It's a great time to meet new people. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 242-1094.

Don't Forget to Provide Your P.O. Box Number
Please remember to provide your post office box number to anyone who is sending you something. The PMC Post Office receives a lot of mail that has to be returned to the sender because it does not have a post office box number on it.

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Golf, Swim Camps Wrap Up 2023 Season

The final summer camps of the season take place this month. Golf Camp is offered Aug. 9-11 from 9:30-11am and is taught by Cody Rose. The camp is for ages 8-12, and there are 12 spots available. Swim Camp was rescheduled from mid-July and is now July 31 and Aug. 2 and 4. Camps cost \$35. Sign up in the Business Office.

Condor Lounge Hours

Thu, 4-10 p.m.

Fri, 4-11 p.m.

Sat, 4-11 p.m.



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Entertainment Line-Up:

Friday nights 7-10pm

Saturday nights 7-11pm

Friday, Aug. 4

**7-10pm -- Brendan Coyle
& Andrew Heath
(Acoustic Rock)**

Saturday, Aug. 5

**7-11pm -- The Sidemen
(Danceable Rock 'n' Roll,
Blues, Funk & Country)**

Friday, Aug. 11

**7-10pm -- Asher
Nicholson (Folksy &
Mellow)**

Saturday, Aug. 12

**(Community Appreciation Day)
12:30-3:30pm -- Pavilion
Deck: Journey in Time
(‘60s & ‘70s Soft Rock,
Folk & Country)**

**4-7pm -- Concert on
Greens: 4 Lads from**

**Liverpool (Beatles Tribute
Band)**

**7-11pm -- The Dive Bar
Messiahs (‘60’s & ‘70’s
Classic Rock)**

Friday, Aug. 18

**7-10pm -- Bandit
(Mix of Classic Rock,
Blues & Country)**

Saturday, Aug. 19

**7-11pm -- Meridian (Music
from ‘60s, ‘70s & ‘80s)**

Friday, Aug. 25

**7-10pm -- Steve Wilkinson
(Hipster Fun)**

Saturday, Aug. 26

**7-11pm -- Journey in Time
‘60s & ‘70s Soft Rock, Folk
& Country)**

PMC Fitness Classes

Yoga with Deb

*Every Tues/Thurs at 12pm
(No class Aug. 1, 3 & 10)*

Please bring a yoga mat and some water.

Water Aerobics with Stefani

*Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-11am
(No class Aug. 2 & 4)*

Classes \$5, payable to the instructors.

Condor Room / Pool

Member & Guest Card Information

If you have any questions regarding member cards, guest cards, pool key cards, or member card stickers, please call (661) 242-3788, ext. 225, or email to adminclerk@pmcpoa.com Monday through Friday.

Please remember to always carry your member or guest card with you in PMC. You may be asked to present it at the Transfer Site or in the Clubhouse.

Also, if you are asked to show your ID in the Lounge, please do so, otherwise you will not be served any alcoholic drinks. Thank you.

Sunday Markets in the Village Ongoing

The Sunday Markets at the gazebo in the Village will continue on the first and third Sundays through September. The markets are from noon to 4pm and feature multiple vendors, including fresh produce, crafted creations, baked goods, chair massage and more. Come out and enjoy the bounty!

Greenbelt Reminder:

Riding dirt bikes in greenbelts or on hiking trails within PMC is not allowed, due to fire hazard.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Most committees meet live. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.

Tuesday, Aug. 1 (First Tuesday)
6 pm **Communications ZOOM**

Friday, Aug. 4 (First Friday)
9am **Greens and Grounds Pro Shop**
2 pm **Environmental Control Condor Room**

Saturday, Aug. 5 (First Saturday)
9 am **Governing Documents ZOOM**
1 pm **Planning Pavilion**

Wednesday, Aug. 16 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)
5 pm **Budget & Finance Condor Room**

Saturday, Aug. 19 (Third Saturday)
10 am **PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Room**

Saturday, Aug. 26 (Fourth Saturday)
9 am **Emergency Preparedness Pavilion**
10:30 am **CERT CERT Facility (Pavilion when cold)**

Rec Room Hours:

12-5pm Every Day through Aug. 15

As of Aug. 16, the Rec Room will be open Friday through Sunday Noon-5pm

Arts and Crafts for Kids
Sundays, 3-5pm in Rec Rm

PMC Pool Hours

8am-10am Daily -- Morning Lap Swim

10am-7pm Daily -- Open Swim

(Except on Mon, Wed & Fri, opens at 11am)

7pm-8pm Daily -- Evening Lap Swim

10-11am Mon, Wed & Fri -- Water Aerobics



Line Dance Class

A Line Dance class will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 11am to 12pm in the Condor Room. Come learn the Knockin' Boots.

GUILD ACTIVITIES

Every Monday and 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
10-3 . Lace Guild . Pavilion

Second/Fourth/Fifth Wednesdays
9-3 . Quilt Comfort Zone . Pavilion

First Thursday
6:00 pm . Quilt Guild Business Mtg . Pavilion (April through December)

Every Friday
9-3 . Quilt & Chat & More Pavilion