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Property Owners Association, Inc.

## Emergency Preparedness Radio Safety Net



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The PMC community has always pulled together to assist one another in times of emergency.

To improve our Emergency Preparedness Committee's efforts, PMCPOA has started a **Radio Safety Net (RSN)**. This links volunteers across PMC, who monitor situations in their own neighborhoods and exchange critical information with fellow RSN members, Patrol, and local agencies. When other communication lines are down, this system is a vital lifeline.

**We are recruiting volunteers throughout PMC right now!** We will teach you everything you need to know about obtaining, setting up, and using specified radios [FRS and GMRS] to help keep our community connected.

### 2 FEBRUARY MEETINGS

*Thursday, Feb. 8, 8pm via Zoom*

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dancing, or for family arts and crafts  
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information.



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## Earthquake Brace Bolt Grant Program Open Through Feb. 21

*James Douglass, Emergency Preparedness Committee*

If an earthquake were to strike near PMC, a seismic retrofit may help keep your home standing. From now until Feb. 21, 2024, residents of zip code 93225 with homes built before 1980 can apply for grants of up to \$3,000 towards the cost of a seismic retrofit. If your annual household income is less than \$87,360, the program may cover the entire cost of the retrofit.

The registration form is very simple and just asks for some basic information about your home. Grant recipients are randomly selected from those who apply. This grant program is offered each year.

For more information and to apply, click here: [www.earthquakebracebolt.com](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com).

## Recap of the Clubhouse Revitalization Project

*Bill Lewis, PMCPOA Board Chairman*

A recap of the clubhouse revitalization project was posted on the association's website in late December using excerpts from the Condor newsletter that have been shared with members since September 2020.

These excerpts have been shared to show the history of the current project's evolution with respect to potential financing options and the continual transparency of the project, making it clear that final decisions regarding the actual construction of any portion or phase will not be decided until the costs are determined.

For some members, this recap is a refresher and will merely be a review of the project. For newer members, this recap will bring you up to speed on the actions taken over the past few years.

You may access the recap under "Clubhouse Revitalization Project" by visiting here: [pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/pmcpoa-governing-documents](http://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/pmcpoa-governing-documents). (Please note that you will need to be logged in to the members' side of the website to view the recap.)

## Want to Run for the Board? Submit a Letter of Intent

*PMCPOA Staff*

The association is now accepting Letters of Intent to run for the Board of Directors. There will be three openings with a three-year term each for the next fiscal year. Letters must be on a single sheet of 8x11 paper. The deadline for turning in Letters of Intent to the business office is Tuesday, March 26.

This year's election will take place on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

## Our World of Nature

### Our Precious Water

*Lynn Stafford with Liz & Bill Buchroeder and Terre Ashmore*

Our modern society has a complex relationship with water. On one hand, it is widely accepted that all life is based on water. Most plant and animal bodies, including ours, consist mostly of water. Water is essential for drinking, cooking, agriculture and much of our civilized lives. Also, the living landscapes of the world depend upon water.



**Fig. 1: Water from the Gorman Hills percolates into the seasonal seismic sag pond (BB).**

However, it is also true that modern human cultures tend to degrade the earth's water resources. Massive engineering feats, such as the California Aqueduct, forcefully divert water from river systems to supply human activity in other, drier regions. Water is disrespected by being polluted, wasted and regarded as an enemy. People may have positive feelings toward ocean waves, babbling brooks and snow-covered landscapes. However, our society has paved over much of the land surfaces and then blamed water for flooding. Water has been pushed down channels to the ocean, and not allowed to refill underground aquifers by natural percolation.

I mention this difficult issue because our local mountain communities from Gorman to Pine Mountain Club (PMC) have not

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# Tips for Generator Safety

*PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee*

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snowfalls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

Here are safety tips to keep in mind:

- 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. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- 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.

**Remember...** When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

**FACT:** CO deaths associated with generators have spiked in recent years as generator sales have risen.

**Source for Safety Information:** *National Fire Protection Association – Public Education Division, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169, [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)*

## Wintertime Bear Safety Tips for PMC

*PMCPOA Staff*

Most bears typically hibernate starting late December. However, some bears remain wandering in PMC even during winter.

Please check your property — check crawlspace doors, skirting, vents and underneath low-to-the-ground decking to make sure no bear is residing on your property.

Continue to keep vehicles locked with no scented items inside, including scented air freshener. Remove child car seats and wash the car seat frequently! There is a vacuum / car wash facility in Frazier Park and at the Outlets at Tejon. Never

store food nor scented items in crawlspaces, sheds or garages.

Lock your doors to your homes, garages and sheds — do not ever leave them unlocked, as bears can open unlocked doors.

***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](mailto:gm@pmcpoa.com) and we will add your email address to your member account. Thank you, Todd Greisen, GM***

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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.

## PMCPOA Patrol Service Calls for December

*Compiled by Patrice Stimpson, Patrol Chief*

During the month of December 2023, Patrol responded to 361 calls for service.

Observations and calls included:

STR		#	YTD (fiscal)
2	Enforcement	114	464
1	Citations	4	23
1	Written Warnings	1	2
	Incident Reports	0	1
	Public Assists	153	935
	House/alarm checks	21	95
	Agency Assists	1	41
	Animal Control	11	34
	Conflicts	2	22
	Deaths reported	1	6
	General complaints	20	116
	Injury	0	2
	Medical	0	0
	Suspicious incidents	12	59
	Traffic incidents	1	10
	Welfare checks	7	23
	Wildlife	11	552
	STR CALL TOTALS	2	7
	Other:		
	Other:		

## Discounted Ambulance Service Plans Offered Through PMCPOA

PMCPOA is again offering the membership an opportunity to sign up for the EmergiCare Membership Plan, an annual membership program offered by Hall Ambulance Service that offers ambulance services at a discounted group rate.

With an EmergiCare membership, if it is medically necessary for you to require emergency transport by Hall Ambulance, you will not have to pay any additional charges. The base rate for an advanced life support transport is \$2,095.61. However, as an EmergiCare member, your household's annual, maximum out-of-pocket is \$125, and under the PMCPOA group program, that amount drops to \$100 for the one-year plan. By signing up through the association, you receive the discounted group rate, saving \$25. 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 PMCPOA office. Members are to send completed forms and checks directly to Hall Ambulance Service, 1001 21st St., Bakersfield, CA 93301 by the end of February. If you have questions, call the Hall Ambulance administrative office at (661) 334-5419. PMCPOA employees must return forms and checks to the PMCPOA office.

## 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 [adminclerk@pmcpoa.com](mailto: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.

**Wishing you happy holidays and a happy New Year!**

**Ellie Melili**  
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## Wintertime Reminders

*PMCPOA Staff*

A reminder that if cars are parked on the street, your street will not be plowed. The plows slip and slide on ice and could run into cars parked on the street. To keep our drivers and your vehicles safe, they will not plow your street if a car or cars are parked on the street. Association Rule, Article 6: 6.06 reads in part: "Parking on Association roads, including unpaved as well as paved portions thereof, is not permitted."

Also, please remember not to park at the end of your driveway near the street if it's snowing or expected to snow. The plows could throw snow and ice as they are going past and could damage your car. It's best to keep your car as far back from the street as possible.

In preparation for plowing, the PMCPOA Maintenance Department has been trimming vegetation along the side of the roads to lessen strikes by the snow vehicles, especially when branches may be weighted down with snow. Please watch out for the workers.

To check on up-to-date weather in our area, you can visit one of the below websites. Our zip code is 93222.

[www.weather.com/](http://www.weather.com/)

[www.frazmtn.com/](http://www.frazmtn.com/)

[www.noaa.gov/](http://www.noaa.gov/)

[www.mountainenterprise.com/](http://www.mountainenterprise.com/)

[www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)

To check how much snow each of the mountain communities has received and which roads are open, visit [www.frazmtn.com/fmcoc/snowcond.htm](http://www.frazmtn.com/fmcoc/snowcond.htm).

# Valentines Dinner

Wednesday February 14th  
PMC Condor Room & Lounge

4:00-7:30pm

Featuring the band Meridian 5-9pm

### Special Menu:

#### *Appetizers:*

**CALAMARI- \$13.95**

**CLASSIC SHRIMP COCKTAIL- \$13.95**

#### *Entrees:*

**SLOW ROASTED PRIME RIB SERVED WITH BAKED POTATO & SEASONAL VEGETABLE- \$30.00**

**BLACKENED CRAB BEURRE BLANC SALMON SERVED WITH BAKED POTATO & SEASONAL VEGETABLE- \$29.00**

**CHICKEN DINNER SERVED WITH BAKED POTATO & SEASONAL VEGETABLE- \$22.00**

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**8:30am - 5pm Daily**

**\* 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.**

**\* Please do not leave trash outside the gate of the Transfer site. This is for your safety and the safety of the bears.**

**Please Help! We cannot accept hot ashes at the Transfer Site!**

**Please water your ashes down before you place them in the large gray ash container. Hot ashes cause problems for Mountain Disposal related to hauling it out of PMC. The landfill could begin refusing to receive ashes from Pine Mountain Club POA. Once again, we ask for your help. If you arrive at the Transfer Site with hot ashes, staff will ask you to water them down in your container prior to disposal.**



**New! Piano Bar**

**The association has been gifted a lovely piano, so we've added a piano bar to the live music lineup. Watch for announcements of pianists performing 5-7pm on Friday and Saturday evenings.**

**FINES**

The Board of Directors imposed fines at their executive session on Jan. 20 (2024) for the following violations:

1. EC Code 21.30 (marijuana cultivation)
2. Rule 6.05 (driving in responsible manner)
3. Rule 4.13 (excessive barking, third violation)
4. Rule 4.07 (dog left outside unattended)
5. Rule 22.02 (unregistered STR, 2nd violation)
6. Rule 22.03A (TOT certificate required, 2nd violation)
7. EC Code 21.01 (no building permit)
8. EC Code 21.16G (fence maintenance)
9. EC Code 21.23A (inoperable vehicle)
10. EC Code 21.25 (lot maintenance)
11. EC Code 21.25 (lot maintenance)

12. EC Code 21.20A (fire hazard)
13. EC Code 21.25 (lot maintenance)
14. EC Code 21.20A (fire hazard)
15. EC Code 21.25 (lot maintenance, 2nd violation)
16. EC Code 21.25 (lot maintenance, 4th violation)
17. EC Code 21.01 (no building permit, 2nd violation)
18. EC Code 21.20D (fireworks)

**Recycling Reminder:**

**Don't forget, the PMC-POA Transfer Site accepts recycling of cardboard, bottles and cans and more, and is open seven days a week. Let's help keep our beautiful community clean.**

**PMC Facebook Page**

**The only OFFICIAL PMCPOA Facebook page can be accessed at**

**[www.facebook.com/pmcpoa](http://www.facebook.com/pmcpoa)**

# A Message from the Chairman

**Bill Lewis II**  
[pmcboard@pmcpoa.com](mailto:pmcboard@pmcpoa.com)

I had interesting conversations recently with a few members regarding emergency preparedness in general and the plans for the clubhouse improvements. As we prepare for the upcoming budget, I think it's critical that we prioritize any funding that will assist us in being better prepared for and responding to any disasters.



**Bill Lewis II**

We have done a good job in my opinion preparing for and educating our members about potential situations related to snow and fire emergencies – but we often overlook the likelihood of an earthquake that may isolate us on this mountain. Earthquakes often work their way into our conversations, and we know one of our closest neighbors is the San Andreas Fault, but are we truly prepared?

I was told, but have not confirmed, that the San Andreas Fault crosses Mil Potrero Highway 13 times between PMC and the Y. If that's true and we have a major earthquake, the chances of the highway buckling and becoming impassable are highly likely. The same conditions may apply to the highway going west. We may be isolated here for a significant amount of time. Are we prepared individually and as an association?

If people require medical attention beyond normal first aid if the roads are impassable, how will they get transported if helicopters are not available or availability is inadequate to address the needs of the

community? Are we prepared to hike out of PMC with people requiring emergency medical attention if necessary?

I am encouraged that the Emergency Preparedness committee is actively addressing these issues and determining how to best prepare and proceed not only for earthquakes but snow and fire emergencies including the progress of EP's Radio Safety Net program. I applaud these efforts and thank those participating. I know they are getting volunteers, and they are still looking to recruit more. Are you willing to donate a little of your time for a worthy cause?

Regarding the clubhouse and concerns regarding emergency preparedness, will the clubhouse building stand up to a major earthquake that may require us to use the building as a central gathering point, provide for an emergency operations center, offer temporary shelter with ADA accessibility, and utilize it as a staging area to address the needs of the community if we are isolated? If needed, does our kitchen have enough resources and storage to help feed people for a week?

Are the codes and standards from 50 years ago when this building was constructed the same as today to address earthquakes? Without having done further research, I can say that I don't know but I doubt it. I have reached out to the architect and project manager seeking answers.

I'm not sharing these practical and reasonable questions as scare tactics to garner extra support for the clubhouse remodel. I

think these questions should absolutely be included in the discussions and planning because they are important – critically important in my opinion – and these questions came from concerned members, not the board.

As we start to prepare the budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year, I need to appoint a working group to implement the timing and procedures in accordance with Business Policy E-14. That group will consist of treasurer Ellen McClellan, Budget and Finance Committee chair Elizabeth Peterson-Gower, board members Brad Hudson and Carolyn Gilbert, General Manager Todd Greisen, Accounting Manager Amber Sheppard, and the board chair (me).

Be safe, stay healthy, and please be positive.

*This message is based in part on the Chairman's Report from the Jan. 20, 2023 Board Meeting.*

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**Let's Live Local**

**Let's Live Local had a stellar year in 2023, and is looking ahead to accomplish great things in 2024, including trash/litter pickup contests, rain harvesting barrel offerings and assisting those with food insecurity. LLL is also continuing to provide pellet bags and ton deliveries throughout the mountainside, as well as pickup in PMC.**

**Please note that the only LLL contact for Golden Fire pellets is Debra at 310-704-9020.**

# PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

*Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary*

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of Jan. 20, 2024. 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. Nine directors attended: Cam Acosta, Mark Bailey, Richard Ballard, Jennifer Emett, Philip Gabriel, Carolyn Gilbert, Brad Hudson, Chairman 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 Acosta that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of Jan. 20, 2024 be adopted. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Emett, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to pull the "MOTION to

raise the Short-Term Rental Fee from \$250 to \$500 annually" from the agenda. Director McClellan opposed. Directors Acosta, Bailey, Ballard, Emett, Gabriel, Gilbert, and Hudson approved. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Gilbert, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to approve the draft minutes of the Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting Dec. 16, 2023. **MOTION** carried.

There were zero (0) committee applications for approval.

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

**MOTION** by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Acosta to ratify the Association's December 2023 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and

§5501. **MOTION** carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were four (4) Environmental Control Committee project recommendations and two (2) cottage industry permits requested.

### BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

### NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION** by Director Hudson, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to approve **RESOLUTION #01-01-20-2024**, the replacement of Article 22 Rentals, as submitted. Director Emett abstained. Director Lewis opposed. Directors Acosta, Bailey, Gabriel, Gilbert, Hudson, and McClellan approved. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Hudson, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to approve amending **RESOLUTION #01-01-20-2024**, the Whereas' to the replacement of Article 22 Rentals, as presented. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director Hudson, **SECOND** by Director Gabriel to approve **RESOLUTION #01-01-20-2024**, the replacement of Article 22 Rentals, bylaw corrections. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Director McClellan, **SECOND** by Director Gilbert to approve **Resolution #02-01-20-2024**, the purchase of the Post Office Building, NTE \$348,000, borrowing from the reserve, and paying the reserve back within 12 months. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received fourteen (14) items of correspondence.

The next regular open board meeting will take place on Feb. 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Condor Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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# Treasurer's Report

Full financial packets are available for viewing at [www.pinemountainclub.net/group/pages/financials](http://www.pinemountainclub.net/group/pages/financials).

**Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.  
Treasurer's Report  
As of December 31, 2023**

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse) Variance	
<b>Revenue</b>				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	2,792,709	2,787,404	5,305	
Operations/Maintenance	178,153	141,170	36,983	
Social Activity	384,748	385,530	(782)	
Projects	45,837	18,000	27,837	
Interest Income (Operating)	47,922	43,500	4,422	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,449,369</b>	<b>3,375,604</b>	<b>73,765</b>	
<b>Payroll Summary</b>				
Wages	(1,214,802)	(1,274,021)	59,219	
Benefits	(191,486)	(210,015)	18,529	
Taxes	(96,034)	(98,189)	2,155	
Worker's Comp	(32,085)	(49,548)	17,463	
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>(1,534,407)</b>	<b>(1,631,773)</b>	<b>97,366</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Operations/Maintenance	(1,232,067)	(1,224,034)	(8,033)	
Social Activity	(208,554)	(208,635)	81	
Operating Projects	(4,232)	(213,000)	208,768	
Designated Fund Projects	(131,699)	(168,237)	36,538	
Reserve Contribution	(353,106)	(353,106)	0	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>(1,929,658)</b>	<b>(2,167,012)</b>	<b>237,354</b>	
<b>Other Operating Transactions</b>				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	0	0	0	
Assets purchased	(167,884)	0	(167,884)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	(10,529)	0	(10,529)	
<b>Total Other Transactions</b>	<b>(178,413)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(178,413)</b>	
<b>Total Change in Operating Fund</b>	<b>(193,109)</b>	<b>(423,181)</b>	<b>230,072</b>	
	<b>Assessment Billed</b>	<b>Assessment Collected</b>	<b>Assessment Receivable</b>	<b>Assessment Receivable %</b>
<b>21/22 Assessment Collection Update</b>	4,695,620	4,694,603	1,017	0.02%
<b>22/23 Assessment Collection Update</b>	5,168,214	5,113,847	54,367	1.05%
<b>23/24 Assessment Collection Update</b>	5,584,507	5,359,156	225,351	4.04%
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2023 *	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases and Adjustments	Ending Balance Current Period
<b>Reserve Fund Update</b>	71,056	327,164	(234,435)	163,785
Operating Fund Cash Balance	2,195,296			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	4,717,359			

Respectfully Submitted



Ellen McClellan / Treasurer  
Saturday, January 20, 2024

\* 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---

PMC's New Year's Eve party was a great success, with live entertainment and a buffet dinner. Upcoming events here in the clubhouse are a Superbowl tailgate party and Valentine's Day events. Find more in-



*Todd Greisen*

formation about these events online and elsewhere in the Condor. Our recreation manager, along with the food and beverage staff, is also working on spring and summer events that we're very excited about. As plans are finalized, you'll be hearing more about them. We expect all these events will contribute to increased revenue and decrease member subscri-

dies of our amenities.

Winter storm preparations continue, and we learned a few additional lessons from our recent smaller storms. Among them, improvements have been made to our website's plowing map program, which gives residents near-real-time updates on what streets have been plowed. Street cindering updates have been added, which begins following a snowstorm, and after the plowing of all 43 miles of roads is completed. In addition, plans have been established to include partial plowing for access to key locations in the village – the post office, gas station, and the grocery store. Additional information about other plowing priorities is also being updat-

ed on our website. As a reminder, driveway snow berms are not plowed by PMC staff, unless you are on our "berm list." To learn more about how to qualify for that list, call or visit the office front desk.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee's Radio Safety Net (EP-RSN) continues to grow with new volunteers and training. This network, made up of resident volunteers throughout the community, is being established for major snow or other emergencies to assist with communications via mobile radios when other means of communication go down, as many of you experienced last winter. To learn more about the EP-RSN and volunteering, please contact the team leadership via email - [ep-rsn@pmcpoa.com](mailto:ep-rsn@pmcpoa.com). (Also see Feb. meeting dates on the back cover.)

We've begun implementation of new association management software that I expect will significantly streamline operations and reduce administrative costs over time. Most changes will be behind the scenes, not visible to the membership, such as accounting, restaurant management, and other staff functions. Changes visible to the membership will include a new website and smartphone app, where you'll be able to better interact with the POA. Our planned cutover date for these new systems is April 1st – just a couple of months away. As we draw closer, more information will be coming out. Meanwhile, members are encouraged to update their contact information (via the interactive form on the PMC website at [pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/business-office](http://pinemountainclub.net/web/pages/business-office) or in person at the office) to include receipt of PMC communications via email. You will also have the option to be notified of emergencies via text messages. These methods will provide you with the most up-to-date information from PMC.

Weather permitting, we continue outdoor amenity improvements. Our dog park is next on the list to get a needed upgrade in the coming weeks. Dog owners can go check it out sometime this month. We're also making some minor improvements to the tennis courts in the coming weeks. Although the pool is closed, we've recently made some equipment repairs and improvements that we hope will mitigate the system troubles we had last year.

## Superbowl Bash February 11th

### PMC Condor Room & Lounge

### 1-6pm

### Happy Hour All Night!

*Flame Broiled Outside Grill:*  
Angus Burgers//Bratwurst//Louisiana Hots

*Buffet:*  
**Baked Beans**  
**Potato Salad**  
**Potato Jalapeno Poppers**  
**Mixed Greens Salad**  
**Korean BBQ Swedish Meatballs**  
**Potato Chips**  
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## COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS

**PMCP OA 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](http://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.**

**Monthly CCC recap: For the February 2024 CCC column, there was one submission from the lobby box, and there were no online submissions. The one submission is published here.**

Thank you for your submissions to the Compliments, Concerns, and Complaints Box. It takes a village to run a village, and your care and concern help keep PMC the wonderful place we love. The CCC box in the lobby and the online version on the PMCP OA website exist to allow members to voice their compliments, concerns or complaints publicly when appropriate. Once a submission is received, it is directed to General Manag-

er Todd Greisen, who writes the response or sends the submission to the appropriate staff member or department to write the response.

When you submit to the CCC boxes, look for responses in the next month’s edition of the Condor. (Note that the monthly submission deadline for the Condor is the Monday before the Board of Directors meeting.) 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!

### **SUGGESTION**

- I wish we could bring back the monthly Jam Sessions (in the Spring). They were so much fun. I really miss those good times!

**Response:** The clubhouse staff is currently working on expanding regularly scheduled entertainment options and events. We’re also increasing coordination with the PMC village for their annual community events. Pay attention to the calendars and other announcements as we get back to the “good times!”

### **Please Obey One-Way Traffic Signs**

*There have been recent incidents of vehicles violating the one-way flow of traffic on Antelope Way. Please obey all posted traffic signs in our community and stay safe.*

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### **Pickleball**

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

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

*If the courts are not being used, anyone can come and play tennis or pickleball outside of scheduled pickleball times.*

## Archery Club Renewal Time

*It's time to sign up or renew your Archery Club membership. Membership runs Jan. 1 – Dec. 31.*

*The cost of membership is \$15 for individuals or \$20 for a family.*

*Call or come by the business office to sign up or renew, or call 661-242-3788, Ext. 201.*

*The editorial and advertising deadline for the March 2024 Condor is Monday, Feb. 12, 2024.*



## Breakfast with Santa

*The Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 23 was lots of fun for PMC families. A delicious breakfast menu was offered, and Santa and his elf, Erin, were on hand for photo opportunities. Thanks to all who came out for the festive holiday event.*





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damaged our local natural water resources to the extent that has occurred in most of California. I would like to explore the reasons.

First, we have a limited human population compared to much of California.



**Fig. 2: Gorman Sag Pond is vitally important for migratory birds including these great egrets (BB).**

Second, water for our homes and businesses still comes from our own underground natural aquifers through personal and water company wells. That means our existence here does not depend on water being transported from afar by aqueducts. If we use too much water, it quickly becomes a

serious issue because it is our local water. That means it is our problem and we have to solve it by balancing our water usage with local water resources. Also, we do not disrespect the natural cycle of water very much. Local stream beds are not concrete channels. Most of the water that falls as rain and snow is allowed to percolate into the ground, thereby recharging underground aquifers. Our water run-off is not forced down gutters and



**Fig. 3: The surface of PMC's wetlands hides the wealth of water beneath (LB).**

channels to distant locations, such as the ocean. The current domestic water supply problems in some of our local communities are due to more water being pumped out of the aquifers than is being recharged. These are local problems and can be solved locally through water conservation and limitation on future devel-

**Photographers**

**Bill Buchroeder (BB)**  
**Liz Buchroeder (LB)**  
**Gail Patterino (GP)**



**Fig. 4: Fern's Lake, PMC (LB).**

opment.

Although we live in an arid region, natural water is very much a part of our local landscape. The San Andreas Fault system runs directly through our mountain region. The continual movement of rock structures underneath us by seismic activity has caused ground water to surface at several locations. Along Gorman



**Fig. 5: This male red-winged blackbird protects its territory in Fern's Lake cattails (LB).**

The pond is a regular destination for migratory bird life (Fig. 2).

Here in Pine Mountain Club, there is an unusual group of natural wetlands known as Mil Potrero Wetlands (Fig. 3). This feature includes the marsh and swamp lands from Fern's Lake down into San Emigdio Canyon; wetlands north of Mil Potrero Highway in the vicinity of Yellowstone Drive; and meadows and marshes bordering Woodland and Matterhorn Drives. PMC's greenbelts protect these valuable oases, which are partially caused by the seismic activity beneath us. Fern's Lake was created as part of the golf course construction in the early



**Fig. 6: This frozen waterfall is hidden in an unnamed canyon west of PMC (GP).**

1970s. Both the lake and the golf course displaced some of the wetlands. Fern's Lake is an important part of PMC (Fig. 4). It serves several purposes, including fishing and enjoyment of the lake by residents and visitors, water storage for the golf course, and emergency water supply for fire-fighting helicopters. In addition to those uses, Fern's Lake supports many wildlife species (Fig. 5).

Other aquatic jewels can be found in or near PMC. A seasonal waterfall is reached



**Fig. 7: Iris Meadow is close to the Nordic parking area at the end of Mt. Pinos Road (BB).**

by a trail above upper Woodland Drive. Also, west of PMC (in a side canyon rarely visited by people), is a hidden seep with a seasonal waterfall (Fig. 6). Many of the local wild animals frequent these water sources. Other seeps, springs and season-

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al streams occur nearby in our mountains. Up on Mt. Pinos near the end of the paved road is the Iris Meadow (Fig. 7). This is a very unusual feature for Southern California mountains. It supports large populations of blue flag iris (Fig. 8) and corn lily.

All of the residences in PMC obtain water from the Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company. That water comes from wells within PMC property. The wells



**Fig. 8:** A blue flag iris is attended by its bumblebee pollinator (BB).

penetrate groundwater aquifers underneath our community. All this groundwater is derived from the continual percolation of rainwater and snow within our local watershed (natural land formations that direct water to our aquifers). We are in a rather unique position of having a stable supply of water in a mountain valley that cannot experience very much future population growth. Our community is surrounded by federal and private lands on which homes cannot be built. We are in the position of being able to regulate our water usage to match aquifer recharge. When we experience drought conditions, our water company informs us of necessary water conservation measures.

I urge all of us to understand and respect the natural cycle of water on our mountain. Rain and snow needs to be allowed to seep into the soil. Only then can our plant and animal communities be supported, and only then can our underground aquifers be recharged. By necessity, we drain water off roofs and paved roads. It is important that we strive to eliminate unnecessary runoff. Please enjoy and respect our precious water.

**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 pm • Quilt Guild Business Mtg • Pavilion (*April through December*)

**Every Friday**

9-3 • Quilt & Chat & More • Pavilion

*There is a donation jar in the lobby of the clubhouse placed by local youth who are raising money to restock Fern's Lake with Largemouth Bass. They appreciate all donations.*



**Saturday Feb. 3**

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8am-5pm Mon-Fri  
 8am-3pm Sat  
 (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)  
 Office 242-3788  
 Patrol 242-3857 (24 hrs)

**Teen Nights in Rec Room**

Teens, come join the fun at Teen Night in the PMCPOA Rec Room on Feb. 9th and 24th! The Rec Room stays open from 7-10pm for 9th- to 12th-graders. Watch for more details coming soon!

**Golf Course Pro Shop Hours**

9am - 5pm Daily

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**Condor Cafe Hours**

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Wednesday - Saturday

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Sunday

Breakfast: 8am-12pm

Lunch: 12:30-2 pm

Sundays: Breakfast & Lunch are served in the Condor Restaurant & Lounge with a full bar.

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

**Condor Restaurant & Lounge Hours**

**Dinner**

Thursday Night Special

4 to 7:30 pm

Fridays and Saturdays

4 to 8:30 pm

(Full dinner menu)

**Reservations and Takeout**

Walk-ins are welcome. However, if you have a party of six or more, we require a reservation to guarantee seating. For parties of six or more, an 18% gratuity is added to your bill. You can call the restaurant any time during our hours of operation at 661-242-2233 to place your reservation with a server or to order takeout, available for all meals. Please note that all food items are available while supplies last.

**Condor Lounge Bar Hours**

Thu, 4-10 p.m.

Fri, 4-11 p.m.

Sat, 4-11 p.m.

Sundays/Mondays during football games

***Entertainment***

***Line-Up:***

Piano Bar 5-7pm

Friday nights 7-10pm

Saturday nights 7-11pm

**Friday, Feb. 2**

5-7pm Piano Bar -- Richard Schwagerl

7-10pm -- Ron Coleman & Friends (Classic Rock)

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

7-11pm -- Kyle Kirch (Soul, Folk, Rock 'n' Roll & More)

**Friday, Feb. 9**

7-10pm -- Roger Wynfield (Acoustic, Classic Rock & Jazz)

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

5-7pm Piano Bar --

Brendan Coyle

7-11pm -- TBA

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**

(Valentine's Day)

5-9pm -- Meridian (Music from '60s, '70s & '80s)

**Friday, Feb. 16**

7-10pm -- Karaoke Night

**Saturday, Feb. 17**

5-7pm Piano Bar --

Brendan Coyle

7-11pm -- Rick Berthod Band (Mix of Rock & Motown Soul)

**Friday, Feb. 23**

5-7pm Piano Bar -- Richard Schwagerl

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

**Saturday, Feb. 24**

7-11pm -- Mile High (Classic Rock, '90's & Country)

## PMC Fitness Classes

Classes meet in the Condor Room, and are \$5 each (except for Tai Chi, which is \$20 each, and Yoga, which is \$10 each) payable to the instructors.

### Yoga with Deb

*Every Tues/Thurs at 12pm  
(Please bring a yoga mat and water.)*

### NEW! Total Abs with Shawna Rust

*Every Wednesday at 1pm  
(Class is for all fitness levels; inform instructor if modifications are desired)*

### NEW! Full Body Workout with Shawna Rust

*Every Thurs at 2pm  
(Class is for all fitness levels; inform instructor if modifications are desired)*

### Low Impact Cardio with Charlee

*Wednesdays 10-11am  
(Optional: Bring flat resistance band and light weights.)*

### Tai Chi with Shannon

*Mondays, 5-6pm  
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm  
Thursdays 9-10am*

### Rise and Shine with SunJay

*Mondays, 10-11am  
(Please bring a mat, blanket and water bottle.)*

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Most committees meet in person. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.**

### *Friday, Feb. 2 (First Friday)*

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

### *Saturday, Feb. 3 (First Saturday)*

**9am Governing Documents ZOOM  
1 pm Planning Pavilion/ZOOM**

### *Tuesday, Feb. 6 (First Tuesday)*

**6 pm Communications ZOOM**

### *Wednesday, Feb. 14 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)*

**5 pm Budget & Finance Condor Room/ZOOM**

### *Saturday, Feb. 17 (Third Saturday)*

**10 am PMCPOA Board of Directors Mtg. Condor Rm./Stream**

### *Saturday, Feb. 24 (Fourth Saturday)*

**9 am Emergency Preparedness Pavilion  
10:30 am CERT (CERT Facility/Pavilion when cold)**

## Rec Room Hours:

**12-5pm**

**Fridays-Sundays  
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### Arts and Crafts for Kids

**Sundays, 3-5pm**

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