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Happy 50th Birthday PMC!

Oktoberfest: A Former Long-Standing Mountain Tradition

Ronni Wilde, Condor Editor

For those who are newer to Pine Mountain Club, you may not be familiar with one of our community's former long-standing traditions: Oktoberfest! Back in the day, an annual event was held every Labor Day weekend that celebrated down-home, small-town fun that was a collaboration between the association's recreation staff and the Recreation Committee. Months of planning went into the festival, and it signaled the end of summer and the start of the chilly fall season.

The first Oktoberfest was held on Saturday, Oct. 2, 1976 from noon to midnight at Lampkin Park. An article in the Dec. '76/Jan. '77 Condor reads: "Much delicious German food was eaten by all, and this was all washed down with beer and soda. We all enjoyed dancing and listening to the Bavarian music..."

Oktoberfest was originally the idea of longtime PMC mem-

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Our World of Nature

It's Summer -- Time to Enjoy BUTTERFLIES!

By Lynn Stafford, Liz Buchroeder and Bill Buchroeder

One pleasant sign of summer in our mountain community is the presence of butterflies in our gardens and along trails. This article will discuss six of our local species. Butterflies have amazingly complicated and varied lives. All butterflies pass through four distinct stages of life, often within just a few weeks. First are the eggs. These eggs have been placed on a plant that the



Fig. 1: California Sister

emerging caterpillar will eat. The caterpillar is an eating machine! After reaching a certain size, the caterpillar changes into a stationary stage called the pupa or chrysalis. I did not refer to this period as a resting stage. That is because the animal is busy transforming into a completely different form -- the showy and able-to-fly adult butterfly.

Two of our butterflies have rather small distribution ranges. The California Sister (Fig. 1) is indeed mostly restricted to California. It loves oak trees, particularly the canyon live oak, a common tree native to PMC. Both the caterpillar and the adult get most of what they need from these

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Annual Meeting of PMCPOA Membership is June 19, 2021

The 2021 PMCPOA election is upon us, and takes place during the Members' Meeting on Saturday, June 19, when three new members of the Board of Directors will be elected to three-year terms, and one member will be elected to a two-year term. By now, you should have received the election packet in the mail. If not, please contact the Business Office immediately at (661) 242-3788.

The annual Candidate's Forum once again took place online due to the COVID pandemic. Members were invited to create questions for the four candidates to answer by filling out cards and placing them in a locked box on the front porch of the Clubhouse, or by emailing the questions

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MCFRC Served 68 PMC Seniors

The Mountain Communities Family Resource Center has released a PMC Seniors Report that itemizes all the services provided to seniors in Pine Mountain Club. According to the report, MCFRC has served 68 seniors here, using just \$2,535.91 of the PMC Seniors (Aging in Place) Fund in the first year of the project.

Due to the pandemic, the MCFRC has been successful in bringing more than \$72,000 into the mountain communities over the past year, from varied sources such as FEMA, Zions Bancorporation and the California Family Resource Association, primarily to provide food and rental/utility assistance. In doing so, MCFRC has been able to preserve a large amount of the PMC Seniors Fund for future use, when these emergency resources are no longer as plentiful.

MCFRC has created a chart breaking down the resources and services the organization has provided. At this point, the fund has not been used to pay staff time to provide these services.

To view the chart, please see 13.

Preparing for an Earthquake with a Home Hazard Hunt

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Pine Mountain Club sits atop the San Andreas Fault, therefore, we should all be prepared for an earthquake. There are many important things we can do before an earthquake to prepare our homes.

When the earth shakes, everything inside your home moves. Items fall off shelves, hanging objects can fall from the wall, glass breaks, heavy furniture topples over. You can check your home for potential hazards by conducting a "Home Hazard Hunt." Here are some simple low-cost things you can do to make your home safe.

HANGING OBJECTS:

- Do not hang heavy objects above beds and sofas. Beds should not be placed under windows that could break.
- Hang mirrors, pictures and other heavy objects on closed picture hooks. Secure hanging plants in heavy pots that could swing free of hooks.

OBJECTS ON OPEN SHELVES AND TABLETOPS:

- Store heavy items and breakables on lower shelves.
- Secure valuable items by using removable putty museum wax or quake gel. Most hardware stores have an earthquake safety supplies section.

FURNITURE AND HOME ELECTRONICS:

- Secure furniture to the wall to keep it from falling using flexible-mount fasteners such as nylon straps. Secure top corners of tall furniture into a wall stud, not just to the drywall.
- Secure heavy items, such as TVs, computers and microwave ovens, with flexible nylon straps.

KITCHENS:

- Secure all cabinet doors, especially those high up. Use latches designed for child-proofing or earthquake-proofing.
- Secure refrigerators and other major appliances to walls using earthquake appliance straps.

WATER AND GAS PIPES:

- Brace water heaters and other gas appliances.
- Replace rigid gas connections to water heaters and other gas appliances with flexible stainless-steel gas connectors.
- Know where your propane and water shutoff valves are located and how to shut them off.

STORAGE AREAS:

- Move flammable or hazardous materials to low areas that are secure.
- Ensure that items stored above or beside vehicles cannot not fall so that they cannot damage or block the vehicle.

CHIMNEY:

- Check your masonry chimney that could collapse in an earthquake, and, if needed, reinforce it.

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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.

Tips and Updates about Bears in PMC

We have had reports of vehicles that have been opened by bears. Clean out your vehicles, always have windows up on your vehicle and lock your doors. Do not leave any scented items in your vehicles! Even an old hamburger wrapper is tempting to them. Do not add a scent at drive-through car washes. Remove child car seats and wash the car seat frequently. There is a car wash in Frazier Park and at the Tejon Outlets.

The Los Padres Bear Aware Program offers these stats:

BEARS -- MAY 2021, at least 11 bears are wandering PMC.

VEHICLES -- 21+ unlocked vehicles have had bears inside in 2021. Bears entered more than 60 unlocked PMC vehicles in 2020. Keep your vehicles locked 24/7. Never leave your vehicle windows cracked open; keep windows up all the way. Vacuum and clean out your vehicles regularly.

HOMES -- 11+ homes have been entered by bears in 2021. Bears entered at least 140 PMC houses, garages or sheds in 2020. Keep sliders, garage doors and windows under 7.5 feet supervised. That's 7.5 feet free and clear of tree access, deck and railing access. If you leave the immediate room, close any open window/door and lock it. It takes a bear less than 10 seconds to enter. Bear help is available by calling 661-242-6988.

OUTSIDE FOOD -- Bears have con-

sumed food and trash left outside homes. This is against PMCPOA Wildlife Rules. No trash is allowed outside. You must supervise pet food if feeding a pet outside and put any remaining food back inside a home.

DELIVERIES -- Bears will intercept scented items, pet food and food packages from Chewy, Amazon, Teavana, a few random coffee companies, Penney's Spices, Pet Smart, Schwan's and others. Food, pet food or anything scented should be shipped to your P.O. box rather than your door.

Los Padres BEAR Aware is on Facebook with tips, education, photos and vid-



eo at <https://www.facebook.com/Los-Padres-BEAR-Aware-176841945709816>.

Reminder: PMCPOA Assessment Due 7/1

We are accepting payments for the 2021/22 Assessment. 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 in the Drop Box outside (to the right) of the front door of the clubhouse, call us with a credit card or pay online on the PMCPOA website (see below). Assessments will become delinquent on Sept. 15, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Website Assessment Payment Instructions

To pay your assessment online with a credit card, please follow the steps below.

1. Go to www.pinemountainclub.net.
2. Click "Member Login" and follow instructions to login into account. You will

need to know your lot/tract number.

3. Click "Member Central"
4. Click "My Account"
5. Click "POA Payment" or "Make Payment"
6. Scroll to bottom of page and use drop box under "Please Select Payment Option" to create new credit card. Once created, you can use the created credit card for future payments.
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Lockhart Native Plant Garden Continues to Come Back to Life

Susan Amon

Thanks to all your generous donations to the Lockhart Go Fund Me fund, the split-rail fencing is going up! A huge thanks to David Lelah of Pine Mountain Club for the installation of the fencing. He has worked tirelessly with his auger to dig the holes that are needed. Pam De Vries, local resident of PMC, botanist and author of Field Guide to the Plants of the San Emigdio Mountains, continues to put her expertise to work identifying more species in the garden. New identification signs will be appearing when we get more plants named. Right now, we have approximately 33 species identified.

The Lockhart Native Plant Garden is located across Mil Potrero Highway from the PMC clubhouse parking area and west of the Community Garden. If you walk



across the newly installed bridge and follow the signs, you can't miss it. Follow us on our Facebook page-Lockhart Native Plant Garden. If you'd like to help with financial support of the garden for new native plant purchases, please donate to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lockhart-native-plant-garden>. Thank you for all

your encouraging comments. Reviving the garden has definitely been a labor of love from all our volunteers.



Pam De Vries, bottom left, is a local botanist and author who is putting her expertise to work identifying more species in the garden. David Lelah, bottom middle, has worked tirelessly with his auger to dig the holes needed for the fence.





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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. The deadline for clearing the Water Company accounts of overdue charges, to be eligible for submitting a proxy shall be June 2, 2021.

Robert Lame, Secretary

Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company

Lot Clearance: June 1

Lot Clearance (for each and every lot) deadline is June 1.

Property inspections by the Fire Department will begin June 2. You don't want to get a hefty fine from the Fire Dept., so get those dead trees, dead bushes, weeds, pine needles and pinecones picked up and taken to the Green Waste Site.

For more info on yard clearing, visit readyforwildfire.org. If you transport the cuttings/leaves etc. in bags, please empty them at the site and take the bags back home with you.

The editorial and advertising deadline for the July 2021 Condor is Monday, June 14.

Content can be submitted to the editor at rwilde@pmcpoa.com.

Condor Cafe Hours and Updates

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

Breakfast and Lunch

8 am to 2 pm

***Wednesday thru Sunday
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. If it gets icy and/or snows, the delivery stops.

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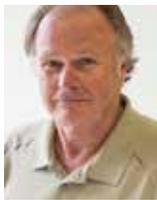
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A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
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I watched the plastering of the pool begin a few weeks ago and returned two days later to see it filled with water. It is great to see the



two phases almost completed and I know many members are anxiously awaiting the opening of the pool and the opportunity to swim, lounge, and simply enjoy the new setting and ability to socialize with other members. These enhancements to our community are impressive and will serve our members well for many years.

The person we selected to be our new general manager recently informed us she is not able to accept the position due to unforeseen personal circumstances. Karin Shulman has offered to remain as our general manager for two more years and the board has accepted her generous offer. We look forward to working with Karin to continue our ongoing efforts to improve our facilities, reduce fire fuel in our green belts, and be more efficient in serving members.

The local newspaper recently printed information related to patrol-related violations and fines. It was reported that warnings are no longer given to members if they make a mistake or commit a violation. This allegation is false.

In the past two years, over 1,000 verbal warnings were given related to rule violations, 60 written warnings were issued, and 63 citations were issued. Forty-eight of those citations resulted in fines. Our policy allows patrol officers to use discretion when encountering violations and it is our management that determines when a citation will be issued unless there are extenuating circumstances at the time. Warnings are most always bypassed for serious violations such as open fires and feeding bears.

If you believe patrol's job function is primarily enforcement, you might be interested to know that in this past year, patrol has, among other things, provided almost 2,000 public assists, conducted 81 house/ alarm checks, provided 178 welfare checks, responded to 78 animal control incidents, and handled 149 suspicious incidents. And,

one officer recently collected 132 screws and nails off Mil Potrero Highway.

I can assure you the officers are not patrolling our streets looking for violations to satisfy the budget revenue forecast nor threatening members with fines as they cruise our neighborhoods. The revenue projection has increased due to an increase in violations resulting in citations.

The numbers reveal the fines collected have increased the past two years and it is you – the members – who have asked for more stringent enforcement of the rules. Fines are one method to seek compliance for violations and enforce the rules. I believe fines collected were once credited to the administrative budget and not the patrol budget, which may account for the reported increases in revenue.

I see a light at the end of the (COVID) tunnel. As California continues to open up with less restrictions, we will respond accordingly – and we look forward to the positive progress being made and steps toward the return to some semblance of normalcy.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors open meeting of May 15, 2021. 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 a.m. Nine directors attended: Cam Acosta, Richard Ballard, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Bill Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton. 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 zero (0) committee applications for approval.

There were seven (7) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended and one (1) cottage industry permit.

TABLED – One (1) cottage industry permit.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **MOTION** by Director McClellan that the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting of May 15, 2021 be amended to change nine (9) EC project recommendations to seven (7) EC project recommendations and one (1) cottage industry permit to two (2) cottage industry permits and their respective pages. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director Throckmorton to approve the draft minutes of the Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting of April 17, 2021. **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, **MOTION** by Director McClellan to ratify the Association's April 2021 financials in accordance with Civil Code §5500 and §5501. **MOTION** carried.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Acosta, **MOTION** by Director Hoyt-Voelker to approve **RESOLUTION #01-05-15-2021**, to replace Reserve Item #205, trackless tractor with a T770 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader and three (3) attachments at a cost not to exceed (NTE) \$137,205.78

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Treasurer's Report

Pine Mountain Club POA, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
As of April 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	3,861,643	3,855,614	6,029	
Operations/Maintenance	212,457	152,350	60,107	
Social Activity	389,628	590,700	(201,072)	
Interest Income (Operating)	14,995	26,685	(11,690)	
Total Revenue	4,478,723	4,625,349	(146,626)	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	3,042,892	3,334,656	(291,764)	
Social Activity	688,154	958,171	(270,017)	
Operating Projects	11,205	51,417	(40,212)	
Designated Fund Projects	277,212	308,396	(31,184)	
Reserve Contribution	380,000	380,000	0	
Total Operating Expenses	4,399,464	5,032,640	(633,176)	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	(121,895)	(121,895)	0	
Assets purchased	(24,510)	0	(24,510)	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	(53,778)	0	(53,778)	
Total Other Transactions	(200,182)	(121,895)	(78,287)	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(120,923)	(529,186)	408,263	
Payroll Summary				
Payroll Wages	1,652,809	1,862,696	(209,887)	
Payroll Benefits	282,976	327,651	(44,675)	
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	228,646	255,280	(26,634)	
Total Payroll Expense	2,164,430	2,445,627	(281,197)	
	Assessment Billed	Assessment Collected	Assessment Receivable	Assessment Receivable %
18/19 Assessment Collection Update	4,231,452	4,230,582	870	0.02%
19/20 Assessment Collection Update	4,631,550	4,628,669	2,881	0.06%
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,628,342	4,577,209	51,133	1.10%
Reserve Fund Update				
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2020	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	3,268,288	556,209	(686,001)	3,138,496
Operating Fund Cash Balance	1,686,781			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,214,496			

Respectfully Submitted



Cameron Acosta / Treasurer
 May 15, 2021

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

By now, everyone has heard the good news. The pool is plastered and full of water. At the time of this writing, we were still waiting for a piece of equipment that is needed, and also the Kern County Inspection. We also needed to fix the sidewalk in front of the gate to the pool before the inspection. So, we could still be a couple of weeks out by the time you read this, but we are close!

Snowflake trail has been cleaned by CalState Trees. It looks wonderful. If you get a chance, walk the service road on Freeman by the water tank to the end, which comes out on Mil Potrero Highway.

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

This is the beginning of our efforts to clean our greenbelts and to get our greenbelts in good health.

Thanks to Director Hoyt Voelker, we have a Cal Fire Grant for \$89,000 to clean certain areas that need to be completed by the end of December of this year. We have a Federal Grant for \$170,000 to clean particular areas, and we have four years to complete this grant. Also, if you remember, the board three years ago committed to putting away \$50,000 per year for greenbelt clean up. Those are the funds that were used to clean up the Snowflake Trail.

We are finally moving forward with a canopy for the Tirol mailboxes. The drawings are going to Kern County Plan Check for approval, and then we can get started on the canopy.

I want to thank the board for extending my term as general manager. I appreciate the support of the board.

Post Office Request

Please try to pick up your mail from the Post Office a little more often if possible. The staff is having difficulty stuffing the small boxes. They would be very appreciative, and operations would run more smoothly if mail is collected more frequently.

Thank you!

Green Waste Site Reminder:

There are no trash bags, lumber or other non-green waste material allowed at the Green Waste Site. Please empty your trash bags and take them back with you or bring them to the transfer site for disposal. Bags and other trash get buried under the green waste and as a result end up getting ground up in the slash and can damage the machine. Your cooperation with ONLY dropping off green waste would be greatly appreciated.



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to the office. The candidates then videotaped their answers on May 22 from 2-4 p.m. in the Condor Room, and the videos are viewable on the PMCPOA website at www.pinemountainclub.net. To view the videos, log on to the member's side of the website, and click on the "Election Documents and Results" menu. Once on that page, click on the video links.

In accordance with the Civil Code, you have been provided with a mail-in secret ballot for your vote. The Inspectors of Election (TIE) must receive all properly completed ballots by mail no later than 5 p.m. on June 18, 2021. Because of the ongoing pandemic, the Members' Meeting will take place via the Zoom platform again. The meeting will begin promptly at 1 p.m. Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

* <https://zoom.us/join> - Meeting ID - 836 0282 4859 Passcode: 477827

* Dial In: (669) 900-6833 - Meeting ID - 836 0282 4859 Passcode: 477827

The Zoom link will be available soon.

On meeting day, the Inspector of Elections will tally the votes, with the winners to be announced immediately thereafter.

The meeting will be held in accordance with the bylaws of the Association to elect the four new members to the Board of Directors and to transact other business as may be properly presented and discussed

at the meeting. In order to conduct the annual meeting, a quorum of at least 25 percent of the membership entitled to vote must do so by mail. If a lack of a quorum results in adjournment of the annual meeting, a second meeting will be immediately convened with a quorum of 15 percent in accordance with the Bylaws.

The three candidates running for the three, three-year openings are Bill Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Richard Ballard, and the one candidate running for the one two-year term is Steve Burkett. To view

the complete resume and position statement packages of these candidates, please refer to the PMCPOA website. The ballot also includes three bylaw revisions passed by the Board during the year that require a vote of the members.

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Get Ready for the Everything Exchange on 9/12

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.

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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.

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!

CONCERN

• It is so great to see everyone back and working at the club and members out enjoying the facilities. The food has always been good since Mike took over with cooking and the menu. We were finally able to come up and have breakfast and dinner at the cafe and restaurant. The breakfast food was good, but the service was not. The only explanation was that they were understaffed. In hopes of a better experience, we came for dinner upstairs, had reservations at 6:30. We were on time and seated. Our drink order was taken 20 minutes after we were seated, and our

food order was taken 10-15 after that. When we placed our order, we were told it would be a 45-minute to an hour wait. Not happy, but we decided to wait. We actually didn't receive our food for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Again, the excuse was a staffing issue.

Is the club having a hard time finding people to work? We have been coming to the club for dinner and drinks regularly for over 10 years, in that time, Lana and Jean were running the place and they ran it like it was their own. This would have never happened if they were still there. I hope the staffing issue is resolved soon or they bring back Lana and Jean and the other people who ran it smoothly. If this continues, I worry that you will lose many customers/members. If this was any other restaurant, they would have asked -- and we would have requested -- some kind of compensation. I hope for a better experience next time.

Response: Thank you for your concern and feedback. By you bringing this to our attention, it helps us to rectify any problems. Yes, we are short staffed, and have had ads to find support. One of the problems is that everybody wants to come in at the same time to eat. On another note, all our food is made to order, and we try to have an expanded menu to serve all our costumers' tastes. One recommendation would be to come earlier. We are still doing a high volume of To-Go orders, which also adds to the wait.

Our staff is fantastic, from the kitchen to our bartenders and servers. Jean and Lana did a good job, but decided to move on to other departments.

Once again, thank you for your feedback. It's much appreciated. We are working on these issues. I look forward to seeing you in the near future in hopes that you will come back. Please introduce yourself next time you are in!

Warm Regards,
Michael Beurer, Food & Beverage Manager



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A. Use of water for washing vehicles, boats, buildings, construction cleanup, dust control or similar uses is prohibited. However, use of a bucket for vehicle and boat washing is permitted subject to non-wasteful applications.

B. Use of water to clean buildings, decks or privately owned paved surfaces is prohibited.

C. Use of water to clean community streets, parking lots and similar community uses is prohibited except to protect the public health and safety as determined by Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company. When approved by the water company, such uses may be accomplished solely by Pine Mountain Club Property Owners Association or its contractor and shall be coordinated in advance with Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company.

D. Use of water which results in runoff is prohibited.

E. Restaurants may serve drinking water only in response to a specific request by a customer.

F. Outdoor Irrigation:

1. Outdoor irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from the first Sunday in May until the first Sunday in November.

2. Irrigation of private and public landscaping, turf areas and gardens is permitted at even-numbered addresses only on Wednesdays and Sundays and odd-numbered addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

3. All shareholders are directed to use no more water than necessary to maintain landscaping.

G. Allowing a leak of .25 gpm or greater to continue more than two weeks after knowledge of the leak is prohibited. A leak



of .50 gpm or greater may result in immediate shut off by MPMWC until leak is repaired.

H. Emptying and refilling swimming pools and spas is prohibited except to prevent structural damage and/or to provide for the public health and safety as determined by Mil Potrero Mutual Water Company.

Procedures and Penalties

A. An infraction of MPMWC's conservation measures will initiate a 12-month period during which noncompliant situations may result in the following progression of events and penalties. In addition to the penalties listed below, MPMWC reserves the right to shut off the water supply to premises to prevent loss of water and shall be held harmless for damage to appliances and premises due to such action.

1. First Occurrence: Shareholder or occupant notified of noncompliant situation by personal contact if possible. Courtesy Notice handed to shareholder/occupant by service person if possible, hung on door if not. Letter mailed to shareholder at known address or phone call explaining noncompliance, present Water Supply Conditions, conservation measures in effect and penalties for noncompliance.

2. Second Occurrence: Shareholder or occupant again notified of noncompliant situation by personal contact if possible. Water Waste door hanger handed to shareholder/occupant by service person if possible, hung on door if not. Letter mailed to shareholder at last known address or phone call explaining noncompliance, referencing first letter and assessment of twenty-five-dollar (\$25) penalty.

3. Third Occurrence: Shareholder or occupant notified of noncompliant situation by personal contact if possible. Water Waste door hanger handed to sharehold-

er/occupant by service person if possible, hung on door if not. Letter mailed to shareholder at last known address or phone call explaining noncompliance, noncompliance history, first and second letters and assessment of one-hundred-dollar (\$100) penalty for noncompliance.

4. Fourth Occurrence: Shareholder or occupant notified of noncompliant situation by personal contact if possible. Waste Water door hanger handed to shareholder/occupant by service person if possible, hung on door if not. Letter mailed to shareholder at last known address or phone call explaining noncompliance, noncompliance history, first through third letters and assessment of an additional two-hundred-dollar (\$200) penalty for noncompliance.

5. Fifth Occurrence: Shareholder or occupant notified by personal contact if possible. Water Waste door hanger handed to shareholder/occupant by service person if possible, hung on door if not. Letter mailed to shareholder at last known address or phone call explaining noncompliance, noncompliance history, first through fourth letters, assessment of an additional penalty of five-hundred-dollars (\$500) and the imposition of a Water Waste rate as enumerated in Rules, Regulations and Rates for a minimum of five working days on all water consumed through shareholder's water meter. At the end of the five working-day period MPMWC's designated representative will attempt to meet with the shareholder to determine if compliance with water use restrictions is likely. If compliance appears likely, the Water Waste rate will be discontinued at the time of the decision of MPMWC's designated representative.

These water conservation procedures and penalties shall not be deemed to supersede the Water Waste provisions contained within the General Use Regulations of these Rules, Regulations and Rates.

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.

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trees. Adults often can be seen drinking from mud puddles and streams. They are getting nutrients, including minerals, as well as water. California Sisters will cycle through one to three generations each year.

Another limited-range butterfly is the dramatic Western Tiger Swallowtail. As its name implies, it is found throughout western United States. Both the caterpillars and the adults feed on a wide variety of plants.



Fig. 2: Western Tiger Swallowtail

The pupa overwinter. As shown in (Fig. 2), the adults enjoy planted Buddleia bushes. This one was in Mary McDevitt's garden in PMC.

Next, we will look at two butterflies with wide distributions, including annual migrations. The Red Admiral (Fig. 3) is a striking butterfly with bright red or orange bands on its wings. It is found throughout much of the world, but only where stinging nettle is present. The eggs are placed on stinging nettle leaves, and that is all the caterpillar will eat. People frequently do not



Fig. 3: Red Admiral

appreciate stinging nettle because of its irritating leaf hairs, but this butterfly certainly does. PMC's wetlands are loaded with stinging nettle, so we are blessed with this species. Red Admiral males are quite territorial, defending their patch of nettle. Adults tend to migrate south in the winter. Migration dates are timed to correspond to food sources.



Fig. 4: Variegated Fritillary

The Variegated Fritillary (Fig. 4) also is a migrating butterfly, being found in both North and South America. Different populations have different migration routes and schedules. Unlike the Red Admiral, both the caterpillars

Photos by Bill Buchroeder, Liz Buchroeder and Mary McDevitt

and the adults forage on a wide variety of plants. The caterpillars focus on leaves; the



Fig. 5: Painted Lady

adults look for flower nectar. Finally, we will discuss two species with amazingly complicated lifestyles. Both are multi-generational migrants. The Painted Lady (Fig.5) is found throughout much of the world. Painted Ladies studied in Africa and Europe were found to undergo migration between the continents that took several generations. In other words, no individual completed a migration, but the species migrated back-and-forth. Mind-boggling! The caterpillars enjoy a variety of thistles and



Fig. 6: Monarch butterfly

adults seek nectar from the flowers of members of the sunflower family, including thistles.

Then we have the Monarch (Fig. 6). The Monarch is well-known, both because of its tourist-attracting massive winter flocks (Fig. 7) and because it is rapidly declining in numbers throughout its range. The Monarch has complicated migration patterns. The eastern U.S. population tend



Fig. 8: A Monarch caterpillar on a narrow-leaf milkweed

to winter in Mexico, particularly the state of Michoacan. In the west, the adults fly to several locations along the California coast. In each of the two migrations, the butterflies return to the same groves of trees. The caterpillars (Fig. 8) require leaves of various species of milkweed.



Fig. 7: A wintering swarm of adult Monarchs on a tree near the coast

The adults are less picky; they just want flower nectar. Two species of milkweed are common in the vicinity of PMC (Fig. 9). If one is interested in having milkweed present in one's garden, seeds can be collected locally in the Autumn from wild plants that are adapted to our unique area. (Fig. 10) shows local resident Liz Buchroeder doing exactly that.

A major mystery is the dangerous decline in insect populations throughout the world. This decline is being studied carefully by entomologists and ecologists, and is thought to be caused by modern human activity.



Fig. 9: Broad-leaf milkweed with seed pods ready to burst

In the case of the Monarch, several theories are being raised. Extensive use of herbicides is a likely candidate. Most of the corn and soy now being grown in the Midwest has been genetically modified to withstand massive amounts of herbicide. Besides contaminating the food, this practice eliminates other plants, such as milkweed. Human-related climate change and other alterations of land cover also are being studied as possible causes. Insects are by far the most abundant animals on earth. The dismantling of their populations could have devastating worldwide

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Mountain Communities Family Resource Center PMC Seniors Report Chart



Fig. 10: Collecting seeds from a narrow-leaf milkweed near PMC

Resource	# of Referrals or Goods Provided
Food	250
Food Referrals (Senior Sack, Commodities, Food2Door)	40
Market Gift Voucher	16
Dollar General or Gas Card	11
Personal Hygiene & Cleaning Supplies	26
Mobility Devices	1
Utilities Assistance (HEAP, EAF, GAF, EF&S)	26
Rental/Mortgage Assistance	3
Aging & Adult Services	6
Human Services Application	7
Total Number of Services Provided	385

consequences.

Here in PMC, we have a relatively healthy environment for all our wild animals and plants, as well as for us humans. As the summer unfolds, do get outside and enjoy! Take a camera; take a sketch pad, or just relax and take your time enjoying our colorful visitors on their journey thru PMC and its environs.

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(Phone Calls Only)

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8am-3pm Sat

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'OKTOBERFEST' *Cont. from pg. 1*

ber Rick Young and the late Fred Westlund. Rick served as the announcer for Oktoberfest for many years, and residents who have lived here long enough may remember his traditional Bavarian cap and getup. The event was moved from October to Labor Day weekend early on to take advantage of the warmer weather and the larger crowds.

Over the years, Oktoberfest grew, and by the early 2000s, hundreds – if not a thousand or more – people attended, many coming to the mountain from surrounding areas to enjoy what became a three-day festival. A large tent was erected each year, and a variety of food and arts and crafts vendors participated. Live music and dancing took place throughout the weekend, and outside on the lawn, activities such as nail-driving and log-sawing contests added to the festivities. And of course, beer remained the staple beverage.

For more than 30 years, PMCPOA hosted Oktoberfest, relying upon corporate sponsors and vendors to help offset the expenses. In 2010, however, the economy tightened, and Oktoberfest was downsized to a shorter, two-day gathering that was called the “End of Summer/Labor Day” event, which was similar to the original festival, but much smaller in scale and more local. It moved to the golf course greens, where it was held for a couple of years.

In 2012, Oktoberfest morphed again, and became the Fall Festival. It was a cooperative effort by the Association in partnership with the Commercial POA and the Merchants Association. The three groups co-hosted the festival, which moved to the Commercial Center. The event kicked off with a parade Saturday morning, and again featured live entertainment throughout the weekend in the Gazebo, and a multitude of vendors selling arts, crafts, clothing, toys, information and more, and was once again a huge success. Although log-sawing contests and nail-driving competitions were still held, the event became a little less Bavarian in focus, adding a cake walk, a Movie in the Park screening and food offerings that ranged from Jamaican and Thai to sausages and nachos, and free-flowing beer and wine of course.

By 2013, the Fall Festival had run its course, and with it ended a long tradition for Pine Mountain Club.



The annual PMC Oktoberfest drew large and lively crowds for many years.

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from the Reserve Fund. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director McClellan to approve **RESOLUTION #02-05-15-2021**, Greenbelt Cleanup, NTE \$42,000 from the Operating fund. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director Ballard to approve Business Policy A-1 (Association Policy Development). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy A-2 (Project Review). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director Throckmorton to approve Business Policy A-8 (Member and Guest Carding). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy A-9 (Charitable Contributions). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director Throckmorton to approve Business Policy A-10 (Membership Cards). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director McClellan to approve Business Policy A-15 (Election Procedures). **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director McClellan to approve \$250 for the short-term rental fee. Directors Ballard, Harmon and Throckmorton opposed. Directors Acosta, Burkett, Gabriel, Hoyt-Voelker and McClellan approved. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **MOTION** by Director Throckmorton to approve Association Rule Article 16 (Swimming Pool). **MOTION** carried.

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

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on June 19, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room or on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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Reminders

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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, June 4 (First Friday)

10am **Greens and Grounds** Driving Range
2 pm **Environmental Control** ZOOM

Saturday, June 5 (First Saturday)

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

Monday, June 7 (First Monday)

6 pm **Communications** ZOOM

Wednesday, June 16 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

5 pm **Budget & Finance** ZOOM

Saturday, June 19 (Third Saturday)

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

Saturday, June 26 (Fourth Saturday)

9 am **Emergency Preparedness** (Location TBD)
10 am **CERT** (Location TBD)

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