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On Sept. 7, 2021, PMC had a fire in the greenbelt between Bernina and Zion. This fire served as a reminder that the potential exists. Fire season is nearly year-round now. Thankfully, it was not windy, the temperature was mild and humidity was up a bit that day. The Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire quickly. This photo of the fire was taken by Peter Girgis. Please be careful and be prepared!

The annual Flu Shot Clinic will be on Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 10am-12pm and 1-3pm in the Condor Lounge. Cost is TBA.

Our World of Nature

Plants Can Have Relationships, Too!

By Lynn Stafford, Liz Buchroeder and Bill Buchroeder

Those of us who enjoy nature tend to think of different plants and animals as discreet entities. As we walk the trails, we note the cottontail bunny, the bluebird, various flowers, different species of trees. However, there is much going on that brings these different organisms into meaningful contact with each other. One



Fig. 1: Male phainopepla on scrub oak

aspect of the complexity of plants and animals is their ability to form partnerships with other organisms. I am going to describe four of these relationships that occur locally in our mountains.

Phainopepla/mistletoe: An interesting bird that is found locally, but can be difficult to glimpse, is the phainopepla. It looks like a black cardinal with white wing patches (Fig. 1), (Fig. 2). The phainopepla prefers mistletoe berries for food. In our area, it frequents mistletoe on oak trees (Fig. 3). How does it help mistletoe? When it defecates, it often deposits its "poop" on branches of the oak tree. The gut of the phainopepla has softened

the skin of the mistletoe berry, the "poop" acts as fertilizer and the baby mistletoe finds another foothold into the oak tree. This relationship is not doing the oak tree any good, but it is a satisfactory partnership for the bird and the mistletoe.



Fig. 2: Female phainopepla on scrub oak

Acorn woodpecker/oak tree: Now we come to a relationship that benefits the oak tree. Acorn woodpeckers are the noisy, gregarious woodpeckers that sometimes cause dam-

LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY

PMCPOA Emergency Preparedness Committee

October is Fire Prevention Safety Month. This year's theme "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe.

What is your alarm telling you?

SMOKE ALARMS:

- A continued set of three loud beeps -- beep, beep, beep -- means smoke or fire. Get out, call 911 from outside and stay out.
- A single "chirp" every 30 or 60 seconds mean the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas and on each level, including the basement.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps -- beep, beep, beep, beep -- means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside and call 911 and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have "end of life" sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it's time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means that the unit needs to be replaced.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Install a bedside alert light that responds to the sound of smoke and CO alarms. Sleep with your mobility device close to your bed and keep pathways lit with night lights and free from clutter.

Hear a Beep, Get on Your Feet!

Get out and stay out! Call 911.

Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!

A chirping alarm needs attention.

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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.

Live Theater Returns with "Sarah's Last Day"

Sarah believes it's her last day, based on a fortune cookie, and a few unanticipated guests arrive to check on her well-being, as live theater returns to Pine Mountain Club (if COVID cooperates). Speak Easy Theater Club presents the "world premiere" of a two-act musical by Bill Lewis II at the PMC clubhouse, with six performances scheduled Nov. 4-6 and 12-14. Show times begin at 7:30pm each night, with a 2 pm matinee on Nov. 14. The play features a cast of local talent, with original music and lyrics by Kevin Quinn and Steve Kramer. Tickets are on sale at the PMCPOA office for \$10 per person and are limited to 40 people per performance at this time.

Wood Pellet Delivery Information

Wood pellet delivery to PMC has started! Golden Fire Wood Pellets are delivered two tons at a time to your PMC lot. Two tons equals 100 40-pound bags on two 4 x 5 pallets.

Deliveries are scheduled by area of PMC to reduce delivery time and cost. Keep in mind that we bring in over 130+ tons before Thanksgiving. There are no wood pellet deliveries in December.

If you are interested in wood pellet delivery, please call Vicky at 661-242-6988 with your name, phone number and cross-streets.

Sign Up for Ready Kern to Receive Needed Notifications

Are you signed up with Ready Kern for emergency notifications? Once signed up, you will be notified on your cell or home phone of any dangers that might be close by, such as fires in the area, flash floods, etc. To sign up, please visit www.readykern.com or call 661-873-2602.

Adult Halloween Costume Party
Saturday, Oct. 30
More details coming soon.

Post Office Reminder, Busy Season Nearing

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.

The staff at your post office reminds you to make sure you provide your PO box number to anyone who will be sending anything to you. This includes bills, catalogs, postcards, DMV paperwork, etc.)

You don't want to miss out on receiving something important because it can't get to you. Remember: Mail does not get delivered to physical addresses in PMC.

Also, the Holiday season is approaching, and the Post Office will be busy. Please pick up mail regularly when possible.

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Update from the Pine Mountain Gardeners

Kathleen Weinstein

You may have wondered what was going on all spring beyond the fence by the playground. The Pine Mountain Gardeners were working like a hive of bees in the community garden to build cages and grow boxes, install an up-to-date sprinkler system and upgrade the green house. Winter snows supplied the early spring water supply from the repaired catchment system.

Now the seedlings in the grow boxes are flowering and bearing fruit. The Community Hill is home to melons and squash and corn, the crops that need space. The Gardeners meet under the umbrellas and swap seeds and gardening tips. Soon there will be a harvest dinner in the garden.

The Garden is at full capacity this year. To reserve a place on the waitlist, email to pinemountaingardeners@gmail.com or drop in when we are there.



The Pine Mountain Gardeners have been busy working and growing in the local garden, and will soon have a harvest dinner.

Change of Address?

If you have a new post office box or phone number, please call the office at 242-3688 to update your account. If you use the website, the office may not receive the information for a while because the site does not automatically notify the office that a change has been made. Please call us or stop by to let us know so that we will have your up-to-date information right away.







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Save the Date!



The Holiday Craft Fair is scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 27 from 10am-3pm in the PMC Clubhouse.

The editorial and advertising deadline for the November 2021 Condor is Monday, Oct. 11.

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

Reminder: Fire Danger Level is EXTREME!

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

Condor Cafe Hours

Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday through Friday 8 am to 2 pm

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

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

Dinner

Thursday (Special) 4 to 7:30 pm

Fridays and Saturdays 4 to 8 pm

The Condor Lounge is open for dinners on Thursdays from 4-7:30pm and Fridays and Saturdays 4-8pm. (The Bar is also open Thursdays through Saturdays.) Walk-ins are welcome. If you have a party of four or more, we require 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.

Please note that due to lack of staff, take-out is not available on Friday or Saturday nights (for dinners) until further notice.

Condor Lounge Hours

Thu, 4-9 p.m.

Fri, 4-11 p.m.

Sat, 4-11 p.m.

Breakfast and Lunch served in Lounge on Sundays, with full bar available.



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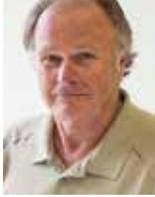
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A Message from the Chairman

Bill Lewis II
 pmcboard@pmcpoa.com

We've had requests to provide Zoom access to the open board meetings. As many of you recall, our Zoom experiences in general were not that good with technical difficulties by the board and members at home that included bandwidth problems, disconnects, feedback issues and sound problems, and many members complained and requested an end to Zoom.



A few members recently shared that the board's motive in not allowing Zoom was to hide something important – but how absurd when considering an attempt to do so in an open meeting with members present. If the clubhouse router disconnects a meeting, it's not a conspiracy. And, I might mention the attendance and participation at meetings via Zoom was less than these recent open in-person meetings. The meetings can still be viewed on video via our website (<https://pinemountainclub.net/group/pages/board-minutes>). However, we'll take the requests into consideration and re-examine the prob-

lems with sound and the quality of the overall presentation.

The board received a lot of emails, correspondence, and a few phone calls to the general manager with input pro and con regarding the recent resolutions for rule changes, and we appreciate the member input – whether we agree or not. I say thank you to those members for taking the time to be better informed and be involved with your association in a positive manner and attempt to assist us in making decisions that affect you – whether you agree or not.

Unfortunately, there has been – once again – an overabundance of false and misleading information being shared on social media and in the local newspaper related to rules, fines, laws, and due process. It's sad when bad information and lies are being openly shared and quite a few members believe what they read without fact-checking or simply investigating a little more thoroughly. I don't know if we'll ever be able to resolve this situation, but keeping a positive attitude is essential

and being optimistic is the only way we can succeed and be productive in our efforts.

The board passed a motion at the last meeting that will hopefully allow us to continue on the path to improve the clubhouse complex by approving the conceptual design with updates after its review by members at the workshop and final input from the Planning Committee, the Environmental Control Committee, and the directors. Once these plans are fine-tuned and updated, they will be sent off to get a cost breakdown for the project and the next steps to follow will assist us in determining if and how we can afford to continue.

Lastly, I would like to address a recent insinuation that this board only wants to improve the clubhouse complex for outside visitors and STR guests – and that is absolutely false. This project is first and foremost about the members of this association and the future of this association.

Be safe, stay healthy, and be positive.

PMC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Grace Wollemann, Recording Secretary

These are highlights of the Board of Directors' open meeting of September 18, 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 10:00 a.m. Eight directors attended: Cam Acosta, Steve Burkett, Philip Gabriel, Tony Harmon, Peggy Hoyt-Voelker, Chairman Lewis II, Ellen McClellan and Phyllis Throckmorton. Director Richard Ballard was excused. Also in attendance were General Manager Karin Shulman and Recording Secretary Grace Wollemann.

The board acknowledged receipt of the committee minutes.

There were two (2) committee applications for approval.

There were six (6) Environmental Control Committee projects recommended and two (2) cottage industry permits.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION** carried.

Chairman Lewis II presented the Chairman's report. General Manager Karin Shulman presented the General Manager's report. Director Cam Acosta presented the Treasurer's report.

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

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Director Harmon, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve **RESOLUTION #01-09-18-2021**, that the PMCPOA Board of Directors agrees to amend our current EC Vehicle Section 7.22.D. (3) as proposed. Directors Acosta, Burkett, Gabriel, Hoyt-Voelker, McClellan and Throckmorton

opposed. Director Harmon approved. **MOTION** failed.

MOTION by Director Lewis, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve **RESOLUTION #02-09-18-2021**, the changes to Environmental Control Code Rule 7.22 as submitted. Directors Acosta, Burkett, Gabriel, Harmon, Hoyt-Voelker, Lewis, McClellan and Throckmorton opposed. No directors approved. **MOTION** failed.

MOTION by Director Lewis, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to amend **RESOLUTION #02-09-18-2021**, and remove the words "and are covered or screened from view from the street and neighboring lots." Directors Acosta, Burkett, Gabriel, Harmon, Hoyt-Voelker, McClellan and Throckmorton opposed. Director Lewis approved. **MOTION** failed.

MOTION by Director Lewis, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve #03-09-18-2021, the PMCPOA Rules Violation

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Treasurer's Report

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

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Variance	
Revenue				
Current Year Assessment Revenue	782,347	781,276	1,071	
Operations/Maintenance	68,979	34,290	34,689	
Social Activity	131,815	122,535	9,280	
Interest Income (Operating)	3,422	3,025	397	
Total Revenue	986,562	941,126	45,436	
Operating Expenses				
Operations/Maintenance	855,579	941,452	(85,873)	
Social Activity	206,384	216,538	(10,154)	
Operating Projects	22,824	68,000	(45,176)	
Designated Fund Projects	540	20,000	(19,460)	
Reserve Contribution	76,000	76,000	0	
Total Operating Expenses	1,161,327	1,321,990	(160,662)	
Other Operating Transactions				
Additional transfers to Reserve fund	0	0	0	
Assets purchased	0	0	0	
Foreclosed Lots transferred to Property	7,991	0	7,991	
Total Other Transactions	7,991	0	7,991	
Total Change in Operating Fund	(166,775)	(380,864)	214,089	
Payroll Summary				
Payroll Wages	358,004	403,174	(45,170)	
Payroll Benefits	54,868	66,354	(11,486)	
Taxes and Worker's Compensation	43,831	54,893	(11,062)	
Total Payroll Expense	456,702	524,421	(67,718)	
	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	4,629,834	1,716	0.04%
20/21 Assessment Collection Update	4,628,342	4,589,309	39,033	0.84%
21/22 Assessment Collection Update	4,694,082	3,374,598	1,319,484	28.11%
Reserve Fund Update				
	Beginning Balance July 1, 2020	Plus: YTD Interest and Contributions	Less: YTD Purchases	Ending Balance Current Period
	3,082,499	79,209	(54,013)	3,107,695
Operating Fund Cash Balance	3,447,863			
Reserve Fund Cash Balance	3,031,695			

Respectfully Submitted



Cameron Acosta / Treasurer
September 18, 2021

--- General Manager's Update ---

Karin Shulman

It has been a very busy summer and it is almost over. The Concerts on the Greens were well attended. Of course, the pool was probably the highlight for most members this summer. The pool had a lot of activity all summer long up until school started.

The pool was close to capacity on Labor Day Weekend. Members sent in great suggestions for next year's pool season, and I will be looking at implementing some of the suggestions. The pool is open through October 15th and will officially close for the season on October 16th. Those who did not pay their assessment on time (by 5 pm on September 15th) are considered delinquent and will have their pool cards deactivated. Once you become current on your assessment, please bring your pool card to the office and it will be re-activated.

Halloween for kids will be held in Lampkin Park on October 30th from noon to 3 p.m. There will be games, pumpkin decorating, candy, and crafts. And of course, there will be Halloween music. Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

Thursday, Oct. 14 is the last late night the Transfer Site is open for this season. It will revert back to normal hours on Thursdays (8:30am-5pm) after that day.

As we head into fall and cooler morn-

ings and nights, we will be cutting our water down even more. Currently, we are hand-watering the greens and tees only to keep the roots wet so the grass may come back in the Spring. We are now down to using 5,000 gallons of water a day and have been since Aug. 27th when we stopped taking water from the pond. Prior to August 27th we were using 25,000 gallons of water per day and still not watering the fairways, again only watering the tees and

greens. We have been very conservative with the watering as we all understand we are in a drought. Our golf course is part of our CC&R's. Should we lose the greens, it costs approximately \$100,000 to replace each one. That would be around \$900,000 to replace all the greens. It is imperative that we water the greens and tees, and staff is doing a great job of doing just that.

I hope everyone has a good rest of the month and enjoy the cooler weather.



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Volunteers Needed to Pull Knapweed

Volunteers are needed to help pull the invasive, noxious knapweed by hand, due to Kern Agricultural Dept. cancelling eradication efforts. Too many people called and complained, so we are on our own. Hopefully some who were so concerned about herbicide use will volunteer to help, because the POA does not have enough staff to pull the weeds.

Please contact EC Officer Joe Ladin if you are willing to help at 242-3788, ext. 212.



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2021 Pool Hours

Please note that the pool will close Oct. 15, or if there are three 32-degree nights in a row, whichever comes first.

8-10am - Morning Lap Swim

12-7pm - Open Swim

7-8pm - Evening Lap Swim

Important Reminders:

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

PMC Fitness Classes

Yoga

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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.

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

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

If you have a concern that involves maintenance, sanitation or safety issues, or is of a confidential nature, please contact the Business Office immediately at 661-242-3788. Thank you!

COMPLIMENTS

- We want to compliment Megan (in the café) for the outstanding service and incredible patience and professionalism. She never lost her composure when food was taking longer than people expected and regardless of the situation. We love her; she's a bright spot!

Response: Thank you for the compliment for Megan. She is a bright spot. You can't be anything but happy when you are around her.

- (Please note that there were two com-

pliments about the Rich Herman Band – this is a combination of the two.) As expected, we LOVED the Richie Herman Band! Truly, this is the best local band. Please book them again and again, forever!

Response: The Richie Herman Band is certainly liked by many. They will definitely be invited back.

CONCERNS

- Why are children allowed on the dance floor? I am afraid to dance for fear they might get hurt.

Response: If you know who the children are, perhaps you can talk with the parents. Everyone is entitled to use the dance floor. Some little children like to dance, but if they are rolling around and sliding across the dance floor, then of course that is a different issue. Hopefully, parents will read this and watch their children so no one gets hurt while dancing.

- (Please note that there were two CCC submissions regarding closing the pool. This is a combination of them both.) Please do not close the pool. Today the pool is empty, but my neighbor just told me our great pool is closing this week-

end. This is a very bad idea. It hurts the membership and is very bad for business. While it was crowded once, this is expected, as the fee to become an Airbnb renter is far too low at \$250 per year. Homeowners make more than that in one night. The fee should be raised to \$750, the profits of one weekend. This is not unreasonable, as then homeowners will increase the rental fee and limit the number of visitors. It is not the membership that is unruly, it is the visitors. Due to climate change, it'll likely be hot through October. It is cruel to the members to (have to) suffer for the rude guests by not having our great pool, PMC's main attraction. Not everyone plays golf. Please consider your decision, as it appears to have been made in anger, not due to deliberation.

Response: The pool will be open through Oct. 15 and closed for the season Oct. 16.

- I am making a formal request to ask that all board meetings be available via live Zoom and recorded on Zoom and posted for later viewing by members of the association.

This is an accessibility issue. There needs to be equal access for members to at-

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The Fundamentals of Music

Join us Saturday October 23rd at 2pm for a
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The session will be a broad overview for a
Beginner touching on the basics in each of the
following topics.

- Music Appreciation***
- Music and the Metaphysical***
- The Tempo of Music***
- Reading Music***
- Playing by Ear***
- Music Theory***



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age to houses here in our mountains (Fig. 4). They don't mean to be harmful. They simply are storing acorns for later use (Fig. 5). They are absolutely dependent on several species of oak. They return the favor by accidentally dropping acorns well away from the oak tree. Acorns are heavy and will drop straight



Fig. 3: Mistletoe on scrub oak

down. The woodpecker gives them a longer ride, hopefully where they can germinate.

Jays/pinyon pine: For another example of bird and tree helping one another,



Fig. 4: Acorn woodpecker

we come to loud, obvious jays and a very common pine tree. The single-leaf pinyon pine is the prominent pine tree thriving on our drier slopes, frequently on the south sides of our mountains. Both California scrub-jay (Fig. 6) and Steller's jay (Fig. 7) are attracted to the large nutritious nuts of this pine. Having a different style of food storage than the acorn woodpecker, 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.

Photos by Bill Buchroeder, Liz Buchroeder, Charles Noble, Maryann Ryan, David Schindler and Lynn Stafford

Paintbrush/sagebrush/penstemon: (Fig. 8) shows paintbrush, an attractive flower in our open woods. (Fig. 9) includes three plants, the paintbrush, the blue Grinnell's penstemon and the gray foliage of sagebrush. Paintbrush is a partially dependent parasite on the root



Fig. 5: Acorn woodpecker with its acorn cache.

systems of several bush species, in this case, probably the sagebrush. It generally does not hurt the host very much. (Fig. 10) displays the penstemon again, this time in association with a pollinating na-



Fig. 6: California scrub-jay with a pine nut



Fig. 7: Steller's jay in a pinyon pine with a pine nut.

tive bumble bee. Here, the flower feeds the bumble bee nectar (sugar) and pollen (protein), while the bee carries fertilizing pollen from one flower to another. So, we have two relationships between these three plants and one insect. Maybe more



Fig. 8: Paintbrush

complex relationships are hidden in there, somewhere.

These are just a few examples of the complexity of the natural world around us. Do go outside and enjoy these wonders.



Fig. 9: Paint brush, Grinnell's penstemon and sagebrush



Fig. 10: Grinnell's penstemon with a California bumble bee

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tend these meetings, whether they are able to make it in person, or they choose to attend via Zoom. There should not be any discrimination or blocking of information, we all need access to attend these meetings.

As a nurse that makes both home visits and works in the hospital setting, I understand acutely that many members of a community are not in the best of health; they might have mobility issues, for example, that prevent them from coming to a meeting in person. Another example is that we are in the height of a pandemic, and the expectation that members must take on exposure and risk to their health and possibly contract COVID-19 is unreasonable -- just so they can get the valuable information needed from the meetings and be active community members in the processes that affect their quality of living in PMC.

Pandemic or not, where we live primarily in Santa Barbara, we are progressive and geared toward equal access to the governance process. All city and county meetings are held under both live stream and recorded for later viewing as a standard. Because everyone's voices count.

We are new to PMC, and are interested in hearing the issues, and being a part of the community. Please add Zoom to all meetings as a standard of practice.

Response: We have had a few requests to continue the board meetings by Zoom. This is under consideration by the board.

COMPLAINT

• I had a rude encounter with a Transfer Site employee on August 21, 2021 at approximately 4:30. I pulled into the Transfer Site to unload a couple boxes from some items I'd brought up the hill. They were on the larger side but were not excessively heavy or unwieldy. One was for a headboard measuring approximately 4' high x 5' wide x 2" deep and one was for the footboard measuring approximately 2'6" high x 5' wide x 2" deep.

In the past, I have dropped boxes of similar size at the Transfer Site with no issue. As I pulled the boxes over to the cardboard area, I noticed it was almost empty and as I usually do when it's the case, I jovially apologized to the Transfer Site worker for adding to their work when they are almost finished.

I put the first box in the cardboard area and grabbed the second box only to be angrily confronted by the Transfer Site employee that the large bin was full and that the box wouldn't fit in the bailer, and exactly what was he supposed to do with the

box? I offered to help him break it down, only to have him angrily drag the box back to the cardboard area. I probably should have just left it there, but I asked him if he was really yelling at me for bringing a box to the Transfer Site. I told him I did not believe his response was acceptable behavior and asked what his name was. He refused to tell me, only offering a half-hearted apology the second time I asked for his name.

I threw away the rest of my items, then left. I understand that our employees, particularly the Transfer Site ones, have to deal with a lot of terrible abuse and I have always tried to be courteous to them for the services that they provide us. However, in this instance, I found the employee's response to a completely innocuous situation to be completely unacceptable.

Response: We are extremely sorry about the experience you had at the Transfer Site. It has been discussed and should not happen again. Again, our apologies.

At Adventure Ink (in the Village), the Chess Club meets (all skill levels welcome) every Thursday at 3 p.m.

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.

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

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'ArtFlix at Artworks' Free Film Series

Artworks Community Gallery, a non-profit gallery in Pine Mountain Club, is offering movie night with a focus on the arts. It's called "ArtFlix at Artworks." The lineup includes documentaries and bio-pics about famous and not-so-famous artists; movies about art movements; dancers; musicians; playwrights; other creative people and projects. "ArtFlix at Artworks" is scheduled every second and fourth Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. It's free of charge with a \$3.00 donation for snacks. Our lineup for the remainder of the year is as follows:

Oct. 14, 2021 -- The Dance of Reality (movie)

Oct. 28, 2021 -- Trumbo (documentary)

Nov. 11, 2021 -- Gaugin-The Full Story (documentary)

Nov. 25, 2021 -- Amelie (movie)

Dec. 9, 2021 -- Paris-The Luminous Years (documentary)

Dec. 23, 2021 -- Sirens Be Seduced (movie)

Artworks Community Gallery is located at 16233 Pine Valley Lane. For more information, call Artworks Community Gallery at 661-858-3130, or visit Facebook @artworkspmv or the website at www.artworks.space.

Rec Room Hours

**Friday, Saturday &
Sunday 12-5pm**

**Also open School Holidays
and Winter, Spring and
Summer Breaks**

**Arts & Crafts for kids
every Friday in the PMC
Clubhouse Rec Room
3-5pm**

Entertainment Line-Up:

Fri/Sat Nights

Friday, Oct. 1

**7-10pm -- Bandit
unplugged**

**(Mix of Classic Rock, Blues &
Country)**

Saturday, Oct. 2

**7:30-11pm -- Studio O
Rhythm Section**

**(Jazz, Blues, Americana,
Soft/Classic Rock)**

Saturday, Oct. 9

**7:30-11pm -- Runaway
(Country, Classic & Southern
Rock)**

Saturday, Oct. 16

**7:30-11pm -- Journey in
Time**

**('60s & '70s Soft Rock, Folk &
Country)**

Saturday, Oct. 23

**7-10pm -- The Noral
Twins**

(Country & Rock)

Saturday, Oct. 30

**7:30-11pm -- TBA
(Halloween Party)**

**First and last Friday, 7-10pm
Every Saturday 7:30-11pm**

**Golf Course/
Pro Shop
Open 8am to 6pm
Every Day
661-242-3734**

Transfer Site Hours:

8:30am - 5pm Daily
Open until 7pm Thursdays
through Oct. 14

Reminders

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

Only four vehicles are allowed into the site at a time. All other cars will wait outside the gate. When one car leaves another car may come in. Please do not leave your car while waiting in line and walk into the site. Please be patient and wait your turn into the site.

Please secure your trash before heading to the Transfer Site. There has been an increase in trash along the side of our roads from trash flying out the back of vehicles going to the Transfer Site. Let's keep our roads clean.

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Most committees are meeting live again. Please check with each committee for current details about the meetings.

Friday, Oct. 1 (First Friday)

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

Saturday, Oct. 2 (First Saturday)

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

Tuesday, Oct. 5 (First Tuesday)

6 pm **Communications** ZOOM

Wednesday, Oct. 13 (Wednesday Before Board Mtg)

6 pm **Budget & Finance** Condor Room

Saturday, Oct. 16 (Third Saturday)

10 am **PMCP OA Board of Directors Mtg.** Condor Room

Saturday, Oct. 23 (Fourth Saturday)

DARK Emergency Preparedness Condor Room
DARK CERT CERT Facility

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Fine/Penalty Schedule as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Burkett to approve **RESOLUTION #04-09-18-2021**, additional funding for phases I & II of the Strategic Plan, not to exceed (NTE) \$22,000 from the Reserve Study. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Acosta, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve **RESOLUTION #05-09-18-2021**, allocating \$195,352 for the 2021-2022 budget, \$25,902 for Greenbelt cleanup, \$104,927 for Phase 3-6 Clubhouse renovation plans, \$12,202 for 2021-2022 project contingency, and the remaining accumulated carryover amount to the Reserve Fund following the 2020-2021 Audit as directed by Bylaw 10.12. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve the update to Bylaw 2.16 as submitted. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Acosta to approve the update to Bylaws 10.02 & 10.03. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve the update to Bylaw 12.03. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Burkett to approve the Cannon Image Runner Advance DX805, NTE \$500/month. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director McClellan to approve **RESOLUTION #01-08-21-2021**, the 2021 Five-Year Strategic Plan as approved by the Planning Committee. **MOTION** carried.

The board sent and received thirty-three (33) items of correspondence.

MOTION by Director Hoyt-Voelker, **SECOND** by Director Throckmorton to approve the conceptual design plans for the clubhouse revitalization project as updated based on input from members, the Planning Committee, the Environmental Control Committee and the board so the plan can be submitted for a cost analysis. **MOTION** carried.

The next Regular Open Board Meeting will take place on October 16, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Condor Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 a.m.