



Serving the Community of Pelican Pointe

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Don't miss our annual holiday event set for Sunday, December 7th, from 5:00 to 7:00. The Open House will be hosted by June Hanley in QQ-102. We'll provide eggnog, wine and soft drinks. We invite you to bring your favorite appetizer to share (not mandatory).

RSVP by Dec. 5th, to June at 303-955-0904, or to Mary Mulholland at 303-973-9018.

Hope to see you there for a cup of holiday cheer and to meet your neighbors.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Lunch Bunch

The Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch will meet for a special HOLIDAY BRUNCH! It will be on Tuesday, December 9th, at 11 a.m., at the home of Laura Nichols in P-101. Enjoy great food and conversation with your neighbors. Everyone is invited! RSVP to Laura at incamera@comcast.net or Mary Mulholland at 303-973-9018 or marymul43@yahoo.com by December 7.

Pelican Pointe Book Club

There will NOT be a meeting of the Pelican Pointe Book Club in December. Our next meeting will be Friday, January 9th, 2009, at 6:30 PM, at Nancy Williams' home, M-103. The book is "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson. A panoramic and gripping novel, it tells the story of Trond Sander, a 67 year-old man who has moved from the city to a remote, riverside cabin, only to have all the turbulence, grief, and overwhelming beauty of his youth come back to him while walking one night. RSVP to Nancy at 303-333-7498 or nsw7@msn.com.

P.P. LISTINGS

Units on the market :

H-101, HH-104, W-103

If you want your unit to appear in this space, contact Bob Morgan by the 24th of the month: bobmorgan54@comcast.net or 720-255-2255.

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by Steve Susman

President-elect Obama's team of economic advisers was not consulted. However, Pelican Pointe's operating budget for 2009 contains a \$10-per-month increase in your assessment ("dues"). Each of you was notified of the Board's budgetary process, and of its conclusions for the ensuing year: The Board carefully observed that our operating costs are rising because (a) our physical facilities are aging [aren't we all?], and (b) certain recurring costs are rising, e.g., water; irrigation parts; fertilizers; animal trapping. At our Annual Homeowners' Meeting on November 20, the 2009 budget was overwhelmingly approved, in effect. **So, beginning January 1, 2009, please submit \$190** monthly. Those who pay by check have received twelve payment envelopes; those paying by automatic debit will see this slight increase on their bank statements.

The CEOs of the Big Three U.S. auto manufacturers flew into Washington in their company jets. However, the rest of us mortals simply drove to Windsor Gardens for our Annual Homeowners Meeting. At our election of two directors for our Board, three excellent candidates vied. Mary Mulholland (who had filled a Board vacancy in 2006) and Bob Morgan were elected for three-year terms. Mary has agreed to continue as vice-president and as chair of the Social Committee. Bob has volunteered to succeed Claudia Jacobson as newsletter editor, beginning in early '09. Linda Corry continues as President; Harold Davison as Treasurer; and Marcia Helfant as chair of the Design Review Committee.

George Orwell's classic book, "1984," involved a futuristic portrayal of overseeing, snooping, and betraying. But at Pelican Pointe, the purpose of our observations will be benign: We are embarking on a program sponsored by Denver Police, called "Neighborhood Watch." In essence, this entails dividing our residents into groups of about 10-20 persons, and watching out for one another at all times. This process is enhanced by the exchange of e-mail addresses and phone numbers among members of each group (in effect, a

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subdivision of our Directory); signage furnished by Denver Police; awareness of the appropriate police phone numbers; and a sharing of information among the members about vacations, guests, and similar people-movements. Meanwhile, our *ad hoc* Security Committee, chaired by Nanette Prater, will be researching feasible security measures to complement Neighborhood Watch.

"Those real estate developers are a vacant lot" [old joke with double entendre]. The developers of Lowry Vista have convened three public meetings recently, but primarily focused on residents at The Lighthouse, Pelican Pointe, and Windsor Gardens. These presentations are (a) to satisfy procedural requirements to "get the community's input" and (b) to answer concerns from curious neighbors and neighboring communities. Only certain residents at Lowry have offered vocal opposition to this project. The developers have made their formal filings for rezoning with the requisite authorities; some additional opportunity for community or individual comment will be available. Because of the prolonged timetable for the final approval of these projects, and the current depressed state of retail merchandising -- I don't expect to see ground-breaking there until late 2009/early 2010.

You don't have a new John Grisham novel to keep you company on a sunny beach? Your next best option for exciting reading is to contact me and obtain an updated Pelican Pointe Directory. These were distributed at our Homeowners Meeting, but I can make one available for your picking-up. It will replace your present Directory in your new Handbook. In 2009, your Board will be considering a program whereby our Directory, our Good Help collection, and perhaps other topics could be placed online, password-protected. In this manner, updates to those features could be made efficiently without reliance on printing, picking-up, and ordinary mail.

The cost of children's rides at Ely's or Lakeside will pale by comparison, if I observe or receive notice of any kids riding on our front gates. The cost of maintaining these gates and their motors is high, and we will pass such costs onto any adults responsible for those kids at Pelican Pointe. We believe that some of these trespassers may be from neighboring communities.

Sonny recovering. Our contractor, Sonny, recently suffered from a serious lower-back problem. We are happy to report that he will be returning soon. We anticipate that he will be delegating much of the heavy manual labor to his subordinates, but supervising them nonetheless. The net results should be the same as we've come to expect. All of us wish him a speedy recovery. In particular at this time of year, we are raking leaves and undergrowth from our bushes, and cleaning gutters. We will soon begin our semi-annual bush-trimming, now that the growth season has passed.

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'Tis the season . . . Now that you've all gorged on turkey, it's time to decorate our community for the holidays. Please put out your lights, wreaths, and assorted decorations to dress Pelican Pointe in its holiday finery. This annual display is encouraged and appreciated by all our residents and visitors. Just remember to take down all your "holiday cheer" by January 31, 2009.

Weird behavior. He had a photographic memory that was never developed. Those who jump off a Paris bridge, are in Seine. She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.

GOOD HELP IS HARD TO FIND

Electrician

C.T. Electric, (720) 231-3672, recommended by Eddie Pinckney.

Dryer-vent cleaning

Dryer Vent Wizard, (720) 350-1000, www.dryerventwizard.com. Recommended by Victor Valks.

House-cleaning

Barbara Brown (303) 337-7991, dba Barb's Custom Cleaning. Recommended by Jim Talley, and Tiffany Tolmen (a Pelican Pointe resident), (719) 660-3366. Recommendations upon request.

Pet-sitting and house-sitting

Barbara Wolf. (303) 377-5600. Suggested by Steve Susman.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Pelican Pointe Board of Directors will be on Monday evening, December 15, from 7 p.m.--9 p.m., at the Lighthouse Clubhouse. We encourage all homeowners to attend the meeting. We value your input. Hope we'll see you there!