



Special Thanks

Many thanks to Diane and Harold Davison for hosting the delightful Holiday Open House. Approximately 30 Pelican Pointe residents participated. Lots of good conversation, food and drink was enjoyed by all.

Thanks also to Ruth Herre (#Q-102) who helped print and distribute this month's P.B. We welcome Ruth's involvement!

Social Committee News

Lunch Bunch

The Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 11:30 a.m., at the Windsor Gardens Grill, 595 S. Clinton St. RSVP to Mary MacIlroy at 720-941-1799 by Jan. 14th.

Pelican Pointe Book Club

The next Pelican Pointe Book Club will meet on Friday, January 11th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marcia Helfant in N-104. We will discuss "Those Who Save Us" by Jenna Blum. This novel, "adds a powerful new voice to the annals of World War II fiction and provides a unique perspective on the agonies of survivors. This beautifully written first novel is a profound exploration of what we endure to survive and the legacy of shame." RSVP to Marcia Helfant at mhelfant@comcast.net by Jan. 10th.

Next Social Committee Meeting

The Social Committee is meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Mulholland, EE-101. We are seeking new members, new ideas, and new residents to host "get-togethers". All of these are unique ways to meet more neighbors while helping your community stay connected. If you are interested in any of the above, please talk with Mary at 303-973-9018 or marymul43@yahoo.com.

Access to The Lighthouse for our HOA Meetings

Due to recent burglaries at The Lighthouse (see 'Susman Unleashed' for details), their gates will no longer be unlocked for our Homeowners' Board Meetings. When you attend, enter the gate code **000**, and the Lighthouse manager will let you in. More on our meeting on page 4.

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The Pelican Pointe Homeowners' Directory - To Be or Not to Be

-By Linda Corry, HOA Board President

By now you should have seen articles in the newsletter, notices on the bulletin board, and an announcement in the annual meeting packet. As requested, the Board wants to publish a directory of residents at Pelican Pointe. We are encouraging homeowners to “opt-in” with whatever information they prefer to have included. The desire for a directory involves getting in touch with neighbors for a number of reasons, some of which include safety issues. What if your pet escapes, or you inadvertently leave your garage door open? Do your neighbors know how to reach you? Maybe you want to reach your neighbor for social reasons. Occasionally deliveries are left at the wrong unit or delivered because the homeowner is not at home. How can you contact the homeowner when you don't recognize the name, there is no unit number, etc.? Up to this point, the person who took the delivery often has called Steve. How much more efficient it would be to not burden our Manager with such matters?

To date, we have had a disappointing directory response – perhaps a third of the units. I am struggling to understand homeowners' reluctance to be included.

Following our December Board Meeting, Steve and I had an impromptu meeting with the Manager at the Lighthouse. We had an opportunity to see their handsome homeowners' directory. Not that we need to keep up with the Joneses, but I must admit that I was very impressed with the Lighthouse directory. It lists every homeowner but one, is in a handsome notebook, and includes additional helpful phone numbers and information. I was green with envy. The way the Lighthouse has captured all the homeowners is by including an information form at closing. Why can't we have a neat directory? I believe we can, but we need homeowners to OPT-IN. Once the directory is established, we can capture new residents in a similar fashion as the Lighthouse.

The Pelican Pointe Homeowners' Directory . . .cont.

The consensus of the Board members at the December meeting was to go ahead and publish the directory with whatever names and information we have. My wish is to have 100% participation – am I a hopeless dreamer?

We have extended the deadline through January. I urge you to respond to Steve at 303-394-0942 or stevesusman@comcast.net.

Happy New Year to all!

SUSMAN UNLEASHED . . .

by Steve Susman

Crime doesn't pay, but it might for the burglar. The Lighthouse reported three break-ins in mid-November, presumably by the same burglars on the same date. Entry was gained by forcing the front door of each targeted home. None of the homes had a front storm door. The homeowners were not there at the time. Time: between about 1 p.m. and early evening. One possible advisory conclusion: a storm/ security (front) door will dissuade a burglar from attempting to gain entry there. Successful burglar entries through windows have been extremely rare, although we have instances at Pelican Pointe in which entry by window was at least attempted. The cost of purchase and installation of a *Board-approved* security door is significant. But consider what protection such a door can afford. Consider this investment in your home to have considerable merit.

"The postman rings twice," is a familiar old phrase. But all residents at Pelican Pointe are advised to pick up their mail *daily*. We continue to experience attempts to pry open one or more of our mailboxes. This is rare, but consider the aggravation you will suffer if this happens to your mailbox. If you will be away for two or more days, consider asking a neighbor or friend in Pelican Pointe to pick up your mail. For longer periods away, the Post Office recommends, of course, that you temporarily "stop" your deliveries. Incidentally, our new postman is Jimmy; his predecessor, Larry, is no longer with us. Give Jimmy a greeting when you next see him.

Santa Claus has come and gone for the season. But he wasn't happy about the dark entrances he encountered at Pelican Pointe. Some of our homeowners have "bellied up to the bar" by having a simple timer installed to control their front porch light. It is established that such a light at night tends to deter burglars from that unit. Generally, the timer can be set to turn on at dusk and turn off a few hours later, or at dawn, at the homeowner's option. The Lighthouse recently encouraged all its homeowners to have such a timer installed. Because of the significant number who opted to do so, a bulk purchase of the timers was effected, and a bulk installation rate was negotiated. We believe that we could do the same at Pelican Pointe, whereby the total cost of the device *and* installation would be under \$49. Contact me for more details.

The lowest circle in Dante's Inferno is reserved for those persons who dropped with their car through a sunken manhole cover at Pelican Pointe (How quickly you have forgotten your *Humanities* course in college!) I have identified about twelve of the more obvious sunken manhole covers in our driveways. Please e-mail me or call me if you think the one in your driveway merits attention. It is very costly to repair the concrete donut-shaped support casing that supports the manhole cover. We are soliciting bids for this project.

Dog poop and other post-holiday delights. Your Association has purchased a third pet waste receptacle, intended for the eastern detention pond. As you know, the other two are in the western pond area, and on the western edge of our complex. The older receptacles have bag-dispensers, but we have ceased providing the bags. Those pet owners who are responsible have been providing their own waste bags [*these citizens are much appreciated here*]. Irresponsible pet owners, on the other hand, didn't bother to use the bags which the Association supplied. Recognizing this reality, the new receptacle (to be placed when warmer weather allows a small concrete base to be poured to support the receptacle's weight) has no bag dispenser. But it is streamlined and cutting-edge industrial design!

If I can't remember the birthdays of my 13 grandchildren, how can I remember when the City will empty my recycling barrel? Our purple barrels are serviced biweekly, on Wednesdays (unless that day or the preceding two days are a City-recognized holiday, in which event all trash and recycling pick-up is deferred one day). The City will send you an e-mail in advance of your scheduled recycling-barrel servicing day, provided you request this notice on www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles. Also, I believe that each of us will soon receive by mail the complete 2008 recycling pick-up schedule. Get your refrigerator magnet ready.

P.P. LISTINGS

Units on the market: G-103, H-102, N-103, W-102, RR-102, RR-103

If you want your unit to appear in this space, contact Claudia Jacobson by the 24th of the month: claudiadenco@gmail.com or 303-331-1616.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Pelican Pointe Board of Directors will be on Monday evening, January 21, from 7 p.m.--9 p.m., at the Lighthouse Clubhouse. **Note the gate code on Page 1.** Hope we'll see you there!