



***GET WITH THE PROGRAM!
BANISH DARKNESS!***

A great safety strategy at night is **LIGHT**. Please join our Association's **light-timer installation program**. We can have a small timer installed in the place of your porch-light switch or your patio light switch. The timer will program the light to go ON and OFF whenever you wish. This enables each of us to light up our sidewalks and patio areas, without having the light on all night. Randy Turner is working with us to provide the timer and installation for you. If enough additional persons enlist in this program, we believe the total cost can be reduced to under \$50 for the part-and-labor for each installation. This is a substantial savings from the retail cost of the timer and the installation services.

This opportunity will close after March 15, and may not be repeated soon. Contact Steve, our manager, for more details.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch is meeting again on Tuesday, March 11th, at 11:30 AM. We will dine at the Golden Shanghai Asian Restaurant in the Albertson's Shopping Center at Parker and Florida. RSVP to Mary MacIlroy at 720-941-1799.

Pelican Pointe Book Club

Pelican Pointe Book Club will be meeting again on Friday, March 14th at 6:30, at the home of Mary Mulholland, EE-101. We will be discussing "Forever" by Peter Hamill.

'60's Concert

The concert by "Dan & Daddio" is scheduled for Sunday, April 6th, from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Lighthouse Club House. Mark your calendars and save the date! More details next month.

MARCH BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Pelican Pointe Board of Directors will be on Monday evening, March 17, from 7 p.m.--9 p.m., at the Lighthouse Clubhouse. If the gate is closed when you arrive, remember to enter the gate code 000. Hope we'll see you there!

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***Pelican Pointe HOA Board News
.....by Linda Corry, HOA Board President***

I am encouraged by the positive responses to ‘opt-in’ to our Directory project. A small committee has been calling our residents to determine if they want to be listed. The conclusion is clear—everyone is busy and many, “hadn’t gotten around to responding”. Not all the calls are completed, but estimating by the number of “yeses” I have received thus far, we should have a fairly complete directory after all. Perhaps when other homeowners see their name missing, they will opt-in when the directory is revised.

Another rather surprising thing happened on one of my phone calls: the resident did not know that we have a newsletter. Of course, if you don’t know that we have a newsletter, you will not be reading this! Please mention the newsletter in conversations with your neighbors—and give us feedback on what Pelican Pointe news you want included in the newsletter. I especially want to thank our astute Editor, Claudia Jacobson.

Your Board is undertaking a momentous task that we are dubbing the “Pelican Pointe Directory and Handbook”. It will be a sturdy notebook, tabbed, and will contain, along with the directory, Pelican Pointe rules, and lots of other useful information. It will be in a loose-leaf binder to allow easy insertion of revisions. Every homeowner and/or resident will receive one. This publication is intended to be kept near and dear to your heart for years to come. Needless to say, we will not be able to send the handbooks to residents via USPS; we will have some pick-up locations, and the other copies will require hand-delivery to residents’ units. If you are willing to help with the delivery please let me know at lindacorry@msn.com.

I had the opportunity of attending Councilwoman Marcia Johnson’s Presidents’ Day breakfast on February 18th. Marcia invites all the presidents of the neighborhood and homeowner associations in her district to this event each year. Almost all of the District 5 neighborhoods were represented. It was an excellent opportunity to network—

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one of my objectives this year. I chatted with the association presidents at the Lighthouse and Windsor Gardens; no one attended from Woodside. I am proposing to our Board that Pelican Pointe become a registered neighborhood so that we can keep abreast of District 5 activities.

Watch the bulletin board for a community presentation about the Lowry Vista project outlined in last month's newsletter. This meeting will probably be scheduled in the next month and may include one or two neighboring communities. We will solicit your interest in attending the meeting once we know the details. If the audience is large, we will find a fitting location. I am told that the developers can report on some of the businesses that will set up shop in Lowry Vista. The meeting will be informative and should be worth your time.

SUSMAN UNLEASHED . . .

by Steve Susman

Jack be nimble; Jack be quick; Jack jump over the snow mound to pick up his dog's solid waste. Or so we request. Complaints have increased about the amount of dog waste in our common areas that is not being picked up by the dog's owner. Since all residents of Pelican Pointe are upstanding, rule-abiding neighbors, we assume that this oversight arises from one's natural reluctance to follow one's dog over a snow mound and retrieve the solid waste -- which may have buried itself in the few seconds prior to the owner's leap. Shouldn't the Golden Rule apply here? When weather permits, we will be installing a third pet solid-waste disposal station, the new one being in or near the east detention pond. Ignore the current hue and cry against plastic bags. They are the carrier of choice for this not-so-fun task. 'Nuf said?

The Musee d'Orsay on the Left Bank of the Seine River in Paris houses the world's greatest collection of Impressionist paintings. However, at Pelican Pointe this spring, we will attempt to rival those glorious colors with our flower beds at our entrance, at our direction-map, and at both ends of our guardhouse. This bright scene will result from the efforts of a few devoted volunteers (on hands and knees) and a professional flower-bed firm with which we are about to contract.

Playboy bunnies were a part of our culture. But the bunnies proliferating and running wild around our complex are anathema to our flowers and bushes. They eat and destroy our expensive flowers and make hash of our bushes and shrubs. Do not feed them! As do the destructive squirrels in the summer, these animals will return to the naive feeder, and on the way will reap their devastation.

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Who put the yeast under our driveways? Several of the concrete driveways, especially between our southern units at Pelican Pointe, have risen as much as an inch this winter! Experts tell us that the heavy snows of last winter and the lingering snows of this winter have seeped beneath those driveways, causing the expansive soil there to cause potential and severe damage. The rising concrete pressures the adjacent siding to buckle, which then causes other problems. Sonny is trimming the bottom siding slat on those buildings to alleviate that pressure. We are told that these driveways may well subside in the hot summer.

"Singin' in the Rain," crooned Gene Kelly, decades ago, as he performed his talented song-and-dance routine around a light pole. The lights in some of those light poles are now dim or extinguished. Please report the location of such non-working lights to our manager, so he can request Xcel Energy to replace the lights in those fixtures. Alternatively, you can take pole-dancing lessons.

Substantial damage to your floors can result from a break in the pipe supplying water to your outside spigot. Every winter, one or more of our townhomes suffer this fate. That pipe bursts from freezing, even if no hose is connected to the spigot. Some solutions are recommended. 1) A valve can be inserted in the middle of that pipe, in your crawl space. In late fall, the valve is shut off, depriving the pipe of water in the winter. In spring, the valve is opened again, to enable the spigot to function. 2) Electrical tape, specially designed to wrap around water-carrying pipes and carrying a low current, can be installed. 3) Other insulating tape can be utilized. In any event, our governing documents provide that the cost of repairing the pipe and the consequent damage to the unit is the responsibility of the homeowner. Appropriate homeowner's insurance can help soften the blow of this calamity, subject to the "deductible" on the policy. Contact our manager for more information.

A patty-melt is a hamburger on toast with onions. But ice-melt is a solid chemical that lowers the ambient temperature of the ice it contacts. That is the Good News for pedestrian safety. The Bad News is that ice -melt is very expensive, even if bought in large quantities, and it destroys the concrete beneath it. Concrete cannot be successfully repaired; it must be replaced--at substantial cost. Of course, safety of our residents is our paramount consideration, but we must temper homeowners' frequent requests for "more ice-melt on my driveway" with these realities. We cannot remove all ice at all times from all driveways and sidewalks; the cost would be astronomical and isn't necessary. We believe our snow- and ice-clearing program is efficient and in everyone's best interest. And please remember: not every townhome can be "first" in our winter team's snow-and-ice priorities.

Weird behavior. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved and never will achieve its full potential, that word would be "*meetings.*"