



## Social Committee News

**LUNCH BUNCH NEWS:** The "Lunch Bunch" will meet on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am Juicy Lucy's Steakhouse, located at 250 Josephine Street in Cherry Creek. Hope to see you then. To RSVP, call or e-mail Mary Mulholland at 303-973-9018 or [marymul43@yahoo.com](mailto:marymul43@yahoo.com).

**PELICAN POINTE BOOK CLUB:** The "Pelican Pointe Book Club" will meet again on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the home of Caryl Shipley in QQ-101. We will be discussing "The Madonna's of Leningrad" by Debra Dean. This novel is a portrait of war and remembrance, of the power of love, memory, and art to offer beauty, grace, and hope in the face of overwhelming despair. Please RSVP to Caryl at [cshipley@law.du.edu](mailto:cshipley@law.du.edu).

### SUSMAN UNLEASHED

by Steve Susman

*You can't smell it; can't see it; and can't hear it. But it could be your ticket to the Great Homeowner's Association in the sky.* Yes, carbon monoxide poisoning. Some recent horrible occurrences in and near our city have prompted our Colorado legislators to enact a new law mandating the installation of carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in residences. This law does not require you to purchase and install a CO monitor in your townhome, **unless and until** (a) your unit is offered for sale after July 1, 2009; or (b) you rent your unit to a new tenant after that date, or (c) you repair your furnace in your rental unit after that date. Also, you must *maintain or replace* the detector when your tenant notifies you of the need to do so.

*Now, a word to the wise:* Go to the hardware store soon; buy a CO detector; and install it according to the directions. Two-story townhomes might use two of them. These devices are unobtrusive; inexpensive; easy to install and test. Models are either battery-powered or plug into your household current.

*"Garbage in; garbage out," the computer experts tell us.* In a sense, that also applies to your own household garbage and trash. For their non-recyclable trash and garbage, many of our residents simply place their plastic barrels in their driveway -- either the night before the pick-up day, or on the morning of pick-up day. If the lid on the barrel fits securely, no problem. If it doesn't or if you have no lids on your barrels -- you have created a potential problem for your neighbors and yourself -- described below. Other residents here don't remove the barrels from their garage. Rather, they remove the plastic liner-bag from the barrel, tie the loose ends, and place the trash bag in the driveway [The advantage of that system: Your trash barrel stays clean on the inside, and doesn't roll away to Windsor Gardens in high winds].

*The problem:* Squirrels, raccoons, coyotes, and foxes will smell your garbage inside your plastic trash bag, or inside your unsecured barrel, and will tear into the contents like me at a Godiva

chocolate store! The mess of garbage strewn in your driveway is horrible; the pick-up men won't touch it; it's your responsibility. *Solutions:* Make sure your barrel lid is secure. For non-barrel users: Don't place your bag(s) outside until the morning of trash pick-up day.

Federal stimulus money for projects at Pelican Pointe? No way, Jose. Therefore, we have our own reserve funds, to pay for our own repair and restoration projects. These "capital" projects are carefully chosen by our Board, and prioritized, as part of our never-ending process of maintaining our physical structures and the value of your townhome. A few examples planned for this spring-summer: (a) Extensive replacement of selected curbs and gutters; conversion of additional townhomes' rain gutters to a larger size (to enhance rain and snow run-offs); (b) Re-grading at the west end of our internal road, in order to change the drainage pattern. The pooling of rain, snow, and irrigation water there has caused serious deterioration of the asphalt road and concrete driveways--because the developer did not place a storm sewer drain there; (c) A substantial amount of sidewalk overlays (to cover serious cracks and spalling); (d) Re-supply of small rocks around many of our building foundations, for aesthetic and drainage purposes; (e) Painting of a large number of our buildings; and (f) replacement of dead trees.

Weird behavior: Some definitions: (1): *Flashlight:* a case for holding dead batteries. (2): *The 50-50 Rule:* Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong. (3): *The shin bone:* A device for finding furniture in the dark.

**DID WE HEAR YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO GET INVOLVED IN CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY HERE IN PELICAN POINTE???? WELL, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!!!**

### **SOLAR ELECTRIC INITIATIVE**

Jim Mulholland (EE-101) suggested at the March Board of Directors meeting that we begin a conversation among home owners about the installation of solar panels on our buildings. The advantages of doing so include lower electric bills, reduction of air pollution, and independence from foreign oil imports. Most compelling is the fact that energy costs are projected to rise dramatically in the next few years. Jim agreed to chair an ad hoc committee to gather information. If you are interested in this subject, please give Jim a call at 303-973-9018. The first meeting will be scheduled for early May.

### **DO YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE "GOOFY" CEILING FANS THAT SEEM TO HAVE A MIND OF ITS (THEIR) OWN???**

If you have a ceiling fan where the light goes "on" and "off" on its own at weird times, or where your fan seemingly "starts" and "stops" on its own initiative, then we have a surprise for you!! No, your ceiling fan does not have a mind of its own – but it may share the same "operating code" as one of your adjacent neighbors – and when your neighbor operates their fan, their signal operates your fan too!! If you want to correct this problem you can call Randy Turner at 303.663.9642. Randy is one of our recommended "Handymen."

**THE WORD IS OUT THAT SOME OF YOU ARE GETTING TOTALLY BORED – NOW THAT THE ELECTION SEASON IS OVER WITH!!!**

And if this is your problem – we may just have the solution for you!! The following listings (un-verified by your editor) are for both the Republican Club and the Democratic Club contacts over at “The Gardens!”

**Political Clubs at Windsor Gardens -**

The Republican Club meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm  
Contact: Darrel @ 303-344-1913

The Democratic Club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm  
Contact: Lois @ 720-858-7975

Meetings are held at CenterPoint, Windsor Gardens

**All Pelican Pointe residents are welcome!**

**SO WHO ARE THE TWO FELLOWS WHO WORK SO HARD TO KEEP PELICAN POINTE LOOKING SO NICE?? IT’S SONNY AND ANGEL, THAT’S WHO!**



Here’s Sonny Fischer (on the left) and Angel Reese (on the right) who are about to perform some “deep root” watering using our “Water Truck.”

Sonny Fischer, and his right hand man, Angel Reese, are the two principal individuals who keep our lawns looking nice, shovel our snow, trim the bushes, and perform a whole host of other work for our condo association. Sonny grew up in Minnesota and has spent the last 20 years here in Colorado. Before coming to Colorado, Sonny proudly served his country for 3-1/2 years in the US Marine Corps and had two tours of duty in Viet Nam. Angel was born in Mexico and came to the United States when he was 4 years old. Angel has worked for Sonny for the last ten (10) years.

***P.P. LISTINGS***

**Units on the market: HH-104, J-102, K-102, O-103, and W-103. Unit for rent: A-103** (call Sandra Adams at 303-868-6574 for information). If you want your unit to appear in this space, contact Bob Morgan by the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month: [bobmorgan54@comcast.net](mailto:bobmorgan54@comcast.net) or 720-255-2255.

***MAY BOARD MEETING***

The next meeting of the Pelican Pointe Board of Directors will be on Monday evening, May 18, from 7: p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lighthouse Clubhouse. We hope to see you there!!

**YOUR PELICAN POINTE “CONNECTIONS”**

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