



# THE PELICAN BRIEF      DEC. 2010

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**New President.** At the Board Meeting following the Annual Homeowners Meeting, Harold Davison was unanimously elected as President of our Homeowners Association. Harold had previously served a three-year term on the Board, 2006-2009. Harold brings to the position a wealth of many years of practical and legal experience. Our HOA and Board are indeed fortunate that he has agreed to serve in this leadership position.

**2010 Annual Homeowners Meeting.** This well-attended Annual Meeting was held on November 8 at the Augustana Lutheran Church. Enjoying the evening, the socializing, the good dinner, and the business session were 66 Pelican Pointers, representing 52 townhomes. Our Social Committee, headed by Mary Mulholland, planned and coordinated this event. Considerable effort was involved in obtaining the site, selecting a caterer and menu, and a host of other details. A delicious meal was served. We want to express a special thanks to Mary for her good work. Harold Davison was elected a director, to serve for an initial term of three years. Outgoing President Linda Corry was presented with a gift from a grateful Board. Linda served us for several years with grace; she was effective, thorough, reasonable, and respected; we will miss her on the Board. Linda, nonetheless, has agreed to serve on several of our committees. Steve Susman received special recognition, too. The 2011 budget, presented by the Board, was ratified unanimously. Speeches were short. This event was well publicized in advance. Perhaps those who didn't attend will do so next year.

**Lunch Bunch** will not meet in December. The next get-together will be at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. We will meet and eat at the Cherry Creek Grill located at 184 Steele Street. Everyone is welcome to join us for neighborly conversation and great food. Please RSVP to Susan Million at 303-316-7190.

**Pelican Pointe Book Club** will not meet in December. The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2011. We are meeting at the home of Joyce Berman in MM-105. We will be discussing Wild Swan: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang. This is a powerful and moving account of three generations of Chinese women with an astonishing view of life in a changing China. Please RSVP to Joyce at 303-322-3713.

## SUSMAN UNLEASHED

by Steve Susman

High school geometry? Don't admit that you have forgotten that the circumference of a circle is  $\pi \times \text{diameter}$ , and that  $\pi = 3.14159+$ . OK, I'll admit that those formulas won't even qualify you for a cup of tall frappe mocha latte frappuccino at Starbucks. However, you must have noticed by now that the primary circle comprising the infamous roundabout at our northwest corner has been reduced in size. The Denver Fire Department, we are told, is holding funds for the eventual construction of a new fire station at E. Alameda Avenue and So. Xenia Street -- essentially at the northeast corner of our complex. The longer fire engines would be unable to negotiate the tight circle posed by the roundabout as they speed to answer an alarm. Hence, the reduction of the circle's size. Actually, the diameter of the circle hasn't changed, but the curbing surrounding that circle has been replaced with a graded slope, thereby enlarging the "turning" area. Now that this has been accomplished by the City, I suspect that our Board may focus, again, on whether or not to seek xeriscaping or other landscaping treatment for the roundabout. Substantial research and progress had been made on such a project last year, efforts spearheaded by Bob Morgan. The ultimate "solution" may be to request the City to simply pave the inner circle with concrete. In any event, unless and until the islands comprising the roundabout are dealt with, we can expect those areas to remain unsightly in summer.

Plastic baggies containing fine white powder aren't a wise accessory on one's person. However, I implore those who place their monthly dues check beneath my front doormat (a good procedure) to place their check in such a baggie. Especially in our winter season, the underside of the mat may remain wet. Many times I play the role of crime-lab technician, extracting your soggy check, drying it carefully on a paper towel, hoping that the ink doesn't run to make the check illegible. Perhaps our bank assumes that we are money-laundering, a nefarious activity.

I don't know what lerts do, but I urge you to be alert anyway. A recent edition of the Hub section of "The Denver Post" reported that a "residence in the 600 block of So. Dayton Street" was the site of an armed robbery. Apparently, residents admitted the robbers, to their regret. Of course, robberies and burglaries occur throughout the metro area. At Pelican Pointe, notwithstanding our imposing perimeter iron fence and electric gates, each of us remains exposed to the criminal element. It is said that we have the *perception* of security, at most. We will never have a significantly safer complex, which would require at least high walls and a 24/7 guard at our entrance. In the coming months, the Board may again consider other measures that could enhance our security; none of them, if implemented, will be perfect. The message: Remain alert to "strangers" in our midst; report them to me (during normal business hours), or to the police (911) if your suspicions or observations rise to that level of concern or anxiety. And, foremost, use common sense, whether in our complex or elsewhere.

Nature-lovers rejoice! We have resuscitated our pelicans. Each of the two tile walls at our entrance bears our pelican logo in three colors. Over our dozen years of existence, these colors have faded. We recently repainted these magnificent birds. We are now planning to replace some of our exterior lighting system there, too. At night, those lights are intended to illuminate the pelicans, our name and address, as well as our three flag poles. During holiday season, we usually substitute red and green lights for our spotlights.

Noise from across the ocean. During the summer and fall, the Catamaran Club at The Breakers has promoted night-time musical events on selected evenings. Apparently, these musical groups play outside, presumably on the north side of the clubhouse area. The lake between the Club and our complex may enable the sounds to be transmitted or even to be enhanced. Some Pelican Pointers, especially those residing in or near our canal-side units, have been disturbed repeatedly by the volume of the music. The Board hasn't received sufficient complaints to justify a formal complaint to the City. However, the music at the Club or the café there is enabled by its holding a City-issued license so permitting. There may be limitations, though, on the right of the licensee to disturb others with their playing. If you wish to join with other complainants, please contact our resident, attorney Carolin Topelson, (720) 233-6843.

'Tis the season to be jolly -- fa la la la la, la la la la. Our rules provide that holiday lighting on the exterior of your townhome is allowed between Thanksgiving and the end of the subsequent January. Although our rules also prohibit your attaching decorations outside with nails, tacks or other hooks, use your ingenuity; help to light up our complex; LED lights are inexpensive to purchase and to operate. Allot some of the huge savings you achieved on Black Friday by standing or sleeping in line at Best Buy or Target at 4:00 a.m. on November 26. We'll be installing the usual strings of lights on our guardhouse and our three mail kiosks.

Weird behavior:

- I planted some birdseed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.
- All I ask is a chance to prove money can't make me happy.
- I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.
- What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?
- Two can live as cheaply as one, for half as long.
- They told me I was gullible -- and I believed them.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

December trash pick-up:

December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Recycling pick-up:

December 8 and 22.

Large item pick-up:

December 29.

Pelican Pointe townhomes For Sale: #GG-104, #U-101, #RR-103, #E-102.

Pelican Pointe townhomes For Rent: #S-103 (contact Debbie Segal, (303) 394-1224).

Question to the Editor. *Is it true that the Board is installing photo radar at Pelican Pointe?* As far as I know that is not true, but it is always good to remember that **the speed limit throughout Pelican Pointe is 15 MPH.**

December Board Meeting. This Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Clubhouse, on December 20. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.