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Monday, November 8, 2010 HOA Annual Meeting

This year your **HOA Annual Meeting** will be held in the fellowship hall at **Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Avenue on Monday, November 8, 2010**. A dinner buffet will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 with our annual meeting following. The entrance to the fellowship hall is on Fairfax Street. From Pelican Pointe, go west on Alameda and turn left onto Elm Street, which will take you directly into Augustana's north parking lot. If you make a U-turn and go back to Fairfax, turn right to access additional parking on the south side of the church. The parking on the south side is closer to the fellowship hall. If you are coming on Leetsdale, you will have to turn north on Forest Street. The menu will include a spring mix/fruit salad, rosemary chicken, sour cream potato casserole, green beans and sheet cake for dessert.

**If you plan on attending the dinner buffet portion
of the meeting, please RSVP by November 3 to:**

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Mary Mulholland, 303-973-9018 or marymul43@yahoo.com.

Lunch Bunch. Join this group of spirited Pelican Pointers for lunch on Tuesday, November 9, at 11:30. All genders and ages welcome. Good conversation guaranteed. After all, unless you had breakfast that morning, your most recent meal should have been the delicious buffet dinner at our Annual Homeowners Meeting (described above). This luncheon group will meet at La Cucina de Marcos, 7325 E. Iliff Ave., on the northeast corner of E. Iliff Ave. at S. Quebec Street. OK, so Mexican food contains a few carbohydrates. You can work those off by joining the Catamaran Club at The Breakers (contact our manager for Club information). RSVP for the lunch to Susan Million at (303) 316-7190.

Pelican Pointe Book Club will meet on Friday, November 12, at the home of Marcia Helfant, #N-104, at 6:30 p.m. The book to be discussed is *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers. This non-fiction work is based on accounts of the Katrina disaster from Abdulrahman and Kathy Zeitoun. As longtime residents of New Orleans, they are cast into an unthinkable struggle with forces beyond wind and water in the days after the storm. RSVP to Marcia at mhelfant@comcast.net, or (303) 722-0053.

SUSMAN UNLEASHED
by Steve Susman

In romantic situations, there can be many turn-offs. However, your townhome's outside water spigot should be turned off for the winter. First, of course, is to disconnect any hose from the spigot; let the hose drain; hang it in your garage. You can "winterize" your spigot by purchasing and installing a specially designed protective winterizing cover at your hardware store. I haven't tried this, but many at Pelican Pointe have done so; they are very easy to install; they fit over the spigot. Many of us have caused a turn-off valve to be installed in our crawl space. This valve cuts off the water supply to the spigot in winter, and can be turned back on in springtime. Contact me if you want more information about this option.

The Watergate scandal during the Nixon administration involved a cover-up. In last month's newsletter, I advised you to consider closing your crawl space vent(s) for the winter. Most of you have a damper-door that is hidden behind the exterior screen of your vent. Insert a screwdriver in the horizontal slot at the top of the vent screen, and move the damper-door sideways to close it for the season. Or, if you purchased our special-made detachable vent cover, it is easily attachable with its protruding thumb-screws. Contact me if you have trouble with either of these maneuvers. There's a reasonable difference of opinion on the issue of closing your crawl space vents vs. keeping them open year 'round.

A pink slip means you're fired. But you won't have the luxury of receiving much (if any) notice of a fire in your townhome. It is crucial that your home contain a portable fire extinguisher. The Denver Fire Department recommends that you should have one; should check the pressure gauge monthly; and should have it inspected annually "by a professional licensed by the Denver Fire Department." Secondly, your townhome has smoke detectors. Although these are hard-wired into your electrical system, each requires a 9-volt battery. As most of us here have experienced, the alarm will bark continuously when the battery is low or dead. Your alternatives are to purchase and install a new battery in the offending alarm; or to enter a mental institution before you go insane from the chirping. Unfortunately, many of these Pelican Pointe smoke alarms are located on high ceilings, inaccessible to most mortals. Become friendly with your favorite handyman with his tall ladder.

Stroll through the first floor at Macy's or Nordstrom's or Saks; smell the delicate perfumes wafting through the aisles. But carbon monoxide is odorless. You must have a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm outside each bedroom that is inhabited. Major brands of CO alarms can be purchased at most hardware stores, either in battery form or plug-in. They're easy to install. Test yours monthly.

Who needs Monet at Giverny? The fall colors around our complex are beautiful at this season. Reds and golds gracefully replace our vibrant greens. Our irrigation system has been turned off for the season. Our landscaping crew, led by Sonny, has been trimming our many hundreds of shrubs and bushes. This is a never-ending project, but late fall trimming will provide our crew with a head-start next spring, when the pruning will begin again. After our leaf-bearing trees have shed their leaves for the season, raking and rain gutter-clearing will be performed -- as weather permits. Most of our "dead-end" driveways have been prepared for the storage of snow during major snowfalls.

Turkeys are hiding in the corner of their barn. But, alas, many of them won't be spared as the Grim Reaper of Thanksgiving must fulfill his supermarket quota of fat Butterballs. However, on a cheerier note, Thanksgiving is the first day, according to our Rules, for the installation of your outdoor holiday lighting displays. Although our Rules prohibit attaching anything by way of nails, hooks, and screws, you can be creative in hanging or placing your illuminated displays. They can beautify our community through January. Let's apply some creativity with your lighting displays!

An A+ for hospitality! We have a revived the Welcoming Committee, ably chaired by Sheila Powell. Sheila's committee of volunteers is now the largest of all our committees! These folks arrange to greet new homeowners and tenants in Pelican Pointe. They bring with them good information, an updated Handbook or inserts, and even some cookies. Reports of these visitations from newcomers in our complex have been unanimously favorable. Kudos to these selfless workers for these get-togethers. In homeowner associations, typically a relatively small minority of residents perform most of the necessary chores that distinguish a complex with happy faces from an apartment-type structure where the residents generally have little or no interaction with each other or with the facility as such. Your Annual Meeting Packet contains a brief description of our committees; consider "looking into" one or more of them; you'll make new friends and help to maintain our pleasant ambience in Pelican Pointe.

November trash pick-up:

November 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Recycling pick-up:

November 10 and 24.

"Good Help is Hard to Find": A homeowner has added the following:

Paul McLean, for home repairs, remodeling, kitchens, bathrooms, flooring countertops, carpentry, electrical, plumbing. (303) 882-9385.

Pelican Pointe townhomes For Sale: #V-104, #RR-103, #E-102.

Pelican Pointe townhomes For Rent: #GG-103 (Jeanette Wotkyns, 303-519-7621)
New Feature: The newsletter will list your townhome For Rent. Contact our editor or manager with your listing. No advertising or commentary will be printed -- only the unit number and its contact information.

Weird behavior:

- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.
- When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.
- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars teams up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
- Honk if you believe in God. Text if you want to meet Him.

November Board Meeting: Our bylaws provide that the November Board Meeting is abbreviated. All matters that can be postponed will be considered at the December meeting. Combined with the Annual Board Meeting, the November meeting will convene immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Homeowners Meeting on November 8--same location. The dates of the December meeting and the 2011 Board meetings are set forth in your packet for the Annual Homeowners Meeting. All homeowners and residents are welcome at all Board meetings!

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