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TGIF Pizza Party on Friday, June 17, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. What could be better than concluding your week with a TGIF at our Pelican Pointe picnic area (lovingly called *Pointe Park*)? We will be serving **pizza, snacks, beer, wine, and lemonade**. This annual event is always loads of fun and fellowship. This is free to residents and absentee homeowners. These get-togethers provide a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, corner our manager, or just enjoy someone else's cooking for a change. This popular event attracts many, so bring along a lawn chair.

Book Club. Our Pelican Pointe Book Club will meet on Friday, June 10, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Sue Penn, #FF-104. To be discussed: **Born to Run**, by Christopher McDougall. This non-fiction book is full of incredible characters, amazing athletic achievements, cutting-edge science, and **pure inspiration**. All who enjoy reading are welcome. RSVP to Sue at (303) 399-1022.

Lunch Bunch. Join this interested and interesting group of Pelican Pointe men and women for lunch at *Sweet Ginger Asian Bistro & Sushi*, 2710 E. 3rd Avenue in Cherry Creek North, on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. This restaurant offers a large menu, which includes Asian and Thai food. Treat yourself to a good meal and sparkling conversation. New faces are cordially encouraged to attend! RSVP to Susan Million, (303) 316-7190.

Save these 2011 dates, too:

- Sunday, September 18, 5:00-7:00 for our Annual Picnic at the Lighthouse Clubhouse.
- Monday, December 5, 6:00 p.m., at Augustana Lutheran Church, for our Annual Homeowners Meeting.

SUSMAN UNLEASHED

by Steve Susman

You needed to recruit Jack (of Jack and the Beanstalk fame) or Carmelo Anthony, in order to reach the top portion of our three bulletin boards. We have now lowered them as far as possible, so that the usable area is almost doubled. You still must be pretty tall to access the upper-portions of those boards, but it's good exercise for your calf muscles and for aspiring ballerinas dancing on their toes. Please be considerate of the postings of other persons when you pin your notices there. What goes around comes around (Plato or Sophocles must have said). If you cover or hide someone else's flyer, yours will be next. Further, please leave your own notice there for only a reasonable time.

Unless you work under deep cover for the CIA, it's essential that your manager has your current emergency information. When most of you moved into Pelican Pointe, I solicited from you certain information to enable me to reach you in case of an emergency. Those forms habitually were lost in the process of your closing machinations, or otherwise ignored. Most of you who did respond have emergency contact data in my file that is outdated. Please contact me, preferably by e-mail. I'll provide the simple form for you. All information on the form is kept confidential by me, and used only for management purposes (unless you have opted to disclose certain of your contact information in our Directory, posted on our website). Many times, I have had to rely on that information to reach a homeowner or tenant in a matter that was an emergency for that person. This can be a matter of common sense for your safety, and for the preservation of your townhome.

Death-penalty states report a drastic shortage of the fluids required for that process. Don't try to replicate that process in your townhome. A Colorado statute requires that a carbon monoxide (CO) detector/alarm be installed and operational whenever you rent or re-rent your unit. Furthermore, as landlord, you must provide maintenance and replacement of the detector when notified by your tenant(s) of such a need. These appliances are inexpensive and can be purchased at most hardware stores in different models – either battery-powered or plug-in. Obviously, it's a good idea to have such a detector in your own owner-occupied unit.

"My ¾-ton 4 x 4 truck won't fit into my garage." "My boat and its trailer, if parked on Fairmount Drive, will be vandalized." "Nobody wants my beautiful old furniture which I've advertised for sale on eBay, so it's stored in my garage." I've heard all those excuses and many dozens more. The Board and I are sympathetic to none of them. Our Covenants and Rules are clear: You may not park any of your vehicles or related items in our complex, except in your garage. No ifs, ands, or buts. *However, in very limited extenuating circumstances*, I will grant a temporary privilege to park a vehicle in Guest Parking for a specific period. These unusual circumstances usually involve a special medical situation within the immediate family. Recent example: The disabled adult child of a homeowner (the adult not a resident here) was unable to drive his car for a couple weeks while undergoing special medical treatment, and couldn't park it elsewhere. Note: Request for this limited special parking privilege *must* be requested of me *before* the vehicle is parked in our complex in violation of our Covenants and Rules.

Try not to “tiptoe through the tulips.” You aren’t that “light on your feet.” In early June, our main flower beds will have been professionally planted with a stunning array of gorgeous, colorful flowers of several types, shapes, and sizes. Our two primary beds, outside our main entrance, will provide an attractive welcome to all entrants. The flowers at the foot of our directional sign will also be beautiful to behold. Our talented and ambitious Landscape Committee volunteers will be tending the smaller gardens on both ends of our (heavily armed) guardhouse. Feast your eyes. Chase away all rabbits gorging on these defenseless beauties.

We aren’t Jurassic Park or even the Denver Zoo, but a variety of animals share our space, albeit without invitation. I’m told that coyotes have been spotted on our sidewalks, as well as the usual raccoons, foxes, squirrels, and rabbits. Expect some skunks to trespass here, as well as some errant snakes. All have been sighted. Your pet on a leash won’t appreciate these critters, so beware in this regard.

You’ve never met Bill Gates? No problem: We have our own gates – four pedestrian gates. As you doubtless must know, two of them are located on Fairmount Drive, on our north side; the other two provide access to the Highline Canal. Courtesy and common sense dictate that you should *fully close the gate* each time you exit or enter there. The pedestrian gate near our main entrance has a spring that should close it automatically after each use; however, that spring is old and worn, and may or may not be replaced. The other three gates rely on your goodwill in closing them. Is it really intelligent to “leave it open a crack; I’ll be back soon to enter there; and punching in the code on the lock is a nuisance”? Perhaps those who think that’s a smart strategy are also the same persons who don’t pick up their dog’s solid waste in our complex. Maybe those folks were “born in a barn.” In any event, they never left it. Is it so difficult to be a considerate neighbor?

June trash pick-up:

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

Recycling pick-up:

June 8 and 22.

Large Item Pick-up:

Not until July 7.

Pelican Pointe townhomes For Sale: #GG-104, #LL-104, #RR-103, #X-101, and #U-103.

Pelican Pointe townhomes For Rent: (soon) #LL-104.

Weird behavior:

- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals, dying of nothing.
- Give a person a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and he won't bother you for weeks.
- Some people are like a Slinky ... not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you shove them down the stairs.
- Man, who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.
- Lady who goes camping must beware of evil intent.
- Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.

Question to the Editor: *Is it true that the Board approved our streets at Pelican Pointe for Grand Prix practice?* As far as I know that is not true, but it is always good to remember that **the maximum speed limit throughout Pelican Pointe is 15 MPH.** Now that it's summer, more children will be around Pelican Pointe. **Please drive safely.**

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