



THE PELICAN BRIEF APR. 2012

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Would you like to be the Pelican Pointe manager? As is commonly known, our present Manager, Steve Susman, will be retiring or semi-retiring at the end of 2012, after 6 ½ years of distinguished service to our Association. The Board is now accepting indications of interest in this paid, part-time position. For information, contact Steve at his email address or phones, above.

Has your livingroom switch (controlling your porch light) been converted for your new LED fixture yet? Everyone in our community has been contacted several times by our Manager -- by letters, emails, newsletter articles, phone calls, prayers -- to allow our electricians to visit your living room for 12-15 minutes, to convert that switch for you. A few of you haven't responded to set this appointment. This impedes our concluding this extensive project, and could result in fines for any resident or homeowner who fails to contact Steve to arrange this final step. "Our operators are standing by, to take your call," as the telemarketers say.

Book Club. Our Pelican Pointe Book Club will meet on Friday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Nancy Williams, M-103. To be discussed: *South Of Broad*, by Pat Conroy. The suicide of a Charleston teenager shatters the lives of his family, particularly his shy younger brother Leo, who is ultimately rescued by some unusual but long-lasting friendships. All who enjoy reading are welcome. RSVP to Nancy at (303) 333-7498.

Lunch Bunch. Join this interesting group of Pelican Pointe men and women for lunch at Brio Tuscan Grille, 2500 E. 1st Avenue. The date and time: Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. Treat yourself to a good meal and sparkling conversation. RSVP to Susan Million at (303) 316-7190 by Tuesday morning, April 10.

Major project about to begin. Each of you received a detailed letter from our Manager, outlining our imminent project to repair, replace, and rehabilitate many selected areas of concrete and asphalt on our driveways, curbs, gutters, and roadway. The first phase of this huge undertaking is scheduled to begin the week of April 2. Barriers, traffic cones, and restrictive tape will restrict where you (and your tenants, guests, and other invited persons) can drive and walk in our complex. The contractor will be working diligently with your Manager to minimize your inconvenience. However, gigantic messes can result from trespassing across the marked areas by vehicle, on foot, by trash can, or by pet. Such **trespassers will be fined \$200 for the first offense (!)**, with escalating amounts for subsequent violations. This project is extremely expensive; let's not damage it. We're all in the same boat together.

Your homeowner's insurance policy. Every Pelican Pointer received a letter, by first-class mail, in which your President and Manager explained why your own homeowner's insurance policy should contain adequate "loss assessment" coverage. That letter further explained, too, that it could be financially disastrous for you to ignore this advice, or to delay in causing your policy to be brought up-to-date. The coverage in your policy, called "loss assessment," is inexpensive. However, in most policies, the anecdotal evidence we've received is that such coverage is grossly inadequate. To understand the risk that such coverage helps protect you from -- please review carefully that recent letter. Then, if you haven't already done so (for which there can be no good excuse), contact your insurance agent and take care of this for your own sake.

2012 Social Events at Pelican Pointe: For many years, our social events have attracted praise from our residents. They provide an opportunity to meet one's neighbors and to "take a load off" from our daily pressures (such as How to Navigate around the Concrete-Asphalt Barriers). Our Social Committee will be sponsoring three more events of fun, food, and fellowship this year. Keep track of them; plan to attend:

- Happy Hour Pizza Picnic, TGIF, on Friday, June 8.
- Annual Picnic at The Lighthouse on Sunday, September 9.
- Annual Homeowners Meeting on Thursday, November 15.

You'll receive more details as these events approach.

Have you thrown your golf clubs into the Highline Canal yet? Yes, it's a frustrating game! However, here are some great opportunities for improvement and fun: First, we now have a Pelican Pointe-centric group of men and women who will be playing golf every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at the Windsor Gardens course -- next door! Several openings are available. It's a 9-hole, par-3 course. The cost each week is \$9 green fee, \$9 for a cart, and a couple dollars for coffee and donuts after the game. To join this Sunday Brunch group, **call Sandra O'Brien at (720) 413-4536 (or email: sobrien185@msn.com)**. Secondly, Windsor Gardens has a resident pro, Eric Twesme, who gives individual and group lessons. Reach him at (303) 366-3133.

A fire in your dryer vent. A recent article in this newsletter explained in detail the fire hazard presented by your dryer vent. Yes, most of us “brush out” the lint from our dryer screen after each usage. That may not be enough, because that filter simply doesn’t catch all the lint generated in your dryer. That extra lint eventually can collect in the vent pipe that exits from the rear of your dryer, and eventually terminates in a small vent opening outside your townhome. Our insurance underwriter and fire avoidance experts all recommend that you have that vent system cleaned out. Generally, it can be cleaned pretty infrequently, depending on your usage. But at some point, you’ve inadvertently allowed a fire hazard to be created. Your Board has arranged with Steve Moss, our preferred handyman, to perform a cleaning-job on your dryer vent system. He has the knowledge and tools (and some muscles) to handle this for you. If several Pelican Pointers request this service, he will charge each such customer only \$25. If you wish to contract for this service, contact our Manager, preferably by email, providing (say) three alternative times during weekdays when you could be home for this procedure.

SUSMAN UNLEASHED

by Steve Susman

“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” This is the famous inscription on the James Farley Post Office in New York City. This inscription is often falsely cited as a motto. It derives from a quote from Herodotus, referring to the courier service of the ancient Persian Empire:

“ . . . As many days as there are in the whole journey, so many are the men and horses that stand along the road, each horse and man at the interval of a day’s journey, and these are stayed neither by snow nor rain nor heat nor darkness from accomplishing their appointed course with all speed.”

At Pelican Pointe, we’ve lately been suffering from a rising tide of mis-deliveries. A friendly supervisor at the Sullivan Station of the Denver Post Office told me that his Office is “undergoing some shifts in personnel,” and that soon we’ll have a mail delivery-person who can “become more familiar with our addresses.” Meanwhile, if you receive mail apparently intended for another Pelican Pointer, please contact me. I can provide for you that person’s contact information. As a good neighbor, you can then contact that addressee and arrange for a proper re-delivery, person-to-person.

“All day I face the barren waste, without a taste of water . . . cool, clear water.” That melancholy old Western ballad has little to do with this article, but it reminded me of coyotes. Recently, in Pelican Pointe, a couple of “very big and scary” coyotes have been observed -- sauntering leisurely down the middle of our roadway. The witnesses remarked that “these coyotes had a look and demeanor as if they owned the place!” We have had no reports of any of our residents being attacked by coyotes in our complex. However, coyotes reportedly are prone to attacking small dogs. So, unless you are unconcerned about Fideaux’ being gobbled up as a tasty brunch item by a fearsome coyote, keep alert to your surroundings, both inside and outside our perimeter.

“Do you guys really live in the infamous Black Hole of Calcutta?” It may seem so to visitors here. The lighting at our entrance-exit gates has become progressively dimmer. The flood-lights there, aimed at our tile walls and our three flagpoles, are obsolete, and they suffer from other causes. Your Board has authorized our electricians to replace those older fixtures with eleven new metal-halide fixtures. Four of them will illuminate each of our tile walls, and the lettering and numbers attached there. Three of them will highlight our flagpoles. We are proud of our community’s appearance, and want our night-time visitors to be greeted with a bright, cheery entrance.

April trash pick-up: April 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Recycling pick-up: April 11 and 25.

Denver Large Item Pickup: May 16.

Pelican Pointe townhomes For Sale: #CC-104 and #N-102.

Weird behavior:

- Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
- Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the rug/carpeting.
- Why do croutons come in an airtight package? Aren’t they just stale bread to begin with?
- If it’s true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?

April Board Meeting. This Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Clubhouse, on April 16. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.