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*OK, so we're not roasting a pig in an open pit. On **Sunday, September 9**, from 4:00 - 6:00, at the Lighthouse Clubhouse, our Social Committee is presenting its annual **End of Summer BBQ**. Featured will be a delicious BBQ dinner catered by Famous Dave's. I don't know what made Dave famous, but come and taste the 'cue for yourself! Entrees, with related side dishes, beer, wine, lemonade, water, and dessert! Ignore the few drops of BBQ sauce on your shirt. Converse with your neighbors. Welcome newbies into our community. No charge for homeowners, tenants, or guests (limited to two freebies per unit). **RSVP now** to Marcia Helfant, mhelfant@comcast.net, or (303) 722-0053 if you don't have e-mail; or to June Hanley, hanleyjune@yahoo.com, (303) 947-8478. **Don't wait until the RSVP deadline September 3.** **NOTE:** *The hours of this picnic have been advanced one hour, because of the Broncos football game that evening.* Arrive at 4:00. Grab a plate and a drink. Enjoy!*

Do you know which is the lox and which is the bagel? Each of our four pedestrian gates has been altered, as I reported last month. Each of them has been re-fitted into its respective frame, so that it won't rub against the frame. In addition, each of the locks has been serviced. For the moment, all but one works well. That exception is the lock-set at our main entrance. That set is irreparable, and will be replaced. Our iron fabrication specialist will soon be installing a new set there, which may have its own combination. Stay tuned. It should be common sense, but please don't share our lock combinations with outsiders. We don't want our pedestrian entrances to be as porous as the Rio Grande River between Texas and Mexico.

*Garage Sale. You can't just toss your 1956-model Smith-Corona electric typewriter into your crawl space and forget about it. You may still be able to participate in our garage sale, to be held on **Saturday, September 8**. Perhaps you can join these motivated sellers if you immediately contact Joyce Berman, joyberman@yahoo.com, (303) 322-3713. If you don't participate, consider visiting these from-the-garage merchants in Pelican Pointe that morning, perhaps acquiring a Picasso that is hidden behind a framed, poor imitation of a Monet at Giverny.*

Book Club. Our Pelican Pointe Book Club will meet on Friday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. , at the home of Christy Long, #W103. To be discussed: *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*, by Alexandra Fuller. The author's memoir of growing up white in rural, 1970s Africa is both hilarious and harrowing. All who enjoy reading are welcome. RSVP to Christy at 303-733-6296.

Lunch Bunch. Join this interesting group for lunch, forsaking left-overs in your fridge at lunchtime. The next luncheon will take place at the Delectable Egg, 200 Quebec in the Lowry Town Center, at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12. They also have "delectable" lunches.

SUSMAN UNLEASHED

by Steve Susman

Didn't give your buddy a "piggy-back" ride when you were in 5th grade? It was fun then, but not so today. I'm sure that each of us has been "piggy-backed" by another vehicle as we drive through our gates after dark. That's such an easy way for trespassers and persons with ill-intent to enter our community. Many of such piggy-backers are well-intentioned, honest relatives or friends of our residents. But they know that it's easier to piggy-back than to play push-the-button on our scrolling bar on the wall there. There is no mechanical way for us to block piggy-backing. Therefore, some advice: (a) If a vehicle is in front of yours when the gate is closed, and you intend to enter -- but the preceding car isn't making contact with his inviter or simply shouldn't be there -- don't be in a hurry to assist that driver by opening the gate for him or her. If you have fortitude, walk to the driver's window, and ask pertinent questions about the identity of his inviter. A simple, tactful cross-examination will qualify you for law school. And (b), if a piggy-backer follows you in, take a moment; pull over; let that vehicle pass you. Follow to see if that vehicle appears to be merely "cruising" without a destination. If so, get a license plate number. Calling the manager late at night will be fruitless. And the police will arrive after that vehicle is gone.

Did you see the movie, "Castaway," starring Tom Hanks? He won an Academy Award for his role -- marooned on a tiny, deserted Pacific island with no way to communicate with anyone anywhere. At Pelican Pointe, we maintain a Directory, both on our web site and in hard copy. Linda Corry (lindacorry@msn.com) has done yeoman service in editing our Directory for the past few years, but she can't conjure up your data from thin air. Therefore, please be sure that Linda and I (for management purposes) have your *current* data -- phone numbers, e-mail addresses, emergency contacts. If you aren't sure whether our information is current, you can e-mail it to me, or call me; I'll take it from there. If you wish any part of that personal data to remain unpublished, we'll honor that request if you tell us.

We don't sponsor NASCAR races in Pelican Pointe. Nevertheless, please consider your speed when driving through our community. We have one major "blind corner" -- which, as we all know, is the northeast corner of our roadway. Take special care there, regardless of your direction of travel. Besides humans here, there are many dogs and a few kids. Perhaps they shouldn't be "in the street" when you are driving. We have plenty of sidewalks. But that is no excuse for testing your new Porsche on our straightaways or corners. Of course, we can't enforce this against our invitees or non-invited persons, but there is no need to emulate them. Also, when emerging into the circumferential asphalt roadway from your own driveway, take a second and look both ways. You don't necessarily have the right-of-way. A view from that entry-point can be limited.

Two means two. It doesn't mean three or more. Our Covenants restrict each townhome to two dogs, or two cats, or one of each. Period. That figure cannot be enhanced because you allege to be "pet-sitting a friend's dog." You will be fined if observed violating this Covenant. This restriction doesn't include goldfish or koi or tiny piranhas. Enjoy your 150-gallon aquarium. Just don't spill it.

"Born in a barn." I've visited many barns that are neater inside than are some vehicles parked outside our complex. Some people have a compulsion to keep as much junk and trash in their car as can be found in a city landfill. Worse than that: Some of that trash is tossed onto the lawn between the street (Fairmount Drive) and the perimeter sidewalk outside our fence. Sonny and his crew pick up a considerable amount of such debris frequently. We believe that virtually all of that stuff comes from vehicles of non-Pelican Pointers. If someone wants to inhabit a trashy environment, that's his or her choice. But let's not aggravate the situation by descending to that level.

Preparing our roofs for Santa's reindeer. When the weather cools somewhat, Sonny and his crew will be mounting all 46 of our roofs, searching for and addressing loose shingles, loose nails, and cluttered rain gutters. Also, they will be caulking around selected roof vents, with a view to closing obvious or imperceptible gaps in the flashing there. Roofing materials dry out over time. They shrink and pull away from the vent stacks, admitting water from rain and snow and causing interior damage. This should be an ongoing project this fall. If done properly this preempts such damage and adds to the life-span of our roofs. After all, we can't control wind and hail, but we can be deferring what eventually will be a gigantic expense (roof replacement) in Pelican Pointe.

New (revised) Rule, regarding procedures for assessing fines. In order to be comfortable that our Rules conform to applicable statutes, we have amended our Rule on this subject. The following replaces completely all prior versions of **Rule XI(A)(e)**:

Enforcement, hearings, and fines:

"Procedure. The Association's manager shall recommend to the Board the assessment of all fines. Such recommendation shall follow the manager's own observation of a violation of our Covenants or Rules, or the reported observations of a violation by one or more residents. Thereupon, the Board shall approve, disapprove, or modify the

manager's recommendations. The Board may make this determination by e-mail among the directors, provided that its determination is ratified at the next duly-constituted meeting of the Board.

The Board or the manager shall then send to the homeowner or resident the Notice, described in Rule XI(D), which shall also contain the date, time, and place of the hearing; and granting that respondent 20 days to advise the manager or the Board, in writing or by e-mail, that he or she will, in fact, be present at and participate in the hearing. The Notice shall also state that, if the respondent does not so notify the Board thereof, the fine or other sanction described in the Notice will be imposed upon him or her at the expiration of said 20-day period, without a hearing. Said 20-day period will begin on the date of personal service of the Notice upon the respondent, or the date of mailing of the certified mail of the Notice.

The identity of resident-observers may remain anonymous, unless a hearing occurs.”

September trash pick-up: September 6, 12, 19, and 26.

September recycling pick-up: September 12 and 26.

Denver Large Item Pickup: September 19.

Pelican Pointe townhomes For Sale: #Z-104, #P-102, and #EE-102 (when rehab completed).

For Rent: #P-103.

Weird behavior:

- Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of defeat.
- If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.
- All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on . . .
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?
- The Law of Variation: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (works every time).
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

September Board Meeting. This Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Clubhouse, on September 17. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.