



# The Pelican Brief

December 2013

Serving the Community of Pelican Pointe

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Frank Parker, President  
Steve Susman, Treasurer  
Victor Valks, Information Technology  
Charlotte Robinson, At Large  
Linda Corry, At Large

Board meetings are typically held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Lighthouse. All residents are welcome!

## **Meet the CPMG Team**

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Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,  
closed from noon-1p.m. Monday- Friday

**For After Hour Emergencies Call: 303-671-6402**  
(Follow the prompts)

An emergency is defined as a situation endangering the health, safety and welfare of persons or property.

## **Check Your Coverage**

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association maintains property and liability insurance as required by the governing documents, specifically identified within the Association Declarations (aka CC&R's). In addition to the insurance purchased by the Association, each owner is also assigned a responsibility to repair and/or replace limited property, including liability, for the space located within each privately owned/occupied home. As a reminder, Pelican Pointe may assign the Association's \$5,000.00 Deductible to the owner(s) benefiting from the use of the Association's insurance when responding to losses within the interior space of each home.

Pelican Pointe Owners can cover their individual exposures by purchasing a personal insurance policy known as an HO-6 or Condo/Townhome Insurance plan. Owners should contact their personal agent to review their exposures and ensure they are adequately protected in the event of a loss.

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## Book Club

The Pelican Pointe Book Club meets the 2nd Friday of each month, except for December. We'll see you next year!

## Lunch Bunch

The lunch bunch will not be meeting this month as most of us are very busy with the season's holidays and activities. Watch for an exciting new place in January. For more information call Susan Million at 303-316-7190.

## Susman Unleashed

Garbage in. Garbage out. No, I'm not talking about your computer. I'm talking about the proper ways to deposit your (non-recyclable) trash and garbage onto your driveway for trash day. Your choices:

-- Place your normal-sized plastic barrel, with its lid on, to greet the trash truck. This is simple and keeps animals from attacking your trash and garbage. The downsides, though, are (a) your lid may later be found (if at all) in Bangladesh, having rolled down your driveway in the wind or tossed by a Frisbee-obsessed trash-man; and (b) eventually your barrel will collapse like a deflated balloon from having been bashed against the side of the truck's mechanized lift so many times.

-- Or, you can, after trash-day, insert a heavy-duty plastic bag into your barrel, which should stay in your garage. Then, during the week, you dump all non-garbage trash into that bag-lined barrel. All garbage is *first* dumped into a kitchen-based plastic bag; that bag is then tied and deposited into the barrel. On trash day, the bag-liner is removed from the barrel; tied; and placed outside for pickup. Advantage: Your barrel remains clean, nothing gunky sticks to its interior walls; your barrel never sees the light of day or the clutches of the trash-men; and your barrel lid doesn't suffer. However, this alternative requires:

-- You must not place that trash bag outside on the night before trash day, but only on trash day itself. Otherwise, the many animals that call Pelican Pointe home will smell the garbage (even through the two layers of plastic) and will tear apart your bags like the poor kids in *Slumdog Millionaire*. The resulting mess is yours to clean up; the trash-men won't do it for you. As they say on entering Yellowstone, *Don't feed the bears*.

Dyslexia. Your purple recycling barrel was designed to be picked up automatically by a mechanical arm, which protrudes from the recycling truck as part of the emptying maneuver. To enable this feat, it is essential that you place your purple barrel *about 4" from your outside wall, with its handle facing the wall*. Ideally, all purple barrels in one driveway would be lined up on the same side of the driveway, enabling the truck to make one pass for all those barrels. Otherwise, the recycling truck must make two passes, with the truck going forward into the driveway, and then backward into that driveway. If you remain confused about this, please contact your ophthalmologist.

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## Susman Unleashed

McDonald's, Burger King, and Wendy's – compete for your \$1.00 lunch. Wrap your face around a double-cheeseburger-with-bacon and sauce on a pretzel bun? Try a more civilized lunch with our monthly Lunch Bunch. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, typically, about 8-10 of us gather at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. What's in it for you?:

-- Sit down and be waited on. No need to stand at the fast-food counter, holding a plastic number or a square battery-operated vibrator.

-- Join a spirited discussion about imminent fire-truck traffic on Fairmount Drive; or delays in the Aurora theater-shooting case; or the geopolitics of Bhutan and Myanmar.

-- Experience a different restaurant each time, not distant. Our group favors only reasonably-priced ones.

-- This is not a ladies' sewing circle. We men who attend are welcomed with open arms [Don't take that literally]. Read your newsletter for details.

Were you scratching your ear, picking your nose, or raising your hand to volunteer for one of our Committees? Consider serving on one of our Committees – Social, Architectural Control, Welcoming, Landscaping & Flowers, and Safety. It's a great way to meet new neighbors in Pelican Pointe, and to contribute modestly to running this place. All who do volunteer find it interesting and personally rewarding. For more information, contact Sheila Powell, [spowellmsn@comcast.net](mailto:spowellmsn@comcast.net).

"Give me land, lots of land, under starry skies above. Don't fence me in," are the lyrics to an insipid western ditty. However, you are already "fenced in" by your porch or patio railings. These railings take a beating from the weather, and from flower containers set on the top rail or posts (which containers we strongly encourage in season), Some railings sag from anticipatory senility (Don't we all?). Whose responsibility is it to maintain that railing? Our Boards, over the years, have consistently maintained that each such railing must be maintained by the homeowner whose porch/patio it encloses. Support for this conclusion is found in our recorded Covenants, Sec. 8.2, which places the responsibility on the owner for his/her concrete patio and porch. The railing is an integral part of that porch or patio. Also, Sec. 1.10 describes "limited common areas" as areas intended "for the use of fewer than all owners," describing (as examples) window boxes, awnings, and patios – for which items the owner is responsible.

Accordingly, some of you may be receiving a notice from our management to repair or restore your railing. The necessity for such upkeep is obvious: These railings are a major visible feature on our buildings' facades. If you are so notified, and want recommendations of contractors who have proven to be reliable and reasonable for such work, contact our management.

### Weird:

- Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.
- Man who wants pretty nurse must be patient.
- Pharmacist: A helper on the farm.
- If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?

## Trash Pickup

*Remember, trash will be picked up on Thursday the weeks of Christmas and New Years Day.*

**Trash pickup:** Dec. 4, 11, 18, 26 & Jan. 2

**Recycling pickup:** Dec. 4, 18 & Jan. 2

**Next Large Item Removal:** Jan. 24 - Set your large items out with your trash for pickup by 7AM on the day listed.

## Attend Pelican Pointe Board Meetings

The Pelican Pointe monthly board meetings are held at the Lighthouse Clubhouse located at 1011 So. Valentia St., Denver, CO at 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. To access the gate for entry press #8300. The Board encourages homeowners to attend the meetings.

## Reminder... please no empty flower pots

Per the rules --Urns, pots, flower boxes, and hanging baskets may be placed outside a unit, provided that each such container is placed on or over the patio, porch, or patio railing; and that each such container contain only well-maintained flowers or shrubs and shall not be empty.



## Facts About Home Holiday Fires

*Source: National Fire Protection Association*

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 40 reported home structure Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home structure fires.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six of Christmas tree fires.
- More than half (56%) of home candle fires occur when something that can catch on fire is too close to the candle.
- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. In December, 11% of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4% the rest of the year.