



# The Pelican Brief

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Serving the Community of Pelican Pointe

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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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**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.

## Lunch Time!

The Lunch Bunch (ladies and gents) will be meeting at the Egg Shell Restaurant on Leetsdale Drive and Holly at 11:30 am on Wed., Jan. 15th. Please come and share your holiday fun and now the relaxation and fun!

For reservations, call Susan Million at 303-316-7190.

## Book Club

The Pelican Pointe Book Club will meet on, January, 10, at 6:30 pm at the home of Sylvia Lucero, unit EE 104. The book being discussed is "Full Dark, No Stars," by Stephen King, written in 2010. The book is a quartet of stories that are, for the most part, only lightly supernatural and deal instead with the unlovelier aspects of human behavior. Nancy Williams will be leading the discussion. Want to try out the bookclub and see if it's for you? All are welcome.

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## Susman Unleashed

Did you take a sleeping pill last night? There's been a pattern of burglaries in the Lowry neighborhood, generally occurring between 2:00 and 5:00 a.m. The burglar(s) appear to be going house-to-house, trying doors until they find one that is unlocked. They enter while the resident(s) are asleep on the second floor. They steal whatever is readily observed (and small) on the first floor – laptops; wallets, purses, cash. Please lock your doors at night. Consider an active or passive alarm system.

Dogs may now carry a tiny transmitter, implanted beneath their skin, to keep their owners notified of their whereabouts. At Pelican Pointe, we're considering such implants on our residents, but fear that some might object to the subcutaneous surgery. However, it is crucial that our Manager be kept apprised of your phone numbers, your e-mail address, an emergency contact, and your alternate addresses (for absentee owners or Florida-bound sunbirds). The examples are countless in which Management, or a neighbor, tried to reach a homeowner immediately, for an urgent reason – but lacked the data to find him/her. You recently received a form from our Management, asking you to return it with updated information, if any. If you inadvertently destroyed that with your shredded Christmas wrappings, call Management and request a new one – or simply e-mail that data to [debra@withcpmg.com](mailto:debra@withcpmg.com).

A tax reduction – I'm going into cardiac shock! A major part of your annual real estate tax bill (roughly 30%) arises because Pelican Pointe is or was within the boundaries of the Fairlake Metropolitan District. In brief, when our community was conceived, in wedlock, our developer created the District, which sold bonds (a standard procedure). The proceeds were used to create the asphalt, electrified path around the lake at The Breakers, perhaps their tennis courts and pool, and (I think) the completion of South Valentia Street. In any event, all property in the District is taxed to pay the bondholders. Thanks to our intrepid Vic Reichman, an original owner-pioneer at Pelican Pointe – who attended the District's recent annual meeting – we learned that such tax on your townhome is scheduled to be paid in full (i.e., the bonds redeemed) at the end of 2016. Evidence of this reduction in your tax bill's components should be visible in 2017 or 2018. Don't hold your breath (even if you are Missy Franklin), but this is the latest word on this subject. If only Bing Crosby could be here in December 2016 to sing *White Christmas*.

How about giving a catered dinner party, with RSVPs. Then, several confirmed guests don't show up and don't call to explain. That is rude and inconsiderate. Well, that happens every year at our Annual Homeowners Meeting. The caterer gets paid for those absentees. Didn't those phantom guests ever read *Emily Post* on manners? It's inexcusable, emergencies excepted. Our HOA treasury takes the hit, needlessly. You folks know who you are. For penance, immerse yourself in hot tar, apply feathers, and run three laps around our picnic area. Please, let's be considerate of each other in this great community.

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## Susman Unleashed

"You know, he really gets under my skin," You aren't talking about your dermatologist. Rather, you are aggravated by last night's date, who vaguely promised that "I'll call you next Tuesday." But you know he won't. At Pelican Pointe, we are apprehensive about what may occur beneath the skin of our ash trees. We have about seven dozen of them; most are mature and handsome (unlike that so-so date). Federal authorities report that over 50 million ash trees have died or will die from *emerald ash borer disease*. Such devastation would be a disaster in Pelican Pointe. Recently, ash trees infected with that plague were found on the C.U. campus in Boulder, and had to be removed. Denver-area officials believe that our city won't be spared. Research is being conducted to determine what treatment, if any, should be provided for ash trees, with a view to thwarting the disease. Organic and other chemicals and insecticides have been developed that may help. Our Association is about to contract with arborists for 2014. Included in our specifications for this contract is treatment for this horrible disease. I've studied the present options, as has our Manager. This is a good example of (a) how our planned annual operating budget can take a hit for unexpected reasons, and (b) how our landscaping, lawn, and trees are an ever-increasing expense for our Association. There is no free lunch: If we want to protect the natural beauty of these amenities – and we surely do, for aesthetic and market-value reasons – we will continue to allocate significant funds from our operating budgets for such upkeep. Stay tuned, as we approach spring, the suggested optimum season for insecticide applications.

### Weird:

- Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- Heroes: What a guy in a boat does.
- Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.

## Trash Pickup



*Remember, trash will be picked up on Thursday the week of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

**Trash pickup:** Jan. 2, 8, 15, 23, 29 & Feb. 5

**Recycling pickup:** Jan. 2, 15 & 29

**Next Large Item Removal:** Jan. 23 - Set your large items out with your trash for pickup by 7AM on the day listed.

## Free and Low Cost Activities All Year

Many organizations provide free admission to Colorado residents on select days of the year. Free Days 2014 is funded, in part, by the citizens of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties via the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) 0.1% sales and use tax. For more information and to additional organizations that offer free or discounted admission or events, WW [w.scft.org](http://w.scft.org). Some of the many Denver-Area 2014 Free days are listed below!

<p><b>Denver Art Museum</b></p> <p>January 4 February 1 March 1 April 5 April 27 May 3 June 7 July 5 August 2 September 6 October 4 November 1 December 6</p>	<p><b>Denver Botanic Gardens</b></p> <p>January 7 (at Chatfield) &amp; 20 (at York Street) February 4 (at Chatfield) &amp; 17 (at York Street) March 3 &amp; 22 (at York Street) &amp; 4 (at Chatfield) April 1 ( at Chatfield) &amp; 22 (both locations) May 5 (at Chatfield) June 3 (at Chatfield) August 4 (at York Street) &amp; 5 (at Chatfield) November 4 (at Chatfield) &amp; 14 &amp; 15 (at York Street)</p>
<p><b>Four Mile Historic Park</b></p> <p>February 7 March 7 April 4 May 2 June 6 July 4 August 1 September 5 October 3 November 7 December 6</p>	<p><b>Denver Center for the Performing Arts</b></p> <p>SCFD 10 for \$10- Each Tuesday at 10am, The Denver Center for the Performing Arts will release a limited number of \$10 tickets. Ten seats for every Denver Center Theatre Company performance in the coming week will qualify (up to 25 shows per week). Tickets available by phone (303-893-4100) or in person in the Helen Bonfils Theatre Complex lobby at Speer &amp; Arapahoe.</p>
<p><b>Denver Museum of Nature and Science</b></p> <p>January 13 February 2 March 2 April 13 April 26 June 2 &amp; 30 July 20 September 8 &amp; 28 October 27 December 1</p>	<p><b>Denver Zoo</b></p> <p>January 10, 11 &amp; 22 February 2, 3 &amp; 20 November 3, 14 &amp; 20</p>