



The Pelican Brief

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Board meetings are typically held every 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at Fire Station #18. All residents are welcome!

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SUNDAY MORNING CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AT PELICAN POINTE PARK

SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, June 8, 2014, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Linda Corry via e-mail (preferred) lindacorry@msn.com or 303-388-7661. Please note unit number and number attending. This event is sponsored by the Social Committee and all residents are welcome to attend.

Lunch Bunch....

Lunch Bunch in a new place!! We will meet at 11:30 on Tuesday, June 10th at the Blossom's Restaurant located at 597 S. Clinton St. Denver. Restaurant is located in Windsor Gardens off Alameda . I am trying this restaurant out in case we might want to hold our annual meeting here and need your input...+ and - ...Sheila 303-280-6943 or spowellmsn@comcast.net for RSVP's. Hope to see you there!

 ★ **The Board Meeting will be held at Fire Station #18 on June, 16 at 6:00 p.m.** ★
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 ★ **RULE AMENDMENT: EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014** ★
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 ★ **ALL TRASH FOOD REMNANTS AND PLANT MATERIAL MUST BE IN A** ★
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Susman Unleashed by Steve Susman

“Roll out the barrel, and we’ll all have a barrel of fun,” is the primary refrain from a song which became popular worldwide during World War II. A Czech musician wrote the music in 1927; lyrics were added later. In 1939, it became known as the *Beer Barrel Polka*. These factoids are dull, but provide a segue into our new Rule: For trash pick-up, the use of plastic or paper bags containing garbage or plants – *unless your bags are contained within a plastic or metal barrel (with lid)* – **is prohibited as of June 1, 2014**. Of course, such bags should *never* be placed in your *recycling* barrel. This new barrel cannot exceed 32-gallon size. We published the actual wording of this Rule in our May newsletter. The Rule results from flocks of avenging birds, who are angry that the construction of our complex drove them from their homestead (a literal dump). Other nearby animals have joined in this weekly destruction of plastic trash bags, resulting in many garbage/trash messes in our driveways. Substantial penalties will be imposed for non-compliance – so, in the immortal words of Oscar (who sings “I Love Trash” on *Sesame Street*), Get thee to a big-box store, and bring home your new barrel.

Pyromaniacs will rejoice in observing your townhome burn like sparklers on the Fourth of July. In 2012, we sponsored a program, in which we urged all residents to have their dryer-vent cleaned professionally. Many participated in this program, reducing sharply the danger of a fire starting in that vent. Again, the Board reminds you to consider engaging a professional dryer-vent cleaning firm, sooner rather than later. The Board makes no endorsements of any particular firm in this business. Yes, we know the drill: After each use of your dryer, you use your former toothbrush to clean the vent screen on the top or front of your dryer. Nevertheless, lint does escape that process, and settles in the vent which is attached to the back of your dryer. That vent is threaded through our walls, eventually terminating outside. That creates a long tunnel for the lint to accumulate. The heat from the dryer can ignite the lint, and *Adios, amigos*. And be sure to buy yourself a new toothbrush for your dental hygiene.

In some communities, sinkholes voraciously consume houses, cars, whatever is above. Aren’t you curious about what lies beneath the manhole cover, which graces the area in front of your garage door? The manhole cover rests on a concrete ring, called a “collar.” The ring contains and protects two sewage access pipes, providing access for a roto-rooter tool, in case you deposit Big Bad Things into your toilet or sinks. Some of these manhole collars and covers have settled considerably, apparently from the erosion of the soil beneath the concrete driveway surface. We haven’t “lost” any cars or persons in one of those manholes yet, but there is anecdotal evidence that a few persons were last seen, hanging by their fingertips, praying for rescue from Dante-like oblivion.

The Board has contracted to have about 25 of these manholes reconstructed, in addition to 18 of them which had been reconstructed a few months ago. Around each of the selected manholes, the concrete driveway will be broken up; the collar removed and replaced; the subsoil refilled and compacted; new concrete poured, with a new concrete foundation supporting the new collar. This involves some sophisticated engineering. The process will take one to two weeks, and will probably begin in late June or in July. Each affected resident will receive notices with more precise dates.

Barricades and construction cones, which *everyone* must honor, will be placed at each of

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the work-sites. The vehicles of affected residents will be unable to enter or depart from their garages during this construction. Substantial fines will be imposed for moving these items. This project is part of our ongoing programs to maintain and protect our physical assets in Pelican Pointe.

How do you tactfully get rid of your houseguests when they've over-stayed their welcome?

That problem, dating back to the Anasazi cliff-dwelling hosts in Mesa Verde (600-1300 A.D.), can't be answered by your HOA. However, we expect houseguests to descend upon our residents this season, like the birds which invade our plastic trash bags ("eating you out of house and home"). Parking becomes an issue. Our Rules grant a guest 72 hours of parking in Guest Parking. This can be extended up to 14 days, by a written request to our manager, defining the period of over-stay, and describing the visiting vehicle's make, model, color, and license plate number. If your son-in-law will be your houseguest beyond 14 days, while he seeks employment following his brain-surgery residency, he must park outside our complex. If your houseguest is driving a 45-ft. Winnebago, with four bedrooms, a hot tub, Jacuzzi, family room, fold-out patio, and 3 dogs – that won't cut it here.

Do you scream "Lemme outta here!", clutching the bars with your sweaty hands? If so, you may not be using the right technique for opening our pedestrian gates. These gate-locks are temperamental. You may have fat thumbs or missed the Qwerty typing class in high school. However, test your spatial acuity by (*blindly*) pushing the buttons on the *opposite* side of the gate. Voila! *Open Sesame*.

You always hated that velvet lampshade with tassels, your wedding gift from Aunt Martha.

Our Rules prohibit garage sales from inside Pelican Pointe. However, the Board can authorize one if there is enough demand. If you would like to participate in a garage sale this summer, please inform our community manager, Paul Jones. The Board will not sponsor or manage a garage sale, but we have had good experience with such garage sales previously, when an interested group of residents took the initiative.

Weird:

- My wife made me join a bridge club. I jump off next Tuesday.
- A girl phoned me and said, "Come on over. There's nobody home." I went over. Nobody was home.
- Once when I was lost, I saw a policeman, and asked him to help me find my parents. I said to him, "Do you think we'll ever find them?" He said, "I don't know, kid. There's so many places they can hide."

June Book Club

The Pelican Pointe Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at members homes. The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 17, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Marcia Helfant, N104. The book to be discussed is "The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America", by Timothy Egan. Judy Philipp will facilitate. It is the story of Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot's battle to save wilderness areas in America and the establishment of the Forest Service. Unlike the respect the Forest Service commands today, the first forest rangers were hated by both the shotgun-toting outlaws who ran saloons and brothels on public land, and those who wanted to cut down the forests for railroads and profits. It's also the story of the disastrous fire of 1910 in the northwest, that started the evolving theories about how to treat forest fires, an issue with which we're still struggling.



*Join us at the Pelican Pointe Park for
the Champagne Brunch on
Sunday, June 8, 2014 at
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.*

Trash Pickup

Trash pickup: June 4, 11, 18, 25

Recycling pickup: June 11 & 25

Large Item pickup: June 11

Summer Events



Children's Museum Free Target Tuesdays

2121 Children's Museum Dr.

A perfect after-school activity -- the extremely fun [Children's Museum of Denver](#) is FREE every first Tuesday of the month from 4-8 p.m.

DOWNTOWN DENVER ARTS FESTIVAL

WHEN: May 23-25 950 13th St.

WHERE: Denver Performing Arts Complex, 950 13th St.

The Downtown Denver Arts Festival is held Memorial Day weekend and features the best of Colorado visual artists. More than 125 artists from around the state will be exhibiting and selling their art all weekend long. Come meet the artists and join the 150,000 people that visit this show.

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALKS

WHEN: June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5

WHERE: Denver's Art Districts

Discover Denver's thriving creative community during a First Friday celebration, held every first Friday of the month, during which galleries in Denver's art districts stay open late for a festive, street party-like event.

DENVER CHALK ART FESTIVAL

May 31-June 1 at Larimer Square, Larimer St., between 14th and 15th Sts.

A little bit of Italy comes to the Mile High City this summer, thanks to the annual Denver Chalk Art Festival. The art you'll encounter during the festival isn't in galleries -- it's on the pavement! The event features more than 150 professional and amateur artists who will spend hours on their hands and knees over the course of two days transforming Larimer Square into a bright and colorful street museum using vivid pastel chalks.

CAPITOL HILL PEOPLE'S FAIR

WHEN: June 7-8 Civic Center Park, Broadway and Colfax Ave. The Capitol Hill People's Fair is a celebration of Denver's diverse urban community in Civic Center Park. The uniqueness and magic of Capitol Hill People's Fair is created by the careful blending of great family fun, carefully selected handmade arts & crafts, delicious culinary delights, fabulous entertainment and the commitment to raise funds for and promote the missions of non-profit organizations.