



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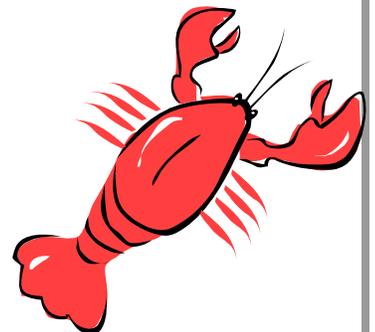
Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., closed from noon–1:00 p.m. Monday– Friday

**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.

## **Lunch Bunch Goes Fishing**

THE RED LOBSTER!! How does that sound for The Lunch Bunch? We will meet at 11:30 on Tuesday, March 11. The Red Lobster is located at 10854 E. Alameda Ave., Aurora but not far from Pelican Pointe. "Something fishy will happen." Please join us and RSVP to Susan Million at 303-316-7190. Hope to see you there.



**Daylight Saving Time starts on March 9. Don't forget to reset your clocks! It's also a great time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!**

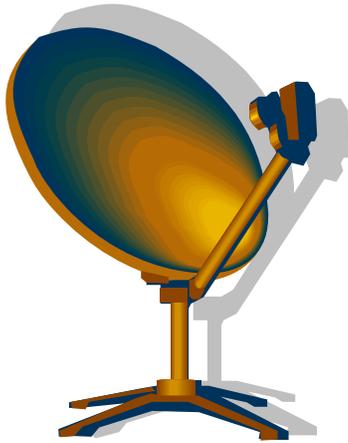
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## Susman Unleashed

Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty-Dumpty had a great fall. Too close for comfort. Recently, the laundry-room cabinets of one of our residents fell from the wall. The resident could have suffered a major concussion, if she'd been standing there. Damage was limited to substantial dents in her new washer-dryer. The cabinets, heavy with the usual laundry supplies, were held to the wall by only two screws, located at one end, and probably not even bored into supporting studs.

She reports that the crash was louder than a blast from a Remington Model 1100 shotgun. Examining her *kitchen* cabinets, near the top, disclosed that they were slightly “pulling away” from the wall, indicating a faulty attachment there, too. You should verify that your wall-mounted cabinets are securely fastened to their respective walls. It's bad enough to have that 55-gallon tub of Tide (which you purchased from a “wholesale club”) fall onto your washer-dryer. It's much worse if your kitchen cabinets fell, loaded with those ugly-but-heavy dishes your mother-in-law gave you as a wedding present.

Sandra Bullock and George Clooney are lost in outer space in the movie “Gravity.” Perhaps



they were monitoring the signals to your new satellite dish. However, if you had your satellite dish installed without prior permission from our Board, you are in deep [you know what]; the HOA can compel you to remove the dish. Federal law requires our HOA to permit the installation of a satellite dish when requested, **but** the law entitles your Association to dictate the location of the dish above your unit (provided that the satellite signal isn't obstructed). This limitation enables the HOA to maintain some modest measure of architectural control. Therefore, we have a simple document called *Guidelines for the Installation of Satellite Dishes* and a one-page request form. **Before** you order such installation, you must comply with those *Guidelines*. Obtain the latest *Guidelines* from our management company, and the form at

[www.pelicanpointe.net](http://www.pelicanpointe.net) (FAQs). After our Architectural Control Committee and Board have approved your installation, you are ready to “veg out,” and watch marathon sessions of serialized television shows, and to gorge left-over pretzels from your mesmerized Olympics-watching; and to feel guilty for bypassing the gym that day.

Noah's Ark allegedly carried “two of every species.” In the flood, his manifest probably didn't include two persons from Pelican Pointe. Nonetheless, you should be aware of this verity: Your standard homeowner's insurance policy does not provide coverage for damage from flood or “surface waters”. You should read those portions of your policy relating to damage from such sources. So, what's the issue? The issue is your particular *tolerance for risk*. Each of us confronts risks daily: Sharing our roads with inebriated, cell-phone-addicted, or pot-addled other drivers. Handling the gas pump or supermarket cart handle: Oh, the horror of those germs! Or, inextricably immobilized in the Trader Joe's parking lot. But I digress: If the Highline Canal overflowed, or if we had consecutive days of torrential rains, we'd be in big-time trouble. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the primary insurer of flood damage, with limited coverage. A tiny

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number of insurance companies have entered this market. You be the judge. Nobody wants to see you floating down Fairmount Drive on an inner-tube, unable to leap out until you are roughly pushed by the current into the maw of the municipal wastewater reclamation facilities.

*Burglars will always be with us* [Genesis 14:92]. OK, so I've taken some creative license with the Bible (I missed that day in Sunday School, apparently). The truth is that the primary responsibility for discouraging burglary at your townhome rests with each of us – not with the HOA, not with the police. Our City recently was able to afford an additional 100 police officers. However, most police work is *reactive*, not proactive. Police respond *after the fact*. *Proactive means prevention*. Much of prevention is common sense, and acknowledging that none of us is immune from this scourge. However, how about keeping lights on when you're gone after dark? Or keeping newspapers from accumulating on your porch. Or keeping locked your small garage door when you are away. Or considering the installation of an active or passive burglar alarm. So-called *Neighborhood Watch programs* are generally unavailable for condo-townhome communities. But each of us can (a) be alert to "strangers" seen in our complex, and (b) be alert to our own surroundings, including in our garages. Maybe "profiling" – stereotyping -- is politically-incorrect. But those labels are irrelevant if a suspicious-looking person is seen here. Call the police if you have a strong suspicion that such person "looks like a burglar" [whatever that means].

*Inundated with catalogs, and it's not even Christmas yet?* Is your mailbox so stuffed with catalogs that your petite arm can't even force its way into that space? Yes, consumer consumption is "good for our economy." However, if that stack of catalogs on your coffee table resembles the Leaning Tower of Pisa, one of our homeowners has suggested that you log onto [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org), register there, and you may obtain some relief from these unwanted mailings.

*The women's slalom has Colorado's Mikaela Shiffrin. Pelican Pointe has Susan Million.* Susan deserves a gold medal (or, at least, a venti double-mocha frappe with whipped cream at Starbucks). She has promoted, coordinated, and arranged for our monthly Lunch Bunch for some years. Those of us who attend [yes, it's co-ed!] enjoy the light-hearted conversations, the exchange of gossip and other trivia, and a good lunch at reasonable prices. Hey, aren't you tired of the burger from McD's; the warmed-over pizza in your 'fridge?; the distance to Shanahan's? Thank you, Susan Million. You represent the finest in community service and selflessness.

### Weird:

- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.
- When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

## Book Club

The Pelican Pointe Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 pm at the home of Joyce Berman, Unit MM105. The book being discussed is "American Rust", the first novel by Philipp Meyer, published in 2009. It's the story of twenty something pals, raised in the rustbelt of southwestern Pennsylvania's beautiful natural landscape, which stands in contrast to the ugliness of the harsh economic realities of the area. Reviewers have noted Mr. Meyers storytelling powers and his ability to create characters who evolve from familiar types into flesh and blood human beings. The book was hailed as announcing the arrival of a gifted new writer. Nancy Williams and Diane Davison will lead the discussion. All residents are welcome. Please call Joyce at 303-322-3713 to let her know if you'll be attending.

## Trash Pickup

*Remember: Trash will be picked up on Thursday the week of Cesar Chavez Day*

**Trash pickup:** March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 3

**Recycling pickup:** March 12 & 26, and April 9

**Next Large Item Removal:** April 9 - Set your large items out with your trash for pickup by 7AM on the day listed.

The Denver trash, recycling and large item pickup schedules are linked from the last FAQ item at <http://www.pelicanpointe.net/faqs/>.

## Recycle 2 More Pounds A Week

Denver Recycles needs your help to increase recycling in our City. Although we have significantly increased recycling in Denver since 2004, we still recycle less than both the State and National average. We are asking everyone in Denver to help boost our recycling rate in 2014 by recycling **2 MORE POUNDS A WEEK**. It's easy to do, and if everyone in Denver did it we would save over 150,000 barrels of oil and keep more than 57,000 tons of recyclables out of the landfill in 2014 alone

