

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!

Meet the CPMG Team

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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. More information will be coming in the next newsletters.

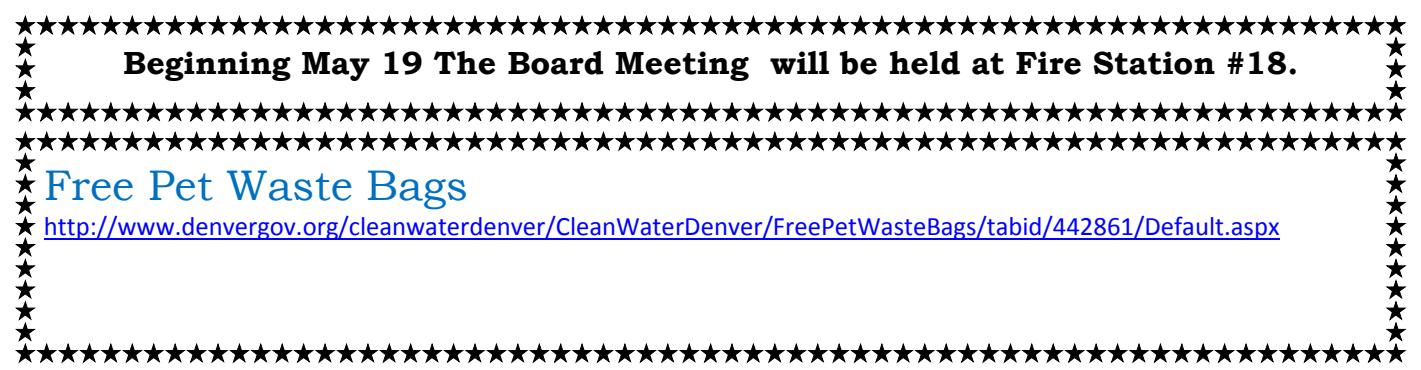
Lunch Bunch....

We will meet at 11:30 on Tuesday, May 13 at Black-Eyed Pea Restaurant located at 1470. Colorado Blvd. Please join us and RSVP to Sheila Powell at 303-280-6943 or e-mail spowellmsn@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

★ **Beginning May 19 The Board Meeting will be held at Fire Station #18.** ★

Free Pet Waste Bags

★ <http://www.denvergov.org/cleanwaterdenver/CleanWaterDenver/FreePetWasteBags/tabid/442861/Default.aspx> ★



Susman Unleashed by Steve Susman

"Garbage in; garbage out" is a well-known verity in computer struggles. In last month's *The Pelican Brief*, you were notified of our new Rule prohibiting the use of garbage bags (instead of barrels with lids) on trash-day. Here is the actual wording, as formally adopted by your Board on April 21, 2014:

"Rule III(D) is hereby amended by the addition of the following: The use of paper or plastic bags to contain trash awaiting pick-up is prohibited, unless such bags are contained within a trash can with a lid thereon. Trash cans shall not exceed 32-gallon size, nor weigh more than 50 pounds filled. Trash outside the trash can may include objects acceptable to the trash-haulers. However, in no event shall garbage or the remains of food, foodstuffs, food preparation products, or their original containers, or plants or flowers, be placed outside such trash cans. Note: Use of the City-supplied recycling bins for qualified recyclable items is recommended."

The effective date for this new Rule is June 1, 2014. Fines will be imposed for non-compliance. Qualified trash cans can be found at the major big-box and other stores. My research discloses that a good plastic barrel with lid is about \$12. I painted my unit number on my new barrel and lid, even though the lid may eventually be destined, by wind or Frisbee-toss, for Nepal.

You don't have to be a "greenie" environmentalist to place your recycling barrel correctly. The specially-equipped trucks that empty your purple recycling barrel lift and empty it with a mechanical arm. That operation requires your barrel's handle to be about 4" from the wall, not facing the other direction. Robotic arms do wonderful things, but twisting your mis-positioned barrel 180-degrees isn't one of them. Also, note that the following items are not recyclable: Plastic bags; polystyrene foam (Styrofoam); plastic film; food waste; video and cassette tapes.

I'd prefer to receive the latest Victoria's Secret catalog, but it'd be more practical to receive the annual brochure from the Denver Department of Public Works, entitled *Waste Wise Denver* [See below]. This brochure provides the annual schedules, by month, for our regular trash-day pick-ups, the recycling pick-ups, and the large-item pick-ups. Complementing this information is our long-standing Rule governing the placement of trash containers for pick-up. You should not place your trash container in your driveway before 7:00 p.m. on the night before the scheduled trash-day. You must retrieve your container from the driveway no later than 11 p.m. on trash day. If you are unable to conform to that schedule, ask your neighbor to handle the placement and retrieval in your absence. With our new "trash container Rule" [see above], it's not a major imposition for your neighbor. He/she will reciprocate the favor with a dozen chocolate-chip cookies.

Meanwhile, your Pelican Pointe newsletter lists those pick-up schedules. To get the official schedules online, log onto: denvergov.org. Then: Trash & Recycling. Then: Residential Recycling. Then: *Waste Wise Denver 2014*. Alternatively, our own web site provides a route to finding such schedules: <http://www.pelicanpointe.net/faqs/>.

It's true: In life, "there is no free lunch." However, Denver has a program that will send you free pet waste bags. It isn't clear whether there is a "waiting list" for this largesse, nor how many bags you'll receive, nor when, nor whether you can obtain additional ones. Nonetheless, here is the site you can use to request your free pet waste bags: <http://www.denvergov.org/cleanwaterdenver/CleanWaterDenver/FreePetWasteBags/tabid/442861/Default.aspx>

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Or, you could try calling 311, the Denver hotline. If you have no dog or cat, you could use a bag as a liner for your tiny waste basket. [Didn't your mother teach you, *Waste not, want not?*].

The final scene in the Academy Award-winning movie, Fargo, featured a wood-chipper performing a grisly operation. That reminds me that a "Shred-a-thon" will be sponsored by Crime Stoppers on May 17. This is a great opportunity to shred your paper trash. Rid yourself of confidential materials, including encrypted statements from your offshore accounts. Where: The Aurora Justice complex, 14999 E. Alameda Pkwy. Time: 7:00 a.m. to noon. I think a voluntary contribution to Crime Stoppers may be requested.

Jack and his Beanstalk: Where is he when you need him – to change your chirping smoke alarm battery? The ancient Chinese water-dripping torture was akin to that psychosis-generating chirp. In most of our units, the battery is housed about as high as the new Freedom Tower at Ground Zero in New York City (so it seems). A partial solution: There is now on the market a 9-volt smoke alarm battery with a purported life of ten years! One brand is called Ultra Life. It's pricier, of course, than the standard ones you buy at your supermarket, but, hey, it's certainly "worth it." You can log onto Amazon.com, searching for *ultra life 9-volt battery*, for a sample of what's available.

Sonny his elves, and his tall ladder. Sonny Fischer is an independent contractor. His contract with our Homeowners Association makes no provision for his assisting Pelican Pointe residents; his obligations are directed to the HOA itself. However, if your smoke alarm batter(ies) need replacing, you can arrange that directly with Sonny, "on his own time." Please arrange with him, *up front*, for a payment for his assisting you. Bear in mind that he is not a general handyman for Pelican Pointers. For your guidance, however, skilled handymen charge \$50 per hour, + travel time.

Weird:

- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- The batteries were given out free of charge.
- The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.
- The best cure for sea sickness is to sit under a tree.
- When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

For rent: -- #S-103. Contact Debbie Segal, (303) 394-1224.
-- #EE-101. Contact David Mulholland, (323) 646-7516, or
ddmulholland@gmail.com.

Book Club

The Pelican Pointe Book Club will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, May 20, at 6:30 pm at the home of Judee Filip, Unit D-102. The book being discussed is "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor. Writing her autobiography, Justice Sotomayor provides a clear-eyed, intimate portrait of her childhood, her family, with all their complications, her willpower, and the opportunities presented to her. "I've spent my whole life learning how to do things that were hard for me," Sotomayor tells an acquaintance many years later. The book is both a touching and inspiring read. All are welcome to attend. Please call Judee at 303-238-5288 to let her know if you'll be attending.

Trash Pickup

Trash pickup: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, & 28

Recycling pickup: April 7 & 21

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.