



The Pelican Brief

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Neighbors enjoy casual community Happy Hour at Pelican Pointe Park *Friday evenings a chance to meet and chat*

For the past few Friday evenings, residents have gathered in the picnic area at Pelican Pointe for BYOB (bring your own beverage/snacks) Happy Hour. The inaugural event July 14 attracted about 20 residents. Most recently rainy weather put a damper on the gathering.

Organized by residents including Linda Corry, they're weekly, informal and open to all. For the inaugural gathering July 14 (*photos*), Corry reports: "It rained just before the get together started but brave souls came anyway. The rain stopped, but while it was drizzling we were dry under the canopy. The weather actually was ideal since it cooled quite a bit after the rain."



According to Corry, "We had lots of good snacks from wrap sandwiches, veggies, hummus and salsa and, of course, chips. Everyone agreed that appetizers are their favorite food!"

"The conversation was lively with new and long-time residents attending resulting in some new associations. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, so much so that the group lingered until around 8 p.m., with some neighbors stopping in for a while. The event was relaxed and casual."

A group gathered again Friday, July 21 for the second Happy Hour. Conversations varied from politics to diets. Stories were traded about individuals' units and how long they've lived here. There also was agreement about continuing the weekly Happy Hour. ###

More inside: *Garage sale wrap up, Option to use The Catamaran Club, Mark your calendar for August events*

Community Garage Sale lures lots of shoppers

Many treasures go to new homes

As these things go, you never know exactly who or how many shoppers will show up, nor exactly what will be the best selling items. When the Pelican Pointe front gate swung open on Saturday morning July 22, more than a dozen residents had raised their garage doors and greeted shoppers who arrived early to browse for bargains.

Back in May, Pelican Pointe's Kathy Halva asked the Board of Directors to approve the idea for the sale. Then she called a planning meeting to pick a date and to set the plan in motion. Other interested neighbors volunteered to advertise by making and posting signs around the area outside our community. Several neighbors joined the effort by posting electronic notices, making maps highlighting participating unit locations and generally helping to 'spread the word.' The cost for materials was paid for by some of the residents who participated. NO Homeowners Association funds were spent.

When the day was done, participants felt this was a successful event. Some sold a lot, some sold one item, some negotiated on price, but everyone sold something!

All who did participate as sellers expressed appreciation for the patience shown by neighbors who had to slow down due to more pedestrian traffic and shoppers who sometimes had to be asked to move vehicles blocking garages.

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Take advantage of the Catamaran Club at Tava Waters *(formerly The Breakers)*

- 1) You can join for limited months, perhaps only for the summer or if you have visitors.
- 2) \$50 monthly payment must be made in advance for the month you are signing up for. Make check payable to Pelican Pointe HOA. Remember to indicate on your check, the month you are paying for and your Pelican Pointe unit number for accounting purposes.
- 3) Contact jean@weststarmanagement.com for the form that you are required to complete and present at the Catamaran Club.
- 4) If you prefer, stop by the Weststar Management Office to obtain the Catamaran Club form and leave your check. Please note, no cash or credit card payments are accepted at the Weststar Office, only checks.

Pelican Pointe property emergency after normal business hours
Call Weststar Management 720-941-9200, press option 1 to reach an on-call manager who will return your call promptly. *That's 720 not 303.*

Pelican Pointe Board of Directors
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Mark your calendar

Trash pickup: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Recycle: August 9, 23. [Extra trash](#): August 9
(*Extra trash can be set out for pick up every four weeks*).

[Sign up to get trash-pickup email reminders](#). *Note: The system recognizes our address as 8300 E. Fairmount Drive, that's E. even though we don't use E. in our address.*

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Windsor Gardens Community Center

All homeowners and residents always are welcome to attend.

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, August 16, 11:30 a.m.

Golden Shanghai Asian Restaurant, 1412 S. Parker Rd., A-134

Everyone in the Pelican Pointe community is welcome, and everyone pays their own bill.

RSVP to Sheila Powell [303-280-6943](tel:303-280-6943) or spowellmsn@comcast.net if you plan to attend, or if you need a ride to the restaurant.

Pelican Pointe Book Group

Thursday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.

Home of Marcia Helfant, Unit N104

The book we're reading is [Moloka'i](#), by Alan Brennert

This historical fiction is based on serious research into the history of the leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, Hawaii. The story is about Father Damien, who spent 16 years ministering to patients before he himself died in 1889 of leprosy, or Hansen's disease, as it was then called. Hawaiians were particularly vulnerable to this disease, having lived in isolation on their Pacific islands until the arrival of the white men who brought the disease there.



Rather than turning the novel into a tearjerker, the author focuses instead on the lives the patients create for themselves and on their attempts at normalcy. The book spans 80 years, from the late 1800's to 1970, by which time our understanding of the disease had greatly changed. This is a complex story with emotional resonance.

All are welcome. Call Marcia at [303-722-0053](tel:303-722-0053) with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Pelican Pointe End-of-Summer Social Event

Sunday, Sept. 17

The Lighthouse

As we get closer to the date, check for notices with details posted in the mail kiosks. If you plan to attend RSVP to pphoacaryl@gmail.com (preferred) or [303-322-0471](tel:303-322-0471).

Free Days around Denver

Includes some sponsored by Denver's [Scientific & Cultural Facilities District \(SCFD\)](#)

Tuesday, August 1

- Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield
- Molly Brown House
- Children's Museum of Denver

Saturday, August 5

Saturday, September 2

- Denver Art Museum

Sunday, August 6

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- Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls & Toys

Wednesday, August 9

- Colorado Railroad Museum

Friday, August 11

- Four Mile Historic Park

Saturday, August 19

- Denver Quilt Museum

Friday, August 25

- Cyfford Still Museum

Tuesday, August 29

- Denver Botanic Gardens

What's on your mind?

If you have questions or news about the Pelican Pointe community that you'd like to share, residents can send along articles to be considered for *The Pelican Brief*. Write it up or send the details to daniellezieg@gmail.com.