



The Pelican Brief

Serving [The Pelican Pointe Community](#)

December 2017

Pelican Pointe Annual Meeting held Nov. 9

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association (HOA) Membership was held Thursday, Nov. 9 at Blossoms Restaurant in the nearby Windsor Gardens Community Center. Just prior to the Pelican Pointe HOA Annual Meeting, the Pelican Pointe Board of Directors held the [November monthly meeting](#).

97 homeowners, tenants and guests turned out for the dinner buffet that included salads, prime rib and vegetarian lasagna with ice cream and strawberry crepes for dessert. The \$20.50 per person cost for dinner was paid for by the HOA member monthly dues account. Attendees paid for their own alcoholic beverages at the cash bar. Following dinner, the business portion of the Annual Meeting was called to order.

Meeting highlights: budget and board

During the Nov. 9 Annual Meeting, with a show of hands, homeowners approved the proposed 2018 budget reflecting approximately \$16,000 less in anticipated expenses for 2018 compared with the current year's expenses. ([2017 and 2018 Budget documents distributed at Annual Meeting are posted online](#) –password needed to access documents is: 8300Fairmount!).

2018 Monthly dues remain at \$260.

By another show of hands, homeowners reelected Marcia Helfant to another three-year Board term. Caryl Shipley, most recently Board Secretary, did not seek reelection. Officer positions will be determined during the upcoming Dec. 11 Board meeting at Windsor Gardens.

No other homeowners have volunteered to serve on the Board. But it's not too late! All interested homeowners can contact Jean Ronald at Weststar to find out more about becoming a Board member. To encourage interest in the vacancy, Helfant emphasized "the main requirements simply are goodwill and good judgment."

Current Board of Directors

Marcia Helfant
Elly Valas
Frank Parker
Charlotte Robinson

Reasons YOU should consider serving on the Board

1. It's a great way to learn about our community and what it takes to keep it running smoothly.
2. The Pelican Pointe HOA is a corporation and the Board of Directors is made up of owners who each provide their background, knowledge and talent.
3. It's a front-row seat to everything happening in Pelican Pointe. Help make the decisions that make this a great community.
4. If this is your biggest investment, help it grow.
5. You get to know your neighbors (the other Board members).
6. If you haven't served, others have been shouldering the burden on your behalf. It's your turn.

Beware: 'tis a busy time for package deliveries

When ordering packages for home delivery please be aware that Amazon deliveries may arrive at any time of the day or night, and packages are often left outside your front step and often visible for long periods of time. You may want to plan specific delivery details of a valuable item to avoid a delivery mishap.

Several neighbors recently spotted numerous U.S. Postal Service packages that appeared to have been left in a pile at a Pelican Pointe mail kiosk. Thankfully, the neighbors delivered each package to the addressees. No word on why the packages were not placed in the locked boxes. ###

Take steps when snow and icy conditions develop

Again this winter, containers of salt are available at our mail kiosks. Anyone who finds the area to be slippery can sprinkle salt there to help make it safer to access mailboxes. Crews will work to clear significant snowfall as conditions develop.

Please keep in mind that in Colorado we often have warmer temperatures during the day, followed by freezing temperatures at night, and ice may develop despite the snow removal efforts. Please be extra cautious during the colder winter months when venturing outdoors in the snow and ice.

- Concentrate on your walking and take small steps. Walking at a slower pace than normal increases your traction and can reduce your chances of falling.
- Don't rush. Move at a speed that feels comfortable and remember to shorten your stride. Give yourself lots of time to get where you are going.
- Don't carry heavy bags or other bulky items as this will make you unstable and harderto keep your balance.
- Keep one hand free for balance.
- Use handrails when available.
- Wear footwear with soles that are not smooth but have some texture.

It's time to make sure you take some simple steps to winterize the exterior of your Pelican Pointe unit: remove water hose, clean up and cover items in your back patio area. Flower pots missing their spring and summer show can be filled with pine cones. ###

Submissions welcome for *The Pelican Brief*

As a Pelican Pointe homeowner/resident what's on your mind? Send along your observations or questions for *The Pelican Brief*. Send via email to daniellezieg@gmail.com. ###

Hot tips for fire safety during colder weather

Most home fires are caused by ordinary things like a stove burner, candle, space heater or extension cord. Mental lapses, poor judgment, lack of sleep and carelessness make these things dangerous.

Thankfully, by exercising good safety habits and taking simple prevention steps, you can cut down on deadly and damaging fire risks. First, always be sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them regularly, replace batteries annually, and experts recommend replacing devices that are more than ten-years old.

- ✓ Cooktops – Never leave the unit, or for that matter, the kitchen while something is cooking on the stove. Keep combustibles, such as curtains and wall hangings, at least three feet from the stove.
- ✓ Space Heaters – Keep them at least three feet away from drapes and bedding, and plug them directly into outlets, not extension cords. Don't use space heaters while sleeping.
- ✓ Electrical Equipment – Replace undersized or frayed extension cords. Never run an extension cord under a rug. Call an electrician if circuit breakers regularly trip or if the electrical box feels warm. Don't use light bulbs that exceed a fixture's recommended maximum wattage.
- ✓ Smoking – Don't smoke in bed. Use large ashtrays on tables. Soak ashtrays under the faucet before throwing cigarette butts in the trash.
- ✓ Candles – Use tip-proof containers. Burn candles only while you're awake and in the same room. Keep candles at least three feet away from combustibles.
- ✓ Matches and lighters – Keep them away from other heat sources.

Keep your home safe during the cold months and all year 'round.

Help checking your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

If you need help to perform tests to ensure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly, to replace batteries or to install new devices, contact our Pelican Pointe handyman Jim Cuellar at 303-520-8948. ###

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.*

Mark your calendar

Trash pickup Wednesday, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 28*.

Recycle: Dec.13, 28*. **Extra trash: Dec. 28*.** (Set out *extra trash every four weeks*).

**Dec. 28 pickup is Thursday due to the Dec. 25 holiday that week.*

Sign up to get trash-pickup email trash 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, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.

Windsor Gardens Community Center

All homeowners and residents always welcome. [Meeting Minutes are posted online.](#)

Colorado Legislature Special Pre-session Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4-5:30 p.m.

Windsor Gardens Community Center

Scheduled by [Rep. Chris Hansen](#), whose district includes Pelican Pointe. Hansen, several other state representatives and Carol Hedges from the Colorado Fiscal Institute will discuss the top issues facing Colorado in 2018, including the current and future status of the senior homestead property tax exemption. The meeting is open to the public.

Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch will not meet in December

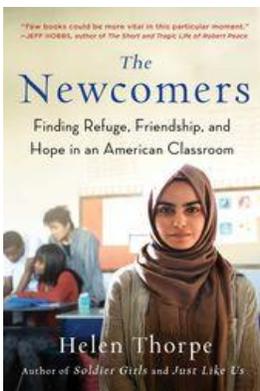


2018 New Year, Sunday, Jan. 1

Pelican Pointe Book Group will not meet in December

Next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Home of June Mullins JJ101



The January book is [The Newcomers](#) by Helen Thorpe. Some may know the author from her previous non-fiction, about Latina high school girls and women who served in the U.S. active reserves in Afghanistan.

In [The Newcomers](#), Thorpe writes with compassion about a group of immigrant children at Denver's South High School who are struggling to learn the language and customs in America. Thorpe spent a year in the classroom of Eddie Williams, an English Language Acquisition teacher at South, which educates most of Denver's teenage refugees. One reviewer notes the book "...is bound to become a classic on integrating young immigrants into American Society." ###

Possible showcase for Pelican Pointe homes

Homeowners, residents interested in participating in an open house event to show off their unit --similar to last year's [Holiday Home Tour](#) for Pelican Pointe neighbors-- are encouraged to contact Sheila Powell [303-280-6943](tel:303-280-6943) or spowellmsn@comcast.net. If there is enough interest, a date may be scheduled for the Spring. ###