



# The Pelican Brief

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November 2017

## RSVP NOW to attend Pelican Pointe Annual Meeting

- ◆ Annual Meeting of the Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association (HOA) Membership is Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017; check in begins 5 p.m.; dinner buffet 6 p.m.; business meeting 7 p.m.
- ◆ Blossoms Restaurant in nearby Windsor Gardens Community Center, 597 Clinton Street.
- ◆ All homeowners are encouraged to attend – at least the business meeting, you don't have to attend the dinner.
- ◆ Be sure to RSVP by Nov. 6 to be added to the dinner service to [pphoacaryl@gmail.com](mailto:pphoacaryl@gmail.com). The \$20.50 per person cost for dinner is being paid from the HOA member monthly dues account. If you RSVP for dinner and then don't show up, we still have to pay.
- ◆ Notice of Meeting information was mailed from our property management company Weststar via U.S. Mail to all homeowners in early October. Any homeowner who did not receive the mailing should promptly contact Jean Ronald [jean@weststarmanagement.com](mailto:jean@weststarmanagement.com) or call 720-941-9200.

## Two HOA Board of Directors positions to be voted on

During the Nov. 9 Annual Meeting, members will be asked to vote on candidates for two Board positions. Current HOA Board terms end for Marcia Helfant and Caryl Shipley. Both are eligible to seek reelection to another three-year term.

Other homeowners are encouraged to consider seeking election to these two, three year seats. To become a candidate, contact Jean Ronald [jean@weststarmanagement.com](mailto:jean@weststarmanagement.com), include a paragraph about why you would like to be on the Board and any relevant experience you may have.

The final slate of HOA Board candidates will be available when you check in the evening of the meeting on Nov. 9. *Note:* Board members later determine officer positions.

### **Current Pelican Pointe Board of Directors**

Marcia Helfant, President  
Elly Valas, Vice President  
Frank Parker, Treasurer  
Caryl Shipley, Secretary  
Charlotte Robinson, At Large

**More inside:** An evening walk around Pelican Pointe, Seasonal safety reminders, Mark your calendar

## **An evening walk around Pelican Pointe**

*Encounters with the Bad and the Worse, and with the Good, the Better and the Best*

by Francisco Rios, Pelican Pointe Resident

**The Bad:** Strolling northward down the slope toward Fairmount Drive, I noted a BMW in the parking bay between buildings AA and BB. The BMW was situated so that the driver, exiting the car, had to have come face to face with the sign that reads "Diagonal Parking Only." The driver ignored the sign, parallel parked close to the sidewalk and left little or no room for anyone else to park or reach the sidewalk. Does the ownership of a BMW come with such exclusive privileges?

**Worse:** Heading southwest into the fading sunlight, I saw behind the western mail kiosk an even more egregious example of thoughtlessness. Someone had jammed a large roll of newspapers under the small hinged door of the dog-waste receptacle, adding gratuitously to the chores of Pelican Pointe's handyman. In disbelief and anger, I pulled the newspapers out and lodged them in the support structure of the receptacle, where they would not fall out or be dislodged by the wind.

As I continued my stroll eastward along the south side of the retaining pond, I muttered two questions to myself: Who would direct such affronts at Pelican Pointe residents and neighbors? What motivates such actions--mere selfishness, rampant egotism or overpowering laziness? Only the perpetrators know.

**The Good.** I completed my 360-degree stroll. From across the street to my unit, I reveled in the sight of a large, beautiful tree, still brightened by the last sunlight. I walked across to the tree and stood under it, enthralled by its reach and colors.

**The Better.** Migrant Painted Lady butterflies, still hardy, still active, performed acrobatics around the blossoms of a nearby bush, fanned their painted wings up and down, then spread them parallel to the ground, as if to rest. I was not the only witness to the spectacle. A ladybug, roly-poly, slow, and beauteous in its own right, ambled across the sidewalk to its refuge in the grass, where it could feast on aphids, to the benefit of Pelican Pointe greenery.

**The Best.** A hawk, which I could not identify in the lowering dusk, sped westward above my head, along the same flyway which I have seen other hawks use before, the airspace between my building and the one opposite. Silently, the hawk banked to the southwest when it reached the street, banked again, westward to the large green area across the street... and disappeared. Out of sight, but not out of mind. My evening could not have ended better.

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### **Submissions welcome for *The Pelican Brief***

As a Pelican Pointe homeowner/resident what's on your mind? Send your observations or questions about the Pelican Pointe community to be considered for *The Pelican Brief*. Just write it up or make some notes and send an email to [daniellezieg@gmail.com](mailto:daniellezieg@gmail.com).

## **Safety reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms**

The life expectancy of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors is generally around ten years after which time their sensors can begin to lose sensitivity. The test button only confirms that the battery, electronics and alert systems are working. It doesn't mean the smoke sensor is working. It is recommended that the entire unit be removed and replaced with a new model. If you have replaced batteries but still get a chirping sound, you may want to hire an electrician to inspect and replace your smoke alarms as needed. ###



## **Snow is in our forecast, we just don't yet know the dates**

Small amounts of snow already have fallen in our area and, even though some predictions call for a mild winter due to the current La Nina pattern, more certainly is on the way. The grounds crew managed by our contractor Sonny Fischer will continue to monitor and clear driveways and sidewalks again this year. Any questions regarding snow removal will be handled by Jean Ronald [jean@weststarmanagement.com](mailto:jean@weststarmanagement.com) or 720-941-9200. ###

## **Resident and guest parking reminders**

All residents are encouraged to review the [Pelican Pointe Association's rules](#), page 4, regarding parking in our community: Email questions to [jean@weststarmanagement.com](mailto:jean@weststarmanagement.com).

- Each Residence is served by a minimum of two garage spaces, and all vehicles belonging to an Owner must be kept in the garage when not in use.
- Guests of an Owner, other than family members who reside with an Owner, may park only in identified parking spaces (visitor parking) for up to 72 hours, or temporarily with prior approval of the HOA board.
- No Owner may keep at the Property more vehicles than available garage spaces.
- No house trailer, camping trailer, horse trailer, hauling trailer, boat or boat accessories, camper, pickup truck-camper shell combination incapable of being housed in a garage, truck larger than one ton, recreational vehicle or equipment, mobile home or commercial vehicle may be parked or stored anywhere within the Property.
- Garage door shall be closed when not in use.
- No abandoned, unlicensed, wrecked or inoperable vehicles of any kind shall be stored or parked within the Property except in garages or except in emergencies.
- Vehicle washing and waxing is allowed only outside the garage of the vehicle Owner's unit. No other vehicle repairs or maintenance shall be permitted.
- Do not park a vehicle in front of garage door or in garage access drive. ###

**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, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Recycle: Nov.1, 15, 29. [Extra trash](#): Nov. 1, 29. (Set out *extra trash every four weeks*).

[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.

## **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2 a.m. – Fall back one hour

## **Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association 2017 Annual Meeting**

Thursday, Nov. 9, check in begins at 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.

**Blossoms Restaurant, Windsor Gardens Community Center**

All homeowners and residents invited. Must RSVP to attend dinner - [pphoacaryl@gmail.com](mailto:pphoacaryl@gmail.com)

## **Veterans' Day, National Holiday**

Saturday, Nov. 11

## **Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch**

Wednesday, Nov. 15, noon – *This is a time change.*

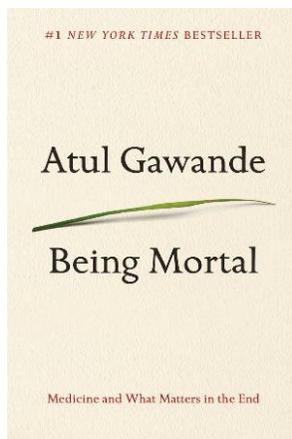
[Black-eyed Pea, 1470 S. Colorado Blvd.](#)

All residents in the Pelican Pointe community are welcome, and everyone pays their own bill. Contact Sheila Powell [303-280-6943](tel:303-280-6943) or [spowellmsn@comcast.net](mailto:spowellmsn@comcast.net) to rsvp.

## **Pelican Pointe Book Group**

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Home of Marcia Helfant, Unit N104



This month's book is [Being Mortal](#) by Atul Gawande. The author is a surgeon as well as a writer for the *New Yorker*. *The New York Times* review of the book is "a personal meditation on how we can better live with age-related frailty, serious illness and approaching death."

That description of the book, however, does not do justice to the engaging and thoughtful stories the author uses to describe the issues we all face as we get older and frailer and have to decide how we want to live out these later years. Believe it or not, it is not a grim read, but a lovely one.

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

## **Thanksgiving, National Holiday**

Thursday, Nov. 23

All government business offices closed.