



The Pelican Brief

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Letter from our Pelican Pointe HOA President

We value not only our homes but also our neighbors. In the 18 years I've lived here I've seen many changes. Our trees have grown from twigs to a graceful mature arbor. We've also seen the character of our homeowners morph. We are older but at the same time we have more children living here than ever before. We also have more young families, and dogs!

Like the rest of our country we are also more diverse, and that's a good. We welcome neighbors of all stripes not only because it's the law but because it's the right thing to do. We strive to be an open welcoming place to live. It's what we value about living here.

And speaking of dogs, you may have noticed that a few months ago we installed a pet waste container in the common area between buildings QQ and RR. It was relocated pretty quickly to a spot near a mail kiosk. But homeowners living around the initial location have said that they've seen an increase in the number of dogs in that area.

Folks living in courtyard units which are in especially close proximity to each other also have asked that dog owners respect the areas near their homes as well.

As a new dog owner myself --I'm training a cute lab puppy to be a service dog through Canine Companions for Independence-- I know how easy it can be to just take dogs out to do their business where it's most convenient.

Please be mindful about where you toilet your dogs. Try to avoid the areas close to your neighbors' windows and patios.

At a recent Homeowners Association board meeting one homeowner reminded us that we all chose to live here and that choice means we chose to live close to our neighbors. He went on to say, "Let's just try to get along." Thank you Negandra.

*Elly Valas
Pelican Pointe HOA President*

More inside: Good neighbors make great communities, Mark your calendar and RSVP now for End of Summer BBQ on Sept. 23

Good neighbors make great communities

Regardless of the type of neighborhood we live in, there are still some basic etiquette rules we all need to follow to be a good neighbor. Each and every one of us deserves to live in peace and harmony, and even though that is not always possible, everyone can certainly do whatever it takes to prevent hostilities and hard feelings. Especially when our homes are attached and so many people share the common property.

Sounds like...

No one expects you to be as quiet as a mouse, but we all should respect certain basic rules when it comes to making too much noise. Living in a single family home is different than sharing the walls in a townhome community, and way different from an apartment building where not only walls are shared but floors are between each unit. You might want to hammer a nail on the wall tomorrow morning after 8 or 9 a.m. instead of late in the evening when things are quieting down. If you are sitting outside on a warm summer night, keep the conversation down after 10 p.m. Avoid all unnecessary noise from any source between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. This includes revving car engines, loud voices and whatever else may be startling.

Neighborly tips to try

Follow the Golden Rule to be a good neighbor. Your neighbors are people you may see nearly every day, or rarely. Everyone is 'busy' but spending a few minutes getting to know your neighbors' names means they are no longer a stranger. Here are some valuable tips:

- Don't make judgments about your neighbor. Respect your neighbor.
- Observe and respect your neighbors' personal space.
- If you borrow something, return the item immediately after using it. If you break the item, pay to fix it or replace it.
- Don't be a neighborhood gossip. That's just rude and will eventually come back to bite you.
- Not everyone is a dog or cat lover, so show responsibility for your pets. That includes picking up after them and maintaining them on a leash and under control at all times.
- If you have an issue with a neighbor, discuss it with them in an adult manner.
- Don't park your car where you shouldn't. You know the rules and should follow them.
- You don't always have to speak to neighbors but everyone appreciates a friendly wave.

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.* ###

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Mark your calendar

Due to the Labor Day holiday Sept. 3, trash, recycle, extra trash and compost pickup all are delayed one day to Thursday, Sept. 6. Regular Wednesday pickup resumes the following weeks for Sept. 12, 19, and 26.

Recycle: Sept. 6, 19

Extra trash: Sept. 6 (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.

Learn more about the [composting service available for residents](#).

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Monday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.

Note: Meeting delayed one week due to Rosh Hashanah holiday on Sept. 10

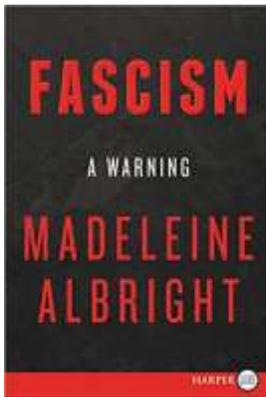
Windsor Gardens Community Center

All homeowners and residents always welcome. [Meeting Minutes are posted online the following month after Board approval.](#)

Pelican Pointe Book Group

Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.

Home of Marcia Helfant, Unit N104.



The book we're reading is [Fascism: A Warning](#), by Madeline Albright. Albright was Ambassador to the U.N. and then Secretary of State during the Clinton administration. Her family moved to the United States in 1948 from Czechoslovakia, settling in Denver.

In the book, Albright draws on her personal history, government experience and conversations with her Georgetown students to assess current dangers and how to deal with them. What are the conditions in which Fascist leaders have emerged in the past? Do we face similar challenges today? What lessons can we learn from the past? These are some of the questions Albright poses. Reviewers have all commented that Albright takes a conversational tone in the book and that it is very readable.

You are welcome to join us. Call Marcia at 303-722-0053.

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RSVP Now

Pelican Pointe End of Summer BBQ

Lighthouse at the Breakers, 1011 S. Valentia St.

Sunday, September 23, 5-7 p.m.

RSVP with your unit number and guest name(s) to Caryl Shipley pphoacaryl@gmail.com (preferred) or 303-322-0471. Contact Sheila Powell spowellmsn@comcast.net or call 303-280-6943 to see how you can help.

Come a little early to pick up your name tag and enjoy a cool drink!

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