



The Pelican Brief

Serving [The Pelican Pointe Community](#)

December 2019

2019 Pelican Pointe Annual Meeting held Nov. 18

Nearly 100 homeowners and guests gathered Nov. 18 at the Windsor Gardens Community Center for Pelican Pointe's 2019 Annual Meeting. A buffet dinner catered by Olive Garden was served at a cost of \$2009 paid for by Pelican Pointe dues.

The formal business meeting was called to order because a quorum of homeowners was attained with 88 units represented in person or via proxy – 67 units were represented in person and 21 proxies were turned in. ###

Overview of accomplishments presented for 2019

During the 2019 Annual Meeting, HOA Board President Charlotte Robinson reviewed the progress of various maintenance projects with a look ahead at planning for the new year. Here are the highlights:

- A new snow removal company and a new landscaping company were hired in 2019. That decision was necessary because our former, longtime contractor had stopped providing satisfactory services.
- Monthly dues will not increase dues for 2020 but because of overall costs increasing and the aging of our community, the dues may necessarily increase for 2021.
- Phase 3 (of 4) was completed of our concrete repairs project.
- We have hired an attorney to represent Pelican Pointe in a condemnation proceeding with the Pensam Development project being built south of our community across the canal. We are hoping to negotiate a landscaping agreement, and our attorney is experienced in such legal matters, if we have to go that far.
- Next year in 2020, we will start the exterior painting of our units in two phases.
- Spring 2020, we'll look at planting perennial plants at the entrance rather than annuals.
- The long term landscaping study we paid for this past year will help us with future planting regarding trees, shrubs and grass in common areas throughout the community. ###

Two HOA Board of Directors members reelected

The next order of business at the Annual Meeting were comments from two current board members seeking reelection. The three-year terms for both Charlotte Robinson and Sheila Powell were set to expire. Both outlined efforts they've worked on, and with a show of hands, both were reelected to three-year terms expiring in 2022. During the next monthly meeting, Dec. 9, Board members will determine who will take on which officer positions for 2020.

Also during the monthly December meeting, the Board plans to appoint owner Chuck Kreiman to fill the remaining two years left of the three-year term held by Kathy Behnke. As noted in last month's newsletter, Behnke is stepping down for personal reasons. ###

(more Annual Meeting news)

Homeowners approve 2020 Budget

The 2019 Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Notice of Annual Meeting packet had been mailed in October to addresses on file for all homeowners. Included was a summary of totals for the current 2019 budget as well as the proposed 2020 budget that already had been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at October monthly meeting.

During the Annual Meeting Property Manager Jean Ronald discussed anticipated costs detailed in the 2020 budget for a total of \$634,650. She then opened the floor for questions and comments, followed by a show of hands to ratify the budget. The projected 2020 expenses are actually similar to what the final total expenses anticipated for 2019. For the new year, the \$634,650 budget estimates a total of \$508,650 for utilities, administrative costs, repairs/maintenance, and landscaping/grounds with \$126,000 earmarked to go in our reserves account. ###

Some pup owners just don't seem to get it!

The snow may temporarily camouflage some piles, but they'll still be there when the sun comes out. So PICK UP YOUR DOGS' POOP! Especially on sidewalks! Fines are being levied against violators.

Here's yet another reminder to dog owners regarding the Pelican Pointe [Pet Rules from our Regulations](#) (scroll to page 9-10). In the common areas such as grass and sidewalks, both within and outside Pelican Pointe's perimeter fence, pet's solid waste must be picked up immediately, and then properly disposed of. Pelican Pointe Pet Stations are stocked with baggies to pick up poop. They're conveniently located by the mail kiosks. ###

'Deck the halls...' but keep it in your house or your porch

Many of our neighbors enjoy decorating for holidays from winter to spring, summer and fall. For other neighbors who don't display holiday-themed items, such efforts might be enjoyable – for a time. Only approved lights, installed at the direction of our Proper Manager are permitted in common areas. But when the holiday is done, individual outdoor home decorations need to be taken down promptly.

Using your front porch or patio to store excess belongings and clutter also is not allowed. You can keep a snow shovel by the front door along with a small container of ice melt during the winter. In warm moths, properly-maintained potted plants can stay on your porch for the season. ###

New resource available nearby in Lowry

[Senior Planet Colorado](#) is a new resource for learning via workshops, lectures and training. From computer basics to starting an online business, these sessions are designed specifically for older adult learners. Membership is free. Offerings include 5- and 10-week courses scheduled quarterly for individuals age 60 and over.

The center is located in Lowry at 7585 E Academy Blvd. Stop by for more details or check the website www.seniorplanet/colorado or call 720-328-0875. ###

Neighbor suggests sharing composting bins

The City and County of Denver instituted a compost collection service in the past few years. Compost is organic refuse that will break down and can be added back into soil. The city service is available for a monthly charge to Pelican Pointe residents who can request a 'green bin' to be emptied monthly on scheduled trash collection days. You can [check for details online](#).

One Pelican Pointe resident who pays for the composting service doesn't regularly fill her bin. So she partnered with a neighbor to share her bin. She suggests other Pelican Pointe neighbors with the green bins might be willing to share, too. Some Pelican Pointe neighbors even share their purple recycle bins with nearby neighbors. Anyone willing to share these bins is encouraged to talk to their neighbors. ###

Getting rid of hard-to-recycle items

Recycling of various materials has been possible for years in Denver. Trash is picked up every Wednesday (except for holidays) at Pelican Pointe. Items for recycling should be placed in the designated large purple bins for recycling which are emptied every other week. Acceptable items for recycling have expanded from just glass and paper to include metal cans and plastics. But many items that may seem like they should or could be recycled are NOT accepted by Denver Recycles ([click here to check the list for what can and what cannot be recycled](#)).

There are locations in the metro area where individuals can pay a fee to drop off items such as packing Styrofoam that is not accepted by Denver Recycles. For other options, check service through Sustainability Recycling <https://www.sustainability-recycling.com/drop-off-sites> or call 303-425-9226. ###

Keep an eye out for package deliveries

Holiday cards and packages already are arriving at our doors and mail kiosks. Amazon, UPS and FedEx drivers endeavor to drop items at the right address, but mistakes happen during this busy season. Be sure your orders include your correct unit number, and remind your family and others of your complete address. Be a good neighbor, alert neighbors if you mistakenly receive their package or take it over to the correct home. Keep an eye out if you're expecting a delivery and check all the kiosks for your package. ###

Submissions welcome for *The Pelican Brief*

Pelican Pointe residents are invited to submit articles, events or questions for this monthly newsletter. Submissions will be reviewed for accuracy and responded to when appropriate. The editor may edit as needed for space, libelous statements or personal unwarranted attacks. All submissions must be signed. Send along your observations or questions for *The Pelican Brief* via email to daniellezieg@gmail.com. ###

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 pick Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11, 18 and Thursday, Dec. 26.

Recycle: Dec. 11, 26. [Extra trash: Dec. 11](#) (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.

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Windsor Gardens Community Center

All are welcome

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, Dec. 18, noon

[Officers Club](#), 84 Rampart Way in Lowry. RSVP Sheila Powell [303-280-6943](tel:303-280-6943) or spowellmsn@comcast.net.

Hanukkah, Jewish Holiday

Begins Monday, Dec. 23 through Dec. 30

Christmas, Christian Holiday

Wednesday, Dec. 25

New Year, Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

Julius Caesar thought it would be appropriate for January, Janus' namesake month, to be the doorway to a new year, and when he created the Julian calendar, he made January 1 the first day of the year (this also put the calendar year in line with the consular year, as new consuls also took office that day).

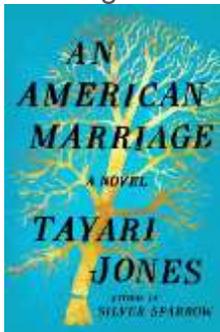
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

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Pelican Pointe Book Group

Not meeting in December, next meeting Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at the home of Patti Benton, Unit J105



We are reading [An American Marriage](#) by Tayari Jones. Critics have described the novel as engrossing and impressive, readable and packed with emotion.

Roy and Celestial are a newly married middle class African American couple living in Atlanta, Ga. Roy is mistakenly identified and convicted as the perpetrator of a rape. Most of the book consists of letters each write to the other while Roy is in jail. What happens to each of them and their marriage during and after Roy's incarceration is perhaps a story of our time.

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

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