



The Pelican Brief

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February 2019

Monthly HOA meeting date change for February only

The Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association (HOA) Board of Directors usually meets the second Monday of the month but for February 2019 they will meet on the first Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

As previously noted in this newsletter, the start time for the Board meetings was changed from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to better accommodate homeowners' work schedules. Meetings are held at the Windsor Gardens Community Center. All homeowners and residents are always welcome. ###

2019 Board of Directors

Charlotte Robinson, President
Sheila Powell, Vice President
Jim Bernuth, Treasurer
Kathy Benhke, Secretary
Mary Gehris, At-large
Marcia Helfant, At-large

Here's the scoop on snow shoveling

Recent snow storms are prompting questions from Pelican Pointe homeowners – *When are our driveways and sidewalks going to be cleared? What's the plan for this winter? Who is doing the work?*

The Pelican Pointe Board of Directors has just hired a new company that will provide snow plowing and shoveling services, as needed, for the remainder of the current winter season. Charges for this service will be assessed based on the equipment and hours needed to do the work. This snow services contract is not tied to warm weather landscaping services. (See update about landscaping maintenance on pg. 2) ###

Safety alert: Coyote spotted at Pelican Pointe

Most residents probably are aware of wildlife being seen along the High Line Canal walking path. Sometimes those animals come through the fence surrounding our property. A Pelican Pointe resident out walking his dog around 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30 reported seeing a coyote heading south in the alley between buildings F / G and, upon seeing him, the coyote turned around and went north. Serves as a good reminder when walking in and around the community to be alert and keep your dog on a leash. ###

Attempts to fix front gate continue

The gate at the entrance to Pelican Pointe is supposed to be open during the day, and then close around 7 p.m. But the aging electronic system that controls the timed closing and opening each morning has not functioned consistently over the past several years. Sometimes either or both of the entrance or exit gates do not close. Property Manager Jean Ronald is working with a vendor to address the problem. ###

More inside: *Looking ahead at landscaping maintenance options, Reporting maintenance concerns, Mark your calendar*

What happens with our landscaping maintenance when winter is over?

Maintenance of Pelican Pointe's grassy areas, trees and other plantings has been under review by our Board for the past several years. The Board of Directors is reviewing bids and interviewing four potential contractors to begin service in the spring. The Board will discuss these bids at the Feb. 4 meeting, and then they anticipate selecting a new company shortly.

As noted in the [August](#), [November](#) and [December](#) 2018 editions of this newsletter, the Board contracted with [JBK Landscape LLC](#) to evaluate the grounds and develop a long term plan for our landscape. During the January Board meeting, representatives from the landscape architecture firm presented proposals and costs to modify the plantings at the entrance and around Pelican Pointe Park, the central picnic area by the mail kiosks. No decisions have been made on any specific proposals. ###

How to get help addressing exterior maintenance matters

Homeowners must direct all exterior maintenance questions or requests to Property Manager Jean Ronald who will make any needed work assignment to our community handyman Jim Cuellar. The best way to contact Jean is via email jean@weststarmanagement.com. Be sure to include details to describe the matter, and provide your name, unit number and the best way you can be contacted. When you send that email, please cc HOA President Charlotte Robinson at c_robinson@comcast.net.

Homeowners who do not have email should contact Jean at 720-941-9200. ###

Board renews Weststar contract

During the January meeting of the Pelican Pointe Board of Directors, by a unanimous vote, the property management contract was renewed for another year with Weststar Management. This will be Pelican Pointe's second year with Weststar. ###

Guest parking available in designated areas, not curbside

Reminder to all residents: short-term guest parking in designated areas is available throughout the community. Overnight guest parking is allowed in those spots for up to 72 hours unless you have obtained a parking permit to display in the guest vehicle. Vehicles with no parking permit may be towed after the 72 hour limit. Parking along curbs is not permitted. ###

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.*

Submissions welcome for *The Pelican Brief*

Pelican Pointe residents are invited to submit content for this monthly newsletter. The editor reserves the right to determine whether material submitted shall be printed and may edit as needed for space, libelous statements or personal unwarranted attacks. All submissions must be signed. Opinions are those of the individual writer and not those of the editor or HOA Board. Send along your observations or questions for *The Pelican Brief*, by mid-month, via email to daniellezieg@gmail.com. ###

MOON DANCE

Guest article

How did my DU math/astronomy professor answer the question "Why do we see only one side of the moon?" To answer, he posted himself at the door of the classroom and told us to imagine that he had ripped the seat of his trousers. Then he shuffled sideways to the far side of the room, his body executing a backward arc on the way, and his face in full view of the class, from start to finish. He completed the maneuver skillfully, and the class never saw the other side of his trousers. So it is with the moon. She also hides her "other side."

Another question: How can tiny Luna manage to hide the massive Sun in a solar eclipse? Expressed in its simplest terms, the answer is "Look at your thumbs, which you can move backward and forward in front of your eyes to block an object from view." When Luna and Earth, in their respective orbits, align themselves in the same trajectory relative to the Sun and form a straight line, Earth-Luna-Sun, Luna is the "thumb", positioned so precisely between Earth and Sun, that its minute mass blocks the mighty Sun's frontal glare completely. Minuteness, too, can be powerful.

So, what happened to Luna that Sunday night, January 20th, then? Well, Ol' Sol can play games, too. This time, he withheld his light from Luna, using us here on Earth as his thumb to show us, and Luna, that while she can be thin or full, while she faithfully adorns our night sky, while she is beautiful and inspiring, she is also vulnerable. The light that emanates from her surface to us here on Earth is not hers. It is his light, reflected. That's true, and I respect Ol' Sol. But I love Luna above all other celestial bodies, in every one of her magic phases, waxing, gibbous or waning, as she reflects borrowed light from the Sun to us for our contemplation. And she stands between me and outer space.

With Luna temporarily dimmed that Sunday night, other, compensating sights appeared. Orion reinforced his visual primacy among constellations, his diamond-studded belt aglow and the nebula in his sword "fuzzy," as my wife said, from clouds of stars aborning. Also, a giant arc curved north and westward from the Dog Star, Sirius, the brightest in the heavens, to Procyon, the Lesser Dog. Next was Luna, its southeast section glowing reddish like a candled egg. Above Luna, Castor and Pollux, fabled sons of Leda the Swan and models of brotherly love. Finally, at the apex of the arc, Capella, one hundred times brighter than our Sun.

What a night! Earth's shadow, the agent of Ol' Sol's thumb, shrouds the Moon's face for an hour against a stunning backdrop of stars. It's no wonder that my "Moon Dance" calendar begins the year with the words of Johannes Kepler (Germ. 1571-1630): "The treasures in the heavens are so rich that the human mind shall never be lacking in fresh nourishment."

Francisco Armando Ríos
Pelican Pointe resident

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Mark your calendar

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Monday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. **First Monday and new start time**

Windsor Gardens Community Center

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

Trash pickup days

Wednesday, Feb. 13; Thursday, Feb. 21*; Wednesday, Feb. 27

--[Recycle items in purple carts](#): Feb. 6, 21 (Reminder to [review details online](#) on what you can recycle, and don't put recycle items in trash bags.)

--[Extra trash](#): Feb. 6 (Set out extra trash every four weeks).

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

Valentine's Day

Thursday, Feb. 14

[Click here to learn some surprising facts about this day.](#)

***[President's Day](#)**

Monday, Feb. 18

Federal holiday – no U.S. Postal delivery, banks and government offices closed.

Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, Feb. 20, noon

Bull & Bush Eatery; 4700 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver

RSVP Sheila Powell @303-280-6943 or spowellmsn@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

Pelican Pointe Book Group

Thursday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at home of Linda Hundley, W103

The book is [The Wife](#) by Meg Wolitzer.

If you've seen the movie, you owe it to yourself to read the book. It's very different, in important ways! To quote the author, "I have always been interested in issues of power and female and male power interests". The book is a story of power...who has it, who doesn't and the costs involved. Since the book club includes both men and women, it should be an interesting discussion.

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