



The Pelican Brief

Serving [The Pelican Pointe Community](#)

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Expanded bike lane on Valentia will cut vehicle lanes from two to one

If you travel along Valentia just west of Pelican Pointe where it crosses the Highline Canal, you probably have noticed increased activity due to the construction of the new residential towers being built as part of the larger Tava Waters complex. Unrelated to that residential project, but at the same time, the City of Denver, has started marking the street to create what they refer to as a 'buffered bike lane' in both directions. This lane will extend from Mississippi to Fairmount Drive. The result by year's end will remove one of two lane cars and truck lanes.

Details of this project were presented during the Sept. 9, 2019 Pelican Pointe meeting of the Homeowners Association Board of Directors by City of Denver representative Dana Hoffman. Hoffman explained the change will provide an alternate access to the High Line Canal Trail while the [underpass at Mississippi and Parker Road](#) is under construction. Details of both projects are [online](#). ###

Board approves contract for 2019-2020 snow removal

The [Farmers' Almanac](#) is predicting a 'frigid and snowy winter with above average amount of snow' November 2019 through January 2020 for the high plains which includes the Denver Metro area. In anticipation of at least some snow here, the Pelican Pointe HOA Board reviewed two bids and approved a contract with Bright View for snow removal services. The contract stipulates charges will be assessed on an hourly basis per event. This is the same company that provides our current grounds services. ###



Damaged bricks replaced at front entrance

The brick surface at the gated entrance to Pelican Pointe takes quite a beating from day-to-day traffic and weather conditions including snow plowing. Removing and replacing cracked and crumbling bricks took a couple of days to complete. While it was a minor inconvenience, the crew made sure vehicles had clear access to enter and exit the property. This project was paid for from our dues at a cost of \$10,900. ###

REMINDER: Temperatures eventually will dip to freezing. Unhook any outdoor water hoses soon to avoid potential pipe problems. ###

More inside: *Update to community directory underway, End of summer BBQ, Process for solar panels request, Mark your calendar*

Pelican Pointe property emergency after normal business hours

Call Weststar Management 720-941-9200, press option 1 to reach a manager who will return your call promptly. That's 720 not 303. ###

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

Want to install solar panels on your Pelican Pointe unit?

A detailed request is required

Any Pelican Pointe homeowner thinking of adding solar panels to the exterior of their unit will need a written plan with specific information detailing equipment and location. The Pelican Pointe Design Review Committee will evaluate the plan and, if okayed, it will go to the full HOA Board for final review, and approval if granted. ###

Effort afoot to update voluntary resident directory

The Pelican Pointe community has two resident directories. One is a confidential, private directory maintained by Weststar, our property management company. This information is maintained for official community business and in order to respond to emergency situations. We also have had a voluntary directory produced by fellow homeowners which has been maintained sporadically. A printed copy of this second, voluntary public directory occasionally was distributed to residents. The most recent version from a couple of years ago also is located on the Pelican Point website. A committee of volunteer homeowners assembled to update the public directory. Committee members are Gil Wierschke, Judy Donaldson, and Sheila Powell.

URL for our website is www.PelicanPointe.net
Click the menu item DIRECTORY
The password is 8300Fairmount!.

Anyone wishing to be included or to correct a current listing may send an email to Gil.Wierschke@gmail.com or send a note via the U.S. Postal Service to:

Gil Wierschke
8300 Fairmount Dr.; Unit NN102
Denver, Co 80247

In general, the committee would like to list only contact information (phone number and email address). Feel free to include your mobile phone number. Naturally, only include information you want published. Also, if you want to remove any information, be specific. All updated listings will be made to the online directory. There are no plans, at this time, to provide printed copies. If you want a printed copy, you should plan to print the online version. ###

Submissions welcome for *The Pelican Brief*

Send articles, photos with suggested caption, observations or questions for *The Pelican Brief* to daniellezieg@gmail.com. All content is review for accuracy, clarity and space prior to publication. ###

End of Summer Barbeque a tasty transition to fall

Pelican Pointe neighbors gathered at the nearby Lighthouse Community Center on Sunday, Sept. 22 for tasty barbeque meats and side dishes from Famous Dave's, with desserts donated by several neighbors. The weather cooperated for a comfortable evening indoors and on the patio. The event was planned and hosted by neighbors who volunteered under the leadership of Sheila Powell. The final tallies: 72 residents and guests attended, 14 individuals RSVP'd but did not show up. We spent \$1700 for food, beverages and facility use, all of which was paid for with your Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association dues. ###

(Special thanks to Victor Valks for photos)



Mark your calendar

Trash pickup days

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

--[Recycle items in purple carts](#): Oct. 2, 16, 30

25% of what Denver residents send to the landfill is recyclable.

--[Extra trash](#): Oct. 16. Excess, extra trash is picked up every four weeks. Do not leave excess trash sitting out until the scheduled pick up.

Yom Kippur, Jewish Day of Atonement

Begins the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 8, ends the next evening Oct. 9

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Monday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Windsor Gardens Community Center, all homeowners and residents always welcome.

Columbus Day

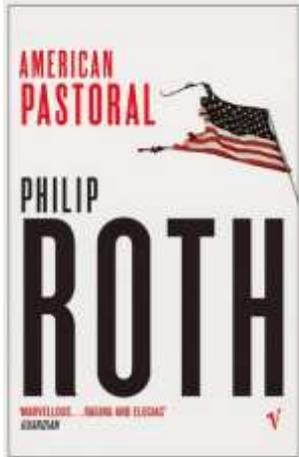
Monday, Oct. 14 Colorado. State and Federal holiday

Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, Oct. 16 noon

[Zaidy's Deli](#), 121 Adams St., Denver. Contact Sheila Powell spowellmsn@comcast.net if you plan to attend. All residents in the Pelican Pointe community are welcome, and everyone pays their own bill.

Pelican Pointe Book Group



Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Home of June Mullins JJ101

All are welcome to join the conversation.

The October book selection is [American Pastoral](#) by Philip Roth, published in 1997. Roth writes about Seymour "Swede" Levov, his high school sports hero, who marries a beauty queen, operates his father's factory, and to Roth, seems to embody the American dream. However, his daughter gets involved in the upheaval of the 60's and 70's, and his pastoral enjoyment of the American dream is rudely interrupted by both political and personal events. One reviewer writes: "If this doesn't add up to the Great American Novel, it gets pretty darn close."

Halloween

Thursday, Oct. 31

Making jack-o'-lanterns at Halloween originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed "Stingy Jack" who struck a dubious deal with the devil. [Check it out.](#)

Daylight Savings Time begins *Set your clocks back one hour.*

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 a.m.