



# The Pelican Brief

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June 2020

## Plan set for plantings at Pelican Pointe entrance

*During recent Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board meetings before the pandemic, a number of Pelican Pointe residents mentioned the need for cleaning up the front entry planting beds. Weeds and grasses have infested the junipers in the front areas where annual flowers typically are planted, and the planting beds on each side are in need of extensive clean up.*

*The Board and Landscaping Committee have been working with our landscape contractor, BrightView, to come up with a more updated, permanent solution to renovate the front beds without having to spend thousands of dollars every year on annual flowers. We considered the recent renovation at the nearby Lighthouse as a template for our discussions with BrightView. If you haven't seen their new front entrance garden on Valentia, please notice it the next time you're driving by.*

*In May, the Board approved a proposal from BrightView for renovation of our front entry beds. The scope of work this year includes removal of some of the junipers (not the ones on either side of the gate bordering the driveway, those will remain). We will be installing new edging, adding more turf to provide a cleaner look, eventually creating new, simpler planting beds, with amended topsoil. All irrigation lines will be repaired and others added as needed to support the new landscape design. This work should be completed in early June and will be the first stage of this multi-phased project, to be completed in 2021.*

*Jim Bernuth  
Pelican Pointe HOA Board Treasurer*

## Planning continues for exterior painting project

Details for the first phase of painting our buildings are still being worked out. This project likely will start later this summer. As soon as dates and specific buildings are scheduled, notice of those details will be shared with homeowners. Keep in mind, when your building is scheduled, access to your garage will be limited for a day or two. ###

## Barbecue grill on the front porch

A barbecue grill maybe placed on the front porch of a unit that has no patio, but only when the grill is actually in use. "Front Porch" of such a unit means the rectangular concrete entryway to the unit. Nevertheless, when the grill is not in use, you can put it in the "in-set" of the L-shaped portion of that concrete if such portion is recessed from the front façade of the unit and the grill is readily observable only to passers-by who are directly in front of that unit. See [Rules & Regulations](#), page 10, online or in paper copies mailed to homeowners last fall. ###

**More inside:** Trash in dog waste stations, Ants have arrived, Getting to know the Susmans and Check calendar listings – no Champagne Brunch this year

## **Do not put YOUR trash in the pet waste stations**

The green pet waste stations near our mail kiosks provide small bags for dog walkers to pick up and drop off their pooches' piles. Some people seem to think they also can drop off their soda cans, bottles and other debris. It's attracting unwanted animals and insects. Please, take your other trash home and set it out for pick up on the regularly scheduled trash pick-up days by Denver city trash trucks. Your taxes pay for trash service at your home. ###

## **ANTS: They never ring the doorbell, they just march in**

House ants—typically less than 1/8 inch long, are the most common ant species to invade your house. These pests show up as the weather warms up. They're attracted to damp areas, pet dishes on the floor and tiny morsels on counter tops. Before you spray, figure out what's attracting them and how they're getting in. A colony sends scouts that bring back troops when food is found. Quickly clean up spills, especially any sugary substances, and keep all food in airtight containers. Typically, the most effective defense is inexpensive ant baits set where they're coming in. Check out more tips online: <https://www.bobvila.com/slideshow/12-tried-and-true-tricks-to-stamp-out-ants-47515> and <https://www.thespruce.com/get-rid-of-ants-cheaply-and-naturally-1388157> ###

## **Getting to know our neighbors**

As a means of encouraging Pelican Pointe neighbors to know each other better, we're featuring photos and some background regarding our residents. You may see some of these neighbors at the mail kiosks, walking dogs or coming and going through their doors or garages. Take a minute to say 'hello' and introduce yourself.

Fran and Steve Susman are "original" homeowners in Pelican Pointe, having purchased "off the plans" in 1998. Steve was the first Director of our Homeowners Board. He later served many years as Treasurer, President and property manager.

Fran is a retired improvement specialist with the U.S. Department of Education. Steve is a retired attorney and business owner. They have enjoyed their years at Pelican Pointe and their many friendships built here. They frequently are reminded that the trade-off for carefree living in a covenant-controlled community is the surrender of autonomy available in a detached single-family home.



Married in 1997, Steve and Fran have traveled extensively to many dozens of fascinating locales around the world. The photo (on right) shows locomotion in Cambodia. Of course, their 2020 foreign excursions were cancelled. ###

## **Hey neighbor, we'd like to share a little about you, too Submissions, including photos, are welcome for *The Pelican Brief***

Send your story, by mid-month, via email to [daniellezieg@gmail.com](mailto: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.* ###

**2020 Board of Directors**  
Charlotte Robinson, President  
Mary Gehris, Vice President  
Jim Bernuth, Treasurer  
Sheila Powell, Secretary  
Marcia Helfant, At-large  
Chuck Kreiman, At-large

**Submissions encouraged for this newsletter**

As a Pelican Pointe homeowner/resident you may have questions or suggestions about our community. Send your thoughts, observations or questions for *The Pelican Brief* to [daniellezieg@gmail.com](mailto:daniellezieg@gmail.com). ###

**Mark your calendar**

Trash pickup Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1

Recycle: June 10, 24

**Extra trash:** June 10 (*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.](#)**

**NO Pelican Pointe Community Spring Champagne Brunch**

Due to restrictions regarding group gatherings, we'll forego this annual gathering.

**NO in-person Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meetings**

Until further notice, Pelican Pointe Board members will hold virtual meetings to address any urgent or ongoing matters.

**NO Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch**

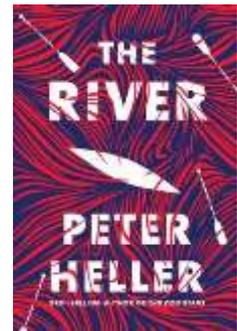
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**Pelican Pointe Book Group ,**

Thursday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting electronically via Zoom; if you wish to join send an email to June Mullins at [junemullins@comcast.net](mailto:junemullins@comcast.net).

The May book selection is **[The River](#)** by Peter Heller. It is the story of college age friends canoeing and camping in the wilds of northern Canada. They are caught in a moral dilemma of saving people they don't know, who may be in danger, or saving themselves. *The New York Times* describes the book as "a suspenseful tale told with glorious drama and lyrical flair." ###



**Fathers' Day**

Sunday, June 21

**Independence Day 2020**

Saturday, July 4