



The Pelican Brief

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'Tis the season, coyotes prowling the Pelican Pointe property

Many Pelican Pointe residents take a walk or walk their dogs at dawn and/or in the evening. Those times also are when coyotes are most active, especially during their mating season from January through mid-March meaning they are bolder and more aggressive during these hours. Also, some of their nearby natural habitat has been disrupted due to the construction across the High Line Canal.

As noted in this newsletter last month, residents had reported seeing coyotes near patios and driveways. Since then, additional sightings have been shared. One resident reported that a coyote tore into a package left by Amazon.

Don't mistake a coyote for a stray dog. If you happen to encounter a coyote, wave your arms, make yourself as big as possible and yell loudly to make noise which is known to spook them into running away. During this season of increased aggression, be on alert. Always keep your dog on a leash and do not let them outdoors unsupervised. More information is available online from [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#). ###

Landscape committee begins planting plan, promise of spring

The volunteer Landscape Committee already is working on planting options for the beds at the entrance to Pelican Pointe. In past years, colorful annuals were planted. Some years the results looked nice throughout the summer, other years such as last summer the overall appearance was not as nice. For this year, perennials will be selected rather than annuals. This change can help with maintenance, as well as, trim costs in the years ahead.

Scheduling other landscape work throughout the community is dependant on the weather. Snow piles from February's storms are still at the ends of many alleys and are slowly melting. While spring technically begins March 20, on average in Colorado, March and April are our snowiest months. [The Denver Post](#) recently published an interesting article regarding how the jet stream and wind patterns can drive snowfall in Denver and along the Front Range during March and April. ###

Board reviewing bids for painting

It's time again this year for exterior painting of our buildings. This work likely will be done in two or three phases. Board members are reviewing bids and will notify homeowners once details and schedules are set for this coming summer. ###

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More inside: Considering new windows?, Getting to know our neighbors, and Mark your calendar

ATTENTION: Neighbors considering windows or HVAC replacements

Pelican Pointe homeowner Nora Mulholland is thinking about some significant maintenance projects for her unit. "I am considering replacing some(?) of my windows as they are drafty as all get out. I'm thinking that if there is a group, perhaps we could get a group discount," explains Nora. "Likewise, my furnace is the original and I fear it, too, is on its last legs and before I solicit bids, I'm wondering if others are interested in looking for a 'group' deal?"

Such projects are the responsibility of individual homeowners, they are not cover by the Homeowners Association but finishes must comply with the rules governing the property exteriors. Nora is offering to initiate some research, and she's wondering if any other homeowners would be willing to help look at some vendors or help work on this project. Contact Nora, Z-104, via email Norachapter2@gmail.com or call 303-520-3164 ###

Getting to know our neighbors

He's one of the ROMEOS (*Retired Old Men Eating Out*). If you haven't met Francisco Rios or his wife Laverne, you may have seen them out and about with their little dog Noche. They've been Pelican Pointe residents for about 20 years.

A Denver native, Francisco picked beans as a kid for ten cents a bushel and worked in restaurants. He dropped out of Manual High School, then 30 years later, he testified against Denver Public Schools in federal court.



Francisco served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a radio operator in the Pacific and took correspondence to complete his GED. After he was honorably discharged, he continued his studies at the University of Hawaii, then

completed a BA degree in English at the University of Denver. A few years later, Francisco earned a PhD in Modern Languages from the University of Oklahoma. He also was awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Madrid in Spain.

Francisco was a Spanish professor at the University of Colorado at Denver for 30 years. But before settling into his professor role, he and Laverne got married. They'll celebrate their anniversary this month.



Noche taking Francisco on a snowy adventure.

Mark your calendar

Trash pickup days are Wed., March 4, 11, 18, 25, and Thurs., April 2*.

--[Recycle items in purple carts](#): March 4, 18. April 2 *Review details on what you can recycle, and don't put recycle in trash bags.*

--[Extra trash](#): March 18. Extra trash is picked up every four weeks.

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Monday, March 9, 6 p.m. (Note: 6 p.m. start time)

Windsor Gardens Community Center

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



St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day originated in Ireland and has been celebrated for hundreds of years to commemorate the patron saint of Ireland where it is a national public holiday.

Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch

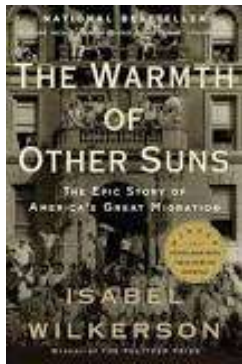
Wednesday, March 18, noon

[The Delectable Egg](#), Lowry Town Center, 200 Quebec, Denver

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

Pelican Pointe Book Group

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.



Meeting at the home of Marcia Helfant, N104.

Ellen Kreiman will lead the discussion of [The Warmth of Other Suns](#) by Isabel Wilkerson. This is a truly masterly and very readable account of the decades long Great Migration of African Americans from the South to the northern and western cities of America in search of a better life. The story follows the journey of three Southern blacks, each representing a different decade of the Great Migration as well as a different destination. The *Washington Post* called the book, "An extraordinary and evocative work." It is also highly and movingly readable. For more call Marcia Helfant, 303-722-0053. ###

*[Cesar Chavez Day](#)

Monday, March 30 observed

Denver City and County offices closed.

Submissions welcome for *The Pelican Brief*

As a Pelican Pointe homeowner/resident you may have questions or suggestions about our community. Send along notes, photos, observations or questions for *The Pelican Brief*.

Send to daniellezieg@gmail.com.

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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.*