



The Pelican Brief

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Message-from Pelican Pointe HOA President

Remember the movie, [The Money Pit](#) starring Tom Hanks? Facing all of our challenges here at Pelican Pointe with ongoing repairs and many unexpected expenses such as new mailbox kiosk doors, broken sewer repairs, guard shack door repairs, fence repairs and gate entry repairs to name a few, made me think of this epic movie. Living in a 22-year-old property with constant expenses is no laughing matter.

Some of the areas the Board and Weststar have focused on this year are: asphalt & cement repair, wood repair, painting of units and the ongoing landscaping & irrigation challenges as well as any other repairs that constantly are popping up. We are looking closely at our reserves and maximizing how to invest them to get the best return and just ordered a new reserve study update (last one was in 2017) and with the increasing cost of things, we thought it was important to get a useful update of projected costs for 2022 budget planning.

With all this being said, we want to hear from YOU, the owners, and get your feedback on what is important to you as a homeowner here at Pelican Pointe. We will be doing a community survey asking for your input. Weststar will be sending an email with more information about this, and we will also put information at the mail box kiosks to the residents who are not on that email list. We hope to get a good response so the HOA Board can get a good pulse of what is important to our residents.

Thank you in advance for your participation and feedback.
Deborah Weed, Pelican Pointe HOA President

Taking care of Pelican Pointe's landscaping-

Our landscaper, Brightview recently completed a long overdue pruning of trees, shrubs and bushes. Due to a rainy June, our vegetation grew out-of-control, and this was desperately needed. In addition, Brightview did an extensive removal of dead shrubs that were a result of irrigation issues, winter damage or overgrowth with other plants..

Our Board and Weststar have asked Brightview for a complete reporting of all 47 buildings water and drip lines, as irrigation is a huge concern, and we are aware that many areas are not getting the proper water or the drip lines are no longer working. This is no simple easy fix and we are asking Brightview to provide a proposal on repair and or adding new drip lines where needed. This has been an ongoing problem in the last few years, and we are working behind the scenes to have a plan to preserve our current landscaping, as well as a plan to improve irrigation.

If you see broken sprinkler heads, flooding or areas that need attention, please email photos and information to Mike Workman mworkman@weststarmanagement.com. ###

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Denver City Council representative responds to questions

One of our Pelican Pointe residents recently inquired about the ugly appearance of the traffic roundabout, as well as the increase in traffic, along Valentia and Fairmount Drive. She contacted our Denver City Council Representative Amanda Sawyer at www.denvercouncil5@denvergov.org. Here's the response she received:

Letter to Pelican Pointe resident,

Thank you so much for your patience while I looked into this. It is a trickier situation than I first imagined. I went to the Zoning and Neighborhood Inspections team first and was passed along to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. I think that they should be able to get a crew out in the next few days to clear the area. Please keep me posted and let me know if/when it gets done.

As far as the other two ideas you had, I've looked into them with no success. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure is looking to replace lights with roundabouts and they are not interested in going the other way around right now. I spoke to an engineer there, and this situation may change as Tava Waters gets built out but for the near future we are stuck with the roundabout.

In terms of the landscaping/irrigation. That may be possible in 2022 or 2023 but is not possible today. The last two years the City has cut all landscaping budgets by 50% (you may have noticed less or no plantings in the parkways in our District). So in talks with the folks who do this they said they could revisit that issue next year but they simply don't have the funds for it this year.

So our current situation is just having it maintained. I'm hoping the conversations and reminders I'm giving the folks at the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will keep this on their list. If you could keep me and our office apprised of the situation (when the weeds start to grow) I would be very happy to nudge those folks to nip it in the bud.

I hope this was helpful and I hope we can have this situation remedied soon.

Sincerely,

Logan Fry • Council Aide

Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer • District 5

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Neighborhood Watch Crime Prevention and Tips

Be proactive about your mail service, know what letters and packages you should be receiving each day. Free service from United States Postal Service. Visit <https://informeddelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action> for more information on how to sign up for Informed Delivery, it's a free and optional notification service that gives residential consumers the ability to digitally preview letter-sized mail pieces and manage your packages. With this notification service, you will be alerted when packages are going to be delivered. A great tool when you are not home, and you can notify a neighbor to pick up package(s) left on your porch.

Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise across the country including Denver. More than 1,000 converters have been stolen since January 2021 in the Denver Metro. The Denver Police Department and Lincoln Tech are partnering (continued on next page)

to help prevent your catalytic converter from being stolen. Students coat your converter with orange paint that hardens into a protective shell, then they etch your vehicle's vin number into the converter. This five-minute process is a deterrent to criminals, as the DPD has informed metal scrap yards not to purchase these orange converters which likely are stolen. For more information on this free service and to get dates and time, contact Lincoln Tech at 303-722-5724.

Neighborhood Watch IN-PERSON Action & Awareness Training August 18, 6 p.m.

The Denver Police Department, District 3 is hosting a free one-hour, in-person training at DPD3, 1625 S. University Boulevard, Denver. You must pre-register to participate, send your RSVP to: D3NeighborhoodWatch@denvergov.org.

Deborah Weed, Pelican Pointe HOA President

Get Pelican Pointe HOA information and report property concerns

Have you signed up to access your Personal Pelican Pointe HOA Account in our new online portal? Go to http://weststar.appfolio.com/connect/users/sign_in to register.

You'll also find Pelican Pointe Governing Documents, Financials and more at www.pelicanpointe.net. This information also can be accessed through www.weststarmanagement.com/residential/hoas/, select Pelican Pointe.

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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.

High Line Canal: Handy resource for our community

Pelican Pointe resides alongside the High Line Canal, where we enjoy wildlife, summer blooms, autumn foliage, and privacy. The Canal is comprised of 71 miles meandering through 11 governmental jurisdictions from Waterton Canyon in Douglas County to Green Valley Ranch in Northeast. Completed in 1883, it was originally constituted as a post-gold rush irrigation source for 20,000 acres of land in the South Platte and Cherry Creek regions.

Today, it is one of the longest linear parks in the nation, enjoyed by more than 500,000 visitors each year. The Canal was acquired by Denver Water in 1924. Currently, more than 80 percent of the water diverted to the Canal seeps into the ground or evaporates prior to reaching a paying water customer. In 2014, the High Line Canal Conservancy, a non-profit organization, was formed by private citizens with the mission to provide leadership and harness the region's commitment to protecting the future of the Canal. Working in partnership with Denver Water, the Conservancy is leading the effort to protect, preserve, and sustain the Canal as a recreational asset well into the future. For more information on the history and current challenges facing the Canal, visit the Conservancy's website at <https://highlinecanal.org>.

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Mark your calendar

Trash pickup: Wednesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1.

Recycle: Wednesdays, August 4, 18 and September 1.

Large item, extra trash, Wednesday, August 11 (every eight weeks), Pelican Pointe is in Zone 7. Items must be set out by 7 a.m.

Friday Happy Hour in Pelican Pointe Park:

Continues, weather permitting, 5-6 p.m.

All residents invited. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2021, 6 p.m.

Pelican Pointe HOA Board meetings will be held via Zoom and conference call, until further notice. Here's the link to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85364164965?pwd=bWlrcnUwczMzUUU0TDYyUjJsZmtmdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 6416 4965 **Passcode:** 140697

Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, August 18, 11:30 a.m.

Golden Shanghai, 1412 S. Parker Rd., A-134

All residents welcome, but you must RSVP to Sheila Powell 303-280-6943 or 303-945-3481. Everyone pays their own check.

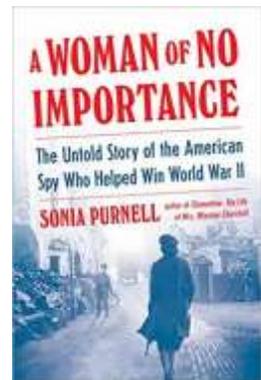
Pelican Pointe Book Group

Thursday, August 19, 6 p.m.

Pelican Pointe Picnic Area, if the weather is cooperative. If not, we'll be meeting at the home of June Mullin, Unit JJ101. Contact June at junemullins@comcast.net if there is a question.

The book we're reading is **Woman of No Importance; the Untold story of the American Spy Who Helped Win WW II**. Ms. Hall emerged from a middle-class American background to become one of the greatest figures of WW II. She was called "the Madonna of the Mountains", a hero who helped liberate France.

Sent to France by the British Secret Service to set up an underground network in Vichy. France, her problems included not only the Nazis, but male agents not inclined to take orders from a woman. Nevertheless, she was so successful in her work that she became the Nazis' most-wanted Allied agent in France. The book is as riveting as any thriller about secret agents and underground efforts in WW II. The book is an exciting biography and story of the underground resistance activities of the Allies in occupied France.



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Labor Day

Monday, September 6