



# The Pelican Brief

Serving [The Pelican Pointe Community](#)

December 2021

## Seasonings Greetings and Happy Holidays to all!

I would like to thank the nearly 60 homeowners (including our Board members) who attended our Annual Meeting via Zoom on Nov. 8. Our goal is to have next year's meeting in person. We had a lot of participation from the community and all of your concerns and positive feedback is appreciated. For those who did not attend, the 2022 Pelican Pointe budget was approved.

As 2021 comes to a close this month, we are starting 2022 with **two new HOA Board members**. I want to welcome and thank Deb Persico and Janet Clarke for stepping up to serve on the Pelican Pointe Board. Deb Persico brings executive experience as well as HOA and board background and has served on our Landscaping Committee. She has lived here since 2003 and is an avid bike rider. Janet Clarke has been here since 2001, is the administrator of our Pelican Pointe Neighbors Facebook Group and is a volunteer for Project Angel Heart. She has helped landscaping utilize composting as a way to help our environment and is an avid hiker.

Serving on the Board is no easy task, and unless you have served on any HOA board you cannot fully understand the challenges we face. This is an unpaid part time job that consists of the Board working with our management company Weststar, vendors,

committees and our residents. We work as a team and try to run our community as a business. I know residents don't always agree with some decisions, but please know our decisions are made with much thought, information and with the best intentions to improve our community.

We have added a Finance committee headed by Chuck Kreiman, (former 2021 Treasurer) along with several residents. This committee's role is to communicate with the Board on our budget and financial status. This new committee will help with the transition of our new Board and help keep financial things on track. We also have a group of volunteers that are currently looking at our irrigation system, headed up by resident Gil Wierschke. Thank you to both Chuck and Gil for your help.

In last month's newsletter I stated that irrigation is our #1 priority for 2022, and since it is such a big undertaking, the more information the board receives will help guide us with a contracted irrigation specialist and help us manage our landscaping vendor more efficiently. The HOA Board will make the final decisions based on bids from vendors and information gathered from our contracted vendors along with advice from Weststar.

We are facing a historical winter drought, so we are keeping a close eye on things while communicating with Weststar and Brightview to make sure we are doing all we can to protect our landscaping. On a positive note we could have a surplus from our snow removal budget, and any unused funds will go back into our reserves.

### 2022 Board of Directors

Deborah Weed, President

Mike Heisler, Vice President

Deb Persico, Treasurer

Janet Clarke, Secretary

*See Pelican Pointe Directory for Board Members contact information*

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Currently, I will be stepping in as a Social Committee Chair and we are looking for volunteers to join this committee and help develop new Social events and gatherings for 2022. The board would like to have our 2022 Annual Meeting in person and plan to do more social events like the Labor Day Pot Luck and Alley Cats happy hours. Please email me if you are interested in participating in the Social Committee as this is an important part of uniting our community and having some fun along the way.

As the end of the 2021 is closing in, I ask residents, "What can you do in 2022 to help improve our community?" Whether it be joining a committee or getting to know a new neighbor, picking up trash, or offering positive ideas to the board - let's work together to make 2022 a great year for Pelican Pointe.

*Thank you and HAPPY HOLIDAYS,  
Deborah Weed. Pelican Pointe HOA President*

### **Weststar rolls out new online portal for Pelican Pointe**

Our Property Management company introduced Vantaca to manage transactions with Pelican Pointe homeowners **including monthly dues payments**. As of Dec. 1, the Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association portal is at [portal.weststarmanagement.com](http://portal.weststarmanagement.com) but you must use the personalized log in credentials provided by Weststar. You should have received an email with your user name and temporary password. If you did not receive that, first check your spam and junk mail folder. Then call our office at 720-941-9200 or email [mworkman@weststarmanagement.com](mailto:mworkman@weststarmanagement.com).

If you had an ACH set up with Appfolio, that ACH has been canceled. However, if you have an ACH set up with Weststar, then there is nothing that you need to do. If your ACH is with CIT Bank, again, there is nothing that you need to do. If you have an auto bill pay with your bank, then you can continue to use that. The portal is for your convenience and not a requirement to pay your HOA dues.

Please remember Pelican Pointe HOA dues for **2022 are increasing to \$335 per month**, starting Jan. 1, 2022. Again, if you have an ACH through Weststar, that will adjust automatically. If you have a bill pay from your personal bank or through CIT Bank, you will need to adjust the amount yourself. If you pay by coupons, new books were shipped Nov. 30 and should be arriving shortly by U.S. mail.

For questions contact [mworkman@weststarmanagement.com](mailto:mworkman@weststarmanagement.com) or 720-941-9200.

Regards,  
Michael J. Workman | CMCA, AMS  
Senior Property Manager

### **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.**

### **Courtesy counts when driving through our community**

Please be aware that we have many residents who walk with with pets and small children throughout the day and evening. There have been some complaints of drivers speeding through the front gate and driving fast throughout the community. Please

**SLOW DOWN.**

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## **Neighborhood Watch crime tips for holidays**

This is the time of year to make sure you are picking up your mail every day and IF you are not in town for the holidays, ask a neighbor or friend to pick up your mail. If that does not work, you can put a hold on your mail. The United States Postal Service offers Informed delivery notifications. It's a free and optional notification service that alerts you regarding mail coming to your box. This is a great tool when you're away, and you can notify a neighbor or friend to pick up items that may be left on your porch.

Visit: <https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>.

If you are going to be away and are having someone come to your home let a neighbor know someone will be in and out of your unit. If you do not have anyone visiting your house when you are away, try inexpensive timers for your lights. Giving the appearance someone is home is a great way to discourage break ins. Don't forget to suspend your newspaper delivery, too.

To reach our Community Resource Officers for non-urgent questions email:

[matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org](mailto:matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org) or [mike.borquez@denvergov.org](mailto:mike.borquez@denvergov.org).

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## **Regarding picking up your mail**

Please park in the designated parking spaces for mailbox kiosks 1 and 2 versus parking your vehicle diagonally and not allowing room for other residents to park. At kiosk #3 (the single one) there are many residents that park "in front" of the kiosk versus utilizing the adjacent parking spaces. It is dangerous to park in front of that mailbox kiosk as people traveling out of our complex could accidentally swerve to avoid your vehicle and possibly run into an oncoming vehicle. Now that the dumpsters are gone, there is no excuse to park in front of that single kiosk to pick up your mail.

Thank you for your consideration and your help to keep Pelican Pointe safe!

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## **Resident Directory/New Pelican Pointe Facebook Group**

As mentioned last month, there is now a Facebook group by and for Pelican Pointe owners and renters, called Pelican Pointe Neighbors. It's simple to join - just search Pelican Pointe Neighbors (look for the photo of our community entrance), answer a couple of membership questions, review the guidelines, and the administrator will approve your membership if she can verify you via the Pelican Pointe directory. If you're not in the directory, send your information to [gil.wierschke@gmail.com](mailto:gil.wierschke@gmail.com). Remember, the directory is password protected, and you can choose to list just a phone, just an email, or both. To digress for one moment - as we enter the holiday season, having the ability to contact neighbors may come in handy if a package is misdirected, etc. - so get yourself listed. And then, join us on Facebook.

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## **Need help with Pelican Pointe newsletter**

A huge thank you to Danielle Zieg for her years organizing our monthly Pelican Pointe Newsletter. Her work as Editor has been invaluable and a great asset to our community. Thank you Danielle for your service!

With this being said, we need someone to help take the articles that are emailed to you and format them to fit into a template. If you are interested please contact Deborah Weed, and more information will be provided.

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## **Mark your calendar**

**Trash pickup**: Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Recycle**: Wednesdays, Dec. 8, 22 Reminder: NO PLASTIC BAGS IN PURPLE BINS

**ALERT**: Denver is changing collection schedules beginning January 2022. It appears the new weekly collection Pelican Pointe will be **Tuesdays**. [See more online](#) or call 311.

## **Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, 6 p.m.**

Pelican Pointe HOA Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom and conference call, 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**

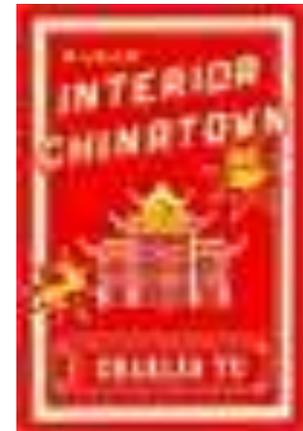
**Wednesday, Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m.**

[Nile Ethiopian Restaurant](#), 1951 S Havana, Aurora. All residents welcome, RSVP to Sheila Powell 303-280-6943 or [spowellmsn@comcast.net](mailto:spowellmsn@comcast.net).

## **Pelican Pointe Book Group**

The Pelican Pointe Book Club will not meet in December and will meet next on **Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Patty Benton, Unit J105.

Our next book is [Interior Chinatown](#) by Charles Yu. The book posits that we are reading a teleplay about Chinatown--specifically the Golden Palace restaurant, which is the setting for a cop show called "Black and White". Through this device, Wu presents in devastating and darkly funny fashion, Hollywood's penchant for promoting clichés about Asians and Asian Americans. It's searingly funny, searingly angry, and in my opinion, searingly brilliant.      ###



**Hanukkah Nov. 26-Dec 6**

**Christmas Sat., Dec. 25**

**Kwanzaa Dec. 26-Jan. 1**

**2022 New Year – National Holiday**

**Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022**

