



# The Pelican Brief

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## Message-from Pelican Pointe HOA President

*A big heartfelt thank you goes out to the community for the great attendance at the Neighborhood Watch Group Safety talk June 18. It is truly inspiring to see the support and interest from Board of Directors and Property Management, Weststar. We live in different times now and need to be more informed and adaptable to changes happening in our world and city. Our front gate is now closing again, codes for perimeter fence gates have been changed, and the Board and Weststar are looking at other preventive security measures.*

*Our community is more than 22-years-old, and we are challenged with replacing irrigation components, overgrown landscaping, gate repairs, cement and asphalt repairs, and more. We are doing our best to tackle everything we can with the current budget, yet, we have to invest unplanned monies for security. Costs are going up for everything. There are delays for getting service and products as a result of the Pandemic causing companies to shut down or lack of employees. Things are taking much longer, and please know we are doing our best to manage this new world.*

*I want to personally thank the Landscape Committee and the new Irrigation Committee for helping pinpoint problems, give us recommendations and save us money where we can. It truly does take a village, and community involvement is essential to help us thrive. We are looking forward to resuming some social gatherings, and we extend a "thank you" to the Welcome Committee for welcoming residents new to Pelican Pointe.*

*We are doing our best to communicate in a timely way via email from Weststar on important messages (if you are not receiving notices, send an email to [Mike Workman](#)). Keep an eye out for notices at the mail kiosks, flyers on your door, check our website and this newsletter. Word of mouth is helpful as well, talk to neighbors about upcoming projects or activities if they have been away.*

*To learn more about what is happening in our community, we invite you to attend our next board meeting via Zoom or phone on **July 12, 6 p.m.** For instructions to participate contact [mworkman@weststarmanagement.com](mailto:mworkman@weststarmanagement.com).*

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." -- unknown*

*Thank You, Deborah Weed, Pelican Pointe HOA President*

**UPDATE:** Pelican Pointe social activities resume! Check for details on page 4.

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## **Status of Pelican Pointe maintenance projects**

1. **Gutter cleaning** on all buildings is expected to be completed the last week of June. Cleaning gutters is done twice each year.
2. **Concrete and asphalt** repairs wrapped up the third week of June.
3. **Painting and needed repairs to wood trim** is scheduled to begin mid-July. Notices will be posted to the owners doors a few days before they start. Mike will send an email notice to the community when we get closer to the start date. Owners can expect the same activity as last year with trucks, painters, crews, ladders, vans/vehicles, storage container, and porta johns. This project should take 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. Direct questions to Property Manager [Mike Workman](#).

## **Pelican Pointe Neighborhood Watch Update**

*On June 18 our community hosted a Safety Talk with Denver Police District 3 Officer Mike Borquez and Neighborhood Watch Manager Christie Mochoruk. This event was well attended by 56 of our residents and our HOA Board. Officer Borquez gave the attendees helpful safety tips and information regarding reporting and preventing crime. Pelican Pointe residents asked a lot of questions and shared information to help our community become more aware of neighborhood activities.*

### **Report illegal fireworks**

*The Denver Police Department is urging Denver residents NOT to call 911 to report illegal fireworks, instead call **720-913-2059** (dedicated line for reporting illegal fireworks) or go to [www.denvergov.org/pocketgov](http://www.denvergov.org/pocketgov), select "report fireworks". Calling 911 for illegal fireworks could delay response time to life threatening emergencies.*

### **Volunteers needed and training for Neighborhood Watch Group-**

*We are assembling a list of residents who can volunteer for our Neighborhood Watch Group (NWG) and will have a meeting after the July 4-5 holiday. If interested please email: [pelicanpointenwg@gmail.com](mailto:pelicanpointenwg@gmail.com)*

*Virtual Neighborhood Watch Action & Awareness Training for our District is Wednesday July 21, This one-hour online training is important information, and the Pelican Pointe NWG urges you to sign up. To RSVP email: [D3NeighborhoodWatch@denvergov.org](mailto:D3NeighborhoodWatch@denvergov.org)  
Deborah Weed, Pelican Pointe HOA President*

## **Grilling safety from the National Fire Protection Association**

July is the peak month for grill fires, here are some tips for prevention:

- Place grill well away from exterior walls, patio railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches
- Keep grill clean, remove grease or fat buildup on racks and trays below the grill
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting
- If flame goes out, turn off the gas. Wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting

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## **Update regarding our community financials**

*The HOA Board held a virtual meeting with RBC Wealth Management, the firm that handles the Pelican Pointe HOA Reserve account. We discussed the best way to meet our two goals: ensuring cash liquidity necessary to pay the bills for our current and pending capital projects (kiosk doors, concrete work, and painting and repairs); and prudent investment of the balance for safety of principal and reasonable investment income in the current low interest rate environment. In balancing these goals, the Board had to take into account that we are considering investing in additional security measures, and also the reality that we need to expect the unexpected.*

*RBC will be moving funds to provide a comfortable level of liquid cash while also investing the balance of our reserves in safe investments, including short-term insured certificates of deposit and some in government-backed mortgage securities to give us a slightly higher return.*

*Financial information will continue to be posted subsequent to review and approval of the Financial Report at monthly Board meetings.*

*--Chuck Kreiman, Pelican Pointe HOA Treasurer*

## **Locating the MAIN shut-off valve for your water**

Each unit in Pelican Pointe has a water shut-off valve inside the unit, typically in the crawl space near your laundry set up. The MAIN water shut off is outside of the unit. Neighbor Brenda Wierschke shares the story of how she and her husband Gil became aware of the MAIN shut off after having turned off the inside valve while they were away on a trip. When they got back...

*Gil attempted to turn the water valve back on that is located in our crawl space. And, as circumstances would have it, the valve broke. When the plumber arrived to repair the valve, we all had difficulty locating the main water shut off to our townhome. We finally saw four water meters hidden under landscaping but did not know which one was ours. The first one we turned off was our neighbors. The second one was ours. We had also called Denver Water. But Denver Water could not help us with the correct location of our water turn-off valve.*

*Afterwards, Gil volunteered to identify the location of all water meter main shut-off valves for every unit. He painted the unit number on each cover. He cut away the landscaping around the meters so they would be easily located. He asked both the HOA Board and the property managers at the time to have landscaping continue to trim around the meters. He designed a map that's online for homeowners to locate your individual meter. The menu item at [www.pelicanpointe.net](http://www.pelicanpointe.net) is called [Diagrams and Maps](#). If you are having work done in your home, your plumber should have the tool to turn off the valve.*

*--Brenda Wierschke, Pelican Ponte Resident*

## **Rules reminder: Bird feeders, feeding squirrels prohibited**

The Pelican Pointe Rules clearly prohibit bird feeders or unattended food for wildlife because squirrels, mice, rats, insects and other less charming characters have caused significant damage in several garages and attics. [Review the Rules](#) on page 9 regarding items on patios, porches, as well as common landscaping and sidewalks. Fines may be assessed for violations.

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**Mark your calendar**  
**Independence Day**

Sunday, July 4. Government, businesses observe holiday Monday, July 5

**Trash pickup:** Thursday, July 8; Wednesdays July 14, 21, 28,

**Recycle:** Wednesdays. July 8, 21.

**Large item, extra trash,** Aug. 11 (every eight weeks), Pelican Pointe is in Zone 7

**Friday Happy Hour in Pelican Pointe Park:** Resumes July 9, 5-6 p.m. All residents invited. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. No RSVP needed.

**Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting**

**Monday, July 12, 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, July 14, 11:30 a.m. (NOTE: future monthly dates will be every third Wednesday)  
Cafe Ciboulette, 9660 E. Alameda Ave, Denver.

All residents welcome, but must RSVP Sheila Powell 303-280-6943 or 303-945-3481.

**Pelican Pointe Book Group**

**Thursday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting either at the Pelican Pointe Pavilion or the home of June Mullins, Unit JJ101, depending on the weather. To join, email [junemullins@comcast.net](mailto:junemullins@comcast.net)

This month's book, [Their Eyes Were Watching God](#), is the best known novel of Zora Neale Hurston, an African American novelist of the Harlem Renaissance in the 1930s. Now considered one of the greatest novels of that period, the novel was not well received by the African American intelligentsia when it was published in 1937. Richard Wright criticized Hurston for not addressing the "race problem". But with the establishment of Black Studies programs and a growing Black feminist movement, Hurston's work was rediscovered. Hurston's work asks if it is possible to be a free, Black woman and be in love as she sees fit, no matter the region in which she lives.

**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.**

**Submissions for newsletter invited**

Pelican Pointe residents welcome to submit articles and photos to be considered for *The Pelican Brief*. Contact [daniellezieg@gmail.com](mailto:daniellezieg@gmail.com).