



The Pelican Brief

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October 2021

Message from Pelican Pointe HOA President Deborah Weed

The calendar may say it's Autumn now, but somehow Mother Nature didn't get that memo. Coming out of one of the hottest summers in history has exposed a lot of the problems we are facing as an older community. Recently we had to replace one of our irrigation controllers and another one had a wire malfunction that was not working for a couple of weeks. Add the hottest temps in history, and we have all seen the damage to our grass and shrubs.

If anyone can remember the movie, *The Perfect Storm*, starring George Clooney, kind of reminds me of what is playing out this year. Still facing issues with the pandemic, shortage of workers, higher prices for everything and delays on replacement parts. Then add one of the hottest summers on record and failing irrigation equipment and broken drip lines we have lost a lot of our shrubs and bushes. This is something that truly keeps me up at night and is one of my priorities for 2022. The Board is budgeting for irrigation as an improvement for 2022 to protect our greatest asset here, our landscaping. This is the #1 priority from our survey as well as one of our biggest expenses. There is no simple fix, and this has been an ongoing challenge.

We are asking our management company to look at the best options for irrigation, landscaping and to demand more from our current landscaper BrightView. Our volunteer Landscape and Grounds Committee has worked hard to do their part and are also planning a community cleanup day (see page 3). We are a large property with many older trees, bushes and shrubs in a dry, hot climate.

We recently approved several replacement plantings, however due to our irrigation problems that is being delayed until next year. Personally this really bothers me, however we can't throw good money after bad and will have to get irrigation in a much better state in 2022. Please know this IS a priority for the current Board and myself.

On a positive note, we are making some changes to community activities, more interest in Neighborhood Watch, page 5; a facebook page for our community, page 4; and a recently donated park bench, page 3.

We are all in this together and know your Board is working to balance improving our property, maintaining a budget and preserving what we have. The best assets are still us, the people who make up the community, and I thank you for your input, participation and understanding of the challenges we are facing as we prepare for 2022.

Sincerely,

Deborah Weed, Pelican Pointe HOA President

2021 Board of Directors

Deborah Weed, President
Mike Heisler, Vice President
Chuck Kreiman, Treasurer
Sheila Powell, Secretary
Mary Gehris, At Large
*See Pelican Pointe Directory for
Board members' contact information*

Save the Date

**2021 Pelican Pointe
Homeowners Annual Meeting
Monday, Nov. 8 via Zoom**

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Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Annual Meeting

The HOA Board has made the difficult decision to not hold an in-person Annual Meeting this year. Due to major cutbacks of the 2021 social budget, the cost to rent a big enough facility and with the pandemic still active, we want to be mindful and keep our residents safe. **The 2021 Annual Meeting is Monday, Nov. 8 via Zoom.** Attendance is requested to adopt the 2022 budget and elect new Board members. Our hope is to restore an in-person Annual Meeting in 2022. As we get closer to November 8, expect a Zoom invite from our Weststar Property Manager Mike Workman. ###

Last Call for HOA Board of Directors positions for 2022

You can make a difference and help our community thrive. Do you have business experience? Accounting background? Do you like to organize social gatherings? If so we need your experience. Two of our current board members, Chuck Kreiman and Mary Gehris both have ending terms, and Sheila Powell has announced early retirement. Two of the seats available are for three years, and the third seat available is for two years.

Serving on the board is an unpaid position and is an opportunity to help our community. You must be an owner and be prepared to serve your full term. Board members will work together and with our management company, Weststar. If you are interested, please contact mworkman@weststarmanagement.com for instructions on how to apply for your nomination form. ###

Pelican Pointe forming Finance Committee

We are looking for a few members to work with our current treasurer, Chuck Kreiman, to develop a Finance Committee for the upcoming year. This committee will work to oversee the Pelican Pointe HOA budget and report to the new board and Weststar. If interested, contact mworkman@weststarmanagement.com. ###

Pelican Pointe Neighborhood Survey Results

Thank you to the 31 residents who returned last month's survey. This was to find out what is important to you and help the current board hear your concerns. As we are budgeting for 2022, this was a good indicator regarding how to allocate our budget and "other" topics that often don't get attention.

Of 31 responses, the #1 priority was Landscaping w/16 votes, Landscaping #2 priority w/11 votes. A close second priority was Safety & Security w/10 votes as #1 priority and Safety & Security w/10 votes for #2 priority.

Building Signage had 3 votes as #1 priority. Social had 2 votes for #2 priority and other concerns with one vote each were: Roads/Sidewalk Repair, Parking Violations, Dues Increase, Snow Removal, Communication, Build Up Cash Reserves, Building Maintenance, Enforcing Covenant Laws, and Irrigation. All of these are important issues and are either in our budget this year or will be added for 2022. Of course Parking and Enforcing Covenant Laws are rules we continue to enforce and abide by.

Deborah Weed, Pelican Pointe HOA President

Painting project progresses

By the time this newsletter is published, Prep-Rite will have completed painting 14 buildings on our property. They are going in alphabetical order with completion projected close to Halloween, October 31, weather permitting. Buildings in this cycle are with double letters, AA, BB, CC, etc... The Board approved the cost which is being paid for from our Reserve Budget. Thank you for your patience while they complete this work to protect the exteriors of our buildings. ###

Big tree taken down as precaution

In mid September, our contractor [SavATree](#), took down a big tree at the east end of Pelican Pointe Park. The 23-year-old cottonwood was leaning towards building LL. After closer inspection, there was evident root rot and, combined with an already leaning tree, this could have been a hazard to anyone walking by or to Building LL. SavATree explained that cottonwoods are known to fall, and we didn't want to take a chance. Interestingly, the same weekend after our tree was taken down, several large trees at Tava Waters actually fell down due to extremely high winds. Luckily, we did not lose any trees that weekend. ###

Sit a spell and enjoy new addition to Pelican Pointe Park

If you haven't noticed yet, we have a new green park bench sitting on top of the hill facing north overlooking our green common area. This generous donation came from Connie Vincent and Molly Chiles in memory of their parents Susan Million and Chuck Schiell, longtime residents and original Pelican Pointe owners. The Landscaping Committee selected this design and color to help enhance our landscaping. It's a welcome addition to the park to sit down and relax. ###



Grab your gardening gloves, lend a hand

The contract with our landscape company covers many areas but it still leaves an opportunity for our residents to help make our property shine. Our Landscape and Grounds Committee is hosting a **Fall Cleanup Day. Saturday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m.** we'll meet at Pelican Pointe Park by the picnic tables.

Bring your gardening gloves and tools (if you have them), and wear long sleeves (to prevent scratches) and closed-toe shoes. We'll remove the annuals, deadhead and clean up perennials, pick-up litter, sticks and dead plant material. There are tasks for everyone. For gardeners willing to get down-and-dirty, bring your garden tools or clippers. Our knowledgeable residents will demonstrate how to properly deep prune dead wood from shrubs so they look manicured and flourish in the spring. This type of shrub maintenance requires hand pruning which isn't covered in our bi-annual trimming.

Water, beverages, and snacks will be provided. And maybe even a costume contest? It will be a fun social gathering with a purpose. To join in, email Landscaping and Grounds Committee Chair jantracey@yahoo.com. ###

Pelican Pointe going social online

To increase community camaraderie and sharing amongst neighbors, we will be announcing a Pelican Pointe facebook group very soon. This will be a private facebook group just for our community. This is not a substitution for this newsletter or important email messages from our management company but a community page for sharing of information, connecting with new neighbors, postings for lost pets, coyote sightings or crime warnings, etc.

You will be asked a couple of membership questions and will need to agree with the guidelines. This a positive place to share photos of our community, ask for recommendations, promote social gatherings as well as share information that helps our community. A special thank you to resident Janet Clarke for agreeing to be the Administrator and help facilitate this Pelican Pointe facebook Group. More details to come soon. ###

Weststar offers online resource for Pelican Pointe homeowners

Residents can find this newsletter, report property maintenance issues and pay monthly HOA dues online at https://weststar.appfolio.com/connect/users/sign_in. Click "Request access to the portal" then complete and submit the short form. ###

Labor Day Weekend Community Potluck Picnic-

32 Pelican Pointe residents celebrated Labor Day weekend with a Potluck Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 5. Neighbors came to socialize and feast. This spread was something Martha Stewart would have approved.



Homemade dishes included broccoli chicken casserole, gazpacho, deviled eggs, gourmet salads, spinach pie, sweet potato rounds topped with goat cheese and more. And the desserts: brownies, cookies, cupcakes, mudpie, lemon bars to name a few. It was great to meet new neighbors, connect with each other and relax on a beautiful summer evening and not have to drive in holiday traffic. Thank you to all who attended and shared these culinary delights. We hope to have more similar events in 2022. ###

Neighborhood Watch Update

In the past few weeks, there have been a couple of incidents we want you to be aware of. One resident saw a "loiterer" on Fairmount Drive possibly sleeping in their vehicle for a couple of days. This was reported to our Pelican Pointe Neighborhood Watch Group and to the Denver Police Department. We bring this up, not to alarm anyone, just to please "Be Aware" of your surroundings and be alert driving in and out of our property as well as keep your eyes open when you take walks. If you see someone that is displaying suspicious behavior and you are not in danger, call the Denver Police non-emergency number 720-913-2000, or for emergencies call 911.

Another Pelican Pointe resident shared a video from their Ring Doorbell Camera of an "unknown person" walking in our property between 1:30-4:30 a.m. several times the second week of September. Remember to lock your doors, keep your garage door shut, and consider getting a Ring System or something similar. The more "eyes" on our community, the better. Cameras often help as deterrents but are also records/evidence if a crime is committed. We would like to have an **in person Neighborhood Watch Meeting here at Pelican Pointe** to discuss things we can do as a community as well as up date you about plans the Board has to help with security. Pencil in **Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m.** (weather permitting) at the picnic tables in Pelican Pointe Park. RSVP to: pelicanpointenwg@gmail.com if you can attend and bring your own chair.

Also, you can attend **Neighborhood Watch Action & Awareness Training Tuesday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m.**, 1625 S. University Blvd, Denver. Meet our local DPD 3 Police Officers and learn how to effectively observe and report suspicious behavior. This program creates awareness through Implicit Bias education, reminding neighbors it's the person's behavior-not the person to be mindful of when observing and reporting suspicious behavior to police. To RSVP email: D3NeighborhoodWatch@denvergov.org.

New mail carrier delivers

Meet Kevin, Pelican Pointe's new, permanent mail carrier. Kevin has worked with United States Postal Service for 22 years based at the Sullivan Station. He is originally from Rockford, Il. A die-hard Cubs fan, he even played third base, the "hot box," for three years in the minor league in Tennessee, where his best batting average was .333. When Kevin is not working, you can find him on the golf course. His favorite golfing spot is anywhere in Hawaii, and he brings his impressive handicap of nine whenever he plays. Kevin likes dogs, despite having been bitten more than once, and baked goods of all kinds. He is friendly and outgoing, and he is looking forward to learning our names and serving our community. Kevin's mail tip: *Be sure to mail your holiday packages three weeks in advance this year to ensure they arrive on time.* In the meantime, stop by and say hello!



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Mark your calendar

Trash pickup: Wednesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27.

Recycle: Wednesdays, Oct. 13, 27.

Large item, extra trash, Wednesday, Oct. 6 (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, Oct. 10, 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, Oct. 20, 11:30 a.m.

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, Oct. 21, 6 p.m.

Meeting at home of Marcia Helfant, N104.

The book we're reading is [The Four Winds](#) by Kristin Hannah. This is told through the story of one family. It is an absorbing story of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, that together gutted the lives of many farm families in the West, and turned their previously productive farms into dust. As one mother tries to save her life and her children, it is also the story of exploited farm laborers in the California economy of the time. ###



Pelican Pointe Fall Cleanup Day

Saturday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m.

Meet at Pelican Pointe Park by the picnic tables, see details on page 3.



Halloween

Sunday, Oct. 31

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.*