



# The Pelican Brief

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## Neighbors drop by during Pelican Pointe Home Tour Kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, lighting, treasures showcased

A casual visitor to the Pelican Pointe community might admire tidy, uniform building exteriors, even good-looking new roofs. But if you enter individual homes you'll discover a surprising variety of layouts including one- and two-story homes, even some with lofts, patio rooms and other appealing architectural features. Then there are many beautiful examples of recent decorative finishes and updates.

On Dec. 10, ten Pelican Pointe homeowners welcomed several dozen neighbors and other visitors during a Home Tour planned by community volunteers organized by homeowner Sheila Powell to celebrate the holiday season in conjunction with the open house. The activity was not sponsored by the Home Owners Association (HOA).



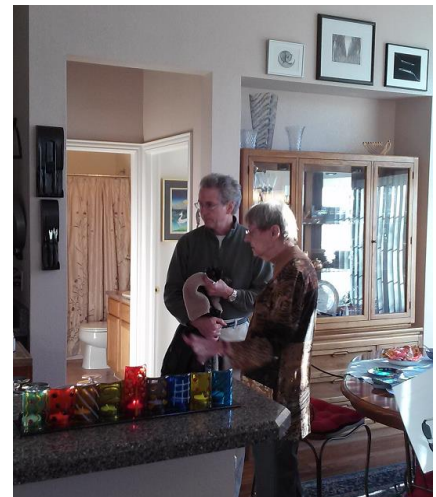
*Homeowner June Mullins (on left) talked with neighbors about various custom finishes in her home including a built-in wood cabinet where she displays books, ceramic art pieces and other unique items she has collected.*

After stopping in several homes on the tour, Neighbor Laurie Abelman said, "This is just such a wonderful idea to see what others have done in their units."

Another guest expressed surprise that some units are roomy but all on one level.

Homeowner and Pelican Pointe Social Committee Chair Sheila Powell hopes the success of the tour will help support interest in doing it again next year.

Echoing that sentiment, Neighbor Judy Barnes said, "I hope this type of event can be done again, and summer would be a good time." ###



*Homeowner and Pelican Pointe Social Committee Chair Sheila Powell (above photo at right) welcomed visitors to her home by offering an informal guided tour and refreshments. Then, she had a friend 'hold down the fort' so she also could visit the other homes on the tour.*

**Inside** Charlotte Robinson resumes work on HOA Board, Note from Pelican Pointe HOA President Marcia Helfant, Mark your calendar, and more

## A Sometime Note from the Pelican Pointe Board President

I thought it might be helpful to start the new year with some informational tidbits. We start 2017 with a new management company, Weststar Management Corp., with whom we hope to share many anniversaries. Our very helpful and responsive manager with Weststar is Jean Ronald. In the event of a home emergency or operational question, you can reach her at [720-941-9200](tel:720-941-9200), or [jean@weststarmanagement.com](mailto:jean@weststarmanagement.com). Our website, [pelicanpointe.net](http://pelicanpointe.net), also has been updated and has answers to many frequently asked questions. Check it out.

If you are a new resident unsure **how to pay your monthly homeowner dues**, Jean will send you the information. If you are in need of a **remote opener for the front gate**, Jean has purchased a supply, already programmed for your use -- and at a lower price than you will find elsewhere.

Now that winter is officially here, we are pleased to have Sonny's responsive snow removal services. However, there always will be some driveways and sidewalks with melting in the warmer part of the day, which then freezes during the colder evening. This is Colorado and it is inevitable. We can't keep asking Sonny to return to deal with this issue. But what we can do is offer you a small pail of ice melt to use if that frozen area presents a problem for you. Jean Ronald will be purchasing these shortly. Let her know if that will be useful to you.

Hope that's helpful. Special thanks all our volunteers who contribute their time in the service of our residents and community. **See you at our next board meeting Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month on the 2nd floor of the clubhouse at Windsor Gardens.**

My best,  
*Marcia Helfant*

### ➤ **Board clarifies community landscape policy**

The Pelican Pointe Landscape Committee is charged with evaluating needs and options in order to make recommendations to the Board for plantings such as using more drought-resistant grasses where trees or shrubs have failed. Individual homeowners should carefully check the policy and submit landscape requests to the Landscape Committee by contacting Caryl Shipley, [pphoacaryl@gmail.com](mailto:pphoacaryl@gmail.com).

### ➤ **Mailbox break ins reported in December**

The U.S. Postal Service was notified, and they encourage all residents to check their boxes every weekday and to immediately report any signs of damaged locks or missing mail pieces. The Pelican Point Board will look at possible options to increase security at the three mail kiosks.

### ➤ **If you have a property emergency after normal business hours, you'll need to 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.***

## Charlotte Robinson back at work on HOA Board

Volunteering to serve on a homeowners' association board requires time and commitment. There potentially are more aggravations than rewards.

But newly elected Pelican Pointe Board member Charlotte Robinson is aware of the challenges to being on the Pelican Pointe Board. She previously stepped up to fill a Board vacancy when another member was not able to complete their term. Plus, as an attorney, Charlotte has been tapped by Colorado governors for board service.

Charlotte's willingness to participate and her professional experience may help make her a strong participant and advocate for the Pelican Pointe community.

"I care a lot about our community as a homeowner. And it's important that we are being fair to our residents by listening to all of our residents," Charlotte said.

As a Board member, Charlotte believes there is a responsibility to be a good steward of our resources – how our dues are spent and how our property is managed and maintained.



*Charlotte Robinson*

Working effectively with our management company (Weststar) and our Property Manager Jean Ronald are a priority for Charlotte.

"When issues come up it's important that our residents contact Jean," Charlotte said. "If residents don't hear back then it would be appropriate to contact a board member, but Weststar must be the first call." ###

### **Pelican Pointe Board of Directors**

Marcia Helfant, President

Elly Valas, Vice President

Frank Parker, Treasurer

Caryl Shipley, Secretary

Charlotte Robinson, At Large

## **Mark your calendar**

**January trash pickup:** 11, 19, 25

*Regular pickup is Wednesday but Jan. 19 is Thursday due to the Martin Luther King holiday.*

- **Recycle:** Jan. 11, 25
- **Extra and large items:** Jan. 25 Pickup for extra and large items is every four weeks -- Pelican Pointe is in Denver's Southeast Zone 4.

*If you have a Christmas tree, [Treecycle](#) is the weekends of Jan. 7 and 14.*

**Get trash-pickup email reminders.** *Note: The system recognizes our address as 8300 E. Fairmount Drive, that's E. even though we do not use E. in our U.S. Postal Service address.*

## **Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting**

**Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at 6 p.m.**

**Windsor Gardens Community Center**

All homeowners and residents are welcome.

## **Lunch Bunch**

**Wednesday, Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m.**

**Wild Eggs, 300 E. Alameda**

Contact Sheila Powell [303-280-6943](tel:303-280-6943), email [spowellmsn@comcast.net](mailto:spowellmsn@comcast.net). Everyone pays up their own bill. All welcome.

## **Pelican Pointe Book Club**

**Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.**

**Home of Linda Corry, E104**

**["The Sound of Language" by Amulya Malladi](#)**

The novel is the story of an Afghan woman who escapes Kabul to stay with relatives in Denmark. To her, the Danish language sounds like the buzzing of her uncle's bees. A reviewer describes the book as "almost impossibly beautiful." And the story of people fleeing violence in their home countries in that part of the world is, of course, part of our world today. The book is difficult to find in the library, but used paperbacks are available on Amazon for under \$10.00. New members are welcome!

## **Welcoming Committee**

Contact Sheila Powell [303-280-6943](tel:303-280-6943) if you are new to our community.

## **Warm activity for a cold day, or even on nice days**

Visit [Celestial Seasonings headquarters in Boulder for free guided tours](#) through the factory at 4600 Sleepytime Drive; Boulder, CO 80301. Check online or call ahead for tour times and more information 303-581-1266. Closed holidays. Tours last about 45 minutes. Be sure to get a whiff of the mint room! Stop in the [café for breakfast or lunch](#).