



# The Pelican Brief

Serving [The Pelican Pointe Community](#)

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## Safety Alert and Tips

Pelican Pointe HOA Board President Deborah Weed and several others have formed the Neighborhood Watch group, and are working with the Denver Police Department to raise awareness and promote safety for our community. Here's an update regarding that effort:

There have been a few Pelican Pointe residents who have reported some suspicious activities in our complex and car thefts on Fairmount Drive to our Neighborhood Watch group. With that being said it is a good time to refresh some safety precautions.

1. Help keep crime down by telling your neighbors if you see their garage door has been left open. Open garage doors are an invitation to attract burglars.
2. If you park on Fairmount Drive, (or any on street parking at night) make sure you have no personal belongings in your vehicle & you have locks on your tire wheels. Keep your registration & insurance ID cards with you rather than in your vehicle. The Denver Police Department recommends a steering wheel lock device commonly known as The Club.
3. When driving into our entrance at night, be aware of anyone following you into the complex and make note of their vehicle and license plate if you suspect they are not one of our residents.
4. Pick up your mail every day. This time of year many personal income tax and banking records are being sent in the mail and need to be kept safe.
5. Here is an article on how to verify that the person at your door is actually a Comcast repairman: <https://consumerist.com/2013/12/20/how-to-determine-if-that-comcast-tech-at-your-door-is-the-real-deal/>

Any concerns or ideas to help our community remain safe, please contact our Neighborhood Watch group at: [pelicanpointenwg@gmail.com](mailto:pelicanpointenwg@gmail.com)

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## CORRECTION: Mailing address for monthly dues

As noted in last month's newsletter, Pelican Pointe monthly dues increase to \$295 for 2021. Alert your bank if you use auto bill pay. Everyone else should have recently received a booklet. If you haven't received the book just use your own envelope, include your unit number and mail your check to:

**Pelican Pointe Home Owners Association  
C/O Westar Management  
P.O. Box 52956  
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2956**

Payments also can be made with an e-check or credit card. Call Payment Customer Service at 866-800-4656; Mon-Fri, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. for help with the online payment options. ###

**More inside** *Financial update, Coyotes spotted, Speed limit, and Mark your calendar*

## Community updates from our HOA Board of Directors

- **Trash-Recycle-Compost Reminders**

You probably noticed that pickup was delayed one day the third full week in January. That will happen again the third week of February in observance of President's Day on Monday, Feb 15, pickup is delayed that week until Thursday, Feb. 18. For all weekly pickups, please follow HOA rules by placing your container outside only after 7 p.m. on the prior evening.

You can get full information about the weekly schedule, holidays, tips on sorting and other tidbits (even access a waste sorting game) online at:

<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Recycle-Compost-Trash/Recycle-Compost-Trash-Schedules-and-Reminders>

<b>2021 Board of Directors</b>
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Deborah Weed, President Mike Heisler, Vice President Chuck Kreiman, Treasurer Sheila Powell, Secretary Mary Gehris, At-large
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- **Pelican Pointe Website Update**

A number of items under the Governing Document tab of the Pelican Pointe website <http://www.pelicanpointe.net/> are now current and accurate. Some even had reference to the management company we employed prior to Weststar. Once we discovered the need for the update, corrections were made in a few days. We think we found all the items that needed correction, but if we overlooked something, please contact Michael at Weststar.

- **Financial Update**

At the January 2021 Board meeting, members reviewed the preliminary end-of-year financial statements. Most notably:

--Snow removal ended up at \$112,185, way over the \$55,000 budget

--Water and wastewater also went over budget by \$9,631

--Overall operating deficit was reduced to \$18,741 as a result of some extra income, including \$10,000 easement payment, and costs coming in under budget for other line items. Look for posting in the near future of recent monthly financials on the [Pelican Pointe website](#).

- **COVID 19**

Please continue to follow all specified health practices, including wearing a mask whenever you're outside. The news is that Colorado has been doing better in recent weeks, especially fewer hospitalizations and lower test positivity rate. We can all help make this good news continue by following all of the requirements, all of the time. ###

## **Coyotes spotted in surrounding areas**

Most residents probably are aware of wildlife being seen along the High Line Canal walking path. The massive Tava Waters construction project has been displacing wildlife that inhabited the wooded area. Sometimes those animals come through the fence surrounding Pelican Pointe. Residents around the community again have reported seeing a coyote at various times during daylight hours as well as in early morning and evening hours. Be alert when walking in and around the community, and keep your dog on a leash. ###

### **Pet stations are for disposing of pet waste only**

Some resident(s) are dropping off personal trash in the bags designated for pet waste. Please take home your food wrappers, soda cups, water bottles, discarded mail and other trash. Put such debris in your trash bin provided by the city for pick up on Wednesdays. Items with food or sugar residue in the pet stations often leak, making a mess and are attracting animals. ###

### **Refresher about Pelican Pointe Pet Rules (online page 9-10)**

- a) No pet shall be allowed in the common areas without an attached leash not more than ten-feet in length and someone controlling the leash, unless the pet is being carried.
- b) In the common areas, both within and outside Pelican Pointe's perimeter fence, pet's solid waste must be picked up immediately and then properly disposed of. You can drop in one of the Pet Stations provided for that purpose.

Remember, there is a leash law for Denver streets and sidewalks, as well as a Pelican Pointe Rule requiring leashes for all pets in our common areas. Fines have been imposed on Pelican Pointe pet owners whose pets are in common areas without a leash.

- [Check online for the Pelican Pointe HOA Rules regarding Pets, page 9\)](#)
- [Click here to review Denver's ordinances related to the care and keeping of pets.](#) Pet owners are responsible for a comprehensive understanding this ordinance. ###

### **Speed limit in Pelican Pointe, it's 15 mph**

Many residents walk along the main street and driveways through Pelican Pointe at various times of the day and night—some with their dogs. You may be running late or in a hurry to get home but that doesn't give you a green light to speed through Pelican Pointe. Our posted speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Please slow down and watch out for pedestrians, bicyclists and even other motorists. ###

### **Lend a hand, committee volunteers needed**

We haven't been able to hold in-person community gatherings, such as the fall bbq and annual meeting dinner, events many Pelican Pointe residents have enjoyed previously. None are scheduled yet for this year. However, we believe eventually we will be able to gather safely. These events require volunteers to plan and organize. Volunteers also are need to join the Welcoming and Architectural Committees. For details, contact Sheila Powell [303-280-6943](tel:303-280-6943), email [spowellmsn@comcast.net](mailto:spowellmsn@comcast.net). ###

**Condolences to the family of Susan Million** a long time resident of Pelican Pointe. Susan passed away recently. While a resident she was active in community programs such as the Welcoming Committee and Lunch Bunch. She will be missed. ###

## **Mark your calendar**

**Trash pickup dates are Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10; Thursday, Feb. 18** (*one day delay due to Presidents' Day; Monday, Feb. 15*); and **Wednesday, Feb. 24.**

--**Recycle items in purple carts: Feb. 3, 18.** Review details on what you can recycle, and don't put items in trash bags.

--**Extra trash: Wednesday, Feb. 24.** Set out extra trash every eight weeks.

**Sign up to get trash-pickup reminders via email.** *Note: The system recognizes our address as 8300 E. Fairmount Drive, that's E. even though we don't use E. in our address.*

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

**Monday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m.**

Due to the continued restrictions surrounding public gatherings and social distancing, the Pelican Pointe HOA Board meetings will be held via Zoom and conference call, through April 2021. Here's the link to join via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 853 6416 4965

Passcode: 140697

## **Valentine's Day**

**Sunday, Feb. 14**

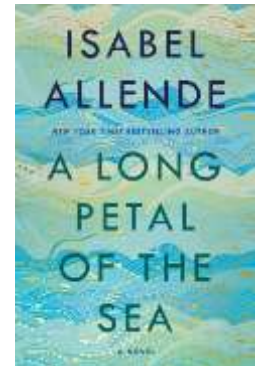
## **Presidents Day observed**

**Monday, Feb. 15**

## **Pelican Pointe Book Group**

**Thursday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m. via Zoom**

This month's selection is **[A Long Petal of the Sea](#)** by Isabel Allende. The book is an actual political story wrapped in a fictional love story. Its historical underpinnings are the dictatorships of Franco of Spain and Pinochet of Chile. During the carnage of the Spanish Civil War, Pablo Neruda, the Chilean poet, actually chartered a rescue ship which transported 2200 Spanish refugees to Chile. Roser, a young pregnant pianist and Victor, her dead husband's brother, marry and board the ship to improve their chances of survival. Their lives in Chile, along with the battle against the Pinochet dictatorship in Chile are the twin narratives of the book.



If you wish to join the book club for the first time, email June Mullins at [junemullins@comcast.net](mailto:junemullins@comcast.net). Newcomers are always welcome. ###

## **Pelican Pointe 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 welcome for *The Pelican Brief***

Send items, by mid-month, via email to [daniellezieg@gmail.com](mailto:daniellezieg@gmail.com).