



The Pelican Brief

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Landscape planning and maintenance updates

This summary from HOA Board member Jim Bernuth provides information that addresses comments recently submitted by homeowners. Bernuth also is heading an effort to evolve the former Landscape Committee to a “Grounds Committee” charged with working on a broader scope than tree/shrub requests and seasonal flower plantings.

Thank you to everyone who completed the resident survey for our landscape long-term master planning process now underway. 87 or 46 percent of residents provided input on specific design elements.

Representatives from [JBK Landscape LLC](#) (the landscape architectural firm we contracted with for \$15,000 to develop a plan) made a presentation during the July Board meeting summarizing the results of the resident survey. They highlighted strong preferences from the resident survey including new shrub beds at major focal points, bluegrass reseeding and entry enhancement. Included in the master planning process will be a complete review of our existing irrigation system for adaptation and water conservation. More information on this ten- to 20-year master planning process will be shared in the coming months.

Property Manager Jean Ronald is working with our current landscape contractor to address the numerous complaints we’ve received about patches of dead grass, trimming and weeding. The combination of Sonny Fischer being unavailable on site for work and it being a very hot summer has taken a toll. Problems with the irrigation system have been addressed and some areas of dead grass have now been reseeded. Trimming and weeding activity has increased somewhat but still not at satisfactory levels. The Board and management will continue to work with Sonny’s representatives to address these problems. (See Letter from HOA President, pg 2). ###

Latest cement repairs nearly complete

Repairs to cracked cement surfaces in more than half a dozen Pelican Pointe alleys and driveways is expected to be finished as this newsletter is distributed. The work proceeded as expected despite some rainy weather. Notice will be provided when additional areas are scheduled for similar work. Keep checking for information in *The Pelican Brief*. ###



Photos courtesy Frank Parker

Dear Pelican Pointe neighbors,

Wow! Ever notice how quickly the summer flies by? Since my birthday is on the longest day of the year, I sometimes forget to celebrate it instead focusing on the shorter days to come. But we still have lots of time—more than one third of summer—to share in the delights and joys of Colorado's spectacular summer.

Looking for something to do? Bring a chair and a picnic dinner to Four Mile House for [Swallow Hill events](#) at various venues, various dates and times. Great local artists and tickets are reasonably priced, less for members and seniors.

Bike trails and hiking trails are as close as out our back door. Denver Botanic Gardens is in full bloom. If you haven't yet seen the [Dead Sea Scrolls at Denver's Museum of Nature & Science](#), don't miss it. The exhibit closes Sept. 3. Musician Chris Daniels and the Kings with Freddy Gowdy rounds out the [City Park Jazz season this Sunday](#), Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. And don't forget to check the calendar for [Red Rocks](#). That place rocks nearly every night.

And speaking of summer, the Board appreciates your patience regarding our beautiful landscaping. As Jim Bernuth, our Grounds Committee Chair, as noted above, it's been an unusually hot early summer and the heat has taken its toll. Jim and his committee are on top of the situation. Cody Fischer (Sonny's son) and his crew are working hard to get our large and aging property back in shape. Please help us do that by sending your questions, requests, concerns about any landscaping issue directly to Jean Ronald at Weststar. **Please don't stop Cody or his crew members with your questions about when something might be done.** Only Jean can issue work orders to Cody, so contacting her is the quickest way to resolving any issue. Jean@weststarmanagement.com or call 720-941-9200.

Recently one of our residents left a box of cookbooks near the southern mail kiosk with a note "free cookbooks." It's still there several days later. That is not an acceptable way to dispose of unwanted household goods. Books can be donated to ARC or Goodwill. Don't forget you can "take one, leave one" at our Little Library. I'm sure whoever left that box of cookbooks thought they were doing a favor -- but it's not.

Get up, get out and enjoy the summer!

Elly Valas
Pelican Pointe HOA President

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. ###

Pelican Pointe Board of Directors

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Mark your calendar

Trash pickup **Wednesday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Recycle: August 8, 22

Extra trash: August 8 (Set out extra trash every four weeks)

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

Learn more about the **composting service available for residents.**

Community BYO Happy Hour

Fridays 5:30 p.m.

Pelican Pointe Park, picnic area near mail kiosks

Informal gathering. **Bring your own** beverages, cups, utensils and snacks to share.

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Monday, August 13, 6 p.m.

Windsor Gardens Community Center

All homeowners and residents always welcome. [Meeting Minutes are posted online.](#)

Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, August 15, noon

Tavern in Lowry, 7401 E. 1st Ave.

All residents in the Pelican Pointe community are welcome, and everyone pays their own bill.

RSVP to Sheila Powell [303-280-6943](tel:303-280-6943) or spowellmsn@comcast.net.

Pelican Pointe Book Group

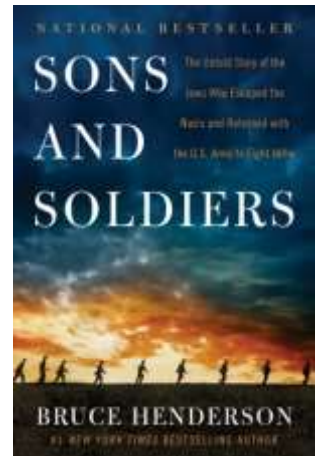
Thursday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.

Home of Joyce Berman, Unit MM105

August's book is **Sons and Soldiers** by Bruce Henderson.

This is the story of young Jewish men who escaped to America from Eastern Europe and returned with the U.S. Army to fight Hitler. Trained as interrogators, they served on the front lines of the Allied invasion, extracting important intelligence from German prisoners of war.

The stories of how these young men escaped their homes in Germany, the eastern European nations, France and in one case from Dachau, and found their way to America is half of this story; and their part in the invasion of Europe, the 82nd Airborne and General Patton's 3rd Army is the other half. It's a fascinating story, well told. ###



SAVE THE DATE

Pelican Pointe End of Summer BBQ

Lighthouse at the Breakers, 1011 S. Valentia St.

Sunday, September 23, 5-7 p.m.

RSVP with unit number and guest name(s) to Caryl Shipley pphoacaryl@gmail.com (preferred) or 303-322-0471. Volunteers are needed to prepare for this event. Contact Sheila Powell spowellmsn@comcast.net or call 303-280-6943 to see how you can help. ###