



The Pelican Brief

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Letter from our Pelican Pointe HOA President

Dear Pelican Pointe neighbors,

The rumors are true. Fairmount Cemetery ([actually Quebec Place at Fairmount](#)) has applied for a liquor license and a cabaret license for the event center that's located at 430 S. Quebec. Although it's probably not going to affect us significantly, homeowners have asked how we are going to respond.

Our HOA rules limit the kinds of things we can do officially as the Association. That being said, I encourage all of you to familiarize yourself with the issue. There are tons of posts on *Nextdoor* stating the pros and the cons of granting these licenses. Remember, these are opinions of others in the neighborhood, not official answers from Quebec Place.

Below is the letter I am sending to Denver Excise and Licensing and to our City Councilwoman Marybeth Susman. Marybeth.susman@denvergov.org Sharon.kinvig@denvergov.org.

*Denver Excise & Licensing
201 W. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80202*

Attn: Sharon K. Kinvig | Licensing Technician II

Regarding the AMENDED APPLICATION submitted by Fairmount Cemetery and Quebec Place LLC (a trade name of Fairmount Cemetery) to Denver Excise & Licenses for:

- 1. A Lodging & Entertainment License allowing Fairmount/Quebec Place to serve/sell liquor from 7 a.m. - 2 a.m.*
- 2. A Dance Cabaret License allowing live or recorded entertainment and patron dancing, no 'adult' entertainment.*

As a neighbor living at 8300 Fairmount Dr., in Pelican Pointe, I oppose the granting of these two licenses because, on the face of these two licenses, there are no voluntary restrictions on Fairmount's rights under these licenses. I believe that these two licenses have the potential to negatively impact the quality of life of neighbors of Fairmount Cemetery including me.

*Elly S. Valas
Cc: Marybeth Susman*

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And since I've got your attention...

You may have noticed that a few of your neighbors put out a green can in addition to their black trash can and purple recycling bins. What are they anyway? They're for composting food waste, paper towels and plates, plant debris, and even pizza boxes! Since I've been composting, I hardly fill a single trash bag for the landfill every week.

I've been doing it for years—taking it to the Cherry Creek recycling center before our neighborhood was eligible for pick-up. If you sign up for composting (www.denvergov.org) they'll bring you the green bin and a container to put under your sink. You can purchase biodegradable green liners at King Soopers and almost anywhere else. The cost is \$29.25 per quarter and the benefits are significant.

Composting is one way to keep organic material out of landfills, avoiding climate warming gases generated as these materials decay under anaerobic (without oxygen) conditions to create methane, a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent in its heat-trapping capabilities than carbon dioxide.

Because methane is so much more damaging than CO₂ (carbon dioxide), the benefits of composting organic material far outweigh the environmental "costs" of collecting, hauling and processing organic material with trucks and equipment that burn fuel.

- Organic material like **food, yard debris and soiled paper makes up about 58 per cent** of what Denver residents send to the landfill.
- The U.S. sent **25 million tons of food waste** to landfills in 2005 — the greenhouse gas impact of composting this mass would be the equivalent of removing **7.8 million passenger cars** from the road.

Feel free to come over and see how I compost. We can all do a little more to help the planet.

Elly Valas

President, Board of Directors

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association

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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 encouraged for this newsletter

As a Pelican Pointe homeowner/resident you may have questions or suggestions about our community. Just write up your thoughts, observations or questions for *The Pelican Brief*, and send to daniellezieg@gmail.com. ###

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SAFETY ALERT for jogging by yourself or walking your pet

A neighbor recently reported that his dog was viciously attacked by a raccoon in Pelican Pointe. In another report, an adult man jogging through Fairmount Cemetery was accosted by a disheveled man. These incidents occurred during the day. They serve as reminders to be mindful of your surroundings in and around the community, carry your cell phone when you are out and about and call 911 immediately to report any such incidents. ###

Pelican Pointe perimeter fence painting project begins

Competitive bids to paint the perimeter fence around our community were presented and reviewed by the Board of Directors at the April 9 meeting. The \$28,496 contract was awarded to the Aspen Group, LTD for repairs, prep, and painting. The Aspen Group began the project the last week of April and expects to complete the work mid-May -- weather permitting. ###

Doggy droppings station added

An additional pet waste station has been added on the east side of Pelican Point. It's in the grassy area between buildings RR and QQ. Residents walking their dogs will find bags to pick up waste and then can drop the small bag in the big bag. PLEASE DO NOT place other trash in the waste station -- take home your cups, bottles or other trash items ###

Please pick up your mail on a daily basis

Our mailboxes are limited in size, and just a few days of mail delivery can fill an individual box. When you find a key in your box, it is important to remove packages from the corresponding parcel box(es). There are a limited number of parcel boxes and packages may be returned to the Post Office if not removed in a timely manner.



Also, immediately report suspected theft, tampering, or destruction of mail or mailboxes. Call 800-275-8777. Reports also can be made online, see options at <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/>. ###

Reserve Pelican Pointe Park for your picnic or party

Are you planning an outdoor event in the Pelican Pointe picnic area? If so, please make sure to contact Jean@weststarmanagement.com to reserve your date. This way you won't run into another resident with party plans the same day. ###

Denver Free Days for May 2018

[Clyfford Still Museum](#), 1250 Bannock St.

Friday, May 4, and every Friday, free 5-8 p.m.

[Denver Art Museum](#), 100 West 14th

Saturday, May 5 – Degas exhibit through May 20

[Four Mile Historic Park](#), 715 South Forest Street

Friday, May 11

[Longmont Museum](#), 400 Quail Rd., Longmont

Saturday, May 12

[Aurora History Museum](#), 15151 E. Alameda Parkway

Free admission everyday, closed Monday

Mark your calendar

Trash pickup Wednesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, Thursday, May 31--one day delay due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 28

Recycle: May 2, 16, 31

Extra trash: May 16 (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.](#)

Pelican Pointe Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Monday, May 14, 6 p.m.

Windsor Gardens Community Center

All homeowners and residents always welcome. [Meeting Minutes are posted online the following month after Board approval.](#)

Pelican Pointe Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, May 16, noon

[Café Mercato](#), 7561 East Academy Blvd., in Lowry

All Pelican Pointe residents are welcome, everyone pays their own bill.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to Sheila Powell 303-280-6943 or spowellmsn@comcast.net.

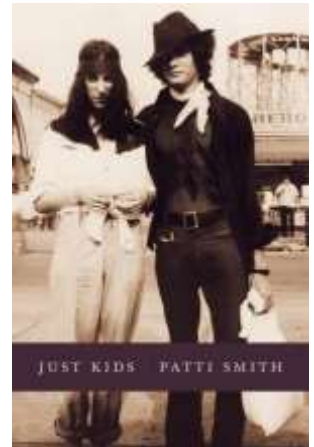
Pelican Pointe Book Group

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Home of Patti Benton, Unit J105

The book we're reading is [Just Kids](#) by Patti Smith published in 2010. Patti Smith was a rock and roll guitarist of the 1970's and a friend and sometime lover of Robert Maplethorpe, the controversial artist and photographer. Her story is the story of lower Manhattan in the rock and roll sixties and seventies. "Her book is an astute observation of the atmosphere, personalities and mores of the times," says the *New York Times* in its review of her book. It will be fun for us to compare our memories of the same time period.

Newcomers are welcome to the Book Group. Questions, call Marcia Helfant at 303-722-0053.



SAVE THE DATE:

Pelican Pointe Community Champagne Brunch

Sunday, June 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pelican Pointe Park

Brunch is open to all residents and we will be taking RSVP's so committee doesn't run out of champagne or quiche. Keep an eye out for signs at mail kiosks. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this event, call Sheila 303-280-6943, spowellmsn@comcast.net or Doreen 303-333-8417, derandmike@yahoo.com.