

# The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City

offers a

**FREE** Wellness and Vaccine Clinic

for Dogs and Cats of Senior Citizens

Wednesday, May 15

at

5445 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, Kan. 66104

Please note: This is **free** and open to seniors in Independence, MO.  
Seniors who are pet owners and are at least 60 years old.

Please bring identification with proof of age.

Pets will receive **FREE**

Physical exams

Distemper vaccines

Rabies vaccines

Heartworm tests for dogs

Basic dewormer

One month of topical flea preventive

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## NEWSLETTER MINUTES

### Board Meeting March 19, 2013

Marilyn Porter, president, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Other board members attending were Sheryl Frank, vice president; Ray Gamble, secretary-treasurer; Ed Korte and Mike Gamble.

Also present were Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant on-site manager; Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent; Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney; and Melva Linville, property manager, and Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

The next board meeting is April 16.

Minutes of the February 19 board meeting were approved.

### Open Session

Eight members signed in: Janet Fairbanks, Lorie Marler, Jean Hudgens, Jessie Phillips, Kathleen Morton, Deborah Stephens, Michelle Childers and Bea Parks.

Marilyn welcomed them and opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Mike presented the maintenance superintendent's report. From February 20 to March 19, 125 work orders were called in and 110 completed. Replaced were two water heaters, one bath floor, one kitchen floor, one bath faucet, one kitchen faucet, one garbage disposal, one range and one refrigerator. There has been one move-in.

Spring clean-up will begin April 1 and yard inspections on April 15. Royal Lawn Service, the new lawn contractor, will begin within the next two weeks.

Alexis gave the office updates. There have been 31 statements of charges due, one attorney referral, 19 defaults, one animal violation and one vehicle violation.

Fourteen units are for sale. Three of these are not paying carrying charges. The

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Marilyn Porter  
*president*

Sheryl Frank  
*vice president*

Ray Gamble  
*secretary-treasurer*

Ed Korte

Mike Gamble

### HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Independence Square  
Townhouses office  
816.252.0444

Central Jackson  
County Patrol  
9 p.m. to 4 a.m.  
816.645.3001

Animal Shelter  
816.325.7207

Animal Control Dispatcher  
816.325.7205

Citizens Info Center  
816.325.7000

Police (Non-emergency)  
816.325.7300

Police (Emergency)  
911

Report Power Outage  
816.325.7550

yard sale will be May 17 and 18. Rain date is May 24 and 25.

The floor was opened to member comments.

Sheryl announced that a Doggie Play Day was scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15, at the main playground. Dogs weighing less than 25 pounds are invited to participate.

Mike Gamble recognized Deborah Stephens as the Good Neighbor for March. She received a \$25 gift card.

Kathleen Morton won a \$25 gift card in the door prize drawing.

The open session ended at 6:50 p.m.

## Stephen Myers Named Good Neighbor of the Month For April

Stephen Myers is the Good Neighbor of the Month for April.

Stephen was nominated by Wilma Reagan for the assistance he gave her when she suffered a severe fall outside in February.

"I was unable to get up," Wilma said. "Stephen picked me up and took me inside my unit."

Stephen and his wife stayed with Wilma until Wilma's daughter was contacted.

Wilma said that Stephen was new to the neighborhood and she is grateful that "he took the time to help me -- an almost stranger -- when I couldn't help myself."

The Good Neighbor award recognizes members who exemplify the special spirit of cooperation that makes our community a better place for all of us.

The board of directors will recognize Stephen at 6 p.m. during the open session of the April 16 board meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor of the Month award, Stephen will receive a \$25 gift card.

## Yards to be Inspected for Compliance with Rules

Maintenance will begin yard inspections the first of May.

The goal of the inspections is to make sure grounds are attractive, safe for members and guests and to enhance the appearance of Independence Square.

Here are some of the rules members have agreed to follow when they signed their Occupancy Agreements.

**Planting:** Planting that could cause structural problems or mowing problems will not be approved.

**Vines:** Vines will not be allowed on the buildings.

**Flower beds:** Flower beds in front or back yards shall be planted next to the buildings. They shall not extend beyond the stoop approximately fifty-six (56) inches.

They will be sloped away from the building to allow for drainage. Raised flower beds are not allowed.

Any type of edging used must allow for drainage and may not be taller than six (6) inches.

**Yard ornaments:** Yard ornaments are to be confined to the flower bed.

**Fenced back yards:** The member is responsible for fenced back yards. They are to be mowed and kept free of clutter.

Grass should not be more than six (6) inches tall.

If you receive notice from Maintenance to mow your yard, you will have forty-eight (48) hours to do so. If not done in this time period, Maintenance will mow your yard and a \$25 fee will be charged.

Bicycle, tricycles, Big Wheels and toys: When not in use, bicycles, tricycles, Big Wheels and such must be kept inside your unit or in the back yard next to the building.

Toys are to be stored inside the unit when not in use.

**Clothes drying:** Clotheslines may be installed in the basement.

You may install a rotary clothes-drying post in back yards only. No other type of outdoor clothesline is authorized.

When not in use, the rotary post must be stored in the unit.

**Decks and Patios:** Approved installation/alteration permit is required before any work begins.

**Decks:** Must not be attached to the townhouse nor obstruct utility meters or wiring. They can be no larger than 12 feet by 12 feet square and are allowed only in the backyard.

Members must understand that if emergency repairs by utility companies and/or maintenance are required, the members are responsible for any costs incurred in removing and/or replacing the deck.

**Patios:** Are confined to backyards and must be sloped away from the townhouse to allow drainage. No poured concrete and/or asphalt patios will be allowed.

Brick, stone or patio blocks may be used because they are removable in case utility companies and/or maintenance need to make emergency repairs.

**Pools/Slip-N-Slides:** No swimming or wading pools shall be allowed except plastic wading pools no larger than eight (8) feet in diameter and no more than 12 inches in depth.

Slip-N-Slides are not allowed.

**Water Usage:** Water is provided for normal use.

Summer water usage is limited to filling a wading pool not more than twelve (12) inches deep and watering grass, shrubs and flowers.

Wading pools can be set up only in a fenced backyard and cannot be left in place long enough to kill the grass.

Running a sprinkler for children to play in is prohibited. If water is allowed to run unattended or allowed to run into the street, the member will be charged \$10 for excessive usage.

Washing motor vehicles on cooperative property is prohibited.

## Loose trash unsanitary, unattractive

The Trash Fairy doesn't live here.

If you leave candy and ice cream wrappers in the yard, the Trash Fairy won't pick them up and they won't magically disappear. They need to be placed in the dumpster along with all the other trash.

Please remember to put your trash in bags and to place it **inside**, not next to, **the dumpster**.

Those steak bones, candy wrappers, soft drink cans, coffee grounds and banana peels will end scattered all over the grounds by critters scavenging for food.

Members who empty their trash cans directly into the bin are creating a mess for the maintenance staff. When the dumpster is picked up, loose trash is blown all over the grounds. Litter and garbage strewn throughout the complex are unsightly and unsanitary.

If you have larger household items to discard, please call the office at 816.252.0444.

## Yard Sale Slated for May 17 and 18

Look for bargains throughout the cooperative on Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18.

That's the date for the annual cooperative yard sale.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The rain date is May 24 and 25.

## Tips from the Toolshed

Please do not use drain cleaner in clogged sinks.

Call in a work order. Chemicals used in drain cleaners could harm our maintenance men when they work on your sink.

## Play Day for Doggies

Monday, April 15

Dogs weighing less than 25 pounds: 6 to 7 p.m.

At the Independence Square Main Playground

Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

No aggressive dogs, please. All dogs must have current rabies vaccinations.

