

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.

Nominate a Neighbor

Nominate a member who exemplifies the Independence Square spirit of cooperation through his or her thoughtful acts to help others.

One Good Neighbor is recognized every month and receives a \$25 gift card.

Good Neighbor Nomination

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Your phone number: _____

I nominate _____
(Please give full name of neighbor your are nominating.)

Neighbor's address: _____

Neighbor's phone number: _____

Please understand that phone numbers are necessary so we can talk with both the nominator and the nominee to verify all information. Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.

Explain why you are nominating this person. What has

she or he done to be a good neighbor?

Why does or did your neighbor do this?

In what way does this act of kindness help you or others?

How long has the good neighbor lived in Independence Square?

Dates to Remember

April 2014

Carrying charges due: April 1

Recycled papers picked up: April 2

Carrying charges delinquent: April 10

Board meeting: April 15
Open session at 6 p.m.

Easter Celebration: April 19
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For children from 1 to 12 years of age
Playground/Office Area
816.252.0093

Carrying charges sent to the attorney: April 21

May 2014

Carrying charges due: May 1

Recycled papers picked up: May 7

Carrying charges delinquent: May 12

Board meeting: May 20
Open session at 6 p.m.

Carrying charges sent to attorney: May 22

Memorial Day observed: May 26
Office closed

Please note:

The Independence Square newsletter, "Around the Square," publishes two months of dates in every issue.

The April issue, for example, includes both April and May calendar dates as well as events.

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.

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HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Independence Square
Townhouses office
816.252.0444

Police (Non-emergency)
816.325.7300

Police (Emergency)
911

Signal 88 Security
816.868.4115

Animal Shelter
816.621.7722

Animal Control Dispatcher
816.325.7205

Report Power Outage
816.325.7550

Regional Animal Shelter
21001 E. Highway 78
Independence
816.621.7722

Hours:
Noon to 8 p.m. Tues. – Fri.
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. – Sun.

Citizens Information Center
816.325.7000

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

March 18, 2014
Board Meeting

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

Also attending were Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent; Melva Linville, property manager, and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, with Linville Management Services, Inc; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney.

The next board meeting is April 15.

Minutes of the February 18 meeting were approved.

Mike Leach discussed a bid from Royal Lawn Service to replace the timbers on the front of the office building with landscaping stones, add new mulch, plant bushes and other improvements.

Open Session

Ten members signed in: Tammy Sutherland, Teresa Wagener, Cora Little, Bea Parks, Barbara Wood, Andria Knapp, Jean Hudgens, Jessie Phillips, Joy Laydon and Phyllis Cannon.

Sheryl welcomed them and called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Mike gave the maintenance report. Schendel Pest Control treated two units for bedbugs. Royal Lawn Service will begin spring clean-up next week.

There have been two move-outs and one move-in since the last meeting. Called in have been 105 work orders and 95 of these were completed.

Replaced were one refrigerator, one range,



Marilyn Porter, board member, presents Cora Little with the Good Neighbor of the Month award. Cora received a \$25 gift card at the March board meeting. She was nominated by Debra Malone.

one garbage disposal, one kitchen floor and one bath floor.

Alexis presented the office updates. Three units are for sale. An application is pending on one of the units and two units are paying. Since the last board meeting, two move-ins have been scheduled and one intent to vacate filed.

Martha and Alexis were certified on the new payment processing program. Payments will be processed the day they are received. An online Web-based program will soon allow members to pay by checking or savings accounts.

New vehicle parking permits must be displayed in the rear driver's side window. Inoperative vehicles and those not properly licensed will be towed at the owner's expense.

Cora Little was recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month for March. She was nominated by Debra Malone. Cora was given a \$25 gift card.

Teresa Wagener was presented with a check for \$200 as a referral bonus.

Barbara Wood won the door prize drawing of a \$25 gift card.

The open session ended at 6:35 p.m.

Tax Preparation

I am available to do income taxes for cooperative members. I have 20 years of tax preparation experience, am a member of Independence Square and can make arrangements to pick up your tax information from you.

Depending on what your tax needs are, the cost may be as low as \$29.

Please call me at 816.805.4588 for more information.

~Bobbie Wensell



Ed Korte, board vice president, recognizes Teresa Wagener with a \$200 referral bonus for recommending Independence Square to a qualifying new member.



Ed Korte presents Barbara Wood, winner of the door prize drawing, with a \$25 gift card.

Members receive \$200 referral bonuses

Members of Independence Square Townhouses receive \$200 checks as referral bonuses when an applicant they recommend becomes a member.

Teresa Wagener was recognized for a referral at the March 18 meeting.

We thank Teresa and other referring members for their vote of confidence in our cooperative and for helping us attract qualifying new members.

Word-of-mouth recommendations are our best source of new members. When you tell others to consider Independence Square for their new home, it means that you enjoy living here and that you know someone else who would be a good neighbor for us.

The referral should be mentioned at the time of application.

The referring member will receive \$200 after the applicant moves in.

Members may rent clubhouse

Please remember that members may rent the clubhouse for a \$50 fee.

Reservations are accepted no more than 30 days in advance and a rental reservation form must be completed. In addition to the \$50 fee, a \$50 deposit also is required.

Yard Sale Slated for May 16 and 17

Look for bargains throughout the cooperative on Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16.

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

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

Rain dates are May 23 and 24.

Egg hunt for children on April 19

Children from the ages of 1 to 12 are invited to an Easter Celebration Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19.

The egg hunt is sponsored by Compel Church, a nondenominational church in Independence.

The hunt will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the playground and office area of the cooperative and will include live music, prizes, games and food.

For more information, contact the church at 816.252.0093.

Grounds Rules Keep Property Looking Good

Our buildings and streets are looking great, thanks to the renovations.

Now it's time to concentrate on the grounds.

Independence Square rules and regulations are designed to improve the appearance of the property and the safety and quality of life of all of us who live here.

Please help keep our community clutter-free and attractive. 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.

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