



NEWSLETTER

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Indep. Square Office
816-252-0444

Central Jackson County
Patrol
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

Marilyn Clark Receives Good Neighbor Award

For more than 15 years, Marilyn Clark has mowed the fenced backyards of her neighbors at Independence Square Townhouses, Inc.

“She has done this out of the goodness of her heart,” said Sheryl Frank. “Even when she was injured, she still mowed several of her neighbors’ lawns.”

Sheryl nominated Marilyn for the Good Neighbor of the Month award. Sheryl is one of the neighbors whose lawn Marilyn mows.

The board of directors will recognize Marilyn at 6 p.m. during the open session of the August 17 meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor award, Marilyn will receive a \$25 gift card.

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

Names of all our Good Neighbors are placed on the Good Neighbor Honor Roll and will be read aloud during our annual meeting on September 22.

BOARD MEETING, July 20, 2010 NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Marilyn Porter, president, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Other board members present were Sheryl Frank, vice president; Ray Gamble, secretary-treasurer; Bill Bailey and Ed Korte. Also attending were Alexis Martin, site manager; Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent; Lisa Gamble, controller for Linville Management Services, Inc.; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney.

Alexis gave the office updates. Twenty-one units are for sale; 15 of these are vacant. There have been two move-ins and three intents to vacate. There have been 21 statements of charges due, two attorney referrals, 21 defaults, two animal violations and three vehicle violations.

Mike gave the maintenance report. From June 15 through July 20, 115 work orders were called in and 104 were completed. Replaced during this time were one refrigerator, one garbage disposal, one bath faucet, one bath sink and one water heater. Renovations are under way now on Building #12.

Ed recognized Jen Schapeler as the Good Neighbor of the month for July and presented her with a \$25 gift card.

The open session ended at 6:15 p.m.

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Closed Session

Marilyn announced that the next board meeting would be August 17. Minutes of the June 15 board meeting were approved unanimously.

The board discussed the annual election in September. The board position currently held by Marilyn is up for election. The board chose the date for the election as Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Sheryl suggested the cooperative observe a Doggie Social Hour once a month when dogs could be off leash in the basketball court. The board approved the social hour for dogs weighing less than 25 pounds from 6 to 7 p.m. and for dogs weighing more than 25 pounds from 7 to 8 p.m. The first Doggie Social Hour will be on August 4, the first Wednesday of the month. Participation by dogs and owners is voluntary. Dogs must have current rabies vaccinations and owners are expected to clean up any messes their pets create. Ed volunteered to help Sheryl oversee the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Dear Members,

My name is Marilyn Porter and I have served on the Independence Square Board of Directors for nine years. For six of those years, I have held the office of president of the board. It has been my pleasure to represent the interests of the cooperative and to participate in the ongoing process of improvements to our units, our buildings and our grounds.

I am asking for the privilege to serve you another term. Please vote for me on September 22.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Porter

Kids, Your Words Could Be Worth \$10 at McDonalds

Cooperative youth are eligible to win a \$10 gift card to McDonald's by writing a short paragraph. The topic is "What I like best about living in Independence Square." Tell us what you like about your neighborhood in 75 words or fewer. Three McDonald's gift cards of \$10 a piece will be awarded to winners in three age groups: 1 through 5 years of age; 6 through 10; and 11 through 18.

Deadline is September 3. Enter the contest by turning your writing into the office.

In 75 words or fewer, tell what you like best about living in Independence Square and why:

FOR SALE:

- Round maple table with 2 leaves and 6 chairs: \$150
- Sofa and matching chair: \$75
- Microwave and cart: \$50

Call 816.833.2596.

One Slot Open On Board of Directors

One member will be elected to fill a three-year position on the board of directors at this year's annual meeting. Members in good standing who care about our community are encouraged to run for office and to vote. Resumes of candidates will be printed in the September newsletter. The annual meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday, Sept. 22.



Play Day for Doggies Wednesday, Aug. 4

Dogs weighing less than 25 pounds: *6 to 7 p.m.*
Dogs weighing more than 25 pounds: *7 to 8 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.

Members Asked to Report Suspicious Activities

Whenever you see suspicious activities or persons on Independence Square property, please call the Independence Police Department at 911. Responding to and investigating all citizen concerns are what the police do. You can help prevent crime by being alert to strangers on the property and questionable behavior. To keep the cooperative safe for all of us, report your concerns to the police. You also can call Central Jackson County Patrol during the evening hours when they patrol the cooperative. The patrol's phone number is 816-645-3001.

Security patrol officers respond to all calls and file reports. The nightly reports are turned in to the Independence Square office the next day. Having this kind of documentation keeps management and the board aware of incidents and helps determine whether additional action is necessary.

Buildings Getting New Shingles, Guttering

All our buildings soon will have an attractive new look. They'll be getting a facelift, so to speak. And we need your help to get ready for the surgery. Old guttering and old shingles are being removed and replaced. To get ready for the work, please **remove** any items in the front and back yards such as patio and garden items and any hanging objects on the exterior of the building. When old shingles and guttering are removed, they will be thrown from the building and could damage any belongings left outside. The work also will create extensive vibrations caused by serious banging on the walls.

For these reasons, we also ask that you please take down such interior items as light globes, loose and hanging objects on walls. Please keep these off the walls until the work is finished on your building. Sometimes vibrations can cause items inside units to fall if they are not taken off the walls. The work has been contracted out and neither maintenance nor the office staff knows the exact date the work will begin or end for your unit and building. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope to complete this process as quickly as possible without substantial interruption to your daily lives.

Please note: After the renovations, no hanging items will be allowed on doors, soffits, shingles or gutters. Painting of the new doors, inside or outside, is not allowed.

AUGUST 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Carrying Charges Due	2	3	4 Recycled Papers Picked Up Doggie Play Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 \$50 Late Fee Added	13	14
15	16	17 Board Meeting Open Session 6:00 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23 Delinquent Accounts to Attorney	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				