

the U.S. Air Force. He has served a year tour in South Korea and came back to the United States in January of 2013. He is stationed in Wichita, KS. He will be leaving again for a six-month tour at the end of this year.

My daughter Ashley is 25 years old and happily married with two children, Joshua who is 3 (He doesn't call me grandma, he calls me "honey") , and Zoey who is 9 months old.

I believe the safe and secure environment of Independence Square encouraged my children to become the successful individuals they are today.

Home is where the heart is. And my heart has always been here at Independence Square.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Membership Meeting and I encourage you to re-elect me as a member of the board of directors.

Candidate resumes to be published in newsletter

Resumes of candidates for the board of directors will be published in the September newsletter.

Here is an easy format to help you organize your information.

Most of the categories are optional. You may choose to write in complete sentences or use only bullet points.

Name:

Cooperative experience:

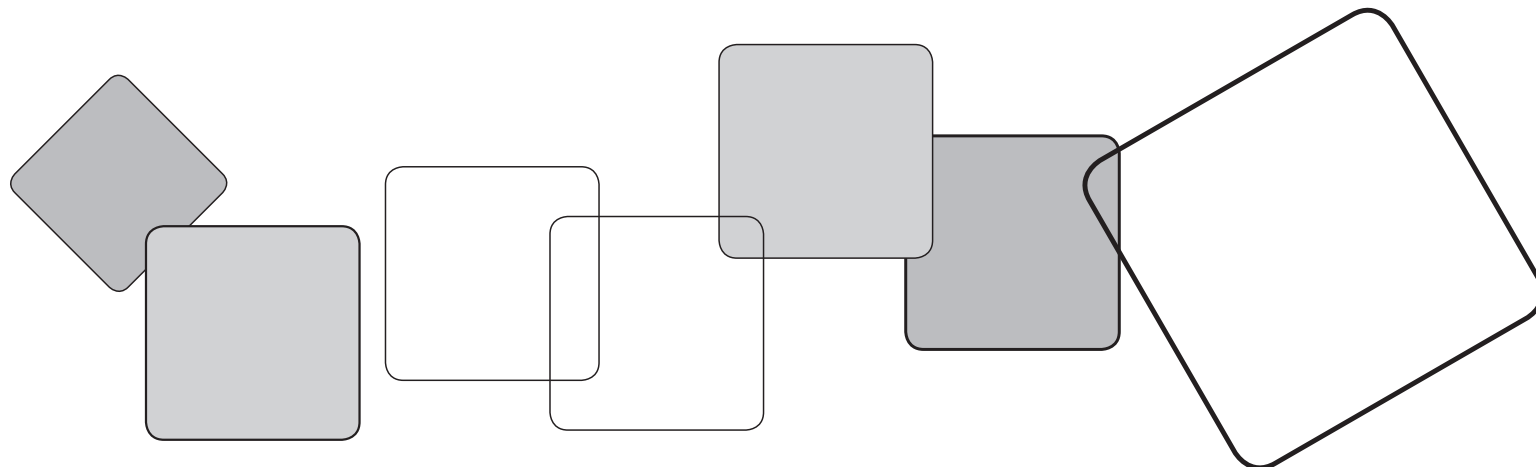
Qualifications:

Family:

Work history:

Education:

"I want to serve on the board of directors because:"



Dates to Remember

August 2013

Carrying charges due: August 1

Recycled papers picked up: August 7

Carrying charges delinquent: August 12

Board meeting: August 20
Open session: 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to the attorney: August 22

September 2013

Carrying charges due: September 1

Labor Day observed: September 2
Office closed

Recycled papers picked up: September 4

Carrying charges delinquent: September 10

Annual meeting: September 18
Sign in begins at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Carrying charges sent to the attorney: September 20

Please note:

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

The August issue, for example, includes both August and September calendar dates as well as events.

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.

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2013

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

Signal 88 Security of
Jackson County, Missouri
816.868.4115

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

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Board Meeting July 16, 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 Carmen Detherage, comptroller, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

The next board meeting is August 20.

Minutes of the June 18 board meeting were approved.

The board voted unanimously to accept the audit bid from Darel D. Kyle.

Open Session

Ten members signed in: Phyllis Cannon, Tammy Sutherland, Jean Hudgens, Lorie Marler, Joy Layton, Virginia Morrison, Jessie Phillips, Bea Parks, Francine McGowan and Felecia B. Rogers.

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

Mike presented the maintenance superintendent's report. From June 18 to July 12, 125 work orders were called in and 113 completed. Replaced were two kitchen floors, one bath floor, one refrigerator, one garbage disposal, one kitchen faucet and one hot water tank.

Work has been completed on the new retaining walls. Basement leaks have been repaired. Drainage problems at Building 11 will be resolved this week.

Alexis gave the office updates. There have been 26 statements of charges due, one attorney referral, one eviction, 22 defaults, and one vehicle violation. Since

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the last meeting, there have been three move-ins, two intents to vacate and four applications pending. Two more move-ins are scheduled.

Eleven units are for sale. Two of these are not paying carrying charges.

Josh and Felecia Rogers were recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month for July. Felecia was present and given a \$25 gift card.



Felecia Rogers accepts a gift card from Sheryl Frank, board vice president, at the July meeting. Felecia and her husband, Josh, were named Good Neighbors of the Month for July.

Victoria Hicks was recognized for a referral.

Marilyn opened the floor to member comments.

Bea Parks won the door prize drawing of a \$25 gift card.



Bea Parks won the door prize drawing at the July meeting. She received a \$25 gift card.

The open session ended at 6:20 p.m.

Applications accepted for board of directors

Members of Independence Square will vote to fill one position on the board of directors at this year's annual meeting.

The meeting will be at the clubhouse. Sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday in September, the 18th.

Door prizes will be awarded.

Only members in good standing can vote. Any member with an unpaid balance of more than 30 days cannot vote. If you cannot attend, you may vote by proxy.

Members voting by proxy must appoint another member in good standing to vote on their behalf. No attending member

may cast more than his or her vote plus one proxy vote.

Members in good standing who care about our community are encouraged to run for office. Resumes of candidates will be printed in the September newsletter.

Group meets to study Bible

If you are interested in participating in a Bible Study Group, please call 816.589.9089.

The group will meet in the clubhouse's lower-level meeting room.

The meeting date for August has not yet been determined. Please leave a message when you call. Your call will be returned.

Barking dogs, noise bother neighbors

Noisy neighbors and dogs barking continually in backyards are making life miserable for members who leave their windows open now that spring is here.

Please be considerate of other members of the cooperative.

Creating disturbances is a violation of Independence Square rules and regulations and places a member in default of the Occupancy Agreement.

Violation of these rules can result in a member's account being sent to the cooperative attorney for Termination of Right to Occupy; in other words, loss of membership.

Loose trash attracts pests, identity thieves

The Trash Fairy doesn't live here.

If you leave garbage piled around the dumpsters, it won't magically disappear.

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.

Recently a member reported finding credit and employment applications with personal information on them, mail and other trash littering the area around a dumpster.

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

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.

Recycling Centers in Independence

MRC now operates the two City recycling centers.

Items accepted at the centers include paper, cardboard, paperboard, steel and aluminum cans, plastic, glass food and beverage jars, toner cartridges, flat-screen television sets, lawn and garden equipment, computer monitors and rechargeable batteries. These are accepted free of charge.

A fee will be charged for old-style television sets that are not flat screens: \$15 for television sets with screens up to 27 inches and \$35 for larger screens.

35th Street Recycling Center
13600 E. 35th St.
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday

Vista Avenue Recycling Center
875 Vista Avenue
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday

You can help keep Independence Square safe

Signal 88 Security is now providing patrols for Independence Square Townhouses.

Our highly visible patrol vehicles and professional uniformed officers are here to help protect your personal property and your community. We encourage you to report suspicious activity to our Alarm Response Line, 816.868.4115. Please report emergencies to 9-1-1.

Signal 88's flagship service, the Roving Vehicle Patrol, provides you with one of the strongest visual deterrents available

in the security industry today. Our SUV-style vehicles with LED lighting and WiFi communication technology gives you maximum criminal deterrent, immediate reporting capabilities and the ability to respond to a crisis at a moment's notice.

We look forward to working with you to promote your overall safety.

Lonnie Hertzell
Owner
Signal 88 Security

Marilyn Porter for Board of Directors

My name is Marilyn Porter and I am running for re-election to the board of directors.

I am asking for your vote during the Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 18.

For four terms, a total of 12 years, I have served on the Independence Square board of directors. Currently, I am serving as president, an office I have held for nine years.

During the 12 years that I have served, I have worked with the other board members

- to support our affordable housing mission at all levels
- to encourage member participation in cooperative activities and open sessions of board meetings
- to pay off the cooperative's 40-year mortgage
- to pursue, explore, and initiate refinancing options for repairs and upgrades to Independence Square Townhouses
- to approve renovations that will improve individuals units of all members and the entire property.

Independence Square looks very attractive and welcoming, now that all the renovations are complete. The cooperative has a board of directors committed to the best interests of the cooperative and each one of them is supporting me on my re-election.

Our bylaws do not require all board members to live in Independence Square. As most of you know, I moved from the cooperative several years ago.

It is here in Independence Square that I raised two small children as a single mother.

My son Zack is now 23 years old and is a Senior Airman with