

Got a good neighbor? Tell us who . . .

Independence Square is full of unsung heroes.

They may be the neighbor who brings you a meal when you're sick or who gives you a ride to the grocery store when your car is in the shop or who takes care of your cat when you're away.

They may be the neighbor who volunteers to serve on committees or who organizes activities. You may have seen a neighbor picking up litter in your neighborhood.

Whatever the act of kindness, Independence Square is a better place to live because of these unsung heroes.

And now, we want you to help us recognize them with the Independence Square Good Neighbor honor.

Please tell us about your neighbor by filling in the form and turning it in to the office.

The kindness can be a one-time act or it can be something done on a regular basis.

The act of kindness can benefit just one person, a neighborhood or the entire cooperative.

One Good Neighbor will be recognized every month and will receive a \$25 gift card.

Nominees must be members in good standing.

All information will be verified.

The Good Neighbor recognition program will continue throughout the year. When you're touched by another's kindness, please nominate that person.

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 Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.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?

Tell us about your neighbor:
Why does or did your neighbor do this?

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

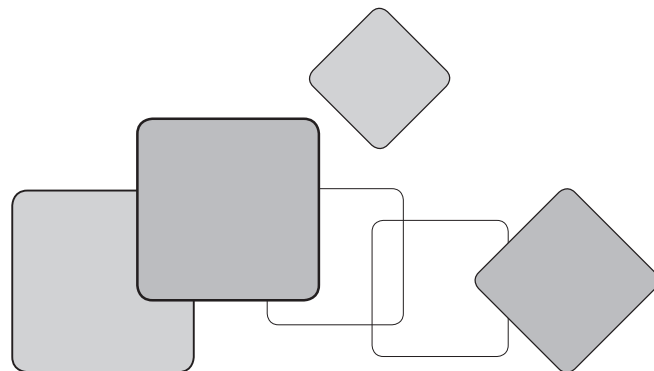
How long has he or she lived in Independence Square?

Optional:
Other members of the household?

Occupation?

Any other information you'd like share?

For Office Use Only
Is the nominee a member in good standing?
___ Yes ___ No



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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

November 17, 2015

Board Meeting

Board members present: Sheryl Frank, president; Bill Bather, vice president; Mike Gamble, secretary-treasurer; Ed Korte and Debbie Malone

Staff present: Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent

Also attending: Melva Linville, property manager, and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, with Linville Management Services, Inc.; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney

Sheryl called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes of the October 20 board meeting were approved.

Open Session

Five members signed in for the open session. Two security patrol officers from Signal 88 also were present.

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

Mike gave the maintenance superintendent's report.

Furnace maintenance throughout the property has been completed. Leaf clean-ups continue. A replacement mini-truck has been purchased. Ice melt, furnace filters and trash bags for leaf clean-up only are available to members.

Replaced from October 20 to November 17 were two ranges, two garbage disposals, two water heaters, one refrigerator, one kitchen faucet, one bath faucet and one bath sink.

There have been two move-ins and two move-outs since the last meeting.

Of 107 work orders called in, 98 have been completed.

Alexis presented the office report.

Four memberships are for sale. Of these, one is not paying carrying charges and one has a member transfer pending. Three move-ins are scheduled.

The annual holiday dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, December 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Deadline for sign-up is December 9.

The office has a new phone system.

Carmen presented the managing agent's report. Three applications have been approved. Financial reports were mailed on November 9.

Abigail Perez was recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month for November.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments and questions for the security officers.

The security officers said they patrol the property between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Cora Little won the door prize drawing.

The open session ended at 6:25 p.m.



Mike Gamble, board secretary-treasurer, presents the Good Neighbor of the Month award to Abigail Perez.



Mike Gamble awards the door prize to Cora Little.

Reminder

There is no board meeting in December.

The next board meeting is January 19, 2016.

Abigail Perez Receives Good Neighbor Award

That's what neighbors are for.

Those were the words spoken by Abigail Perez when she offered help to LeeAnna Marshall.

LeeAnna said she and her daughter had ridden their bikes to the Independence farmers market and had purchased more fresh produce than they could carry home.

Abigail was at the farmers market visiting her great-aunt and uncle who have a stand selling hot peppers, tomatoes, cabbage, turnips and other homegrown vegetables.

"She offered to take my groceries home in her car and leave them on my porch," LeeAnna said of Abigail's offer to help.

The Good Neighbor award is given to members who

exemplify the special spirit of cooperation that makes our community a better place for all of us.

The board of directors recognized Abigail during the open session of the November board meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor award, she was presented a \$25 gift card.

Dates to Remember

December 2015

Carrying charges due: December 1

Recycled papers picked up: December 2

Deadline to sign up for Holiday Dinner: December 9

Carrying charges delinquent: December 10

Independence Square Holiday Dinner: December 13
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: December 21

Christmas observed: December 24 and 25
Office closed

January 2016

Carrying charges due: January 1

New Year's Day observed: January 1
Office closed

Recycled papers picked up: January 6

Carrying charges delinquent: January 11

Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed: January 18
Office closed

Board meeting: January 19
Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: January 21

Please note:

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

The December issue, for example, includes both December and January calendar dates as well as events.

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.

Donations accepted to help members

The office is collecting food and cash donations for Independence Square families in need during the holidays.

To donate, please stop by the cooperative office. Thank you.

Available at the office free to members

Bed bug monitors

These early-detection devices are designed to be placed under mattresses and other bed bug spots. The bugs are trapped in adhesive and easily detected through a clear window.

Furnace filters

Ice melt

Bring your own container.

Yard waste bags

Trash bags only for leaf clean-ups are provided to members.

Rules for Holiday Lights and Decorations

Only small bulbs outside. Fused, rated string lights may be installed.

String lights must have no more than three strings attached together; and where plugged together, they must be taped with electrical tape to keep moisture out.

Holiday lights are to be installed with plastic gutter hangers only.

Christmas lights must not be installed prior to Thanksgiving and must be removed by February 1; or maintenance will remove the lights at the member's expense with no responsibility for condition of the lights after removal.

Holiday lights will be plugged in with a socket/plug adapter screwed into the porch light only. Each member will control his or her own lights as to when they are on or off.

Independence Square Townhouses will allow you to install wreaths, Christmas ornaments and battery-operated Christmas lights on the front door. These items can only be

installed with an "over the top of the door" wreath hanger, suction cup hooks or adhesive-mounted light clips.

Other holiday lighting can be installed three (3) days prior to the holiday and removed no later than three (3) days after the holiday. Yard rules are to be observed at all times.

Holiday Dinner

5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13

in the clubhouse

Ham will be served.

Please bring a potluck dish to share.

Deadline to sign up: Dec. 9

Please call the office for reservations.

Gift Exchange

Please bring a gift of \$10 or less if you want to participate.

