



NEWSLETTER

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Handy Phone Numbers

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

BOARD MEETING, January 17, 2012

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

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

Also attending were Melva Linville, property manager; Betsy Kilker, administrative assistant; and Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, with Linville Management Services, Inc; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney.

Open Session

Appearing for the open session at 6 p.m. were Terry Palmer, Jessie Phillips, Bea Parks, Tomasina Figueroa and Robert King.

Joining the meeting were Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Beth Webb, assistant manager; and Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent.

Mike gave the maintenance report. From November 15, 2011, through January 17, 2012, 118 work orders were called in and 105 completed.

Replaced were two water heaters, one kitchen sink, one range, one garbage disposal, one countertop and one kitchen faucet.

There have been seven move-ins in since the last meeting and three move-outs.

The leaf clean-up has been completed.

Alexis gave the office updates. There have been 23 statements of charges due, two attorney referrals, 16 defaults, one animal violation and one vehicle violation.

Fifteen units are for sale; five of these are vacant. Applications are being processed on two of the five vacant units.

Marilyn recognized two members for referral bonuses of \$200: Mirtha Abreu and Tomasina Figueroa.

Marilyn opened the floor to member comments.

Robert King won the door prize drawing of a \$25 gift card.

Marilyn thanked members for attending and the open session ended at 6:20 p.m.

Closed Session

Minutes of the November 15, 2011, board meeting were approved.

The board reviewed a contract proposal for 12 months of lawn care at \$3,133.33 a month beginning in February of 2012.

The board voted to accept the proposal.

The board approved the new letterhead for Independence Square that has a black box in the logo.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Children Playing, Motorists Driving Make for Unsafe Streets

Motorists and parents are reminded that children playing in the streets can be dangerous.

Those riding skateboards may roll into the path of an oncoming car and drivers backing out of parking spaces may not be able to see children behind them in time to brake.

Independence Square has nice playgrounds where youth of all ages can play safely. Streets are for motorists.



Car for Sale

1992 Plymouth Acclaim
124,000 miles
New brakes and tires
Radiator recently flushed
White
4-cylinder automatic
\$1,150
Call 816-833-8036

Wanted to Hire

Part-time housekeeper for older member
Please call 816-833-7959.

Dumpsters for Trash of Cooperative Members Only

Evidence strongly suggests that some of the trash in Independence Square dumpsters comes from companies and individuals who are not members of the cooperative.

This is illegal.

If you believe a motorist who is throwing trash into a dumpster is not a member of Independence Square, please get a license tag number and turn the number into the office.



Illegal dumping makes extra work for our maintenance staff and fills up dumpster space intended for use by members.

Please Clean Up After Your Pets

Whether rain, snow, sleet or hail, pet owners are expected to clean up after their pets in all weather.

Those who fail to do so are sent a notice and given 24 hours to clean up.

Pet waste is considered unsanitary and annoying to members of all ages who enjoy our grounds.

Complying with Independence Square pet waste rules is easy and no more costly than a plastic bag. Not complying, however, can get expensive.

If pet owners don't comply, maintenance then is dispatched to clean up and members are charged \$25.



Jean Hudgens is Good Neighbor for February

Jean Hudgens admires and appreciates her neighbor, Chelle Marler.

And the feeling is mutual.

“Jean is always just a phone call away,” Chelle said. “She is always kind and helpful.”

That’s why Chelle nominated Jean as the Good Neighbor of the Month for February. And two years ago, Jean nominated Chelle as the Good Neighbor for May.

The two members have grown to be good friends.

“Over the past four years, Jean has become a part of my family,” Chelle said.

Some of Jean’s acts of kindness include baking banana nut bread for Chelle’s family, giving Christmas gifts to the children, sweeping the sidewalk and raking leaves.

The Good Neighbor award recognizes members who exemplify the special spirit of cooperation that

makes our community a better place for all of us.

“It makes living here better -- knowing you have such great people all around,” Chelle said.

The board of directors will recognize Jean at 6 p.m. during the open session of the February 21 board meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor award, Jean will receive a \$25 gift card.



Marilyn Porter, board president, recognizes Tomasina Figueroa for referring a new member to Independence Square. Tomasina received a check for \$200 for the referral.

Members Receive \$200 Referral Bonuses

Two members of Independence Square Townhouses received \$200 checks as referral bonuses in November.

They were Mirtha Abreu and Tomasina Figueroa. The members were recognized at the January board meeting.

We thank these 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.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Carrying Charges Due	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 \$50 Late Fee Applied	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Office Closed for Presidents Day	21 Board Meeting Open Session at 6pm Delinquent Accounts Sent to Attorney	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			