

Dates to Remember

January 2013

Carrying charges due: January 1

New Year's Day observed: January 1
Office closed

Recycled papers picked up: January 2

Carrying charges delinquent: January 10

Board meeting: January 15
Open session: 6 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed: January 20
Office closed

Accounts sent to the attorney: January 22

February 2013

Carrying charges due: February 1

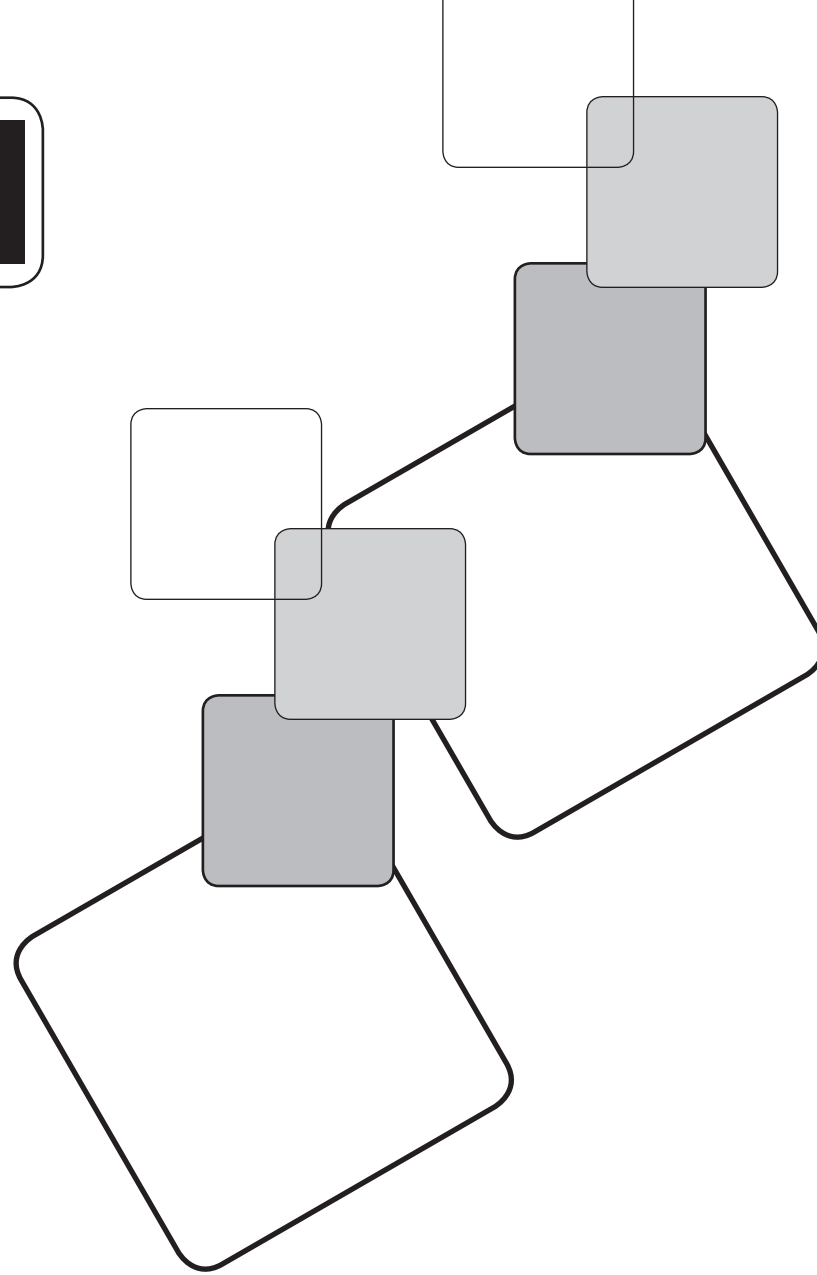
Recycled papers picked up: February 6

Carrying charges delinquent: February 11

Presidents Day observed: February 18
Office closed

Board meeting: February 19
Open session: 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to the attorney: February 21



Board meetings for 2013

Here are the 2013 board meeting dates.

Jan. 15, 2013
Feb. 19
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18
July 16
Aug. 20
Sept. 18 Annual Meeting
Oct. 15
Nov. 19

The open session is at 6 p.m. Please join us.

JANUARY

Around
the SQUARE

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

Central Jackson
County Patrol
9 p.m. to 4 a.m.
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

KEEP SURFACES SLIP-FREE WITH ICE MELT GRANULES

Members are reminded that bags of ice melt are available free from the office for use on townhouse sidewalks, steps, stoops and other surfaces.

BETTER A CHILLY RIDE THAN NO RIDE AT ALL

It takes just a few minutes to warm up a car . . . and even less time to steal one.

Cars were stolen from the property last winter when the owners started them and left the motor running and the cars unattended and unlocked. Citywide, cold weather auto thefts have increased dramatically.

Even though going to work in a cold car is uncomfortable, having your car stolen is even more bothersome. If you are going to warm up your car before leaving, consider having a spare set of car keys so you can lock it up when you go back inside.

Then, watch the car from a window or door while it is warming up.



Independence Square members shared potluck dishes and enjoyed a holiday dinner on December 15 in the clubhouse.

Door prize drawings awarded at open sessions

Attending open sessions of the monthly board meetings is a good way to stay informed about activities at the cooperative.

Your appearance at the open session also may win you a \$25 gift card.

All members who attend the open session will be eligible for the door prize drawing.

The winning member's ticket will be drawn at the end of the open session -- and you must be present to win.

All open sessions start at 6 p.m.

Please clean up after your pet

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.

Members receive \$200 referral bonuses

Members of Independence Square Townhouses who refer qualifying new members receive a \$200 referral bonus.

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 and will be recognized by the board of directors.

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.

Holidays observed in 2013

Throughout the year, Independence Square Townhouses, Inc., will close to observe holidays.

The office will not be open on these dates in 2013.

- Martin Luther King Day: Jan. 21, 2013
- Presidents Day: Feb. 18
- Memorial Day: May 27
- Independence Day: July 4
- Labor Day: Sept. 2
- Thanksgiving: Nov. 28 and 29

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?

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Is the nominee a member in good standing?

____ **Yes** ____ **No**