

JANUARY

*Around*  
the SQUARE

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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

## Jean Hudgens Is Good Neighbor for January

Independence Square is the best neighborhood she's ever lived in, said Abigail Perez.

And her neighbor, Jean Hudgens, is part of what makes the community so special-- neighbors who care about one another.

"Jean is watchful, concerned and conscientious," she said.

Abigail nominated Jean as the Good Neighbor of the Month for January.

While Abigail recovered from surgery, Jean gave her a ride to the grocery store and called daily to check on her.

"She was a comfort to me, being available to my children while I was recuperating," Abigail said.

This is the second time Jean has been recognized with the monthly Good Neighbor award. She was nominated by Chelle Marler in February of 2012.

The board of directors will recognize Jean at 6 p.m. during the open session of the January 20 board meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor award, Jean will receive a \$25 gift card.

## 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.

## Reminder about Holiday Lights and Decorations

Christmas lights must be removed by February 1; or maintenance will remove the lights at the member's expense with no responsibility for the condition of the lights after removal.

At other times of the year, 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.

## Please register pets, vehicles

Pet and vehicle permits are now due.

If you have not registered these with the office, please do so. The deadline is February 28.

Pet registration requires a copy of the certificate verifying vaccinations are current.

Failure to comply may place your Occupancy Agreement in jeopardy.

## 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.

## Dates to Remember

### January 2015

- Carrying charges due: January 1
- New Year's Day observed: January 1  
Office closed
- Recycled papers picked up: January 7
- Carrying charges delinquent: January 12
- Martin Luther King Day observed: January 19  
Office closed
- Board meeting: January 20  
Open session at 6 p.m.
- Carrying charges sent to attorney: January 22

### February 2015

- Carrying charges due: February 1
- Recycled papers picked up: February 4
- Carrying charges delinquent: February 10
- Presidents Day observed: February 16  
Office closed
- Board meeting: February 17  
Open session at 6 p.m.
- Carrying charges sent to attorney: February 20

### Please note:

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

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

*The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.*

## Board meetings for 2015

Here are the 2015 board meeting dates.

All meetings except the annual meeting are on the third Tuesday of the month. The annual meeting is on the third Wednesday of September.

Jan. 20, 2015  
Feb. 17  
March 17  
April 21  
May 19  
June 16  
July 21  
Aug. 18  
Sept. 16 -- Annual meeting  
Oct. 20  
Nov. 17

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