

## Requesting Gently Used Children's Clothing

To meet the community need for gently used, affordable clothing -

### Summit Grove Community of Christ

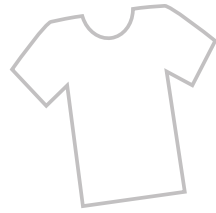
is hosting our annual **FREE** Clothing Exchange from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 3 at 411 S. Lee's Summit Road in Independence.

*We are requesting donations of gently used children's clothing, shoes, coats and backpacks to help with this event. Feel free to donate adult-sized clothing as well.*

We will accept donations before and during the event.

Thank you for your donations and please join us on August 3 to outfit your family.

For more information, call 816.461.4186.



## Yard Maintenance

### Grass too high can be costly in backyards

Members are responsible for mowing fenced back yards.

Grass must be no higher than six inches and the yard must be kept free of clutter.

If you receive notice from Maintenance to mow your yard, you will have 48 hours to do so. If not mowed during this time, Maintenance will mow and a fee of \$50 will be charged to your account.

If you leave for vacation, remember to make arrangements to have your yard mowed while you are gone.

If Maintenance has to mow, your account will be billed \$50 for the service.

Members can choose to have their fences removed rather than pay the \$50 fee.

## Referral Bonus

### Members receive \$200 referral bonus

Members of Independence Square Townhouses receive \$200 checks as referral bonuses when an applicant they recommend becomes a member.

Catherine DeLong was recognized for a referral at the June 18 board meeting.

We thank Sandy and other referring 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.

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### 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, MO  
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

### June 18, 2013 Board Meeting

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 July 16.

Minutes of the May 21 board meeting and the June 3 special meeting were approved.

### Open Session

Nine members signed in: Chelsey Murphy, Lorie Marler, Jean Hudgens, Abigail Perez, Phyllis Cannon, Frank Scheuring, Bea Parks, Jessie Phillips and Kathleen Morton.

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

Alexis gave the office updates. There have been 24 statements of charges due, one attorney referral and 29 defaults.

Fourteen units are for sale. Four of these are not paying carrying charges. Two move-ins are scheduled and five applications are pending.

Mike presented the maintenance superintendent's report. From May 21 to June 18, 130 work orders were called in and 115 completed. Replaced were one garbage disposal, one kitchen faucet, one kitchen floor, one bath floor and one water heater. Since the last meeting, there have been one move-in and one move-out.

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Retaining walls in the area of 1219 and 1467 will be replaced in mid-July. Maintenance staff is working on drainage problems, several basement leaks and grounds beautification projects.

Catherine Delong was recognized for a referral.

Marilyn opened the floor to member comments.

Jessie Phillips won the door prize drawing of a \$25 gift card.

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



*Mike Gamble, a member of the Independence Square Townhouses, Inc., board of directors, awards a \$25 gift card to Jessie Phillips for winning the door prize drawing at the June board meeting.*

## Good Neighbors of the Month

### Family recognized for neighborliness

Joshua and Felecia Rogers are the Good Neighbor of the Month for July.

They were nominated by their neighbor, Fran McGowan.

Fran says that Joshua and Felecia have helped her numerous times by carrying groceries in and with other chores. Their children also come over and ask Fran if she needs help.

“They are truly kind neighbors,” Fran said.

The Good Neighbor award recognizes members who exemplify the special spirit of cooperation that makes our community a better place for all of us.

The board of directors will recognize Felecia and Joshua at 6 p.m. during the open session of the July 16 board meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor of the Month award, they will receive a \$25 gift card.

## Dates to Remember

### July 2013

Carrying charges due: July 1

Recycled papers picked up: July 3

Independence Day observed: July 4  
Office closed

Carrying charges delinquent: July 10

Board meeting: July 16  
Open session: 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to the attorney: July 22

### 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  
Board meeting: June 18  
Open session: 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to the attorney: June 20

## Parking Rules Apply to Guests, too

### Please let visitors know about the parking rules at Independence Square.

There have been many reports of people parking in any vacant space they can find -- whether that space is another member's or a vacant unit's spot.

As you know, members are responsible for the actions of their guests.

**- Thank you.**

**Please note:** Minutes of open sessions appear in the next month's newsletter.

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

The July issue, for example, includes both July and August calendar dates as well as events. The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.

## Board Members Sign Ethics Agreement

Serving on the board of directors is a responsibility and privilege.

The Independence Square board meets on the third Tuesday of every month except in September when the annual meeting is held on the third Wednesday. Meetings begin at 5:45 p.m.

In addition to regular monthly board meetings, the board may call special meetings throughout the year.

Once elected, all board members are required to sign the Board Member Code of Ethics.

### BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

#### *As a member of the board of directors, I will*

- listen carefully to my teammates.
- respect the opinion of other board members.
- respect and support the majority decisions of the board.
- recognize that all authority is vested in the full board only when it meets in legal session.
- keep well-informed of developments relevant to issues that may come before the board.
- participate actively in board meetings and actions.
- bring to the attention of the board any issues that I believe will have an adverse effect on the cooperative or those we serve.
- attempt to interpret the needs of those we serve to the cooperative, and interpret the actions of the cooperative to those we serve.
- refer complaints to the proper level on the chain of command.
- recognize that my job is to ensure that the cooperative is well-managed, not to manage the cooperative.
- represent all members and not a particular court or interest group.
- consider myself a "trustee" of the cooperative and do my best to ensure that it is well maintained, financially secure, growing and always operating in the best interests of its members.
- always work to learn how to do my job better.
- declare conflicts of interest between my personal life and my position on the board, and abstain from voting when appropriate.

#### *As a member of the board, I will **not***

- criticize other board members for their opinions, in or out of the board room.
- use the cooperative for my personal advantage or that of my friends or relatives.
- discuss the confidential proceedings of the board outside the board room.
- promise how I will vote on any issue before a meeting.
- interfere with the duties of the administrator or undermine his or her authority with staff members.
- act as a director outside of board meetings unless so authorized by the board. (Outside the board meetings, the board member is just like any other member and his or her status as a board member is restricted to times when the board meets as a group to hear reports, discuss problems, make reports and make decisions.)

direct the cooperative staff. (Cooperative staff are to be directed by Management. When a board member thinks something should be done, first it's brought out before the board. If the board decides to act, the board should vote on a motion notifying the Management Agent, and then let the Management Agent see that the motion is carried out.)

reveal confidential information made available to the board to help make a business decision.

## Applications Accepted for Board of Directors

Members of Independence Square will vote to fill positions 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.

### Members welcome at all open sessions of board meetings

Open sessions of monthly board meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

The sessions involve the board of directors, the on-site manager, the maintenance superintendent, property manager, cooperative attorney and other corporation advisers.

The sessions are open to all members of Independence Square.

Minutes of open, closed and executive sessions are a record of what is done or decided during a board meeting. Minutes are not a record of what is said.

If you are interested in hearing the complete discussion of an open session, you are encouraged to attend the session.

Minutes of the open session appear in the next month's newsletters.