

City hosts Independence Day celebration

Celebrate the 4th free.

Enjoy the City's Independence Day celebration of patriotic music and fireworks on Wednesday, July 4.

At 9:30 a.m. the annual "Let Freedom Ring" children's parade begins in the parking lot at 23rd Street and Main. The parade heads up Main Street to The Square and ends at 11 a.m. with special activities and treats.

Children are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue as they stroll, ride scooters or bikes in the parade.

The night of the 4th, the Spirit of Independence Community Concert Band begins playing at 8:30 p.m. Fireworks follow at dusk.

The celebration is free and open to the public.

For the location of the concert and show, call 816.325.7019. Or visit the City's Web site, www.independencemo.org.

Recycling Centers in Independence

The City operates two recycling centers.

Items accepted at the centers include paper, cardboard, paperboard, steel and aluminum cans, plastic, glass food and beverage jars, toner cartridges and dry cell batteries.

35th Street Recycling Center
13600 E. 35th St.
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday

Vista Avenue Recycling Center
875 Vista Avenue
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday

Dates to Remember

June

Carrying charges due: June 1

Recycled papers picked up: June 6

Carrying charges delinquent: June 11

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

Accounts sent to attorney: June 22

July

Carrying charges due: July 1

Office closed: July 4
Independence Day

Carrying charges delinquent: July 10

Recycled papers picked up: July 11

Board meeting: July 17
Open session at 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to attorney: July 23

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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

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



MEMBERS BEAUTIFY GROUNDS WITH COLORFUL SUMMER FLOWERS

Flowers are blooming throughout the cooperative, thanks to the volunteer efforts of two members.

Michael Benz and J.P. Corbett brightened the grounds with summer annuals at both entrances to Independence Square Townhouses, Inc., and around the office and other areas.

The beautification complements the new, updated appearance of the buildings and units made by the renovations.

We thank J.P. and Michael for making our community more attractive for all of us to enjoy.



REFERRAL FEE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS

Members are reminded that a \$200 referral fee will be paid when a member of the cooperative refers a qualifying new member.

The referral should be mentioned at the time of application.

The referring member will receive \$200 after the applicant moves in to Independence Square Townhouses, Inc.

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Closed Board Meeting May 15, 2012

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

Also attending were Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent; Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney; and Melva Linville, property manager; Carmen Detherage, comptroller; and Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

Minutes of the April 17 board meeting were approved.

Mike presented the maintenance report. From April 18 to May 15, 96 work orders were called in and 86 completed. Replaced were two kitchen faucets, two garbage disposals, one range and one refrigerator.

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

Grounds clean-up and yard inspections are continuing.

Alexis discussed the office manager's report. Twenty units are for sale; two of these are not paying carrying charges. Seven intents to vacate have been signed.

The yard sale is scheduled for May 18 and 19, with a rain date of May 25 and 26.

There have been 33 statements of charges due, 17 defaults, one attorney referral and one pet violation.

The board reviewed four bids for a fence behind the units that back up to Truman Road. The board agreed that the project was too expensive at this time.

The board reviewed the budget for 2012-2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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.

Loose trash attracts pests, identity thieves

The Trash Fairy doesn't live here.

Candy and ice cream wrappers belong in the dumpster. If you leave wrappers in the yards, they won't magically disappear.

Those candy wrappers, soft drink cans, coffee grounds and banana peels end up scattered all over the grounds by critters scavenging for food.

Recently a member reported finding credit and employment applications with personal information on them, mail and other trash littering the area around a dumpster.

Please remember to put your trash in bags and to place it inside, not next to, the dumpster.

Members who empty their trash cans directly into the bin are creating a mess for the maintenance staff. When the dumpster is picked up, loose trash is blown all over the grounds. Litter and garbage strewn throughout the complex are unsightly and unsanitary.

Soft words, music make summers better for all

Warm weather brings a welcome relief from the bitter cold of winter.

With more and more residents of all ages outside enjoying the pleasant temperatures, parents are asked to remind their

teenagers about being respectful in the language they use. Children tend to repeat what they hear.

With summer coming on, there will be a lot of activity. Please respect your neighbors and tone down the language and tune down the noise.

Noisy neighbors and dogs barking continually in backyards can make life miserable for members who leave their windows open now that spring is here.

Please be considerate of other members of the cooperative.

Creating disturbances is a violation of Independence Square rules and regulations and places a member in default of the Occupancy Agreement.

Violation of these rules can result in a member's account being sent to the cooperative attorney for Termination of Right to Occupy; in other words, loss of membership.

Grounds Rules Keep Property Looking Good

Independence Square rules and regulations are designed to improve the appearance of the property and the safety and quality of life of all of us who live here.

Please help keep our community clutter-free and attractive. Here are some of the rules members have agreed to follow when they signed their occupancy agreements.

Planting: Planting that could cause structural problems or mowing problems will not be approved.

Vines: Vines will not be allowed on the buildings.

Flower beds: Flower beds in front or back yards shall be planted next to the buildings. They shall not extend beyond the stoop approximately fifty-six (56) inches.

They will be sloped away from the building to allow for drainage. Raised flower beds are not allowed.

Any type of edging used must allow for drainage and may not be taller than six (6) inches.

Yard ornaments: Yard ornaments are to be confined to the flower bed.

Fenced backyards: The member is responsible for fenced backyards. They are to be mowed and kept free of clutter.

Grass should not be more than six (6) inches tall.

If you receive notice from Maintenance to mow your yard, you will have forty-eight (48) hours to do so. If not done in this time period, Maintenance will mow your yard and a \$25 fee will be charged.

Bicycle, tricycles, Big Wheels and toys: When not in use, bicycles, tricycles, Big Wheels and such must be kept inside your unit or in the back yard next to the building.

Toys are to be stored inside the unit when not in use.

Clothes drying: Clotheslines may be installed in the basement.

You may install a rotary clothes-drying post in back yards only. No other type of outdoor clothesline is authorized.

When not in use, the rotary post must be stored in the unit.

Decks and Patios: Approved installation/alteration permit is required before any work begins.

Decks: Must not be attached to the townhouse nor obstruct utility meters or wiring. They can be no larger than 12 feet by 12 feet square and are allowed only in the backyard.

Members must understand that if emergency repairs by utility companies and/or maintenance are required, the members are responsible for any costs incurred in removing and/or replacing the deck.

Patios: Are confined to backyards and must be sloped away from the townhouse to allow drainage. No poured concrete and/or asphalt patios will be allowed.

Brick, stone or patio blocks may be used because they are removable in case utility companies and/or maintenance need to make emergency repairs.

Pools/Slip-N-Slides: No swimming or wading pools shall be allowed except plastic wading pools no larger than eight (8) feet in diameter and no more than 12 inches in depth.

Slip-N-Slides are not allowed.

Water Usage: Water is provided for normal use.

Summer water usage is limited to filling a wading pool not more than twelve (12) inches deep and watering grass, shrubs and flowers.

Wading pools can be set up only in a fenced backyard and cannot be left in place long enough to kill the grass.

Running a sprinkler for children to play in is prohibited. If water is allowed to run unattended or allowed to run into the street, the member will be charged \$10 for excessive usage.

Washing motor vehicles on cooperative property is prohibited.