

# The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City

offers a

**FREE** Wellness and Vaccine Clinic

for Dogs and Cats of Senior Citizens

Wednesday, May 15

at

5445 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, Kan. 66104

Please note: This is **free** and open to seniors in Independence, MO.  
Seniors who are pet owners and are at least 60 years old.

Please bring identification with proof of age.

Pets will receive **FREE**

Physical exams

Distemper vaccines

Rabies vaccines

Heartworm tests for dogs

Basic dewormer

One month of topical flea preventive

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Call for an appointment or more information:

913.596.1000

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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

## Denice Bartley, Bob Hopkins Are Good Neighbors For May

Recovering from back surgery has limited what Lisa Snead can do.

But her struggles have been eased with the help of her neighbors, Denice Bartley and Bob Hopkins.

"They do whatever I need help with," Lisa said. "They are nice, considerate neighbors."

In recognition of their kindness, Lisa has nominated Denice and Bob as the Good Neighbors of the Month for May.

They have carried in groceries, shoveled snow, cleaned off her ramp, helped with laundry, taken out the trash and assisted her with other chores and challenges, Lisa said.

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

Names of all our Good Neighbors are placed on the Good Neighbor Honor Roll and read aloud during our annual meeting in September.

The board of directors will recognize them at 6 p.m. during the open session of the May 21 board meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor of the Month award, Bob and Denice will receive a \$25 gift card.

## NEWSLETTER MINUTES

## Board Meeting April 19, 2013

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

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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 Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

The next board meeting is May 21.

Minutes of the March 19 board meeting were approved.



Ray Gamble, secretary-treasurer of the board of directors, presents Stephen Myers with a \$25 gift card for being the Good Neighbor of the Month for April. Stephen later won the door prize drawing, too.

## Open Session

Eleven members signed in: Helen McElfresh, Lindsay Torres, Michael Benz, Jean Hudgens, Lorie Marler, Joyce Laydam, Jessie Phillips, Kathleen Morton, Stephen Myers and Janet Myers.

Sheryl welcomed them and opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mike presented the maintenance superintendent's report. From March 19 to April 16, 98 work orders were called in and 88 completed. Replaced were one refrigerator, one bath floor and one water heater. Since the last meeting, there have been one move-in and one move-out.

Yard inspections began on April 15. Royal Lawn Service has begun mowing and will evaluate problem areas on the grounds.

Alexis gave the office updates. There have been 31 statements of charges due, two attorney referrals, 21 defaults, one animal violation and one vehicle violation.

Thirteen units are for sale. Three of these are not paying carrying charges. Two applications are pending.

Ray Gamble recognized Stephen Myers of 1336 as the Good

Neighbor of the Month for April. He received a \$25 gift card.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments. Speeding and trash were discussed.

Stephen Myers won a \$25 gift card in the door prize drawing.

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

## Dates to Remember

### May 2013

Carrying charges due: May 1

Recycled papers picked up: May 1

Carrying charges delinquent: May 10

Board meeting: May 21  
Open session: 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to the attorney: May 20

Memorial Day: May 27  
Office closed

### June 2013

Carrying charges due: June 1

Recycled papers picked up: June 5

Carrying charges delinquent: June 10

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

Accounts sent to the attorney: June 20

## Services for Hire

**Backyard Lawn Care**  
*Mowing, clearing debris,  
free gardening tips for customers*  
Call Michael Benz at 816.536.2995.

## Yard Debris Disposal

### Please dispose of yard debris near dumpsters

If you have begun spring cleaning outside, remember that maintenance will dispose of yard debris if you place it next to a dumpster.

Twigs, leaves and other trash from the grounds need to be bundled or bagged for disposal.

Maintenance has begun the annual yard inspections to make sure grounds are attractive, safe for members and guests and enhance the appearance of Independence Square.

## Yard Sale Slated for May 17 and 18

Look for bargains throughout the cooperative on Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18.

That's the date for the annual cooperative yard sale.

**Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**The rain date is May 24 and 25.**

## Pets in the Park

### Enjoy 'Pets in the Park' May 18 at Waterfall Park

Pet owners can get microchips for \$15 and rabies vaccinations for \$5 for dogs and cats during the annual "Pets in the Park" event on May 18.

The Independence Health Department will be offering the microchipping and vaccinating from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Waterfall Park, located at 4501 S. Bass Pro Drive in Independence.

A Pet Judging Contest for youth 12 years of age and younger will be held for pets in costume. Registration starts at 10 a.m. Contest categories include Pet with Best Trick, Most Unique Pet and Best Owner/Pet Look-Alike. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier.

The Pet Parade will begin after the judging and awards given at 11:30 a.m.

Participants in the Pet Parade are asked to bring a donation for the Animal Shelter, such as collars, treats, kitty litter, toys and other pet supplies.

Vendors will be available with various pet services, products and adoptions until 1 p.m.

For more information, call Independence Parks and Recreation at 816.325.7370 or the health department at 816.325.7182.

