



# NEWSLETTER

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## Board of Directors

Marilyn Porter  
*President*

Sheryl Frank  
*Vice President*

Ray Gamble  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

Bill Bailey

Ed Korte

## Handy Phone Numbers

Indep. Square Office  
 816-252-0444

Central Jackson County  
 Patrol  
 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

## MARY LOU HEMMY NAMED GOOD NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Mary Lou Hemmy is the Good Neighbor of the Month for November. Mary Lou was nominated by Marcus and Stefanie Ford for the patience she shows toward their children, the warmth of her greetings and the care she assumed for their flower bed.

“Over the summer, Mary Lou noticed that our family had been very busy and had no time to care for our beautiful flower bed,” Stefanie Ford said. “She took it upon herself to rescue our poor wilting plants.”

Mary Lou tended to the plants almost every day, Stefanie said. Thanks to Mary Lou’s attention, the plants are thriving and both families are enjoying a nice fall display.

Mary Lou moved to Independence Square from Wichita, Kan., in February.

“We quickly became friends with her and her doggy,” Stefanie said. “Mary Lou is always kind to us and understanding when it comes to living next door to small children.”

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 Mary Lou at 6 p.m. during the open session of the November 16 board meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor of the Month award, Mary Lou will receive a \$25 gift card.

## BOARD MEETING, October 19, 2010 NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Marilyn Porter, president, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Other board members present were Sheryl Frank, vice president; Ray Gamble, secretary-treasurer; Bill Bailey and Ed Korte. Also attending were Alexis Martin, site manager; Beth Webb, assistant manager; Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent; Lisa Gamble, controller for Linville Management Services, Inc.; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney.

The next board meeting will be November 16. Minutes of the August 17 and September 22 meetings were approved unanimously. Marilyn said she needed to leave at 6:30 p.m. and asked Sheryl to preside at that time.

The board approved an additional domain name for the cooperative’s Web site: [indep.squarecoop.com](http://indep.squarecoop.com).

### Open Session

The board reconvened downstairs for the open session of the board meeting. Marilyn called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Approximately 12 members were in attendance.

Mike gave the maintenance report. From September 15 to October 19, 142 work orders were called in and 125 were completed. Since the August meeting, there have been seven move-ins and two move-outs. Replaced during this time were two refrigerators, two ranges, one garbage disposal and one water heater. Construction on the interiors is 75 percent completed; construction on exterior shingles and guttering is 90 percent completed. Expected completion on the interiors is the second week in December; on the exterior, the first week in November. Next week, work will begin on the concrete and on the underground conduit to perimeter buildings.

Alexis gave the office updates. Seventeen units are for sale; 11 of these are vacant. There have been 18 statements of charges due, one attorney referral, 29 defaults and one vehicle violation.

Sheryl presented the Good Neighbor of the Month award to Bonnie Jones.

Marilyn opened the floor to member comments. The length of the open session and time allocated for individual members were discussed as were written acknowledgments of member letters, maintenance staffing and electricity rates.

Marilyn thanked members for attending and the open session ended at 6:36 p.m.

### Closed Session

Alexis was asked to have the board books ready and available for board members on the Friday before the Tuesday meeting. The board will discuss new occupancy, purchase and work order financial agreements at the November board meeting. Ed suggested that the rules handbook needs to be updated as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Members throughout Independence Square Townhouses, Inc., celebrated Halloween with creative decorations.



Sheryl Frank, member of the board of directors, recognizes Bonnie Jones as the Independence Square Good Neighbor of the Month for October. She was given a \$25 gift card.

# 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.

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## Winning Writers to Receive Awards at November Meeting

Four Independence Square youth wrote their way to winnings in a cooperative essay contest. The students described what they liked best about living in Independence Square.

Tying for first place in the 11 through 18 years of age category are Kendall and Joshua, both seventh-graders who live with Yudelka Roderiguez; placing first in the 6 through 10 years of age category is Edward Estepan, who is 7 years old; and first in the 5 and younger age group is Aidan Brush, who is 4 years old and home-schooled.

The writers expressed their appreciation for the cooperative's safe environment, the kindness of the office and maintenance staffs and the friends they have made here.

All four students will be recognized during the open session of the November 16 board meeting. The winners will receive \$10 McDonald's gift cards. Please join us in honoring the essayists and their sentiments about our cooperative.

## FOR SALE:

**Toshiba television  
32-inch flat screen  
with built-in DVD player  
and remote control.  
4 years old; slight pixel  
discoloration at the top  
of the screen.**

**\$125**

**816-252-2963**

## HOW TO TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY, PREVENTION

Children of all ages set more than 35,000 fires annually, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. More than \$200 million worth of property is destroyed in these fires and about 150 people die.

In an effort to prevent injuries, fatalities and property damage, the USFA urges parents to educate their children about the nature of fire: fire can be fast, hot, dark and deadly.

### Here are some tips:

- Keep matches and lighters in a secured drawer or cabinet.
- Encourage your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
- Develop a home fire escape plan.  
Practice it with your children and designate a meeting place outside.
- Supervise young children closely.
- Teach children that fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Show children how to stop, drop to the ground and roll if their clothes catch fire.
- Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out in the case of fire.
- Teach children not to hide from fire fighters.

For more information, go to [www.usfa.dha.gov](http://www.usfa.dha.gov), the Web site of the U.S. Fire Administration.

# NOVEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Carrying Charges Due	2	3 Recycled Papers Picked Up	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 \$50 Late Fee Added	11	12	13
14	15	16 Board Meeting Open Session at 6 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22 Delinquent Accounts to Attorney	23	24	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28	29	30				