

If given the chance, I will not disappoint you. I will serve you well.

I would greatly appreciate your support in the upcoming election in September.

Thank you very much,

Sheryl Frank

## Reminders

School has started.

Please watch for children getting on and off the buses.

The 44th Annual Santa-Cali-Gon Days Festival is September 2 through 5 on the square. Remember the traffic and allow extra time for your travels.

## Got a good neighbor? Tell us who . . .

Independence Square is full of unsung heroes.

They may be the neighbor who brings you a meal when you're sick or who gives you a ride to the grocery store when your car is in the shop or who takes care of your cat when you're away.

They may be the neighbor who volunteers to serve on committees or who organizes activities. You may have seen a neighbor picking up litter in your neighborhood.

Whatever the act of kindness, Independence Square is a better place to live because of these unsung heroes.

And now, we want you to help us recognize them with the Independence Square Good Neighbor honor.

Please tell us about your neighbor by filling in the form and turning it in to the office.

The kindness can be a one-time act or it can be something done on a regular basis.

The act of kindness can benefit just one person, a neighborhood or the entire cooperative.

One Good Neighbor will be recognized every month and will receive a \$25 gift card.

Nominees must be members in good standing.

All information will be verified.

The Good Neighbor recognition program will continue throughout the year. When you're touched by another's kindness, please nominate that person.

### Good Neighbor Nomination

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

(Please give full name of neighbor your are nominating.)

Neighbor's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighbor's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please understand that phone numbers are necessary so we can talk with both the nominator and the nominee to verify all information. Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.***

Explain why you are nominating this person.  
What has she or he done to be a good neighbor?

\_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your neighbor:  
Why does or did your neighbor do this?

\_\_\_\_\_

In what way does this act of kindness help you or others?

\_\_\_\_\_

How long has he or she lived in Independence Square?

Optional:  
Other members of the household?

Occupation?

Any other information you'd like share?

\_\_\_\_\_

***For Office Use Only***  
***Is the nominee a member in good standing?***  
\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sheryl Frank  
*president*

William Bather  
*vice president*

Mike Gamble  
*secretary-treasurer*

Ed Korte

Ray Gamble

#### 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

## NEWSLETTER MINUTES

July 19, 2016  
Board Meeting

**Board members present:** Sheryl Frank, president; Ed Korte and Ray Gamble. Bill Bather, vice president, joined the meeting at 6 p.m. Mike Gamble, secretary-treasurer, joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.  
**Staff present:** Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; and Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent  
**Also attending:** Melva Linville, property manager, and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

Sheryl called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Minutes of the June 21 board meeting were approved.

### Open Session

Five members signed in for the open session. Sheryl welcomed them and called the session to order at 6 p.m.

Mike gave the maintenance superintendent's report.

Maintenance continues to work on the grounds. Another unit was treated for bed bugs. Two roofs were repaired, on buildings #2 and #5.

Replaced since July 19 have been two garbage disposals, one refrigerator, one range, one kitchen faucet, one kitchen floor, two bath floors and one water heater.

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

Of 110 work orders called in, 97 have been finished.

Alexis presented the office report.

Two memberships are for sale. There have been one move-in and nine move-ins scheduled.

Two resumes have been submitted for the four positions open on the board. The annual meeting



*Ray Gamble, board member, awards the door prize to Judy Henthorn whose name was drawn during the open session of the July meeting.*

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will be September 21. Sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Melva presented the managing agent's report.

Five applications were approved. Linville Management processed \$110,288.03 in accounts payable for the month of June. Financials were mailed to the board on July 7.

Sheryl opened the meeting to member comments.

Judy Henthorn won the door prize drawing.

The open session ended at 6:15 p.m.

## Applications accepted for board of directors

Members of Independence Square will vote to fill four 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 21st.

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.

## Doggie waste disposal bags are not toys

Conscientious pet owners who clean up after their pets help keep the grounds neat and clean for everyone to enjoy.

Many pet owners use bags from the disposal stations on the property to remove the pet waste.

Unfortunately, children have been reported to be using the doggie disposal bags as toys.

The bags cost 23 cents a piece. They are provided as a courtesy to all members to help pet owners clean up after their dogs. Pet owners are encouraged to help keep the

cooperative's costs down by using plastic shopping bags when they can.

The cooperative is spending more now to refill the disposal stations on our property because children are taking the bags to play with.

When stations are left empty because the bags have been taken as toys, it costs the cooperative in replacement expenses.

## Remember to mow fenced back yards

Members are responsible for mowing fenced backyards.

Grass must be no higher than eight 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 will be charged.

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 for the service.

## Standing water breeds mosquitoes

Members with wading pools for children are reminded to empty their pools daily.

Pet owners who leave bowls of drinking water outdoors for their dogs are also asked to provide fresh water daily.

Standing water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes and the diseases they can spread.

## Available at the office free to members

### Bed bug monitors

These early-detection devices are designed to be placed under mattresses and other bed bug spots. The bugs are trapped in adhesive and easily detected through a clear window.

If you suspect you have bed bugs, call the office. Please do not come in to make a report.

We can deliver the bed bug monitors to you.

### Light bulbs

Light bulbs are provided for front and back porch light fixtures in an effort to encourage members to leave these lights on at night for security purposes.

### Yard waste bags

Trash bags only for leaf clean-ups are provided to members.

## Dates to Remember

### August 2016

Carrying charges due: August 1

Recycled papers picked up: August 3

Carrying charges delinquent: August 10

Board meeting: August 16  
Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: August 22

### September 2016

Carrying charges due: September 1

Labor Day observed: September 5  
Office closed

Recycled papers picked up: September 7

Carrying charges delinquent: September 10

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: September 20

Annual meeting: September 21  
Sign-in at 6:30 p.m.

### ***Please note:***

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

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

## Running for the board

My name is Judy Henthorn and I'm hoping to have your support in running for a seat on the board here at Independence Square Townhouses. You may have seen me walking my white dog, Pete, all around the property almost any time of day.

Prior to retirement in 2007, I worked for more than 20 years in the material handling industry. Starting as a support representative, then inside sales, sales supervisor and ultimately general manager at Arrow Forklift in Kansas City.

Currently I volunteer weekly at Centerpoint Hospital and serve as a supervising judge for Eastern Jackson County during elections.

My husband and I moved here in June of 2013. He was in the final stage of terminal cancer and after much looking, we felt Independence Square Townhouses was the ideal place for us. Everyone here from maintenance, management and neighbors proved this was the right decision.

Now I feel it's time to give back and help keep Independence Square Townhouses a beautiful, affordable and secure place to live. I will appreciate your vote in September.

Thank you,

Judith Henthorn

## Running for Re-election

Hello, my name is Sheryl Frank.

I have lived at Independence Square Townhouses for more than 28 years and wouldn't change a thing. I love living here. Most of you have probably seen me walking my little black-and-white dogs, Cassy and Angel, around the townhouses every day.

I have 38 years of experience in public relations and I have owned my own vending business in the past. I have been volunteering at Great Plains SPCA for the past four years. I am retired; so, I will have plenty of time to devote to Independence Square Townhouses.

For the past seven years, I have been a board member of Independence Square Townhouses and am currently serving as the president of the board of directors. I have chaired and served on various committees in the past 19 years. During this time, I have taken several training courses from the Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives (MAHC). I am also classified as a Certified Cooperative Director.

I do care about the community I live in and I will work hard to keep Independence Square Townhouses an affordable and enjoyable place to live. I feel that we need representation from various age groups to get different points of view and new ideas so that the board can work together as a whole to meet the needs of our members.

I am a candidate for the board of directors of Independence Square Townhouses. I would like the opportunity to continue to serve on the board for the next three years. I would like to be a part of making our community the best that it can be.

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