

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.

## Available at the office free to members

### Yard waste bags

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

### Pre-bagged ice melt

Stay safe this winter -- scatter some ice melt on sidewalks, stoops and steps.

### Furnace filters

Change filters regularly to keep your furnace heating efficiently.

### Smoke detector batteries

When you change your clocks, change your batteries, too.

### 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 appliances, front and back porch light fixtures in an effort to encourage members to leave these lights on at night for security purposes.

## Good Neighbor Honor Roll October 2015 - September 2016

### 2015

**November 2015:** Abigail Perez

### 2016

**January:** Judy Henthorn

**March:** Logan Rogers

These are the members who have been named Good Neighbors of the Month.

They were nominated because they exemplify the Independence Square spirit of cooperation through their thoughtful acts to help others.

Good Neighbors are recognized at monthly board meetings and given a \$25 gift card.

## By the Numbers: September of 2015 to September of 2016

### Office

48 applications processed

37 move-ins

### Maintenance

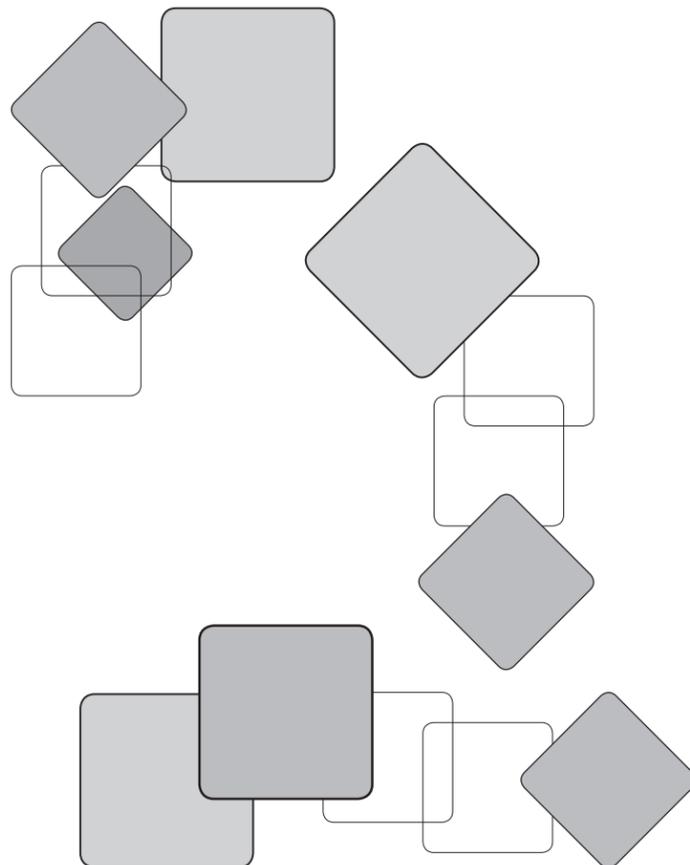
37 rehabs

### Installed:

12 stoves, 10 refrigerators, 10 hot water tanks,  
4 bathroom floors and 3 kitchen floors.

### Repaired:

several roofs and basements



OCTOBER

Around  
the SQUARE

2016

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sheryl Frank  
*president*

William Bather  
*vice president*

Mike Gamble  
*secretary-treasurer*

Ray Gamble

Judy Henthorn

### 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

Great Plains SPCA  
21001 E. Highway 78  
Independence  
913.808.3372  
Hours:  
Noon to 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. - Sun.

Citizens Information Center  
816.325.7000

## Directors Elected at Annual Meeting

Members of Independence Square Townhouses, Inc., elected four to the board of directors at the annual meeting on September 21.

Elected were Sheryl Frank, Mike Gamble, Ray Gamble and Judy Henthorn.

The board then agreed to retain current officers: Sheryl Frank, president; William Bather, vice president; and Mike Gamble, secretary-treasurer.

Length of term was determined by a drawing. Judy drew a three-year term; Sheryl and Ray, two-year terms; and Mike, a one-year term.

## NEWSLETTER MINUTES September 21, 2016 Board Meeting

**Board members present:** Sheryl Frank, president; Bill Bather, vice president; Mike Gamble, secretary-treasurer; and Ray Gamble

**Board member absent:** Ed Korte

**Staff present:** Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; and Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent

**Also attending:** Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney; and Melva Linville, property manager, and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

Sheryl Frank, president, confirmed with Alexis Martin, on-site manager, that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

### Open Session

Sheryl welcomed members and thanked them for attending. She referred to the official notice of the Annual Membership Meeting mailed on September 9 to all members as proof of notice of the meeting.

Ray read aloud the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2015. The minutes were approved as read.

Alexis gave the manager's report. In the past year, the office processed

48 applications and had 37 move-ins. Currently, three memberships are for sale.

The annual yard sale is on October 1. The rain date is October 8.

Mike presented the annual maintenance report. The cooperative completed 37 rehabs in the last year. Installed were 12 stoves, 10 refrigerators, 10 hot water tanks, three kitchen floors and four bath floors.

Several roofs and basements were repaired and trees removed from the property.

The parking lots were restriped and numbered.

This year, concrete replacement will be done at different areas in the complex.

Melva presented the managing agent's report. She distributed financial information to members and discussed a pie chart showing the breakdown of how carrying charges are spent. The cooperative's assets are \$7,534,009; the reserves are \$431,507.

Sheryl asked for three volunteers to serve as inspectors of election. Summer Armilio, Michelle Childers and Andria Knapp volunteered.

Sheryl announced that there were four positions open on the board of directors: a three-year term, two two-year terms and a one-year term. Sheryl Frank, Ray Gamble and Judy Henthorn have submitted applications.

Sheryl asked for nominations from the floor. Mike Gamble was nominated. There were no more nominations from the floor and a motion to close the nominations was made and carried.

Sheryl Frank, Ray Gamble, Judy Henthorn and Mike Gamble were elected by acclamation.

Sheryl read the Good Neighbor of the Month Honor Roll: Abigail Perez in November of 2015, Judy Henthorn in January of 2016 and Logan Rogers in March of 2016.

Door prize drawings were held. Dale Vaughn won a month's free carrying charges. Bobbie Wensell won second prize of \$50 and Steve Yutzy, third prize of \$25.

## Closed Session

The four members elected to the board drew for their length of term. Judy drew a three-year term; Sheryl and Ray, two-year terms; and Mike, a one-year term.

The board discussed officer positions and agreed that the current office-holders would continue serving in their respective positions.

The board moved into executive session. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

## Members receive \$200 referral bonuses

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

We thank our 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.

## Food by dumpsters attracts rodents, raccoons

The Trash Fairy doesn't live here. But raccoons do.

If you leave garbage piled around the dumpsters, it won't magically disappear.

Those steak bones, candy wrappers, soft drink cans, coffee grounds and banana peels will end scattered all over the grounds by critters scavenging for food. These critters not only spread trash -- they also spread disease, such as roundworms.

Members have reported seeing raccoons by the dumpsters.

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.

On the other hand, people sometimes think they are helping out furred and feathered creatures when they throw scraps of food out for them.

In actuality this is not the case.

When there is a steady, free food supply for these animals, there is no need for wildlife to look elsewhere for food and a place to live.

Raccoons and rodents of every type are drawn to garbage in dumpsters, seeds spilled from neglected bird feeders and other food left outside.

The damage and unsanitary conditions that result from feeding the animals birds cost Independence Square a significant amount of dollars every year.

Please help us keep Independence Square looking as good as it does by not feeding the wild animals.

## Rules for Holiday Lights and Decorations

1. Only small bulb, exterior, fused, UL-approved holiday lights may be installed.
2. Holiday lights may be attached on the lower eave with clips approved by the maintenance department. Do not attach to shingles or other areas.
3. Outside lights must have no more than three 100-bulb strings attached together and where plugged together, they must be taped with electrical tape to keep out moisture.
4. Holiday lights and yard decorations can be installed 30 days before a holiday and must be removed within two weeks after the holiday.
5. Holiday lights must be plugged into the outdoor porch light fixture.
6. Members are prohibited from climbing onto roofs.

## Daylight Saving Time Ends on Nov. 6

It's that time of year again.

You'll gain an hour on Sunday, Nov. 6.

That's when Daylight Saving Time ends. So, set your clocks back one hour.

For example, if you get up at 6 a.m. on Sunday, move the time back to 5 a.m.

## Dates to Remember

### October 2016

Carrying charges due: October 1

Recycled papers picked up: October 4

Carrying charges delinquent: October 10

Board meeting: October 18  
Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: October 20

### November 2016

Carrying charges due: November 1

Recycled papers picked up: November 2

Carrying charges delinquent: November 10

Board meeting: November 15  
Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: November 22

Thanksgiving observed: November 24 and 25  
Office closed

### ***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.*

## 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.

*Continued on next page.*