

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

**DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS
AWARDED AT OPEN SESSIONS**

Michael Riley left the open session of the March board meeting \$25 richer.

Ed Korte, board member, awarded Michael a \$25 gift card after Michael's name was drawn as the winner of the door prize.

All members who attend the open session are eligible for the door prize drawing.

The winning member's ticket will be drawn at the end of the open session -- and you must be present to win.

All open sessions start at 6 p.m.

In addition to a chance to win a door prize, attending open sessions of the monthly board meetings is a good way to stay informed about activities at the cooperative.

**MEMBERS RECEIVE
\$200 REFERRAL BONUSES**

Members of Independence Square Townhouses continue to receive \$200 checks as referral bonuses.

At the March board meeting, Catherine DeLong and Jonathon Brush were recognized for referring new members to the cooperative.

We thank members like Catherine and Jonathon for their vote of confidence in our cooperative and for helping us attract qualifying new members.

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Board Meeting March 20, 2012

Marilyn Porter, president, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Other board members present were Sheryl Frank, vice president; 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; Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, and Betsy Kilker, administrative assistant, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

Minutes of the February 21 board meeting were approved. The next board meeting is April 17.

The board agreed to a budget planning meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 27, at the Linville Management office.

Open Session

Twelve members signed in for the open session at 6 p.m. They were Phyllis Cannon, Joy Layton, Cheryl Cooper, Bonnie Corbett, Abby Dolman, Bea Parks, Jessie Phillips, John Heaton, Janet Fairbanks, Michael Riley, Jean Hudgens and Chelle Marler.

Marilyn welcomed them and called the meeting to order.

Independence police officer John Syme gave an overview of a neighborhood watch, an organized volunteer crime-prevention program of citizens' observing and reporting suspicious behavior.

Marilyn announced recipients of the \$200 referral bonuses: Catherine DeLong and Jonathon Brush.

Mike gave the maintenance report. From February 21 through March 20, 110 work orders were called in and 98 completed. Replaced were two water heaters, one range, one garbage disposal, one countertop, one kitchen faucet and one sink. There has been one move-in since the last meeting.

Grounds clean-up will continue through the month of March. Spring fertilizer will be applied next week and yard inspections are under way.

Alexis gave the office updates. There have been 17 statements of charges due, three attorney referrals, 21 defaults and two vehicle violations.

Thirteen units are for sale. One unit is currently not paying carrying charges but is sold.

Marilyn opened the floor to member comments. A more comprehensive PowerPoint presentation about the neighborhood watch program will be presented to members at a separate meeting. Fliers will be distributed when the time and date are set. A representative from the security patrol will be asked to attend.

Michael Riley won the door prize drawing of a \$25 gift card.

Marilyn thanked members for attending and the open session ended at 7 p.m.

Closed Session

The board reviewed rules concerning locks on interior doors. Mike was asked to choose a style of knob lock with a push button or a turn knob and keep a supply on hand for members to purchase from maintenance. For a fee, maintenance will also install the locks.

The board voted unanimously to revise the rule to allow appropriate interior locks that comply with maintenance specifications and availability from the maintenance department.

Use of the downstairs meeting room for a teen night was discussed. Alexis was asked to have the issue added to the agenda for the neighborhood watch informational meeting and solicit members' expectations for the night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Cooperative youth reminded to observe curfew rules

Curfews apply to youth living in the cooperative.

The City of Independence ordinance requires that children younger than 16 years of age be in by 10:30 p.m. during the week and by 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Independence Square Townhouses rules prohibit children from loitering upon the streets, walkways or common areas between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. during the week and between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. An exception applies to youth accompanied by a parent.

Tips to keep you safe, your property secure

Central Jackson County Patrol offers these tips to help keep Independence Square members and guests safe.

When you're outside

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- While jogging, walking your dog or entering or leaving your car, be observant.

In your car

- Make sure you lock your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while letting it warm up or while you run back inside your home to grab something you forgot. It takes less than three seconds for someone to take your vehicle.
- Never leave valuables such as money, CDs and laptops inside your vehicle in plain sight. If you have a detachable-face CD player, take the face plate off. It takes a thief less than 10 seconds to break a window, remove the radio and be gone.

When you're at home

- If you buy a new television set, break down the box before taking it to the dumpster. That way, no one knows you have the new TV. You never know who is watching you.
- If any resident is going on a trip and wants the patrol to check on your unit throughout the night, please call us **816.645.3001**.

Officers patrol the property randomly between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. You may not be able to identify them as Central Jackson County Patrol because some nights they drive unmarked vehicles.

If you have an emergency, always call 9-1-1.

~ Prepared by Central Jackson County Patrol

Palmer Center Programs to Enjoy

The Palmer Center in Independence is offering some new programs for seniors.

Mondays @ 12:30 p.m. Bare Bones Art. Bring your own art or craft project to work on in a positive, encouraging environment with others. Starts April 9.

Mondays @ 1 p.m. TRX Essentials Flexibility Class. Improve posture, increase range of motion and build greater stability from head to toe. This class uses a suspension system anchored to the wall - designed for those who are fairly active and fit. \$3 each class, takes place at the Truman Memorial Building across the street from Palmer.

Wednesdays @ 2 p.m. Learn to Belly Dance. Dance barefoot or bring ballet slippers and a scarf to tie around your waist. \$1 each class. Starts April 11. See attached flyer.

Fridays @ 10:15 a.m. Crochet 101. Learn some basic crochet stitches - pursue a new hobby with friends.

SOME SPECIAL EVENTS:

April 12 - Red Hat Tea Party

April 20 - Planning for the Golden Years, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Free refreshments, door prizes, speakers on: Legal planning, funeral preparations, home care services, senior communities and hospice. Free, but please register by calling 325-6200.

April 24 - Line Dance Showcase

For more information:

The Palmer Center & Senior Adult Services
Parks & Recreation Department
City of Independence, MO
218-A North Pleasant Street
Independence, MO 64050
Office: 816-325-7369
Website: www.indepmo.org/parksandrec



DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

Carrying charges due:

April 1

Recycled papers picked up:

April 4

Carrying charges delinquent:

April 10

Board meeting:

April 17

Open session at 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to attorney:

April 20

MAY

Carrying charges due:

May 1

Recycled papers picked up:

May 2

Carrying charges delinquent:

May 10

Board meeting:

May 15

Open session at 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to attorney:

May 21

Office closed:

May 28, Memorial Day

New look, new printer for newsletter

You may have noticed a new look to the newsletter.

We're pleased to announce that "Around the Square" has a new printer -- Z3Graphix.



Z3Graphix is a locally owned Kansas City-based company that has achieved growth by partnering with customers to deliver solution-based products and services.

Founded by an acquisition in 2001, the name "Z3" was chosen because "Z" represents the zenith or the ultimate in technology and "3" stands for design, print and mail. Z3 bundles all services together at one site to manage a client's marketing process.

Z3 was chosen by the board based on the company's reputation for quality design and prompt turnaround.

Cooperative courtesy makes spring safer for all

*Summer is in the air
and Independence Square members are everywhere.*

*Some drive Fords
and some ride boards.*

*Some grab bikes and pedal away.
Others head outside to hang out or play.
As we all enjoy the warmer weather
a few simple courtesies will make life better.*

*Motorists, please drive slow
and look out for little ones wherever you go.
Parents, please keep track of children and toys.
And show our youth how to be polite and poised.*

*Skateboarders, please take your ramps down when you are done
and remember that sidewalks and streets belong to everyone.
Whether you're young or old, we can all agree,
Let's keep Independence Square as safe as can be.*

Parents: Please watch your children. Bicyclists have been seen riding in the cul-de-sacs and not watching for cars coming in and leaving.