

Candidate resumes to be published in newsletter

Resumes of candidates for the board of directors will be published in the September newsletter.

Here is an easy format to help you organize your information.

Most of the categories are optional. You may choose to write in complete sentences or use only bullet points.

Name:

Cooperative experience:

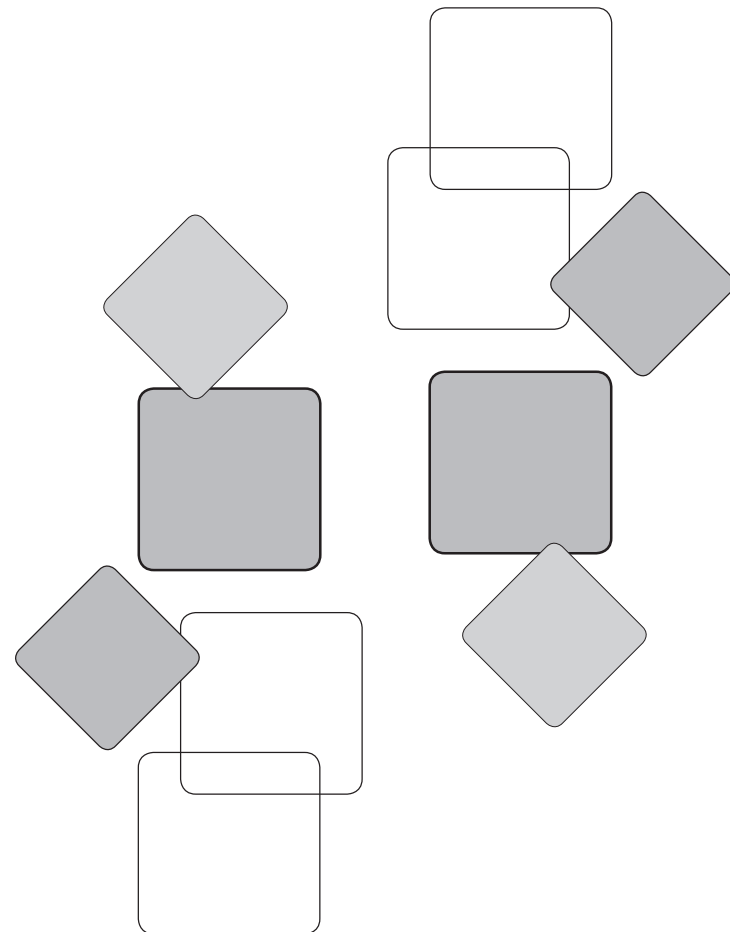
Qualifications:

Family:

Work history:

Education:

"I want to serve on the board of directors because:"



Dates to Remember

August 2015

Carrying charges due: August 1

Recycled papers picked up: August 5

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

Carrying charges sent to attorney: August 20

September 2015

Carrying charges due: September 1

Recycled papers picked up: September 2

Labor Day observed: September 7
Office closed

Annual meeting: September 16
Sign in: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting: 7 p.m.

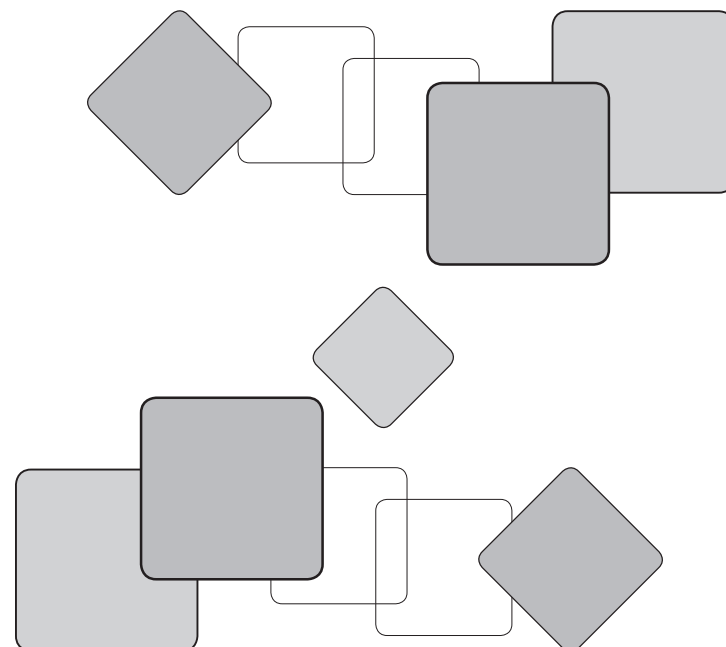
Carrying charges sent to attorney: September 21

Please note:

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

The August issue, for example, includes both August and September calendar dates as well as events.

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.



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2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Korte
president

Sheryl Frank
vice president

Mike Gamble
secretary-treasurer

William Bather

Debbie Malone

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 21, 2015

Board Meeting

Board members present: Ed Korte, president; Sheryl Frank, vice president; Debbie Malone and Bill Bather

Board members absent: Mike Gamble, secretary-treasurer

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

Also attending: Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney; and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, and Betsy Kilker, administrative assistant, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

Ed called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

The next meeting is August 18.

Minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved.

Open Session

Nine members signed in. Ed welcomed them and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Alexis gave the office report.

Thirteen units are for sale. Since the last meeting, there have been five move-ins and four intents to vacate. Three move-ins are scheduled and there is one application appointment.

The fall yard sale is scheduled for Sept. 18 and 19 with rain dates of Sept. 25 and 26.

Mike gave the maintenance superintendent's report.

Several foundations have been repaired and more will be scheduled. Storms damaged the roof of Building 8 and left branches and debris throughout the property. A member's vehicle was damaged by a tree limb.

Three trees need to be removed.



Martha Ramcke, assistant office manager, awards the July door prize to Judy Henthorn.

Replacements from June 16 to July 21 were two refrigerators, one range, one garbage disposal, one kitchen faucet, one kitchen floor, one bath floor and one bath sink.

There have been five move-ins since the last meeting and four move-outs.

Of 110 work orders called in, 92 have been completed.

The maintenance crew is short one technician who is on medical leave now.

Three members were recognized with referral bonuses of \$200: Mary Jane Hart, Jamie Capps and Rebecca Cabigting.

Judy Henthorn won the door prize drawing.

Ed opened the floor to member comments.

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

Annual meeting September 16

Members of Independence Square will vote to fill 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 16th.

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 newsletter.

Running for re-election: Sheryl Frank

Hello, my name is Sheryl Frank. I have lived at Independence Square Townhouses for over 27 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 37 years experience working 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 three years and I am retired; so, I will have plenty of time to devote to Independence Square Townhouses.

I have been a board member of Independence Square Townhouses for the past six years. I am currently serving as vice president of the board of directors. I have chaired and served on various committees off and on over 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. If given the chance, I will not disappoint you: I will serve you well.

I would greatly appreciate your support in the upcoming election.

Thank you very much,

Sheryl Frank

Jessie Phillips Named August Good Neighbor

Jessie Phillips is the Good Neighbor of the Month for August.

Jessie was nominated for the award by her neighbor and good friend, Bea Parks.

Bea was hospitalized and Jessie, worried that Bea would fall when she returned home, arranged a surprise for Bea: a full-length bannister on the staircase in Bea's unit.

"It's a lot easier to get up and down the stairs now," Bea said.

Bea also appreciates Jessie's gardening skills.

When Bea complained about an errant tree growing up in the middle of her bleeding heart flower garden, Jessie surprised her again.

"Two days later, the tree was gone," Bea said.

Jessie admits to being handy with her lopping shears and sharing an interest in flower and vegetable gardening with her neighbor.

This is the second time Jessie has received the Good Neighbor award. She was a recipient in 2011, too.

Our 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 will honor Jessie during the open session of our next meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18.

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

Congratulations and thank you, Jessie, for the care and kindness you have shown to your neighbors, our members and our community.

Members receive \$200 referral bonuses

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

Rebecca Cabigting, Jamie Capps and Mary Jane Hart were recognized with \$200 referral bonuses at the July meeting.

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.

Running for re-election: Ed Korte

I am seeking another term as a member of the board of directors of Independence Square Townhouses, Inc., because I want to help keep this housing cooperative

prosperous while providing a safe and well-maintained place for members to live.

I am asking for your vote during the Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 16.

I have served on the board since 2009 and currently serve as president of the board. My attendance record has been excellent. I am also chairman and photographer for our "Around the Square" monthly newsletter.

In April of 2010 and in June of 2014, I was chosen as a Good Neighbor of the Month.

During the six years that I have served, I have worked with the other board members

- to support our affordable housing mission at all levels
- to encourage member participation in cooperative activities and open sessions of board meetings
- to obtain refinancing for repairs and upgrades to Independence Square Townhouses
- to approve renovations that improved individuals units of all members and the entire property.

I am retired and have the time and interest to give board responsibilities the attention they deserve and to give all decisions affecting the cooperative thoughtful consideration.

Your vote is important to me. Please attend the annual meeting and re-elect me to another term.

For Sale

**Four 15-inch aluminum wheel rims
\$150 for all 4
Or best offer.
Call 816-698-6581.**

Fall Garage Sale

**Sept. 18 and 19
Friday and Saturday
at
Independence Square Townhouses, Inc.**

Rain dates are Sept. 25 and 26

