

To keep the cooperative safe for all of us, report your concerns to the police.

You also can call Signal 88's Alarm Response Line, 816.868.4114, during the evening hours when they patrol the cooperative.

Signal 88's flagship service, the Roving Vehicle Patrol, provides one of the strongest visual deterrents available in the security industry today. The company's SUV-style vehicles with LED lighting and WiFi communication technology offer maximum criminal deterrent, immediate reporting capabilities and the ability to respond to a crisis at a moment's notice.

Security patrol officers respond to all calls and file reports. The nightly reports are turned in to the Independence Square office the next day.

Having this kind of documentation keeps management and the board aware of incidents and helps determine whether additional action is necessary.

Cooperative offers monthly pick-up service for recycled papers

On the first Wednesday of every month, maintenance will pick up papers from members for the Abitibi Paper Retriever bin.

Members need to bind or bag newspapers, magazines and other papers for recycling and place the bundles on their porches by 10 a.m.

This is a monthly service the cooperative is offering members who want to participate in the recycling effort. Abitibi pays nonprofits for their recycled papers. With enough participation from cooperative members, recycling could generate some income for Independence Square.

At any time, members themselves may place their papers for recycling in the Abitibi bin in the office parking lot.

Reminder about Holiday Lights and Decorations

Christmas lights must be removed by February 1; or maintenance will remove the lights at the member's expense

with no responsibility for the condition of the lights after removal.

At other times of the year, holiday lighting can be installed three (3) days prior to the holiday and removed no later than three (3) days after the holiday. Yard rules are to be observed at all times.

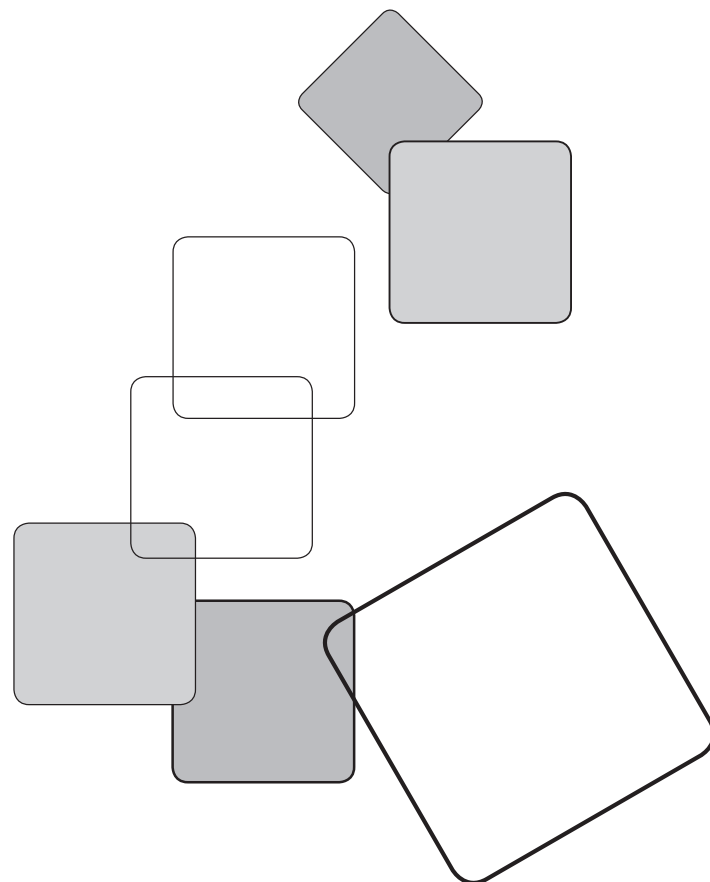
Board meetings for 2014

Here are the 2014 board meeting dates.

All meetings except the annual meeting are on the third Tuesday of the month. The annual meeting is on the third Wednesday of September.

Jan. 21, 2014
Feb. 18
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15
Aug. 19
Sept. 17 -- Annual meeting
Oct. 21
Nov. 18

The open session is at 6 p.m. Please join us.



JANUARY

Around
the SQUARE

2014

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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president

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HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Independence Square
Townhouses office
816.252.0444

Signal 88 Security of
Jackson County, Missouri
816.868.4115

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

Help Acknowledge Neighborliness of Members

Since the Good Neighbor of the Month award was started in April of 2010, 24 members have been nominated by their neighbors and recognized at our monthly board meetings.

Independence Square is a better place to live because of these members.

And now, we want you to help us recognize others 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 Form
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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**

Dates to Remember

January 2014

Carrying charges due: January 1

New Year's Day observed: January 1
Office closed

Recycled papers picked up: January 8

Carrying charges delinquent: January 10

Martin Luther King Day observed: January 20
Office closed

Board meeting: January 21
Open session at 6 p.m.

Carrying charges sent to the attorney: January 21

February 2014

Carrying charges due: February 1

Recycled papers picked up: February 5

Carrying charges delinquent: February 10

Presidents Day observed: February 17
Office closed

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

Carrying charges sent to the attorney: February 20

Please note:

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

The December issue, for example, includes both December and January calendar dates as well as events.

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.

Please clean up after your pet

Whether rain, snow, sleet or hail, pet owners are expected to clean up after their pets in all weather.

Those who fail to do so are sent a notice and given 24 hours to clean up.

Pet waste is considered unsanitary and annoying to members of all ages who enjoy our grounds. A recent U.S. Geological Survey study of streams and creeks in the Kansas City region showed that bacteria from pet waste is the source of about 25 percent of the bacteria in local waterways.

When pet waste is disposed of improperly, water quality isn't the only thing that suffer your health may be at risk, too. Adults working in their gardens, children playing outside and family pets are at risk for infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.

Complying with Independence Square pet waste rules is easy and no more costly than a plastic bag. Not complying, however, can get expensive.

If pet owners don't comply, maintenance then is dispatched to clean up and members are charged \$25.

Keep surfaces slip-free with ice melt granules

Members are reminded that bags of ice melt are available free from the office for use on townhouse sidewalks, steps, stoops and other surfaces.

Better a chilly ride than no ride at all

It takes just a few minutes to warm up a car . . . and even less time to steal one.

Cars were stolen from the property last winter when the owners started them and left the motor running and the cars unattended and unlocked. Citywide, cold weather auto thefts have increased dramatically.

Even though going to work in a cold car is uncomfortable, having your car stolen is even more bothersome. If you are going to warm up your car before leaving, consider having

a spare set of car keys so you can lock it up when you go back inside.

Then, watch the car from a window or door while it is warming up.

Dumpsters for Trash of Cooperative Members Only

Evidence strongly suggests that some of the trash in Independence Square dumpsters comes from companies and individuals who are not members of the cooperative.

This is illegal.

If you believe a motorist who is throwing trash into a dumpster is not a member of Independence Square, please get a license tag number and turn the number into the office.

Illegal dumping makes extra work for our maintenance staff and fills up dumpster space intended for use by members.

Please register pets, vehicles

Pet and vehicle permits are now due.

If you have not registered these with the office, please do so. The deadline is February 28.

Pet registration requires a copy of the certificate verifying vaccinations are current.

Failure to comply may place your Occupancy Agreement in jeopardy.

Members Asked to Report Suspicious Activities

Whenever you see suspicious activities or persons on Independence Square property, please call the Independence Police Department at 911.

Responding to and investigating all citizen concerns are what the police do. You can help prevent crime by being alert to strangers on the property and questionable behavior.

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