

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

You also can call Central Jackson County Patrol during the evening hours when they patrol the cooperative. The patrol's phone number is 816-645-3001.

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.

Free Children's Clothing Exchange

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
July 28

Beacon Heights Community of Christ
19402 E. Holke Road

For students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Bring your outgrown, clean children's clothing, shoes and coats in good condition. Take home clothing your students can wear to school.

www.beaconheights.org
Questions? Call 816.682.9038.

Dates to Remember

July

Carrying charges due: July 1

Office closed: July 4
Independence Day

Carrying charges delinquent: July 10

Recycled papers picked up: July 11

Board meeting: July 17
Open session at 6 p.m.

Accounts sent to attorney: July 23

August

Carrying charges due: August 1

Recycled papers picked up: August 1

Carrying charges delinquent: August 10

Accounts sent to attorney: August 20

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

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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



Bea Parks accepts a \$25 gift card from Martha Ramcke, assistant on-site manager for Independence Square Townhouses, Inc.

Bea was the winner in the door prize drawing held at the end of the open session of the June 19 board meeting.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of Independence Square will vote to fill positions on the board of directors at this year's annual meeting.

Members in good standing who care about our community are encouraged to run for office. Resumes of candidates will be printed in the August and September newsletters.

The annual meeting will be held on the third Wednesday in September, the 19th.

MEMBERS RECEIVE \$200 REFERRAL BONUSES

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

Cesar Dominguez was recognized for a referral at the June 19 board meeting.

We thank Cesar and other referring 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.

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

**Board Meeting
June 19, 2012**

Marilyn Porter, president, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Other board members present were Sheryl Frank, vice president; Ray Gamble, secretary-treasurer; and Ed Korte.

Also attending were Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent; Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney; and Melva Linville, property manager, and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

Minutes of the May 15 board meeting were approved.

Open Session

Four members signed in for the open session at 6 p.m. They were Bea Parks, Jessie Phillips, Lorie Marler and Jean Hudgens. Marilyn welcomed them and called the meeting to order.

Mike presented the maintenance report. From May 15 to June 19, 106 work orders were called in and 96 completed. Replaced were three water heaters, a kitchen faucet and a refrigerator.

There have been four move-outs and one move-in.

Yard inspections are continuing. The fence that was vandalized has been repaired. On June 25, maintenance will be cleaning the outside of the air conditioning units throughout the property.

Alexis gave the office updates. There have been 31 statements of charges due, two attorney referrals, 22 defaults, one animal violation and three vehicle violations.

Nineteen units are for sale. Four of these are not paying carrying charges. Four applications are pending and one has been approved.

Marilyn announced the recipient of a \$200 referral bonus: Cesar Dominguez.

Marilyn opened the floor to member comments.

Bea Parks won the door prize drawing of a \$25 gift card.

Marilyn thanked members for attending and the open session ended at 6:20 p.m.

Closed Session

Dudley discussed the attorney status report.

The wording on the Vacating Member's Responsibility document was discussed. A sentence needs to be added stating, "Your carrying charges must be paid every month."

The procedure for pet violators was discussed. They are given a first notice, a second notice and then their account is sent to the attorney. The office will notify Dudley of the need for a final notice and will provide member contact information and the violation.

A notice will be published in the newsletter reminding members to register pets and maintain a photo and current vaccination records on file in the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Annual pet registrations past due

Members who have not registered their pets need to do so immediately.

Updating this information annually is a condition of your membership here.

Pet registration requires a copy of the certificate verifying that vaccinations are current and a photo of the pet.

Please contact the office to bring your occupancy agreement into compliance.

Complaints need to be submitted in writing

Annoyed by your neighbors?

Please remember that the board of directors cannot act on a complaint until you put it in writing.

Independence Square Townhouses, Inc., requires that all complaints must be set forth in writing, signed by the complaining member, listing the complaining member's address and filed with the office.

The board gives serious consideration at every board meeting to complaints filed by members.

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