

Let's get together

Have you been wanting to meet your neighbors, have fun and enjoy a potluck dinner while winning prizes?

If you are interested in starting a monthly card or board game, potluck event or party, please call 816.868.4305 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

Everyone interested will agree on the time and date to get started.

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 you 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 Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.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?

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Is the nominee a member in good standing?
____ Yes ____ No

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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vice president

Ray Gamble
secretary-treasurer

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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

June 17, 2014
Board Meeting

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

Also attending were Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Ronnie Smith from the Maintenance Department; Melva Linville, property manager, and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, with Linville Management Services, Inc.; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney.

The next meeting is July 15.

Minutes of the May 20 meeting were approved.

Open Session

Eleven members signed in: Helen McElfresh, Frank Schuering, Abigail Perez, Jean Hudgens, Marie Vest, Judy Henthorn, Janet Fairbanks, Michael Riley, Bea Parks, Jessie Phillips and Lorie Marler.

Sheryl welcomed them and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Ronnie gave the maintenance report. Scheduled are eight buildings for termite treatments and several basement foundations for repairs. Two roofs have been repaired and maintenance is repairing window wells and installing gutter drains underground in front of units.

Replaced were two garbage disposals, one refrigerator, one kitchen floor, one bath floor and one water heater. Since the last meeting, there have been one move-out and one move-in and 98 work orders completed of 115 called in.

Alexis gave the office report. Four units are for sale. Five intents to vacate have been filed and four move-ins are scheduled.

Two more units are reporting bed bugs and exterminations have been scheduled.

A new member would like to start a monthly potluck and she will provide

information for the newsletter to determine member interest.

Animal control will no longer provide cages for the removal of stray animals.

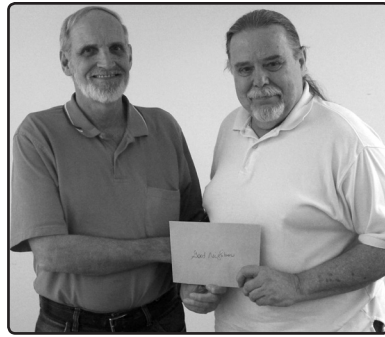
There have been 22 statements of charges due, 18 defaults, one animal violation and one vehicle violation.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments.

Ed Korte was recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month for June.

Judy Henthorn won the door prize of a \$25 gift card.

The open session ended at 6:25 p.m.



Ray Gamble, board secretary-treasurer, presents the Good Neighbor of the Month award to Ed Korte.



Judy Henthorn is the winner of the door prize drawing. Ray Gamble awards her a \$25 gift card.

Members Asked to Report Suspicious Activities

Whenever you see suspicious activities or persons on Independence Square property, please call the Independence Police Department at 9-1-1.

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 Signal 88 Security during the evening hours when they patrol the cooperative. The patrol's phone number is 816.868.4115.

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.

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.

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.

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 17th.

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.

Pet Permits Required

All members are required to complete a pet permit by January 31 every year -- even those members who do not own a dog or cat.

Pet permits must be approved before an animal is brought onto the property.

Members may own no more than two pets. Dogs can weigh no more than 65 pounds at maturity.

Permits must be accompanied by vaccination certificates and a one-time \$50 nonrefundable fee for each pet. Certificates of vaccination must include the weight of the dog.

Members who own pets without obtaining a pet permit and paying the \$50 fee will be required to remove their pets immediately.

Dogs and cats must wear collars with shot tags and owner identification tags attached at all times.

Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up pet waste immediately. If a complaint is issued for failure to do so, the member will be given 24 hours to clean up after the pet. If a maintenance employee cleans up after the pet, the member will be charged \$25 for the service.

Pet owners are responsible for all actions of their pets.

Members must comply with existing city ordinances, which do not allow pets to run free or at large. When a dog or a cat is outside the member's unit or fenced yard, the pet must be on a leash or chain. The leash or chain must not be attached to a tree, shrub or permanent fixture.

Restrictions/Prohibitions

Breeds: Members cannot own Akitas, boxers, chows, Doberman pinschers, pit bulls, rottweilers, wolves or any other aggressive breed or any dog mixed with these breeds.

If members have a mixed breed, they will need to contact their veterinarian to determine the breeds of the animal. The term "mixed" will no longer suffice as a type of breed.

Pit Bulls are defined as any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of any one or more of these breeds or any dog with distinguishing characteristics that conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club.

Dog and cat bites: A member's pet permit will be immediately revoked and the member will be required to remove dogs or cats that bite from the premises.

Housing: Dog houses and any type of pet house are not allowed.

Litters: All pet owners are required to have their pets spayed or neutered.

Visitors: No visiting pets allowed.

Violations/Complaints

All complaints against a member's pet must be in writing. The complaint is kept in the office with the member's file.

Violations of Independence Square pet rules will result in a 10-day notice to comply. If the violation is not remedied, the pet permit will be revoked and the pet must be removed from the cooperative.

Dates to Remember

July 2014

Carrying charges due: July 1

Recycled papers picked up: July 2

Independence Day observed: July 4
Office closed

Carrying charges delinquent: July 10

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

Carrying charges sent to attorney: July 21

August 2014

Carrying charges due: August 1

Recycled papers picked up: August 6

Carrying charges delinquent: August 10

Board meeting: August 19
Open session at 6 p.m.

Carrying charges sent to attorney: August 20

Please note:

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

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

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.