

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 Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.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?

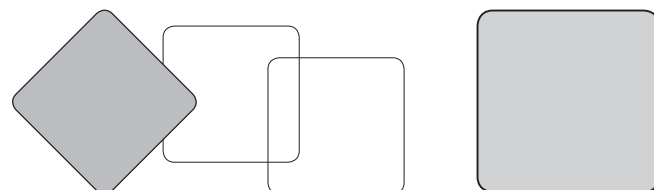
Occupation?

Any other information you'd like share?

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Is the nominee a member in good standing?

Yes **No**



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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

**April 15, 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; Mike Gamble and Marilyn Porter.

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

The next board meeting is May 20.

Minutes of the March 18 meeting and April 9 budget meeting were approved.

Open Session

Six members signed in: Frank Scheuring, Joy Laydon, Abigail Perez, Judy Henthorn, Bea Parks and Jessie Phillips.

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

Mike gave the maintenance report. Maintenance is repairing window wells and putting gutter drains underground in front of the units.

Yard inspections will start soon.

There have been two move-ins since the last board meeting. Called in have been 115 work orders and 108 of these were completed.

Replaced were one refrigerator, one garbage disposal, one bath faucet, one kitchen floor and one water heater.

Alexis gave the office updates. One unit is for sale. There have been two move-ins since the last board meeting and two more



Sheryl Frank, board president, awards Bea Parks a \$25 gift card. Bea was the winner in the door prize drawing at the April open session of the board meeting.

are scheduled. There have been 20 statements of charges due, one attorney referral, 20 defaults and one vehicle violation.

The spring yard sale will be May 16 and 17 with rain dates of 23 and 24.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments.

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

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

Children hunt for eggs, play games at Easter Celebration

Independence Square families enjoyed hunting for eggs, playing games and eating hot dogs and chips on April 19.



The Easter Celebration was sponsored by Compel Church, a nondenominational ministry in Independence, and held at the playground and office. Other activities included water coloring for the children, face painting and balloons.



The church also made available free used clothes.

Independence Square families enjoyed an egg hunt, games, face painting and other activities on April 19. The Easter celebration was hosted by Compel Church, a nondenominational ministry in Independence.

Please use water wisely

Water is provided for normal use.

Summer water usage is limited to filling a wading pool not more than 12 inches deep and to watering grass, shrubs and flowers.

Wading pools can be set up only in a fenced back yard and cannot be left out long enough to kill the grass.

Running a sprinkler for children to play in is not allowed.

If a member allows water to run into the street, the member will be charged \$10 for excessive usage.

Washing motor vehicles on cooperative property is prohibited.

Yard Sale Slated for May 16 and 17

Look for bargains throughout the cooperative on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17.

That's the date for the annual cooperative yard sale.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Buyer-friendly sales bring bigger bucks to sellers

Successful yard sales make buyers feel welcome.

Here are some tips to boost sales.

1. Get the word out.

Advertise by word of mouth: tell friends and neighbors.

2. Get buyers out of their cars.

Make merchandise visible from the street. Pennants, streamers, balloons and even clothes for sale fluttering in the breeze help catch a buyer's eye.

3. Get them to look at what you've got.

Presentation is important. Displays need to appear neat, clean and organized.

Group related items together, such as high chairs, cribs and other large baby furniture.

But remember, you want buyers to walk around the entire sale. So, in another area of the sale, group baby

clothes, bottles and toys together.

4. Get them to buy.

Put price stickers on everything. Buyers don't want to guess or ask you what you want. Nor do they want to consult an elaborate chart with color-coded pricing on it to try to figure out how much you want for a particular item.

Prices should be realistic, negotiable and attached to the item.

Be prepared to barter. It's often better to come down a bit than to lose the sale. Odds are not in your favor that another size 9 who needs a worn-only-once prom dress will come along again during your sale.

These tips can help make yard sales fun and successful for both sellers and buyers.

Illegal cars will be towed

The cooperative is towing vehicles that are parked in violation of state statutes.

Signs on the property identify the towing company to call if your car is impounded.

The minimum charge to get your car back is \$150 and an additional \$30 a day for storage. Fees start from the time the car is towed to the lot.

Only the Independence Square on-site office or the cooperative's security patrol is authorized to have a car towed from the property.

Please dispose of yard debris near dumpsters

If you have begun spring cleaning outside, remember that maintenance will dispose of yard debris if you place it next to a dumpster.

Twigs, leaves and other trash from the grounds need to be bundled or bagged for disposal.

Maintenance has begun the annual yard inspections to

make sure grounds are attractive, safe for members and guests and enhance the appearance of Independence Square.

Dates to Remember

May 2014

Carrying charges due: May 1

Recycled papers picked up: May 7

Carrying charges delinquent: May 12

Board meeting: May 20
Open session at 6 p.m.

Carrying charges sent to attorney: May 22

Memorial Day observed: May 26
Office closed

June 2014

Carrying charges due: June 1

Recycled papers picked up: June 4

Carrying charges delinquent: June 10

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

Carrying charges sent to attorney: May 20

Please note:

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

The April issue, for example, includes both May and June calendar dates as well as events.

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.

