



# NEWSLETTER

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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

Indep. Square Office  
816-252-0444

Central Jackson County  
Patrol  
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

## BOARD MEETING, September 21, 2011

### NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Marilyn Porter, president, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Other board members present were Sheryl Frank, vice president; Ray Gamble, secretary-treasurer; Bill Bailey and Ed Korte.

Also attending were Melva Linville, property manager, and Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, with Linville Management, Inc., and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney.

### Annual Meeting

The board reconvened at 7 p.m. and joined Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Beth Webb, assistant manager; and Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent; for the annual meeting.

Marilyn announced at 7:10 p.m. that not enough members were present to constitute a quorum.

Marilyn said that the bylaws allow members to continue the meeting until next year. The officers currently serving would remain in office until then. Marilyn asked for a vote from the members. A majority of members present voted to continue the meeting to next year.

Bill Bailey was recognized for 21 years of service on the board. He was given a proclamation from the Missouri House of Representatives, a letter of congratulations from Governor Jay Nixon and a certificate of appreciation and a \$50 gift card from Independence Square.



*Bill Bailey was recognized for 21 years of service on the board of directors with proclamations and a cake at the annual meeting.*

The Good Neighbor Award was presented to Bea Parks.

Marilyn read the Good Neighbor of the Month Honor Roll.

Door prizes were drawn. Ephraim Subang won \$20; Frank Scheuring, \$30; and Jessie Phillips, \$50.

Marilyn thanked members for attending and the annual meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

## Closed Session

The board reconvened for a closed session.

The board discussed the vacancy created by Bill Bailey's retirement from the board. The board voted to appoint Mike Gamble to fill the year remaining in Bill's term. Mike submitted a resume for the election. He was contacted and agreed to serve.

At the next annual meeting, there will be two positions open for two-year terms and two positions open for three-year terms.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

## Year in Review September of 2010 to September of 2011

### Office

29 applications processed

23 move-ins

Office staff will participate in the second phase of the Crime-Free Multi-housing Program sponsored by the Independence Police Department. This involves a survey of the property. There is no cost to the cooperative.

### Maintenance

26 rehabs

Renovations to the property and the units were completed in May.

All playground equipment that was not replaced has been painted.

## Services for Hire

In-home childcare.

Flexible hours.

All ages.

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## Create a New Logo for Independence Square and Win a \$25 Gift Card

Our property now has a fresh, new look.

And it's time that the Independence Square Townhouses logo was updated, too.

The logo is the symbol or graphic representation for the property.

And a new logo design is worth \$25 to the member who creates the winning entry in the Independence Square Townhouses logo competition.

The logo contest is open to residents of all ages. The winning logo will be published on the cooperative's Web site, newsletter and used for stationery. The winner receives a \$25 gift card.

Artists are encouraged to think in terms of a full-color logo and to include a complete address line in the design

Logo designs are due to the office by November 1.



*Marilyn Porter, board president, recognized Bea Parks as the Good Neighbor of the Month for September.*

# Good Neighbor of the Month Honor Roll for September 21, 2011, Annual Meeting

## 2010

October: Bonnie Jones

November: Mary Lou Hemmy

December: Aurora Subang

## 2011

February: Jessie Phillips

March: Josefina Acosta

May: Bruce Raney

June: Josh Rogers

July: John and Wanda Buckingham

August: Michael Benz

September: Bea Parks

## Independence Square Members Enjoy Affordable Advantages

At the annual meeting, Melva Linville, property manager for Linville Management Services, Inc., distributed information about cooperative living at Independence Square.

Every member of Independence Square Townhouses pays an average cost of only \$30 a month for mowing, snow removal and all grounds maintenance.

Every member of Independence Square Townhouses pays an average cost of only \$4 a month for security patrols.

*If* individual members were required to pay the water bill for their unit, it would cost every household about \$22 a month; monthly trash would be \$7.

Every month, the Board of Directors holds an open session of the board meeting to allow members the opportunity to find out more about the operations of the cooperative.

Members can ask questions or voice their concerns to the board and to management. The open session is held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

## Notices

### From Maintenance

Annual furnace maintenance will begin on October 3. Filters and smoke detectors will be checked during housekeeping inspections.

The paper recycling bin has been moved down by the garage to prevent damage to the new resurfacing on the driveway. Maintenance continues to pick up recyclable papers on the first Wednesday of every month.

Please put your papers on the front porch and the maintenance crew will get them in the morning.

### From the Office

“Clear and Ready” meetings take place at 8 a.m. every other Wednesday.

If you call the office at this time, please leave a message and the office staff will return the call after the meeting.

If there is a maintenance emergency, call the office and press “0” and an operator will assist you.

## Frank Scheuring to Receive Good Neighbor Award

Over the years, Frank Scheuring and Lola have become good friends. They often can be seen enjoying walks together on the property.

Lola probably would have nominated Frank for the Good Neighbor of the Month if she could. But it was Mary Lou Hemmy who nominated him and Lola wagged her approval heartily.

Lola is Mary Lou’s dog and Frank takes her for walks, feeds and waters her when Mary Lou isn’t home.

“It helps me so much because I don’t have to worry about my dog if I have to work long hours,” Mary Lou said.

She is also grateful to Frank for mowing her fenced-in backyard. The 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 of directors will recognize Frank Scheuring at 6 p.m. during the open session of the October 18 meeting. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor of the Month award, Frank will receive a \$25 gift card.

# OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Carrying Charges Due
2	3	4	5 Recycled Papers Picked Up	6	7	8
9	10 \$50 Late Fee Applied	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting Open Session at 6 p.m.	19	20 Delinquent Accounts Sent to Attorney	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					