

think we should be doing or not doing.

The cooperative belongs to us, not to the board or the attorney or to the management company. The board is there to represent you.

Should I be elected, I promise to share with you to the best of my ability the issues being voted on so you can let me know your wishes and concerns in regards to how you want me to vote.

Thank you for taking the time to read my resume and for voting.

~ *Debra Malone*

For Sale

Gooseberries, stemmed
\$4 a pound

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Dates to Remember

September 2014

Carrying charges due: September 1

Labor Day observed: September 1
Office closed

Recycled papers picked up: September 3

Carrying charges delinquent: September 10

Annual meeting: September 17
6:30 p.m. sign-in
7 p.m. meeting begins

Carrying charges sent to attorney: September 22

October 2014

Carrying charges due: October 1

Recycled papers picked up: October 1

Carrying charges delinquent: October 10

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

Carrying charges sent to attorney: October 20

Please note:

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

The September issue, for example, includes both September and October calendar dates as well as events.

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.

SEPTEMBER

Around
the SQUARE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sheryl Frank
president

Ed Korte
vice president

Ray Gamble
secretary-treasurer

Mike Gamble

Marilyn Porter

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

Annual meeting slated for September 17

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

Two three-year positions and one two-year term are open.

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: first place of \$50, second place of \$30 and third place of \$20.

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.

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

August 19, 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, and Mike Gamble. 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 Betsy Kilker, administrative assistant, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

The next meeting is the annual membership meeting on September 17. Sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m.

Open Session

Eleven members signed in: Bea Parks, Jessie Phillips, Abigail Perez, Jean

Hudgens, Elizabeth Gault, Simon Gault, Carla Carvitto, Ryan Phillips, Brandon Marler, Lorie Marler and Andria Knapp.

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

Mike gave the maintenance report. Several more basement foundation repairs have been scheduled. Roofs were repaired on 1255 and 1408.

Tree trimming will begin October 1.

The bid for landscaping in front of the office has been revised due to crumbling walls.

Replaced were one refrigerator, one range, one garbage disposal, one kitchen floor and one bath floor.

Of 119 work orders called in, 103 have been completed. There were six move-ins and three move-outs since the last meeting.

Alexis gave the office report. Nine units are for sale; four of these are not paying carrying charges. Two move-ins are scheduled and six intents to vacate have been filed.

The fall yard sale will be September 26 and 27 with rain dates of October 3 and 4.

The office will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17. Three positions are open on the board.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments.

Members receiving \$200 referral bonuses were recognized: Jamie Capps, Carla Carvitto, Zachary Freedle, Christopher Bradley and Elizabeth and Simon Gault.

Jean Hudgens won the door prize drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Sheryl Frank, president of the board of directors, awards the door prize drawing, a \$25 gift certificate, to Jean Hudgens at the August meeting.



Sheryl Frank awards a \$200 referral bonus to Carla Carvitto.



Sheryl Frank awards a \$200 referral bonus to Simon and Elizabeth Gault. Bonuses are paid when a member of the cooperative refers a qualifying new member.

Sheryl Frank Is Good Neighbor for September

Marchetta Sneed admires and appreciates her neighbor, Sheryl Frank.

“Sheryl always helps me with carrying groceries and she has shoveled snow for me,” Marchetta said. “She is a good and caring person.”

That’s why Marchetta nominated Sheryl as the Good Neighbor of the Month for September.

“It is security for me knowing someone is nearby to help me,” Marchetta said.

She said Sheryl also brings her food occasionally such as pies and other desserts.

The Good Neighbor award recognizes members who exemplify the special spirit of cooperation that makes Independence Square Townhouses a better place for all of us.

The board of directors will recognize Sheryl at the annual meeting on September 17. As a recipient of the Good Neighbor award, Sheryl will receive a \$25 gift card.

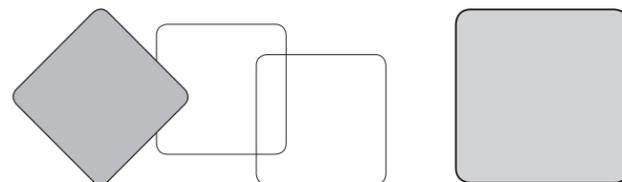
Yard Sale Slated for September 26 and 27

Look for bargains throughout the cooperative on Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27.

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

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

Rain dates are October 3 and 4.



Ray Gamble for Board of Directors

It’s that time again -- September is the month of our annual membership meeting and Board of Directors elections.

My name is Ray Gamble and my seat is up for election for the Board of Directors here at Independence Square Townhouses.

I have been serving on the board since 2004 and would like to serve another term with your help. I have lived here since 1985 and want to keep this a decent and affordable place to live.

For those of you who are new and/or don’t know about me, I have worked as a night auditor for Holiday Inns for about 15 years, the IRS for eight years and in a local casino for 12 years and am now semi-retired.

I hope each and every one of you will put forth the effort to be at the annual membership meeting and cast your vote. We all need to work together on this and the board needs all the input from the members it can get if we are to continue improving the cooperative.

Thank you all for your involvement and, hopefully, your vote.

~ **Ray Gamble**

Michael Gamble for Board of Directors

My name is Michael Gamble, and I live in unit 1430.

I have lived in Independence Square for about 25 years and would like to serve on the Board of Directors. I have served on the board for the past three years and have grown to be a better board member.

In my many years of living in this great community, I have seen a lot of changes, both by structure and by management. I have seen our community grow and I want to be part of making Independence Square an even better place to live.

I currently am in the nursing industry where I get to use my passion of caring for other people -- putting other people’s needs above my own.

You might have seen me around the Square, along with my faithful companion, my dog Grace, who is a border collie-

blue healer mix. She loves her home just as much as I do. She also loves to play with the kids of the community.

I look forward to working with other board members and all members of the community if I am elected to make the place where we live the best we can make it.

Independence Square is a place we can all call home and we should be proud of living here. With your help, we can continue to be a place we can be proud of.

Thank you for your consideration.

~ **Michael Gamble**

Debra Malone for Board of Directors

History: Living in the same unit at Independence Square Townhouses since 1981 gives me history of how our property has evolved over the years. When I moved here 33 years ago with my two small children, I had no idea I would stay this long.

I have considered purchasing a house a few times and the cons always seemed to outweigh the pros for me. Cooperative living has been a good fit for my family since I never have to worry about things like a new roof or furnace or some other budget-devastating issue. Here I have the benefit of painting and decorating the inside like I want to make it feel like home, unlike what I would be able to do in an apartment.

I have worked as a nurse auditor for three different area hospitals for the past 30 years. That experience has given me insight and experience in reviewing records for compliance and accuracy.

Why I want to be a board member: I haven’t run for the board before but feel it is my time to try and give back to my community and better understand the processes and events that take place in making decisions about our present and future.

What I promise should I be elected: We are all concerned when our carrying charges increase. With the cost of living increasing at an alarming rate, I am sure the recent increase was necessary to meet our current budget. But what if new ideas or rearranging the budget to better fit the needs of our cooperative could make it possible to use our money more efficiently and effectively?

I promise to work at understanding where our money goes and will review to see if we are using it in the best ways possible for our cooperative needs. I want to know what you