

NOVEMBER

Around
the SQUARE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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vice president

Andria Knapp
secretary-treasurer

Ray Gamble

Judy Henthorn

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816.325.7300

Police (Emergency)
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816.621.7722

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816.325.7000

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

October 17, 2017

Board Meeting

Board members present: Sheryl Frank, president; Bill Bather, vice president; Andria Knapp, secretary-treasurer; Ray Gamble and Judy Henthorn

Staff present: Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; and Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent

Also attending: Melva Linville, property manager, and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, with Linville Management Services, Inc.; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney

Sheryl called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes of the August board meeting and the September annual meeting were approved. The next meeting is November 21.

Carmen distributed copies of the audit to board members. It was a clean audit with no findings.

Dudley reviewed the attorney status report.

Open Session

Five members and a guest signed in. Sheryl welcomed them and called the session to order at 6 p.m.

Mike gave the maintenance superintendent's report.

New garage doors have been installed on the maintenance shop due to hail damage. The roof of the shop, also damaged by hail, is scheduled for replacement in two weeks. The work is covered by an insurance claim. Annual inspections and furnace maintenance start this week.

Replaced since September 20 were one bath floor, one range, one garbage disposal, one kitchen floor and one air conditioning unit.

There has been one move-in since the last meeting and one move-out.

Of 97 work orders called in, 89 have been completed.

Alexis presented the office report.

Five memberships are for sale with three applications pending and two move-ins scheduled. Two intents to vacate have been filed.

The office will close on November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving. Members interested in a holiday dinner on December 17 are asked to sign up with Martha.

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Donations are again being accepted this year for Thanksgiving and Christmas for Independence Square families in need. In previous years, food and children's gifts have been donated or purchased with cash given for holiday assistance.

Cecilia Mendez will receive a \$200 bonus check for a referral.

Carmen presented the managing agent's report.

One application has been approved.

Linville Management processed \$95,044.50 in accounts payable for the month of September. Financial reports were mailed to the board on October 5, 2017.



Kathleen Paxton receives the door prize award from board secretary-treasurer Andria Paxton during the October open session. Winners of the monthly drawings receive a \$25 gift card.

Kathleen Paxton won the door prize drawing.

The open session ended at 6:15 p.m.

Closed Session

Andria read aloud the board member code of ethics. Board members signed individual copies and one copy with all five members' signatures.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time Ends on Nov. 5

It's that time of year again.

You'll gain an hour on Sunday, Nov. 5.

That's when Daylight Saving Time ends. So, set your clocks back one hour.

For example, if you get up at 6 a.m. on Sunday, move the time back to 5 a.m.

Boarding northbound bus safer, more convenient

Catching the city bus has become a bit safer for members of Independence Square Townhouses.

You no longer have to cross Truman Road.

The red northbound bus from Centerpoint to Metro Center is now picking up passengers on Baker Drive. The bus stop is by the concrete pad northeast of the office, where the bus used to stop.

To catch the southbound bus leaving Metro Center for Centerpoint, passengers still board at the corner of Truman and Baker Drive.

Donations accepted for holiday food baskets

The office is collecting food for Independence Square families in need during the holidays.

Please consider contributing canned goods or other nonperishables. If every household gave just one can of food, the cooperative would have 188 cans to use for gift baskets to our members who are struggling to make ends meet during the holidays.

To donate, please stop by the cooperative office. Thank you.

Helen McElfresh: two-time Good Neighbor winner

November is the month for giving thanks and Helen McElfresh is the recipient of gratitude from Kathleen Paxton.

"Mom and I are truly thankful for Helen's assistance," Kathleen said.

Kathleen nominated Helen as the Good Neighbor of the Month for November. Kathleen wrote that Helen often helps her carry sacks into Kathleen's mother's unit after a day of shopping.

"Helen most generally comes to my aid and helps me with her things," Kathleen said.

Helen will be recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month during the open session of the November 21 meeting.

This is the second time Helen has received the award. She also was recognized in 2012.

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

Names of all Good Neighbors are placed on the Good Neighbor Honor Roll and recognized during our annual meeting in September.

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

Holiday Dinner

5 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17

in the clubhouse

Ham and turkey will be served.

Please bring a potluck dish to share.

Deadline to sign up: Dec. 6

Please call the office for reservations.

Dates to Remember

November

Carrying charges due: November 1

Daylight Saving Time ends: November 5

Carrying charges delinquent: November 10

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

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: November 20

Thanksgiving observed: November 23 and 24
Office closed

December

Carrying charges due: December 1

Carrying charges delinquent: December 11

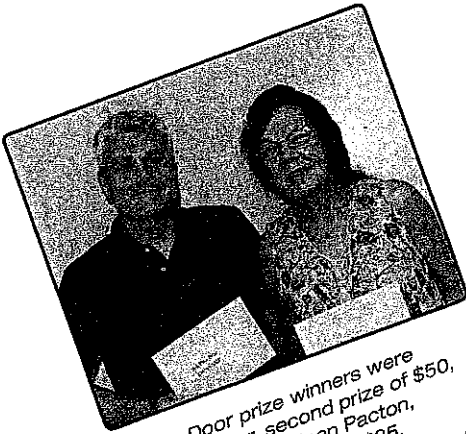
Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: December 21

Christmas observed: December 25 and 26
Office closed

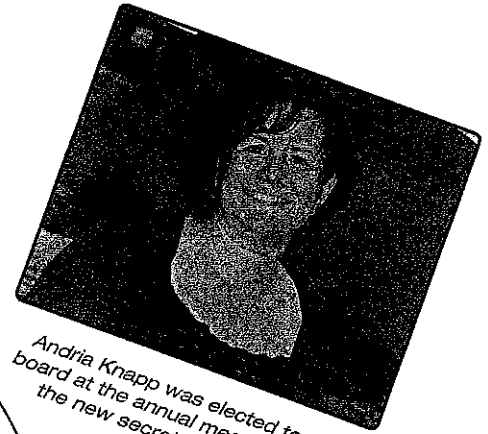
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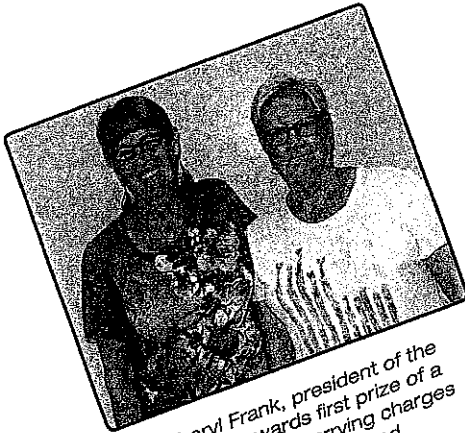
The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.



Door prize winners were Bill Bather, second prize of \$50, and Kathleen Pacton, third prize of \$25.



Andria Knapp was elected to the board at the annual meeting. She is the new secretary-treasurer.



Sheryl Frank, president of the board, awards first prize of a month's free carrying charges to Barbara Wood.



Alexis Marith, on-site manager, and Martha Ramcke, assistant manager, register members the night of the annual meeting.



Board members Ray Gamble and Sheryl Frank await confirmation that a quorum is present.