

AUGUST

Around
the SQUARE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sheryl Frank
president

William Bather
vice president

Mike Gamble
secretary-treasurer

Ray Gamble

Judy Henthorn

HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Independence Square
Townhouses office
816.252.0444

Police (Non-emergency)
816.325.7300

Police (Emergency)
911

Metro Public Safety
816.436.0401

Animal Shelter
816.621.7722

Animal Control Dispatcher
816.325.7205

Report Power Outage
816.325.7550

Great Plains SPCA
21001 E. Highway 78
Independence
913.808.3372

Hours:
Noon to 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. - Sun.

Citizens Information Center
816.325.7000

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

July 18, 2017
Board Meeting

Board members present: Bill Bather, vice president; Ray Gamble and Judy Henthorn. Mike Gamble, secretary-treasurer, joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Board member absent: Sheryl Frank

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

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

Minutes of the June board meeting were approved. The next meeting is August 15.

Open Session

Eight members signed in. Bill welcomed them and called the session to order at 6 p.m.

Mike gave the maintenance superintendent's report.

All air conditioners have been cleaned. New retaining walls will be installed in front of buildings 20 and 21 this week. Landscaping will be used in front of building 11 to control water problems.

A recycling bin will be installed on the property.

Replaced since June 20 were two garbage disposals, one bath faucet, one kitchen floor, one bath sink and one water heater.

There have been two move-ins and one move-out since the last meeting. Of 108 work orders called in, 98 have been completed.

Alexis presented the office report.

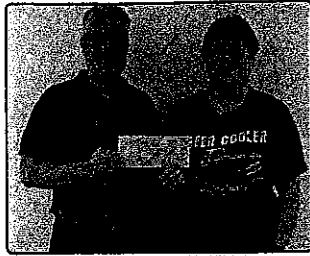
Three memberships are for sale. There have been two move-ins, four move-ins scheduled, one intent to vacate filed, one eviction and one abandonment. The annual meeting is September 20. One position is open on the board. School will be back in session on August 17.

Carmen presented the managing agent's report.

Four applications have been approved. One final statement was completed. Linville Management processed \$110,120.58 in accounts payable for the month of June. Financial reports were mailed to the board on July 13, 2017.

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Jason McGinness reported for Metro Public Safety. Officers investigated reports of fireworks, parking violations, an abandoned car and kids up to no good.



Board vice president Bill Bather awards the door prize to Doraee Reed at the July board meeting. All members who attend the open session are eligible to win the prize, a \$25 gift card.

Doraee Reed won the door prize drawing.

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

The board met in closed session. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Applications accepted for board of directors

Members of Independence Square will vote to fill a position 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 20th.

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 September newsletter.

Free outdoor light bulbs

Porch light bulbs are available at the office and free for members.

Light bulbs are provided for front and back porch light fixtures in an effort to encourage members to leave these lights on at night for security.

Standing water breeds mosquitoes

Members with wading pools for children are reminded to

empty their pools daily.

Pet owners who leave bowls of drinking water outdoors for their dogs are also asked to provide fresh water daily.

Standing water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes and the diseases they can spread.

Reminders

School is starting this month.

Please watch for children getting on and off the buses.

The 45th Annual SantaCaliGon Days Festival is September 1 through 4 on the square. Remember the traffic and allow extra time for your travels. More than 300,000 are expected to attend the festival over Labor Day weekend.

Remember to mow fenced back yards

Members are responsible for mowing fenced back yards.

Grass must be no higher than eight inches and the yard must be kept free of clutter.

If you receive notice from Maintenance to mow your yard, you will have 48 hours to do so. If not mowed during this time, Maintenance will mow and a fee will be charged.

If you leave for vacation, remember to make arrangements to have your yard mowed while you are gone.

If Maintenance has to mow, your account will be billed for the service.

Residents can recycle variety of items in bin

Recycling is now as convenient as the bin by the maintenance building.

Residents can deposit all recyclable items in the bin without separating them first.

Here's what you can deposit:

- Paperboard such as empty cereal boxes
- Brown paper bags
- Phone books, catalogues and magazines
- Newspapers
- Paper cardboard, dairy and juice containers
- Bulk mail

Glass bottles and jars
 Remove and discard lids.
 Aluminum cans
 Plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7
 No plastic bags.
 Tin or steel cans
 Cardboard boxes
 Office and school paper

Here's what cannot be deposited in the recycling bin:

No batteries
 No bubble wrap
 No chemicals
 No diapers
 No plastic foam containers, cups and packing peanuts
 No food-soiled paper or plastic containers
 No hardbound books
 No household hazardous waste
 No kitchen oils
 No paint
 No plastic bags
 No plastic utensils
 No tires
 No yard waste

Candidate resumes to be published in newsletter

Resumes of candidates for the board of directors will be published in the September newsletter.

Here is an easy format to help you organize your information.

Most of the categories are optional. You may choose to write in complete sentences or use only bullet points.

Name:

Cooperative experience:

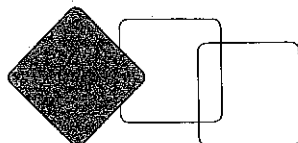
Qualifications:

Family:

Work history:

Education:

"I want to serve on the board of directors because:"



Metro Public Safety patrolling property

Since May, a new security company has been patrolling the property and responding to calls from members.

Metro Public Safety officers will be driving patrol cars equipped with lightbars and answering calls to 816.436.0401.

Dates to Remember

August

Carrying charges due: August 1

Carrying charges delinquent: August 10

Board meeting: August 15

Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: August 21

September

Carrying charges due: September 1

Labor Day observed: September 4

Office closed

Carrying charges delinquent: September 11

Annual meeting: September 20

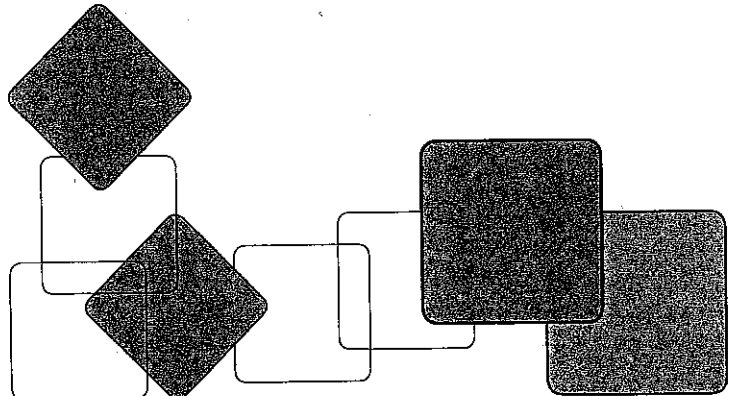
Registration opens at 6:30 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: September 21

Please note:

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

The newsletter is published and delivered mid-month.



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

