

JANUARY

Around  
the SQUARE

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### 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

## Two members to be recognized as Good Neighbors

Dakota Cook and Josh Rogers will receive Good Neighbor awards during the open session of the January 16 board meeting.

Dakota, nominated by Dale Vaughn, was chosen for the award for December and Josh, for January.

“Dakota helps me do everything,” said Dale. “I just ask and he helps.”

Dale said Dakota walks his dog for him, takes the trash out to the dumpster and helps him figure out his cell phone.

Fran McGowan, who nominated Josh, describes him as “more like a grandson than a neighbor.”

In the summer, Josh mowed Fran’s backyard and throughout the year, he carries groceries in for her, takes the trash out and is there whenever Fran needs his assistance.

Dakota and Josh will each receive \$25 gift cards during the Good Neighbor of the Month presentation at the January board meeting.

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 the annual meeting in September.

## Cooperative members help families with holidays

Generous members and donors made the holidays brighter for Independence Square families.

Again this year, the cooperative collected food and nonperishables to help members in need. The generosity of members made it possible to help two Independence Square families at Christmas.

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The families also were each given a handsewn afghan and cash for their holiday meal.

The holiday giving is an annual tradition at Independence Square. Families are helped based on the quantity of donations brought to the office in November and December.

## Staffs appreciate your kindness, cooking

Independence Square office and maintenance staffs thank members for the delicious holiday cookies, candies, bread and other baked goodies.

We are grateful to you for thinking of us and making our work days yummy.

## Dates to Remember

### January 2018

New Year's Day: January 1  
Office closed

Carrying charges due: January 1

Carrying charges delinquent: January 11

Martin Luther King Day: January 15  
Office closed

Board meeting: January 16  
Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: January 21

### February 2018

Carrying charges due: February 1

Carrying charges delinquent: February 12

Presidents Day observed: February 19  
Office closed

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

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: February 22

### **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.*

## Keep surfaces slip-free with ice melt granules

Members are reminded that bags of ice melt are available free from the office for use on townhouse sidewalks, steps, stoops and other surfaces.

Furnace filters also are available at the office.

Please remember that the maintenance staff does not shovel snow between vehicles in the parking lot.

## Reminder

Holiday lights and yard decorations must be removed within two weeks after the holiday.

## Board meetings for the New Year begin January 16

The first board meeting for 2018 is Tuesday, January 16.

The open session is at 6 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend the session to learn what's new in the cooperative and to express their concerns or observations.

Monthly board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month except for September. The annual meeting in September is on the third Wednesday.

Here are the meeting dates for 2018:

January 16  
February 20  
March 20  
April 17  
May 15  
June 19  
July 17  
August 21  
September 19  
October 16  
November 20

The board usually does not meet during December.

