

DECEMBER

Around
the SQUARE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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
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Citizens Information Center
816.325.7000

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

November 20, 2018

Board Meeting

Board members present: Sheryl Frank, president; Bill Bather, vice president; Andria Knapp, secretary-treasurer; Judy Henthorn and Ray Gamble
Staff present: Alexis Martin, on-site manager, Martha Ramcke, assistant manager; and Mike Leach, maintenance superintendent
Also attending: Carmen Detherage, comptroller, and Melva Linville with Linville Management Services, Inc., and Brad Constance, cooperative attorney

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

Minutes of the October 16 closed board meeting were approved.

Open Session

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

Mike gave the maintenance superintendent's report.

Furnace and annual inspections have been completed.

New carbon monoxide/smoke detectors have been installed on first and second floors of all units.

All addresses on buildings have been painted white.

Snow equipment is being installed on the new maintenance truck.

The cause of a fire in a vacant unit, 1217, on November 17 is still unknown.

Replaced since October 15 were one range, two kitchen floors and one bath floor.

There have been one move-in and three move-outs.

Of 106 work orders called in, 96 have been completed.

Alexis presented the office report.

Three memberships for three-bedroom units are for sale and three move-ins scheduled. Two intents to vacate have been submitted.

Thanksgiving baskets were given to two Independence Square families. Collections continue for Christmas baskets. The office is accepting donations of canned goods, nonperishables, toys and other items until December 19.

The office will be closed November 22 and 23, December 24 and 25 and January 1. There is no board meeting in December.

Chelle Marler earned a referral bonus of \$200 for referring a qualified new member.

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Carmen presented the managing agent's report.

One application has been approved and two final statements completed.

For the month of October, Linville Management processed \$116,604.85 in accounts payable.

Financial reports were mailed to the board on November 9.



Ray Gamble, board member, awards the \$25 door prize to Mike Gamble whose name was drawn during the open session of the November meeting.

Sheryl announced that there would be a Holiday Potluck Dinner at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, in the clubhouse. Brisket and turkey will be provided.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments.

Mike Gamble won the door prize drawing.

The open session ended at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Holiday Dinner

5 p.m. on Saturday, December 15

in the clubhouse

Brisket and turkey will be provided.

Please bring a potluck dish to share.

Please call the office for reservations.

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Reminder

There is no board meeting in December.

The next board meeting is January 15, 2019.

Donations accepted for holiday food baskets

1 can from every member = 188 cans

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

Two households received Thanksgiving baskets.

Please consider contributing canned goods or other

nonperishables. The deadline for Christmas donations is December 19.

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.

Dates to Remember

December

Carrying charges due: December 1

Carrying charges delinquent: December 10

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: December 20

Christmas observed: December 24 and 25
Office will be closed.

January 2019

New Year's Day: January 1
Office will be closed.

Carrying charges due: January 1

Carrying charges delinquent: January 10

Board meeting: January 15

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: January 20

Martin Luther King Day: January 21
Office will be closed.

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.

Rules for Holiday Lights and Decorations

1. Only small bulb, exterior, fused, UL-approved holiday lights may be installed.
2. Holiday lights may be attached on the lower eave with clips approved by the maintenance department. Do not attach to shingles or other areas.
3. Outside lights must have no more than three 100-bulb strings attached together and where plugged together, they must be taped with electrical tape to keep out moisture.
4. Holiday lights and yard decorations can be installed 30 days before a holiday and must be removed within two weeks after the holiday.
5. Holiday lights must be plugged into the outdoor porch light fixture.
6. Members are prohibited from climbing onto roofs.

Calling in sick . . . please

Kindly consider the health of the office and maintenance staffs.

If you are sick and have an open work order or if you know maintenance is coming to your unit, please contact the office and postpone the work until you are well.

If you need to talk with the office staff when you are ill, please do so by phone rather than in person.

Thank you.

From the Rule Book

Furniture in the front yard and rugs draped over handrails violate Independence Square yard-keeping standards.

Here's the rule: "Front and back yards must be kept clean and free of cigarette or tobacco litter, clutter, debris and trash.

"Back yards are limited to lawn mowers, lawn furniture,

large bicycles and barbecue grills.

"Toys are to be kept inside the unit when not in use.

"Members who violate yard-keeping standards will be notified of the violation and allowed 48 hours to comply."

Members receive \$200 referral bonuses

Members of Independence Square Townhouses receive \$200 checks as referral bonuses when an applicant they recommend becomes a member.

Chelle Marler earned a referral bonus in November for referring a qualifying new member.

We thank our members for their vote of confidence in our cooperative and for helping us attract new members.

Word-of-mouth recommendations are our best source of new members. When you tell others to consider Independence Square for their new home, it means that you enjoy living here and that you know someone else who would be a good neighbor for us.

The referral should be mentioned at the time of application.

The referring member will receive \$200 after the applicant moves in.

Residents can recycle variety of items in bin

Recycling is 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

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- 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

Best Wishes for a
Joyous Holiday Season
and a Happy New Year

from your Board of Directors and Staff
at Independence Square Townhouses, Inc.

Nominate a Neighbor

Nominate a member who exemplifies the Independence Square spirit of cooperation through his or her thoughtful acts to help others.

One Good Neighbor is recognized every month and receives a \$25 gift card.

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?

Why does or did your neighbor do this?
