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Around
the SQUARE

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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

Dear Members,

These uncertain times serve to remind us of the unique bond and the cooperative spirit we share as members of Independence Square Townhouses.

Cooperative housing has always been guided by a mission of safe and affordable housing. We are taking extra safety measures now to protect our members and our staff.

Our office remains open to members by phone and email. Our maintenance staff is responding to emergencies.

For our members who are staying home, we thank you for complying with the stay-at-home order and for helping prevent the spread of the virus.

For those of you who leave every day for the front lines -- the first responders, healthcare providers, grocery store workers, post office employees, delivery drivers and so many others -- we see you and we appreciate all that you do for us.

We are looking ahead to brighter days. The maintenance staff is taking advantage of the warmer weather now to care for the grounds and prepare for the greening of spring.

We have missed your faces at our board meetings and we look forward to the day when we can once again gather. Please be patient. We'll let you know when open sessions resume.

Please remember that social distancing doesn't mean emotional distancing. We can continue to stay connected by phone, by email, by text or by a friendly wave from six feet away.

We live cooperatively. We care for one another. We will get through this together.

Cooperatively yours,

Sheryl, Bill, Michael, Ray and Judy

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Dates to Remember

April 2020

Carrying charges due: April 1

Carrying charges delinquent: April 10

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: April 20

May 2020

Carrying charges due: May 1

Carrying charges delinquent: May 11

Board meeting: May 19

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: May 21

Memorial Day: May 25

Office 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.

Here's what you can do to slow the spread of the virus

Wash your hands

- With warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds
- Often -- especially after touching doorknobs and other high-touch surfaces and after sneezing, blowing your nose or coughing
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose with unwashed hands.
- Use hand sanitizer with an alcohol content of at least 60 percent.

Avoid close contact

The virus is spread from person to person by close contact and through droplets from sneezes or coughs.

- Practice social distancing -- allow 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.

Clean and disinfect

- Surfaces that are frequently touched such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, key boards, toilets, faucets and sinks
- Clean dirty surfaces first with soap and water before disinfecting.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- With a tissue or the inside of your elbow
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

For more information visit the Website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

Vehicle Sanitation

Drivers are urged to clean and sanitize their vehicles by KidsAndCars.org, a national nonprofit dedicated to saving lives.

For those who must drive to work or run essential errands, please remember germs picked up in public places are deposited on car keys, door handles, the steering wheel and other vehicle surfaces.

Clean and sanitize car surfaces

- First with soapy water to remove grease and dirt
- Then with disinfectant
- After every trip

Top 12 frequently touched vehicle surfaces

- Car keys and fobs
- Exterior and interior door handles
- Steering wheel
- Power ignition button, window switches, radio GPS, other buttons and dials
- Gear shift
- Seat belts and buckles
- Car seats and booster seats
- Air vents
- Cup holders
- Grab handles
- Head rests
- Seat pockets

For more information, visit the Website, KidsAndCars.org.