

Tips from the Toolshed

- Oversized trash

Oversized trash should not be left by dumpsters or at the maintenance shop. If you need to dispose of oversized items, contact the office.

If you can make the oversized item fit into the dumpster, the trash company will haul it away. This may mean breaking it up into several pieces.

- Recycling bin

The green recycling bin is for recycling only. The front of the bin lists what is allowed.

Please break down boxes before recycling them.

- Plumbing blockages

Please do not put rice and grease down the sinks. Do not flush wipes or diapers down the toilets.

- Snow removal

Please remember to remove door mats, pots and lawn ornaments from your steps before snow days.

~Tim Ralph
Maintenance superintendent

Vehicles with expired plates, flat tires will be tagged by Security

Article 15. Removing Vehicles and Other Personal Property

The cooperative reserves the right to control all parking areas.

All vehicles shall be kept properly licensed, insured and in good operating condition.

No vehicles shall be parked in a fire lane. The Cooperative may remove, without liability, any vehicle from a fire lane or any vehicle which is in violation of any law, ordinance, rule, regulations or provisions of this agreement at any time at the member's expense, without any notice whatsoever.

~ from the Occupancy Agreement

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 Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.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?

FEBRUARY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sheryl Frank
president

William Bather
vice president

Michael Menosky
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

January 21, 2020
Board Meeting

Board members present: Sheryl Frank, president; Bill Bather, vice president; Michael Menosky, secretary-treasurer; and Judy Henthorn

Board member absent: Ray Gamble

Staff present: Alexis Martin, on-site manager, and Tim Ralph, maintenance superintendent

Also attending: From Tailor Made Property Services: Marlene Dau, president, and Betsy Kilker, regional manager; and Bradley Constance, cooperative attorney

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

The next board meeting is February 18, 2020.

Minutes of the November 19 meeting were approved.

Open Session

Sheryl welcomed members and called the session to order at 6 p.m.

Tim gave the maintenance report.

Annual inspections, fall clean-up and gutter cleaning have been completed.

Installed since the November board meeting have been four refrigerators, two ranges, three bath faucets, two water heaters, three bath sinks and two garbage disposals.

There are six active rehabs. There have been one move-in and six move-outs.

Of 153 work orders called in, 145 have been completed.

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Alexis presented the office report.
One membership is for sale with six applications pending and one move-in scheduled.

Betsy presented the managing agent's report for November and December.

Three final statements have been completed and one application approved.

Tailor Made processed \$145,871.55 in accounts payable for the month of November and \$127,676.96 for December.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments.

Terry Menosky won the door prize drawing.

The open session ended at 6:20 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Terry Menosky accepts the door prize from board member Judy Henthorn. Terry won the drawing for a cash prize of \$25 during the open session of the January board meeting.

Please include unit number on checks

When paying carrying charges by check or money order, please include your unit number so that the correct account can be credited.

If the office staff can't read a signature and there is no unit number, mistakes could be made.

Daylight Saving Time Begins in March

It's that time of year again.

You'll lose an hour on Sunday, March 8.

That's when Daylight Saving Time kicks in. So, set your clocks ahead one hour.

For example, if you get up at 6 a.m. on Sunday, move the time up to 7 a.m.

You get your hour back in November.

Dates to Remember

February 2020

Carrying charges due: February 1

Carrying charges delinquent: February 10

Presidents Day: February 17
Office closed

Board meeting: February 18
Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: February 20

March 2020

Carrying charges due: March 1

Daylight Saving Time begins: March 8

Carrying charges delinquent: March 10

Board meeting: March 17
Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: March 20

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.

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. Donations from Tailor Made Property Services and the generosity of members made it possible

to help four Independence Square families during the holidays.

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.

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.

Residents can recycle variety of items in bin

Recycling is now as convenient as the green 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 -- Please break down the 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

Members receive \$200 referral bonuses

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

There is no limit to the number of qualified referrals that can be made by a member.

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