

throughout the property.

Those who fail to clean up after their pets are sent a notice and given 24 hours to clean up.

If pet owners don't comply, maintenance then is dispatched to clean up and members are charged a fee.

Please use water wisely

Water is provided for normal use.

Summer water usage is limited to filling a wading pool not more than 12 inches deep and to watering grass, shrubs and flowers.

Wading pools can be set up only in a fenced back yard and cannot be left out long enough to kill the grass.

Running a sprinkler for children to play in is not allowed.

If a member allows water to run into the street, the member will be charged for excessive usage.

Washing motor vehicles on cooperative property is prohibited.

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.)

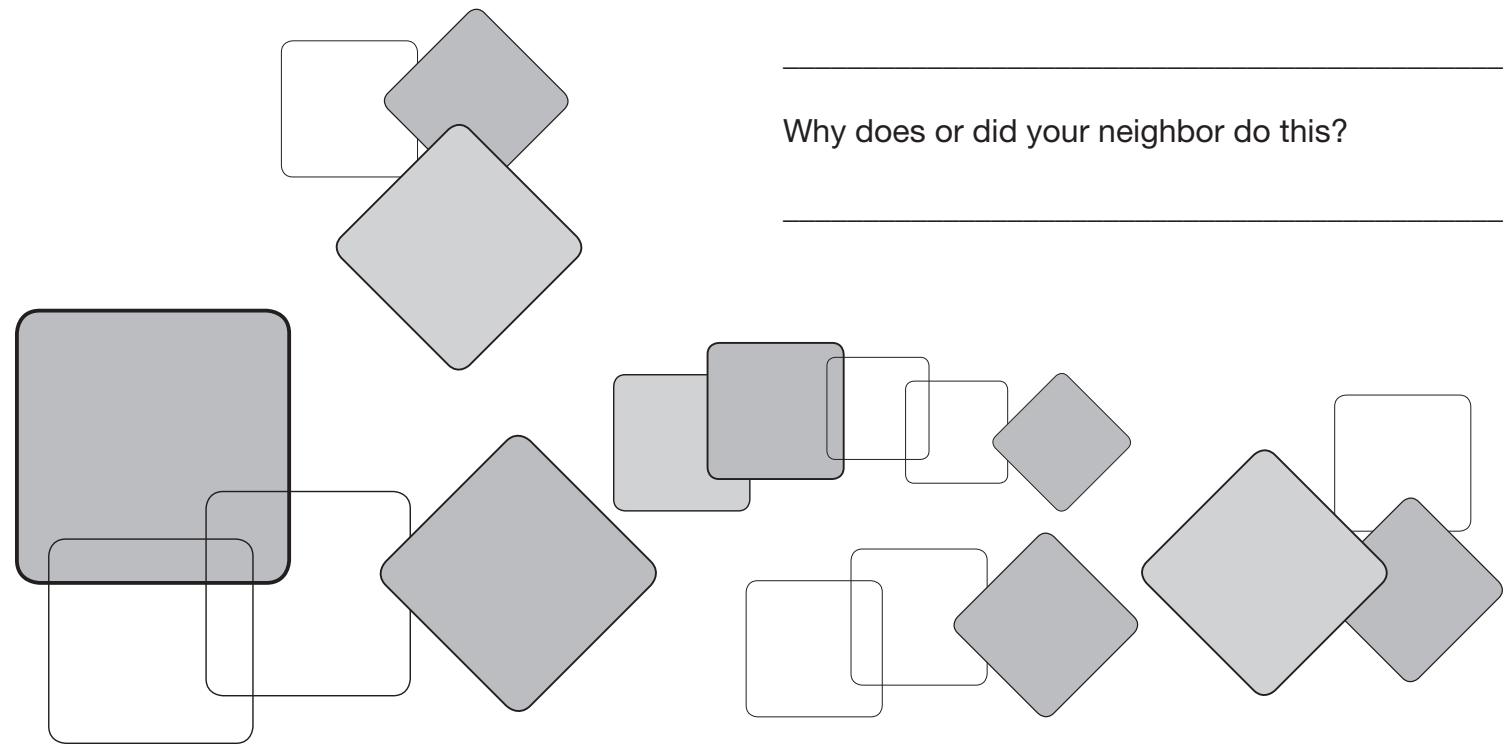
Neighbor's address: _____

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 Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.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?



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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

Member concerns due by May 15

Board meetings resume this month but we are still observing safety measures.

There will be no open session at the May 19 board meeting.

If you have questions or concerns for the board to consider, please get them to the office no later than Friday, May 15.

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.

Help keep children safe this summer

Warmer weather means more children will be playing on the grounds.

Pool rules

Independence Square allows children's plastic or inflatable wading pools during the summer in fenced backyards.

But members must observe the rules that are written with the safety of our children in mind. Pools can be no wider than five feet and no deeper than 12 inches.

Every day, the pool must be emptied of water and stored behind the unit. Members who leave a pool filled with water

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unattended are violating Independence Square rules and regulations and the Occupancy Agreement they signed when they moved in. Violations place your membership in default.

A wading pool full of water is a potential drowning danger to a child and can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Independence Square does not allow any kind of water slides.

Other reminders:

Please remember that children are to be supervised when outside and not playing in the streets.

Play areas located on the grounds are for children to play safely.

If your children are walking the dog, they need to be advised to clean up after the pet, too.

Pets should not be running loose. They should be on a leash while outside at all times.

Rock throwing on the property is prohibited. Rocks belong on the ground and are to be left there.

Picking rocks up, moving or throwing them anywhere on the property is not allowed.

Bicyclists, please remember that sidewalks and streets belong to everyone.

Rules for planting flowers

Flower beds in front and back yards should be planted next to the building. They cannot extend beyond the stoop approximately 56 inches.

The beds should be sloped away from the building to allow for drainage.

Any type of edging must allow for drainage and may not be more than six inches high.

Yard ornaments are confined to a flower bed. Raised flower beds are not allowed.

Dates to Remember

May 2020

Carrying charges due: May 1

Carrying charges delinquent: May 11

Board meeting: 6 p.m. May 19
No open session

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: May 21

Memorial Day: May 25
Office closed

June 2020

Carrying charges due: June 1

Carrying charges delinquent: June 10

Board meeting: June 16

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: June 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.

Fill in bare patches with grass seed

Grass seed is available free from the office for members to use.

Also free at the office:

- **Yard waste bags**
Trash bags for leaf clean-ups are provided to members.
- **Furnace filters**
Change filters regularly to keep your furnace operating efficiently.

- **Bed bug monitors**

These early-detection devices are designed to be placed under mattresses and other bed bug spots. The bugs are trapped in adhesive and easily detected through a clear window.

If you suspect you have bed bugs, call the office. Please do not come in to make a report.

We can deliver the bed bug monitors to you.

- **Light bulbs**

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

- **Smoke detector batteries**

Stay safe. Make sure your smoke detector has working batteries.

Grounds Rules Keep Property Looking Good

Independence Square rules and regulations are designed to improve the appearance of the property and the safety and quality of life of all of us who live here.

Please help keep our community clutter-free and attractive. Here are some of the rules members have agreed to follow when they signed their Occupancy Agreements.

Members are responsible for maintaining their flower beds and fenced-in backyards.

Planting: Planting that could cause structural problems or mowing problems will not be approved.

Vines: Vines will not be allowed on the buildings.

Yard ornaments: Yard ornaments are to be confined to the flower bed.

Yard-keeping standards: 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 with unfenced back yards must move outdoor items next to the unit to accommodate the lawn-mowing crew.

Outside faucets: Outside water faucets must be shared by members on either side of the faucet.

Lawn mower, grass trimmer available to members

Members who need help keeping flower beds and back yards neat can check out a lawn mower and a grass trimmer from the maintenance garage.

Simply call the office and the maintenance garage will be notified. These tools can be checked out for two hours.

Members are reminded that they 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.

Please clean up after your pets

Bag-dispensing stations make cleaning up after your dog easy.

Pet waste bags are readily available at stations

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