

Dumpster etiquette

Good manners mean not making a mess for others.

If you leave trash on the ground next to the dumpster, you will be leaving a mess for the maintenance crew to clean up.

Trash left on the ground also will attract rodents and other pests and will end up creating an eyesore on our property.

Furniture should not be placed in the dumpster. Furniture to be thrown away should be taken to the garage area and put in front of the fence.

If you have larger household items to discard, please call the office at 816.252.0444.

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 overnight.

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 not allowed.

Want to help a neighbor?

The office is compiling a list of members willing to help their neighbors keep their yards mowed.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office at 816.252.0444.

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.)

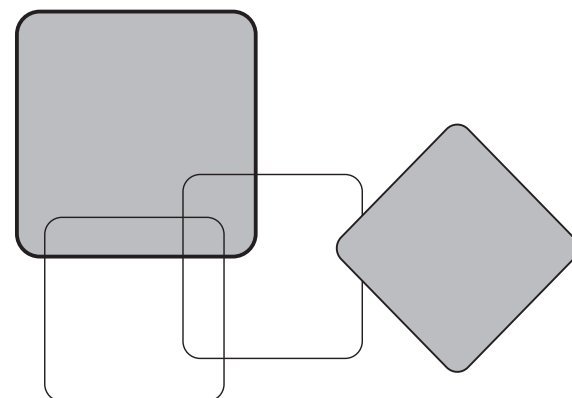
Neighbor's address: _____

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 Phone numbers will not be published in the newsletter.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?



JULY

Around
the SQUARE

2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sheryl Frank
president

William Bather
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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

June 16, 2020
Board Meeting

Board members present: Sheryl Frank, president; Bill Bather, vice president; and Michael Menosky, secretary-treasurer
Board member absent: Ray Gamble and Judy Henthorn
Staff present: Alexis Martin, on-site manager; Tina Greene, assistant office manager; and Tim Ralph, maintenance superintendent
Also attending: Bradley Constance, cooperative attorney, and Betsy Kilker, regional manager with Tailor Made Property Services

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

Next board meeting

The next board meeting is July 21, 2020.

Open Session

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

Maintenance update

Tim presented the maintenance report.
There have been two move-ins and three move-outs. Four rehabs are underway and one move-in is ready.
Of 89 work orders called in, 75 have been completed.

Office report

Alexis presented the office report.
Four memberships are for sale with two applications pending and one move-in scheduled. Four intents to vacate have been filed.

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New protection shields are in place in the offices and new doors have been installed.

The maintenance crew is planting flowers outside the office and at the entrances to the cul-de-sacs.

Managing agent summary

Betsy presented the Tailor Made report for May. One application was approved and three final statements were completed.

Tailor Made processed \$82,158.07 in accounts payable for May.

Member discussion

Sheryl opened the floor to members.

Mowing crew concerns, parking lights, lawn mower rental and landscaping by the fence were discussed.

Good Neighbor of the Month

Mary Jane Hart was recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month for June. She was unable to attend the meeting.

Door prize drawing

Brinda Robb won the door prize drawing.



Brinda Robb won the drawing for a cash prize of \$25 during the open session of the June board meeting.

The open session ended at 6:20 p.m.

The board convened in closed session and the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Resumes accepted for board of directors

Members of Independence Square will vote to fill positions on the board of directors at this year's annual meeting.

Members in good standing who care about our community are encouraged to run for office. Resumes of candidates will be printed in the August and September newsletters.

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.

Fran McGowan Good Neighbor for July

Jacob Newport is more like a grandson than a neighbor to her, said Fran McGowan.

And Jacob appreciates all Fran does for him -- taking him to the store, feeding him and always asking if he needs anything.

Because Fran is "very caring and friendly" and always there for him, Jacob nominated her as the Good Neighbor of the Month for July.

Fran will be honored as the Good Neighbor of the Month during the open session of the July 21 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.

The board of directors will award Fran a \$25 gift card at the July meeting.

Names of all Good Neighbors are placed on the Good Neighbor Honor Roll and recognized during the annual meeting in September.

Turn porch lights on

A simple way to increase security on the property is as close as your porch.

Members are asked to leave their porch lights turned on at night.

To encourage members to turn their lights on, the cooperative provides light bulbs for front and back porch light fixtures.

Dates to Remember

July 2020

Carrying charges due: July 1

Independence Day closing: July 3
The office will be closed.

Carrying charges delinquent: July 10

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: July 20

Board meeting: July 21

August 2020

Carrying charges due: August 1

Carrying charges delinquent: August 10

Board meeting: August 18

Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: August 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.

Help keep children safe this summer

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

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

Cooperative children have been seen damaging property -- beating on trees with ball bats and rods and digging holes in common areas. Such damage could prove costly to their parents.

Please redirect their energy into constructive play.

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.

Tips from the Tool Shed

To help keep your unit cooler

- Change your air filter, especially if you have children or pets.
- Do not block the big vents inside your unit.
- Keep grass, weeds and other things away from your outside condenser unit.

Outdoors

- Water grass and plants daily.
- Wading pools and yard toys are to be put away daily.

~ Tim Ralph
Maintenance superintendent

