

From the Site Manager's Monthly Report

Lock your car

We are reminding everyone to keep your vehicles locked.

Thieves and vandals can gain access to your car if it isn't locked.

They may tear up the interior, looking for spare change or valuables, or they may figure out how to move the car.

Locking isn't the only precaution. Remove any belongings from the car so thieves won't be tempted by what they see inside the vehicle.

Winter-ready

As winter approaches, please remember ice melt can be picked up at the office.

Maintenance does not shovel snow between vehicles. So, please remember there could be ice under the snow and it could be dangerous when getting into your vehicle.



Towing vehicles

Our towing service will tag any vehicle with expired or no plates, vehicles parked in No Parking areas and inoperable vehicles such as those with flat tires.

Vehicles will be towed immediately if they are parked in another member's numbered space or in a fire zone. If this happens on a weekend, call the office and press "1" to reach the on-call maintenance technician.

~ Tina Greene, Site Manager

| MAR. 2023 Carrying Charges Due: April 1 Carrying Charges Delinquent: April 10 Board meeting: April 18 Open session at 6 pm Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: April 20 | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|----------------------------------|----------|--|----------|
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | | 1 <i>Carrying Charges Due</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>Carrying Charges Delinquent</i> | 11 |
| 12 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 <i>Delinquent Accounts to Attorney</i> | 21 <i>Board Meeting Open Session at 6pm Congratulations to Gloria Isles</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
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NEWSLETTER

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Handy Phone Numbers

Indep. Square Office
816-252-0444

State Public Safety
816-599-2110

Animal Shelter
816-621-7722

Animal Control
Dispatcher
816-325-7205

Citizens Info Center
816-325-7000

Police (Non-Emergency)
816-325-7300

Police (Emergency)
911

Report Power Outage
816-325-7550

BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Board members present: Sheryl Frank, president; Marilyn Porter, vice president; Cheryl Conaway, secretary; and Mike Gamble

Board member absent: Mosies Valerio, treasurer

Staff present: Tina Greene, site manager; Monica Harper, assistant 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 March 21, 2023.

Minutes

The board approved minutes of the January board meeting and the executive session

OPEN SESSION

Nine members signed in for the open session. Sheryl welcomed all and called the session to order at 6:05 p.m.

Maintenance summary

Tim presented the maintenance report.

Three roofs have been repaired. Ceiling repairs from roof leaks are being scheduled.

Five basements have been repaired.

The February exterminations were rescheduled to the end of the month.

Eighty-five service requests were called in; 87 have been completed; and 21 are open.

Site report

Tina presented the site manager's report.

No memberships are for sale. Since the last board meeting, there have been one move-in, four move-ins scheduled, one intent to vacate and one application pending.

Tailor Made Property Services

Betsy presented the managing agent's report.

For the month of January, four applications were approved and three final statements were completed. Processed in accounts payable for January was \$140,361.94.

Good Neighbor

Crystal West was recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month for February.

Door prize drawing

Jacob Newport won the door prize drawing of \$25.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments and the open session ended at 6:15 p.m. The board met in closed session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Anti-theft tips for Vehicles

Thefts from motor vehicles generally occur when criminals drive or walk through areas looking for vehicles that are unlocked or have objects left in view.

It only takes a few seconds for a thief to break into your vehicle.

By observing a few simple recommendations of the National Crime Prevention Council, you can take away the criminal's opportunity to make you a victim of this crime.

- **Always lock your vehicle with the windows rolled up.**
- **Don't leave anything of value inside the vehicle in plain sight.**
- **Items that you can't take with you should be locked in the trunk.**
- **Don't leave your vehicle unoccupied with the keys in it.**
- **If you have an anti-theft device for your vehicle . . . use it.**
- **Make sure the license plates on your car are properly secured.**
- **At night, park in well-lighted areas.**
- **Report all incidents as quickly as possible.**

~ National Crime Prevention Council

Gloria Isles Good Neighbor for March

Kindness and conversation are what Kathleen Paxton enjoys most about being with her neighbor, Gloria Isles.

"Gloria is always cheerful and has a kind word to say," Kathleen wrote in when nominating Gloria as the Good Neighbor of the Month for March.

"She brings me dinners from her church," Kathleen wrote. "All of this means so much to me. I enjoy the conversation with her most of all."

Gloria will be recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month during the open session of the March 21 board meeting. She will receive a \$25 cash award.

The Good Neighbor award recognizes members who exemplify the special spirit of cooperation that makes our community a better place for all of us.

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

Snow days

Please don't park your vehicle over the curb.

Don't leave any items on your porch.

Snow removal starts after the storm is over.

Parking lots are cleared first, then stairs, followed by main walkways and porches.

We are hiring for seasonal snow removal. If you are interested, sign up at the office.

Basement water leaks

Please call in a work order if you a basement leak.

Roofs are being repaired and ceiling repairs will be scheduled.

~ **Tim Ralph, Maintenance Superintendent**



Got a good neighbor? Tell us who...

Independence Square is full of unsung heroes. They may be the neighbor who brings you a meal when you're sick or who gives you a ride to the grocery store when your car is in the shop or who takes care of your cat when you're away. They may be the neighbor who volunteers to serve on committees or who organizes activities. You may have seen a neighbor picking up litter in your neighborhood. Whatever the act of kindness, Independence Square is a better place to live because of these unsung heroes. And now, we want you to help us recognize them with the Independence Square Good Neighbor honor.

Please tell us about your neighbor by filling in the form and turning it in to the office. The kindness can be a one-time act or it can be something done on a regular basis. The act of kindness can benefit just one person, a neighborhood or the entire cooperative. One Good Neighbor will be recognized every month and will receive \$25. Nominees must be members in good standing. All information will be verified. The Good Neighbor recognition program will continue throughout the year. When you're touched by another's kindness, please nominate that person.

Good Neighbor Nomination

Your Name: _____ Your Phone Number: _____

Your Address: _____

I Nominate: _____
(Please give full name of neighbor you are nominating.)

Neighbor's Address: _____ Neighbors 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/he done to be a good neighbor? _____

Tell us about your neighbor:

Why does or did your neighbor do this? _____

In what way does this act of kindness help you or others? _____

How long has he or she lived in Independence Square? _____

Daylight Saving Time Begins in March 12

It will soon be that time of year again.

You'll lose an hour on Sunday, March 12. 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. on March 12.

You get your hour back on November 5.

