

Barbara Wood Good Neighbor for November

When Fran McGowan's car broke down and she asked Barbara Wood for a ride, Barbara had one question for Fran: "What time do I need to be at your house?"

Barbara took Fran to her appointments and errands until Fran's car was repaired.

Fran nominated Barbara as the Good Neighbor of the Month for November.

"She has been a good friend and neighbor and has helped me feel calm," Fran said.

When Fran needed to go out of town, Barbara stepped up again and fed Fran's cat, Cinnamon, every day and cleaned the litter box.

"She is an angel who would help anyone if needed," Fran said.

Barbara will be recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month during the open session of the November 15 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.

NOV. 2022						
<i>Carrying Charges Due: December 1</i>		<i>Christmas observed: December 23 & 26 Office closed</i>				
<i>Carrying Charges Delinquent: December 12</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Carrying Charges Due</i>	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Daylight saving time ends</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Carrying Charges Delinquent</i>	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Board Meeting Open session at 6 p.m.</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Delinquent Accounts to Attorney</i>	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Observed Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving Observed Office Closed</i>	26
27	28	29	30			

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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, OCTOBER 18, 2022

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

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

Board member absent: Mosies Valerio

Staff present: Alexis Martin, site manager; Tina Greene, assistant site 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 November 15.

Maintenance report

Tim requested approval to paint the fence around the main playground black. The board approved. The maintenance crew completed 1,117 work orders.

OPEN SESSION

Members signed in for the open session. Sheryl welcomed all and called the session to order at 6 p.m.

Managing summary

Tim reported that furnace maintenance is now 76 percent completed.

The City of Independence will inspect 10 percent of the property-- 19 units -- on Wednesday.

On the playground, the basketball backboards have been repainted and new nets installed.

There were 103 service requests completed, 32 are open and 101 were called in.

Five rehabs are underway.

Site report

Alexis presented the site manager's report.

No memberships are for sale. Since the last board meeting, there have been one move-in, five move-ins scheduled and two intents to vacate.

Food donations for holiday baskets are being accepted in the office. If members know of anyone in need of food during the holidays, please let the office staff know.

Tailor Made Property Services

Betsy presented the managing agent's report. For the month of September, four applications were approved and one denied. Three final statements were completed.

Processed in accounts payable for September was \$135,305.60.

Good Neighbor award

Tyler Schinderling was recognized as the Good Neighbor for October.

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.

Adjournment

The board met in closed session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Last meeting

The last board meeting of the year is Tuesday, November 15.

There will be no board meeting in December.

The first board meeting in 2023 is January 17.

Donations accepted for holiday food baskets

The office is collecting food for Independence Square families in need during the holidays.

Please consider contributing canned goods or other nonperishables.

If every household gave just one can of food, the cooperative would have 188 cans to use for gift baskets to our members who are struggling to make ends meet during the holidays.

Last year, we were able to help four families.

To donate, please stop by the cooperative office. Thank you.

From the Site Manager's Monthly Report

Towing

Please remember our towing service checks vehicles once a week. Any vehicle with expired or no license plates, vehicles parked in No Parking areas and inoperable vehicles will be tagged for towing.

Vehicles will be immediately towed if they are parked in another member's numbered space or parked in a fire zone.

Holiday donations

We will be collecting food items for our holiday baskets again this year. Last year, the donations were plentiful. Thank you very much. Your generosity was overwhelming.

We are hoping for this year to be as successful. If you know of any members who might need assistance during the holidays, please call the office and let us know..

~ Alexis Martin, Site Manager

Door Prize Drawing



Jacob Newport won the \$25 door prize during the open session of the October meeting.

Furnace maintenance underway

Annual furnace inspections are 76 percent completed.

Air filters are available at the office or will be changed by maintenance upon request. Check and change your air filter often, especially if you have pets.

Never use the air conditioner of the furnace without a filter.

Don't block vents in your home.



Playground

Basketball backboards have been repainted and new nets installed.

Please pick up trash on the playground.

Snow removal help wanted

If you would like to help with snow removal, we are hiring help for four-hour shifts.

Call the office to sign up.

~ 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? _____