

KIDS, YOUR WORDS COULD BE WORTH \$20 AT MCDONALDS

Cooperative youth are eligible to win a \$20 gift card
to McDonald's by writing a short paragraph.

The topic is "What I like best about living in Independence Square."

Tell us what you like about your neighborhood in 75 words or fewer.

Three McDonald's gift cards of \$20 a piece will be awarded to winners in three age groups: 1 through 5 years of age; 6 through 10; and 11 through 18.

Deadline is August 14.

Enter the contest by turning your writing into the office.

Here's the form.

Carrying Charges Due: September 1 AUG. 2023 Carrying Charges Doe. September 4 Office closed Carrying Charges Delinquent: September 11

Annual meeting: Wednesday, September 20 Delinquent accounts sent to attorney: September 21

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Carrying Charges	2	3	4	5
		Due				
6	7	8	9	Carrying Charges Delinquent	11	12
13	14	Board Meeting Open Session at 6pm	16	17	18	19
20	Delinquent Accounts to Attorney	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Board of Directors

Sheryl Frank President Elected 2021, 3-year term

Marilyn Porter

Vice president Elected 2022, 1-year term

Cheryl Conaway

Secretary Elected 2022, 3-year term

Moises Valerio

Treasurer Elected 2021, 3-year term

Michael Gamble

Elected 2022, 1-year term

Handy **Phone Numbers**

Indep. Square Office 816-252-0444

> **Animal Shelter** 816-325-7207

> **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, JULY 18, 2023

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Board members present: Shervl Frank, president; Marilyn Porter, vice

president: Cheryl Conaway, secretary; and Mike Gamble

Board members absent: Moises Valerio

Staff present: Tina Greene, site manager, and Tim Ralph, maintenance

superintendent

Also attending: Bradley Constance, cooperative attorney, and Betsy Kilker,

regional manager with Tailor Made Property Servicess

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

The board approved minutes of the June board meeting and the July 5 special meeting.

OPEN SESSION

Members signed in for the open session.

Call to order

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

Next board meeting

The next board meeting is August 15.

Maintenance update

Tim presented the maintenance report for June.

Fifteen security cameras have been installed at the parking lots. Cameras will be installed next on the maintenance shop and the office.

Lawn inspections will continue on Tuesdays. During the last two weeks of June, 20 yards were cited for violations; in July so far, 13.

Gutter cleaning is underway.

Four rehabs are in various stages of completion. Called in were 117 service requests; 118 have been completed; and 28 are open.

Site report

Tina presented the site manager's report.

One membership is for sale. Since the last board meeting, there have been one move-in, one scheduled move-in and two applications pending.

Tailor Made Property Services

Betsy presented the managing agent's report.

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For the month of June, two applications were approved and one denied.

Processed in accounts payable for June was \$137,113.57.

Sheryl opened the floor to member comments.

Door prize drawing

Brenda Wright won the door prize drawing of \$25.

The open session ended at 7:06 p.m. The board met in closed session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Applications 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.

The meeting will be at the clubhouse. Sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday in September, the 20th.

Door prizes will be awarded.

Only members in good standing can vote. Any member with an unpaid balance of more than 30 days cannot vote. If you cannot attend, you may vote by proxy.

Members voting by proxy must appoint another member in good standing to vote on their behalf. No attending member may cast more than his or her vote plus one proxy vote.

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



Brenda Wright accepts the door prize award from Marilyn Porter, vice president of the board, at the July meeting.

Check out activities at the Palmer Center

If you want to get out and have some fun and you are 60 and older, come to the Palmer Center at 218-A North Pleasant St. in Independence.

The hours are

8 a.m. to 5 pm. on Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday Closed Saturday and Sunday

There are classes, games, exercise, arts and crafts for free. Come and meet people and be cool to boot.

For more information, call the center at 816.325.6200.

Or visit the Website, indep.us/palmercenter

Compiled by Kathleen Paxton



Summer Armilio

My name is Summer Armilio and I am running for the board.

I have called our wonderful community home for the last eight years and I hope to have many more years to come. I am the mother of one daughter, a foster son and also a dog mom to two happy Shih Tzus.

I hold a bachelor's degree in Lay Ministry and I currently work with individuals who have special needs. I love helping others and being a listening shoulder for anyone who needs it.

A few of my personal hobbies include photography, scrapbooking, crocheting, reading and spending time with my family.

I have always loved living here and I want to become more involved in making our community the best it can be. I would like to see more opportunities for us to come together as a true community where everyone can feel heard and neighbors can be a light to others.

If elected, I will bring my diverse knowledge and fun-loving spirit to our board and community and give my all to maintain the integrity and community spirit of this cooperative.

Marilyn Porter

My name is Marilyn Porter and I will bring to the Independence Square community 13 years of experience on the board of directors.

For four terms, I served on the board and for nine years as president.

Currently, I am serving as vice president.

It is my pleasure to represent the interests of the cooperative and to participate in the process of improvements to our units, our buildings and our grounds.

It is here in Independence Square that I raised two small children as a single mother. I believe the environment of Independence Square encouraged my children to become the successful individuals they are today.

My heart is here at Independence Square and I am asking for the privilege to serve again on the board of directors.

Please vote for me on September 20.

Holly Carson Good Neighbor for August

Welcoming Miranda Kronmiller to the neighborhood is one way Holly Carson is a Good Neighbor.

"I feel so comfortable with her as my neighbor," Miranda wrote when nominating Holly. "She's a really kind person."

Holly will be recognized as the Good Neighbor of the Month during the open session of the August 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.