



# NEWSLETTER

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## Board of Directors

**Michael Gamble**

President

Elected 2023, 3-year term

**Nathan Pollard**

Vice president

Elected 2024, 3-year term

**Summer Bello**

Secretary

Elected 2023, 3-year term

**Cheryl Conaway**

Treasurer

Elected 2022, 3-year term

**Todd Smith**

Elected 2024, 3-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

## Cooperative members help six families with holidays

Generous members and donors made the holidays brighter for Independence Square households.

This year, the cooperative was able to help a record number of six families.

The holiday giving is an annual tradition at Independence Square. The cooperative collects food, toys and nonperishable to help members in need. How many families are helped is based on the quantity of donations brought to the office in November and December.



## Winter weather reminders

As severe weather approaches, the office and maintenance staffs may open late or close early for the safety of our staff.

If the weather is poor, call the office before you come up.



Our snow removal service will push snow and salt drives and sidewalks.

Please know that the service may not push the snow until it has stopped falling.

~ Jozie Blomquist, Regional manager  
 Community Housing Management

## 2025 Board Meetings

The open session is at 6 p.m. Please join us.

### JANUARY

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## Keep surfaces slip-free with ice melt granules

Members are reminded that bags of ice melt are available free from the office for use on townhouse sidewalks, steps, stoops and other surfaces.

Furnace filters also are available at the office.



## Forms to update



The new year means we will be updating paperwork. Please be aware that you will receive forms that will need to be brought up to date for 2025.

As always, we are here to help. If you have an issue, please make sure to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

~ Jozie Blomquist  
Regional manager  
Community Housing Management



# MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR ACTS OF KINDNESS IN 2024

Four members were recognized by their neighbors in 2024 for acts of kindness.

Stepping up to help others earned these members the Good Neighbor of the Month awards.

Their thoughtful gestures ranged from taking food to neighbors who are not feeling well to driving a neighbor to appointments to welcoming a new member to the neighborhood.

With heartfelt appreciation, the Board of Directors for Independence Square Townhouses congratulates all members who have been named Good Neighbor of the Month since the award was established in April of 2010.

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

Good Neighbors are recognized at monthly board meetings and given \$25.

So, keep those nominations coming in!

**2024**  
Abigail Perez  
Barbara Wood  
Kyle Dunn and Taylor Macoubrie

**2023**  
Crystal West • Gloria Isles  
Chris Moeller  
Lauren Metzler • Cynthia Wood  
Holly Carson

**2022**  
Gracie Sykes  
Judy Henthorn & Neil McCumber  
Cheryl & Summer Conaway  
Amanda Bass  
Jacob Newport • Tyler Schinderling  
Barbara Wood

**2021**  
Paul Michael Fenton • Bobbie George  
Josh Rogers • Abigail Perez

**2020**  
Aaron Harris • Fran McGowan  
Mary Jane Hart

**2019**  
Judy Henthorn • Paul Fenton  
Helen McElfresh  
Jacob Newport • Cora Little  
Barbara Wood

**2018**  
Dakota Cook • Josh Rogers  
Helen McElfresh

**2017**  
Tim Underhill

**2016**  
Judy Henthorn • Logan Rogers  
Mary Jane Hart

**2015**  
Jean Hudgens • Sheila Wells  
Michael Mahan  
Jessie Phillips • Abigail Perez

**2014**  
Cora Little • Ed Korte • Sheryl Frank

**2013**  
Deborah Stephens • Stephen Myers  
Denice Bartley & Bob Hopkins  
Josh & Felecia Rogers

**2012**  
Helen McElfresh

**2011**  
Jessie Phillips • Josefina Acosta  
Bruce Raney  
Josh Rogers  
John & Wanda Buckingham  
Michael Benz • Bea Parks

**2010**  
Linda Dykeman • Chelle Marler  
Ed Korte  
Edwin & Jenifer Schapeler  
Marilyn Clark  
Bonnie Jones • Mary Lou Hemmy  
Aurora Subang

## JAN. 2025

Carrying charges due: **February 1**

Carrying charges delinquent: **February 10**

Presidents Day: **February 17** - Office closed

Board meeting: **February 18**

Open session at 6 p.m.

Delinquent accounts to attorney: **February 20**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> New Years Day Office Closed Carrying Charges Due	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Martin Luther King Jr Day Office Closed Delinquent accounts to attorney	<b>21</b> Board Meeting Open Session at 6pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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*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.*

# 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.

**Su Bacon, newsletter editor, will contact nominees.**

## 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? \_\_\_\_\_

# Reminder

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND YARD  
DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED  
BY JANUARY 15.**

