

Check out tools from Maintenance shop

Tools are available to check out at the Maintenance shop from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All borrowed tools must be returned before 4:45 p.m. the same day.

Yard tools: lawn mower, weed eater, shovels, rakes and pruners.

Sprinklers, hoses and a water timer also are available.

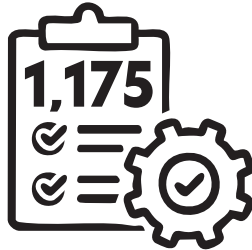
Car tools: jump box, portable air pump and jumper cables

Members are responsible for picking up and returning tools to the maintenance shop.

By the Numbers:
September of 2024
to August 31, 2025



MOVE-INS



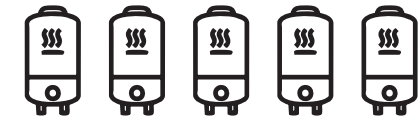
WORK ORDERS COMPLETED

REPLACED:

8 REFRIGERATORS



5 WATER HEATERS



8 STOVES



2 ROOF PATCHES



OCT 2025

Carrying charges due: **November 1**
Daylight saving time ends: **November 2**
Carrying charges delinquent: **November 10**

Board meeting: **November 18** | Open session at 6 p.m.
Delinquent accounts to attorney: **November 20**
Thanksgiving observed: **November 27 and 28**
Office closed

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	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Delinquent accounts to attorney</i>	21 <i>Board Meeting Open Session at 6pm</i>	22	23	24 Trunk or Treat <i>5 to 7 p.m. Register to participate by Oct. 17.</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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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

Steffany Brockman
Treasurer

Elected 2025, 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



FOR EVERYONE: FRIDAY, OCT. 24

Get ready for ghosts, goblins, scary and funny creatures roaming the streets of Independence Square Townhouses.

A community-wide Trunk or Treat will welcome them from 5 to 7 p.m. on October 24.

Kids can get free ice cream from a Frosty Treatz truck parked in front of the playground across from the office.

To participate in Trunk or Treat, contact the office to register by October 17.

ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Board members present: Mike Gamble, president; Nathan Pollard, vice president; Summer Bello, secretary; Cheryl Conaway, treasurer; and Todd Smith

Staff present: Jozie Blomquist, regional manager, and Danica Murray and Kenny Irvin, site managers

Also attending: Brad Constance, cooperative attorney

Quorum

Mike Gamble, president, confirmed with Danica Murray that a quorum was present in person/by proxy and called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Meeting notice

Mike welcomed members and thanked them for attending. He referred to the official notice of the Annual Membership Meeting sent on September 10 to all members as proof of notice of the meeting.

Minutes of 2024

Summer read aloud the minutes of the annual meeting held on September 18, 2024. The minutes were approved as read.

Site manager report

Since September 1, 2024, there have been 18 move-ins, Danica reported. Eight refrigerators have been replaced along with five water heaters, eight stoves and two roof patches.

Since September 1, 2024, 1,113 work orders have been opened; 1,175 closed; and 49 are currently open. In August, one application was approved and five are in review. Move-ins are projected for September, one; for October, one; for November, two; and for January, one. One hundred thirty-four (134) work orders were opened, 148 closed and 43 currently open.

Regional manager report

Jozie reported that landscaping projects are completed and retaining walls built throughout the property. The drainage systems have been improved. Roofs have been replaced or repaired and the camera system is up and running.

Board position open

Mike announced that there was one three-year position open on the board of directors. Steffany Brockman has filed as a candidate.

Nominations from the floor

Mike asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and a motion to close the nominations was made and carried.

Speeches

Steffany addressed the members.

Vote

Steffany Brockman was elected by acclamation.

Door prizes

Door prize drawings were held for members present from the seven cul-de-sacs. Winners were Doris Lion, Cheryl Conaway, Janete Cole, Shirley Short, Phyllis Cannon, Abby Dolman and Ephraim Subang.

The annual meeting ended at 7:33 p.m. The board met in closed session and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Winners received \$100 cash prizes in a drawing at the annual meeting. Winners' names were drawn from those attending the meeting from the seven cul-de-sacs.

Winners in alphabetical order were Cheryl Conaway, Phyllis Cannon, Janete Cole, Abby Dolman, Doris Lion and Shirley Short.

Not pictured: Ephraim Subang



Daylight Saving Time Ends on Nov. 2

It's that time of year again.

You'll gain an hour on Sunday, Nov. 2.

That's when Daylight Saving Time ends. So, set your clocks back one hour.

For example, if you get up at 6 a.m. on Sunday, move the time back to 5 a.m.



Food by dumpsters attracts rodents, raccoons

The Trash Fairy doesn't live here. But raccoons do.

If members leave garbage piled around the dumpsters, it won't magically disappear.

Those steak bones, candy wrappers, soft drink cans, coffee grounds and banana peels will end up scattered all over the grounds by critters scavenging for food. These critters not only spread trash -- they also spread disease, such as roundworms.

Please remember to put your trash in bags and to place it inside, not next to, the dumpster.

Members who empty their trash cans directly into the bin are creating a mess for the maintenance staff. When the dumpster is picked up, loose trash is blown all over the grounds. Litter and garbage strewn throughout the complex are unsightly and unsanitary.

Reminders:

Do not dump tires or car batteries in the dumpster.

Mattresses, beds and other large items should not be left by dumpsters or at the maintenance shop. If you need to dispose of oversized items, contact the office.

Please call the office about any furniture or otherwise big items that you need to dispose of.

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? _____

Officers Elected



The board elected officers for the 2025-2026 year.

President: Mike Gamble

Vice President: Nathan Pollard

Secretary: Summer Bello

Treasurer: Steffany Brockman

