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November 2021

TOWN SQUARE RESIDENTS CLUB HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

LAKE TRAIL RESIDENTS CLUB HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS ALERT

Town Square Residents Club will close at 3 p.m. on Nov. 24 and is closed all day Nov. 25-26 for Thanksgiving.

EVENTS

- Nov 3** Master Budget Meeting
- Nov 4** Food Truck Thursday
- Nov 11** Rules & Regs Hearing
- Nov 13** Eagles' Breakfast Club (55+)
- Nov 13** Holiday Paint Party (21+)
- Nov 17** Architectural Review Committee Meeting
- Nov 18** Food Truck Thursday

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Community Message

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

Hello Independence! I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve you on the Board of Directors. In light of Thanksgiving coming up this month, I wanted to share with you some things I am grateful for, first being the beautiful community we are able to live in. I remember when I first discovered Independence being in awe at our beautiful torches out front and the real fire they carry and as you drive in the majestic vista that opens up as you emerge from the trees of the reflection pond and the clock tower. I have told many people I wish I had an automatic trigger in my car to play epic music like the *Jurassic Park* theme when I drive in. There is really a unique sense of place here in Independence, care for the details, and thoughtful planning of the community that is hard to find here in Florida.

The second thing I am grateful for is the wonderful Board of Directors I have the pleasure of serving beside. We have Nick L., our fearless President, who truly embodies the role of being a decisive and caring leader. He carefully listens to everyone's concerns and helps guide to the best solutions. Dusty is always a barrel of fun and loves everyone selflessly. Jerry is so devout to the community daily, as goes on walks to make sure things are going and looking right and constantly works with our Management to get things taken care of. Jessica brings our team her unique HOA business sense and understanding of HOA management and has been key to finding multiple solutions and keeping us on the right track. Libby as our Treasurer brings so much knowledge and a view from her financial background and has really worked hard with our Finance Committee to make adjustments and improvements to properly budget and plan for the future of our community. Last but not least, we have Nick C. who brings his immense knowledge and care for landscaping and as head of the beautification committee has been a valuable asset as we address the needs and concerns of our aging community and is working on solutions to help keep our Independence beautiful for years to come.

I finally wanted to share my gratitude for our Management team from FirstService Residential. Conor is our Community Manager and has been key to helping our Board get up to speed and has worked so many hours tirelessly caring for our community and its residents, it is evident the passion he has for us and our community. Tim is both Lifestyle Director and a fellow resident and does so much to keep our community beautiful year-round, but also is the superhuman force bringing the wonderful events we have every year: a valuable asset that drew many of us to our community. I am also grateful for the other members of our on-site team including David, Tyler, Ben, Victoria, and the others who jump in to support. I hope during this month where we remember those things we are grateful for we all take the time to write down the big and little things that make our lives wonderful.

Taylor A. Baird

Director

Independence Community Association



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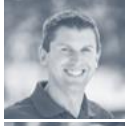
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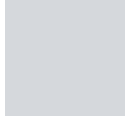
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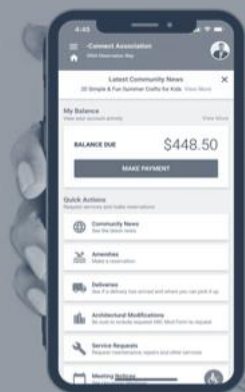
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Here Are a Few Quick Steps to Get Started:

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- ✓ A valid Amenity Key card is required to access amenities controlled by a secure locking door.
- ✓ Amenities are for the exclusive use of Independence Residents and their accompanied guests. Non-members may not use any amenity without being accompanied by an Independence Resident.
- ✓ In fitness centers and pool decks, no glass containers are allowed. Food items must be kept clear of the pools. Clean up any trash before leaving.
- ✓ No pets are allowed on pool decks or inside Residents Club buildings.
- ✓ Children must be carefully monitored for their safety and the comfort of others in all amenity areas.
- ✓ No children under 16 years of age are allowed alone in Residents Clubs at any time.
- ✓ Children under 16 may not use fitness centers. Children 16-18 must exercise with an adult.
- ✓ Be courteous to your neighbors. Use headphones for music in fitness centers, and keep music to a low level in other amenity areas. Wipe down and re-rack equipment in fitness centers for the next person.
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1

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<http://independencecommunity.connectresident.com>
Make sure not to add a "www." to the front!

If you already have an account, click "Login" at the top right corner of the site.

To create an account, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Create Account".

2

Create an Account



Fill in the form with the basics, and be sure to use your primary email address. This is where you will receive a confirmation message to verify your account. **Trouble verifying?** Call our 24/7 Resident Care Center at 866-378-1099 for fast, live support.

3

Connect!



Once you're logged in, you can view community news, documents and resources all in one place. Check for upcoming events, read messages from the management team, review meeting notes, access forms, and more! **Account information** is also visible here: update your contact information, view your current ledger, and see any property-specific violations or architectural applications.

Townhome owner? Each Association has its own Connect™ portal. Please be sure to register for **BOTH** accounts to view all your tools and resources.

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Starting immediately, please use this new mailing address for your Association assessment payments:

(Name of Association)
c/o FirstService Residential
P.O. Box 31086
Tampa, FL 33631



Plan ahead and pay early!

While the new mailing address is located closer to Independence, the U.S. Postal Service has warned of service delays, especially over the holidays. **Assessments are due on the first and late if processed after the tenth of each month.**

- ☒ If you mail a check for your payments, please use this new address and include your remittance slip. Be sure to continue making all checks payable to the correct Association.
- ☒ If you pay your assessments using your bank's Online Bill Pay, please log in to your bank account and update the payee address to the new one above.
- ☒ If you pay your assessments online through ClickPay, no action is required and your payments will continue as scheduled.
- ☒ For help setting up online payments through ClickPay, visit the online help center at ClickPay.com/GetHelp.



A Message from the Assistant Community Manager

Happy Thanksgiving (Month), Independence! As we get ready to gather family and friends for the winter holidays, I'd like to take this month's column to share a few tips for keeping the exterior of your home in "Guest Mode" and ready to welcome the *nitpickiest* of relatives:



- ☑ **Landscaping Beds:** Now is a great time to top off the mulch you've chosen for your beds - with the hot, wet summer behind us, you'll notice your mulch is probably faded and in some areas a little thin. Take advantage of holiday sales to freshen up your mulch, and you'll add instant curb appeal and help reduce weed pressure.
- ☑ **Pressure Washing:** Your Colonial-style brick pavers add charm, but they also absorb a lot of summer moisture that leads to dirt, mold, and mildew stains. Torrential downpours cause dirty streaks down your walls and around your window sills and fascia. Don't forget to pressure wash your surfaces to keep them looking as good as new. Often times, household cleaners will work too. Check your favorite store for options, including some pre-mixed cleaners you can attach to your garden hose.
- ☑ **Decorations:** 'Tis the season! We are so excited to see the many ways Independence homeowners bring the holidays to life on their properties through creative displays. Please remember to respect the guidelines around exterior holiday décor: install up to 30 days prior and keep up to 20 days after, then remove and store for next year. If you live in a townhome unit, you have additional requirements to keep your lawn clear and your shrubs accessible for landscapers to detail safely.

As always, we are at your service. For questions about Architectural Review or covenant enforcement, call Town Square Residents Club at 407-654-7479 or email us at hoa@independenceflorida.com.

David Landry, Jr.
Assistant Community Manager

Covenant Reminder of the Month

Pets and Pet Waste. County ordinance requires pets to be leashed at all times when outside and not directly supervised on your own property. As a courtesy to all your neighbors, always remember to curb your pet and dispose of waste properly.

Lake Trail Residents Club Exterior Repaint

IN PROGRESS: Out for proposals.

Ficquette Road Perimeter Fence Repair

IN PROGRESS: Estimating underway.

Reflection Pond Semi-Annual Maintenance

COMPLETE

Old Grove Park Basketball Court Fencing

IN PROGRESS: Out for bids.

Brackenfern Pond Study & Restoration Plan

PENDING: Orange County Environmental Report due soon.

Signers' Park Playground Refurbishment

COMPLETE



A Message from Your Lifestyle Director

Welcome to the Winter Holidays, Independence Residents! Amazing to think about how fast the year has flown by, but we're all geared up and ready to make merry with you as we move into this most magical of seasons. My team and I have been working hard to prepare some great Lifestyle events this month in addition to decking the halls with tens of thousands of lights over the next few weeks... be sure to honk when you see us!



- ♦ **Food Truck Thursday** will continue to be offered twice a month in 2021. Five trucks will be available each night to allow for quicker transaction times and appropriate social distancing. Face masks are recommended while inside Town Square Residents Club. Additional outdoor seating on the Tower Green is available for Residents to enjoy while dining.
- ♦ **Eagles' Breakfast Club** is scheduled for Saturday, November 13 at 9 a.m. Independence Residents 55+ are invited for a complimentary breakfast at the Town Square Residents Club. Register online at EaglesBreakfastClub.Eventbrite.com.
- ♦ **Paint Party 21+** is back - Holiday edition! Our adult Independence Residents age 21 and older are invited to enjoy an instructor-led paint evening at the Town Square Residents Club on Saturday, November 13. Registration is required, and tickets are \$15 per painter. See the flyer on page 7 for additional information on how to reserve a space!
- ♦ **Frosty Frolic** returns this holiday season starting December 2. Join us on the Tower Green for falling snow, complimentary s'mores and hot cocoa. Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* will be our featured film.
- ♦ **Winter Festival** flurries in on Saturday, December 11 on the Tower Green. Resident wristbands are required to participate in the offerings and will be available starting November 15 at Town Square Residents Club.
- ♦ **Gingerbread House Decorating** will occur several evenings in December at the Town Square Residents Club. Registration opens on November 15 and is required for this SUPER popular event. Space is limited! See the flyer on page 8 for details.

As always, stay tuned to *Independence Lifestyle* on Facebook for the latest updates!

Timothy Gesing
Lifestyle Director



VISIT TOWN SQUARE RESIDENTS CLUB ON:

NOV 4

Rubios Baja Grill
Florida Flava
Oishiimoto Japanese
Fat Ones
Kelly's Homemade Ice Cream

NOV 18

Peter Johns Ice Cream
City Street Kitchen
Bizzle's Bistro
OH MY DOGS!
The Wandering Goat
Smoking Soul BBQ

Scheduled food trucks are subject to change without notice.



INDEPENDENCE
Letters to Santa



MAILBOX WILL BE OPEN:
NOV. 15TH- DEC. 5TH

MAILBOX LOCATION:
TOWN SQUARE RESIDENTS CLUB

YOU MAY ALSO MAIL YOUR LETTERS TO:

MR. CLAUS
1213 PLEACH STREET
WINTER GARDEN, FL



WRITE ONE LETTER PER FAMILY AT ONE ADDRESS IN INDEPENDENCE
PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN'S NAMES & ADDRESS ARE CLEARLY LEGIBLE FOR SANTA'S ELVES

HOLIDAY PAINT PARTY

Town Square Residents Club

November 13th at 7 p.m.

\$15.00 per person
Hors d'Oeuvres & Painting
Supplies Provided.

Residents are encouraged to provide beverages.
Ages 21+

Register at:

<https://dreamscapeartsentertainment.square.site/>

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November 22nd
9am-11am

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100 min.



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GINGERBREAD House Decorating



December 6th & 7th 6:30 pm
Town Square Residents Club
Register via Eventbrite!

Frosty Frolic

DECEMBER 2ND
6pm - 8pm

Join us for:
Holiday Movie
S'mores + Cocoa
Falling Snow

Town Square Residents Club



DECEMBER 11TH
5 PM ~ 8 PM
TOWER GREEN

Mr. Claus
Horse & Carriage Rides
INDY KidZone
Food Trucks
Vendor Market
INDY Games
Falling Snow
Movie Night
7:30pm
Don't Stop Believin
Dance Party
6pm



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Tuesday @ 6 p.m.
Wednesday @ 6 p.m.
Thursday @ 6 p.m.

WHERE: Lake Trail Residents Club - Eagle's Nest

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Questions? Email Sonia at
s.hazलगren@icloud.com

**Class limited to 10 participants. Please follow all CDC guidelines*



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Dial 911 for life-threatening emergency assistance from the Orange County Sheriff's office or Fire Rescue.



Orange County Government Services

Dial 311 for assistance with non-emergency flooding, debris, downed trees, traffic matters, road conditions and animal or neighborhood concerns.



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November Independence Vendors



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SOLD: \$575,000

6128 Sunset Isle Drive
Listed & Sold
Worked with buyer
25K off list price

5 4 3,465 sq.ft



SOLD: \$505,000

15130 Driftwood Bend
Worked with buyer &
seller negotiated

5 3 3,170 sq.ft



SOLD: \$370,000

14422 Whittridge Dr
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