



# The INDEPENDENCE POST

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May 2026

## TOWN SQUARE RESIDENTS CLUB HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Fitness Center: 24/7

## LAKE TRAIL RESIDENTS CLUB HOURS

Mon-Fri: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sun: Closed  
Fitness Center: 24/7

## EVENTS

- May 1** Eagle's Breakfast
- May 2** Shred It!
- May 13** Ice Cream Social
- May 13** Safety & Security Committee
- May 14** Rules & Regulations Committee
- May 15** ARC Applications Due
- May 20** Application Review Committee
- May 21** Food Truck Night
- May 27** Master Board Meeting
- May 30** Women's Circle

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## Community Message from the Board of Directors

As we move into May, I would like to begin by welcoming our newest Board members, Krystle Bamberski and Jose Casas. Thank you both for your willingness to step forward and serve the community. Your time, perspective, and commitment to Independence are truly appreciated, and we look forward to working together as we continue to build on what makes this neighborhood such a special place to call home.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our outgoing Board members, John Upton and Taylor Baird, for their years of dedicated service. Their contributions have played an important role in shaping the community, and we are grateful for the time and effort they have given to Independence.

As part of our ongoing responsibility to maintain and improve our shared spaces, we wanted to provide a brief update on irrigation repairs throughout the community. So far this year, the Association has addressed 14 lateral line breaks, 27 mainline breaks, 39 valve and solenoid repairs, and 2 controller replacements. These issues are primarily due to the age of the irrigation infrastructure, as well as tree roots continuing to mature and impact underground piping. Addressing these repairs promptly helps prevent more extensive damage and ensures we do not incur greater costs in the long run, particularly when it comes to plant material loss and landscape restoration.

Now that we are officially in May, our team will be turning its attention to identifying and replacing any remaining landscaping impacted by the winter freeze. You may begin to see crews throughout the community assessing areas and making improvements as we work to restore and enhance the overall appearance of our common spaces.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and pride in our community. Independence continues to thrive because of the residents who care deeply about where they live, and we are proud to serve alongside you.

Warm regards,

Mark Glover  
Vice President  
Independence Community Association



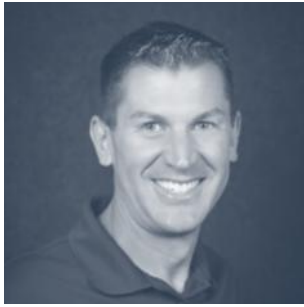
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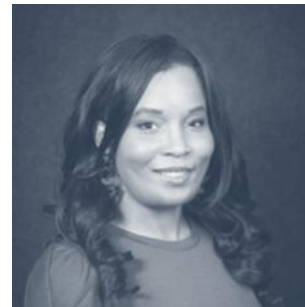
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**BOARD MEETING**  
May 27, 2026 | 6:30 PM  
Town Square Residence Club



## A Message from the Community Manager

We've had a lot of projects going on throughout the community, and it's great to see so many of them coming together. We're thrilled to have all of the Lake Trail Residents Club pool furniture back in place, now refreshed with new paint and updated fabric. It's a noticeable improvement and just in time for everyone to enjoy as we head into the warmer months. Over in the billiards room, the pool table has also been re-felted, giving the space a clean, updated feel for residents who enjoy spending time there.



We're also currently in the process of replacing the LED sign at the main entrance, as it has begun to show its age. This upgrade will help ensure we can continue to communicate important updates and event information clearly, while also maintaining the overall appearance of our entryway.

As we move further into the spring season, I'd also like to recognize the continued efforts of our maintenance team. They've recently completed the installation of the new uplighting on the palm trees at the 429 entrance, and the results speak for themselves. It's a subtle but impactful enhancement that adds a beautiful touch to the community, especially in the evening hours, and helps create a more welcoming first impression for residents and guests alike.

Our team is not slowing down anytime soon. They are already hard at work preparing the community for the summer season, with seasonal decorating underway and plenty of behind-the-scenes efforts taking place to ensure everything is ready for our upcoming Fireworks Spectacular. From maintaining our common areas to supporting large-scale events, their work plays a big role in keeping Independence looking its best and running smoothly.

As always, we appreciate your patience and support as we continue to make improvements and prepare for the busy months ahead. We hope you enjoy the start of the summer season and all that's to come.

Best wishes,

Tyler Parsons, LCAM  
Community Association Manager  
Independence Community Association

### Pool Furniture Refurb Town Square & Lake Trail Residence Clubs



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### Billiard's Table Re-felt



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### Main Entrance LED Sign Replacement



### Maintenance Facility Building - Lake Trail Residence Club



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**Please check your scheduled deductions to make sure they reflect the new assessment fees effective January 1, 2026.**

**Homeowners will no longer be issued coupon books.** You will instead receive an *Annual Assessment Notice* via postal mail that specifies the assessment amount due and payment instructions for your Unit.

All assessments are due by the **first day** of each month. Any assessment processed after the 10th of the month will incur a late fee of \$25. To avoid any issues, we suggest submitting payments by the fifth. Additional charges for reminder letters, interest fees, and collections costs will be assessed for delinquencies.

Similarly, if you are being charged \$3.00 for online payments, please see the methods below to avoid this charge.

- Sign up for recurring ACH payments. Recurring ACH payments are free
- Sign up for Online Bill Pay through their bank
- Mail their assessment payment to the lockbox address and include your 14-digit account number

For payments made in person or by mail, please allow **ample time** for processing. In-person payments are usually cleared within 1 business day. Mailed payments will be dependent on the U.S. Postal Service's delivery schedule.

If you have questions about your account, please contact your on-site Management team at 407-654-7479 or email [HOA@IndependenceFlorida.com](mailto:HOA@IndependenceFlorida.com).

## INDEPENDENCE AMENITY RULES

- 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.
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## ENHANCING INDEPENDENCE TOGETHER

Before

After



One of the pillars at The Town Square Residence Club was beginning to crack



The pillar has been fixed and freshly painted

## ENHANCING INDEPENDENCE TOGETHER

Before

After



The pavers at The Independence Commons were beginning to come up from tree roots



The pavers have been fixed



## ENHANCING INDEPENDENCE TOGETHER

Before

After



The Billiard's table had stains on the surface



The table has received new felt

## ENHANCING INDEPENDENCE TOGETHER

Before

After



The Benches by the Town Square Residence Club were showing their age



The Benches have been sanded and painted





## A Message from the Lifestyle Director

As we head into May, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on a couple of wonderful events we recently shared. Our first Ice Cream Social of the year was a great success—it was so nice to see so many of you out enjoying the evening, complete with plenty of smiles (and a few ice cream-covered faces) and all the delicious toppings. It's always a fun way to kick off the season and spend time together as a community, and this year certainly did not disappoint.

Brunch & Bingo was just as enjoyable, with great food, lots of laughter, and an exciting selection of prizes. The energy in the room was fantastic, and it was clear that everyone had a great time from start to finish. Events like these are a great reminder of how special it is to bring neighbors together, and we truly appreciate everyone who came out to be a part of it.

May is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting month. We'll begin with our Eagle's Breakfast on Friday the 1st for our 55+ residents, followed by our Shred It! event on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Town Square Residents Club. If you have documents you've been meaning to dispose of, this is a great opportunity to do so safely and securely. Both events are great chances to connect with neighbors and take advantage of what the community has to offer.

Throughout the rest of the month, our team will be hard at work preparing for one of the biggest events of the year—our annual Fireworks Spectacular. From logistics and entertainment to décor and setup, there is a lot happening behind the scenes to make sure everything comes together seamlessly. You may see us around the community as we begin preparations and add some seasonal touches to welcome the summer months. If you do, please don't hesitate to stop by and say hello—we always enjoy connecting with you.

We're already looking forward to seeing everyone on June 27th for the Fireworks Spectacular. It's always one of the highlights of the year and a great opportunity to come together and celebrate as a community. We hope you have a wonderful month ahead, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

**Max Damiri**  
Lifestyle Director  
Independence Community Association



## May 21

Café Rouge  
GringaMex  
Jesus Coffee  
Pico Bistro  
Que Monchi

*Scheduled food trucks are subject to change without notice.*





MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
6 - 8 PM

Ice Cream Social

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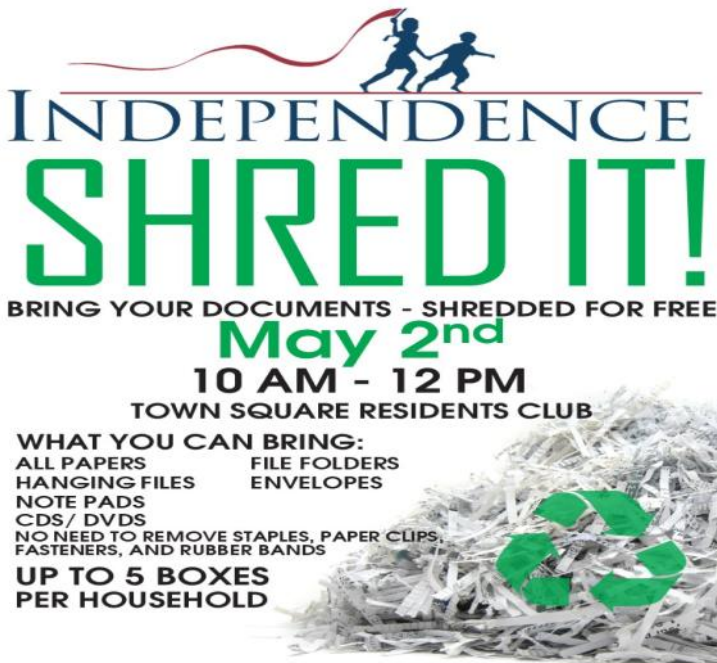
INDEPENDENCE FIREWORKS  
*Spectacular*

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5:30 PM - 8 PM

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LAKE TRAIL RESIDENTS CLUB - EAGLE'S NEST



# INDEPENDENCE FIREWORKS *Spectacular*

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

6 PM - 9:30 PM

INDY KidZone - Food Trucks - Fireworks  
Meet n Greet - Entertainment



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INDEPENDENCE WELCOMES YOU TO CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY WHERE THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA LIVES!



The *Independence Fireworks Spectacular* is a treasured holiday tradition for members of our community.

**Join us on June 27 at our iconic Entry Mall and Tower Green for a star-spangled celebration you won't forget!**

#### **Where can I park?**

Parking will be available at Independence Elementary School. Our bike trail along New Independence Parkway will lead you directly to the event area. For those Residents who require mobility assistance, a complimentary shuttle will be available near the school bus loop adjacent to the parking lot. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced; if you choose to use street parking, ensure you are parked in a legal parking spot.

#### **How will traffic into and out of the community be affected?**

New Independence Parkway at Ficquette Road will be closed starting at 11 a.m. on event day. Old Thicket Trace will remain open as an alternate entrance. Traffic eastbound on New Independence Parkway headed toward Ficquette Road will be detoured at Old Carriage Road. Pleach Street will be closed at Cultivation Way. All roads will reopen at approximately 10:30 p.m. For the safety for everyone, please follow the instructions of law enforcement and the posted detour signs.

#### **What entertainment is included this year?**

In addition to our new location, we are proud to introduce several enhanced experiences for our Residents:

- **Splash Bash Premium Pool Party** offers complimentary snacks, frozen treats, and beverages in a poolside oasis open to registered Guests only. Space is very limited for this experience: RSVP online at [IndySplashBash.Eventbrite.com](http://IndySplashBash.Eventbrite.com).
- **New character friends** will make appearances inside Town Square Residents Club.
- **The Indy KIDZone** expands to include the return of the *Soak Zone*, where young Residents in their swimsuits can cool off on a giant slide, foam pit, and mega slip-and-slide.
- **To prepare for the celebration**, Town Square Residents Club, including the pool, arcade, business center, and fitness center, will be closed all day on June 28th. All Lake Trail Residents Club amenities will remain open during regular hours on event day.
- **Fireworks viewing** will be available all along the Mall between the Reflection Pond and the street. Bring a blanket and chairs as we light up the night starting at 9:15 p.m.!

#### **Do I need wristbands this year? Where can I pick them up?**

Complimentary event wristbands will be required and checked for admission to all event offerings for Residents aged 3 and older. Pick up your wristbands from Town Square Residents Club with your photo I.D. or Amenity Key up to June 26. On event day, visit Lake Trail Residents Club for wristbands between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For those who need wristbands during the event, visit the Information Tent at Tower Green after 5:30 p.m.



# FIREWORK SAFETY for pets



**KEEP INDOORS**

Even calm pets can get spooked by loud fireworks. Bring them inside.

**SAFE SPACE**

Move them to a room and put on the TV or music, and cover the windows.

**ID TAGS**

In case your pet gets out, make sure they're wearing their updated ID tags.

**DISTRACT**

Give them a new toy or treat to help take their mind off of the noise.

**EXERCISE**

Wear them out before the festivities, so they can sleep through the noise.

**USE PRODUCTS**

If nothing helps, try using calming products like medicines or vests.

# INDEPENDENCE FIREWORK Spectacular

## Complimentary Resident Wristbands

Skip the line and obtain your event wristbands starting

June 1st

Town Square Residents Club

Event wristbands are for Independence Residents & their Guests who would like to partake in the INDY KidZone & various offerings at the Independence Firework Spectacular!

Day of event pickup will be available at Information Tent with amenity key or proper identification.

# SPLASH BASH

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|-----|-----|-----|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
|     |     |     |   |   | 1<br>Eagle's<br>Breakfast<br>9 am        | 2<br>Shred It!<br>10 am             |
| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8  | 9                                   |
| 10  | 11  | 12  | 13<br>Ice Cream<br>Social<br>6 pm<br>Safety &<br>Security<br>Committee<br>6:30 pm | 14<br>Rules and<br>Regulations<br>6:30 pm | 15<br>ARC<br>Applications<br>Due by 5 pm | 16                                  |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20<br>Architectural<br>Review<br>Committee<br>Hearing<br>6:30 pm                  | 21<br>Food Truck<br>Thursday<br>5 pm      | 22                                       | 23                                  |
| 24  | 25  | 26  | 27<br>Master Board<br>Meeting<br>6:30 pm  | 28  | 29                                       | 30<br>Women's<br>Circle<br>10:30 am |
| 31  |     |     |   |   |  |                                     |

