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TOWN SQUARE RESIDENTS CLUB HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fitness Center: 4:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

LAKE TRAIL RESIDENTS CLUB HOURS

Mon-Fri: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun: Closed
Fitness Center: 4:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

EVENTS

- Mar 2** Food Truck Thursday
- Mar 9** Rules & Regulations Hearing
- Mar 11** ShamROCK Nights 21+
- Mar 14** Splash Bash – Spring Break
- Mar 15** Architectural Review Committee Meeting
- Mar 16** Splash Bash – Spring Break
Food Truck Thursday
- Mar 30** Master Association Annual Meeting

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Community Message

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

Are you interested in shaping and serving your community? Now is your chance to join the Board of Directors! Keep an eye out for the application forms and get ready for elections at the end of March. As a current Board Member, I have learned that being a part of this governing body is both an opportunity and a duty to make a positive impact on our community. If you are considering joining the Board, I encourage you to reach out to me or to one of my fellow Board Members to learn more about our roles and have any of your questions answered.

It's important to cultivate diversity on the Board and to be considerate of differing opinions. As a Board member since 2021, I am proud to serve our community and grateful for the trust placed in us to run it. It is my personal goal to maintain the beauty and charm of our unique community and to uphold the quality standards set out when this community was founded.

So, I invite you to join us at the Annual Meeting at the end of the month and fulfill your opportunity and duty to vote for our leadership for the coming year. Four seats will be up for election this year. Let's work together to continue building and improving our wonderful community. And, if you're not ready to join the Board this year, please consider attending the meeting to learn more and show your support!

Taylor Baird
Director
Independence Community Association

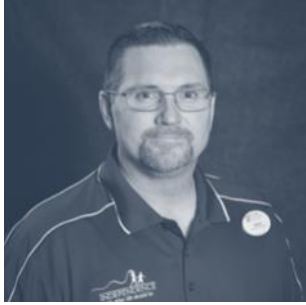
INDEPENDENCE
Annual Meeting

**THURSDAY
MARCH 30**

DETAILS ONLINE AT
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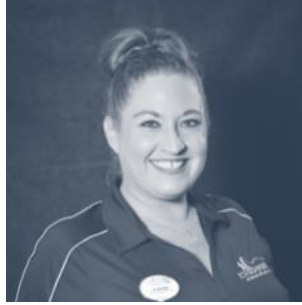
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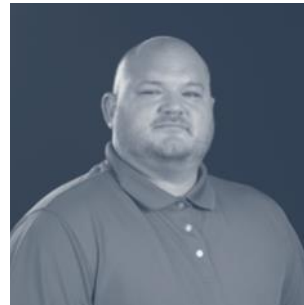
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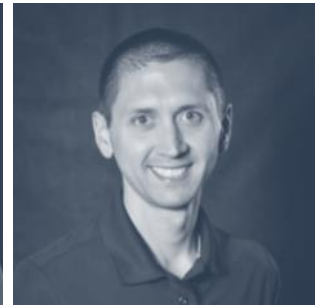
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION**
THURSDAY, MAR. 30 AT 6:30 P.M.
TOWN SQUARE RESIDENTS CLUB



ORANGE COUNTY AUTOMATED COLLECTION PROGRAM

GARBAGE - RECYCLING - YARD WASTE - LARGE ITEMS



Tips for Problem-Free Collection Service

- Place material out by 6 a.m. the day of collection to ensure you do not miss the collection truck. Collection crews have until 8 p.m. to complete each route.
- Place roll carts with at least 3 feet of clearance at the curb and away from the mailbox, parked cars, and low-hanging tree limbs.
- Roll cart handles should be facing your house.
- DO NOT MIX** yard waste, garbage, recyclables, and large items.
- Containers, bundles, and bags for yard waste must weigh less than 60 pounds when full. Cans must be 50 gallons or less in capacity with tight-fitting lids and handles on the sides.
- Remove roll carts and containers from the curb within 12 hours after pickup.
- Material not set out properly will be tagged. Please call the Orange County Utilities Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601.
- If your cart is damaged or stolen, please call the Orange County Utilities Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601 for a replacement.
- Automobile parts; hazardous waste; and freon-containing devices, such as freezers and refrigerators, are not included in your curbside collection program.



GARBAGE

Place bagged household waste inside the roll cart with the **green** lid. **DO NOT** mix recyclables, hazardous waste, or yard waste with your garbage.



RECYCLING

- Place only these recyclables in the roll cart with the **blue** lid:

PLASTIC

Bottles, jugs, and tubs labeled #1 - #5

METAL CANS

Tin, aluminum, and steel

GLASS

Bottles and jars

CARDBOARD

Flattened corrugated boxes

PAPER

Newspapers and advertisements

Junk mail

Magazines and catalogs

Office/note paper

Phone books

Cereal/shoe/drink boxes

Milk/juice cartons



- Do not use plastic bags for recycling.**



YARD WASTE

- Yard waste collection is for all vegetative landscaping material as well as grass, tree, and shrub trimmings.
- Collection is limited to 3 cubic yards per week.
- Use garbage cans provided by residents or plastic bags for collection. Bundle limbs, palm fronds, and similar items into lengths of 3 feet or less and securely tie them with string or twine. Each can, bag, or bundle must weigh less than 60 pounds. Tree stumps should be cut in lengths of 3 feet or less and each piece must weigh less than 60 pounds.



LARGE ITEMS

- Large items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances, TVs, and up to 4 passenger car tires are collected the same day as yard waste. Please keep large items separate from yard waste.
- Collection is limited to 3 cubic yards per week, and the item(s) must be set out neatly.



HOLIDAYS

Collection will be provided as scheduled on all holidays except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. When Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day fall on a regular scheduled collection day, collection will be one day after the normally scheduled collection day for the rest of the week.



For questions or concerns regarding garbage, recycling, yard waste, and large item pickup, please call the Orange County Utilities Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601. Website: www.ocfl.net/GreenClean • Email address: Solid.Waste@ocfl.net

Revised 10/20

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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Ensure that you pick up after your pets when using walking paths, sidewalks, and at the dog park.
- ✓ Misuse of, or nuisance at, any community amenity may result in suspension of privileges.

INDEPENDENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Asa Gray
1810-1888

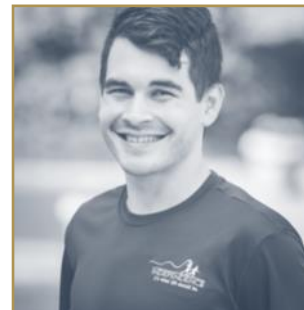
*Namesake of
Asa Gray Park
in Phase 2*

Asa Gray was an American botanist, considered among the most important and influential of the 19th century. He was born in Sauquoit, NY, on Nov. 18, 1810, in the back of his father's tannery shop. The eldest of eight children, Gray was a prolific reader from an early age. Initially training as a medical doctor, Gray dropped his interest in human medicine to focus all his energies on botany. Following a series of high-profile jobs and apprenticeships, Gray became the first professor at the newly-founded University of Michigan, joining the faculty in 1838. Four years later, he became Fisher Professor of Botany at Harvard, and remained there for 30 years. Author of some of the most famous texts on botany, some still published today, Asa Gray died in Cambridge, MA on Jan. 30, 1888 at age 77.



A Message from the Administrative Assistant

Hello, Independence! I'm excited to have my first article in *The Independence Post* this month as I get settled into my expanded role helping David and Tim with community standards inspections. I can't thank all of you enough for your partnership and your commitment to keeping your homes, and our community, as beautiful as ever.



- ☑ **Signs.** I can't believe we're almost at Spring Break, and right around the corner will be graduations and the end of the school year. As a reminder, the ARC Standards allow for school signs ONLY during specific times of the year. If you have a Booster/PTO/Sports sign in your yard today, it needs to be removed. School signs are allowed from May 1 to June 15.
- ☑ **Commercial Vehicles.** As a friendly reminder, any vehicle with commercial lettering, work apparatus (ladders or racks), or dual rear wheels is prohibited in the community overnight except when parked in your garage. Commercial vehicles are also not allowed to be parked on the County roadways overnight, including trailers and semi trucks. If you see a commercial vehicle that doesn't belong, please let us know so we can remind the owner. If you see a vehicle on the roadway overnight, please notify Orange County Sheriff's Office at 407-836-4357.
- ☑ **Landscaping.** This is the time of the year when yards and gardens start to come alive. As you are looking at your property, be sure to keep an eye on your turf for color and health, and apply a fertilizer as needed. Keep planting beds free from weeds, including under any shrubs or trees, and after you install new annual flowers, remember to dust the beds with a fresh coat of mulch for that finishing touch. If you'd prefer to use rock mulch instead of wood mulch, remember that requires ARC approval first.

As always, should you have any questions about a covenant notice or ARC application, please contact us for help. We are always happy to assist you.

Tyler Parsons, LCAM
Administrative Assistant

Covenant Reminder of the Month

Window Coverings. Window coverings do not require ARC approval, but must consist of drapery, blinds, shutters, decorative panels, or other window covering of the type normally found in single-family homes. No paper, newspaper, aluminum foil, sheets, cardboard, or other temporary window treatments will be permitted except for periods not exceeding 30 days after an owner or a tenant first occupies a unit.

Removal of Storm Damaged Trees from Common Areas

COMPLETE

Common Area Tree Trimming

IN PROGRESS: Scheduled to begin March 6.

Repair of Fountain Pump in Pond #18 (at 429 Entrance)

IN PROGRESS: Approved - Awaiting schedule.

Replacement of Lake Trail Residents Club Roof

IN PROGRESS: Scheduled to begin March 6.

Town Square Pool Furniture Refurbishment

IN PROGRESS: Expected Delivery March 10.

Concrete Alleyway Repairs - Phases 1 & 2

IN PROGRESS: Approved - Work to begin this month.



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1. VISIT SHERWINWILLIAMS.COM
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3. SELECT HOMEOWNER
4. SELECT COLOR
5. SELECT HOA COLOR ARCHIVE
6. COMPLETE STATE/CITY/HOA COMMUNITY
7. SEARCH

INDEPENDENCE





A Message from the Operations Manager

Spring is in the air, Independence! Tim and I are working hard with our team to bring you a bouquet of family fun (and a special grown-up only event!) this month, and we can't wait to see you enjoying the warm breeze and later sunsets that make life in Independence so wonderful. I'm also very grateful to all the Residents I've met these last few weeks—thank you for making me feel so at home with you!

Jesse Vincent, Operations Manager

Food Truck Thursdays ♦ Mar. 2 and Mar. 16 at Town Square Residents Club, 5-8 p.m.

Discover delicious dishes on the first and third Thursday of each month with five trucks available each night and al fresco seating around Town Square with lawn games (weather permitting).

ShamROCK Nights (21+) ♦ Mar. 11 at Town Square Residents Club, 7:30 –10 p.m.

Break out your best brogue and shine up your shillelaghs – it's an adult-only St. Patrick's Day event you won't want to miss! Join us at Town Square Residents Club for a banshee of a bash featuring dueling pianos, delicious appetizers, and two complimentary drinks per Guest (additional beverages at cost). RSVPs are required – see page 6 for details.

Splash Bash ♦ Mar. 14 and Mar. 16 at Town Square Residents Club Pool, 12-2 p.m.

School's out and it's Spring Break... time to dust off the bathing suits and bring the family to Town Square Pool on Tuesday and Thursday for our Spring Break Edition Splash Bashes! It's all the fun of our summer Splash Bashes... if you've never been, join us now for a preview! Fun and games in the pool and on the deck are complimentary for all Residents.

Independence Spring Festival ♦ April 1 at Tower Green, 1-4 p.m.

Presented by Orlando Health Horizon West Hospital, Independence Realty Group, Down to Earth, and Greater Orlando Chiropractic and Wellness

The Independence Spring Festival blooms into Town Square on Saturday, April 1. Bring the family and enjoy the warm spring breezes as you meet Mr. Bunny, hunt for thousands of colorful eggs, play in the Indy KIDZone, and more. Check out more details on page 7, and keep an eye on our Facebook group for more details as we get closer to the event day, including traffic pattern changes around Town Square. Don't forget to pick up your wristbands at Town Square Residents Club starting Mar. 1.

Spring Bunny Breakfast ♦ April 8 at Town Square Residents Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mr. Bunny welcomes Independence families to a breakfast with real character at Town Square Residents Club. Featuring a buffet of family-friendly favorites and special photo moments with the Bunny himself, this is an event you won't want to miss! Price is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (3-12). Space is limited—see RSVP information on Page 8.



VISIT TOWN SQUARE RESIDENTS CLUB ON:

MAR. 2

Naked Cupcake
OU812
The Waffle Bar
Between Breads
El Cubanito

MAR. 16

Treehouse Truck
Betta's Pizza
Bowls for Tu
Chikiz
Caldonia Kitchem

Scheduled food trucks are subject to change without notice.





Sewing Class Offerings

Saturday Sewcial

Email Bev for available
seasonal projects!

*For Questions or to Register
email Bev:*

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**Eagle's Nest
Lake Trail
Residents Club**





April 1st
TOWER GREEN
1 PM - 4 PM

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DOWN TO
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& WELLNESS

Egg Hunt
3pm

Mr. Bunny
Meet n Greet

INDY KidZone

Food Trucks

Vendor
Market

Bunny Blooms
Flower
Planting

Spring Fling
Dance Party





**Complimentary
Resident
Wristbands**

Skip the line and obtain your event
wristbands starting
March 1st
Town Square Residents Club

Event wristbands are for Independence Residents
and their invited Guests who would like to
partake in the INDY KidZone & various offerings at the
Independence Spring Festival!

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



**SATURDAY
APRIL 1ST**

TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE | 11AM - 5PM





Spring Bunny BREAKFAST

MR. BUNNY INVITES YOU
TO A BREAKFAST WITH
CHARACTER ON

**SATURDAY
APRIL 8TH**

STARTING AT 10AM
TOWN SQUARE
RESIDENTS CLUB

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ADULTS: \$10
CHILD (12 & UNDER): \$5

BUNNYBREAKFAST.EVENTBRITE.COM




Spring Bunny BREAKFAST



APRIL 19TH
6 - 8 PM

Ice Cream Social

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SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND
JOIN US FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP
TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2023!



Community Cleanup

INDEPENDENCE
VOLUNTEERS

Event Kickoff at 9 a.m. at the Town Square Residents Club.
Open to Residents of all ages!





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NEW PRICE \$780,000

7121 Blue Indigo
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PENDING \$415,000

14638 Whittridge Drive
Independence -Wood floors, beautiful
screen rm & full patio, good condition!
ALWAYS CALL ANDREW!

3 2.5 2019 sf



NEW PRICE \$549,900

7035 Pasturelands Place
Independence/New roof & AC units!
Wood floors main rooms!
ALWAYS CALL ANDREW!

4 2.5 2539 sf



NEW PRICE \$359,900

14409 Vashons Way / Independence
Perfect location across from a park
area! Both bedrms en-suite!
ALWAYS CALL ANDREW!

2 2.5 1192 sf



SOLD \$750,000

6213 Schoolhouse Pond Road
Independence / POOL-new salt sys!
Front Pond/conservation view.
SOLD WE LOVE ANDREW!

5 3 3515 sf



PENDING \$565,000

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Spring Festival Wristband Distribution Begins	2 Food Truck Thursday 5 pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Rules & Regulations Hearing 10 am	10 ARC Applications Due by 5 pm	11 ShamROCK Nights (21+) 7:30 pm
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