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President's Message

Greetings fellow residents. Hopefully the hot summer weather will be coming to an end shortly and then we can all look forward to the beautiful fall colors. Schools are open and residents are reminded to be on the lookout for school buses picking up or dropping off students. Remember, on all streets in Ironwood, the speed limit is 30 MPH.

As I have reported in previous newsletters, your Board continues to work on finalizing the proposed new bylaws so they can be presented to the members of the IHOA to vote on. As I write this message in mid August, the Board has completed a final review with the Board's attorney and will be deciding at its September meeting when and how to make the proposed new bylaws available to membership for their review. The new bylaws will be voted on at the 2022 annual membership meeting this coming January. You will receive a ballot along with your annual dues notice in late December. The Board is hoping to get a large percentage of ballots returned, so please vote. It is also important that there is a quorum present, either in person or by proxy, so business can be conducted at the annual meeting. If you will not be able to attend the annual meeting in person, please make sure to sign and return the proxy along with your ballot.

The Board has also been working on some modifications to the current fence guidelines and will complete this task in time to present them to the membership and vote on them at the annual meeting. Be sure to watch your email or check the ihoa.org website periodically for current information on both the proposed bylaws and the proposed fence guidelines.

With fall arriving, the Town of Normal will begin its leaf pick up in late October or early November. The Board would remind residents that raking leaves into the gutter can cause problem with the functioning of the storm sewers. Leaves should be raked to the front of your property, but not be allowed to fall into the gutters.

Finally, if any resident is interested in contributing to the sub-division by serving on the IHOA Board of Directors, they should contact and submit their name to any current Board member. The Board would like to include brief bios of candidates in the December newsletter, so it is important that you submit your name by early November if you are interested.

David Brown, president

Covenants Reminders

Letters from the Town or Homeowners Association

You may receive a letter from the Town Inspections Department and/or IHOA regarding a violation on your property that the Town has an ordinance about or is related to a subdivision covenant. The Town and Homeowners Association work together in keeping our subdivision appealing and within the boundaries of the ordinances and covenants. Thank you to all who maintain your property accordingly.

Parking Recreational Vehicles for Winter Maintenance

During the Fall months, the necessary clean-up and maintenance of boats and campers is expected. Parking your vehicle for a very short time in the drive is acceptable while completing the needed tasks prior to storage. The property owners who notify Board members about the vehicle/s is appreciated.

As a reminder, Ironwood covenants are very direct in relation to **trailers, boats, campers, and golf cart storage**. Article V, Section 17 in the IHOA covenants states: "No truck, travel trailer, recreational type vehicle, mobile home, boat, trailer,.....shall be kept on the lot or in the subdivision except entirely within an enclosed structure. All automobiles kept or stored on said premises not enclosed in a permanent structure or building shall be in a workable and running condition...." All property owners who choose to own these types of equipment are asked to abide by the covenants of the subdivision for the betterment of Ironwood.

Susan Parrent, covenants chair

Welcome to Ironwood

Welcome to all our new residents!!! I hope that you are enjoying our beautiful neighborhood. All of the IHOA board members are here if you have any questions about the neighborhood please feel free to contact any one of us.

As school has started just a reminder to be aware of all the kids walking or waiting at the bus stops and also of the buses picking up kids. It's important to wait until they have cleared the area as some may be crossing the street in front of the bus. **Please drive slow!!!**

Once again a big thank you to everyone who has donated food for the food pantry. The drop off box is inside the Ironwod club house between the mens and ladies restrooms.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and fall, and a Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Linda Rheeling, vice president



A Note from Town of Normal Public Works

Leaves Will be Falling

September and October bring out the rakes to gather the many crisp leaves. Vacuum leaf collection starts mid to late October and continues for about 7 to 8 weeks.

Be reminded:

- Leaves are not to be placed in the street. Leaves left in the street block storm water inlets and can cause flooding. They also can cause traffic issues. Rake them just to the curb, remaining on the parkway and/or lawn.
- Remove sticks and other items from the leaf pile.
- Collection will typically occur 3 to 5 times during the fall collection season and the time between collections may be as long as 3 weeks during heavy leaf fall. Be patient.
- Open burning in the Town of Normal is prohibited.

The likelihood of following the timeline of when the leave vacuums will be in Ironwood can usually be found on the Town website.

Grass Clippings Are Not for the Street

As you continue to mow during these cooler Fall months, you are reminded **grass clippings are not to be blown into the street**. Grass and debris along and in the street curbs eventually end up in the sewer system which can cause flooding and multiple other issues. Grass in the streets can also become very slick and dangerous for the many bike riders and motorcyclists in the neighborhood.

If you mow your clippings into the street, you are requested to sweep them up and dispose of them at the Town Landscape Waste Drop Site on Warriner Street in Normal. It is open 24/7. Dirt, sod, and grass clippings are accepted along with vegetation.

Bulky Waste Collection Reminders

Bulky waste is the large, individual household items that do not fit in your garbage bin/cart. It is collected each Friday in Ironwood.

Items put out for bulky collection should follow these guidelines:

- Must be at the curb, not in the street. Just like the leaves, they are to be left just at the curb, remaining on the grass/parkway area.
- Separate the bulky loose items from the garbage bins, brush, and landscape waste.
- Must be three or more feet from any obstructions such as trees, hydrants, parked cars, wires, fences, etc.
- *Flattened* cardboard can be included.

Any questions about waste collection, recycling, sewers, traffic signs, and snowplowing can be answered by the Public Works Services department.



Ironwood Golf Course Update

The golf season is off and running and the golf staff has been working diligently to keep the course in great condition for the golfing public. A few projects have been underway, and I would like to take this time to update you on those.

🌿 Ironwood Golf Course hosted the U.S. Mid-Amateur during the month of August and the crew worked hard preparing for that event.

🌿 We are in full swing of high school golf, and we are happy to host these young golfers.

🌿 Earlier in the month of August, our staff mowed the tall grass areas to help keep weed pressure down. Staff will be out spot spraying areas soon. Golf course staff will also try and mow the tall grass again in late fall.

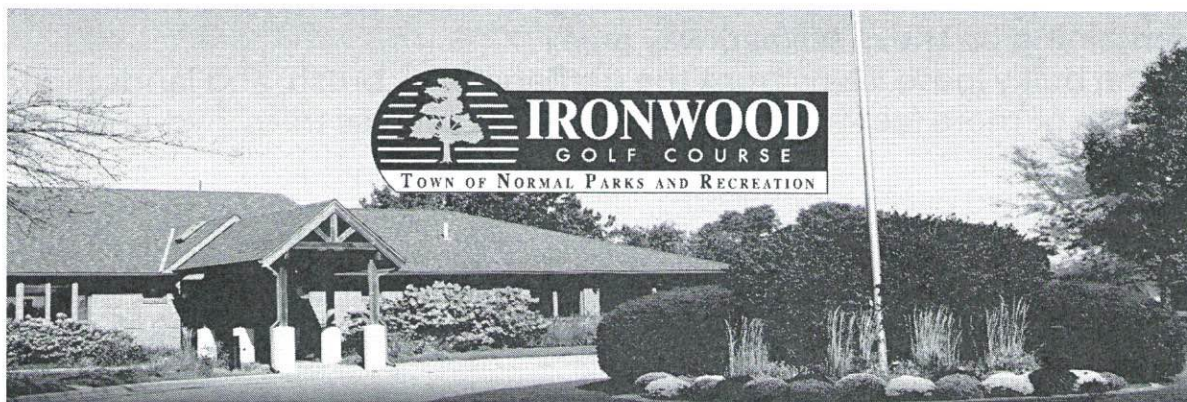
🌿 Pond aerators were installed earlier this year and they have been running well so far. We have plans to purchase more carp and other fish to continue to improve the ecosystem.

If you have any questions about any projects or anything about the course, I would be happy to help. My email and phone number are below if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the golf course and our staff. We appreciate our wonderful relationship between the course and the Ironwood Homeowner's Association.

Tyler Bain

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Ironwood Home Sales

18 Single family detached homes sold in the last 6 months of 2021

17 were 1.5 and 2 story homes with 1 ranch home

Sold Price: High was \$564,000 Low was \$238,000 Average of \$309,706

Days on Market: High was 51 days Low was 1 day Average of 8 days

Single family home For Sale as of August 31, 2021

0 homes for sale

3 Single family attached homes sold in the last 6 months of 2021

Sold Price: High was \$252,000 Low was \$220,000 Average of \$238,004

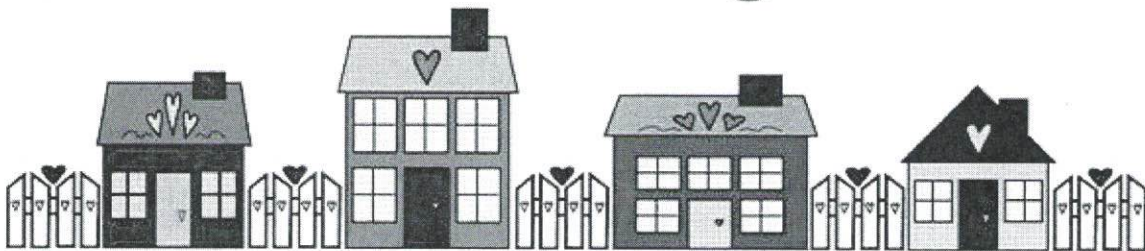
Days on Market: High was 23 days Low was 4 days Average of 10 days

0 Attached homes were For Sale as of August 31, 2021

0 Attached homes are under contract as of August 31, 2021

*Information provided by the Bloomington-Normal Association of Realtors
Provided by Floyd Aper, Real Estate Broker with Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group*

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



IHOA 2022 Elections & Annual Meeting

The IHOA Annual Meeting will be held in January 2022 (more details to come, pending COVID guidelines at the time). **Elections of the IHOA Board of Directors as well as voting on important and necessary updates to the IHOA By-laws will be determined at this meeting.**

🌿 Business can only be conducted if a quorum is met in-person or by proxy. When you receive your dues and proxy form in December, you are encouraged to designate a proxy or attend the meeting.

🌿 Four board members are up for re-election. If you are interested in running, contact an IHOA Board Member by November 19 so your name can be included on the ballot. Additionally, you may include a short bio in the December newsletter.

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 Beautification Chair: Walt Clark..(309) 862-4350
 Covenants Chair: Susan Parrent..(309) 452-1934
 Comm. Chair: Ali Preston.....(309) 714-1771

Important Numbers

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 Ironwood Golf Course..... 454-9620
 Normal City Manager.....454-9503
 Normal Fire Department.....454-9610
 Normal Inspections Department.454-9581
 Normal Parks & Recreation.....454-9540
 Normal Police Department.....888-5030
 Normal Public Works.....454-9571
 Normal Water Department.....454-9563
 Town of Normal.....454-2444

