

Quarterly Newsletter



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President's Message

Welcome to the holiday season. I hope all of you had a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving and wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Here are some important items that I want to mention for the December to February time frame of this newsletter.

We have the annual membership meeting coming up in January. The date has been changed to Tuesday, January 17th, at 7:00 PM in the Ironwood Golf Course clubhouse. The agenda for the meeting has not been completed at this time but will include the election of three Ironwood residents to two-year terms on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for one of those spots, please let any current Board member know by December 13th so your name can be included on the ballot. Watch the "Current News" section on the ihoa.org website in late December for additional information regarding the annual meeting.

In late December residents will receive their proxy, ballot and 2023 dues notice. Under the new bylaws, residents must have their 2023 dues paid by January 17th in order to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. The 2023 IHOA budget was approved at the November Board meeting and dues will remain at \$50.00 for 2023.

I would like to take a minute to recognize Jim Schmidt who has moved out of the Ironwood subdivision but served as the chair of the Subdivision Unified Voice committee since its inception in 2006. Thanks, Jim, for your 16 years of service to the subdivision.

With winter coming, we may encounter some snow in the next three months, and I encourage all residents to make sure the sidewalks are shoveled so students can get to their buses and walkers do not have to walk in the street. As a good neighbor, I would encourage residents who do not have a sidewalk on their side of the street, like me, to occasionally help their neighbor across the street shovel their sidewalk. Also, remember that if the Town declares a snow emergency, there is no parking on either side of the street in Ironwood to aid in snow removal.



Covenants Update

Winter weather is soon to be here. Below are reminders from the Town of Normal.

Snow Parking Ban

During a snow event, you may park vehicles on Town streets if there is:

- Less than 2" of snow accumulation.
- More than 2" of snow accumulation and **no** parking ban in effect.

Often times when 2" or more of snow has accumulated, the Public Works Department will issue a snow parking ban. When a parking ban is activated:

- No parked cars are permitted on any streets.
- Cars must be moved to a driveway, garage, or parking lot.
- Normal Police may ticket cars for not complying.

If you do not have a driveway or garage, you may park for free in the parking lots of the Town's parks, including but not limited to:

- Anderson, Fairview, Maxwell, Rosa Parks Commons, Shepard, Underwood

Note: A snow parking ban is activated to allow snowplow crews to clear the entire street including parking areas. When a ban is in effect, information is distributed to the local media. Additionally, information is posted on the Town of Normal website (www.normal.org), Facebook page, and Twitter account.

Ironwood Reminder: Parking is allowed on only one side of the street. Be sure to notify your family and guests of this guideline throughout the busy winter season.

Shoveling of Sidewalks

The Town does not require the shoveling of sidewalks. However, consider being neighborly with safety in mind and shovel your walks, especially for students as they walk to and from school bus stops.

Another consideration is to recognize the number of walkers/joggers we have in the subdivision. Walking and exercising outside in all kinds of elements is popular so be alert for people on the sidewalks and streets. Let's assist and protect the walkers, joggers and school bus riders so they do not have to share the streets with vehicles.



Covenants Update Cont'd

Live Christmas Tree Removal

After the holidays, follow the guidelines established by the Town for tree pick-up and removal. The tree must be bare, no decorations attached and not in a plastic bag.

Summer Vehicle Storage

Boating and camping season is over. The board is appreciative of the homeowners who notify us about a boat or camper in the driveway for a short time period due to seasonal maintenance. **Article V, Section 17** is specific in relation to the storage of recreational type vehicles and all trailers.

Copies of IHOA covenants and bylaws can be found at IHOA.org.

Multiple dead evergreens were removed on the Northtown berm this fall. Things may look bare for awhile, but new trees will be planted in the spring.



Street lights are maintained by CornBelt Energy. Reports of outages can be made to: **CornBelt Energy: 1-800-879-0339**

If you would prefer to have Town of Normal staff report the outage for you, please complete a Street Light Issue Form at:

<https://www.normalil.gov/839/Street-Lights>

Get community and emergency notifications through Notify Normal, a free mass communication system. Sign up online:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF6AAD01B324>

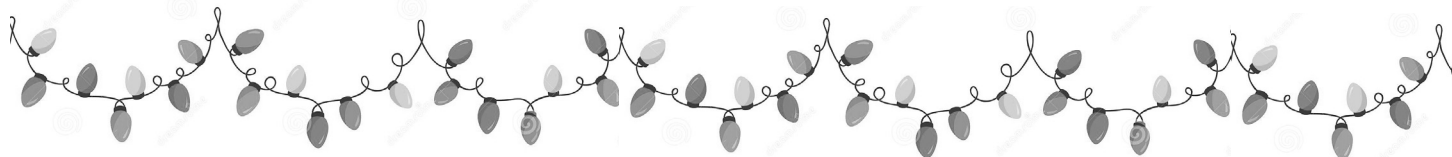
Did you miss fall leaf collection? Leaves may be dropped at the Town of Normal Landscape Waste Drop off site at 1301 Warriner Street. The drop site is open 24/7 for Normal residents.



President's Message Cont'd

I would like to thank residents who have brought concerns about covenant violations or the general appearance of the subdivision to the attention of the Board. Some issues take longer than others to get resolved, but I assure you that the Board works very hard to resolve your concerns as quickly as possible. Finally, if you are going to be doing some entertaining during the holiday season, please advise your guests of the proper side of the street to park on. We do not want anyone getting a parking ticket while visiting Ironwood and, as always, we need to make sure streets are open for the flow of two-way traffic.

David Brown, president



Vice President's Message

It is hard to believe that December and Christmas are almost here. I wish you all a very happy holiday season and all good wishes for the New Year. I also hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

A big welcome to all our new residents who have moved into the neighborhood since our last newsletter. All the board members are here for you to answer any questions that you may have, so please feel free to reach out to us. You can find our contact information on our website at www.IHOA.org.

It is the board's goal to continue to keep Ironwood looking its very best. A BIG Thank You to Keith Palmgren, our Beautification Chair. He and Bob Bahnsen and a few other residents saved us a few thousand dollars by cutting down three dead trees on the berm and made arrangements for the town to remove them. Some replacements may not be done until spring. Thanks also to all that helped Keith and Bob.

A special Thank You to Jim Schmidt who has chaired the SUV committee for many years and has retired due to moving out of Ironwood. We all wish him good luck in his new neighborhood. You will be missed!!!

Thank you all again for your donations to the food pantry. Drop off box is right inside the Golf course clubhouse between the restrooms. All donations are greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank David Brown for his great leadership and hard work that he has done this past year as our President, and all the board members who have done a wonderful job in looking out for our neighborhood.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Linda Rheeling, vice president

Candidates for the IHOA Board of Directors



**Save
the
Date!**

The IHOA Annual Meeting will be held at **7 p.m. on Jan. 17.** The ballot for the election of IHOA Board members will be sent out in mid-December along with your dues notice. Make sure you return your ballot, along with your dues, so they can be counted.

Below are the biographies of the residents running for two-year terms on the IHOA Board of Directors beginning Jan. 2023. Three residents will be elected.

JoEllen Bahnsen

My husband and I have been Ironwood residents for 31 years. We enjoy the neighborhood and daily walks with our recently rescued dog, Dino. In an effort to maintain the beauty of the neighborhood, my husband and I pick-up litter throughout the neighborhood and on Northtown Road from Pipeline to Linden (the HOA's adopted street). I retired 4 years ago from Illinois State University's Comptroller's Office and enjoy utilizing my accounting skills in my current position as Treasurer of the Homeowners Association. Thanks for your support.

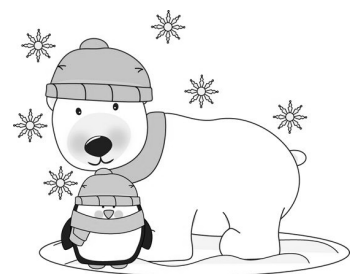
Tyler Mortenson

Are you tired of Linda telling you fences aren't allowed when the covenants specifically say they are? Angry that Susan's hurt feelings caused you to remove your long existing outdoor shed? I have fought against these retirees lying to and telling people what to do at board meetings for two years. Vote for me, Tyler Mortensen, and bring the average age and concepts to the modern era. I will vote to enforce the covenants as written and not based on my personal feelings like the aforementioned.

Susan Parrent

Susan and her family have been residents of Ironwood over 20 years. When they were looking to relocate in Normal, they were drawn to the openness of the development, lot sizes, location, and an active homeowner's association. Over the years, the family has embraced the subdivision and appreciated the intent of the subdivision developer. It was satisfying to watch the Town transition into management of the golf course and now as they continue with the upkeep of the course, lakes, and community programs. She appreciates the calls from current homeowners, real estate agents, and potential homeowners with interest in Ironwood these past two years. She looks forward to serving the residents of Ironwood for another two years.

*These individuals contacted the Board with interest of running before the newsletter printed. Additional names may be on your ballot if they were received before the Dec. 13 deadline.



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Secretary: Amy Mortensen.....(815) 325-3800
Treasurer: JoEllen Bahnsen.....(309) 454-3053
Beautification: Keith Palmgren.. (309) 531-9605
Covenants: Susan Parrent.....(309)452-1934
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Important Numbers

ECIA Agency on Aging.....(800) 888-4456
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

