

Quarterly Newsletter



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President's Message

Greetings. It seems that spring is trying to return to Ironwood and summer should be on its way. Several reminders need to be made with the advent of nice weather and warmer temperatures.

One is to remember that each homeowner is asked to keep their yard in such a condition as to be comparable with other yards in the neighborhood. If your yard appears to have more dandelions or other weeds than your neighbors, you should consider having it treated to control the weeds and improve its appearance.

Also, remember that children will be playing outside more with the nice weather. Please observe the 30-mph speed limit in Ironwood, which includes Towanda Avenue between the golf course entrance and Northtown Road, and be alert to any children playing in the front yard.

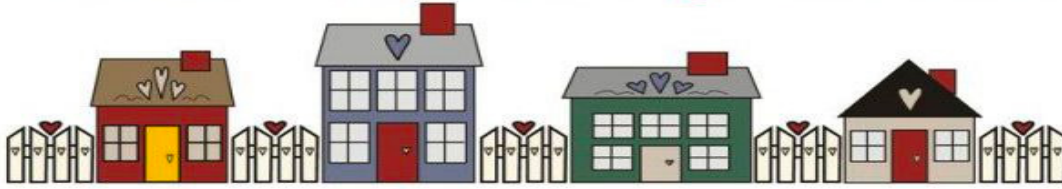
With spring and summer, we also see more boats, trailers and campers parked in the driveways. The Board understands that you may need to park it for a few days to clean and stock it for use. Anything extending more than a week will be considered a covenants violation of Article V, section 17. This also includes golf carts, yard equipment, all-terrain vehicles, wagons, tractors, motor homes or snow mobiles. They must be in an enclosed structure. The by-laws and covenants can be found on the Ironwood website (www.ihoa.org).

Your board of directors is also continuing to work on some revisions to the current by-laws. We are hoping to have them available to residents by late summer. If COVID restrictions continue to loosen, we will hold an informational meeting for residents to review these proposed changes sometime this fall. The board is hoping to hold a vote on the proposed changes at the January annual membership meeting. Watch for further information in the September newsletter.

David Brown, president
IHOA Board of Directors

Welcome to Ironwood

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



A big "Welcome!" to all our new residents to Ironwood. We hope that you will find Ironwood a beautiful and friendly neighborhood and enjoy it as much as we have for the last 29 years. It is so nice to see the transformation of the neighborhood again with all the young families moving in. Please feel free to call on any board member if you have any questions about the neighborhood.

Just a reminder that we are still collecting food for the Mid-West food bank at the Ironwood Golf Course Clubhouse. The box is inside the front door between the men's and women's restrooms. For everyone who has dropped off food in the past, a big "Thank You." Please consider dropping off any extra food items you may have in your pantry. It is very much appreciated.

A few other reminders:

Just a friendly reminder, Normal has a dog and cat leash ordinance and also please remember to pick up after your pets on your walks.

Enjoy the summer and watch out for all the kids as they will be playing outside now that we will be getting back to normal or almost normal whatever that may be.

Linda Rheeling, vice president
IHOA Board of Directors

Summer Reminders



Remember the speed limit is 30 mph. Drive slow and keep an eye out for families and children playing outside.

Garage sales are underway in the community. Ironwood does not organize a subdivision garage sale due to traffic flow. Please remind visitors that parking is only allowed on one side of the street.

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood where residents look out for one another. Thank you to our neighbors and first responders for keeping our community safe.

Covenants Reminders

By Susan Parrent, Covenants Chair

Dogs & Pets in the Subdivision

The IHOA Board has been asked specific questions related to dogs, including the lack of leashes, and what can be done if the pet/s visit your property uninvited while not on a leash. There is not a subdivision covenant specific to pet management and behaviors. The Town of Normal police department is responsible for such situations. However, there is a related IHOA covenant.

Article V, Section 6. *“No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any lot or on the common area. However, dogs, cats, and other household pets may be kept on the lots, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Association, so long as they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes. Effective September 24, 1997: The Ironwood Homeowners Association Board of Directors adopted the following regulation. No exterior pet cages, pet houses or pet enclosures of any kind will be permitted.”*

Take note that exterior pet enclosures are not permitted in the subdivision. The Board encourages dog owners to keep your pets on your property if unleashed. Not all neighbors and other property owners appreciate your pet the way you do. It is recognized the majority of pet owners in the subdivision are excellent caretakers of their pets. Below is a message from Officer Brad Park, Normal Police Department, Community Services Unit. He will provide guidance in situations that are not or cannot be remedied without outside assistance.

Hello Ironwood Residents.

We hope you are all doing well. With summer quickly approaching, we wanted to briefly discuss an issue which comes up every year - animals running at large. The Town of Normal has an ordinance (Section 17.8-11) in its municipal code which outlines the requirements for all animal owners. In this ordinance it states, “it shall be unlawful to permit to run at large any dog or cat on the streets, parks, or public ways of the Town, or on private property where the owner or person in control of the private property has not granted permission for the dog or cat to be on the private property”. In short, if your dog is on your property, it can be unleashed as long as it is not going to leave the property. If you take your dog for a walk or it has a tendency to run off your property, please put it on a leash or a chain. Although we know most dogs are friendly and just down right curious, a person walking by your home may not know that and become concerned. Thank you for being a great neighbor. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Take Care,

Officer Brad Park – Normal PD

Community Services Unit

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Ironwood Golf Course Update

Ironwood Homeowners,

The golf season is off and running, and the golf staff have 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 will be hosting the Drive, Chip, and Putt challenge this year in July and we are preparing the driving range to host the event. Children 15 and under will compete for the chance to go to Augusta, Georgia, and compete in the challenge at The Masters. It should be a wonderful event and we are happy to host.

Earlier in the month of May, our staff put out pond aerators on the large lake on the East side of the subdivision. The aerators have been turned on and have been running for a few weeks now without many issues. As some may recall, we had a large fish kill on that lake a few years ago. After speaking with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, we came to this solution to help put more oxygen into the lake. We also stocked the lake with grass carp to help reduce some of the weed growth as well. We have confidence that the aerators and fish will help promote a better ecosystem for the homeowners to enjoy.

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

Phone: 309-454-9568



Ironwood Year to Date (April) Sales

🌿 6 single family homes sold year to date - 5 were 1.5 and 2 story homes, 1 ranch home

🌿 Sold price: **High** was \$298,000 **Low** was \$238,000 **Average** of \$277,450

🌿 Days on market: **High** was 51 **Low** was 1 day **Average** of 15

🌿 2 single family detached homes are under contract - 1 was 1.5 and 1 ranch home

🌿 List price: **High** was \$234,900 **Low** was \$220,000 **Average** of \$227,450

🌿 Days on market: **High** was 61 **Low** was 23 **Average** of 42

🌿 Single family home for sale as of April 30, 2021

🌿 1 homes for sale - 2 story

🌿 List price: **High** was \$299,900 **Low** was \$299,900 **Average** \$299,900

🌿 Days on market: **High** was 4

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

Covenants Reminders Cont'd

It's Boating & Camping Season

Summer fun is beginning. As a reminder to those who own boats and campers/travel trailers, the covenants state they cannot be parked in a drive or on the property – they must be parked in an enclosed structure (**Article V, Section 17**). The Board appreciates the notices from homeowners when one of these vehicles will be in a drive for a short time period for seasonal preparation, cleaning or maintenance. Parking them daily, over the weekend, or on a weekly basis is against the Ironwood covenants. Be mindful this covenant also includes trailers, whether for work or personal use.

Clean-up of the Rough Behind Your Property

If you are a resident who backs up to the golf course and you might use the prairie grass area to walk your dog, go for walks, play games, or hunt for golf balls, please pick up after yourselves and not leave anything behind. Maybe you are an active family and game items, specifically balls of all sizes, get overthrown or hit and land on the golf course property. You are asked to take the time to pick up your personal belongings. The golf course maintenance crew sprays weeds and mows the grass periodically and shouldn't have to pick up or drive over these items. Be a courteous homeowner and clean/pick up the prairie grass area behind your property.

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