

Quarterly Newsletter

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June - August 2022



President's Message

Wow! I think I must have dosed off and missed spring this year. Nothing like going from highs in the 50s to setting or tying records with highs in the 90s all in the same week.

However, this means that summer is rapidly approaching, if not already here, so I am sending out my yearly reminder to maintain your yards consistent with your neighbor's. If some of those pesky dandelions are starting to show themselves, please put a little weed killer on them. Let's all work together to make and keep Ironwood beautiful during the summer months.

You may have noticed that the board has voted to change the look at the south entrance. Although the bush behind the entrance sign was beautiful for a couple of months during the year when it was bright red, the board thought the three new evergreens that are now there would be beautiful throughout the entire year.

With the arrival of summer, also remember that the younger residents of Ironwood will be out of school and home during the day. Be on the lookout for children playing near the street as you drive through the neighborhood.

This is also a good time to check any trees that you may have in your yard that grow over the sidewalk to make sure they are trimmed high enough that walkers can easily pass under them.

With spring and summer, we also see an increase in boats, trailers and campers being parked in driveways. Please be mindful of parking and storing your equipment and trailers. You may be in violation of Article V, section 17 of the covenants.

With the Fourth of July coming up, the board would ask that residents refrain from setting off fireworks since many of our residents own pets and some of our four legged friends do not appreciate loud noises. It is also a violation of Town of Normal ordinances.

Please have a safe and sound summer.

David Bown, president

Vice President's Message

Hello all,

After reviewing my message in the last newsletter I said, "Spring was right around the corner," but as I'm writing this in the middle of May it has taken a long time to get here. I feel like it has bypassed us and is going right into summer, but this is central Illinois so who knows.

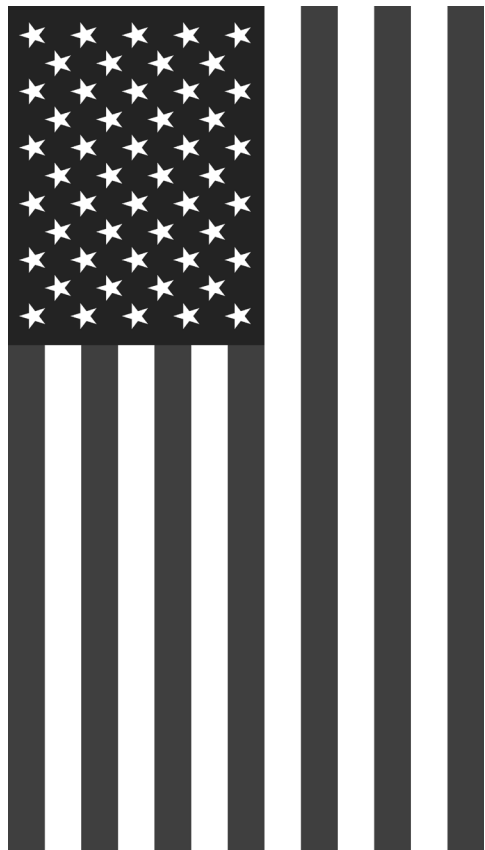
By the time you read this, school will be out so please, please be on the lookout for the kids being outside playing. Everyone, please SLOW DOWN as you are driving in the neighborhood.

We are still collecting food for the Midwest Food Bank with drop off box in the Ironwood Golf Course clubhouse between the men's and women's bathrooms. Thanks to all who have dropped off food and please continue to do so because it is really appreciated.

WELCOME to all our new residents. Feel free to contact any board member if you have any questions about Ironwood.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and a big congratulations to all the recent graduates from middle school, high school and college.

Linda Rheeling, vice president



Flag Day - June 14

According to the U.S. Flag Code, *"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."*

VFW Post 454 provides flag disposal service for your used flags. As flags deteriorate from usage and weather, in honor of our country and all the flag represents, it is fitting to destroy the flag in an honorable way. The flag disposal container is located at the front door of the Post building.

VFW Post 454
1006 E Lincoln St
Bloomington, IL 61701

Ironwood Golf Course Update

Ironwood homeowners,

The golf season is off and running. 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 for the second time 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 this year our contractor installed the pond aerators on both lakes at Ironwood. The aerators have been turned on and have been running for a few weeks now. We have had some issues with them, and the contractor has taken some out to diagnose the problems. We are hoping to have them all up and running soon. 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.

Staff sprayed the native grass areas for weeds in May. We will be going around spot spraying in areas we could not get with our large sprayer.

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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Summer Covenant Reminders

By Susan Parrent, covenants chair

Boats, RVs, campers and trailers during the summer

Homeowners who own boats and travel homes/RVs/campers are reminded these vehicles cannot be parked in the driveway or on the street. Ironwood covenants require them to be in an enclosed structure. If they cannot fit in the garage, they must be stored off-site. Parking them temporarily for a short period of time for "seasonal maintenance" before or after the season is acceptable. Parking them in the drive a few days each week or every other week is prohibited.

Article V, Section 17 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...."

Signs: Political, business and organizatio

Please consider before agreeing to allow a sign on your property.

Article 4, Section 4 states: "No sign of any kind shall be displayed to public view on a lot or the common area without the prior written consent of the Association, except customary name and address signs and lawn signs of not more than ten (10) square feet in size advertising a property for sale or rent."

Garbage and recycling bins

If you will be away after trash pickup on a Friday, consider asking a neighbor or friend to return your bins into your garage (with permission) or to the back of your property until you return. Always think safety for your property and the subdivision. It is worthy to keep your property looking "like usual" while away.

Need another garbage or recycling bin? The Town of Normal offers bins in two sizes - 65 gallon and 95 gallon and the cost is \$60 for either.

Landscape waste carts are also available to order. However, the use of a Town cart is not required for landscape waste collection.

Dogs and pets

The IHOA does not have a covenant specific to pet management and behaviors. The Town of Normal police department is responsible for such situations. However, there is a related 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."



Other Summer Reminders

Neighborhood group garage sales

Ironwood does not plan an annual garage sale weekend based on the size of the development, parking allowed only on one side of the street, traffic pattern and safety complications. If hosting a garage sale, be watchful of parking.



Be alert

Bicyclists, walkers and joggers are out exercising in and around the neighborhood. Be mindful of your driving and speed, especially as children are home from school for the summer.

Ironwood park shelter reservations

Reservations are available the first business day in March each year, and must be made in person at the Town Parks and Recreation office. Shelters are available for full day rentals from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. daily (exceptions may be granted by the Director). Prices: Monday - Thursday: \$30 Friday - Sunday: \$50

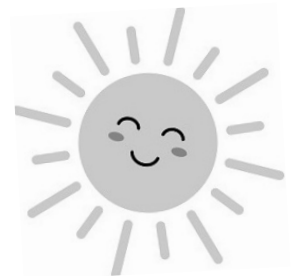
Reporting street light outages

Except for some of the street lights in Uptown, street lights are maintained by the power companies, Ameren and CornBelt Energy, depending on the location. Reports of outages can be made at the following contact points:

Ameren: 1-800-755-5000 CornBelt Energy: 1-800-879-0339

You can also submit a form on the Town of Normal's website at:

www.normalil.gov/FormCenter/Public-Works-11/Street-Light-Issue-68



Town of Normal electronic recycling

The Town of Normal offers free electronic recycling to McLean County residents at the building following the Public Works Facility (1301 Warriner St. - follow the yellow signs). For a list of acceptable items and hours of operation, visit <https://www.normal.org/484/Electronics-Recycling>.

Cleanup efforts

The IHOA has two areas that have been officially designated as part of the Town of Normal's Adopt-A-Street Program. One includes Northtown Road from Pipeline to the bike path west of Linden. The other is the Adopt-A-Trail for the bike path from Northtown Road to Boulder Street. Anyone is welcome to assist in the effort. Please report your participation by sending the date, location and hours spent on the litter pickup to JoEllen Bahnsen.

Yard Maintenance & Safety

Yard/lawn maintenance and grass clippings

As you mow your lawns, do not blow or sweep your clippings into the street and then allow them to run directly into the sanitary or storm sewers. Lawn waste is not sewer friendly. Grass clippings are not accepted by the Town as landscape waste during weekly pickup so they must be taken by you to the Town waste site along with leftover or unused dirt and sod. The Town drop site is at 1301 Warriner Street in Normal. It is open 24 hours a day. Have questions? Call Public Works at (309) 454-9571.


Speaking of lawns, regular lawn maintenance is expected in Ironwood and includes regular mowing and trimming and taking care of clippings that are not mulched, along with weed control. It also includes caring for any lawn waste on the sidewalks. You are asked to maintain the sidewalks, keeping them free of waste for the many walkers, joggers and families who use the walks in the subdivision.

The Town of Normal lawncare maintenance ordinance states it is unlawful for a property owner to permit any growth of noxious weeds or the growth of turf grass to a height exceeding eight (8) inches. Growth of these are seen as being detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the area and would be known as a nuisance. (MC 21.3-8C)

Bushes and tree limbs along the sidewalks

If you are a property owner along a subdivision sidewalk, it is important to trim the low limbs on the trees and the bushes that hang over the walk. Many of our neighbors walk on the sidewalks and the limbs can be dangerous when hanging low. Walkers have commented they must walk single file in areas where bushes hang over the walk.









Please take time to trim where necessary. Thank you for providing a safe and aesthetically pleasing subdivision.



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**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODES

 RED: Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables	 BLUE: Potable water
 YELLOW: Gas, oil, steam, petroleum, gaseous materials	 GREEN: Sewers and drain lines
 ORANGE: Communications, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit, traffic loops	 WHITE: Pre-marking dig site
 PURPLE: Reclaimed water, irrigation, slurry lines	 PINK: Temporary survey marks

The marks are approximate. Dig carefully near them.

Ironwood Home Sales

Ironwood Home Sales Last 6 Months as of May 11, 2022

Single family detached homes: 3

Sold Price: High - \$450,000 Low - \$220,000 Average - \$317,500

Days on Market: High - 8 Low - 3 Average - 5

Single family detached homes under contract: 6 – 1 ranch

List Price: High - \$339,000 Low - \$265,000 Average - \$311,600

Days on Market: High - 65 Low - 8 Average - 32

Single family detached homes for sale: 0

2 single family attached homes

Sold Price: High - \$240,000 Low - \$220,000 Average - \$230,000

Days on Market: High – 6 Low - 1 Average - 3

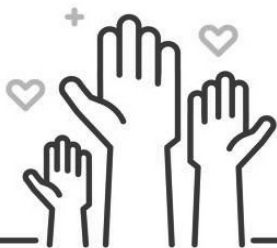
0 Single family attached home under contract

0 Single family attached home for sale

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



Board Help Needed



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The current chair of the Newcomers Committee, Chris Knight, is looking for a resident who would like to assist her in delivering welcome packets to the new residents in the subdivision. If you think you might be interested in helping out and getting to meet new residents in Ironwood, please contact Chris for additional information at 309-531-0717 or contact any member of the IHOA Board of Directors.

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Important Numbers

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 Ironwood Golf Course..... 454-9620
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 Normal Fire Department.....454-9610
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 Normal Police Department.....888-5030
 Normal Public Works.....454-9571
 Normal Water Department.....454-9563
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