



President's Message

By David Brown

As we head into the fall season it is time to issue some of the customary cautions. The most obvious one is that school has started, so residents should be alert in the morning and late afternoon for school buses driving through the neighborhood and students walking to and from the buses to their homes.

I would also ask that residents who have trees that hang over the sidewalk make sure the tree is trimmed back enough that students and residents who enjoy walking for exercise have enough clearance to walk under the tree without hitting their head on the branches.

Soon it will also be time to start raking the leaves for the Town to vacuum up. Remember, you should not rake the leaves into the gutter. Keep them on your property along the curb. This service usually does not start until early November and continues until mid December.

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Help Wanted

The IHOA Board of Directors is starting to search for replacements for two residents who will be resigning from their positions by the end of the year.

The first position is to chair the newcomers committee whose job it is to meet with residents new to the Ironwood subdivision and deliver to them a packet of information and items to help them learn about our subdivision. The outgoing chair is Chris Knight who has served in this position since 2016.

The second position is to chair the SUV (Subdivision Unified Voice)/government committee which becomes involved in situations where a liaison is needed between the subdivision and the Town of Normal. This committee was developed and has been chaired

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IHOA Financial Report	
06/14/22 - 08/9/22	
Balance on 05/10/22	\$25,083.92
+	
Income	\$475.60
-	
Expenses	\$10,905.76
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Balance on 08/9/22	\$14,653.76

Vice-President's Message

by Linda Rheeling

Wow, where has the summer gone? I realize we still have a few more weeks of warm weather, but once school starts it's all down hill. Please SLOW DOWN and watch out for the kids waiting at the bus stops and getting off the buses.

Many new families have moved into the neighborhood over the summer, wishing all a BIG WELCOME. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any Board member for answers.

Thanks to all who have donated to our food collections for Midwest Food Bank. Collection location is at the Ironwood Golf Course Club House between the Mens and Ladies restrooms.

I hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of summer and I wish everyone a great fall. Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!!!



Remember, it is easier to explain to your boss why you are late to work than to explain to a parent why their child will not be coming home tonight.

IHOA Board of Directors

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Calendar of Events

September 2022

- 5 Labor Day
- 13 IHOA Board of Directors Meeting
- 11 Patriot Day
- 13 Unit 5 - Early Release Day
- 22 First day of Fall
- 26 Rosh Hashana

October 2022

- 5 Yom Kippur
- 11 IHOA Board of Directors Meeting
- 10 Columbus Day - No School
- 17 Boss's Day
- 26 Unit 5 - Early Release Day
- 31 Halloween

November 2022

- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 8 Election Day
- 8 IHOA Board of Directors Meeting
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 24 Thanksgiving Day

President’s Message - continued

New IHOA Board of Directors Policies

The Board of Directors has adopted two new policies in an effort to control the length of the monthly Board meetings.

The first policy will limit any resident wishing to speak to the board to 5 minutes. After the resident is done speaking, the time limit may be extended if the Board members have questions for the resident to respond to.

The second policy regards residents bringing requests to the Board which require the Board’s approval. If the resident’s request is put in a motion for the Board to vote on and the motion fails, the resident may not bring the same request back to the board for 1 year (12 months).

The third policy regards the use of the IHOA website and newsletter. The Board decided that it will not accept notifications or advertisements from outside people or groups unless the homeowners association is helping to sponsor the activity or event. It should be noted that although the association uses “Nextdoor” as a bulletin board, it is not controlled by the association and thus notification/advertisements may appear there that are not sponsored by the association.

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The Board of Directors has passed a couple of policies to help keep the monthly Board meetings from becoming too long. Look for articles elsewhere in this newsletter regarding those new policies. I would also remind residents that the Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Ironwood Golf Course clubhouse. The first item on the agenda each month is an opportunity for residents to address the Board with concerns or requests.

If a resident needs to contact the Board at other times of the month, the email and phone number of all the Board members can be found on the association’s website, ihoa.org, and choosing the “Board of Directors” button. This is also a good place to find the minutes of past Board meetings if you would like to know what issues the Board has been dealing with. The covenants, by-laws, fence guidelines and other items of interest are available on the website.

Wishing all of you a relaxing Labor Day weekend, a scary Halloween and a wonderful family gathering at Thanksgiving.



Help Wanted - continued

by Jim Schmidt since 2006.

Anyone who is interested in serving as chair of one of these committees may contact any current Board member to express their interest. Board members contact information can be found on our website, ihoa.org, under the “Board of Directors” tab.

Important Telephone Numbers

ECIA Agency on Aging	800-888-4456
Ironwood Golf Course	309-454-9620
Normal City Manager	309-454-9503
Normal Fire Department	309-454-9610
Normal Inspections Department	309-454-9581
Normal Parks & Recreation	309-454-9540
Normal Police Department	309-888-5030
Normal Public Works	309-454-9571
Normal Water Department	309-454-9563
Town of Normal	309-454-2444

New IHOA Board of Directors Policies - continued

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Notes from the Covenant Chair

by Susan Parrent

End of Season Recreational Vehicles

Boats and campers will soon be cleaned and stored for the season. If you plan to park your vehicle in your drive for several days to clean and prepare it for the off-season, it is recommended to notify a Board member. As a reminder, the covenants state these types of vehicles are not be parked on the street in the subdivision or in your drive but only in an enclosed structure – Article V, Section 17. Seasonal maintenance – at the beginning and end of the seasons -- is acceptable for a short period of time.

Winter Situations

There is a chance the area could have snow prior to the next IHOA newsletter. According to the Town: Parking a vehicle on a public street at any time after a snowfall of two (2) inches or more, is prohibited in order to improve and expedite the process of removing snow from the Town's streets. Parking may resume once snow has been cleared and the snow ban has been lifted. For everyone's safety, when salt and plow vehicles are operating, the Town requests motorists stay approximately 100 feet or more behind the equipment and do not pass them.

Do you live near a school bus stop?



Consider cleaning the path to that stop and around it for the benefit of our school children.

Ecology Action Center

www.ecologyactioncenter.org

If you have questions about what to do with your Styrofoam, understanding hazardous waste, how to install a rain barrel, or have any questions about recycling, contact the Center. There are also opportunities to volunteer.

Garden and Lawn Waste/Leaf Pickup

Organic garden and lawn waste is known as Landscape Waste. Collection season continues through December, weather permitting. Waste should be in open paper bags (leaf bags) or open cans or in a Town-issued landscape waste cart. Waste should never be in plastic/garbage bags. Waste can also be taken to the Town drop site at 1301 Warriner Street in Normal.

Residential leaf vacuum collection will start sometime late in October 2022 and end in late December or early January 2023, weather permitting. Leaf crews work in one zone until it is complete. This may take multiple days and

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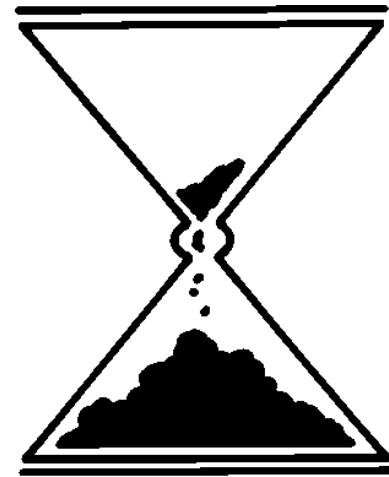
Notes from the Covenant Chair - continued

collection is NOT a weekly event. Once collection begins, check out the interactive map to see how crews are progressing at www.normalil.gov/210/Leaves. Open burning of leaves is not permitted at any time within the corporate limits of Normal.

Homeowners can also place leaves in open paper bags or carts with landscape waste until the leaf vacuum program begins. Please, do not place leaves in the street! Leaves left in the street block storm water inlets and can cause flooding. We ask you to follow the Town guidelines.

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.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS!**

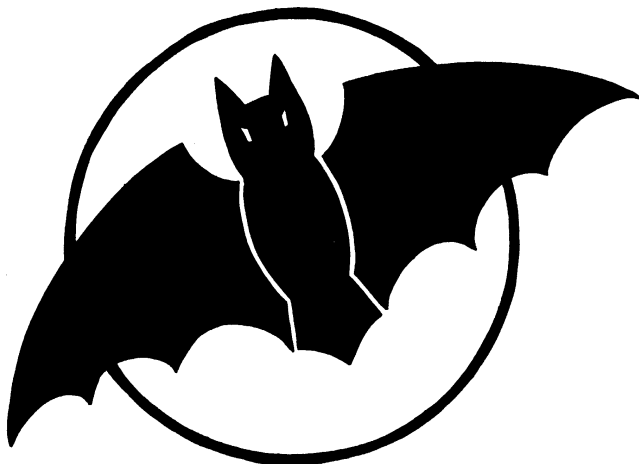
November 6, 2022

IHOA 2023 Elections & Annual Meeting

The IHOA Annual Meeting will be held on January 10, 2023 (watch for more details about the meeting in the December newsletter). At the present time, the election of Board members is the only item on the agenda. Residents will be electing 3 Board member this year.

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.

If you are interested in running for one of the 3 open Board seats, contact any current Board member by November 15th so your name can be included on the ballot.



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