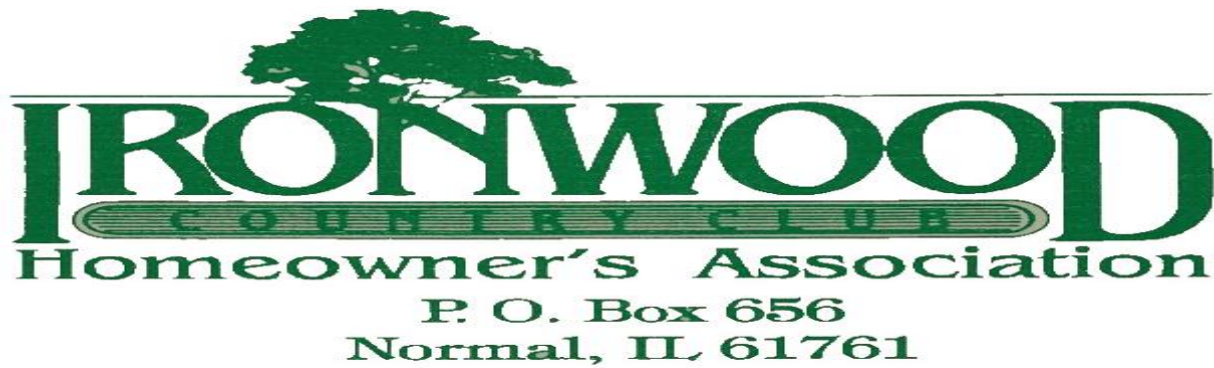




Quarterly Newsletter September 2025 – November 2025

President's Message

Goodbye Summer.... Hello Fall!!

As school has started, please be watchful of the students waiting for the school bus. As a reminder, please do not go around the school bus when it's displaying flashing red lights.

Parking Rules: No truck, travel trailer, recreational type vehicle, mobile home, boat, trailer, motor bike, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, pickup truck, wagon, yard equipment, golf cart, tractor, motorhome or snowmobile shall be kept on the lot or in the subdivision except entirely within an enclosed structure. NOTE: The Association shall have the right to set uniform rules and restrictions applicable to all owners regarding the storage, maintenance, or placing of any item outside the residence or garage. The IHOA Board voted and agreed "pickup trucks" are acceptable because many do not fit in garages built 25-30 years ago.

Landscaping Waste: The Town of Normal will pick up your landscaping waste in large paper bags and properly labeled open containers. No grass clippings will be accepted. They are picked up on Fridays - our regular collection day. Leaves may be raked and placed on the lawn next on the curb. Please remember to keep the street drains free of waste.

Garbage Bins: Thanks to everyone who maintains their yards and landscaping. Keep in mind to store garbage bins out of sight, preferably in the garage. There have been a lot of bins on the side of the garage and in the front of the house. The Board appreciates your help with this matter.

President's Message (cont.)

Reminders:

- Technically, golf carts are illegal to drive on all roads in the Town of Normal. However, you can drive your personal golf cart from your home in the subdivision to the closest cart path to get to the Ironwood Clubhouse. A reminder from the town, you need to follow the rules of the road just like any other vehicle.
- Minibikes and go-karts are prohibited on streets and sidewalks. Besides being potentially dangerous, they are motorized and are not registered with the State of Illinois.
- Electric scooters do not have rules governing them; however, the Town of Normal is working on guidelines. Currently, individuals riding these scooters need to follow the same rules of the road as bicycles.
- We would like to thank residents for contacting the Board to understand the covenants and bringing concerns or questions to the Board. Some issues take longer than others to resolve, but I assure you the Board works very hard to resolve your concerns as quickly as possible.

Jeff Woodall, President

Vice President's Message

WOW where has the summer gone? I'm sure we are all looking forward to some cooler weather and to giving our air conditioners a well-deserved break.

School has started and I'm sure everyone knows that we have a lot of kids waiting for the school buses pick up and drop offs. Please be on the lookout for little ones who don't always lookout for cars. SLOW DOWN!!!

For all our new residents who have moved in over the summer, WELCOME to Ironwood!!! Hopefully our Welcome Committee has stopped by with a welcome bag. If you have been missed, please let me know either by email or phone call. Sorry if you were missed.

We are still collecting donations for the Midwest Food Bank. The collection box is in the Ironwood Clubhouse between the restrooms. The box has been pretty empty lately. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have donated.

Wishing everyone a HAPPY FALL, HAPPY and safe HALLOWEEN, and a wonderful THANKSGIVING.

Linda Rheeling, Vice President

History of the Ironwood Golf Course:

Key historical facts

- **Annexation and initial plan:** In December 1987, the Normal Town Council, in collaboration with the Snyder Development Company, annexed 560 acres to be developed into a residential subdivision and an 18-hole golf course.
- **Funding:** The project was funded by a \$2.8 million bond issue. The Town also used the proceeds from the sale of Hayden Park, which was zoned for enterprise, toward the project.
- **Construction:** Ground was broken for the 18-hole facility in March 1988.
- **Opening:** Ironwood Golf Course officially opened to the public on May 24, 1990.
- **Course architect:** The course was designed by highly regarded golf course designer Roger Packard.
- **Course layout:** The par-72 championship course was designed to meander through the Ironwood residential subdivision.
- **Notable events:** Since its opening, Ironwood has hosted numerous golf tournaments, including high school regional and sectional competitions, collegiate invitational tournaments, charity events, and qualifiers for the C.D.G.A and U.S.G.A.
- **Operation:** The golf course is operated by the Town of Normal Parks and Recreation Department.

About the Ironwood Subdivision:

- 584 homes
- Schools: Prairieland (K-5), Parkside (6-8), Normal West (9-12)
- Homes: built between 1988-2007
- Currently for sale: 7 homes, avg. list price \$ 413,485
- Avg. property tax: \$ 7,156

IHOA WEBSITE:

The Ironwood website has been redesigned and will soon be accessible when you login to the view the website. Our sincere thanks go out to Vishal Midha, our webmaster and Ironwood resident, who was responsible for the redesign.

The IHOA website (ihoa.org) contains a wealth of information for homeowners. Included on the website are covenants, by-laws, fence guidelines, board information, meeting minutes, newsletters, and useful links. Please take time to explore this handy resource.

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

If your email address changes, please remember to let us know so newsletters and other IHOA notifications continue to reach your inbox. If you have not provided an email address to us, please consider doing so to make our communications process more timely and less expensive. Rest assured, your email address will be secured and used exclusively for Homeowners Association communications. Email updates can be sent to mbrown@ihoa.org.

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Dates to remember:

Sept. 1	Labor Day
Sept. 4	Real Estate Tax Payment #2 due
Sept. 5	Teachers Day
Sept. 9	IHOA Board Meeting
Sept. 11	Patriot Day
Sept. 14	Grandparents Day
Sept. 17	Constitution Day
Oct. 10-12	IWU Homecoming & Family weekend
Oct. 11-12	Sugar Creek Arts Festival
Oct. 13	Columbus Day
Oct. 14	IHOA Board Meeting
Oct. 18	ISU Homecoming
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 1	All Saints Day
Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 4	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 11	IHOA Board Meeting
Nov. 15	America Recycles Day
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving

FALL HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- ☐ **CLEAN GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS**
- ☐ **REMOVE DEBRIS FROM ROOF, REPLACE SHINGLES AS NEEDED**
- ☐ **PICK UP LEAVES**
- ☐ **CAULK AROUND WINDOWS AND DOORS**
- ☐ **WINTERIZE SPRINKLERS**
- ☐ **BRING IN HOSES AFTER DRAINING**
- ☐ **INSPECT, CLEAN, REPLACE STORM WINDOWS AS NEEDED**
- ☐ **SCHEDULE MAINTENANCE ON HEATING SYSTEM**
- ☐ **CHANGE FURNACE FILTERS**
- ☐ **CHANGE BATTERIES IN SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**
- ☐ **UPDATE SUPPLY OF WINTER ITEMS (ICE MELT, ICE SCRAPER, SNOW SHOVEL, ETC)**
- ☐ **CLEAN / SWEEP CHIMNEY**

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Halloween Safety Tips

- S**tay in groups
- C**ostumes should be well fitting and flame resistant
- A**lways test makeup
- R**emember to look both ways when crossing streets
- E**xamine all treats before eating
- S**tay on sidewalks when possible
- A**void dark houses
- F**lashlights + glowsticks for visibility
- E**njoy with caution!

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