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# Quarterly Newsletter

A FIREWISE COMMUNITY



## IRONWOOD VILLAGE

### A Message from Your HOA President

I'm sending this newsletter as we kick off a new year. As usual, all is well in Ironwood Village.

Our common wall project is officially underway, which you've probably noticed from the white markings on the walls throughout the neighborhood. The entry sign project is next. While we finally received the building permit, the City of Scottsdale won't authorize construction until we complete one last survey to document changes to the NAOS designated areas.

You may have also seen our recent update about increases to the annual budget. The Board of Directors continues to work hard to keep expenses as low as possible while maintaining the level of care our community expects. Rising contractor costs make this a challenge, but we're committed to preserving the quality of our infrastructure. As homeowners, your insight and participation are always welcome. If you have experience in finance, procurement, or even just solid practical know-how, we'd love your help.

A quick update on our Board: one member recently stepped down due to health issues. Fortunately, another community member who was already active on projects and committees has stepped in to complete the term. As mentioned in our last newsletter, additional changes across the Board and committees are expected. We could truly use more hands. If you've ever been curious about what serving looks like, please reach out. It's often less work, and more enjoyable, than most people expect.

If you're willing and able to get involved, let us know. You can contact Ashley at 480-355-1190.

*Dan Feigard*

### In this Newsletter you can expect:

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## Meet Your Board Members



**Dan Frigard,**  
President

Dan is a 31 year resident who loves our community dearly.

Retired since 2005, he is busier now than he ever was, all through volunteering. In their leisure time, Dan and his lovely wife Linda enjoy the outdoors. When they're not at home, they can usually be found traveling in the mountains or at the ocean.



**Bleu Edwards,**  
Vice President

Bleu Edwards is a Colorado native and a retired Arizona firefighter who now works in the litigation funding space. He and his wife moved to Ironwood in 2018 with their two children, who are now adults, and have grown to love the community. They attend Christ Church of the Valley and enjoy spending time outdoors, especially biking, hiking, and evening walks before sundown.



**Michael DiPalma,**  
Treasurer

Mike and his wife of 17 years have two teens, Dylan and Sienna (14). His wife is a certified fitness instructor and nutrition coach, while Mike proudly handles the cheat days.

With 23 years of experience in law enforcement and healthcare, Mike is happy to serve as Treasurer and help keep Ironwood Village welcoming, beautiful, and fun.



**Carl Knapp,**  
Secretary

Carl, a 18 year Valley resident, originally from Southwestern Michigan, also leads the the Architectural Committee. Retired from Cummins in 2022 after 15 years, he has lived in Ironwood Village since 2012. Carl enjoys hiking, biking, and traveling with his wife, Laurie. He volunteers his power expertise with DOE-funded and Arizona state groups focused on electrical grid security.



**Lindsay Rininger,**  
Director

Lindsay is an 12 year resident and is likely a friendly face in the community as she spends most mornings out running or walking with her red dogs (Reno & Brixen) and her husband, Brad.

Lindsay is a local Realtor and offers a nuanced perspective on community dynamics and her love for the outdoors fuels a commitment to preserving our shared spaces.

**Terry Miller** has been a trusted and respected Board Member for many years, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, care, and leadership he has given to Ironwood Village. As a 28 year resident, Terry has always taken great pride in the community, working thoughtfully to keep it well maintained, informed, and moving in a positive direction.

Terry has made the decision to step down from his role on the Board. While we will miss his presence in that capacity, we are thankful that he will continue to stay involved through committee work and remain an important voice in community discussions and decisions.

Since retiring in 2012, Terry has dedicated much of his time to both fraternal organizations and serving the neighborhood he and his wife Janet have called home for decades. They raised their family here and continue to enjoy all that Arizona living has to offer. Terry's commitment to Ironwood Village has made a lasting impact, and we are sincerely appreciative of all he has done and will continue to do for the community.

## FROM OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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On December 14, Ironwood Village came together to celebrate our Firewise Community commitment with a festive Sunday gathering at Ironwood Park. Neighbors enjoyed a fun, Grinch themed holiday celebration filled with great energy and community spirit.

The afternoon featured inflatables, face painting, a balloon artist, cotton candy, and popcorn, with special appearances from Santa Claus, the Grinch, and Cindy Lou Who, which brought plenty of smiles for kids and adults alike.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event so special. We hope you enjoyed the festivities and wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with warmth, joy, and light.



A big thank you to Meredith Abramson - our Social Committee for always planning such thoughtful, fun, and well organized events for the community. We truly appreciate the time and heart you put into bringing neighbors together and creating memorable experiences for Ironwood Village.

# Winter Landscape Tips in Ironwood Village

The winter months in Scottsdale bring cooler temperatures and unique landscape considerations. From now through March, Ironwood Village homeowners can help protect and prepare their landscapes by keeping the following items in mind:

## Frost Awareness

While Scottsdale winters are generally mild, overnight frost can occur.

Cover sensitive plants when frost is forecasted.

Newly planted vegetation and tropical species are especially vulnerable.

Avoid pruning frost-damaged plants until warmer temperatures return in spring.

## Pruning & Tree Care

Winter is an ideal time for selective pruning.

Remove dead or damaged branches from trees and shrubs.

Desert trees may be lightly shaped, but avoid heavy pruning of frost-sensitive species.

Ensure trees along streets and sidewalks remain clear for visibility and pedestrian safety.

## Irrigation Adjustments

Plants require less water during cooler months.

Check that irrigation timers are adjusted for winter schedules.

Watch for broken or leaking irrigation lines caused by temperature changes.

Avoid overwatering, which can lead to root rot and fungal issues.

## Weed Prevention

Winter weeds can emerge after seasonal rains.

Monitor landscaped areas for early weed growth.

Prompt removal helps prevent spread and reduces spring maintenance needs.

## Preparing for Spring Growth

Late winter is a great time to plan ahead.

Assess plant health and note areas that may need replacement in spring.

Soil amendments and light fertilization may be appropriate for certain plants—follow desert-appropriate guidelines.

## Desert Landscape Stewardship

Ironwood Village takes pride in its desert landscape.

Avoid removing native plants or cacti without proper approval.

Report any damaged or unhealthy community landscaping to management.

By staying attentive to seasonal landscape needs, homeowners help maintain the beauty, health, and sustainability of Ironwood Village. Thank you for your continued care and partnership in preserving our community.

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# Tree & Landscape Maintenance in Scottsdale

## Fall & Winter Tips and Tricks

### Keeping Your Trees & Yards Happy This Fall and Winter

As the Scottsdale heat finally starts to ease up, it's a great time to show your trees and plants a little TLC. Our desert landscape has its own rhythm, and a few simple steps now can make a big difference in how things look (and grow) through the cooler months.

- **Trim it up:** Fall and winter are the best times to prune trees and shrubs. Snipping away dead or weak branches helps your trees stay strong when the occasional winter storm rolls through.
  - **Watch for frost:** We don't see it often, but chilly nights do happen! Keep an old sheet or frost cloth handy to cover sensitive plants like citrus or bougainvillea. A quick drink of water before a freeze also helps keep roots cozy.
  - **Ease up on the water:** Your yard doesn't need as much irrigation this time of year. Cut back the schedule, but give plants a good, deep soak now and then to keep roots healthy.
- **Winter lawns:** If you overseed with ryegrass, keep it mowed and lightly watered for that lush green look. If not, let your Bermuda grass nap until spring—it'll bounce back when the weather warms.

With just a little attention, your yard will stay healthy, safe, and beautiful all season long.

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# Help Keep Our Streets and Bridges Safe...

## Report Needed Repairs

Ironwood Village is fortunate to be located within the City of Scottsdale, which is responsible for maintaining public streets, bridges, and associated bridge posts throughout our community.

If you notice any areas in need of repair—such as damaged pavement, cracks, uneven surfaces, bridge concerns, or deteriorating bridge posts—we kindly encourage you to report these items directly to the City of Scottsdale Street Operations Department.

While the Association continues to monitor conditions and advocate for repairs, resident reports play an important role. Multiple reports from homeowners help bring visibility and priority to issues, increasing the likelihood that repairs are addressed in a timely manner.

### **This request applies to:**

- \*Public streets within and surrounding Ironwood Village
- \*Bridges and associated bridge posts located throughout the community

### **How to Report an Issue to the City**

City of Scottsdale – Street Operations Department

 9191 E. San Salvador Dr., Suite 205  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

 Phone: 480-312-5620

 Email: Street Operations Department

Thank you for being proactive and helping preserve the safety, functionality, and appearance of our community infrastructure. Your participation truly makes a difference.

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