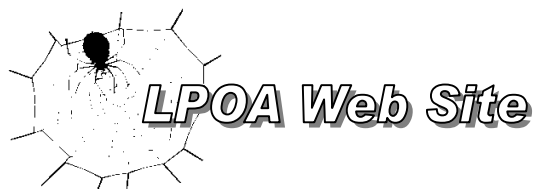


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Our Mission: "To promote and protect the interests of the Ledges Community"



The LPOA is in the early stages of establishing a web site. Thanks go to the work of past board member and Ledges Property Owners who contributed items. They helped start the LPOA archives project which should be interesting and beneficial to everyone.

Some of the items to be included are the LPOA Charter, LPOA by-laws, minutes of meetings, history of the Ledges, photos, maps, newspaper articles, and a history of the Ledges Golf Course. You can donate items, or we will copy and return them to you. All materials in the LPOA Archives are kept at the Loves Park Branch of the North Suburban Library. If anyone has any items they feel are appropriate, they should contact Mark Andersen at 623-6391.

Once again this year's annual LPOA Easter



2001 Easter Egg Hunt

Egg Hunt was a huge success. Accompanied by parents or grandparents, approximately 50 children ages 0-10 participated. The "Easter Bunny" who was sporting a basket of delicious cookies greeted them. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this a memorable occasion for everyone.

Bridge Players?

Did you know that there is a Ledges Couples Bridge Marathon that has been in existence for thirty years? You play once a month from September through April at your convenience, alternating with another couple each month. It's a great way to meet new people, sharpen your bridge skills and get out of the house to escape cabin fever in the winter! For more information call the Ustrucks, Jane and Earl, @ 389-0901.

President's Column

Welcome to the new LPOA Newsletter with information we hope you'll find informative and useful. Regular communication via this newsletter and our upcoming LPOA website will add to the reality that the Ledges is a community with many common interests and values.

While we are not a village or town, the LPOA is recognized as a Not For Profit Corporation by the State of Illinois. This enables us to raise funds legally and offers other tax exempt privileges.

New Board elected in January.

The current board was nominated at the annual LPOA meeting this past Jan. and then approved by a special meeting in Feb. We thought it would be helpful to include photos, a very brief bio and phone number of each board member in this newsletter so that you'll know who to contact with questions or suggestions.

New Board takes position on Perryville extension

Until the Regional Area Transportation Study makes its recommendations regarding the road needs of this area, the LPOA is opposed to the proposed expansion of Perryville beyond highway 173. Our board members and Roscoe Township Planning Commission members entered our letter into the record of the March regular meeting of the Roscoe Township. They forwarded our letter along with others to the Winnebago County Board. Did it help? Perhaps!

New Board focuses on planning and programs

We are aggressively engaged in planning (establishing goals, setting priorities, developing strategies and programs) that will promote and protect the interests of the Ledges community. Many of our board members have had in-depth experience on other boards and are committed to contributing time to make this community an even better place to call home.

Meetings already held with the Forest Preserve management staff and Sheriff's dept.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, the Neighborhood Watch is getting new emphasis. Hopefully in the next newsletter we'll be able to report on the outcome of our meetings with the Forest Preserve.

Updating LPOA bylaws is in progress and will be ready for a vote at our next annual meeting sometime in January. Current bylaws are closely linked with the expired covenants of deeds on all lots originally platted in the Ledges. Our goal is to make our bylaws reflect a community vision, with a set of values that our residents can support.

We need your support.

LPOA dues goes to pay for the publication of this newsletter, the handy annual resident directory, sign

upkeep, Easter Egg Hunt supplies and other activities. Please fill out the enclosed form and send us your check.

Best regards,

Jim Benkovich, President - LPOA

Neighborhood Watch!



Fern Nelson writes - - I'm sure you all have heard of Neighborhood Watch and have seen the signs posted at points where you enter the streets of the Ledges. We become so accustomed to seeing the signs that we tend to forget their purpose. We feel secure here in the Ledges and forget our responsibility in keeping our community safe,

Deputy Falzone at the Winnebago county Police Department will again speak at our annual meeting in January. A representative of the Forest Preserve District attended and spoke at a recent meeting of the Ledges Board of Directors. He spoke about vandalism in the Ledges and especially on the Golf Course.

Let's all renew our commitment to be good neighbors—watch for any “strange” vehicles, persons or activities, - even unusual noises in your area. To report any of these, call the non-emergency number 987-5800 and ask to have a patrol officer come out and talk with you. Provide the police with information that will help solve a crime or prevent vandalism. Advise your children and their friends that they have a responsibility to obey the laws and be good neighbors. These measures will help us maintain the Ledges as a wonderful place to live and enjoy.



Ledges Sports



There are many excellent reasons for living in the Ledges, one of which is the availability of several sports: for example, golfing, swimming, and equestrian activities.

SPORTING HORSES at 12250 Love Road offers a variety of events involving horses. Hopefully, more about this in the next issue.

THE LEDGES POOL ASSOCIATION is a private swimming club located adjacent to the Ledges Clubhouse on McCurry Road. Annual memberships are \$350 for families and \$200 for individuals. That's the good news! The bad news is there is a waiting list of over 150 families. But don't let that discourage you from adding your name to the list if you love to swim. Some more good news is that swimming lessons are

offered to both members and non-members. Call Bob Young at 623-7524 or the Pool Association at 389-1835 for more information.

7111 McCurry Road is one of three courses owned and staffed by the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District. When I informed some of the local golf experts in Decatur, IL that I was moving to Ledges Golf Course area, they unanimously responded that it was one of the "best tracks" in northern Illinois. Many had taken the 200-mile trek to play several times.

The local professional is Mike Durand who is offering group lessons (maximum of 10 golfers per group). There are 3 six-week sessions on Tuesday evenings, 5:30 - 6:45 PM at the Ledges Practice Range. The first session began May 29th, the second session July 10th, and the 3rd session August 21st. Cost is \$60 per session (a mere \$10 per lesson). For more information, call 815-877-6100, visit the County web site at www.wcfpd.org, or e-mail at wcfpd@wcfpd.org.

Golf at the Ledges is a bargain: greens fees are only \$16 for residents on weekdays and \$22 on weekends. If you've quit your day job and want to lower your handicap, you can buy a season golf pass for \$415 which allows you to play as often as you wish. Other slightly restricted season passes are also available. Call the Ledges Clubhouse 389-0979, the County Phone #, the web site, or use the e-mail address.

That's sports for this issue. See you next time, Arvid Adell



A group of your of your neighbors has worked diligently since late August of 2000 to prevent a cell phone tower from being built at the south end of the Ledges. So far there is no tower. You have probably heard about it, but aren't aware of all that has happened. The full story is too long for this publication! Legal action had to occur after all other measures were tried. The original lawsuit was dismissed because VoiceStream responded to our passionate request to be good neighbors and moved to another location. The permit was rescinded and the judge dismissed the case. The valid legal objections were never addressed, but the fact remains that the property is non-compliant with existing codes.

The County was petitioned to change the zoning of this non-compliant parcel. This is an unheard of action, namely to request some one else's property be rezoned. The petition upset the property owner. The group agrees that this is an Un-American thing to do, but had no other legal course of action to prevent the completion of a Cell Tower. The group's only reason for pursuing this course of action is to halt any Cell

Tower construction in a residential community. So far the county is unwilling to change the zoning of non-compliant parcels of land. If the owner of the land would sign an agreement not to allow a tower on his property, then the matter would be over, and he would have done a neighborly thing. Submitted by Chuck Christiansen.

Stewardship of the Ledges



By Gary Neu

We have a responsibility to contribute to the health of the earth. Many of our properties as well as the township easements are being overrun by invasive non-native plants such as Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard. These intruders are destroying the natural landscape and wildlife. Our woodlands are no longer natural nor healthy and are in need of our supervision and maintenance. To improve the beauty and health of our land we must learn and practice proper lawn, garden and woodland care.

The Common and Glossy Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica* L. and *Rhamnus frangula*) are known by other names as well. Controlling these exotics can involve prescribed burns in early spring or fall, pulling smaller plants when soil is moist, cutting the tree down close to the ground and then applying Round Up (Glyphosate). These trees will grow back multi-trunked if not chemically treated after cutting.

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a cool-season biennial. It is mainly found in shady locations such as our woodlands. Controlling this intruder can be done by pulling, cutting at ground level and spraying with Round Up. If near the creek, treat with Rodeo. Burning is effective in the early spring or fall. Since it takes 3-5 years to reduce the seedbed, this is a long-term project. For further info call Gary Neu, 623-9841, or stop over. I can make copies of specific material, and I am interested in starting a LPOA Stewardship Program to help educate residents to improve the quality of our landscaping. Call it a Native Landscaping Program.



Welcome new residents!

Jim & Patty Rady	12503 Greensview Circle
Jamie 16	Sarah 13 389-8799
Paul & Julia Swanberg	7253 Kinnikinnick Dr.
Bricken 9 Erik 4 Emily 2	623-5150
Ken & Debbie Demars	7109 Mourning Dove
Jessie 24 Jamie 18	623-1306
Gary & Fay Hacker	7254 Cardinals Ct.
Andrew 5	623-3286

Roy & Belinda Niksich 7748 Bond Dr.
 Cole 2
 Howard & Fran Winbert 12432 Greenview Dr.
 Lindsay 11 389-9708
 *If you have new neighbors not listed here, please call
 Marge Sanger 623-2738



LPOA Secretary -- Charles Christiansen- Retired Electronic's Teacher Ledges resident 33 years. Goal is to see the LPOA becomes more pro-active in determining what happens in our community 7251 Cardinal Ct. 623-2813



John & Nancy Laursen for the death of their grandson Joshua
 Frank Weiss on the recent death of his wife Pat
 Susan Dunn on the death of her husband Jack
 *If you know of someone missed, please call any board member



Larry Fitzpatrick – a retired dentist who moved from Rockford in 1995. Larry would like to see the LPOA become a viable and united neighborhood organization!
 7273 Club Ct. 389-9930

Directory Corrections

Dick Scott correct to Rick Scott
 Change address of Richard Durbin to
 332 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
 Change the address of Arvid Adell to
 12422 Greensview Dr.
 New Roscoe Township Assessor is-
 Joann Kennington 623-8061
 Add Lentel Disposal (608) 362-8471



Mark Anderson – has been a resident for 13 years and is a former board member. Mark says he is concerned that we protect our country and community for future generations.
 7786 Bond Dr. 623-6391

Tents For Rent

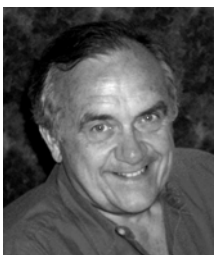
If you are having a special gathering and would like to rent one or all of our 3 tents, they are available by contacting Harold Pann at 389-4332. The fee should be made payable to the LPOA at \$25 per tent per day of use.



Fern Nelson – a Ledges resident for 36 years, worked at Amerock for 20 years, is an election clerk, and currently sells real estate for Dickerson-Nieman
 12574 Tanager Tr. 389-1632



Arvid Adell – is a Ledges newcomer who is eager to help the LPOA in whatever ways he can. See his column on “Ledges Sports”
 12432 Greensview Cr. 389-3967



LPOA Board President – Jim Benkovich - is a veteran in the Ledges and most recently was on the Hononegah School Board. See comments in President's column
 12315 N. Ledges Dr. 389-4150

Other members not pictured:
 Marge Sanger – Vice President – 623-2738
 Patrick Bautz – Treasurer – 389-9400
 Jim Wood- 623-6405
 Gary Neu – 623-9841
 Lloyd Hornbostel – 623-7586