

President's Column

We hope your holiday season is meeting your expectations and you're looking forward to the New Year. A big thank you to board member Mark Anderson for the great job of planning and running of the adult and kids Christmas parties earlier this month.

The LPOA Board is planning for the New Year and hope you will join us for the annual meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 7 PM in the new middle school on Elevator Road.

On the agenda will include topics that may be of interest to you:

- **Garbage collection** – We need your input on whether to pursue negotiations with the four or five companies that ply our roads daily.

- **Perryville Road update** – Our county board members (Gary Jury and Doug Aurand) and Roscoe Township Supervisor Tom Hawes and Lloyd Hornbostel (member of the township planning commission) have been invited. Both Tom and Lloyd are long-time Ledges residents. This should be an interesting discussion!

- **Forest Preserve relations** – LPOA board member Larry Fitzpatrick, will address golfing issues that affect Ledges residents.

- **2003 LPOA directory** is planned to be printed in time for distribution to dues paying members.

- **Website update** – Russ Johnson, new board member (appointed to replace Arvid Adell who resigned in Oct.) will talk about how our website will be expanding in the New Year.

- **New board member elections:** 3 seats are up for nomination and election at the meeting.

Hope to see you at the annual meeting and getting your input on issues important to you.

Jim

Benkovich – President
LPOA

Class on Internet Use

We have tutoring on Internet and computer who are just need a little help. If there is enough interest we will schedule a class in the near future. You can e-mail us through our web site lpoa@ledgescommunity.org



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or call me at 623-2813.
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LPOA Annual Meeting

January 14, 2003



Our next annual meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 7:00 P.M. in the Learning Center of the new Roscoe Middle School on Elevator Road.

The annual meeting of the LPOA is open to all Ledges Residents. Membership is determined by payment of the annual dues (\$20.00). If you paid your dues after October 1st of 2002 then you are already paid for 2003 (this applies only to new residents). New directories will be available at the annual meeting or can be obtained from any board member after January 30th. Please fill out the attached form and send it with your 2003 dues soon. In 2002 we started accepting.

Garbage Removal Services

The LPOA Board would like your input regarding current and future garbage hauling service providers. There presently are several waste haulers operating in the Ledges



various days of the week. Waste Mgt., Lentell, Onyx, and Rock River Disposal have been contacted to see if they are willing to negotiate their service. If you use a different hauler, please let us know.

The issues we wish to address include; do they recycle, will they haul yard waste, what day of the week would they pick up, would they guarantee our rates not be raised without voiding their contract, and what is their rate schedule. The haulers would want a commitment from virtually all of the residents to set their rate. The LPOA board is not making any recommendations at this time, but we do see benefits if something can be arranged.

With the present arrangement, we have multiplied the wear and tear on our streets, garbage cans are sitting out up to five times a week, and we have to dodge garbage trucks more often. This issue is in the investigative stage and we welcome your input, through a letter to our post office box, at the annual meeting, by a phone call, or via e-mail at lpoa@ledgescommunity.org.

Fern Nelson

2003 LPOA Annual Dues (\$20 per household)

If you would like to pay your 2003 now, complete the form below and submit with your check to the LPOA, P.O. Box 36, Roscoe, IL 61073. New directories will be available at the annual meeting or delivered when we receive your registration. If you believe you have already paid dues for 2003 call Fern at 389-1632.

Names of Adult/Parents

First _____ Last _____

Child _____ Birth year _____

Child _____ Birth year _____

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Child _____ Birth year _____

E-mail _____

If you fill in the e-mail line, please check the appropriate box regarding your e-mail

- E-mail in the directory & communication
- E-mail for communication only

Your LPOA board has met monthly this past year in an attempt to keep you informed and protect the interests of the Ledges area. We have a great web site and a dedicated group of individuals. We wish you a very Merry Christmas.

The LPOA Board

Golf Cart Fees For 2003

I'm sure all of you cart owners have paid your private cart registration fee for 2003 in Dec., which was a "discounted" \$50 increase. If you failed to register in Dec. you will be paying \$600 in 2003 for the privilege of using your cart to play golf at the County Golf Courses. It's a shame that the present Forest Preserve Administration is determined to raise private cart registration fees as a means of deterring their use.



Gary Jury (R) [Home phone 885-4802] and Doug Aurand (D) [Home phone 282-1792] are our newly elected County Board representatives. Gary has also been appointed as Chairman of the Forest Preserve. It is my suggestion that you contact Gary and inform him of your opinion regarding this unfair private golf cart registration fee increase. Suggest to him that we don't need two PGA Pros. to run our golf courses at a cost \$80,000.00 plus benefits, and cutting personnel expenses would give us good golf courses at

reasonable fees. If you have a need for additional information you can contact me at 389-9930.

Larry Fitzpatrick

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Saturday December 14th the LPOA hosted an adult Christmas party at the Hoffman Clubhouse restaurant (Ledges Golf Course). Forty people attended the event that featured the group "Wild Rice" for our entertainment. The food was great and we look forward to a similar event next year.



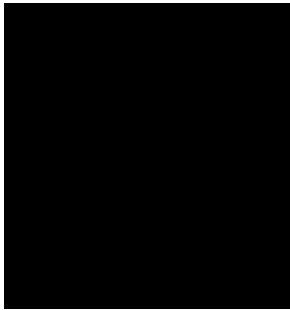
On Sunday December 15th the LPOA hosted "Lunch With Santa" at the Hoffman Clubhouse Restaurant. There were fifty children accompanied by 50 adults and the scene was every thing you might expect when children get to be with Santa. Everyone had a great time seeing the kids and adults enjoy the Christmas Spirit.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas parties, the Hoffman Clubhouse for providing good food and an enjoyable setting, and the LPOA board for making these parties a wonderful success.

Deer and The Ledges

The State of Illinois has passed a new law in response to Chronic Wasting Disease. There is now a \$1000.00 fine for feeding deer and other wildlife. "This ban includes food, salt and mineral blocks and other food products." Exceptions to ban do include elevated bird and squirrel feeders that are within 100' of your lived in home. Note that bird ground feeders are not exempt. Incidental fallen seed on the ground is exempt.

Web Site News



With the wonderful help of Russ Johnson we now have active management of our web site. If you haven't been on the site recently you won't discover some of the changes until you begin to search. When you click on by-

laws, you will now discover they are there. Some photos of our Christmas parties will replace an outdated photo under upcoming events. The listing of public officials has been updated and the viewing of the two most recent newsletters are readable without using "Acrobat Reader" (they download fast). We are exploring adding a new feature to the site that many should appreciate. If "Ledges Classified" becomes a reality, any family who is a current member of the LPOA will able to contact us regarding the placement of items you with to sell. We have not established the guidelines, which we feel, must be in place before we begin this endeavor. Call, e-mail or snail mail us with your thoughts.