President's Column

The opening of the Hoffman House restaurant in the Ledges clubhouse has been a great addition for Ledges area residents. Bob Prosser and his team of professionals understand the restaurant business and know the importance of quality food at fair prices with excellent service. Many of you took advantage of the 20% discount coupon Bob included in our last newsletter.

He's offered his banquet room for our monthly meetings (usually the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm). You're welcome to attend our board meetings . . . please call me at 389-4150 or e-mail me at jimsr@benko.com if you want an item put on the agenda for discussion.

Check elsewhere in this newsletter for details of the upcoming golf/dinner outing and the Christmas party festivities being planned at the Hoffman House Ledges

Whether or not you're a golfer, I think you'll enjoy the atmosphere, good food and spirits at the Hoffman House Ledges. See you there.

Jim Benkovich

WE MISSED YOU! at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting. There were only about a dozen people there, but we received some good information and also answers to several questions. Deputy Falzone gave us many pointers on how we can help ourselves maintain the relatively safe community we enjoy. The Winnebago County Police Department will provide us with as many new, larger Neighborhood Watch signs as we want, to make sure anyone considering something illegal is aware they are being watched. Some of the points Deputy Falzone made were:

1. Provide good exterior lighting (motion lights etc.)
2. Make sure you have good security including solid core or steel doors and good locks, secured windows and patio doors.
3. Watch for unfamiliar cars or persons in the neighborhood, especially if they seem to be driving slowly or driving by more than once. Report these cars and those being driven in an unsafe manner, giving license & description.
4. Call 987-5800 to report this information and any non-emergency situations (press "1" to bypass the automated system and you will talk to a live person).
5. Use an engraver to mark you driver's license on your personal property items. Absolutely don't place your social security number on anything. Engravers can be purchased inexpensively at places like Menards and Home Depot.

Do report these situations, you won't be considered a nuisance. The reports are recorded and often, when a crime is reported, your information may help the police catch the perpetrator. I you feel there is a dog in the neighborhood that is a safety threat, please report that information

Thefts from mailboxes of outgoing and incoming mail have been a problem in the county. Some of the thieves have been caught, but caution should be exercised because there are still problems. Criminals have found a way to wash off the payee and the amount of a check and replace the original information with their name and a new dollar amount while you signature remains intact. With the recent episode of pipe bombs in mailboxes, we need to work with the postal workers to ensure their safety and ours. Fortunately the guilty party was caught and we hope no future incidents will be forthcoming. There was one mailbox in the Ledges deliberately burned, but no one has been charged with the crime. If you observe any damage to mailboxes or their contents, be sure to report it to the Post Office and to the Winn. Co. Police. Make sure to give all the pertinent details.

The Roscoe Township Highway Department will be furnishing and installing traditional street signs in the Ledges over the next several months. These will be easier to read than the engraved wooden posts.

Fern Nelson

Couples Golf/Dinner Outing

The LPOA is having a golf outing and dinner on August 17th, 2002 at the Ledges Golf Course with your spouse or significant other. For anyone that is unable to make the golf outing, we encourage your participation in the dinner. Come meet your neighbors and enjoy the great food at The Hoffman Club House.

Golf Outing Details

Date:	Saturday August 17th, 2002
Time:	Noon to 2 PM
Location:	Ledges Golf Course
Format:	Four person best ball
Prizes:	$5.00 entry per person
Green Fee:	Free for pass holders $22 for non-pass holders for 18 holes
Cart Fee:	$12 per person for 18 holes

Guests: Will be welcome
Contact: Mark Anderson at 623-6391 by August 7th so tee times can be Made in advance.

Dinner Specifics

Location: Hoffman Club House
Cocktails: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM approximately
Menu: Grilled Rib eyes steaks and Chicken Breasts, vegetable, baked Potato and Salad Bar
Cost: $15.00, which includes tax and tip
Contact: Mark Anderson at 623-6391 by August 7th

LPOA Christmas Parties

The LPOA is hosting two Christmas parties this year at the Ledges Club House. The first will be a kid's party on Dec. 2002 (date to be announced) with a special guest appearance by Santa. Persons interested in helping with this event should contact Marge Sanger at 623-2738.

The second party will be for adults at 6 PM on Dec. 14, 2002 at the Ledges Club House. Food will be prepared by the Hoffman Club House Staff. There will be entertainment and dancing for your enjoyment. Cost for the evening will be approximately $30 per person. Seating is limited to 130, so early registration is suggested. More detailed information will be available on the web site later this summer (**ledgescommunity.org)**. Registrations will be accepted anytime after you receive this newsletter. Call Mark Anderson at 623-6391.

Living within a Woodland

West Nile Virus is here. The virus is spread by infected mosquitoes. Mild symptoms include fever and headaches. The elderly and those with weakened immune system have an increased likelihood of severe symptoms: which include high fever, headache, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis, coma and death. So please get educated on which insect repellants are recommended. "www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile" is a good site. Be alert for dead crows and Blue Jays and report them to the Dead Crow Hotline 962-5092. Please report because it takes two dead birds within a sq. mile to get the agency to pick up the carcass. Also remember standing stagnant water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. So please survey your property.

The destructive Gypsy Moth is defoliating our trees and contributing to the destruction of our woodlands. The State is spraying our area to kill the moth and to stop reproduction. Learn to identify the moth at "www.agr.state.il.us" and report their presence to the Gypsy Moth Hotline 1-800-642-6684 and please kill them. You'll save a tree or two.

Invasive species such as Garlic Mustard and Buckthorn are also destroying our woodlands and Buckthorn berries are killing our birds. Lou and Don Cuff have an eye- opening story about this issue. One day it was raining a thick colored liquid in their backyard. You see the birds were eating the Buckthorn berries and getting near instant diarrhea, but they kept on eating them. Garlic Mustard should be pulled before it drops seed. Buckthorn can now be cut and treated with
20% Round-Up.
"www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive/info" and "www.invasiveplants.net" as well as many others.

I am doing a Native Landscaping Workshop at my home at 11868 South Gate Rd. on Sat. July 6th at 1pm. May take 2hrs or so depending on what people want. I will be covering topics like "Rain gardens", backyard ponds, woodland and prairie, invasive species management, burning, composting, etc. Will provide handouts on the topics including native landscaping web sites and where to purchase quality plants. Videos on Native Landscaping will be available for viewing and computer for researching web sites. Some neighbor guest presenters as well. Please RSVP to help me plan. Small donations will be accepted to cover costs of material. Refreshments will be provided. *Gary Neu*

Getting Rid of Yard Waste

The last two years, Waste Management has taken our yard waste for a six month fee plus $1.50 per paper waste bag. Last February we received a letter notifying us that they would no longer be providing this service.

This spring we called Waste Management, Roscoe City Hall, True Value Hardware, South Beloit and Rockton for help with removal and a source of paper bags. Having no success with these sources, we finally called Beloit, and "bingo", our problem was solved. They gave us the phone number of Leaflan Compost Center (608-364-1909). Leaflan is located at 6711 W. St. Lawrence on the west side of Beloit,

which is one mile west of the intersection of Paddock and St. Lawrence Roads.

Leaflan is approximately 13 miles from the Ledges Club House. Take 251 north to Prairie Hill Road, continue west past Beloit Corp. and then turn left on So. Bluff Rd. (Hwy 45) and take the first right which is Yale Bridge Rd. (Hwy 48). Follow Yale Bridge Rd. west to the first stop sign which is Prairie. Turn right on Prairie and continue past Blackhawk Farms Raceway. Prairie makes a jog and becomes Paddock. Follow Paddock until you reach the first stop sign which is the intersection of St. Lawrence and Paddock. Go left on St. Lawrence for one mile to the Leaflan Compost Center on the south side of the road. The charge is $15/year, which you can pay at the building where you drop off your yard waste. Paper bag containers or garbage cans full of yard waste can be emptied. **NO plastic bags!**

June-September hours are Monday 9 AM to 12 Noon, Wednesday 3:30 to 6:30 PM, Sat. 9 AM to 1 PM October-November hours are Monday and Tuesday 9 AM to12 Noon, Wednesday 3:30 to 6:30 PM , Thursday and Friday 12 to 3 PM, and Sat. 9 AM to 3 PM. *Larrry Fitxpatrick*

Judge Joe McGraw

When Chief Circuit Court Judge Michael Morrison retired early in December 2001, I accepted the Illinois Supreme Court' appointment to be a Circuit Court Judge for Boone and Winnebago Counties. Prior to this, I had sixteen years of trial court experience, four years as an Assistant State's Attorney and twelve years as an attorney in private practice.

I am responsible for both civil and criminal cases. Each case requires the trial judge's undivided attention. For any person who appears in court, his or her case is the most important case. I strive to listen to each party and let both sides know that they have been heard.

I am committed to eliminating unnecessary delay in my courtroom. Both sides benefit from a prompt and fair hearing. In this era of heavy caseloads and tight budgets, I will continually work on improving the internal efficiencies of the court system.

As a former prosecutor, I know what victims of violent crime experience. As a circuit court judge, it is my responsibility to take into account the rights of crime victims as well as the rights of the accused.

I am running for election on November 5 on the Republican ballot for Circuit Court Judge and would appreciate your support. I resolve to work hard, be fair, and improve the quality of our court system. Please visit my web site at www.judgejoemcgraw.org.

Directory Deletions

Evelyn Wallace
Carley on Waxwing Ct.
Kegel on Kinnikinnick
Gunderson on Vireo Vale
Westmoreland on Love

Patricia Sherard
Dowie on Club Ct.
Crocker on Love Rd.
Netherton on Saladino

We welcome these new residents:

Michael Townsend Jr.
11825 Love Rd.
623-1737

Bill and Debbie Patterson
12523 Chuckanut
389-1335
Thom '84, Daniel '87,
Rachael '90

Alexis Bauman age 16
12223 N. Ledges Dr.

Walt and Barb Landrum
12028 Waxwing
623-5879

Louis Bernabei
7144 Kinnikinnick
(phone number not known now)

Vince and Ann Bowers
12432 Greensview Circle
623-9157

Paul Graham
7243 Club Ct.
389-5436
Jeremy 13, Joshua 8, PJ 6

Jim and Lisa Hanson
6969 Saladino Dr.
623-8197
Brock '96, Grant '00

Brett & Caron Hruby
12151 Love Rd.
623-5561

Mike and Cindy Ilseman
12012 Vireo Vale
623-7627
Michael Ilseman '87, Jay Rogers '88,
Becca Rogers '90, Will Ilseman '90

2002 LPOA Annual Dues ($20 per household)

New residents - - - - - -$10.00 for the rest of the year
If you would like what the LPOA is doing then why not support the organization by joining now. Complete the form and submit it with your check to the LPOA, P.O. Box 36, Roscoe, IL 61073. You will receive a directory as soon as we receive your payment

Names of Adult/Parents

First _____Last_____
Address _____ Phone _____
Child_____Birth year_____
Child_____Birth year_____
Child_____Birth year_____

If you're not sure you paid for 2002 call Fern Nelson 389-1632. **Dues valid Jan. 1 to Dec.31**