

President's Column

We hope you will check out our new website. We're really pleased with the first class creative effort of a Ledges resident, and his advertising agency who did in the design and production of this good looking, easy-to-read site. Loren provided his services pro bono! It will help both those who live in our community and those outside the area wanting to know more about the Ledges and what's going on here. It will be a easy way for your far flung kids and former residents to stay in touch.

For those who regularly use the Internet, you know the many benefits of having Internet access. For those who haven't made the jump to join this rapidly growing communication tool and immense information resource, I would encourage you to give it try. Perhaps we should organize some tutoring assistance or classes?

We will continue to print and mail this quarterly newsletter, however for the most up-to-date information on activities, check our website regularly. The LPOA board, with a push of a button, distributes messages, meeting minutes, sets meetings dates, etc. If you would like to have the latest board minutes e-mailed to you, we'll arrange to put you on our distribution list.

I recently toured the Ledges club house and was pleasantly surprised with the beautiful renovations that will be ready for full operation by the 1st of April. Bob Prosser, owner of Hoffman House Restaurant on State Street, is as serious about making this a successful venture as his 4 other food establishments. This has the potential to become the gathering place we've always lacked in our community.

I look forward to visiting with you at our upcoming events.

Jim Benkovich

Benefits of LPOA Membership

- ™ Ledges directory
- ™ Easter Egg Hunt
- ™ Social Events (new ones planned for 2002)
- ™ Newsletter with helpful information
- ™ Board of volunteers dedicated to promoting and protecting the interests of the Ledges
- ™ Soundboard for your concerns that often leads to action
- ™ Occasional coupon offerings

2001 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for 2001. We received \$2900.00 in annual dues and \$420.00 for sign improvements. The following expenditures were made.

\$5.00	Filing of annual State report
\$20.00	P.O Box rent
\$250.00	Bulk mailing permit (2001 & 2002)
\$318.00	Postage expense
\$663.00	Printing newsletters and fliers
\$679.00	Printing the directory
\$212.00	Easter egg hunt

Those who have paid memberships for 2002 will be provided a copy of the new updated directory. Everyone receives a copy of the newsletter, whether they have paid dues or not. If you haven't paid for 2002, use the enclosed form in this newsletter to pay them. If you aren't sure if you have paid for 2002, call Fern Nelson at 389-1632.

Fern Nelson, Treasurer LPOA

Neighborhood



Watch!

Our Ledges neighborhood Watch was started in 1983. You are invited to a meeting on April 10th in the all purpose room of Roscoe Middle School at 7:00 P.M. Deputy Falzone of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department will be there to review our security problems and incidents of crime. At our annual meeting he gave some statistics on things reported to the police from our area. He mentioned they had only one reported burglary in 2001. There were thefts from unlocked autos, etc. but basically we have a low crime area.

President Bush and the Homeland Security Dept. have encouraged Neighborhood Watch groups to support the program for defense against terrorism by being watchful of activity in our area and alerting the authorities if something seems suspicious.

Always report theft, burglary, property damage, etc. to the Winnebago County Police at 987-5981. To help us be aware of problems, please also call and inform one of the LPOA Board members. Our names and phone number are listed in this newsletter. If you do this, it will help us be aware of any developing problems and alert ALPOA residents of any concerns. If you attend the meeting, you can pay your dues and receive your copy of the new directory.

Fern Nelson

The LPOA Board for 2002

President -----	Jim Benkovich	389-4150
Vice President ----	Mark Anderson	623-6391
Treasurer -----	Fern Nelson	389-1632
Secretary -----	Chuck Christiansen	623=2813
Building/Grounds -	Jim Wood	623-6405
Communications --	Chuck Christiansen	
Environmental ----	Gary Neu	623-9841
Legislative -----	Lloyd Hornbostel	623-7586
Safety/Security ----	Fern Nelson	
Social -----	Arvid Adell	389-3967
Website/Archives -	Mark Anderson	
Welcoming-----	Marge Sanger	623-2738
Service advice ----	Larry Fitzpatrick	389-9930
Board member ----	Carol Norregaard	623-2694

Cut and paste this information in your directory

2002 LPOA Annual Dues (\$20 per household)

If you would like to pay your 2002 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. **To improve the LPOA as an organization, we need your support**

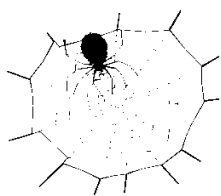
Names of Adult/Parents

First _____ Last _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Child _____ Birth year _____
 Child _____ Birth year _____
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If you're not sure you paid for 2002 call Fern Nelson 389-1632. **Dues valid Jan. 1 to Dec.31**



This year's annual LPOA Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday March 30th at 11 A.M. on the play ground area of LedgeWood School. The "Easter Bunny" will be sporting a basket of delicious cookies. Parents and Grand Parents bring your camera for those special "Kodak Moments" and meet some of the other wonderful families in the Ledges.



The web site has been on line for over one month

Through the devoted efforts of Loren Heinzerth and Mark Anderson the web site is now a wonderful reality. Mary Jane Baucom and Dennis & Nola Burke were also very helpful in providing web content. While you are on the site you will find the history of the Ledges, golf course, photo gallery, Ledges Pool Assoc., Ledges Stables, The Property Owner's Assoc., and links to numerous other sites with helpful information pertinent to our community.

Take the opportunity to e-mail us (lpoa@ledgescommunity.org) with your thoughts. We will be adding new items to the site and could use more photographs and related information. If you have anything you feel could enhance the web site please contact us via e-mail or contact any board member. Any items will be returned after we scan them into our resource file.

<http://www.ledgescommunity.org>

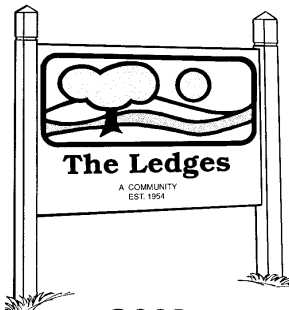
Our Local Environment

Invasive Plants the green ground cover in woodlands and other shaded areas are probably weeds and garlic mustard, unless you planted it or can identify it. They're hard to presently due to seasonal moisture, but spraying with Round-up works well now. Most other plants are still dormant so the over-spray won't hurt anything else. Dame's Rocket, although a beautiful flower, is also green at this time and is considered very invasive once it escapes from the yard. Small Buckthorns, our most invasive tree, can easily be pulled out when the ground is damp. More info at "www.drn.state.wi.us/org" and do a search.

Air Pollution: The stateline area has failed to meet the new air quality standards that were implemented a few years ago. This is largely due to the effect tollbooths have on traffic. Don't hold your breath though waiting for the booths to be shut down like I was. In talking to our elected officials, they were not aware of this issue. Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it will take years to get through the court system because many groups are fighting the new standards. The EPA encourages us to contact our elected officials and pressure them to become aware of the issue and to support the new standards. More info at "www.epa.gov/airlinks/ozpminfo.html".

Volunteering and Native Landscaping: Many nonprofit environmental organizations are taking their seasonal

orders for plants, (native grasses, flowers, trees and shrubs), as well as looking for volunteers for the new year. The Natural Land Institute has land off of Burr Oak where they are beginning to develop a stewardship program. This beautiful area was purchased some years ago by a contribution made by the McClearys; longtime Ledges residents call me if in need of more info.
By Gary Neu



2002
 Directory

should be in possession of copies you may pick up. If you still have not joined call your local board member and they will hand you a directory when they receive your check

Directories now available

Due to production problems the directories were not available till now. If you have paid your LPOA dues, make sure you get a directory. Call a board member in your neighborhood who

Potential Political Column

Your LPOA board will be attempting to add a political column in our future newsletters. We will contact local and state governmental officials to extend an opportunity for them to write regarding issues we feel need to be addressed. There are over 450 households to which this newsletter is delivered and that equates to a good number of voters who need to have questions answered and issues addressed.

Hoffman Club House Restaurant at The Ledges



Robert Prosser of the Hoffman House Restaurants and the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District are proud to announce the opening of "Hoffman Club House" at the Ledges Golf Course. Opening day will be




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Monday April 1st, and you won't believe your eyes. The inside is being completely refurbished with all new carpeting, wall covering, ceiling, bar, pro-shop, and a whole new attitude. The restaurant will be open daily 11 A.M. to 9 P.M. with an extensive menu which includes some of following.

- Hoffman House Prime Rib Sandwiches
- Main Street Meat Company Brats
- Fried Shrimp Basket
- Club House Grill
- Main Street Sub
- Turkey Pesto
- Main Street Chef Salad
- Chicken Caesar Salad
- Sun – Dried tomato Ravioli
- Spinach Fettuccini

Starting May 3rd they will have a Friday night fish fry. There is an extensive offering of 24 choices of beer and wine. The banquet room will be available nightly for special events. The LPOA board wishes the Prossers well and encourage all residents to give them your support. You will want to clip and save the coupon good for 20% of on food purchases through the months of April and May. You will want to save the coupon and use it a number of times.



Hoffman Club House
 at the Ledges Golf Course
 Special offer for
 Ledges Property Owners
**20% off all food purchases during
 April/May of 2002**
Keep coupon and use again!

New's Flash

