

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN OCTOBER 2003

Fall is such a beautiful time of the year. I'm always amazed at how fast summer comes and goes. Those house maintenance projects that didn't get done now take on a sense of urgency as days grow short. We welcome all new residents in the Ledges and encourage you to get to know your neighbors. You can learn a lot about the Ledges on our web site and any of the board members would be happy to answer any of your questions. We have two Christmas parties planned for December outlined in the enclosed flier. Please participate!

And what are we going to do with all our crop of leaves that are covering our yards? When the county passed the burning ban, they said it wouldn't be put into effect until viable alternatives to burning would be readily available. Your LPOA board is exploring an option that includes vacuuming leaves at the curbside several times in the fall and once in the spring. Included would be an annual pickup of junk appliances and larger items. The price would be predicated on a certain number of homes participating. Pressure on our county board representatives wouldn't hurt.

A gate has been installed across Kiowa Crossing (in Legend Lakes) blocking travel from Grand View subdivision to the east and Legend Lakes on the west. We understand the Legend Lakes association financed the gate. Several have voiced their opposition to a township road being blocked by any private group. If the problem is no guardrails along the dam on Kiowa Crossing, it would seem a better solution for the township to install them. Kiowa Crossing is a township road maintained by our tax dollars and as such is a public (not private) road. If you have any questions or concerns about why the Township allowed the installation of a private road block, we suggest you contact Matt Servant (623-3124), Road Commissioner or our other elected township officials.

Our condolences to the family of long-time resident, Gaile Beal (7709 Northgate) who passed away this summer.

We salute Marge Sanger who recently retired from the Board. Her enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to do what was best for the Ledges was outstanding. Dick Moake also recently resigned from the board for personal reasons.

Replacing retiring board members are Dave Tackes and Mike Nelson. Dave, is an experienced and enthusiastic former board member. Mike is a "take charge" type of guy and we welcome his enthusiasm.

Best regards, *Jim Benkovich*

LEDGES COUPLES GOLF OUTING



The year's golf/dinner outing once again was a huge success and we want to thank everyone who participated. A little rain toward the end of the round didn't dampen our spirits. I want to thank

the following people and businesses for their part and support that made this years event a success. Mike Durand and his staff at the Winnebago Forest Preserve (the golf course was in great playing condition), Bob Prosser and his staff at the Hoffman Clubhouse for the great food once again this year, and Chuck Christiansen for taking all the great photos. The following local businesses supported and donated prizes;

Sabora Mexican Restaurant, Lube Pros; American Family Insurance - Melodia Broege Agency, Clarks Fine Art, Barwood Golf



Course, The Clubhouse Mini-Putt & Ice Cream Parlor, The Hoffman Clubhouse Restaurant, Main Street Meat & Produce Market, The Golf Shack, Nails & Co. - Sonya Dowdakin, and The Ledges Property Owners Association.

Mark Anderson LPOA-VP

LPOA CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The LPOA is again hosting two Christmas parties this year at the Ledges Club House. The first party will be for adults at 6 PM on Dec. 13, 2003. We will have an open house format with outstanding entertainment for your enjoyment. More detailed information will be available on the web site later this fall at (ledgescommunity.org) and in the next issue of the newsletter. The kid's party (lunch with Santa) will be on Dec. 21st 2003. For greater detail see the flyer that is enclosed.

THE LPOA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Our available capital to publish and distribute this newsletter will soon be exhausted. We wish there were more families who supported our efforts to do what we can to make the Ledges a great place to live. We had hoped most social events could be provided

free, but that just isn't possible unless we have the majority of households in the Ledges as paid members.

The Easter Egg Hunt and the children's Christmas Party cost participants nothing, but the other functions require a fee. The newsletters and the handy directories make up the bulk of our expenditures. We thank those families who continue to support us and encourage those who aren't to do so in 2004. Fill out the form below and send your check as soon as you can.

Please note that we would like your e-mail address for communication only or for communication and publication in the directory. We will not abuse your right to privacy. We have not had any complaints thus far.

2004 LPOA Annual Dues (\$20 per household)

Submit the form below along with your check to the LPOA, P.O. Box 36, Roscoe, IL 61073. As soon as the new directories are available, yours will be delivered when we receive your paid registration.

Dues valid Jan. 1 to Dec.31

Names of Adult/Parents

First _____ Last _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Child _____ Birth year _____
Child _____ Birth year _____
Child _____ Birth year _____
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

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE LEAVES

With the County ban on burning leaves, area residents have a real problem. Here are a few solutions to this problem. If you have a large garden, or ample woods space you can compost your leaves. Those with just a few leaves can use their lawn mower and continue mowing the leaves till they disappear into the turf. If you really need to get rid of them, local lawn services can help you out. Check with neighbors who have utilized local service providers.

Leaflan Compost Center (608-364-1909) which is located at 6711 W. St. Lawrence on the west side of Beloit will accept leaves and yard waste for a fee. You have to have a method to get them there. Paper bag containers or garbage cans full of yard waste can be emptied. **NO plastic bags!** The charge is \$15/year, which you can pay at the building where you drop off your yard waste. Our fall issue of 2002,

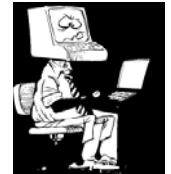
which is available on our web site, has complete details and directions to Leaflan.



DIRECTORY ACCURACY

Each year it is a large task to make the new directories as accurate as possible. You can be helpful to us by alerting us to whether your information needs correction. If you have a new neighbor or know about an old neighbor who no longer lives in the Ledges it would be great if you would let us know. If you are a new resident we would like to have you listed in the directory and encourage you to become a member of the LPOA. You can contact us three ways- 1. Send a note to our P.O. box - 2. E-mail us at ledgescommunity.org - 3. Call Chuck at 623-2813

COMPUTERS & BRIDGE



Two persons have said they would like to learn more about using a PC (personal computer). In a previous issue we said we would conduct a class if there was enough interest. We would prefer to have at least six persons, but would go with four. As mentioned above there are three ways to contact us regarding your interest.

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There is a \$10 fee for the player pair covering the entire season. The group is always open to new participants.

You say you've always wanted to learn, well say no more, we can teach you the game. We will hold a special class for those who would like to learn if there is enough interest. Contact us if you are interested.

TIDBITS

Some of you may have missed how you can register to minimize telemarketer calls. If you are on line you can log on to the government web site at www.donotcall.gov, or you can call 1-888-382-1222

Congratulations go to the Hononegah Girls golf team for their 7th place finish in state competition. Samantha Makovec, Lauren Downing, Brittany Atterbury, BreAnne Richter, Alyssa Herbig, and Jessy Riemer were the members of the team.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 20th, 2004. We are hoping to conduct the meeting at the Ledges Clubhouse beginning at 7 PM.