

President's Column

Spring is right around corner...the robins have arrived and it's snowing! Our annual Easter egg event is just a few weeks away (11am, Saturday April 10th).

Our annual meeting in January was the best-attended meeting in memory. County Board candidates for our district, Tom Hawes and Doug Aurand treated us to a thoughtful debate on a wide range of issues. It's unusual to have a choice of candidates with such in depth understanding of county's financial and governing challenges. Tom has lived here since the late 70's.

The LPOA board is really pleased to welcome 3 new board members elected at the annual meeting: Susan Pilgrim, Dave Hipp and Greg Otwell.

50th Anniversary - The Ledges Community

For those who haven't seen the new directory that we passed out at the annual meeting, the cover features a photo of Al Bowen, the founder and visionary of the Ledges. 50 years ago, Al began development of this special place. His concept of varying house square footage requirements (1,200 sq. ft. to over 3,000) for different platted areas has resulted in a healthy, economically diverse community. Call any board member to get your own directory.

One of the key benefits of belonging to the LPOA is that members receive emails of up-to-date news of important events and other timely matters of interest. Be in the know...join up today. We're planning a big event to celebrate our 50th...see Mark's article.

In closing, I would like to think our mission - To promote and protect the interests of the Ledges Community - means we are looking out for you and your family. We would like to hear from you!

Jim Benkovich - - President LPOA

In Sympathy . . . To Sharyl Fenrick and family we express our deepest condolences.

...We Encourage Your Support!

The Ledges Property Owner's Association is striving to provide more incentives to those who become members of the LPOA. In that light I am currently collecting e-mail addresses for a monthly e-mail letter. Please go to our web site www.ledgescommunity.org, click on Email Newsletter Signup, and follow the directions. I am sending e-mails announcing upcoming events to those residents who have given us their e-mail

addresses. Remember we do not publish or share your information with anyone else!

Here are some of the things to think about when considering membership.

- ❖ E-mail alerts of upcoming events.
- ❖ A web site full of helpful information.
- ❖ Complete Ledges Directory of your neighbors.
- ❖ A board who are volunteers, and ready to help out.

Although many events and information are free to non-member Ledges residents, our organization would cease to exist without adequate financial backing in the form of dues paying members. We thank those who have faithfully supported the LPOA in the past and encourage others families to join us!

Russ Johnson - Web Master

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. Your new directory will be delivered when we receive your registration.

If you have already paid dues for 2004 and haven't received your directory, call Fern at 389-1632

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

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar now!

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 10th at Ledgewood School Playground at 11am (details enclosed)

Ledges 50th Anniversary Party Saturday July 31st at the Ledges Golf Course & Ledges Pool. There will be activities for the whole family to enjoy which will include:

- ✓ Family & Friends Golf Outing (ages 5 to 100). Tee times (12:00 noon to 1:52 PM) can be reserved by calling Mark Anderson at 623-6391
- ✓ Swimming at the Ledges Pool
- ✓ Pig Roast & Entertainment on grounds of Ledges Golf Course

- ✓ More detailed information in the next newsletter or check web site at www.ledgescommunity.org
- ✓ Ledges Christmas Party for adults at the Hoffman Clubhouse on Saturday December 18th 6pm
- ✓ Ledges Lunch With Santa at the Hoffman Clubhouse on Sunday December 19th (11:30 AM to 1:30 PM)
- ✓ The LPOA Social Committee welcomes your input to make these events a success

... NATURE ISSUES ...



COMMUNITY: I am involved with a number of community native landscaping projects which are always in need of more volunteers. The **Roscoe Beautification Committee** is working on two projects. The first project is **Stone Bridge Trail** that overlooks the creek and wetlands and provides a wonderful view of the stone bridge. A new walk was constructed that ascends down to an observation platform. The trail is located south of Burr Oak Road and is near the Roscoe Water Tower. To help stimulate your involvement I will tell you that Hinkles Woods's residents have put in many more hours of work than we Ledges folk have. Tom Hawes, Jim Lanigan and myself have represented the Ledges.

The other project is the beginning of a "**Memorial**" at the intersection of Kelly Meyer and Hononegah recreation trails. This is east of the Hononegah Forest Preserve's front parking lot and just south of Hononegah Rd. We're removing invasive plants and landscaping with native plants. Plans are to allow the public to purchase landscape items for the area in memory of loved ones.

Closer to home, here at **StoneCreek** and **Ledgewood** schools, we have two prairie areas and a roadside woodland that are in need of additional volunteer stewards to help with landscaping maintenance. Anita Johnson is a teacher that I am assisting. We could use additional help from others. For those that would like to do some volunteer native landscaping (a great way to learn & share knowledge), opportunities are available at the Stonecreek and Ledgewood School prairies, Stonebridge Trail over in Roscoe and Kelly Meyer Trail by the Hononegah Forest Preserve. *Contact Gary – 623-9841*

The Hoffman Club House will be open for the season on Friday April 2nd at 5 PM, and will feature new specials in 2004. The Friday night fish fry offers an all you can eat cod or walleye meal with salad bar and french fries for \$8.99. Beginning at 5 PM Wednesday April 14th dinner will include all you can eat fried chicken with cole slaw, a vegetable, mashed potatoes & gravy and corn bread for \$6.99.

New this year, pick up your personalized LPOA Club Card at the Club House for your season discounts.

Pride in the Ledges Community

The LPOA board has considered organizing a spring clean up program, but residents have done a wonderful job of keeping their properties looking nice. We encourage you to continue that wonderful example! You can visit the web site to locate an article by Larry Fitzpatrick in the June 02 newsletter on where to get rid of yard waste. "You could always have a recreational fire" - keep the hot dogs handy!

... Junior Golf Lessons ...

Once again the Winnebago Forest Preserve will be providing group golf lessons for junior golfers ages 6 and up at the Atwood Golf Course. Lessons will start Tuesday June 8th, and will continue every Tuesday through July. The cost of lessons is \$24. You can sign up for lessons at the Forest Preserve Office, which is located at 5500 Northrock Drive, Rockford, IL 61003, or call 877-6100.

Gun Shots InThe Ledges

If you thought you heard gun shots you were correct! Sharp shooters have been taking deer this month from pockets within the Ledges. Paul Shelton, state DNR wildlife program manager, said "We're unlikely to make significant progress in combating CWD unless we can remove infected animals from these refuges. And deer from those pockets will continue to spread the disease to the outlying herd if action isn't taken, Shelton said. "We've done well, and I'm pleased with the level of support we've gotten from landowners and the public in general".

We hope to have a final accounting in our next newsletter, so until then thanks for your cooperation.

**Hoffman Club Opening Soon
With new Specials!**

... Meet your 2004 LPOA board ...



LPOA Board President – Jim Benkovich - is a veteran in the Ledges and a previous Hononegah School Board Member. See comments in President’s column
12315 N. Ledges Dr. 389-4150



Mike Nelson - Ledges resident since 2001. My goal is to be involved with establishing the Ledges as a community versus Subdivisions within the community.
11803 Warblers way 623-2003



LPOA Secretary -- Charles Christiansen- Retired Electronic’s Teacher - Ledges resident 36 years. My goal is to see Ledges residents develop a greater sense of community.
7251 Cardinalis Ct. 623-2813



Dave Hipp - Moved to Ledges in December 2003. He enjoys volunteering, and being part of a group with a clear vision that entertains new ideas. Promoting the Ledges and growing the organization are goals.
11819 Love Rd. 623-3500



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



Dave Tackes – His mission is to increase the membership of the LPOA

7228 Kinnikinnick 623-6253



Mark Anderson – has been a resident for 16 years. Mark says he is concerned that we protect our country and community for future generations.
7786 Bond Dr. 623-6391



Russ Johnson - Russ and his wife Nancy have lived here for six years. He is web master for the LPOA and The Ledges Men’s Golf. He is also a starter at the Ledges course.
7427 McCurry 389-4095



Fern Nelson – a Ledges resident for 39 years, worked at Amerock for 20 years, is an election clerk, and a retired real estate agent.
12574 Tanager Tr. 389-1632



Carol Norregard – In her second year on the LPOA board, Carol is a long time member of the Ledges Community.

7322 Elevator 623-2694



Susan Pilgrim – I have lived in the Ledges for 2 years and I joined the LPOA board in order to get involved and support our community. I enjoy the peaceful and beautiful neighborhood and hope to meet more families this summer.

Greg Otwell - A Ledges
resident over 2 yrs.. He is co
-owner of Mid City Office
products and through
involvement in the LPOA
hopes to help improve the
Ledges community.
12325 North Ledges 623- 6529