

President's Column

Over the past few weeks I have received many calls regarding issues from dogs to clothes lines. Some of our Ledges residents are under the impression that the covenants that were in effect when the Ledges was developed are still in force, **Not So!** The other misconception some Ledges residents seem to have is that the Ledges has its own set of rules and regulations. **Not So!** At one time a sheet was being circulated that was titled Ledges Guidelines. Back in 2000, the LPOA voted to cease the distribution of any such item to Ledges residents.

The Ledges is located in Roscoe Township/Winnebago County. When it comes to issues such as dogs, fences, swimming pools, clothes lines, skateboard ramps, burning, and the construction of out buildings, we are to follow the rules and regulations set forth by our local and county governments.

You can call the County of Winnebago at (815) 987-2590, or the Roscoe Township office at (815) 623-7323 for clarification regarding these issues.

Ledges Summer Party

GOLF OUTING SWIM PARTY PIG ROAST ENTERTAINMENT Last year the Ledges Property Owners Association, along with the co-operation of Ledges Pool Association and the Winnebago County Forest Preserve, held a summer party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ledges. The party was a huge success with 300 people in attendance. After last year's party, the LPOA board discussed the possibility of having an annual summer party like the 50th party in 2005. The LPOA board voted to host a summer party again in 2005. The Summer Party will be Saturday, July 23rd, 2005. The party is open to all Ledges residents and Ledges pool members and their guests. The activities will kick off at noon with a Golf Outing. The Swim Party and Pig Roast will begin at 5pm. Dinner will be served around 6 pm. Bob Prosser and his staff from the Hoffman Clubhouse Restaurant will once again be providing the roasted pork with all the trimmings. Entertainment will include a Magic Show and the Hononegah High School Jazz Band. Come and join us this year for a fun filled day at the Ledges. Look for more details inside the newsletter.

We need volunteers for a variety of things from set-up to clean-up. If you are interested in helping out, give Mark Anderson a call at 623-6391.

THE LEDGES GOLF OUTING

Sat. July 23rd, 2005. Tee Times Noon To 2:30 PM

The golf outing is open to all Ledges residents, Ledges pool members and their guests. Golfers of all

ages are welcome. Even if you don't have a foursome, give us a call and we will be able to put a group together for you. The format will be a 4 person scramble. Prizes will be awarded for men's and women's longest drive, closet to the pin, and long putt. Team prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place for the men only, women only, and the couples teams. There will also be a drawing for prizes donated by many local businesses. Entry deadline is July 12th, 2005. Get your entry form in early and reserve your tee time by calling Mark Anderson at 623-6391. After the golf join us at the Ledges Pool for a pig roast, swim party and live entertainment and dancing.

Disposal of Hazardous items & Junk Metal

ANY METALS: COMPUTERS, WASHERS, DRYERS, LAWN TRACTORS, ETC. Fee for some items, i.e. monitors is \$20.00. A twice a year metals drive is sponsored the Winnebago/Rockford Clean & Beautiful. The last drop-off was at the Machesney Park Mall parking lot, south of J.C.Penny store on May 7.

Check: www.keepillinoisbeautiful.org/rockford/ for dates and location. The next metals drive is tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2005.

For disposal of **HAZARDOUS WASTE - MOTOR OIL, PAINT, & FLOURESCENT BLUBS, ETC.** - bring materials any weekend except holidays (Saturdays: 8am-4pm, Sundays 12 noon to 4pm). You must be an Illinois resident to drop-off any items at the Rock River Water Reclamation Dist., 3333 Kishwaukee (at Sandy Hollow Rd.) Call 815-387-7400 for details.

Featured Business

Ack Ack Nursery was created in 1993 by John and Betty Akerlund who have lived in the Roscoe area since 1980. Talk about a family affair, John and Betty, their son Eric, John's brother Dave, and John's sister



Karen Adell have all taken an active roll in helping

create a fun, community minded business. The retail store is located at 5704 East Riverside Boulevard in Loves Park. They specialize in a great selection of shrubs, trees and perennials. The store opens in March and usually closes around Thanksgiving.

Much of the nursery stock is grown on their farm in Boone County (at Springcreek Road and Riverside) and also at the Brown's Farm at Belvidere Road and Highway #173.

Their knowledgeable staff gives great customer service and guidance. The yard is set up in a customer friendly way. Everything is marked with a price, size and information about the plant. Ack Ack offers full landscape service that includes design/build.

Come on in and see them soon, there's always something new and different.

Meet and Eat

There are several opportunities for retired adults to fellowship with other adults and receive a low cost or free meal. Here are dates and times and a brief description of each.

1. **Roscoe United Methodist Church** has a noon luncheon on the third Thursday of each month. Most people bring a dish to pass, but first timers are encouraged to just come and check it out. After eating there is either entertainment, a short program, or playing of games and time to fellowship. Call the church at 623-2292 for more information.
2. **Hope Evangelical Free Church** also has a noon luncheon on the 2nd Tuesday of the months August through June. The meal is provided free, but an offering is received. In addition to devotions, the program at Hope is similar to the one at Roscoe UMC. Call 623-6545 for further information.
3. **Roscoe Fire Department & The Roscoe Lions** host a free Thanksgiving meal, on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. The fire department has several low cost dinners throughout the year and during fire prevention week, offers tours where coffee and cake is provided. Watch mailers and local publications for times. You are encouraged to support the fire department.
4. **The VFW**, located on 2nd street, has a \$4.00 breakfast the last Sunday of the month. Rumor has it that this meal is a real bargain. They also have fundraisers that feature a low cost meal at various times during the year. The most recent dinner was a roast pork meal with all the trimmings. Non members can join other retired folks for horseshoes, a golfing event and euchre on Monday evenings (6pm). Call 389-4030 for more information.

As we become aware of other events we will list them on our web site and in this publication.

Sympathies- In the passing of Alice Tangye and David Russell we offer our condolences to their loved ones.

Congratulations- to Aurie Chapman for his first team All State award in Boys Division I Soccer. Aurie has graduated from Hononegah and will be attending Northeastern University in the fall.

Congratulations- to Kristen Radke for her All Conference award in Girls track. Kristen was the only freshman to receive a NIC-9 All Conference award.

Congratulations- to all of our High School and College Graduates. We wish them all the best for years to come.

Share news with us at www.ledgescommunity.org or give Chuck Christiansen a call at 623-2813.

Ledges Environmental Information

Ground Water Wells: If you live in the Ledges there is a good chance you have a ground water well supplying your household with potable water for drinking, bathing, etc.. For those who are new to owning property that utilizes a well for water, don't take old wells for granted. When you turn on the faucet you want safe, good tasting drinking water so here is some information regarding ground water wells.

Most government agencies, including the Illinois EPA recommend you test your well water yearly. See the list below for local water testing sites and necessary information prior to a water test.

Check the condition of the pressure tank that maintains constant water pressure. These tanks do NOT last forever, the pressure bladders grow old and weak over time, and can leak. Unusual starting and stopping of your well pump (cycling) are signs that the pressure tank system is not working properly. Have a qualified well company perform an inspection if there are any concerns.

If your water becomes unusually discolored, or has a foul odor, contact a qualified well company.

Water testing - Winn. County Health Department - 815-720-4000 You will need a special sample container. Locally the containers are available at the Roscoe Township Office at 5792 Elevator Road- 623-7323 **Beloit** - 608-364-2888

For more information

<http://www.wchd.org/faq.cfm?cat=319#4>

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