

Lightning Safety

Over the past few years a number of homes have been hit by lightning in the Ledges, a few have had multi strikes and have had their homeowners insurance cancelled.

This past April you may re-call a loud crack of lightning on a Sunday evening. That lightning strike scored a direct hit at a home on Thistle Ridge that blew out windows and caused a fire in the attic, thankfully no one was injured and the damage was contained to the second floor.

Back in 2001 almost 15 minutes after a morning thunderstorm had passed over, the crew at the Ledges Golf Course was starting their daily work when a lightning strike hit the well near by, the force blew the shoes right off one of the workers who was near by.

Here are a few safety tips from the National Lightning Safety Institute about lightning that may save you from serious injury or even death.

Plan in advance your evacuation and safety measures. Activate your plan when you first see lightning or hear thunder.

If Outdoors avoid water, metal objects, high ground, and open spaces such as a golf course or any type of athletic field. Unsafe places include under canopies, small picnic or rain shelters, and being near trees. Where possible, find shelter in a substantial building or a fully enclosed metal vehicle with the windows completely closed.

While outdoors and lightning is striking nearby you should: **A. Crouch down.** Put your feet together and place your hands over your ears to minimize hearing damage. **B. Avoid proximity** (minimum of 15 ft.) to other people

If indoors... Avoid water. Stay away from doors and windows. Do not use the telephone. Take off head sets of devices powered from a 120 volt outlet. Turn off, unplug, and stay away from appliances, computers, power tools, and TV sets. Lightning may strike exterior telephone, cable, and electric lines, inducing shocks to inside equipment.

Suspend Activities for 30 minutes after the last observed lightning strike and resulting thunder.

Injured Persons do not carry an electrical charge and can be handled safely. Call 911 for medical help.

Know your emergency telephone numbers

You can be pro active in protecting your home and all of your electrical and electronic devices by taking appropriate measures. Lightning can enter your home when it strikes the ground or at high points that have a ground connection to your home's electrical system. Since they all in most situations enter your home under ground, the AC power feed, the cable feed and the

phone line feed are all points of entry. Surge suppression devices are available to protect all of these points. Even satellite systems should have a ground rod connected to them. You can do extensive research on the internet for more information. There are many products on the market, some are good and some are junk! One manufacturer that has quality products is Innovative Technology.

LEDGES GOLF OUTING & SUMMER PARTY

The Ledges Property Owners Association, Gateway Community Bank and the Ledges Pool Association, with the cooperation of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve, will be hosting a Summer Party and Golf Outing on Saturday, August 4, 2007. This party is open to all Ledges residents and Ledges pool members and their guests.

The Ledges Property Owners Association is excited to have Gateway Community Bank and the Ledges Pool Association as co-sponsors for this year's event. Their support of this year's event will greatly help in providing an excellent day of fun activities for everyone. The Ledges Property Owners Association welcomes and thanks Gateway Community Bank and the Ledges Pool Association for their support.

The Ledges Pool Association will be offering a discounted rate to their members. Pool members may purchase their tickets at the Ledges Pool desk.

Activities will kick off with a golf outing starting at 10 am. If you have played in the event in past years you know that there are plenty of prizes to be won. This year's event has a few new prizes. Gateway Community Bank will be more than happy to award \$5000.00 to a lucky golfer that scores a Hole in One on the par 3 - 3rd hole. On the 8th, 12th and 17th holes there will be nice prizes for a Hole In One. The Golf Shack will also award a lucky golfer a new set of Callaway irons for a Hole in One at the par 3- 17th hole. You can reserve your tee time by calling Mark Anderson at 815-623-6391. The swim party and pig roast will begin at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at around 6 p.m. Judy Johnson and her staff from River District Catering & Divots Restaurant at the Ledges will be providing the roasted pork with all the trimmings.

Children's entertainment will include a visit by Pickles the Clown. There will be magic show and some games for the kids starting at 5:15 pm.

The live entertainment for this year's event everyone will be sure to enjoy. The Magical Mystery Tour Band members Scott Carlson as "John", Dave

Robinson as "Ringo", Tom Benson as "George", and Scotty Riforgiate as "Paul" will take us on a journey through the sights and sounds of the Beatles! Back to the sixties, to the songs you grew up with and love. The band has the look, the sound, the personality and the humor of the Fab Four. From their opening chord to their last encore, they will take you with them on a trip from the Cavern Club to the rooftop of Abbey Road. The haircuts, the suits, the boots, the vintage instruments, the vocal arrangements, and the instrumentation are all authentic -no shortcuts! You can check them out at their website at www.magicalmysterytourband.com Come and join us for a fun filled day at the Ledges. Submit the enclosed registration form ASAP.

We need volunteers for a variety of things from setup to cleanup. If you are interested in helping out, give Mark Anderson a call at 623-6391. Hope you'll join us, Mark Anderson, President, Ledges Property Owners Association, Allen Brewer, President, Gateway Community Bank & Janita Harner, President, Ledges Pool Association.



If everyone who has been a member of the LPOA in the past four years were members again in 2007, we would have about 50% of the home owners as paid members!

The more households who support our organization the more things we can do to fulfill our Mission Statement (see cover).

- ◆ Our condolences to families of Lloyd Hornbostal and Don Ely on the recent passing of Lloyd and Don.

Chronic Wasting Disease Revisited

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Biologists and Conservation Police Officers concluded their sharp shooting program on March 31, 2007. The sharp shooting took place in CWD positive zones in the counties of Boone, Ogle, DeKalb, McHenry, and Winnebago. During the months of January, February, and March, sharp shooting operations removed approximately 1390 deer from known disease locations. The total number of deer that tested positive for CWD was 40. Since October of 2002 the total number of deer that have tested positive in northern Illinois for CWD is 187. Non affected deer are processed and given to local food pantries!

Wildlife biologists continue to collaborate with wildlife disease experts throughout the county to ensure that we use the most up-to-date information as they manage CWD, and they remain firmly committed to do what is necessary to carry out the task.

On July 11, 2007 at 6:30 pm., the IDNR will be hosting a meeting at the U of I College of Medicine in Rockford, IL. Dr Paul Shelton, IDNR Forest Wildlife Program Manager who is directing the Department's CWD Management program will be the guest speaker. Many IDNR Wildlife Biologists will also be present.

If any of our Ledges residents are interested in attending contact Mark Anderson at 623-6391 for information.

Geese Peace

Since 2002, Ledges volunteers have participated in the INDR Canada Goose Management program to help reduce the population of the Canada Geese at the Ledges Golf Course. During this period over 300 eggs have been found and destroyed by the rules and regulations set forth by the IDNR program. The number of nests was less than in past years due to the inconsistent temperatures.

If anyone would like more information about this program contact Mark Anderson at 623-6391.

Garden Walk

The Ledges Property Owners Association is hosting the annual garden walk on Saturday July 14, 2007. A few of your neighbors have graciously opened their gardens for you to come and view, and share in their knowledge about gardening.

If anyone else would be interested in having their garden in this years garden walk contact Kathi Anderson at 623-6391 or Laurie Nelson at 623-2003.

The following gardens will be open for your viewing from 10am to 2pm. On Sat. July 14, 2007:

Jim & Marge Sanger 7288 Kinnikinnick Drive

Mike & Laurie Nelson 118803 Warblers Way

Harold & Lavina Bates, 11548 Southgate Road

Bruce & Susan Peterson, 11611 Moore Woods Road

