

New to the Ledges.. and loving it.

Our family is new to the Ledges community, having moved into our house at 7777 Bond Drive in June. My wife Ann and I, along with daughters Clare, 5, and Addie, 2, are loving our new home in the woods and are excited about being here for quite a while.

We've already been indoctrinated on a few things about living here including leaf pickup in the fall (since our previous house didn't have any mature trees I told people I was looking forward to getting to actually rake leaves... yikes), dealing with more kinds of critters than ever visited our house in Belvidere, and also the awesome beauty of our street covered in a thick blanket of snow. We even moved in just in time to experience the 17-year cicada invasion. It just won't seem normal next summer when there aren't a million of those things everywhere in our yard and all over the house.

From the moment we started moving things in here we've felt welcomed by everyone and look forward to putting the roots down deeper as we go along. Despite what seemed to be a mountain of projects soon after we moved in, we are enjoying our new neighborhood, all of our great neighbors and already feel like the house really is a home. We moved from Belvidere where we lived for 6 years, splitting the distance between my job in the Chicago suburbs and Ann's in Beloit. Ann is a Roscoe native, she actually grew up not more than a mile or two from here on Burr Oak Road, while I'm an Illinois transplant from Grand Rapids, MI. We met while both of us were working our first jobs in Freeport, IL. Ann is the associate executive director of the Stateline Family YMCA in Beloit, and I'm assistant director of photography at the Daily Herald, based in Arlington Heights.

In our spare time, which is quite rare with two vibrant little girls, we enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends.

2008 Annual Meeting

Can you believe it, 2008 is here. Where does time go? Hold on tight, 2008 will be a year that we will remember for some time. From the upcoming national and local elections, the economy, the war, and our local schools future expansion plans. 2008 promises to have many changes in store for us.

Each year the Ledges Property Owner's Association holds a annual meeting in January. This years the annual meeting has yet to be scheduled. The board is working on a date and topics for the meeting that will be held later this year. The board is committed to providing a good topic for the annual

meeting to keep everyone informed on items that have an impact on our community.

LPOA Board

The Ledges Property Owner's Association has been around for over forty years. Thru the years the scope of what the LPOA does has changed from time to time as the ledges community has grown. The past few years the LPOA has provided a annual directory, quarterly newsletter, website, and many social events including a Easter egg hunt, summer party & golf outing, lunch with Santa and an adult Christmas party. We have been active also with keeping our community informed on many environmental issues including Garlic Mustard, Chronic Wasting Disease, Geese Peace, Well & Septic Issues, and many more. We haven't indexed these articles, but you can find them in previous issues on the web site.

The current board consists of 10 members, many of which have been active for the past 8 years. We are currently in need of 2 board members for 2008, if anyone is interested give Mark Anderson a call at 623-6391.

2008 Directories

The 2008 directory should be ready sometime in February. When the directory is completed board members will deliver them.

Ledges Golf Course

The River District Catering, which is owed and operated by Chris and Judy Johnson will not be returning in 2008 as the concessionaire at the Ledges Golf Clubhouse.

The LPOA board members can't say enough about the excellent food and service they provided day to day, and at our social events. A special thank you to Chris and Judy Johnson and their staff for all their hard work to make our social events in 2007 great! What ever your catering needs might be, give the River District Catering a call at 815- 964- 8365.

Can you recycle that?

That was a burning question for me after moving here last summer, so I thought I would share this quick reference list of typical items that can be recycled.

Paper and cardboard- Place papers in a brown paper grocery bag and bundle large pieces of cardboard. Place bag and bundles on top of other items in the bin. No wax or plastic-coated boxes. Acceptable items

include junk mail, catalogs, notebooks, newspaper inserts, phone books, file folders, boxboard (cereal, soda, cookie boxes), magazines or newspapers.

Plastics- Any plastic container marked #1 or #2. No motor oil bottles, blue PVC water bottles or plastic bags. Rinse clean, labels do not need to be removed.

Aluminum- Cans only. No foil, pie plates or pop-tops.

Glass containers- Jars and bottles only. No ceramics or drinking glasses. Rinse clean, labels do not need to be removed

Tin or bi-metals- Food containers only. Rinse clean, labels do not need to be removed

Empty aerosol containers- Containers must be empty. Any aerosol container can be recycled including paints, pesticides, etc. Labels do not need to be removed.

Waste Management customers can call 877-WMWASTE with any questions or email them at WMEservice@wm.com.

Plastic bags- What can be done? 100 billion bags are used annually with little recycling being done. They are recyclable, but not in our area. Food pantries and some stores take the used bags and if we want to be pro active we can take used bags to stores and ask clerks to use our bags. Kohl's will try plastic bag collection again this year.

Spring Cleaning?

There is a plethora of information on the web site of **Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful**. They encourage individuals and community groups to work together and become mutually accountable to each other for doing their part in making and keeping their community a cleaner, happier and healthier place to live. We have excerpted a few pieces of information that you should find useful. They have a great web site you should bookmark for future reference. www.knib.org - check it out!

May 3rd and October 4th are the semi annual dates for the **METALS & ELECTRONICS DRIVES** Machesney Park Mall South Parking Lot 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Accepting all metals for recycling including steel, copper, brass, aluminum, etc. \$10 Charge applies only to the following: Refrigerators, Freezers, Propane Tanks, Computer Monitors, Air Conditioners, fire extinguishers. Volunteers Welcomed - call (815) 637-1343 for scheduling

May 10th and October 11th are the dates of the semi annual **SPRING CLOTHING DRIVES** At all seven Hilander Store Locations 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM Accepting useable clothing, mens, womens, childrens; shoes, belts, purses and other leather goods. **PLEASE PLACE CLOTHING IN PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS - NO BOXES OR HANGERS!**

Located in the parking lot of Waste Management Corporation, KNIB operates the only all-volunteer staffed and operated recycling center off Highway 251 just north of Roscoe. The Recycling Center is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Local residents are invited to drop off glass or plastic containers, laser and ink jet printer cartridges, metal cans, aluminum, corrugated cardboard and paper products at no cost.

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.



In the last issue two spellings for one of our new advertisers were given. The correct information for Dropaid appears below. www.dropaid.com or send an email at dropaid@gmail.com

Original quote from Chuck Christiansen

“The difference between mediocrity and success is desire”

Interesting Question – If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

Free Tree Removal of hardwood trees – see Alan’s ad in this edition.

Did you know there is a new Church/Ministry center nearby? You can check it out at hilltopministries.org

Our Condolences to the families of Josie Nelson, Mac McCleary, and Randall Sanders on the passing of Josie, Mac and Randall.

Jim Benko has resigned from the LPOA board after 8 years of service. We thank him for all his efforts.

The IDNR Scope They will continue their program of harvesting deer in areas near the ledges from January thru March to help reduce the spread of chronic wasting disease in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. For additional information on CWD log on to website at www.dnr.state.il.us



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