

Ledges Well Water Concerns

According to Clay Simonson (email: clay.simonson@illinois.gov) with the Illinois Department of Public Health, the water from the well at Ledgewood school has been under scrutiny for quite a few months. Stonecreek school never had a problem, as their well was deeper. The specific test used to detect tetrachloroethylene costs approximately \$150 - \$400. We found out from Erich at the Rockford office (815-720-4122) that they are taking samples (1-21-09 & 1-22-09) from wells around the school to determine if there is a problem in our wells. He calls the tests a screening to determine if further testing is warranted. Even if the levels of tetrachloroethylene (5.6-6 PPB) were at the levels detected at Ledgewood school, only long-term water consumption will result in a health hazard.

Update: We spoke with Dan at the Illinois Department of Public Health on 2-23-09 about the results of the 17 samples they took around Ledgewood School. One well North West of Ledgewood school tested positive at 6.6 ppb and the other samples were OK. The IDPH will be doing additional testing in and around the troublesome well. A press release took place on 2-20-09 so watch the paper for more information or visit rrstar.com for the archived article. If you want more information from the IDPH call Dan @ 815-987-7865 There is a 3-page document from Erich on the Ledges web site at www.ledges.org. Check it out for FAQ's and you can print the pages if you desire.

Social Events 2009

- ❖ The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11th @ 11am. The Easter Bunny and his helpers will be hiding an ample quantity of colorful eggs on the grounds of Ledgewood School. All residents are welcome.
- ❖ Once again we will be holding the Garden Walk in the afternoon on Saturday July 11th. If you have a green thumb and want to showcase your hard work, please contact Gary Acaley @ 389-9087. More details to follow.
- ❖ Look for details about any of these events as it becomes available on the web site. If we have your email address, we will email you with any pertinent information as it becomes available.

Bring on spring!

With the joys of warmer temperatures also come the joys (and toils) of yard work. As warmer weather

becomes the rule in the coming months rather than the exception, here are some guidelines to keep in mind when disposing of yard waste.

For the following, landscape waste is defined as accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, flowers and weeds. Brush is defined as tree trunks, limbs, branches and twigs.

For unincorporated areas of the county that are

- a) Wholly surrounded by one of more municipalities not allowing landscape waste open burning or
- b) Any platted subdivision, adjacent subdivision or mobile home park completely or partially within one mile of any municipality not allowing landscape waste open burning
 - Burning of landscape waste is prohibited at anytime.
 - Brush may be burned when following the standard restrictions listed below.
 - Burning of any materials besides brush is prohibited and punishable.

For unincorporated areas of the county outside of the restricted area described above:

- Burning of dry landscape waste is permitted on the weekends from April 15 through May 15th and from October 15th through November 15th when following the standard restrictions below.
- Brush may be burned (year round) following the standard restrictions below.
- Burning of any materials besides landscape waste or brush is prohibited and punishable.

Standard Restrictions

Winnebago County permits burning of yard waste year round in the Ledges. Landscape waste is defined as accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, flowers and weeds. Brush is defined as tree trunks, limbs, branches and twigs.

The following standard restrictions apply to burning brush:

- No unattended burning; some form of fire extinguishing must be available at the burning site.
- No burning of landscape waste or brush generated on another property.
- No burning before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- No burning on non-sunny days when the wind exceeds 10 mph.
- No burning within 25 feet of any building, structure or property line.
- No burning upon sidewalks, right-of-way, streets, highways or other public roadways.

Exemptions to all of the above include camp

fires/picnics or other recreational purposes, and burning for prairie restoration.

**Information Tidbits:
Identity Theft Protection**

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone number on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your Social Security number printed on your checks. You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

Here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel your credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all:

7. Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact if your credit card has been stolen:

- 1.) **Equifax : 1-800-525-6285**
- 2.) **Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742**
- 3.) **Trans Union: 1-800-680 7289**
- 4.) **Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271**

Featured Business

DiGiovanni's Ristorante is an Italian restaurant in Roscoe located at 4866 Blue Stem Road, just west of the Hilander shopping plaza. Owner's Phil and Sue DiGiovanni of Roscoe have been in the restaurant business for over 30 years, and have been serving homemade Italian dishes at the current location for 12 years. All items are made from scratch such as their breads, soups and lasagna. Along with their 5 children they provide a booming carryout service as well as ladies' luncheons, chamber of commerce events, banquets and parties. Their dining room features an open kitchen where cooks can be observed while they work, and an outdoor patio for al fresco dining in warmer months. Telephone number is 815-623-2320. They are open Monday through Saturday, 4-9 pm.

2009 LPOA Team Board Members

President - Gary Acaley; Secretary - Chris Hankins; Treasurer-Fern Nelson also Larry Fitzpatrick, Lori Fleming, Mike Iiselman, Russ Johnson, Tracey Matson, Carol Norregaard, Paul Swanberg and Rich Weber.

The Ledges Board meets monthly. If you are interested in being part of the team or interested in helping with any events contact Gary Acaley at 815-389-9087.

The LPOA wants to thank Mark Anderson and Chuck Christiansen for their dedication and hard work for the Ledges Property Owners. Their shoes will be hard to fill!!

PLEASE PAY 2009 DUES NOW

2009 LPOA Annual Dues (\$20 per household)

We would appreciate your support again in 2009. Please submit the form below along with your check to the LPOA, P.O. Box 36, Roscoe, IL 61073. New directories will be delivered in late February as we receive your paid registration.

Dues paid after Oct. 1st 2008 are valid

Jan 2009 thru Dec. 2009.

Names of Adult/Parents

First _____
 Last _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Child _____
 Child _____
 E-mail _____

When 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

