

**General Manager's Report # 244  
Gary R. Phillips, October 21, 2010:**

**We sold the old clubhouse stove & ovens to the proprietor of the Concession Stand at Ashtabula Township's Lake Shore Park, after being listed on Craigslist worldwide for a month! And, we received \$1,250 for it too. Our own Promotion Club is donating \$1,000 towards the replacement units.**

**The new electric units, picked out by Bob & Carol Delly and Dick Hocevar have already arrived. With power cords and taxes, these came to \$2,335, nearly a wash.**

**Our clubhouse men's room developed a ceiling leak and we found our 45 year old "stovepipe" chimney atop the roof had nearly disintegrated. Seems after we vented our new high efficiency furnace out the back of the clubhouse a number of years ago, there was no longer enough heat generated by just our hot water heater alone to keep the pipe's interior dried out.**

**Ziegler's installed a smaller, new-style vent and our crew rebuilt the roof and placed shingles that were left over from our new roof job of last year. Our roofline now has quite a different look. Soot and rust, as well as a deceased bird in the water heater's vent may have been the cause of natural gas odors noticed when some would enter the clubhouse recently.**

**The Maintenance Department also installed several new drains to the lake from the west end of the clubhouse to accommodate rainfall with new gutters and downspouts going up there.**

**Our crew reshingled the old pool #3 pavilion on Columbia Lane during the past month when not picking up leaves, closing pools, and pulling in beach floats and swim platforms. They also removed a decaying tree from the RRA Office lawn that was dropping branches ever closer to U.S. Rt. 6 and partly overhung the edge that main highway.**

**Our new garage was totally enclosed, buttoned-up and locked down as of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Next comes the sewer lines, the oil & water separator for the floor drains, the underground electric, connecting up drains to the downspouts, and the interior work. Our crew has here been helping out as well when able.**

**On Thursday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>; the underground electric was installed and most of the dry wall was set into place. Our guys also distributed some 50 tons of 411 stone to bring the driveway and entrance bays into grade.**

**As we head deeper into collections action, the few behind who read this should know it is not too late to arrange payments. Their subscription to the Shores News ends with the current year if membership remains in arrears.**

**Roaming Shores Village has offered and the Association Board and several committees have accepted their offer to host most future meetings at the new RSV Village Hall. It was built for the use of the community by the community so it makes sense to keep most meetings in one new convenient location. We look for this to begin sometime in November after occupancy has been authorized. Keep an eye on our web site calendar.**

**We have already begun to receive advertisements for our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Association's Roaming Shores Map. Space is limited, so don't delay if you want "in".**

**Interest has declined in the 2006 version of the laminated RRA maps. They make great wall hangings, school projects, place mats, etc. and these tough plastic sheets are free for the taking at the RRA Office.**

**The RRA Attorney, Mr. David King, wrote to the owners of Rockpoint Marina stating the Association's position on the Marina Drive Boat Ramp. It has always been covered by a specialized set of Covenants & Restrictions since the former RL #9 was sold to the first of at least five Marina owners in the 1960's. Members in good standing are guaranteed access. This position has been verified in the courts several times.**

**Having said that, good news may be coming as it was reported at the October 18<sup>th</sup> RSV Council Meeting that a serious buyer may have been already located.**

**Bob Sobczak and I met with one contractor already about locating a second boat ramp on the east side. Things break, disputes arise, repairs are sometimes required, and parking's often now tight, even if for no other reason than convenience,**

**it may be prudent to finally establish a second boat ramp.**

**At our recent Fall OLCA Meeting at Lake Choctaw our own Bob Sobczak was elected to the Executive Board. Mike Shelton of the ODNR spoke about Blue-Green Algae which are NOT really an alga but naturally occurring bacteria. High nutrients, phosphorus and nitrogen usually feed it.**

**One of my questions for Mr. Shelton was that since the state claims ownership of all waters in the state, should they not be required to do all the testing for these state-owned waters. The response: "That's a very good question, I don't know."**

**Speaking of water testing, the Secchi Disk was created by Father Angelo Secchi in 1865 to measure the transparency of the Mediterranean Sea under the request of the Papal Navy. Secchi, an astrophysicist, was science advisor to the Pope.**

**Locally, we have had many Secchi Disk volunteers over the years. Anyone trained to do so is encouraged to contact the office. If someone once utilized our equipment but no longer wishes to do so; we ask that the RRA property be returned. We are going forward with more widespread testing and wish to wisely marshal our resources for the Lake Management crew.**

**One major improvement that could lead to better water quality, weed & algae control and the consistent ability to control lake levels to allow access to the bottom for future major dredging projects is a lake siphon. Barry O'Connell heads up the siphon committee. He has asked us to mention that the next meeting is set for 7 PM, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse.**

**Keep an eye on the RRA web site calendar should this meeting follow the RSV Council, RRA Board & Lake Management Committee meetings over to the new Village Hall in November.**

**Our plans call for a water cooler to be placed in the new maintenance garage. For years we have had a Culligan unit in the clubhouse, a (now) Sunrise Springs unit in the RRA Office. We worked out a deal in Sunrise to provide the THREE units (clubhouse, office & garage) free of charge if we would only purchase their water going forward. A small item, but, it will save us several hundred dollars per year.**

**Sorry to say, snow IS coming. We had some at the office today and Youngstown gets it tonight! Our policy with mail boxes is if just the snow knocked it down, then repair is the owner's responsibility. If there is noticeable contact damage from one of our five plows, then we will gladly fix it back up or if need be, replace it. A word to the wise though, it's easier to toughen them up now if they are in a weakened condition instead of January or February!**