

## **General Manager's Report # 252**

**Gary R. Phillips, July 21, 2011:**

**The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Maps are finished! The magnitude of the changes in this my fourth edition is staggering. We have 2,189 residential lots. The only way to economically digitize the numbers for extra clear reproduction on our coming giant wall maps was to have "Jennifer" do it!**

**Remembering that most RRA lots have five numerals and letters, Jen had to remove every one, clean off a kind of "haze" by performing an erasure type maneuver on each lot blown up to nearly the full size of her screen; and then after realigning the placement, maybe also reversing direction, type in the numbers and letters once again.**

**2,189 X 10 or more actions each = AT LEAST 21,890 distinct operations! We added an index for the various cove names and placed icons at their positions about the lake. We changed various lake location names from black to white lettering for higher visibility, gave the restaurant & marina a high-visibility red "heart of the community" look, changed as needed the map legend, and turned another 82 lots yellow to signify the consolidations or construction of the now 884 existing RomeRock Association homes.**

**We now have some 32 different business concerns listed on our advertising side. Jen here as well went above and beyond with the number of firms we contacted. Even so, we started last OCTOBER and only got the last several to pay up in late JUNE. 300 maps were laminated and those will sell for \$5 each. The 300% wall-sized versions will be available soon by subscription only. Watch for details on the website and future reports.**

**For those we have a selection of several different materials to choose from: a canvass with grommets, not unlike some huge advertising banner, a solid dense foam and a type of sturdy plastic, not unlike a corrugated box.**

**The county is trying something new to collect back taxes. They have sent out about 1,600 letters, we received 23 on just our takeback lots, and if the owners do not settle up soon, the foreclosure rights to these properties may very well be sold to an outside firm. I think a number of other RRA lot owners, maybe home owners as well, were contacted. We have just seen a sizeable number of members trying to sell or give away their vacant lots.**

**I contacted our RRA Attorney David King and though he does not like the procedure, feels it might be unconstitutional as well, he does advise that it is legal under the new law. His best advice is to pay or arrange to pay the taxes. Should this outside firm gain rights to foreclose on your land, the cost to hold on to the property will of course be increased by that firm.**

**I want to thank the membership for increased visits to the Concession Stand. Halfway thru the season it's done more than \$1,000 over 2010.**

**Tom Anderson has retired from our part-time maintenance crew after fifteen years of service. Most often he could be seen mowing with our commercial mowers or, in earlier years, deftly handling our 40 foot weed harvester. Tom, a retired Ohio State Highway Patrol Dispatcher, originally moved here in 1990 at the urging of his Pastor, former RSV Mayor, Rev. Art Hess. Tom lived on Lake Vue Drive until 2000 when they moved to Perry, was on the RSV Safety Committee ten years and played a large part in launching the full-time version of the Roaming Shores Police Department.**

**I would be remiss if I didn't mention our condolences on the passing of our Assistant Manager Pat Sowry's Mother, Beulah Sowry, over the recent holiday weekend.**

**Another recent passing is that of Andy Macek, formerly of Lake Vue Drive. Andy had a real passion for the lake and our community and successfully fought a multiple-year battle with cancer at the same time.**

**Just ahead of a surprise inspection of the dam by the ODNR, we had our crew under the guidance of Bill Geiger address some clean up and repair items around and on the dam. RSV reports the dam had a great report.**

**With the drier weather, we caught up on the mowing and were able to trim back the vigorous vegetation that had nearly enveloped the causeway that leads out onto Calabria Island. Next we mow the dam once again.**