

**General Manager's Report # 236
Gary R. Phillips, February 18, 2010:**

2010's Early Bird Payment Winners thus far:

- #1, Jan. 07, lot #0572, George Polosky, \$500**
- #2, Jan. 14, lot #1091, Gregory Marchand, \$450**
- #3, Jan. 21, lot #1091, Gregory Marchand, \$400**
- #4, Jan. 28, lot #1950, Scott Raybuck, \$350**
- #5, Feb. 04, lot #0021, Eric Schulze, \$300**
- #6, Feb. 11, lot #2567.2, Richard Callahan, \$250**
- #7, Feb. 18, lot #2548, John Hanyok, \$200**

Another example of just how busy our snow plows were at the start of the new year was the fact that we used 645 gallons of gasoline just in January. Furthermore, MORE THAN HALF of that amount was dispensed just between Jan. 1 and Jan. 8!

As of Feb. 18th, we had 327 accounts cleared with 525 lots which is 10 owners and 24 lots BETTER than Y-T-D 2009.

I wish to note with reluctance that Dave Schuster has resigned as Chairman of our Lake Management Committee. Members should realize that Dave worked tireless, countless hours to get a handle on our lake quality and to motivate the latest LMC group to strive towards goals thought unattainable just a few years back.

Dave and his team have helped convince the most recent Board of Directors to set real, serious lake management budgets and priorities for years to come. Even I, working closely with Dave, have no idea of the full effort he brought to the task. I for one will miss his leadership of the LMC.

There has been a long line of LMC leaders who have been worn down, unappreciated, at times ignored, at other times vilified. Newt Bakley, Monroe Frados, Fred Innamorato, Bruce Bower, Al Bloor, Bob Gregory, Dave Schuster and a good number of others have come & gone in service to our lake.

It is ironic that after 44 years, when lake quality finally has top priority, and funds are in hand to do the needed and dreamt for work, that it is still difficult to get everyone to work together.

The next Joint RRA-RSV Meeting is set for the clubhouse at 7 PM on Thursday, April 29th. Per the Village's request, I spoke with Mrs. Clark of the Girl Scout Troop about moving their meetings for six months so that the Village could use the clubhouse for their Council Meetings from April thru September. No decision back from them as of yet.

We found an outstanding candidate to consider for our web site, calendar, newspaper, public relations, club's liaison, advertising representative, etc. This new position, if created, will derive a goodly portion of its costs from various forms of advertisements (maps, website, calendar, and newsletter).

Some of the bonus duties would involve back up office help, in house computer assistance, mass email broadcasting to the membership for time sensitive matters, and a community directory of services & business contacts among the RRA Membership. It could also bring a computerized (FINALLY) tracking of requests, motions, directives, comments, complaints, thank yous, polls, etc. and their routing and final resolution. I miss that from my years at City Hall and it would help us all reach a new level of RRA member service.

We have found over the years that sometimes even relatives might BOTH be members but not know it because the subject never came up. How much more interesting might it be to find that someone you already share a connection with can provide a service or supply goods, be that contractor you seek, without even knowing it. This directory would all be strictly voluntary.

The deadline to submit a nomination letter to run for one of three available seats on the next RRA Board of Directors is next Tuesday, February 23, prior to 1 PM.

RRA By Laws call for proof of attendance at at least 3 regular monthly meetings in the year prior to such nomination to have only members with at least a grasp of the current RRA business running for a supervisory position within the Association.

There are now 21 so qualified by reason of their visits, another 12 have two meetings registered and could have hit three with attendance at tonight's meeting.

I was asked to summarize the 2009 Board of Review citations: 63 were sent out; all but 2 have been resolved. In 2009 RRA took in \$1,075 in fines.

Various Action Items:

Formal reply to RSV offer to share new building office space.

Clarification of Board position on aquatic herbicides.

Engage EDP to perform a dam slope stability investigation.

Shared community RFP to engage suburban planning study.

Shared website RFP to engage web designer to reinvent sites.

Suggestion RRA retain roamingshores.org; RSV pursue .gov.

Move roamingshores.org to Mega Byte for hosting services.

Reply to member-submitted weed survey plan of action.

Create new office/website/advertising/public relations post.

Board voted garage 7-0 on east side of Rt. 6 property. Then much talk of a new office. If energy, structural, underground, etc. savings allow; would Board consider flipping building to west side and adding several rooms to build new office also?

I added a rough sketch to this report. By adding just 28 feet to the 12 already designed into the garage we have a real good solution for a new office. **DO NOT GET ME WRONG**, I am most appreciative for my job and office building we have; BUT, since this topic for about the twentieth time has come around here is a final solution.

Turning the garage east saves reheating each time one of the seven garage doors is opened. It keeps our apartment neighbors out of a perpetual 40 foot high shadow. More attractive down Evening Star, ALL utilities would be in place, none would need duplication. Much more user friendly.

Got a very nice card thanking RRA staffer Randy Ruebel for helping several ladies get unstuck from a snow bank recently.