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Introducing Your New RCD Team

by Steve Larry, President

As I am writing this as your new President of the **RCD**, wanting to give you a working view of our Board of Directors, I need to do one thing first and that is to recognize a couple of individuals who have served you well over the years.

The first is Herb Hill. He has retired from the Board after 5 years of working to maintain our properties and community center in the best possible shape, many times doing the physical work himself with little or no help. Herb never left a job undone or second class. So if you see him around our community, give him your personal thanks. We owe a lot

to him and the service he gave the Board.

The second is Marty Portner. Marty, while not leaving the Board altogether (at least for now or as long as we can talk him into staying) is stepping back a bit and is currently serving as a "member at large" (I will define what that means later in this article) after several dedicated years as your President. His job has not always been an easy one, and if you have ever been the leader of an organization, you know what I mean. From budgeting to managing projects to developing a vision and seeing it through, that is what Marty has been doing for

you and all with the professionalism that the job demands. Trust me, being President of anything puts you square in the middle with a "buck stops here" responsibility for everything that goes on in the organization. Marty has handled this extremely well and we are fortunate that he has committed to staying on to see some key projects through to completion. He is just that kind of guy.

Now to the heart of the article, how your **RCD** is organized going forward and who does what so if there is a question, who can you talk to and get an

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Shoreline Stabilization Update by Marty Portner

Summer is here and the **RCD Shoreline Stabilization Program** is kicking into second gear. Weather permitting, by the time that you read this, the stabilization of both the East Landing and the POA's Lakeside Park will be com-

pleted. **Fischer Excavating of Freeport, Illinois** did this work. It serves as an excellent example of the kind of quality work that we are looking for in your individual shoreline project. Have a look for yourself to get an idea of what

your project may look like.

Check your mailboxes, as the **RCD** will be mailing a package to each shoreline property owner who is in Phase One of the project, in late June/early July. You will recall that the **RCD** is

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Did You Know?...

- **The Campground and Beaches are Open!**

RCD Board

Steven Larry
President

Glenn Baldwin
Vice President

Betty Lou Finn
Secretary

Marty Portner
Member at Large

Dennis Cantrell
Member at Large

Becky Breckenfelder
Administrative Manager
Treasurer

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answer. Here it is, including reporting relationships. I have not listed all everyone does, but just the main responsibilities.

Steven Larry (President):

- Reporting to Steve: Becky Breckenfelder and Rebecca Olson
- Run meetings and manage organization
- Liaison for Watershed Improvement Program
- Oversee Babbling Brook Silt Basin Project
- Manage Grant Program
- Liaison with POA
- Legal matters/interpretation
- Advisor for HR Issues

Glenn Baldwin (VP):

- Reporting to Glenn: Jerry Sellers and the LMC
- Run meetings in Steve's absence
- Grounds/mower equipment (excluding docks; including tennis courts fencing, water buoys, goose fencing)
- Advisor for Operation Issues

Marty Portner (Member at Large):

- 2009 Budgeting Process
- Oversee Riprap Project
- Advisor to the President

Dennis Cantrell (Construction Manager):

- Reporting to Dennis: Don Bluemel
- Review and approves all dock construction requests
- Manages Building and RCD Dock Maintenance
- Advisor for Maintenance and Construction Issues

Betty Lou Finn (Secretary):

- Volunteer Program
- Liaison with POA Committees
- Responsible for signing checks on behalf of the RCD
- Acts as "First Responder" (takes phone calls) when Becky is on vacation
- Advisor for Social Issues

Jerry Sellers (LMC Chairperson):

- Reporting to Jerry: Joe Rush
- Recruitment, organization and managing LMC volunteers
- Manage and implement lake shore stabilization and silt basin programs
- Manages Lake Dredging Program
- Manages and insures compliance of all lake shore dock programs, including inspection and numbering program
- Manages wildlife control program
- Advisor for all lake management issues

Rebecca Breckenfelder (Administrative Manager):

- Manages Office and Files, Answers RCD Business Phone and handles office correspondence and legal notices
- Issues Boat stickers, Dock #'s, Campground Passes & Coordinates LCC Rentals
- Performs Treasurer Duties including treasurer's reports, payroll, bill payment, budget, tax levy, and annual comptroller report
- Maintains Website
- Manages Watershed Newsletter
- Creates and Posts Agendas and Minutes of RCD Meetings

Now that you have an idea what everyone does you will find that all Directors have authority to carry out their responsibilities without the need to wait for or taking time at Board Meetings. An example would be if you wanted to construct a dock. All you need do is get the application, complete it as required, make an appointment with Dennis Cantrell; he reviews it with you, insures it meets **RCD** specifications, and approves it accordingly. We do not have to wait for or have you come to a board meeting (unless it is an unusual circumstance requiring Board approval) to get your application approved and begin construction. In this manner, we are trying to be a more responsive and "user friendly" Board.

So there you have it. I, along with the entire **RCD** Board, look forward to serving you and our community. With all our initiatives, this will be a busy year for all of us, one that will see "giant steps" in progressive activity that will improve the quality of Lost Lake for generations to come.●

Remember, you can do your part to make



**Lost Lake
A Phosphorous Free
Community...**

Check your clothes and dishwasher detergents to ensure that they are phosphate-free.

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implementing the **Shoreline Stabilization Program** using a phased approach, starting with the south end of the lake. The package will contain a kit that explains in detail how to complete your project in order to qualify for the **RCD's** generous rebate. The **RCD** will rebate you for half the cost of your project, subject to a "cap" based on footage and a fixed cost per foot. The kit also contains paperwork necessary to apply for your rebate. Most documents in the kit will be available on our web

site www.rcdinfo.com.

Please do not procrastinate once you have the kit in your possession. We will be asking you to indicate to us whether you will be participating in this voluntary program. ***You will have roughly 60 days to indicate your acceptance and arrange with your contractor to start the work.*** At present, we are looking at a Phase One construction season that extends from September 1, 2009 through Spring 2010.

Don't delay. Follow the instructions in your kit and start the ball rolling so that once the construction begins, you can ensure your success. If you do need help, you can always call the **RCD** office at **815.652.2006**.

I would like to offer my thanks to **Joe Rush, Steve Larry and Jerry Sellers** for their contributions toward the goal of total shoreline stabilization. Thanks to them, we are on a trajectory to complete this project on time and within our budget. ●

IN HONOR OF ALL VOLUNTEERS OF THE RCD & POA, A BEER & BRAT PICNIC WILL BE HELD

JULY 25TH AT UNITY PARK AT 12:00.

***PLEASE RSVP TO
BETTY LOU FINN AT 652-8711
OR LOIS LYTLE AT 652-7491.***

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO HONOR THESE
WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO KEEP OUR
COMMUNITY RUNNING. A GOOD TIME WILL
BE HAD BY ALL.***

BETTY LOU FINN