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Nathan Poore Accepts An Offer To Be The Town Manager Of Kennebunkport

(The following is a press release from the Town of Kennebunkport)

The Kennebunkport Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on August 28, 2000 to appoint Nathan Poore as the Town Manager of Kennebunkport. The Maine Municipal Association assisted the Board with the search for a new manager. The Town received approximately seventy applications for the position and a thorough screening process reduced the number to 16, then to five all of whom were interviewed. The Board unanimously selected Mr. Poore after the extensive

search to replace former Town Manager, Jane Duncan who held the position for the past 16 years.

The Board has agreed to a three-year contract beginning October 2, 2000 when Mr. Poore will begin his duties in Kennebunkport. Robert Sullivan, Kennebunkport Police Chief, will continue to act as the interim manager until Mr. Poore's arrival. Mr. Poore had notified the Raymond Board of Selectmen that he was discussing employment options with the Town of Kennebunkport, however a formal resignation was pending the outcome of a final decision by the Kennebunkport Board of Selectmen. Mr. Poore will be submitting his resignation to the Raymond Board of Selectmen on September 5, 2000.

Mr. Poore has been the Town Manager in Raymond since 1996 and

worked for the Town of Fryeburg as the Town Administrator from 1992 to 1996. Prior to Mr. Poore's experience at the helm of town management, he worked for the Town of Kennebunk in the Town Planning Office and as the Town of Arundel's first Town Planner. He earned a bachelor degree at the University of Maine and a master degree in Public Policy and Management at the University of Southern Maine.

Mr. Poore will be leaving Raymond with several accomplishments and a few ongoing projects for a new manager to complete. The Town is currently designing a new fire station. Through tax increment financing proceeds and a partnership with the Maine Department of Transportation, there is an extensive design process underway for improvements to Route 302 which will address a common landscape

theme, egress and access improvements, pedestrian and bicycle paths, lighting, traffic safety and general road improvements. The Town has recently partnered with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to acquire and make improvements to Raymond Beach on Route 302. Most of those improvements have been completed.

Tim Pomerleau, Raymond Chairman of the Board of Selectmen has reported that he and the Raymond Board have mixed feelings about Mr. Poore's eminent departure. They do not look forward to losing Mr. Poore and feel as though he has been successful in Raymond; however, they support him taking on new opportunities and challenges if it is in his best interest. Mr. Poore has reported that he will provide whatever assistance is necessary toward making the transition smooth for Raymond.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by September 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

Send School Related Articles To:

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or drop at a Principal's Office

Send Town related articles To:

nathan.poore@raymondmaine.org or drop at Town Hall

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Raymond Boat Launch Is Open – Beach To Open Next Year

By: Nathan Poore

The boat launch at Raymond Beach on Route 302 opened for business on August 9th. The Town and officials from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife inspected the contractor's work on August 7th and found most of the work to be satisfactory with only a few items left to complete. It was decided that the remaining work would not interfere with opening the boat launch portion of the site. Already, boaters and anglers have got the word and use of the facility has increased over the past couple of weeks. This site was made possible from revenues received from anglers and boaters through the Federal Sport Fish Restoration Program, administered by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The parking area and vehicle circulation routes are somewhat complex due to a number of one way travel areas and tight turning radii. First time users should use caution and try to follow the various signs indicating proper vehicle travel within the interior of the facility and the dedicated entrance and exits. The site is complex due to the tight layout of



the available property. The design took into account the tight layout and the need to maximize all available space. The Town has requested the Maine Department of Transportation to reduce the speed zone on Route 302 to improve safety for motorists and we expect to receive their findings on our request in the near future.

The beach portion of the site

will remain closed until next spring/summer. The decision to keep the beach closed is due to two factors. First, the grass near the beach needs to be re-established for erosion control and to have time to mature in order to handle heavy foot traffic. Second, the Town has submitted grant applications to the

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New Raymond Community Council

Last year representatives from organizations throughout town met in May to brainstorm ways the community could better meet the needs of its citizens. As a next step, another meeting date has been set for October 25, 6:30 P.M. at the Jordan Small School cafeteria to organize a more formal Community Council. As a result, community groups will have the

opportunity to work together a few times a year. The immediate goals of forming this Council include coordinating the use of community facilities, developing a database of organization information so groups can better communicate with each other, and deciding a workable format for ongoing Council meetings to address future needs. Raymond organizations

will be contacted individually regarding the fall meeting and more details will follow in the October edition of the Road Runner. A planning committee consisting of Nathan Poore, Christian Elkington, Rev. Richard Tulip, Lori Rand, Mike McClellan, Norma Richard and Pat Smith is working on organizing the October 25th meeting.

News From Raymond Village Library

The Story Time Theme for September will deal with traveling in the United States, other countries and in space. Remember that this is every Thursday morning at the library at 10:00 A.M.. Baby time is held at the same time on Thursdays.

The library will be closed on Monday, September 4th Labor Day.

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 P.M. at the library. The discussion will center on "What are the Kids Reading Now?" A list of books from the Maine Humanities Commission has been consulted and some of the authors include Gary Paulson, Sharon Kreech and J. K. Rawlings. The list of books is available at the library. Please join us for an interesting and fun evening.

The Raymond Village Library thanks everyone who so generously supported this years annual fund raising fair held July 8th. The fair raised a substantial amount, which will be dedicated to increasing the book, audio-tape, and video collections. The day's financial success is owed to the contributions of numerous area businesses, library patrons who donated items, books, and food, and the efforts of committed volunteers and their families. Again, many thanks to you all.

We could like to take this opportunity to thank the following merchants who contributed to this years fair: All-Star Trophy, Barney's Seafood, Cabin Candler, Chipco International, Chips Etc., Creative Hair Designs, Cricket's Corner, Deb's Sebago Diner, E.R. Clough, Gulf of Maine Gunsmithing, Jordan Bay Animal Hospital, K & K Reel Vision Video, Northern Pines Resort, Raymond Service Center, Sunset Variety, the Olde House Restaurant, Chipman Farms, Ida Brown Hair Studio, Miss Heidi's of Maine, all of Raymond, and the Friendly's Restaurant of Windham.

The following local artists donated artwork to the silent auction of the Library Fair. Each have been invited to exhibit their paintings at the library during the coming year. So if you missed their work at the Fair, or would like to purchase a painting of one of these artists, please watch for notices as to when they will be exhibiting.

Our thanks go out to the following artists: Dick Anzelc, Naomi Chase, Florence Cooper, Andrea Dacko, Kathy Dodge, Shirley Fearon, Carol Griggs, Charlotte Hewson, Tess Ingraham, Daniel Kahn, Donna Kantor, Martha Whitten Ladd, Charlene Lee, Sondra Levy, Patou McIsaac, Peg MacKay, Joyce Mastro, M.J. Meyerhoefer, Waldo Preble, Pat Riley, Alan Shadbolt, and Lynda Wilson.

Raymond Village Library Summer Reading Program Update

By: Lisa Friedlander & Marianna M. Fenton

Fifty Raymond children participated in the first half of the Raymond Village Library Summer Reading Program. The program, "Blast Off To Reading" encouraged children to read books and participate in special

activities weekly. Books having a space theme were made available to readers in addition to the library's regular collection. The readers made their own planets to decorate the library. Over the four-week period the readers also constructed large space ships. The program culminated in a party where the readers and their families blasted off rockets, displayed their space ships, made "edible Martians" and received participation certificates and family passes to the USM Southworth Planetarium.

The Raymond Village Library would like to thank the following business, without their participation the program could not have been such a success.

- First Title of Maine
- Blue Ribbon Commodities
- Shaw's, North Windham
- Mail Boxes Etc, North Windham
- True Value Hardware, Raymond
- USM Southworth Planetarium
- The Sea Dogs
- Carpetland, North Windham



September 2000

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library					1 NO SCHOOL	2 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
3	4 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	5 <i>Recycling Pickup</i> 7:00PM TH Selectmen	6 <i>Recycling Pickup</i> 7:00PM RE School Committee	7 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	8	9
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Raymond Elementary School Prepares To Come Alive

By: David Johnson

With the beginning of the 2000-2001 school year Raymond marks the first of two major education-oriented goals with the opening of our new schools. Raymond Elementary School will open its doors for children in grades Kindergarten through Four and be housed in our new school building. Jordan-Small School will begin its transition to a middle school. Next year we'll continue our celebrations when we once again educate our seventh graders in Raymond.

The dedication ceremony on September 24 of the new K-4 building will have different meanings for different people. Some will see the ceremony as a time to reflect on the past, others will use it as a point of celebration, and others will see it as the start of something new.

For some people it will signal the completion of a long, dedicated effort. They will look back to the 1991 Town Meeting where the initial funding was approved. The many people who have contributed to the effort will be remembered. The milestones along the way will be counted, such as: Seeking and obtaining state funding. Locating and, after lively debate, purchasing a parcel of land. Long hours by the Building Committee, school administrators and

architect resulting in a design. The final referendum vote indicating continued town support. More design work and the shape and form of the new school emerged. The wonderful groundbreaking ceremony last

will be an exciting time with people, music, ceremony, and tours of the building. They will experience speeches, laughter, solemn words, kids (of all ages) being kids, and honoring three exceptional Raymond citizens. Admiring the new building, discovering all its newness, that's what some folks will experience. Top on the list may be admiring the Percent for Art pieces. Visiting with teachers, neighbors, saying "congratulations" and "thank you"; they can't wait for the excitement to begin!

A new beginning will be the focus of others. The challenge of creating a new school while continuing the excellence of the past. Looking forward to all the memories yet to be created at Raymond Elementary School. Thinking about all the all ball games, school plays, grandparents days, parents nights that will make this a wonderful school for Raymond for years to come.

Whether your perspective is reflecting on the past, living for today or dreaming about the future, please join the rest of Raymond for the dedication of our new Raymond Elementary School on Sunday, September 24. The celebration promises to hold something for everyone.

A CELEBRATION!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE OUR GUEST
AT THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW
RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ROUTE 85, 434 WEBBS MILLS ROAD, RAYMOND
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

DEDICATION PROGRAM BEGINS AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE GYM
AND WILL HONOR MRS. FRANCES SMALL,
MR. CARLETON EDWARDS, AND MRS. LIZ COUSINEAU.

A RECEPTION AND OPEN HOUSE WILL FOLLOW.

April. Construction completed this summer. Lots of work by lots of people. These are what some folks will be celebrating. For some others, September 24 will be THE EVENT! It

Recognizing Raymond Citizens

As the new elementary school was being built, the Building Committee asked the community to submit suggestions for naming the school. A number of people responded recommending individuals or place names. The Committee felt that the name Raymond Elementary School paid tribute to the entire community and represented its commitment to the education of our youth. However, there remained a strong interest in recognizing individuals who had contributed much to the educational community over the years. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to designate certain areas of the school to be dedicated in their honor.

The areas of the school to so honor these individuals are:

Kindergarten Center: Elizabeth Cousineau

Mrs. Cousineau taught Kindergarten at Jordan-Small School for many years. During his period she was instrumental in initiating a Developmental Kindergarten Program and was the classroom teacher for its duration. She was known for keeping close tabs on her students throughout their days at Jordan-Small and long after they had gone on to other schools.

Music Room: Francis Small

Mrs. Small represents a family with a long tradition in Raymond education. She has been a music teacher in the community, dedicating her life to giving Raymond children the joy of music. The parcel of land upon which the new elementary school is built was Small

land. Currently Mrs. Small resides on the remaining parcel adjacent to the school.

Media Center: Carleton Edwards

Mr. Edwards was a town selectman for many years, state representative and friend of education. His commitment to the town of Raymond was admired by all who had the opportunity to know him. He served as a standard for citizen participation in town government. The citizenship award that is presented yearly at Jordan Small School is named in his honor.

We are pleased to acknowledge these outstanding individuals. We recognize, not only their accomplishments, but also see them as representatives of all those who have donated so much of their time and talents to the community.

Thank You, Raymond!

On behalf of the children of Raymond, present and future, The Building Committee wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who, in any way, contributed to making Raymond Elementary School a reality.



Raymond Elementary School Principal's Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

The opening of the new Raymond Elementary School marks the culmination of years of work and the commitment and involvement of many members of our community. That commitment was readily apparent on August 12 when a work crew of parents and community members installed the new elementary playground. It was a very long day, and digging nearly 50 holes for the equipment posts was extremely hard work. But their efforts paid off and we are now enjoying a beautiful new playground. I want to thank each and every one of you who contributed to this playground, through your kind donations and time. I also want to thank parents and community members who have helped with the move into the elementary school this summer. There has been a tremendous amount of work and effort to move into the new school, and your help and support has been very much appreciated and valued.

School safety is a very important consideration today, and we have the opportunity to develop an elementary school that keeps student safety as a focus. Parents and other visitors to the school can assist us by always entering through the main doors and checking in with the office every time they visit the school. We will be locking all other entrances during the day to both encourage you to follow these procedures, as well as to prohibit unnecessary disruptions to teaching and learning in our classrooms. We ask for your support and cooperation in maintaining a safe and healthy school environment for all of our students.

On behalf of our students and faculty, I would like to invite you to the dedication of the Raymond Elementary School on Sunday, September 24. We will be holding an Open House following the formal dedication ceremony. Teachers will open their classrooms to the community and share their students' work with you. We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special event.



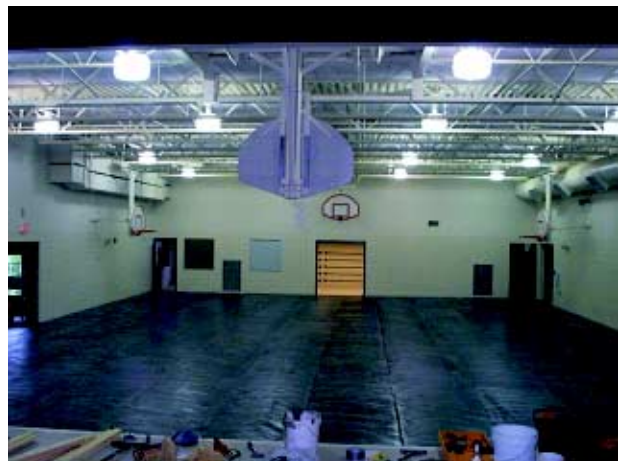


Percent For Art

The Percent for Art law was enacted in 1979 to provide for art in public buildings. Under the law, a maximum of \$40,000 may be used for art purchases in public schools. Since 1979 there have been more than 300 Percent for Art projects, resulting in the commissioning of over 1,000 works of art. Over 90% of Maine's schools now participate in this program to bring original works of art into the daily lives of children, staff, and the community.



The Percent for Art Selection Committee, with members Katie Hall (Jordan-Small School art teacher and committee chair), Barbara Conger (Elementary Building Committee), Barbara Smith (Maine Arts Commission Representative), Jessyka Broekman (Maine Arts Commission Representative), Barry Stallman (architect), and Paul Faria (Maine Arts Commission Staff) met in the fall of 1998 to review slides and to consider the kind of art for the new Raymond Elementary School. This committee identified that the art was to be a focal piece, involve and engage the children, be unique to our school, and that it must challenge the audience, both children and adult. The committee chose to look at artwork for both the interior and exterior of the school.



It was a very exciting and stimulating process to review slides of various art forms and media, and then to invite artists to interview and submit a design for the school. Two artists were selected to design original artwork. These are Auciello Stone and Melita Westerlund.

Joe and Shlomit Auciello of Warren, Maine created the large stone sculpture on the lawn area in front of the kindergarten wing. Standing on a grassy plateau are four granite stones. The inside faces of the stones are lettered with sayings and phrases, including the school's character values. Within the stones is a sculpture of a young child seated in the courtyard.



Melita Westerlund of Bar Harbor, Maine designed the beautiful POETRY GARDEN in the main entrance of the school. The hanging steel sculpture, as well as the painted walls, introduces both color and form to the building. Melita's wonderful use of color, whether viewed from the lobby or the media center, is both inspiring and stimulating.

We are proud to have the work of Auciello Stone and Melita Westerlund on permanent display in the Raymond Elementary School.



Raymond Elementary School Builds A New Playground

By: Norma Richard, Principal

On behalf of students and staff, we would like to thank the following contributors to the Raymond Elementary School Playground CENTURY CAMPAIGN. We are very excited to be opening the new Raymond Elementary School. This school exemplifies the support that our community has made to education and to its children. I am very proud of the generosity of parents, friends, community members, and community businesses and organizations in raising over \$27,000 for the new school playground. I am also thankful for the hard work and help we had on August 12 in installing the playground equipment. This has been a wonderful and exciting project, beginning with student involvement in the selection of equipment and the design of the playground. Children will enjoy this playground for many years to come. Your generosity is much appreciated and your support of our community is much admired.

Playground contributors:

Leslie and Bruce Male
 Gregory and Leona Curtis in memory of Chet and Betty McCleery
 Ron and Helene Gagnon and family in memory of Joline Lovering
 Maggie and Lew Kranin
 Robert and Marilyn Orsini
 Mark and Sheri Reed in memory of Kendra Hathaway Alexis
 Donald and Dolores Ritter
 John and Lisa Schadler and family
 Justin Sharaf
 John Staples
 Systems Engineering, Inc.
 Wendy and Emery Thoren
 Norma Richard in memory of Jay Farlin Lindsay
 The Raymond Education Association
 Mary Jane Vandersluis
 Russ and Debbie Hutchinson and family
 Marianna Fenton
 Russ and Betty Remalia and family
 Doug and Laura Jo Cunningham and family
 New England Electric/C & R Caron
 Peer Council at the Jordan-Small School
 Time Warner Cable
 UnumProvident Corporation Foundation
 David and Ann Hurd and family
 David and Marianne Van Baars and family
 Rodney and Karyn Knights and family
 Bob and Laurie Wallace and family
 Raymond Semi Circle
 Phyllis Hawkes in memory of Clifford P. Hawkes, Jr.
 Bud Larson
 Mike and Linda O'Neill and family
 Peter and Cathy Walton and family
 Raymond Recreation
 Deborah & David Baker in memory of Evelyn and Augustus Plummer
 Robert Green
 Greater Portland Billing Service
 Scott & Susan Crockett and family
 Lake Region Furniture
 David, Lynn & Riley McCourt
 Vaughn Wilson
 Pitney Bowes
 Alan Stone
 Mark & Patty Fasold
 Hancock Lumber Co.
 Scott & Vicki Gordan and family in memory of Margaret and Albert Trip, Hilda Libby, and Eleanor Plummer
 Susan MacKenzie
 JBR Consulting Hydrogeologist
 Priscilla, Lori & John Rand
 Shaws Supermarket
 Payton Construction Co.
 Maine Telephone Co.
 People Heritage Financial Group
 Dielectric Communications
 Maine Power Company
 Smith and Associates, CPAs
 Meg Waters
 HCI/Craftsman
 Robert and Katherine Lawrence
 Gray Family Center

Mary and David Guiseley and Family
 Jeff and Jennifer Huber and Family
 The Design Alliance
 Jeff and Jane Hoffman and Family
 Elizabeth and Leo Algeo and Family
 Ian and Nathaniel Dixon
 David and Donna Johnson
 Wendy and Don Benedetto
 Jeff and Kim Weeks and Family
 Steve and Debbie Eastman and Family
 Raymond Service Center
 Alfred and Janice Hutchinson
 Rick, Sharon and Amanda Dodson
 True Value Hardware
 Kyes Insurance Company
 Douglas and Suzanne Brockelbank and Family
 Chip and Marina Lurvey
 Alan and Dawn Parker
 Barns Shelters and Sheds
 Cumberland Country Teachers Federal Credit Union
 Spencer Reynolds
 Chuck and Jackie Hewitt
 Clean-O-Rama Co., Inc.
 Deborah and David Cutten
 Aileen S. Andrew Foundation
 Jeri Keane and Bill Dreyer
 Lynne Capozzi and Don Bulens in memory of Christina Capozzi
 Tom and Barbara Conger
 The Dunlap Corporation
 Joe and Suzanne Bruno
 Joyce Coughlan
 Eileen and Howard Stiles
 The Montalvo Corporation
 Brenda and Rolf Olsen
 Margaret and Carroll Denham
 Jani Cummings
 Cub Scout Pack 800
 Mitchell and Association
 Beginning Roots Family Day Care
 Dana and Paula Desjardins
 Glen and Judy Gisel in memory of Stephanie Ann Huntress
 Steve and Beth Nadeau
 Kingsley Pines
 Lori and Mark Marier in memory of Frank Rossi
 Raymond Extended Day Program
 Ellen and Chris Van Haasteren
 Kees and Corrie Van Haasteren
 Kevin and Vicki Woodbrey
 Dovetail Woodworks
 Fred and Cindy Masi
 Jeff and Brenda Stevenson
 J. Ed and Cielle Chiasson
 David and Kimberly Allen
 Tammy and Mark Acker
 Andrew, Victoria, Julia, and Bernd Hartig
 David Good and Jane Weiman-Good
 Lawrence and Susan Bugden
 Raymond PTA
 Thomas Cloutier
 David and Sandra Bois



Jordan-Small School Principal's Report

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

As we move into the 2000-2001 school year I wanted to update you on some of the work that took place at Jordan Small School this past summer. Several of our 5th and 6th grade teaching staff worked on our math curriculum so that it would better align with our state's standards the Learning Results. This work is key as we develop our school's math curriculum over the next two years through the 8th grade. Other teaching staff worked on curriculum integration across subject areas to better support future student learning and understanding of concepts and skills taught at our school. In looking at building our school's middle level curriculum it will be most important for us to continue this work, and develop a curriculum that does not teach subjects in isolation. A curriculum that teaches and reinforces the skills and concepts that support student learning across differing subject areas supports greater student success.

This summer we also started short and long term planning for both transitioning into and developing a great middle level program for Jordan-Small School. Over the next two years we will be asking for your input and insight as we move from a grade 5-6 building this year to a comprehensive 5-8 middle school beginning in the fall of 2002. More information will be forthcoming over the next two months both, in the coming issues of Road Runner and on our community's web site.

Our school is ready for the 2000-2001 school year! Special thanks to our custodial staff for their efforts at getting our building ready during the transition to two schools! In my two months as the Jordan-Small School principal I have met several great kids, parents, guardians and community members. I have also started to get to know a fine, dedicated, caring staff of educators who will be supporting our community's students and families during this 2000-2001 school year. We are rolling forward!

Windham High School Project Graduation Fund-Raiser

Have you ever seen your family member, classmate or your teacher be hypnotized? Well here is your chance to see this happen. On Friday, September 22, 2000 at 8 P.M. at the Windham High School Gymnasium, Ed Morris will have a full night of hilarious hypnosis. The show is fast moving, funny, laugh-packed, with audience participation and other "magic of the mind". Come see your friends or teacher be hypnotized. Tickets available at the door for only \$5.00 per person. All ages welcome and open to the public. Proceeds to benefit Windham High School Project Graduation 2001. For further information call Project Graduation Chairperson Debbie Philpot at 892-3486.

Project Graduation Parents Of Windham High School's Class Of 2001:

Project Graduation will meet on the second Wednesday of every month at the Windham Public Library. Meetings are at 6:30 P.M. Please join us. There are many committees: Fundraising, Facilities, and Activities. We can use your ideas and support!

Changes In Lunch And Milk Prices At Raymond Schools

For the first time since 1989 there is a proposed increase in lunch and milk prices for the school lunch program in Raymond. The Raymond School Committee will finalize prices at their September 5, 2000 meeting. Proposed prices are \$1.40 for lunch and 25¢ for milk (snack or cold lunch drink). Please adjust your lunch moneys accordingly. New lunch envelopes will reflect the changes in prices.

Parenting Class

Understanding Why Children Do The Things They Do. Learn to listen and problem solve.

Classes starting Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 7 to 9 P.M. at Jordan Small School. There will be six classes. Material will be provided. No fee. For info. call Eileen 655-4193 home or work 655-8672 at the Elementary School

Tuition Policy Reminder

By: David Bois, Superintendent

As we begin a new school year, students and parents are reminded that School Committee policy requires that tuition students must remain enrolled in the school they have selected until the end of the academic year. Exceptions are made only if the administration and/or a PET determine that placement or programming is inappropriate. Approval of the Superintendent is required before such a change is made.

If you have made a change this summer, or are new to the community, please be sure our office has been informed and you have obtained a transfer form. The transfer of records and other data is done through the schools themselves. In all cases students are subject to academic and disciplinary procedures of the receiving school.

From time to time questions arise concerning the eligibility of students for tuition payments. In order for the Raymond School Department to accept responsibility for tuition payments, the family must reside in Raymond. Ownership of property alone is not sufficient. If there is a question, parents may be required to provide proof of residency. In addition, if a student moves out of our district in the course of the year, we are not responsible for continuing tuition payments. If arrangements have not been made with the receiving schools, parents may be responsible for the remaining tuition costs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office.

My best wishes to all of our students for a productive and successful school year.

Welcome Back Picnic For 5th And 6th Grade

August 26th was sunny and unusually hot for the summer of 2000! The PTA sponsored a BBQ for the returning 5th and 6th graders. These students will be the first (for many years) to remain in Raymond for 8th



grade! Not only were they celebrating the beginning of our new middle school but students and parents had an opportunity to meet "MR E" the new middle school principal.

Cody Stultz has named his dad, "Shep" the "Town



Cook". "Oh yeah!" said Cody, "He does all these kind of things." Well, Shep and Tom Wiley did it again,



cooking dozens of hamburgers and hotdogs on their homemade grill. Thanks again, guys!

Steve Eastman and Scott & Sue Crockett organized a game of kickball on the ball field and parents had a



chance to meet Mr. Elkington who also brought a big cake to celebrate Superintendent Bois' birthday! The Wiley, Coggin, Winde and Dodge Families valiantly filled water balloons which were mostly used in a

water balloon toss. Mrs Taiani and Amanda Evans won the final with Amanda winning a box of "Kool School Supplies." Kayla Taylor won another box for winning an Adult/Child three legged race. Well done, girls!

The rest of the water balloons?? Well, all we can say is that there were a lot of wet kids. But remember it was VERY hot!



As usual, many people volunteered to get this organized. Thanks to Betty Remalia, Scott and Vicky Gordan, Beth Clark, Helene Gagnon, Lisa Schadler, Al Knight and anyone else we may have overlooked. Donations were made by Shop and Save and McDonalds of North Windham.



Benefit Dance September 23rd

Please join us on Saturday, September 23rd at the Kings' Grant Barn in Raymond from 8:00 P.M. until midnight. This evening of song and dance is to help raise money for a friend and neighbor who has been battling cancer for several months.

There will be plenty of music, dancing, and socializing. Appetizers will be available throughout the night. We will be featuring a 50/50 raffle as well as an auction for various donations from local businesses.

The price of tickets will be \$15 for a single, \$25 for a couple with all proceeds going to the Lobel family to help defray medical expenses and wages lost over the past several months. For ticket information, donations, or just to help out, please contact Beth Nadeau at 655-7416 or Cathy Dodge at 655-5357.

We look forward to seeing all of you to make this fund raising event a great success and a good time.

2000 Rent Relief/Prescription Drug Applications Available

We have received the 2000 Rent Relief/Prescription Drug Applications from the State of Maine. Anyone who meets the guidelines can apply for a refund on their property taxes or housing rent and also apply for prescription drug aide. Tax and Rent Refund applications must be submitted by January 31, 2000 and Low-Cost Drug Program for the Elderly or Disabled can be applied for at any time but must be submitted by January 1, 2001 to get your card by March 1, 2001.

On Friday, September 30th and October 21st, Legislative Representative Joe Bruno will be at the Town Office from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. to help anyone who would like to fill out an application. No appointment is necessary.

From The Tax Collectors Office:

By Donna Lovely, Dep. Tax Collector

The 2000/01 Tax Bills will be mailed by the end of September and will be due the end of October. If you don't receive a bill or have had an address change please notify us at 655-4742. If you have sold your property, please forward the bill to the new owner. If you have taxes held in escrow, forward a copy of the bill to your Mortgage Holder. It is also a good idea to check back with the Town Office prior to October 31st to verify receipt of Mortgage Holder Payment. Please feel free to call with any other questions.

Fire Police Honor Horace Drowns

By: Ron Morton

On July 26, 2000 the Raymond Fire Police honored Horace Drowns with a plaque as the member with the most years of service. Horace joined the Raymond Fire Department in 1974 after his retirement and move to Raymond. The party was held at Chute's Bakery in South Casco. Those present sitting are Phil Hamilton, Jack Goosetrey, Horace Drowns; standing from left to right are John Fitzpatrick, Melissa Devio, Ron Morton, Debbie Chute, Lloyd Jacobson, Bill Doyle, Marjorie Scott, Paul Barber, Lloyd Thompson, Bill Parker and Ernest Allen. Members not present were Dick Morris, Jane Jordan and Florence Fossett.



Troop 800's first of two preparatory hikes for the Appalachian Trail Adventure Hike up Mount Katahdin over the Labor Day weekend was held in July when these Troop members and adult leaders did 13 miles in Naples. (left to right) Ian Hanley, Steve Swick, Matt Peterson, Donny McKay, Bill Yates, Clint Randell, Tim Curtis (front), Don McKay (rear), Zeb Swick and Greg Curtis. Photo taken by Scoutmaster Jay Peterson.

Hazardous Waste Day A Success Once Again

On Saturday, August 5th the four towns of Raymond, Casco, Naples, and Frye Island joined to have a Hazardous Waste Day. Raymond saw 41 cars come in with their loads of hazardous materials. Examples of waste brought in were oil based paints, thinners, solvents, driveway sealer, insecticides, fertilizers, aerosol cans containing pesticides, and various cans and bottles with unknown contents. The company Clean Harbors of South Portland contracted to dispose of the waste. Raymond's Fire Police were in force and did a fine job of keeping the traffic flowing: Marjorie Scott, Jane Jordan, Bill Parker, and Paul Barber.



Raymond Beach Boat Launch

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Portland Water District and the Department of Conservation for assistance with landscaping improvements and additional erosion control for beach stabilization. The Town expects to receive an answer with regard to the grant applications within the next couple of weeks. Plantings and stabilization efforts are expected to take place sometime in September. Anyone interested in helping the Town with plantings this fall, please call the Town Office (655-4742).

Some people are ignoring the "Beach Closed" signs at the facility, which is unfortunate. As people continue to use the beach while we attempt to make final improvements, it will take longer for the Town to officially open the beach. Anyone using the beach while it is posted and closed also run the risk of being arrested. So far, the Cumberland County Sheriff Department and Maine State Police have been assisting the Town through warning people to leave the beach area. We are hopeful that the warnings will work and no one will be arrested. Everyone should remember that the Town does have another facility for swimming at Tassel Top Park.

We have received several calls and written correspondences from residents who have been concerned with the project's compliance with environmental laws and regulations. Some have pointed out that the contractor used heavy equipment in the water. Others have recognized that the work has been completed during times of higher water and thought that the work should have been completed in the fall when water levels are lower. These are valid concerns, which the State and Town considered during the scheduling of the project. The primary reasons for starting construction activities during the summer months were safety, risk management and liability issues. The former owner of the property did not want the liability of owning the property for another summer and through the purchase and sale process conditioned the sale to occur before the summer season. Likewise, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Town concluded that the facility did not meet safety standards for a public facility, therefore, construction activities were deemed to be the best method of closing the property. Every effort

was taken to ensure compliance with all standards and regulations expected by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Silt fences were erected along the shoreline to prevent silt and fine material from reaching the lake. Silt booms were put in place around the boat launch area to ensure silt was contained in a small area and did not plume into the lake. The entire project design was reviewed and deemed to be acceptable by Department of Environmental Protection staff.

The improvements made to this site, in addition to reducing safety concerns, were also made specifically to protect the water quality of Sebago Lake. The drainage and erosion prevention plan, now in place, establishes specific grades for the surfaces that slope and direct runoff waters (and the phosphorus and other nutrients they carry) to infiltration trenches and away from the lake. These slopes address runoff water from Route 302 as well. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife invested additional funds to pave the parking areas, which went beyond the permit requirements of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. This specifically ensured that the grade, which control runoff waters would not change over time.

If anyone has any questions about the design and review process or current operations, please don't hesitate to call me at the Town Office.

Direct Care Position

Progressive people wanted to work part time or per diem with a 20-year-old woman with autism and mental retardation. An idyllic setting in Raymond on a 200 year old three acre farm with gardening, recycling and arts & crafts as some of the highlights.

We are looking for people who believe we all have a right to choices and that every one of us has a gift within ourselves to offer others. Come join us as we assist this young woman and other like her to reach her full potential in a natural home-like setting and with an educated holistic approach to their well being.

When interested, please call 655-3195 any day 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. for an interview. Please ask for Jane Gagnier.