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Buyer Of Northern Pines Property Considers Gift Of 22 Acres And Pavilion To The Town As A Possible Community Center

By: Nathan Poore and John Rand

On August 9, 2000, Leo Blair, President of Envision Realty Corporation, presented a plan to the Raymond Planning Board. At the meeting Mr. Blair reported that he had intentions to establish property boundaries around four existing residential structures, create two undeveloped lots and donate the remaining land and Northern Pines Beech Hill Pavilion

to a beneficiary. On August 10, 2000, the Town contacted Mr. Blair about his thoughts with regard to the Town of Raymond being the benefactor of the gift of the Pavilion and surrounding property. Mr. Blair agreed that the Town would be a suitable benefactor, and it was agreed that the Town would proceed with the

development of a management plan for the property and secure authority through a special Town Meeting in November to accept the donation.

The ownership transfer will depend on whether Envision Realty Corporation executes an option to purchase the

property and special town meeting consideration.

The Pavilion was constructed in 1992 with approximately 13,000 square feet on three levels. The first floor includes 24

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

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

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or drop at Town Hall

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Raymond Elementary School Principal's Report

By: Norma Richard

On behalf of the Raymond Elementary School staff and students, I want to thank everyone who helped make the Dedication of the new Raymond Elementary School so very special. We have now been in session for over a month, and we are all so very proud and grateful to be working in such a wonderful facility. We are in love with our new school, and looking forward to having a great inaugural year here!

October is Bus Safety month, and we want to remind students, parents, and the community that it takes all of us to assure that your children are transported to and from school safely. Please remember that the school zone is 15 mph when students are being discharged or picked up. Fines double in a school zone, so please observe the speed limit when you are leaving our driveway. We also need to remind parents and visitors to always enter the parking lot through the first entrance on the right, the one immediately following the parking sign. This way you will not run the risk of passing through a bus's red lights while it is picking up students at the front entrance. All of our students will be participating in bus safety, including bus evacuations, this month. Please review with your child our bus rules for Safety, Respect, and In Bounds.

Many of our bus runs are filled to capacity this year. That means that we will not have room for children to ride to

a friend's home for after school visits, parties, or sleepovers. Please make these arrangements to transport your child outside of school. Paul Godwin, our transportation director, thanks you for your consideration of this request.

We are now scheduling more activities after school, and RED will soon be moving to the Raymond Elementary School. We ask that all parents and visitors enter and leave through the main entrance when picking up children from after school activities, including RED. This will help us to monitor activity in the building, as well as be sure that exit

doors remain closed and locked. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

In closing, I want to recognize the efforts of our school receptionist, Wendy Thoren, in getting us off to such a great start this year. There has been a lot to learn in the new school, and Wendy makes each day so very pleasant for all of us. She sets a positive tone in the office that extends to the entire school. I am very thankful to be working with her, and want to thank her for all that she does on a daily basis for the children, for the staff, and for me.



Mrs. Francis Small is honored at the Raymond Elementary School Dedication

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News from the Raymond Village Library

The members of the Raymond Village Library Club will be meeting on October 5, at 7 P.M. at the library. Following the business meeting, Lois Varney, Antiquarian Bookseller for Varney's Volumes in South Casco, will be the featured speaker. All members are encouraged to bring a friend to enjoy this presentation and a book special to them. Ms. Varney will comment and answer questions regarding our books. As always, all interested persons are invited to attend.

The Story Time Theme for October centers around Fall and Halloween. This is every Thursday morning at the library at 10 A.M. Baby time is held at the library at the same time on Thursdays.

The Book Discussion group are asked to read any literature on the Middle Ages, fiction or non-fiction, to share at the next meeting on October 26 at 7 P.M. at the library. New members to this reading group are always welcomed.

The Raymond Fire Department Wants You!

Raymond's Fire Department wants you! We have jobs for almost all interests. You name it: drivers, traffic control, inspectors, pump operators, hose operators, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, or administration. We have a junior fire fighter program and welcome all ages 18 and above for regular positions on the department. We are a diversified group from retirees to those wishing to pursue a career in public safety.

We have an excellent training program so don't be worried if you think you are not qualified for a position. Past experience is nice, but current members will provide reassurance and hands on training. Most positions do require members to be in generally good health.

Applications are available in the Dispatch Center at Town Hall. For more information call 655-7851.

Raymond Summer Reading Program Update

Almost fifty Raymond children participated in the second half of The Raymond Summer Reading Program at the Raymond Village Library. The program, which was entitled "Books - Your Ticket To The World", encouraged children to read books and participate in special weekly activities. In addition to the library's regular collection, books having international and travel themes were made available to the readers. The children decorated the reading room at the library with world globes they made, "published" their own books, and made flags from far away places. The program culminated in an "international celebration" where the children participated in a parade and were able to show off the flags they had made. Everyone had the opportunity to sample snacks representative of different countries. All readers received certificates of participation and coupons for pizza and ice cream!

The program would like to thank the following businesses. Without their participation the program could not have been such a success:

First Title of Maine, Portland
Wal-Mart of North Windham
True Value Hardware, Raymond
Pizza Hut, North Windham
Friendly's, North Windham
Volk Packaging, Biddeford



Senior Citizens Dinner

Wednesday, October 18, 2000
5:30 P.M.

Raymond Elementary School Cafeteria

Please come in the front entrance and take the elevator or the stairs to the lower level.

Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Yeast Rolls
Coffee and Dessert

Please call the Raymond Elementary School office at 655-8672 to reserve a seat.

Bruno To Help With Rent Relief/Prescription Drug Applications

Joe Bruno will be at the Town Office on Friday, October 13th from 9:00 am to 12:00 P.M. to help anyone fill out his or her 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 the elderly can also apply for prescription drug aide. Tax and Rent Refund applications must be submitted by January 31, 2001 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. No appointment is necessary.

October 2000

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Innusbrook Fundraiser Ends	3 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM TH Selectmen	4 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM RE School Committee	5 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club 7:00PM VL Library Club	6 Mid-Term Progress Reports	7
8	9 Columbus Day No School Yom Kippur	10	11 7:00PM TH Planning Board	12 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	13	14
15	16 7:00PM VL Historical Society	17 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM TH Selectmen	18 Recycling Pickup 5:30PM RE Senior Citizens Dinner 7:00PM RE School Committee	19 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	20	21 9:00AM-12:00PM Rent/Drug Relief Applications
22 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	23	24	25 7:00PM VL Library Board Meeting 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary	26 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee 7:00PM VL Book Discussion Group	27	28 Appeals Board Deadline for October Meeting
29 Daylight Savings Time Ends	30 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	31 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM JS Conservation Commission Happy Halloween	Recycling Pickup			FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library

Winter Trash/Recycling Pick Up Schedule Ends October 11th

The summer trash pick up schedule will end on private roads having fewer than 4 year-round residences after Wednesday, October 11th. After October 11th anyone who lives on these roads must transport their trash and recycling to the nearest public road for pickup until further notice.

Presidential Election

November 7, 2000
Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 P.M.
Jordan-Small School Gymnasium

Absentee Ballots are available at the Town Office & on the Raymond Website October 1st.

Therapeutic Couple Needed

Holistically minded therapeutic married couple needed to live in with a 20-year-old female with autism at a farm setting in Raymond. Please call 655-3196 and ask for Jane.



**COME TO THE
HAUNTED HOUSE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
7-9PM
@ CAMP HINDS IN
RAYMOND**

**Free Admission,
Donations Welcome**

Sponsored by Raymond Fire Dept

Lions Host White Cane Awareness Day

The Raymond Lions Club will be at Raymond True Value Hardware and at Chips Etc market in Raymond on Saturday, October 14th from 9 AM until 1 PM. Members will be passing out miniature white canes and/or balloons and accepting donations in oversized white canes.

The purpose of the miniature white canes is to remind people of why white canes are used and by whom. Many sight impaired people are able to function in society as productive, mobile citizens with the use of a white cane.

All donations received will be forwarded to the Maine Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation to further assist sight and hearing projects throughout the State of Maine.

The Raymond Lions meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM from September through June. If you are interested in multiplying your efforts to help other people, please call Bob Jones @ 655-7163. We are always looking for new members and interesting speakers.

Did you even wonder what you could do to help?

Ingraham's 24-hour crisis service will be training new VOLUNTEERS for the 774-HELP hotline beginning October 3, 2000.

**When a teenager with a gun calls in despair
You could help save his life.**

**When a young family runs out of oil in the middle of the night
You could help keep them warm.**

**When a badly beaten woman calls, fearing for her life
You could help find her safe shelter.**

Last year more than 60,000 Cumberland County residents
Called Ingraham's 24-hour crisis services.
You can help make sure that when they call
Someone answers.

**Fill out an application and schedule an interview by calling
Ingraham
874-1055**

Communities for Children Focuses on Middle School Transition

Communities for Children, a group dedicated to connecting Raymond's youth with the community and each other, will be focusing its efforts this year on middle school transition issues. Goals include planning events to keep Raymond middle school aged youth now in other schools connected, continuing the Kids and Teens Web site calendar of events, developing more community service opportunities, involving more youth voices in community discussions and creating a support system for parents of young teens.

Along with plans to update and distribute a new Welcome to Raymond brochure, which lists town services, resources and organizations, CFC also is supporting the creation of the Raymond Community Council. The Community Council would consist of a representative from each town organization and would provide a forum a few times a year to address community needs and collaborate on solutions.

Communities for Children is a state-wide initiative to improve these five fundamental resources for healthy kids and youth: a healthy start, safe places and structured activities, ongoing relationships with caring adults, opportunities to serve the community and marketable skills through effective education. As a partner community, Raymond has access to training, funding opportunities and state resource information.

If you are interested in easing our youth's transition to other schools or any of the other above goals, contact Lori Rand at lrاند@ime.net / 655-4277 or Laurie Wallace at 655-2222. The next CFC meeting is scheduled for November and will be announced in the November Road Runner.



Drive carefully this Halloween, watch out for all those little goblins!!

Middle School Transition Committee Meeting

A Middle School Transition Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 9th at 6:30 P.M. at the Raymond Village Library. Topics of discussion include developing a communication network, planning our seasonal activities, working on a D.A.R.E. follow up gathering and possibly participating in Youth Day.



Ms. Richard, Raymond Elementary School Principal, holds the I-CARE Bear

Learning The Skills Of Peacemaking Program

The parents and children of Raymond Elementary School are invited to participate in our Learning the Skills of Peacemaking Program. In this program we will be learning that peace starts with each individual, and that it's important for all of us to take responsibility for our actions. The program will be introduced at every grade level during the month of October. The universal rules for R.E.S and the I-CARE Program are:

1. We listen to each other.
2. Hands are for helping, not for hurting.
3. We use I-Care Language.
4. We care about each other's feelings.
5. We are responsible for what we say and do.

You are invited to be our partners in the goal of having a peaceful year at school and at home. We will be updating you on our progress and activities each month.

RAYMOND EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM



**6TH ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN
LOTTERY-AUCTION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20,
6:00 TO 10:00 P.M.**



AT THE JORDAN-SMALL SCHOOL, ROUTE 85, RAYMOND

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, WINNING, AND WITCH'S BREW

OVER 150 ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR BID: GIFT CERTIFICATES, SAVINGS BONDS, CRAFTS, AND MUCH MORE FROM AREA BUSINESSES.

*****TRACTOR RIDE*****

MOVIE "CASPER" WILL BE SHOWN DURING AUCTION

COME AND ENJOY FREE APPLES, CANDY, CIDER, DONUT HOLES, JUICE AND COFFEE DURING THE EVENING.

JUDY'S FAMOUS PIZZA SLICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

COSTUMES APPRECIATED BUT ARE OPTIONAL!

For more information contact Tammy at 655-3203

The Raymond Extended Day (R.E.D.) Program is a not-for-profit before and after school child care program

Box Tops For Education

Please remember to save the Box Tops for Education logo off of participating General Mills and Betty Crocker foods. All money earned from the box tops will be used to support the Jordan-Small School and Raymond Elementary School libraries. We did a wonderful job last school year. Let's see if we can exceed the amount this year. Our goal is to collect at least 5000 logos. Can we do it?

Attention 7th and 8th Grade Students, Haunted Hayride!

Come join us for a Haunted Hayride on Saturday, October 14, 2000. We will meet at Burger King on Main Street in Gorham at 6:00 P.M. for dinner. Our reservation is at 7:00 P.M. at Haunted Hayrides in Gorham. Cost: \$8.00 for 12 year olds, \$12.00 for ages 13 -15. If you have any questions, please call Laurie at 655-2222, Sharon at 655-7488 or Chris at 655-5461.

Assistant Director Like Working With Kids?

Raymond Extended Day Program is looking for an Assistant Director. You must be 21 years old and have some college related courses. Hours are 6:30-8:30A.M. and 3:00-6:15P.M. If you are interested, please call 655-3203 and ask for Tammy.

Local Resident Recognized for Academic Achievement

Northampton, Mass. Allison Gardiner Sanchez, daughter of Caroline Gardiner and David Brook of Raymond, Maine, was named to the Dean's List at Smith College for her academic achievement for the 1999-2000 school year. The Dean's List recognizes those students with grade point averages of 3.333 or above.

Allison graduated from Hebron Academy and is majoring in sociology and anthropology and minoring the Spanish at Smith.

Smith College is consistently ranked among the nation's best liberal arts colleges. Enrolling 2,800 students from every state and 50 other countries, Smith is the largest undergraduate women's college in the United States.

Greetings from Title I (Reading/Writing & Math)

**By: Margaret A. Mains
Literacy Specialist/Title I Contact**

We have finished our testing for now and have selected a large group of students for the 2000-2001 school year. Tutoring groups were scheduled and sessions began on Monday, September 11. Mrs. Milton and Mrs. Beers will be tutoring students in grades 1-6. I will be doing a literacy program (pre-reading skills) in the four Kindergarten classes, both morning and afternoon. I will also be tutoring some of the students in grades 1-4.

Following is the mission statement I developed this summer for Title I in the Raymond Schools. I hope it will provide a better understanding of the goals of Title I in this school system.

It is the task of the Title I tutor to:

- ◆ develop prior knowledge through real and vicarious literature experiences in order to broaden the child's vocabulary and help him/her make connections to his/her own life experiences.
- ◆ teach phonological/grapheme skills (such as Wilson Language & Concept Phonics) only as a tool for word attack with unfamiliar words, and help the child apply these skills with authentic, highly motivating texts that are slightly BELOW the child's comfort level.
- ◆ model good reading strategies through read-alouds with engaging, meaningful (and if necessary) controlled texts.
- ◆ encourage a variety of reading strategies through literature circles and discussion of picture/context clues.
- ◆ explore poetry, songs, and rhyming verse to help the child develop a sense of the 3 Rs (rhyme, rhythm, and repetition).
- ◆ to model strategies and shortcuts for completing math computations & problem solving with the ability to successfully apply these skills to curriculum-related math assignments.
- ◆ review/reteach math skills, if necessary, to rebuild prior math vocabulary and understanding.
- ◆ build the student's confidence so that he/she can work comfortably and independently within the classroom.
- ◆ guide the student toward good study habits.

The W.E.B. (Wonderfully Exciting Books) program is up and running now. The W.E.B. books are inside the Title I Reading/Math room now and we are attempting to manage the flow in a way that does not disturb the tutoring sessions that are going on in the room. It's exciting to have all the colorful and interesting display of books in one area where the students can browse and select a book to take home every day. We encourage all of our K-4 students to actively participate in this daily reading. The students may also receive credit for the books they take home from the school library or any library for that matter. We use Ziploc bags, 1 gallon size, for our W.E.B. program and would really appreciate any donations—they become quite wrinkled and torn after a while so we need to make new ones from time to time. Also, we welcome any donations of books that have fairly current titles for this program, especially books with easy texts and lots of rhyme and repetition.

Mrs. Beers has decided to launch a new reading program at the middle school this year. It is called Light Up Your Life-READ. The students will begin with a goal of 100,000 pages and we are even encouraging the staff to be involved. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to the dedication of our new school and welcome any of the Raymond citizens, friends, and relatives who would like to visit our Reading and Math room during the school year. Please call 655-8672 (ext. 126) if you have any suggestions or concerns about the Title I program.



The Chorus performed wonderfully at the Raymond Elementary School Dedication

It's Your PTA! Join Today And Get Involved!

Raymond parents are encouraged to join the Raymond PTA. Membership is only \$5.00 and will support the PTA's many efforts. With your membership you may be interested in serving on or providing input to one of this year's committees. These include Fund Raising, Programming, Hospitality, Membership, Parent Education, or Publicity.

Over the past few years the PTA has been very involved in supporting activities for children and in recognizing the outstanding work of our teachers. Highlights of the past few years include:

JUMP FOR HEARTS: Our children have increased their awareness of the benefits of physical activity and raised over \$4,000 to benefit the American Heart Association.



CRAFT NIGHT AND HOLIDAY FAIRS: Opportunities for children and families to create fabulous family treasures have been great fun and involved many families.

SNACK BOX: Snacks are provided at the schools for children who may have forgotten a snack or for those

who would benefit from an additional snack during the day.

TEACHER APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION: Teachers and staff have appreciated the efforts of the

PTA during Teacher Appreciation Week and National Education Week. Highlights have included plants, a chocolate fling, lunches, breakfasts, holiday breads, and even the services of a massage therapist!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS: Assemblies, plays, and performances have been brought to our

students through PTA supported activities. **BOOK FAIRS:** New books have been provided to classrooms and the libraries, as well as made available for purchase to students and their families.

FAMILY EVENTS: Who can forget the Irish Festival or the Middle School Picnic to welcome Mr. E to Jordan-Small. These and many other family events were sponsored by the Raymond PTA.

Cathy Dodge, PTA president, invites all parents and faculty to join the Raymond PTA and participate in its efforts to support children and families and our schools. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Jordan-Small School. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10.

PTA officers for this year include:
 Cathy Dodge - President
 Suzie Brockelbank - Vice President
 Vicki Gordan - Secretary
 Karen Knights - Treasurer



Raymond Lions Clubs And American Red Cross Host Blood Drive

Blood supplies are in a critical condition in Maine and throughout the country. The Raymond Lions Club and the Portland Chapter, American Red Cross, are hosting a Blood Drive at the Jordan-Small School to help maintain supplies of this life saving product. The drive will be on Wednesday, October 11th from 1:30 PM until 7:30 PM.

Why donate?

- Every ten seconds, someone needs blood!
- One of every ten hospital patients needs a transfusion!
- A liver transplant recipient can need 50 pints or more!
- During the course of treatment, some cancer patients may require hundreds of units of blood products!

You need to be 18 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in reasonably good health to be eligible to give. And you need to be able to get to Jordan Small School between 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 11th.

An hour or a little more of your time and a pint of your blood can save lives, maybe a relative or someone you know; maybe your child or grandchild, maybe a parent. Please say "Yes" when you are called and asked to donate. And please select a time that would approximate the time you would get to the school. Making an appointment helps in scheduling of donors and Red Cross staff, which can minimize everyone's time.

If a Lions Club member is unable to reach you by October 5th and you want to donate, please call the Lions Club Blood Drive coordinator, Phyllis Hawkes, 655-4070.

RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2000/2001 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHILDREN (ages and grade level) _____

DUES ARE \$5.00 PER MEMBERSHIP - PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE RAYMOND PTA

PARENT _____ BUSINESS _____ TEACHER _____ OTHER _____

MEMBERSHIP ONLY _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AS NEEDED _____ DAY _____ EVENING _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON A COMMITTEE _____

_____ Fund Raising _____ Programming _____ Hospitality

_____ Membership _____ Parent Education _____ Publicity

COMMENTS.....SUGGESTIONS _____

Boy Scout Troop 800's 2000/2001 Schedule

Troop 800's weekly meetings are held at Raymond Village Church each Tuesday evening from 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. from October through June. September meetings will be held out of doors at Camp Hinds. Patrol leaders meeting and Troop Committee meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month also at Raymond Village Church. Parents are encouraged to attend court of honor ceremonies.

October

Theme-Patrol Method, Junior Leadership

- 3 meeting: leader training and skills games, menus done for Camporee
- 7 Fall clean-up at Raymond Village Church
- 10 meeting: Camporee preparation, patrol knowledge game
- 13-15 Fall Camporee
- 17 meeting: Uniform inspection, marching skills, wreath sales kick-off
- 18 Merit Badge College
- 24 meeting: Patrol scavenger hunt-location TBD
- 31 meeting: Scouting for food

November

Gun Safety and Marksmanship, History of Scouting

- 4 Scouting for food pick-up and donation to Raymond Food Bank-Camp Kokatosi.
- 7 meeting: Gun safety/Hunter safety
- 10 Annual Bean Supper at Raymond Village Church-benefits Troop fund.
- 14 meeting: History of Scouting Jeopardy, uniform inspection
- 15 Merit Badge College
- 19 Day hike/climb at Tumbledown Mountain (Sunday)
- 21 No scout meeting for Thanksgiving vacation week
- 28 meeting: Troop Shoot

December

Theme-First Aid, Safety, Firemanship

- 5 meeting: Wreath distribution, basic first aid review, home safety
- 12 meeting: Fire station tour, uniform inspection
- 19 meeting: First Aid round robin with another Troop-EMT's to train and judge
- 20 Merit Badge College
- 23 Troop Ski outing at Mt. Abrams-conditions permitting
- 26 No scout meeting for Holiday vacation week

January

Theme-Computer Science, Klondike Derby Preparation

- 2 meeting: Computer night-animation, "e", web sites, careers
- 9 Troop Swim at St. Joseph's pool-water safety
- 15 Troop Charter Due to Pine Tree Council
- 16 meeting: uniform inspection, computer innovations
- 17 Merit Badge College
- 23 meeting: Court of Honor, Klondike skills preparation
- 30 meeting: Klondike sled tune ups
- TBA Winter Camp at Camp Hinds (cabin)-snow sports, sno-war games

February

Theme-Native American Culture

- 4 Scout Sunday-(Raymond Village Church)
- 6 meeting: Tribal customs and folklore
- 10 Klondike Derby
- 13 No scout meeting for winter vacation week
- 17 Annual Chowder Supper at Raymond Village Church-benefits Troop fund.
- 20 meeting: Braves, Costumes, Uniform inspection, Troop Alumni gathering
- 27 meeting: Songs and Dances, Spirit World

March

Theme-Citizenship in the Community/Nation/World

- 6 meeting: Community-local elected leader speaker
- 13 meeting: letters to congressman or senator-topics
- 20 meeting: uniform inspection,
- 27 meeting:
- TBA Webelos Crossover (Jordan Small School)
- TBA Town Meeting
- 31 Naval base tour at BNAS

April

Theme-Pioneering, Ropes Personal Fitness

- 3 meeting: Rope making, toggle belts, splicing, whipping, and fusing
- 10 meeting: Build cross-over bridge for Webelos, knot skills game, uniform inspection
- 17 meeting: Build cross-over bridge for Webelos, knots relay
- 24 meeting: Outline for fitness regimen
- 21 Annual Mine Trip and Camp -"there's gold in them thar hills"
- 28 Spring Cleanup at Raymond Village Church
- 28 Spring court of honor and parent dinner at Raymond Village Church

May

Theme- Rocketry, Camporee Preparation

- 1 meeting: Bike tune up, bike safety
- 8 meeting: Rocket building and maintenance, uniform inspection
- 15 meeting: Rocket launch
- 19 Mountain Biking Trek-location TBD
- 22 meeting: Camporee preparation
- 29 meeting: Spring Camporee

June

Theme-The Great Outdoors

- 5 meeting: Kayak basics, 2002 agenda ideas brainstorm
- 12 meeting: Camp sign up for merit badges, Edible Wilds Dinner
- 16 Overnight Whitewater Kayak trip-location TBD
- 19 meeting: Eagle projects review with parents and candidates

Northern Pines Gift

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rental rooms with motel type accommodations. The second floor includes an office, a commercial kitchen, and one large meeting room that can accommodate approximately 250 people. The third floor includes space for storage. The property includes 22 acres of upland and sloping land with 500 feet of waterfront on Crescent Lake.

A Community Center Research Committee has been formed to identify possible uses of the property along with estimated costs and revenues associated with operations. The Committee met on August 21st and 28th and developed a preliminary plan for the facility, as well as an approach to gathering more public input. Committee members met with the current owner, obtained operational and cost data and plan to gather more information. On September 5 the Board of Selectmen approved a request from the Committee for \$5,000 for engineering assessment of the facility including any changes needed to the road and parking. The funds were requested to ensure that the Town makes an informed decision on whether to accept the gift of this property, which is valued at approximately \$1,000,000.

On Wednesday, September 27 representatives from town organizations met at the Jordan Small School Cafeteria to discuss community programs and space needs. The meeting included public input on the potential use of the Northern Pines Community Center. Information from the meeting will be compiled with cost and engineering data and presented to the public and the Board of Selectmen on October 17, 2000. If the committee's findings on the facility are favorable, a recommendation will be made at the October 17 meeting to hold a Special Town Meeting to accept the gift of the property from Envision Realty. The October 17 meeting will also include a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to be heard with regard to this project. We encourage people to attend this meeting and provide input to help us make the right decision.

If anyone has questions or would like to offer their thoughts, please call John or Lori Rand (655-4277).

Baseball/Softball Board To Elect Members & Officers

Raymond Baseball/Softball Board of Directors will meet to elect new members and officers for next springs season. The meeting and elections will be held Thursday October 19th at 7 P.M. at Jordan-Small School. The board contains 12-15 members and 4 officers. Some of the veteran members will be stepping aside to allow for fresh ideas and new growth. We need members to fill vacancies and bring a new perspective to the program. We currently administer programs for over 300 youth. Please lend your talents and support to the program. We look forward to seeing your participation and continued support of the baseball children in Raymond.



Troop 800's 50 Miler, Appalachian Trail Adventure Hikers, and base camp scouts on Mount Katahdin at Baxter State Park.

RAYMOND RECREATION PLANS FOR 2000-2001

By: **Pat Smith**

RAYMOND RECREATION ASSOCIATION is a volunteer organization with the mission of providing recreational sports for children in the Raymond Schools. PROGRAMS include fall soccer, year round karate and drama, winter basketball, skiing and a new indoor swim program, spring tennis and summer swimming. Our major fund raising effort is a citrus fruit sale held during November with fruit delivered prior to Christmas. Please look for and support our sale in early November.



FALL SOCCER is underway for the third season with over 190 players participating. We have an incredible number of dedicated volunteer coaches and officials led by Barry Keck and Kathy Anaka. Stop by the Mill Street fields to see the kids in action.

FIRST MEETING is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5 at Jordan-Small School at 7:00 P.M. We invite all parents interested in having their children participate in these activities to attend and learn about the programs, meet program leaders, finalize dates or to learn about volunteer opportunities.

INDOOR LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING and registration will be held on Tuesday October 17 at 7:00 P.M. at Jordan-Small School. Wednesday afternoons, a six week session



beginning in November will be for Third, Fourth and Fifth graders who can pass Red Cross Level 3 skills. We hope to offer two more sessions in March through June to include other ages and skills.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Secretary for the Board of Directors - Take minutes, mail meeting announcements for 3 meetings per year.

Assistants to help with indoor swim program at St. Joseph's Pool on Wednesday afternoon.

Anyone interested in selling oranges and grapefruit or organizing our fruit sale

For more information on any aspect of our programs contact Pat Smith at 655-4657.



Friday Night Skiing For Grades 7-12

Signup will be Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Jordan Small School gym, 6:30-8:00.

Prices for the 8 week program are:

\$106 lifts (ski or board)
\$170 lifts and ski rental
\$202 lifts and board rental

You will receive a voucher, at signup, to ski "whenever" you want, if you pay the night of signup. You may also receive one other voucher during the season for one session missed. Skiing will start Dec 29, every Friday including vacations. Questions? Call Peter Walgreen at 627-4504.

Middle School Planning Moving Forward!

By: **Christian Elkington, Principal, Jordan-Small School**

The Jordan Small School staff is in the process of reading articles and reviewing research in support of our work to develop a rough draft middle school model. The focus of our work is to find and then incorporate student centered school programs and practices that help each student reach his or her fullest potential! We will not simply copy the examples we find but will instead improve upon them and recreate them to better serve our kids needs. We do not want to do what other middle schools do! We want to do what they do, better!

We will be asking for parental and community feedback in the coming months. We will call these meetings Middle School Programming Forums. The first of these opportunities will be on Thursday, October 26th and Thursday, November 9th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. in the Jordan-Small School cafeteria. At these forums we will present a rough draft of our best thinking on what our school could become. We will take questions and facilitate discussions on the model presented in order to gather more input on the kind of education you, our community, want our students to receive!

As I have said before, we have within our grasp a tremendous opportunity to create something very special for the young people of Raymond! This work will not happen overnight. It will in fact take several months of researching, visiting working models, discussing and review for it to grow. In year one of our work we will be building the foundation for 7th grade being added to Jordan-Small School in September of 2001. In year two we will continue our work in preparing for 8th grade being added in September of 2002!

I look forward to seeing many of you on October 26th and November 9th. Your input is needed to help support the growth and development of our new middle school program!



"Kick off" for third year of Raymond's Soccer Program was held at Gagnon Fields. Over 190 children are participating.

Middle School Development Committee Update

By: **Ellen Van Haasteren, Chair, Middle School Development Committee**

The Middle School Development Committee has two major roles over the next several months in the development of the middle school program at Jordan-Small School. This committee is responsible for working with administrative staff and the architect on the renovations to transform the existing Jordan-Small School into a middle school. Secondly, this committee will function as a liaison between the school and the community as program ideas are developed.

The Middle School Development Committee met over the summer with the new principal, Chris Elkington, to review the renovation plan for Jordan-Small School, which will support a middle school program. The architect is now working on the final design and cost

estimates for these renovations. We expect the bidding process for the construction to occur in December or early January with construction to begin in the spring.

The committee will be assisting the JSS staff with forums in October and November to obtain community input on some preliminary programming ideas. We encourage community members to attend these initial meetings in order to be part of the planning and implementation process for the middle school. Our committee is available to discuss ideas and concerns regarding the program and we will continue to provide updates as the program unfolds over the next several months.