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Portland Water District Line Extension To Raymond

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

For the past several months the Town of Raymond has been working closely with the Portland Water District to bring public water from the Windham Town line to the EmbedTech facility in Raymond. This project will benefit directly from a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant obtained by the Town with assistance from the Lake Region Economic Development Council. The waterline will facilitate the creation of 40 new jobs and investment by EmbedTech in real and personal property totaling \$3.1 million over ten years. EmbedTech's venture into the production

of radio frequency identification (RFID) tags is welcome news to the Town of Raymond and our local economy. At this writing the Portland Water District is nearing completion of the necessary engineering work to solicit bids for the project. Bids are expected to be returned to the Town by mid-winter with an early spring construction start date. All work on the waterline extension will be complete by mid-June 2002. The sixteen inch line will have ample capacity for future development and will be located on the easterly boundary of Route 302 or the same side of the road as the EmbedTech facility.

from which the Fire Department can fill its pumper trucks. Presently the Fire Department travels to Windham to obtain clean water from a hydrant to keep the pumpers filled. Drafting water from a lake, which will still be done at some fire sites, can introduce contaminants into the pumps, shortening their life. It is extremely important for potential users along the line to begin planning for the cost of installation if they are interested in making a connection. Current plans call for the resurfacing of the Route 302 corridor as a part of the Town of Raymond Route 302 Improvement Project during the fall of 2002. Once this project is complete the Maine Department of Transportation will not permit road openings on Route 302 for a five year period. Potential users with marginal water quality and supply and or businesses

with development plans are strongly encouraged to make connection to the waterline prior to the Route 302 improvement project. The Portland Water District will be sending letters directly to all potential new users outlining the status of the project and providing contact information for technical and or service questions.

With Town Meeting approval already secured for the project on June 5, 2001, the only potential disruption to the Town's plans would be if bids came in higher than anticipated. We are very hopeful, however, that favorable bids will be received and the project will become a reality. Additional information about the waterline extension can be obtained directly from the Portland Water District at 774-5961 or the Raymond Town Office at 655-4742.

Road Runner Articles Due
Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by January 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:
E-Mail; Diskette; Paper
Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or as e-mail attachments.
Send School Related Articles To:
norma.richard@raymondmaine.org
christian.elkington@raymondmaine.org
or drop at a Principal's Office
Send Town related articles To:
elizabeth.cummings@raymondmaine.org
or drop at Town Hall

The new waterline will permit the installation of nine new fire hydrants, dramatically enhancing fire safety within this area as well as creating a clean water source

Superintendent Resigns After Fourteen Years Of Service

At the December 6th meeting of the Raymond School Committee, Superintendent David Bois tendered his resignation effective June 30, 2002. Mr. Bois came to Raymond as Superintendent/Principal in 1988. He served in that capacity until 1997 when a full time elementary principal was hired, and the position became two separate positions.

“Raymond School Committee Members: It is with mixed feelings that I submit my resignation as Superintendent of Schools effective June 30, 2002. My time in Raymond has been especially rewarding and gratifying. I have had the pleasure of serving with school committees that have worked diligently to create the best learning environment for the students in Raymond. In addition I have consistently received the support of school and town officials during my tenure in Raymond.

My thanks to the entire school department staff. Their support and efforts have been instrumental in making Raymond a special place for children to learn. It has been a positive and productive relationship. We have accomplished much over these past fourteen years and I am confident that the future will bring continued success.

Sincerely,
David J. Bois”

The following is the text of the letter he submitted:

Public Safety Building Site Cleared

By: Denis Morse, Fire Chief

Site work is now well underway for the new public safety building located on the corner of Main Street and Route 302. Glen Builders of North Conway, New Hampshire, was awarded the design build project.

The first steps of the construction project are clearing the trees, removing stumps and large boulders, as well as rough grading the site. So far we have encountered no major ledge outcroppings or other significant construction issues. It is anticipated that the retention pond will also be built before the onset of winter. Winter work on the building itself is highly dependent upon good weather. If heavy snow continues to hold off, it may be possible to get the building footings formed and framing complete so construction can continue through the winter. If, however, adverse weather sets

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Warrant For A Special Town Meeting

Town Of Raymond
Thursday, January 3, 2002

TO: Louise H. Lester, a resident of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:
In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Office, in said Town of Raymond on Thursday, January 3, 2002, at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Raymond, Maine vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application(s) as a co-applicant with the Town of Bridgton, Maine for the following program(s):

Business Assistance Program for \$220,000 for Dielectric Communications to support job creation.
and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person who is not registered as a voter. A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands this 21 day of December A.D. 2001.
Mark H. Acker
Ada K. Brown
Betty Y. McDermott
Charles Leavitt
Dana Desjardins

Selectmen of Raymond



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Raymond Village Library News

Libri Foundation

The Raymond Village Library recently received 65 books through a grant from the Libri Foundation of Oregon. This non-profit organization was founded in 1989 by a former librarian to provide new quality hardcover books for small rural libraries through its Books for Children Program.

The outstanding selection list included many award winners and books by noted authors. We chose a wide range from picture books, with lovely illustrations; beginning readers; and a number of books for elementary and middle schoolers which are also on the Maine Student Book Award lists, including both fiction and non-fiction.

With the increasing number of young readers being served, this boost to our collection is most welcome and appreci-

ated.

The Raymond Village Library's matching funds were provided by donations given in memory of Eleanor Peck, a former school teacher and long-time summer visitor.

Thank you, one and all.

Thanks to all contributors from bakers to buyers, the Library's Holiday Bake Sale was a stunning success. The display of treats beckoned to shoppers with everything from breads to brownies, cookies to candies and a generous assortment of pies. Some came warm from the oven, enticingly aromatic, and all decoratively wrapped. Given this generous response, we hope this sale will become an annual December fundraiser for the library.

Book Discussion Group

At the January 24 meeting, the play "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde will be discussed. This will be at the Raymond Village Library at 7pm. All those interested are invited to participate.

Donations to the Library

With new books, videos, audio tapes and CD's received for Christmas, remember your library when cleaning out the old to make room for the new. The books, tapes and CD's that you no longer need or want will be an asset for the entire community.

Timely Notices

The library will be closed on Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Remember the winter month hours, closing at 7pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings. During inclement weather, please call ahead 655-4283.



Enjoying some of the new books provided through the Libri Foundation at the weekly Storytime at the Raymond Village Library

**SENIOR CITIZENS
MENU**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2002

Raymond Elementary School Cafeteria

Please call 655-8672 for a reservation

Shepherds Pie
Tossed Green Salad
Cinnamon Rolls and Homemade
Rolls
Dessert
Coffee

January 2002

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 VC=Village Church		1 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY NO SCHOOL	2 12:30PM RE Karate 12:30PM JS Wednesday Ski Program 7:00PM RE School Committee	3 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	4 4:30PM JS Friday Night Ski Program	5
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Attention Raymond Property Owners

In 1998 the 118th Session of the Maine State Legislature enacted significant property tax relief in the form of the Homestead Exemption. Qualified residents have the assessed value of their "homestead" reduced by \$7,000, adjusted by the municipal assessing ratio. Last year a substantial number of Raymond property owners took advantage of this program and had their property taxes reduced.

Qualified residents must apply to their local assessor prior to April 1, 2002, for the 2002 tax year. They must have owned a homestead in Maine for at least twelve months and declare their Raymond residence to be their only permanent residence. If you have previously applied for this exemption, you do not need to reapply.

Please contact the Assessing Office to receive an application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Raymond Assessing Office at 655-4712.

Reg Brown Family's History Of Giving To Raymond

By: Fire Chief Denis Morse

The Town of Raymond began in 1770 with two settlers, Joseph Dingley and Dominicus Jordan, staking claims. In 1794 written deeds gave legitimacy to the new township of Raymondtown, Massachusetts, and by June of 1803 it was incorporated as the 146th town in the District of Maine.

The Raymond Fire Department began much later, starting with the bucket brigade and moving very slowly to an organized volunteer group with two fire wards and a fire inspector elected at the town meeting in 1933. These three leaders would be selected with one from North Raymond, one from the Village, and one from East Raymond.

Reg Brown was selected in 1939 as the Village Ward representative, with Carleton Edwards of North Raymond the second Ward representative and Everett Clough of East Raymond the Fire Inspector - later to be called the Fire Chief. Mr. Brown had been a very active member of the Department and became the official Fire Chief in 1948, continuing until 1953 (the year this current Fire Chief was born).

The fire barn was located in the basement of the Knights of Pythias Hall on Main Street and in 1944 held 13 meetings with an average attendance of 20 members who answered about ten calls for service. Three years later a call went out for the K.P. Hall which burned down including the town's fire equipment.

Reg Brown stepped forward and his garage was quickly changed over to the fire barn on January 21, 1947. New and used equipment was brought in from war surplus dealers. Mr. Brown was selected as Fire Chief at the town meeting in 1948. Chief Brown stepped down in 1954, but the garage continued to house the fire truck for many more years before moving up the road to the current District 1 Station.

Now almost fifty years later, Chief Reg Brown's daughter, Mary Jane Karpoe, has deeded the Town of Raymond and the Raymond Fire Department an eight acre parcel at the corner of Main Street and Route 302 adjacent to the very garages that served the Town for years after World War II.

Once again the Raymond Fire and Rescue Department and the Town acknowledge Reg Brown and his family with this public thank you, and hopefully by the summer of 2002 we will be moving our equipment into a much needed new Public Safety Facility - a facility dedicated to Chief Brown, along with all members who came before us and those who continue to serve all of us.

Thank you, Chief Brown, Mary Jane Karpoe and all our members past and present.

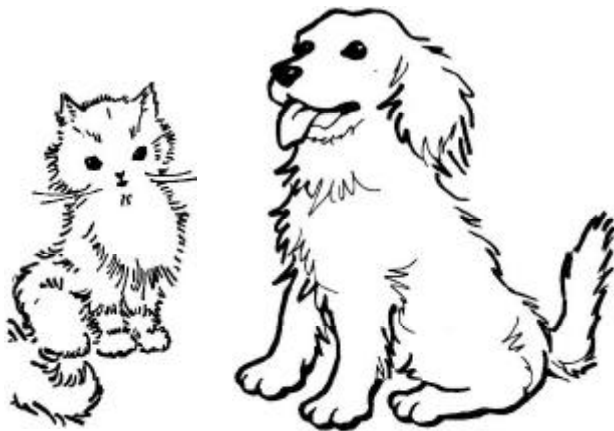
Dog And Cat Rabies Clinic

The Town will be offering a Rabies Vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, January 19, 2002 at the Public Works Garage, Webbs Mills Road (Route 85) from 1pm to 3pm. The cost will be \$8.00 per animal. Anyone is welcome to bring their pets, but please have them restrained by leash or pet crate. The pets can get frightened by the other animals and having them under control is imperative.

Dr. Jim Stephenson, his wife Judy, and their staff will administer the vaccinations and issue the tags and certificates. The fee will be accepted by cash or check in the name of :

Jordan Bay Animal Hospital.

2002 Licenses will be available at that time for a fee of \$4.00 for neutered dogs or \$7.50 for dogs not neutered. Please bring your Maine State Neutering certificate if you plan to have your dogs licensed at this time, unless we already have it on file. Payment for licensing will be accepted by cash or check in the name of : Town of Raymond.



Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club News

The snowmobile club had its Christmas party on December 5th and there were 24 adults and 13 kids in attendance. The party started off with a big turkey dinner and all the "fixins". Following dinner there was a gift exchange for the kids and a Yankee swap for the adults. Special thanks to the club's activity director, Nichelle Gardner, for a very well organized party. We also want to thank Kokatosi Campground for use of their facilities. By the way, if you have not driven by Kokatosi yet, the Christmas lights are spectacular!

December 11, was the Maine Snowmobile Association (MSA) monthly meeting held in Augusta. Club President Jeff Weeks, Vice President Larry Wood, and MSA Representative Tom Cobb attended the meeting. At this meeting, the Super Raffle tickets were drawn for the four snowmobiles. Unfortunately there were no club members or tickets that were sold by the club that were picked to win the snowmobiles. We would like to thank all of you who bought raffle tickets from the Raymond Rattlers; your support is greatly appreciated!

If you are not a member of the Raymond Rattlers and would like to join, it is not too late. The family membership is \$25.00. Business memberships are also available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact club President Jeff Weeks at his office, Weeks Insurance & Financial Services, at 655-4400 or email: jeffreyw@megalink.net.



Coyote Night Hunting Permits Available At The Town Office

If you want to hunt coyotes in Maine, the 2002 Coyote Night Hunting Permits are available at the Town Office. You must have a 2002 hunting license and pay the license fee of \$4.00.

NOTICE

As of January 31, all dogs must be licensed. Those licensed after January 31, will incur a late fee.

Raymond Food Pantry

The Raymond Food Pantry is open at the Town Office during business hours for receiving dry goods. If you need perishable foods like frozen meats, please make an appointment so that a Pantry volunteer can meet you. This service is to give families a little extra help when they need it. All requests are kept confidential.

Please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or the Pantry coordinator at 428-3206 for an appointment or come in during business hours for bagged foods.

Official Town Seal Designs Needed



The Town of Raymond has never had an individualized official Town Seal. The Selectmen have asked that volunteers submit design suggestions to the Town Office for their consideration. The Selectmen hope to have a seal approved by 2003 for our Bicentennial Celebration. For more information please call Louise Lester at the Town Office at 655-4742.

Raymond Community Council Holds Fall Meeting

The Raymond Community Council consists of representatives from service organizations, the town and schools. Organized by Communities for Children members Lori Rand and Pat Smith, with the help of MaryAnn Amrich and John Hanley, the Council met this fall to promote communication, awareness and partnerships amongst town groups.

In the past the Council has offered a forum for discussions on town facility and space needs. At the November 29th meeting, a dozen people from groups across the community gathered at the Riverside Hall and shared information about current activities. Members listened to town manager Don Willard introduce the concept of One Raymond - a vision of increased collaboration between the town, schools and community organizations. Small groups then discussed improvements to the Community Brochure, how to involve youth, and future partnership possibilities.

It is clear at each of these meetings that Raymond has many dedicated citizens working hard to meet needs and plan for the future. The Council hopes to help all Raymond residents become more aware of these efforts and to encourage citizen participation. For more information and/or the latest meeting minutes, contact Lori Rand at 655-4277 or Pat Smith at 655-4657.

Founders Day Committee Asks For Help

At the Selectmen's meeting on December 4th Bob Jones, Chairman of the Founders Day Committee, updated the Selectmen on the state of the Founders Day Committee. He explained the need for additional interested volunteers to plan for Founders Day, which this year will be Saturday, June 22, 2002.

The Committee also feels that in preparation for Raymond's 200th Birthday in 2003 a special umbrella committee should be formed to oversee that celebration which could be more than a day long. This committee would organize subcommittees who would be in charge of individual events.



Because of this request the Selectmen are asking for volunteers who would be willing to be a part of the Bicentennial Organization Committee. They are also looking for people in the community who have special interests and are willing to organize and promote their events. Possible events suggested would be a parade, craft show, regatta, canoe/kayak races, bicycle race, auto show etc. If you have an idea, please inform the Town Manager, Don Willard, at the Town Office at 655-4742.

Visit

www.raymondmaine.org

Out With The Old; In With The New!

Trash

Household trash is picked up at curbside each week. Residents are allowed up to two 32-gallon containers per week. Households with excess trash must place it in blue trash bags that are purchased at the Town Office for \$1 each.

Recycling

Recyclable materials are picked up at curbside, too. If you have Tuesday trash pickup, you will have Tuesday recycling pickup and likewise for Wednesday pickup services. Please place your recycling container at some distance from your trash container(s), for example on the other side of your driveway.

Easily recognized containers should be used. A typical poly recycling bin or even a laundry basket is best. Sort all items by type into separate paper bags. The following list represents what can be recycled. Remember to keep materials as clean as possible.

Corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags can be placed in drop off containers located at the District 2 (Webbs Mills Road) Fire Station. Remember to flatten the cardboard and place the cardboard in the container. Staples and tape are OK. Please, NO paperboard.

Uncontaminated motor and gear oil should be taken to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility.

Public Safety Building Site Cleared

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in, the project will be shut down for the winter season with work on the structure itself to resume as soon as possible in the spring.

All the members of the Raymond Fire Rescue Department are anxiously awaiting the completion of the new station.

We would like to take this opportunity once again to thank the voters of the Town of Raymond for their enthusiastic support. I will be providing periodic updates on the project in the future including progress photographs. Please contact me (Denis Morse) if I can provide any additional information about the building or any other aspect of Fire Rescue operations. You can reach me through the Raymond Dispatch Office at 655-7851.



York-Cumberland Housing Develops Senior Housing in Raymond

Jordan Bay Place is a newly constructed 24-unit development on 19 wooded acres located near the intersection of Routes 302 and 85 in Raymond. The one-bedroom apartments will be available to very low-income elderly and disabled persons 62 years of age and older. The two story building with elevator will provide a community room with kitchen for special functions, part-time site-manager's office, 24-hour emergency maintenance and on-site laundry facilities. Two apartments will be fully accessible to persons with physical disabilities, and another apartment will be suitable for persons with vision and/or hearing impairments. Amenities include a well-designed kitchen with generous cabinet space, a refrigerator and electric range. All units also include carpeting, cable hook-up, parking and bathrooms with tub/showers. Disabled resident units will have a roll-in shower.



Residents will pay 30% of their incomes for rent, including heat and electricity. There is a "Community Ties" preference for those people with connections to Raymond.

Income Eligibility Guidelines:*

- 1 person \$18,100
- 2 person \$20,700

*Income guidelines may increase slightly in March 2002, per HUD Area Median Income.

York-Cumberland Housing Development Corporation (YCHDC) is a community-based, private, 501(c)(3) non-profit Maine corporation established in 1972 whose mission is to promote and provide quality housing options



for the benefit of people in need. YCHDC has developed 1,558 units of affordable housing throughout Maine and New Hampshire. Of these, 1,019 units (65%) house very low and low income elderly, 365 units (23%) house very low income and low income families, and 129 (8%) house residents with special needs. In 1973, the board of directors recognized the need for quality property management services and formed an affiliate, York-Cumberland Housing Management Corporation (YCHMC), a non-profit corporation with tax liability. Today, the corporation manages 963 rental units in 45 developments, primarily in York and Cumberland counties; 79% of these units are owned by YCHDC or an affiliate.

Expected completion is May of 2002, dependent on the timing of the extension of the municipal water line along Route 302. For more information and an application, you can contact Deborah Perry at (207) 839-7125 or (800) 339-6516 (Voice/TTY).

Jordan-Small Middle School Recreation Area Update!

\$1300 ! Raised By Students In Penny Drive

Ten days before Thanksgiving 12 large water bottles appeared in front of the office. Students were asked to bring in pennies and accumulate points for their class to win a prize. They could also subtract points by putting silver coins in the bottles of other classes! Competition was fierce, and various strategies were used to win. Mr. Fitch's class raised the largest dollar amount and collected over 15,000 pennies! Students got wind of the fact that Mr. Fitch's students were hoarding coins and countered with over \$100 in silver coins! In the end Mr. Elder's class had the most points and won 30 minutes of free time, as promised by Mr. Elder. Mr. Fitch and Mrs. Worth also received prizes for their classes. Many thanks to Mr. Boyle and JSMS students who helped to count most of the coins with great accuracy!

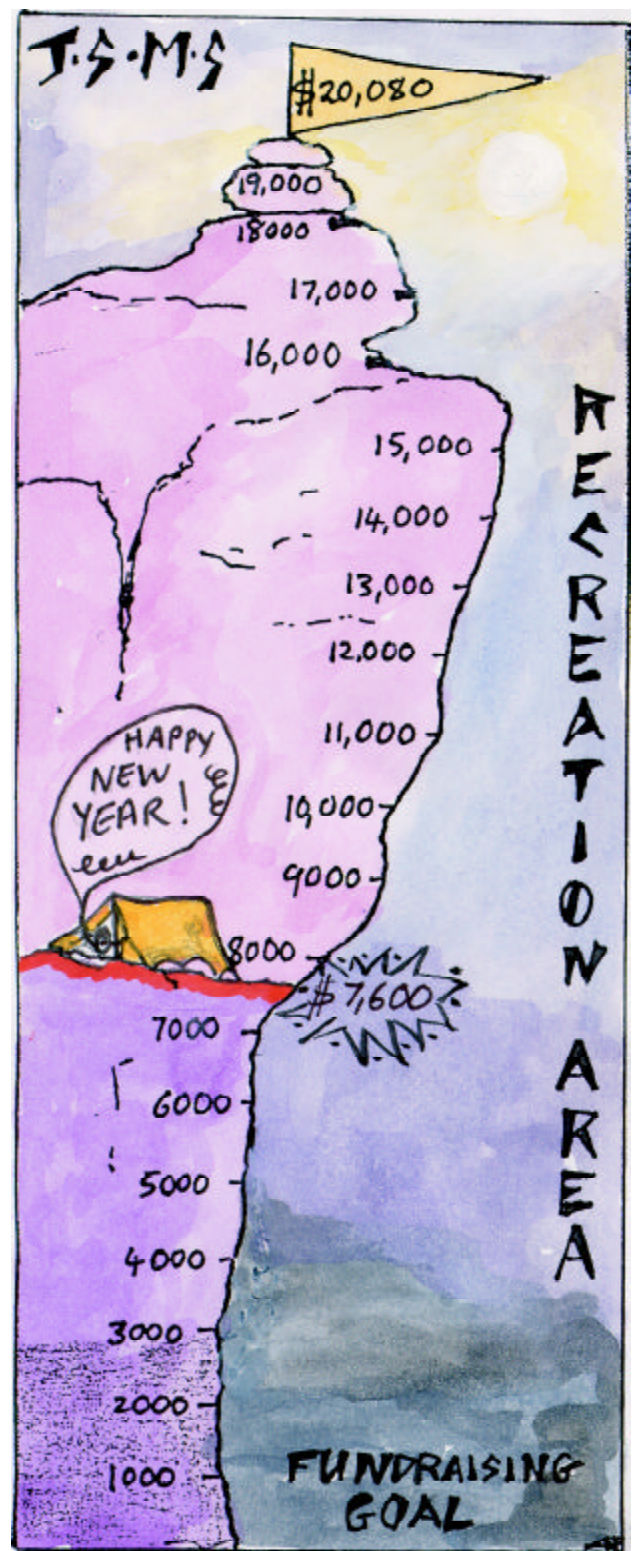
Save Your Pennies, Families! We Hope To Do This Again Later In The Year.

Donations

In November we acknowledged donations but were remiss in not publishing memorial or "In Honor Of" donations. Below is an amended list of donors with a poignant dedication by Mrs. G Robert Lawrence who gave in honor of "Education and the children involved now and down the road." The plans for the area will not only benefit our current middle school students but also the children in the elementary school as they move across the road to continue their education.

Grateful thanks to all who have donated to the JSMS Recreation Area to date.

- Peter and Grace Leavitt
 - Scott and Vicki Gordan:
 - In honor of Charles and Rosemary Tripp
 - Nancy and Lee Gardner: In memory of Bruce Riley
 - Mrs. G. Robert Lawrence (Katherine)
 - In honor of Education and the children involved now and down the road
 - Mrs. Phyllis W. Hawkes:
 - In honor of Clifford P. Hawkes, Jr.
 - Mr. and Mrs. David Teufel
 - Paul and Serena Whitcher:
 - In honor of Hannah, Jake and George Whitcher
 - Philip and Valerie Hammett
 - The Reed Family: In honor of Kendra Alexis
 - Dan and Mary Feltovic
 - Lisa and Lloyd A Parker, Jr:
 - In honor of our three Parker boys
 - Russell and Deborah Hutchinson
 - Tom and Amy Farmer
 - Wendy and Amy Farmer
 - Wendy and Daniel Benedetto
 - Irene and Richard Morris:
 - In honor of Rebecca and Tim Morris
 - Brenda Mc Mackin and Mark Dixon:
 - In honor of Nathaniel and Ian Dixon
 - Susan and Paul Cobb
 - Waldo and Carolyn Preble
 - Justin Sharaf
 - George and Carol Place: In honor of Carleton Edwards
 - Lee's Family Trailer Sales: In honor of Bruce Riley
 - Kingsley Pines Camp, Pat and Joyce Coughlan (owners)
 - David Guisely. O.D
 - Ronald and Joan Morton:
 - In memory of Wallace Morton II
 - Mrs. Jane Jordan: In memory of Richard Jordan
- If you would like to make a donation please make checks



payable to JSMS Recreation Area and mail to Jordan-Small Middle School, 423 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond ME 04071. Please note any special dedication, and it will be published in the Roadrunner. Thank you.

Current Fundraising

The concession stand is up and running for the school's home basketball games. This has been successful and well received by the teams visiting from other schools. Sheri Reed and Karen Knight have stocked the stand with hot dogs, mini pizzas and nachos as well as the usual candy and soft drinks. If you have a child participating in basketball and would like to help these busy ladies out by running the concession stand for the hour before or after your child's game, please call Karen @ 655 7815.

7th Grade Calendar Sale

7th Grade students sold "Giving Calendars" during December. Drawings will be made every day during the month of January. Julie Gosney undertook this fundraiser with some assistance from Rec Committee members. Great job Julie!

Lucinda Pins

Many of you may have noticed the "Little People" Pins which were on sale at the winter concerts and in the offices at JSMS and RES. The pins were created by Lucinda Yates, who lives locally in Scarborough, ME. Lucinda was homeless at one point and now runs a successful company which helps organizations throughout the country fundraise. The unique aspect of her work is that her pins target specific causes and each pin is unique. Her "House Pins" are used to fundraise for shelter-oriented causes and the "Little People" pins and "Book Pins" are to support children's causes. We hope to sell more of these delightful pins prior to Mothers Day.

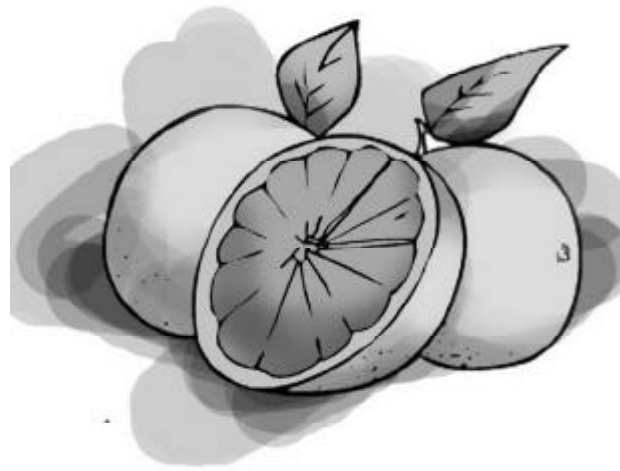
Summer Swim Program Needs Volunteer Help

The Board of Directors of Raymond Recreation Association is working to address concerns regarding continuing leadership, public behavior, property destruction and sanitation issues at Crescent Beach, as they affect our summer swim program. Specifically, if you are interested in getting your Water Safety Instructor Certification or if you are concerned, have input and want to become involved in an effort to insure that our program can continue, please call Pat at 655-4657 or Debi at 655-5222.

Thank You! Thank You!

Raymond Recreation Association wishes to thank all those who supported our citrus fruit fundraiser with purchases and contributions. Special thanks to these folks for great sales efforts: Linda Daily, Diane Blanchard, Sharon Jerome and, of course, Wendy and Kerry who helped at each school.

We'd like to give special recognition to Linda Winship of Windy Hill Farm in Windham who sold our fruit at her farm stand. Visit Linda this winter at her stand at 115 River Road for eggs and great beef.



North Yarmouth Academy Honor Roll

The following Raymond students have attained Honor Roll status for the first trimester at North Yarmouth Academy.

Highest Honors: Matthew Fortin, Renee Fortin, Shawn Gagne.

High Honors: Elizabeth Crockett, Amanda Dodson, Benjamin White, William Yates.

Honors: Abby Hutchinson

Did You Know?

The Raymond Conservation Commission...

- received \$60,000 in DEP grants and is teaching property owners how to protect our lakes from soil erosion and phosphorus pollution?
- is preserving land for recreation, forestry, wildlife and rural character?
- is developing a milfoil management program for Raymond?

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)...

- offers two \$1,000 scholarships to Raymond high school seniors planning to attend college?
- had 54 students participate in the Reflections Art Program this fall and will be sending nine winning pieces to the State competition?
- is planning an Internet Safety evening this winter to help you better protect your children and computer?

This information is collected by the Raymond Community Council to promote the efforts of town organizations.

Superintendent Selection Committee

The Raymond School Committee is looking for a community volunteer to serve on the Superintendent Selection Committee. Please call the office of the Superintendent, 655-8666, by January 11th if you are interested. The process will begin in January and end in April.

Anguilla Primary School Supply Drive!

Special thanks go to the students and staff of Jordan-Small Middle School who graciously gave and collected several hundred dollars' worth of school supplies for our friends at the Road Primary School in Anguilla. Some of the items collected are pictured below.



Gray-New Gloucester High School Honor Roll Quarter 1, 2001-02

SENIOR CLASS

Honors

Matthew Hines

JUNIOR CLASS

Honors

Andrew Young

SOPHOMORE CLASS

High Honors

Jennifer O'Brian

Honors

Jody Bagley
Matthew Deister
Jolie Frye
Andrew Hartig
Clint Randall
Shannon Violette

FRESHMAN CLASS

High Honors

Rebecca Barter
Cara Fraser
Chelsea Frye

Honors

Danielle Burgess
Travis Parkerson
Emily Young

January is Mentoring Month!

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership welcomes three new mentors to the 13 mentors who have joined our program this fall. Our mentoring pairs have been busy working on projects, playing basketball, reading, biking, tackling homework, baking and just hanging out together. One mentor and mentee have submitted a description of the start of their relationship to WGME TV and may have their story chosen to be filmed and aired in January.

Community interest in mentoring is growing nationally as research reveals how much children and young people truly benefit from spending additional time with a caring adult. Look for the new "Mentor a Child" stamp being issued from the post office in January, watch the newspapers for stories about mentors and mentees around the Portland area...and consider becoming a mentor yourself! Call the Raymond Mentoring Partnership, located at the Raymond Elementary School, at 655-8672, ext. 107 to learn more.

Raymond PTA Reflections Another Success

Just imagine how much fun it would be to respond to this prompt, "I hold in my hand." Fifty-four children at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Middle Schools did just that as they showed their creativity in visual arts, literature, music and photography in the Raymond PTA's Reflections Program. Our second year of participating in the Reflections program was a grand success, and we are looking forward to next year when children are asked to consider the prompt "Signs of Courage". A warm "Thank You" is extended to judges Charlotte Hewson, Suzanne Bruno, Joyce Mastro, and Louise Lester for selecting the following winners. These children will now have their work submitted to the state competition.

Reflection Winners:

Kindergarten - Grade 2:

Literature	Abbey Gillis
Photography	Corrie Van Haasteren
Visual Arts	Kevin Sutton

Grades 3 - 5:

Literature	Molly Keane Dryer
Music	Chad Zawistowski
Photography	Elijah Hughes
Visual Arts	Patrick Martin

Grades 6 - 7:

Literature	Alexandra Gordan
Visual Arts	Harmony Brown

Congratulations!

We are very happy to also include Lindsay Ryan on the Honor Roll for the 1st Quarter at Jordan-Small Middle School. Lindsay earned Honors distinction!

Fundraising Leadership Efforts

JSMS Recreation Area Committee would like to acknowledge the following parents for taking leadership roles in the efforts to fundraise for the Recreation Area.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS!

Julie Gosney
(7th Grade Calendar Fundraiser)

Karen Knight & Sheri Reed
(JSMS Basketball Concessions)

Raymond Elementary School "Thank You"

Visitors to the Raymond Elementary School are greeted by a beautiful wreath gracing our front entrance. Students and staff would like to thank Sharon and Dewey Lloy of Balsam Ridge for the donation of this beautiful wreath. We appreciate their thoughtfulness during the holiday season



HELP WANTED

Job Description: Volunteer staff for a concession stand for Raymond Rec Basketball games on Friday Evenings!

Hours: To be determined by you and coordinated with your children's games. Even an hour spreads the workload!

Where: JSMS Cafeteria. Friday evening of your choice, January or February!

Benefits: All proceeds from the concessions will raise funds for the JSMS Recreation Area and Raymond Recreation Basketball.

Contact: Jo Martyn-Fisher 655 3167 ASAP

Don't miss this great opportunity to provide a service for your community. Sign up bonus....the thanks and appreciation of 180 students after the Rec Area is built!

JSMS Recreational Area 6th Grade Fundraising Committee

The seventh grade initiated class-driven fundraising for the Recreational Area with their January Calendar Give-away, and it is time for the sixth grade to meet the challenge! On January 3 at 6:30PM, there will be a meeting of all sixth grade parents interested in brainstorming ideas for fundraising and in working to make our fundraising event a reality. The meeting will be held at Betty and Russ Remalia's home off the Meadow Road. We welcome all interested parents to attend the meeting - a lot of willing hands will make this a successful event! If you are interested in joining us, please give Betty Remalia (655-3162), Julie Orsini (998-2655), or Vicki Gordan (655-7717) a call. Thanks in advance for your help!

Myrtle E. Durgin - Memorial Donations for JSMS Recreational Area

The family of Mrs. Myrtle Durgin recently designated the Jordan-Small Middle School Recreational Area as the charity for those people who wished to memorialize and celebrate her life. Mrs. Durgin, a beloved teacher in the Raymond Elementary School system for many years, died at the age of 91 on November 26, 2001. She will be remembered by her students and their families as a wonderful and generous teacher who provided her elementary school students with an incredibly strong foundation. Other members of the community remember her years of service to the community in various capacities, including as an active member of the Raymond Village Church and the Raymond Village Library. The JSMS Recreational Area Committee is very grateful to Mrs. Durgin's family for their generous designation, and wishes to acknowledge the following people for their contributions in memory of Mrs. Myrtle Durgin. Contributions received as of December 10 include the following:

Irving and Zelda Michaels
John P. Jackman
Clayton and Elsie Harmon
Reginald and Emma Fickett
Scott and Vicki Gordan

Raymond Elementary School Principal's Report

By: Norma Richard

Raymond is a very special community, in part because of the generosity and kindness of its residents. This was especially true during last month's holiday season when many, many people came together to assist friends and neighbors. Our students were an important part of these efforts, and I would like to congratulate staff members and students who collected and distributed toys and food to those in need. Mrs. Potter's fourth grade class and Mrs. Tarr's second grade class should also be recognized for their hard work and great organizational skills during their collection for Raymond area families. Mrs. Parisi's class did an outstanding job collecting for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. I am so very proud of their efforts.

The winter months bring additional challenges to the school, especially when it comes to busing students. Please be aware that the bus schedule may change by 5 to 10 minutes due to road conditions. We ask for your patience, and for your assistance, in making sure that all children are transported safely to and from school. This is a good time to review with your child bus safety practices, especially waiting in your driveway until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver indicates that it is safe to board the bus. With the prospect of snow-covered roads and high snow bankings, it is very important to have an adult supervising children at the bus stops. Our drivers have a very difficult job, and they thank you for your continuing support.

In the event that your child's bus is very late and you are unable to contact the school, please call dispatch at 655-7851. They are in radio contact with all of our drivers and can provide you with information about the location of your child's bus. On early release days, or if it is snowing at dismissal, I will remain in the school office until all students and the buses are safely home to answer any questions about the bus runs. I also want to remind parents again to have emergency plans in place should we need to bus students home before our 3:15 dismissal.

We have been so happy to have such a wonderful relationship with St. Joseph's College. You may have noticed a number of college students working in our classrooms over the past semester. We were very pleased to have three student teachers working in our district: Rosemary Barsalov in Mrs. Spencer's grade 3/4 multiage class, Judy Harris in Mrs. Malnati's 3rd grade class, and Sue Picard with Mr. Fitch at Jordan-Small. St. Joseph's College also places interns in the local schools to provide them with school based training to supplement their coursework. Reading interns worked with our students each Tuesday and Thursday morning. We were fortunate to have Megan Therrien, Lindsey Hirsch, Jenna Nappi, Jessica Martin, Katie Carmichael, Anna Walker, Kari Pelletier, Celeste L'Heureux, Susan Richards, Michael Kippenberger, Beth Tkachuk and Julie Vyr sharing their interests and their talents with our students. We look forward to having the math interns join us in January.

2002 High School Senior Scholarships Available

In January applications for the many high school senior scholarships will be available through the Superintendent's Office at Raymond Elementary School or your senior's high school guidance office. For more information please call the Superintendent's Office at 655-8666.



Sharing And Caring By The First Graders At Raymond Elementary School

On Thursday, December 13, 2001, the First Graders at Raymond Elementary School visited the Casco Inn Nursing Home. They visit the nursing home three times throughout the year as part of their Service Project. During Christmas time the children presented the residents with a special GIVING BASKET filled with small gifts for everyone (toothbrushes, pads, pens, shampoo, hand lotion, etc.). The children sang songs and recited holiday poetry. It was a special time for residents, students and teachers and we are very proud of the children's efforts.

Meteorologist Visits Raymond Elementary School

On Friday, November 16th, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Parisi, and Mrs. Tarr's classes were visited by Channel 13's meteorologist, Matt Zidle. He explained a lot of weather

terms and told us many interesting weather facts. The children had the opportunity to ask him some questions. It was very informative!



Troop 800 Report December 2001

By Kyle Woodbrey, Troop Scribe

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 800's December theme was Pioneering and Woodlore. We had a walking stick carving contest in November. Several Boy Scouts carved interesting designs in their walking sticks. The winning stick was entered by Josiah Knights, who will be earning a new carving knife as the prize.

In December we lashed poles together to make two 15 foot high, 3 foot long, 4 foot wide towers. On the 18th we took the towers to Mill Street, tied the towers down to secure them, put a zip line across the 150 foot span and pulled people from tower to tower in a bos'n's chair. To get from tower to tower, two scouts pulled two ropes attached to the bos'n's chair. One of the leaders went across like Peter Pan flying. We drank hot chocolate, ate Christmas cookies and sang *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*. The air was cold but not too windy. The car lights lit up the parking lot with beams of light, snow littered the ground and ice froze the surface of the parking lot. Everybody had fun and enjoyed the night.

In January our theme will be computers. Each patrol will work on putting a computer together from different parts.

To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities, check out the Troop's web pages on the Town's website at <http://www.raymondmaine.org> which includes information and things that the Scouts have been up to. To contact by phone: Tom Wiley, Scoutmaster, 655-2048 or John Hanley, Troop Committee Chair, 998-5304.



Recycling Makes Sense in a Sluggish Economy

By: Philip Hammett

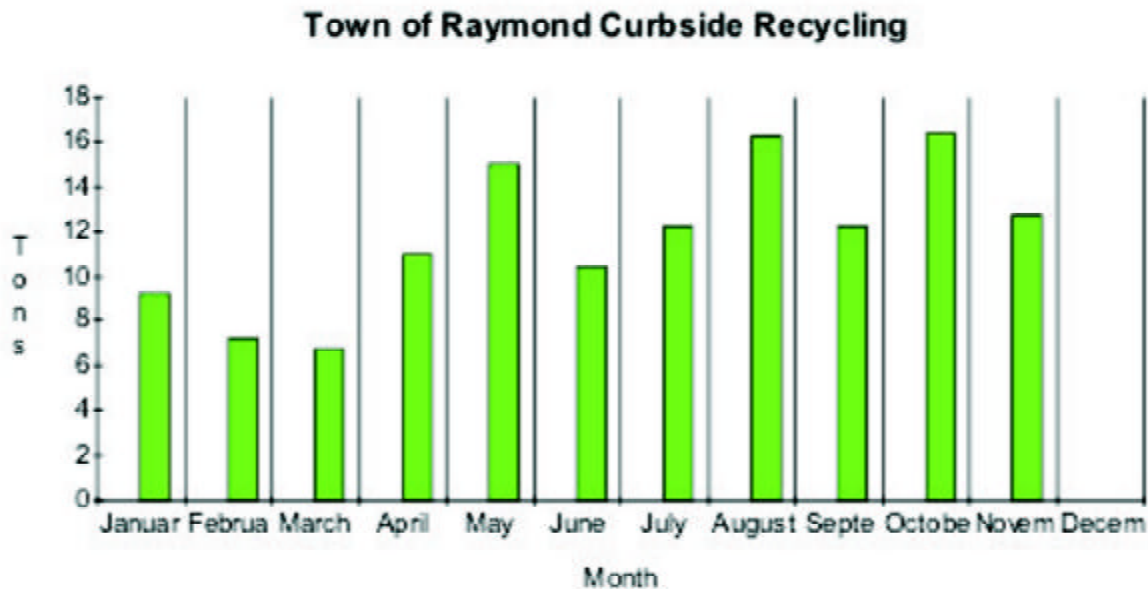
The conserving of resources is especially important during a recession. Though many people think that conservation goes against economic growth, over the long term, just the opposite is true. We can see by what happened recently to oil prices that when demand goes down, prices drop. By conserving resources, they become more affordable, and there is a greater potential for economic growth.

But doesn't this scaling back reduce the number of jobs? Surprisingly not. According to the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, 9 jobs are created for every 15,000 tons of trash recycled, compared to 2 jobs if the same amount is incinerated. By saving resources that were otherwise wasted, recycling makes good economic sense.

Recycling also generates revenues for Raymond from the sale of these materials, and as an added bonus we get cleaner water and air!

So how is Raymond doing? Here is a graph of the tons we have recycled this year with our curbside program:

As you can see, there is quite a variation from month to month. Some of this is due to the number of pick-up days in a month: September had only 8 pick-up days, whereas October had 10. Therefore, September is about 80% of October's



tonnage. Summer months are apt to be higher because of our increased population, but what is encouraging is this swell has continued well into the fall. If you look at the two-month averages, we are steadily improving!

I think that people are encouraged by the reliability of our new pick-up contractor. Let's try to continue this upward trend in the coming months, and we'll see the many benefits that recycling has to offer.

