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Raymond Comprehensive Plan Wins State Approval

By Brad McCurtain, Co-chair, Raymond Comprehensive Planning Committee

Your Comprehensive Planning Committee submitted a slightly revised Comprehensive Plan to the State last month. Approval came back swiftly. This was the final step prior to a Town vote to approve the Plan.

The primary changes involved removing a Town-wide building cap, while retaining a building cap in rural parts of Raymond only.

Because we have failed to create sufficient affordable housing in our community in the past, in accordance with

State guidelines, we also agreed to strive toward a goal that 20% of all of Raymond's new housing shall meet the State's then current definition of "affordable housing." "Affordable" housing is presently defined as that which is affordable to households with an annual income of \$40,000 or less.

The next step (and also the next-to-last step) in this long process will be to hold a town-wide forum. Since there have already been two forums to discuss the entire Plan, the purpose of this forum will be to discuss the changes that have taken place in the Plan since the last public forum in March.

If you would like to attend this forum to learn about the most recent changes to the Plan and/or share your thoughts, please do so.

In addition to the Town Forum, a Special Town Meeting is now scheduled. At this meeting, Raymond residents will be asked to approve the Comprehensive Plan. More information about this meeting will appear in next month's *Road Runner*.

Here are your civic-minded neighbors who have worked diligently discussing and creating this plan over these past three years:

Elizabeth Algeo
Dr. Harold Burnham
Jean Carter
Greg Foster
Louise Lester
Ben Levy
Chris McClellan (Selectman)
Brad McCurtain
John Rand
Priscilla Rand
Dr. Jim Stephenson
Charles Turner

Dana Desjardins, former Selectman
Mark Gendron, Selectman
Charles Leavitt, former Selectman
Dennis Morse, Fire Chief
Rich Rothe, Consultant
Rick Seeley, GPCOG
Don Willard, Town Manager

Please join me in saying "Thank you" to each of these wonderful neighbors who have given so much of their personal time for the future of our community. The Comprehensive Planning Committee has been a volunteer position for those who have served on the Committee. None of us received any compensation whatsoever, other than an occasional cup of water from the Town water cooler.

Our visions of Raymond Tomorrow might not all be similar, but we have strived to create a document that reflects the community's vision and which also helps to assure that the Raymond of Tomorrow will be even greater than the Raymond of today.

We are united in our hope that you will join us with your support of this plan for *Raymond Tomorrow!*

Road Runner Articles Due
Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by the last Friday of August. Please provide them by any of the following methods:
E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM
Articles should be submitted in RTF and pictures in JPEG format. E-mail articles and pictures to:
kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org
or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING
7pm, Thursday, September 9, 2004,
at Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium

This public hearing will discuss the final draft of Raymond's Comprehensive Plan

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
7pm, Thursday, October 14, 2004,
at Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium

Draft copies of the Comprehensive Plan are available at the Town Office and the Village Library.

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Online services now include:

- Automobile registration
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Assessment information
- Property maps



One Raymond Concept Steering Committee Workshop

By: Mark Gendron, Selectman

Our first meeting was an open public meeting held July 13, 2004, which was attended by representatives from the Select Board, Budget Committee, and School Board, as well as some interested citizens. Many topics were discussed, from schools to commercial development. The idea of people working together for common goals is not new; it has been discussed, and discussed, and discussed. There has been a little progress, but there can be so much more.

An important aspect of the concept is information sharing. This would involve various town departments utilizing resources in such a way as to

avoid duplication of services, thereby saving time and money. Included in this information sharing should be volunteer organizations and groups that support Raymond. Those at the meeting felt that effective communication between all involved promotes efficient use of time, money, and volunteers. The idea is working together, rather than at cross-purposes, unaware another group is working on a similar project. Groups can coordinate activities in order to help each other, drawing on volunteers to complete projects.

The idea of establishing a "5 year goals" plan for town departments was discussed. Setting priorities for the next 10 years, thereby having direction and a plan for the future, was also repeatedly mentioned. It

was felt the plan needed to include schools, public works, roads, recreation, elderly housing, population increase, and tax control. We realize many citizens will be interested in the direction the town will take. Identifying the wishes of Raymond citizens is the first step. What is important to you, the people of this town? How do you want the town to look? What do you expect the town to provide for services? Other similar questions were raised.

Do you like this idea? If you want to see this concept developed, write to the One Raymond Steering Committee in care of the Town Hall (401 Webbs Mills Road), or visit our page at the town's website (<http://www.raymondmaine.org>) or e-mail us at oneraymond@raymondmaine.org.

Raymond Schools Open on Wednesday, September 1st

Hazardous Waste Day August 7, 2004

This year's Hazardous Waste Day will be on Saturday, August 7, 2004, from 9am to 1pm at the Raymond Elementary School parking lot. The Raymond Recycling Committee will be organizing the day in accordance with Clean Harbors Environmental Company. This year the towns of Frye Island, Casco, and Naples are joining us in this event.

Please see the notice elsewhere in the Roadrunner for items which can be accepted at the site. The Town of Raymond will be paying for half the cost of materials received and the resident the other half. The cost to the town is \$45 per 10 gallons or 10 pounds of waste. Fluorescent bulbs of any length are \$1 each and mercury switches and fever thermometers are about \$10 each. The resident is asked to pay half

this cost. If you have anything not on the list, please call the Town Office for whether it can be delivered to the site and/or an estimate of cost.

Please understand that the amount brought in will be estimated by the volunteers and Clean Harbors staff. This is not an exact procedure but every attempt will be made to estimate your delivery fairly.

Raymond Village Library News

Silent Art Auction

The final days of the Silent Art Auction are fast approaching. Now is the time to come into the library and make your bid on the pictures of your choice. Remember, Picasso, Monet, Renoir and Chagall were all "local artists" in their hometowns. The painting you win at this auction may become a special family heirloom. The pictures are beautiful and interesting and very reasonably priced. The art auction will continue during regular library hours, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 7pm until August 8. The bidding will end at noon, Sunday, August 8, and the winning bidders will be notified, or if present, can take their paintings with them.

Thank You

Once again the Annual Plant Sale was a wonderful success. Because of the generous donations, there were many varieties of plants and flowers from which to choose. In spite of the inclement weather, many gardeners came

early and continued arriving to buy throughout the morning.

We wish to thank those who donated plants, those who braved the rain to buy the beautiful flowers and especially all those who gave of their time and energy to organize, set up and help with this important fundraiser.

Book Sale

Readers of all ages crowded the library July 18 to avail themselves of reading material at extremely low prices. This avidly anticipated event has never disappointed, and this year was no exception. This sale will continue into August. We continue to accept donations of books, so there is an ever-changing selection from which to choose. All donations made to the library, a non-profit organization, are tax deductible.

Summer Reading Program

This year's summer program, "Turn Back the Pages of Time," is continuing through the Summer. Forty-eight youngsters have participated and have made Egyptian

Senet games, magnetic "Cartouche", Egyptian riverboat models, Egyptian maps, Greek helmets, Greek chariots and for every book they have read, contributed a sugar cube to build an Egyptian pyramid. The program will culminate with Olympic games on August 16.

Labor Day

The library will be closed September 6 in honor of Labor Day. We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Book Group

On Wednesday, August 25, the reading group will be discussing "Island: the Complete Stories," by Alistair MacLeod. This group welcomes new participants at any time. For more information, call Jane at 655-5354.

Annual Meeting

September 30 will mark the first annual meeting for the Raymond Village Library, Inc., which will include a business meeting and election of officers. Interested persons are welcome to attend. The meeting begins at 7pm, followed by refreshments.

Savings Estimated at \$675 Through Library Use (Don't Buy, Just Check it Out!)

By: Sandi Severn

Part One of a Three Part Series

In the lobby of the Raymond Village Library, there's a basket with periodicals free for the taking. There's also a box of free paperback books. Have you ever stopped to look at these? Have you ever taken one?

"Give Your Budget a Money Makeover" was a cover article on an older issue (December 2003) of Better Homes and Gardens magazine, recently on top of the "Free" basket. I took the magazine. The article had recommendations on savings for many items from groceries to insurance to taxes. However, what struck me as ironic, since I'd gotten the magazine for free at the library, was the first sentence of a paragraph entitled "Library" — "One huge center for cost saving is as close as the local public library."

The article estimated that a family could save \$675 annually — that's \$6,750 over ten years — by checking items out of the library rather than purchasing them. The article estimated the following savings if the library were used rather than purchasing items at retail stores:

Books and magazines	\$155
One movie rental per week (\$4 each)	\$208
One CD per month (\$16 each)	\$192
Four books on tape a year (\$30 each)	\$120

Obviously, the writer has the disclaimer that results will vary. A fiction reader's borrowing habits will be different than a person whose primary reading material is non-fiction, just as a retired couple's use of the library will vary from that of a family with young children. However, each can save a relatively significant amount by use of the library.

Why aren't you using the library? Don't think you can save on magazines through the library because you don't want to sit there and read them? Think again. Unlike all other libraries I've used, Raymond Village Library allows magazines to be checked out for the usual two-week circulation period.

Need some help in getting yourself and children through those rainy summer (and a few months from now, those long winter) afternoons and nights? Check out a jigsaw puzzle or two; at the price of puzzles these days, savings will add up quickly. Or check out a movie or non-fiction

video. The library's video cassette collection may not have the newest releases, but it can be just the free ticket whether you want a wholesome movie for the whole family to watch, children's videos when the grandchildren are coming, or to see some classics you may have missed. For non-fiction videos, consider the series on Maine or try an exercise video.

Don't think that you'd enjoy an audio book? Try one, courtesy of the library. Library patrons who have lengthy commutes are devotees of the books on tapes and CDs; they actively advocate for the pleasant change audio books make in daily drives. Other advocates include those who take long walks for exercise and, yes, even gardeners.

What, you're serious, the library has music CDs? Yes, there's not a huge collection, but music CDs in the jazz, classical, country, and popular categories are available. There's also music for children — recent popular ones or classics to help parents and grandparents alike to remember the oldies but goodies in kids' tunes.

Now, how much do you think you can save by using the library? The next in this three part series will include a chart to help you estimate your household's savings through use of the library.

August/September 2004

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FB =Fire Barn JS =Jordan-Small KC =Kokatosi Campgnd PS =Public Safety Bldg. RE =Raymond Elementary	SG =Sheri Gagnon TG =Town Garage RT85 TH =Town Hall VL =Village Library VC =Village Church VT =Village Tennis	3 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	4 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	5	6	7 9:00AM-1:00PM RE Hazardous Waste Day
8 Raymond Village Library Silent Art Auction Bids Close Today	9 10:00AM VL Babytime 6:00-8:00PM PS Rec Soccer Signup	10 7:00PM TH One Raymond Steering Committee Meeting	11 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 3:00PM TH Cumberland County Tax Appeal Meeting 6:00-8:00PM PS Rec Soccer Signup 7:00PM TH Planning Board Meeting	12	13	14
15	16 10:00AM VL Babytime Time TBA Hacker's Hill Raymond Casco Historical Society Annual Picnic/Meeting	17 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	18 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	19	20 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting	21
22	23 10:00AM VL Babytime	24	25 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 5:00-7:00PM Deertrees Theater in Harrison Chamber of Commerce After Hours Gathering	26 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	27 Road Runner Deadline	28
29	30 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals	31	1 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime First Day of School	2	3 No School	4

Municipal News Brief:

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen took the following actions in July.

1. **Lake Region Development Council (LRDC) – Strategic Plan Update – Bret Doney, President & CEO.** Mr. Doney introduced himself as the new director of the LRDC in addition to his capacity as president of the Oxford Hills Growth Council. He presented the Selectmen with an outline of the LRDC's draft Strategic Plan. This plan highlighted his organization's mission to create economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in Maine's Lakes Region. He also discussed strategies to promote business expansion and retention; attract new business activity to the region; promote entrepreneurship; and engage the community in helping LRDC achieve its mission. Other areas that will be focus points for LRDC include: education and workforce development; tourism promotion; assistance in the areas of land use, planning, financial development, real estate development; and improving the local business climate.
2. **Consideration of Bid Award – Fire apparatus with elevated boom and waterway – Fire Chief Denis Morse.** Chief Morse outlined in detail the process of soliciting bids for a new elevated boom/waterway fire truck. All fire equipment vendors in the region were solicited to provide proposals. The sole bidder was Greenwood Fire Apparatus of North Attleborough, MA, with a bid of \$368,000 for a 2002 model truck that had been used as a company demonstrator. A new truck would have cost up to approximately \$100,000 more. Chief Morse outlined that this piece of apparatus should have a useful life of 30 years, is diesel powered, and largely constructed of aluminum and stainless steel. An additional benefit of E-One equipment is that it is built to withstand severe forces in the event of a cab crush incident or accident. This is a significant safety feature for our local firefighters. The truck will carry an extended two-year warranty and will be brought to new condition by the dealer before delivery. The Selectmen concurred with Chief Morse that buying a demonstrator truck for a substantial savings was in the Town's best interest, and they approved the purchase unanimously.
3. **Public Safety Boat Update – Fire Chief Denis Morse.** Chief Morse updated the Selectmen on the opportunity for an inter-local partnership with the Town of Frye Island to provide fire/rescue, boating safety, and law enforcement services for our two communities. Under the proposal, Frye Island would agree to provide trained law enforcement officers to operate Raymond's recently acquired state surplus rescue boat. This joint activity would give both communities assurance that qualified personnel will be available during the busy summer boating season. Raymond would furnish the boat, safety equipment, and fuel, with Frye Island providing trained personnel, law enforcement liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Selectmen felt that cooperative arrangements of this type help promote more efficient services between our two communities and voted to allow members of the Frye Island Police Department to be appointed as harbor masters for the Town of Raymond under such an agreement.
4. **Consideration of appointment to the Web and Technology Committee – Shaun Dudley, 12 Whitney Way.** The Town Manager forwarded the Selectmen information received from Technology Committee Chairman Laurie Forbes regarding Mr. Dudley's interest, training, and expertise in the technology field. The Selectmen unanimously approved the appointment of Shaun Dudley to the Technology Committee and felt his extensive technical background would be of great benefit to the community.
5. **Correspondence – Palesky Tax Initiative Response - City of Brewer.** The Brewer City Council had written the Raymond Board of Selectmen and all other communities in Maine seeking a pledge to use any money that might be received from the state as a consequence of the recently voter-approved Question 1 to be used for tax relief. The Selectmen discussed this serious local and statewide concern and agreed to table any final action until both the Budget/Finance Committee and School Committee had been consulted. The Town Manager was directed to write a

letter to the City of Brewer outlining that a recommendation from the Town of Raymond will be forthcoming after this meeting is scheduled.

6. **Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee – Consideration of nomination of Windham Town Manager Anthony Plante.** The Selectmen unanimously approved recommending Mr. Plante to serve an additional two-year term.
7. **Approval of Quit Claim Deed for Map 41, Lot 50.** The Selectmen unanimously approved a quit claim deed for this parcel releasing the Town's interest as all accrued taxes, interest, and penalties had been paid in full.
8. **Pavement Management Condition Survey – Discussion and consideration of project bid award – Nathan White, Public Works Director.** A detailed request for proposals was developed by the Town and publicly advertised. The purpose of the project is to complete a comprehensive evaluation of existing pavement management conditions and to develop a plan to help guide the prioritization of needed work to be funded under the \$950,000 appropriation for road reconstruction approved at this year's Annual Town Meeting. After discussion, the Selectmen voted unanimously to accept a proposal from Milone & MacBroom Engineers of Damariscotta, Maine, for a total cost of \$17,500.
9. **Request for Bids 2004 Backhoe Loader - Nathan White, Public Works Director.** A new backhoe loader was planned as a part of this year's Capital Improvement Program, with the first year's payment being the trade-in of the Town's present 1997 machine. After discussion of the proposed bid specifications, the Selectmen unanimously approved seeking bids for the purchase of a new 2004 backhoe loader.
10. **Kevin Dacey Appeal of Abatement Denial to Cumberland County Commissioners Office.** This appeal was originally denied by the Selectmen due to insufficient information provided by the applicant. The burden of proving inequitable taxation is upon the taxpayer and most typically applicants for abatement provide substantive information from similarly assessed properties in the community to substantiate abatement requests. An appeal of the Selectmen's decision has been made to the Cumberland County Commissioners. If this process yields an unsatisfactory result for the applicant, an appeal can be made to Superior Court.
11. **Approval of Supplemental Commitment 2003, #5 - Assessors' Agent Amanda Simpson, CMA, AICP.** Ms. Simpson explained the reasons for the supplemental tax assessments on property owned by Sergio R. Perez, 31 Island Cove Road, and M.S. Hancock, Inc., Webbs Mills Road. The Selectmen approved both supplements unanimously.
12. **Approval of Abatement 2003 #4 – Assessors' Agent Amanda Simpson, CMA, AICP.** A motion was made and a unanimous vote taken to approve both administrative abatements presented after explanation by the Assessors' Agent.
13. **Communications and other business.**
 - a. **Comprehensive Plan.** The Maine State Planning Office has now approved Raymond's draft Comprehensive Plan and found it to be consistent with all applicable state laws and standards.
 - b. **Planning and Appeals Board.** Chairman McDermott informed the Selectmen that she had recently visited these boards to express the Selectmen's interest and thanks for their service and to become more familiar with their present activities.
 - c. **Route 302 Beautification Committee.** Chairman McDermott reported that the Committee is doing a remarkable job in weeding and improving the Route 302 Corridor and associated landscaping. The Town Manager reported to the Selectmen that he would be writing an article for the *Raymond Road Runner* soliciting additional volunteers.
 - d. **Farwell Commons.** A draft report from Woodard & Curran Consulting Engineers is expected shortly on the former town dump site located adjacent to the proposed Farwell Commons Subdivision.
 - e. **Revaluation Project.** The assessors' agent indicated that the revaluation project was proceeding well and the Town was receiving virtually no citizen concerns about the property visitation process being utilized by the appraisal firm of Vision Appraisal Technology.
 - f. **Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Grant.** The Town Manager informed the Selectmen that a grant award letter had been

received from the Maine Geo-Library Board for a GIS Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to support the Town's GIS digital mapping program.

- g. **Post Office delivery of *Raymond Road Runner*.** A brief discussion occurred regarding the reimbursement requested of the U.S. Postal Service to compensate for the failed delivery of many of the July *Raymond Road Runner* newspapers. The Town Manager has sent a letter seeking remuneration.
- h. **Sheri Gagnon Park dog problem.** Chairman McDermott reported that the Dog Officer is finding that the dog waste problem at the ball fields seems to have improved with the installation of the recent advisory signage.
- i. **Generators.** The Town Manager informed the Selectmen of discussions he had with Raymond resident Bob Murray regarding the acquisition of two used generator sets. A 50 kW generator will be purchased by the School Department to serve as an emergency power source for Raymond Elementary School, and a 70 kW mobile diesel generator by Public Works and Public Safety. Both of these units have low hours of use and have been offered to the Town by an area business that is upgrading to a single larger unit. The cost of the generators represents a substantial savings over similar used units. The Windham Rotary Club also agreed to donate \$3,000 toward the total purchase cost of \$7,800 for the 70 kW mobile unit to be acquired by the Town. This generator will be used to power District 2 and/or Public Works in the event of a power outage but can also be towed to a remote location for emergency and/or other community needs, as necessary.

Complete Selectmen Meeting Minutes are available at the Town Office or by visiting www.raymondmaine.org.

RAYMOND FIRE/RESCUE CALLS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
6/26/2004	1705	EGYPT RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
6/26/2004	1841	MEADOW RD	HEAD INJURY
6/27/2004	1317	RAYMOND HILL	ARM INJURY
6/28/2004	1002	GULICK RD	WATER SKIING ACCIDENT
6/28/2004	1440	ROOSEVELT TRL	NO TRANSPORT
6/29/2004	506	MEADOW RD	UNATTENDED DEATH
6/30/2004	611	DYER RD	DIFF. BREATHING
6/30/2004	910	GORE RD	GEN. ILLNESS
6/30/2004	1024	CRESCENT LANE	POSS. STROKE
7/1/2004	2215	HANCOCK RD	MISSING PERSON
7/2/2004	957	HANCOCK RD	WELL BEING CHECK
7/2/2004	1416	ANDERSON RD	CHECK PERMITTED FIRE
7/2/2004	1754	ROOSEVELT TRL	WIRES ARCHING
7/2/2004	2146	PANTHER POND	UNPERMITTED FIRE
7/3/2004	50	PANTHER POND	CAMP FIRE W/ 8' FLAMES
7/4/2004	1609	MAIN ST	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
7/5/2004	1344	ROOSEVELT TRL	AGENCY ASSIST TO S.P.
7/5/2004	1842	ANDREW DAVIS	ALLERGIC REACTION
7/5/2004	1847	FRYE ISLAND	POSS. GAS/OIL IN WATER
7/5/2004	1908	ROOSEVELT TRL	CARDIAC CALL
7/5/2004	1930	ROOSEVELT TRL	CARDIAC CALL
7/5/2004	1952	WEBBS MILLS RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
7/6/2004	725	FARM RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
7/7/2004	1319	POND RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
7/8/2004	1929	ROOSEVELT TRL	ALLERGIC REACTION
7/11/2004	1207	POND RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
7/11/2004	1630	BOULDER RD	BACK INJURY
7/12/2004	829	DEEP COVE RD	GEN. ILLNESS
7/13/2004	449	EVERGREEN RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
7/14/2004	842	WEBBS MILLS RD	HEAD INJURY
7/15/2004	1329	NEW GLOUCESTER	HAZ-MAT CALL
7/15/2004	1435	FRYE ISLAND	UNKN TYPE FIRE
7/16/2004	916	AUTO/AID GRAY	GEN. ILLNESS
7/17/2004	430	AUTO/AID GRAY	ABDOMINAL PAIN
7/17/2004	1508	RAYMOND BEACH	WATER RESCUE
7/17/2004	1714	SWANS RD	FISH HOOK IN ARM
7/17/2004	2120	FRYE ISLAND	LAC. ANKLE
7/19/2004	1024	M/A WINDHAM	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
7/19/2004	1845	GORE RD	DIFF. BREATHING
7/19/2004	1855	PLAINS RD	NECK INJURY
7/20/2004	350	LAKESIDE DR	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
7/20/2004	1041	CAPE RD	UNRESPONSIVE FEMALE
7/20/2004	1059	ROOSEVELT TRL	CARDIAC CALL
7/20/2004	1646	FRYE ISLAND	UNKN MEDICAL EMER
7/21/2004	1003	CAPE RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
7/21/2004	1942	CONESCA RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
7/22/2004	1115	BRIDGES LANE	ARM INJURY
7/22/2004	1321	M/A CASCO	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
7/22/2004	1712	KOSSOW LANE	SUBJ. NOT BREATHING
7/24/2004	1105	SWANS RD	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
7/24/2004	1755	ROOSEVELT TRL	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
7/25/2004	46	GORE RD	ANKLE INJURY
7/27/2004	1211	KRISTIN LANE	POSS. DISL SHOULDER
7/27/2004	1422	HASKELL AVE	CARDIAC CALL
7/29/2004	1249	GULICK RD	WATER SKIING ACCIDENT
7/29/2004	1412	WHARF RD	SUBJ.FELL UNCONS
7/29/2004	2248	NOTCHED POND	ASSAULT
7/30/2004	308	ROOSEVELT TRL	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
7/30/2004	1607	NO. RAYMOND RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH

RWPA Efforts To Keep Raymond Lakes Clear Of Invasive Plants

By: Noralee Raymond, Executive Director, Raymond Waterways Protective Association

Curly-leaved Pondweed kept out of Sebago Lake

Over the July 4th weekend, RWPA Lakes Ranger Mark Dixon found an invasive plant called Curly-leaved Pondweed on a boat entering Sebago Lake. The boat came from Candlewood Lake in Connecticut. Before the inspection, the boat owners said they did not expect us to find any plant material because they had washed the boat before coming to Maine since it had a lot of plants on it. It is important for people to recognize that boat washing is not a substitute for visual inspection. **Visual inspection for plants is the most effective method for ensuring plants are not transported between waterbodies.**

RWPA sent the plant to the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants who recently confirmed the plant's identification. Curly-leaved pondweed is one of eleven invasive plants on Maine's list of banned invasive aquatic plants, and it was recently documented in one lake in Maine: West Pond in Parsonsfield.

Launch Inspections

Our Lake Rangers are doing a tremendous job educating boat owners and conducting inspections at the ramps. Both rangers have consistently covered peak hours at least

24 hours each week. A total of 1,334 boats were inspected through July 25th at the four Raymond launch sites, and the rangers have continued the same coverage since then. Eighty percent (80%) of boats launched are registered in Maine. Eighty-nine percent (89%) of the boats have a milfoil sticker. Maine law requires all motorized boats to have a Lakes Protection sticker, and boaters can be fined \$100 to \$250 if a sticker is not present.

Variable milfoil fragments have been removed from eight boats exiting Sebago Lake, and Curly-leaved Pondweed was removed from one boat entering Sebago Lake. Seven boats on Crescent Lake have had plant material on them, but all the plants have been non-invasive, native plants. To prevent the spread of invasive plants in Maine, it is illegal to transport ANY aquatic plant, native or invasive, on the outside of a vehicle, boat, trailer, or equipment. The goal of our launch inspections is to educate boaters on the threat of invasive plants and how to conduct their own inspections so that they will inspect their boats even when we are not present.

Milfoil Pulling Effort

RWPA has been working with local residents and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to plan

a hand removal of a variable milfoil colony present in Dingley Brook. Dingley Brook is the stream that connects Thomas Pond and Sebago Lake. We plan to conduct the removal in the fall when the water levels are low enough for us to reach the roots. If you are interested in assisting with this project please contact us to volunteer.

Shoreline Plant Surveys

August is the month we begin to organize surveys to look for invasive plants on all Raymond lakes: Crescent, Thomas, Raymond, Panther, Notched, and parts of Sebago Lake. We are looking for volunteers with flat-bottomed boats to troll the shoreline while we inspect for plants. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact us.

To Contact Us...

If you have any questions or comments or wish to volunteer, please contact us at **207-671-3329** or **lakes@raymondmaine.org**. For more detailed results on the launch inspections or to view the RWPA Annual Meeting presentation, check us out on-line www.raymondmaine.org under Committees.

Sustainable Forestry Tour

August 24th, 3-5pm

Panther Pond, King's Grant Barn

RSVP Required

Join Panther Pond Association (PPA) and Raymond Waterways (RWPA) for an educational tour of lakeside forestry practices. Local residents were surprised by the cutting in the Shoreland Zone and upset about the debris that got into Panther Pond this past winter. In response to landowner concern, the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM) is offering a workshop and tour of the Murdock Property. Here is your chance to hear from SWOAM and the Maine Forest Service to learn about future plans for the Murdock property on Panther Pond and how harvests are conducted on lakeside property. Please RSVP at 671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org.

AGENDA

1. Long-term Plan and Future Property Use
2. Procedure for Conducting the Harvest
3. Legal Requirements and Guidelines for Water Quality
4. Scientific Studies on Forestry and Water Quality
5. Walking Tour of the Murdock Property

Raymond Community Friendship Group

Raymond Community Friendship Group invites you to take a chance on a double-bed quilt made by the group, to be given away on August 21 at a Yard and Bake Sale at 53 Main Street across from the Library at the corner of Main Street and Route 121.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5, and may be purchased from group members listed below or at Cottage Industries Gift Shop at 53 Main Street.

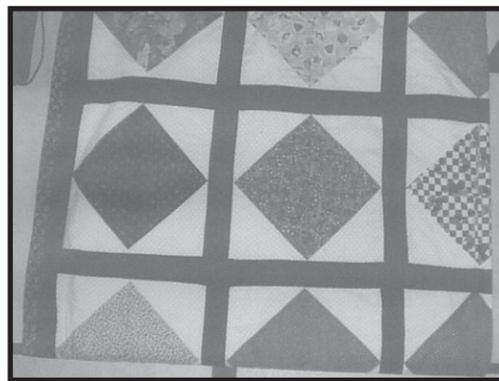
The Raymond Community Friendship Group was started back in 1974 and was one of the guilds at the Raymond Community

Church. As it broadened its membership to include women from other groups, it became the Community Friendship Group and meets in the homes of members.

The purpose of the group is:

- To establish a cadre of friends in the community for newcomers and old-timers;

- To promote friendship and compassion for individuals in the community;
- To participate in community projects which benefit groups and individuals through donations and activities.



This is a friendship quilt, and it is called 'Beauty in Diversity.'

Our funds are collected through member donations, silent auctions, various sales, and, this year, through your donations for our Quilt Fund.

Quilt Information Re-cap:

What: Drawing at the Yard and Bake Sale
When: August 21, Saturday, starting at 8am (Drawing at 12 noon)

Where: 53 Main Street, home of Jani Cummings and Cottage Industries Gift Shop

Current Members Include: Priscilla Barber, Charlotte Rowe, Louise Doyle, Vi Sferes, Peg Drowns, Gwen Stewart, Tess Ingraham, Eleanor Thompson, Hazel Jacobsen, Irene Williams, Ann Mellinger, Lou Nerren, Ellen Huber, Ginny Parker, Edith Bailey

New members are welcome and are encouraged to call our president, Mrs. Charlotte Rowe, 655-4352.

Raymond Village Library Summer Reading Program

Raymond Village Library traveled back in time on July 28, 2004. There were sounds of Ancient Egypt filling the air while 50 people experienced Egyptian style music, foods (kosheri, tiger nut sweets, Nile water, and a pyramid cake), games, drawings, hieroglyphic henna tattoos, face painting, Gummy Mummy prizes, and even the building of a pyramid!

RVL's Summer Reading Program, organized by Lisa Friedlander of Raymond, is featuring Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece as this year's topic for the children. Each week those participating in the program retrieve a bag from RVL containing a project for the week and other fun incentives for reading about Egypt and Greece. Also, each week there is a new hieroglyphic code for the children to decipher, with an answer sheet to complete and put into a pyramid. A winner is drawn each week receiving a prize for their correct answer!

Another fun way to measure how much reading has been completed is a sugar cube collection that grows when a child reads a book. Each book read earns 1 sugar cube or 2 sugar cubes per book read about Egypt or Greece. A librarian will add the cubes earned to a container shown at the library. At each evening Summer Reading Program the pyramid grows as it is built with the cubes, representing all the wonderful reading accomplished by the participants!

Many thanks to Virginia Bobro for her time and talent painting faces of those under 8 years of age and applying henna tattoos for those 8 or over. Thank you also to parents who pitched in where needed!

Monday, August 16, at 6pm will be the Summer Reading Program finale featuring Ancient Greece. RVL will host its own version of Summer Olympics! So, Summer Reading Participants, get ready for lots of fun!



Cruise The Buffers On Little Sebago Lake

"You can have a view and a buffer, too!" That's the message the Little Sebago Lake Conservation Project steering committee wants you to take away from their buffer cruise on Saturday, August 21.

The goal of the Little Sebago Lake Conservation Project is to reduce the amount of soil erosion impacting Little Sebago Lake. Soil carries the nutrient phosphorus, which fertilizes aquatic plants and reduces water quality. Planting vegetation near the water's edge decreases the amount of soil and phosphorus entering Little Sebago Lake. Plant roots stabilize banks by holding soil in place, and plants themselves take up phosphorus before it impacts the lake.

Join your friends and neighbors for a fun, educational and inspirational cruise around Little Sebago Lake. The tour will highlight properties with well-established buffers and discuss how other properties can be enhanced. Learn how to beautify your property and protect the lake by planting a vegetative buffer!

Boats will depart at 10am from 360 Elder Road and 55 Northern Oaks Drive in Gray. The tour is free of charge and refreshments will be served. To register or for more information, contact Jami Fitch at the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District at 856-2777 or e-mail jami-fitch@me.nacdn.net.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2004

9AM TO 1PM

RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
434 Webbs Mills Road (Route 85)

Once again Clean Harbors will be at Raymond Elementary School to collect Hazardous Waste from residents of Raymond, Casco, Naples, and Frye Island.

Raymond residents will be charged a fee to help defray the expense of disposal, and it will be conducted first come, first served. For Raymond residents, we will stop the event when the budget is exhausted. **This event will be held rain or shine.**

What you can bring:

Unneeded household hazardous waste in sealed containers (use original containers when possible).

- Paints, stains, & varnishes
- Solvents, thinners & strippers
- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline)
- Engine degreaser, brake fluid
- Moth balls
- Poisons, insecticides, weed killers
- Wood preservatives
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets
- Cleaners, spot removers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Dry cell batteries
- Aerosol cans
- Pesticides/fertilizers
- Nicad batteries
- Hearing aid (button) batteries
- Driveway sealers
- Antifreeze
- PCB contaminated RCRA Materials
- Propane tanks grill size (cost will be \$20 each)

What not to bring:

- Infectious & biological waste
- Fire extinguishers
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Prescription medicines & syringes
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Tires (Bulky Waste Facility)
- Latex paint (dry cans go to Bulky Waste Facility)
- Cylinders (gas)
- Motor oil (goes to Bulky Waste Facility)

To ensure safety, please:

- Tighten caps and lids leaving materials in original labeled containers
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- Sort and pack separately: paint, pesticides, household cleaners.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS!
- Pack your vehicle and go directly to the site.
- NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.
- **Do not place waste in a garbage bag.**

Election Clerks Needed

In preparation for the 2004 Presidential Election on November 9th, we would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to be an election clerk. No special knowledge or training is necessary because we will train you. If you would like more information, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

We work in four-hour shifts during the day and after 8pm the ballots are counted and stored, which usually takes about two hours. You will receive a small compensation and a meal for the time of day that you are working. Come join us and help democracy in Raymond.

Memories of a Busy Life: My Early Life

Written by Josephine (Hayden) Brooks (1836-1919).

Josephine Hayden Brooks was born in Raymond in 1836. She authored an autobiography of which the first part titled, "My Early Life," focused on her family and life in Raymond and Casco before moving to Wisconsin with her family in 1854. The autobiography is on Carol Pullen-Reynolds's website: "Brooks in Connecticut & New York." Carol's introduction reads, "The following information came to me from a lady that does not have any Brooks ancestors. She came to have the Memoirs as she is descended from Josephine's sister."

I was born December twentieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, in the town of Raymond, Maine. The place is near, or joined, my Grandfather Haydens farm. The house has long been gone. I was the daughter of Ebenezer and Jane (Staples) Hayden. Father was the son of Jeremiah Hayden, one of the first settlers of Raymond, and wife, Margaret (Davis) Hayden.

I lived in this home four years, and the first event in my life that I can remember was moving from there to a farm at the head of Panthers Pond. That farm joined Grandfather Joseph (Dingley) Staples place (my mothers father) and her mother, Elizabeth (Davis) Staples. Those were happy days, when I could run across lots to grandpas.

I went to school then in what was called the Rolfe schoolhouse. There was a fireplace in the schoolhouse that would easily take in cordwood. While our faces burned our backs would chill. We had only one aisle and two rows of benches, and those sitting near the wall would have to work their way out past the others to the aisle.

It was here that I became slightly acquainted with Greens grammar. If I had studied instead of gazing out at the hay-makers, I would have accomplished more; but I am glad that I watched the hay-makers, for that was a scene never forgotten. And how different from making hay today. Then it was all done by hand. There were most always three mowing. They always struck at the same time, and in perfect time, and how the scythes would ring when the men sharpened them. Threshing was done with a flail. Two men generally worked together, first one striking, then the other. When one flail went up the other went down, and the flails never struck each other.

Here was laid the foundation of my good health. I was a frail child, and roaming the fields and woods and living out of doors so much made me strong and well. I sometimes went hunting with my brothers.

One winter the snow was very deep, and stayed on the ground until late. Uncle Tom Witham (mothers uncle—his wife was a sister to Grandmother Staples) told his son Mial to take a sack of corn to the mill, maybe a mile away, on his handsled across the fields over the tops of the fences. It was then the fifteenth of April. He told him that he would have it to tell his grandchildren when he was an old man. Mial is still living in 1916. I remember the big drifts, and the long sloping sides, where we coasted down to the meadow many rods away.

Grandfather Staples lived near. His family consisted of himself and grandmother, Aunt Eliza, a single woman, Uncle Joe, and Aunts Mary and Sarah, two young girls about the age of my two oldest sisters. The four girls were much together and were very well contented.

Grandfather Staples was a shoemaker, and every fall father

Raymond-Casco Historical Society Annual Picnic Meeting

The RCHS will have their annual picnic (potluck) meeting on August 16th at 6pm at Quaker Ridge's Hacker Hill. Please bring something to share and your table setting.

Seeking Volunteers

The Raymond Fire Lane Numbering System needs volunteers to monitor and assign fire lane numbers. The individuals who implemented the fire lane numbers 15 years ago are ready for a break and want to pass the torch. The current crew of retired gentlemen meets one day per week. Please volunteer by calling Bill Parker at 655-3271 or leave a message at Raymond Dispatch 655-7851 (non-emergency).

would buy a quantity of leather, and move Grandfather and his bench to our house, and he would shoe us all up for the winter. One year the leather gave out before my shoes were made, and they cut the tops off a pair of worn-out fine boots, and made me a very nice pair. I would like to see them beside a pair of child's shoes today.

Uncle Joe—dear old Uncle Joe! — the best uncle anybody ever had! He never had much to say, but would surprise you when he did talk. He afterwards married, and his wife's name was Betsy Jane. They are all gone these many years, and I am an old woman in my eightieth year.

Uncle Nat. lived on the adjoining farm, and dear Aunt Esther was of the salt of the earth. They had a houseful of children, of whom Quimby, Minerva and Mary went to school with me.

Mother had two other sisters at that time—Aunt Lydia Jackson of Poland, and Aunt Paulina Davis of East Raymond; and another brother, John, who was a sailor. I never saw him but once, when he came home on a visit. I remember the rejoicing and feasting that went on while he was home.

My great-grandfather, Peter Staples, with his wife, Sally (Dingley) Staples, came from England when young, and settled in the town of Raymond, which afterward was divided.....

The rest of Josephine's autobiography can be read at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~brooks/Jesse.htm>

Historical Society Needs Bedsheets

No, folks, neither George Washington nor Marquis de Lafayette plans to spend the night with us. However, your Raymond-Casco Historical Society needs clean 100%-cotton bedsheets for proper storage-wrapping and light-covering of our historical artifacts. Proper storage care is part of our ongoing project to provide modern "professional-grade" curatorial service for our two towns' cultural heritage. If any *Road Runner* readers have any old (but clean) 100%-cotton bedsheets that you can spare, please donate them to us as soon as possible. Torn (but clean) sheets are acceptable, but they must be 100%-cotton. You can **deliver** your sheets to Louise Lester at Raymond Town Office (401 Webbs Mills Road / 655-4742), or you can arrange for **pick-up** by phoning Betty McDermott (655-4646) or Al Morrison (655-4548 or 655-4585). Thank you for your assistance in helping to protect our collective past!

Mentors Needed For the New School Year!

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is starting its fourth program year this September and hopes you'll consider exploring what mentoring is all about.

Opportunities for 7th and 8th graders: our Kids 2 Kids program provides Kieve style training for learning leadership and mentoring skills. The program runs from October to May and meets on Tuesdays after school. Our JSMS mentors will be mentoring older Raymond Elementary school students. Contact Debra Martin at JSMS, 655-4743, for more information about Kids 2 Kids.

Opportunities for high school and college students: become a big buddy to an RES student on Thursday afternoons, October to May. We provide a supervised meeting space at RES, help with starting a new relationship, and fun ideas. You provide an hour a week and an interest in having a young friend. This is a great community service opportunity!

And for other adult community members: an hour or two a week of your time can make an incredible difference to a Raymond student. Training, support and activities that encourage healthy behaviors, creativity and self-confidence are offered throughout the school year. Find out more by calling our office at Raymond Elementary School: 655-8672, ext. 107, or by contacting Lori Rand at 655-4277.

Raymond Cemetery Committee Looking For Volunteers

The Raymond Cemetery Committee is looking for volunteers to help with their work. Currently Raymond has five cemeteries for which it is responsible: Hasty Cemetery on Raymond Cape, Village Cemetery on Mill Street, Riverside Cemetery on Plains Road, Raymond Hill Cemetery on Raymond Hill Road, Mountain Cemetery on Mountain Road, and North Raymond Cemetery on North Raymond Road.

The Cemetery Committee has been working on improving the cemeteries, including cleaning the headstones, establishing driveways through the cemeteries, designating lot locations, providing watering facilities for plants in the cemeteries, and arranging for Veteran and Fire Fighter flags to be placed on graves. In the future this work and more must be done.

The Cemetery Committee would like to inventory the lots in all of our cemeteries and create a means of keeping records for now and the future. It also must plan and arrange for new lots to be available in the new section of the North Raymond Cemetery. If you would like to volunteer with us, please call Linda Alexander, Chairman, 655-4640 or e-mail dalexan1@maine.rr.com, or Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at the Town Office 655-4742 ext. 21 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

Free Disposal Of Banned, Unusable Pesticides Available

Representative Joseph Bruno of Raymond announces that the state is offering free disposal of banned, unusable pesticides. In barns, basements, sheds or garages throughout the state are tons of banned and unusable pesticides with infamous names like DDT, lead arsenate, 2,4,5-T and chlordane. Owners of older homes or farms often discover they have inherited hazardous waste. In these situations citizens face a dilemma believing there are only two options: hire an expensive hazardous waste disposal service or dump the chemicals illegally.

"Fortunately, there is another option that is both legal and responsible," said Representative Bruno. "People holding such chemicals should call the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) immediately."

There are four sites throughout the state where folks will be able to bring their obsolete pesticides this fall, according to staff at BPC.

In addition to banned or unusable pesticides, the Board

Informational Tax Seminars

Representative Joseph Bruno of Raymond announced that informational tax seminars will be hosted by Maine Revenue Services (MRS). As a result of passed legislation by the 121st Legislature, MRS will be holding meetings to help businesses understand the ramifications of recent tax code changes pertaining to the new service provider tax and the resale law.

Service Provider Tax:

The Maine Legislature recently enacted legislation that repeals the sales tax on certain kinds of services and replaces it with a new Service Provider Tax. This major tax law change will affect businesses if they are engaged in any of the following services:

- * Extended cable television service
- * Fabrication services
- * Rental of videotapes and video equipment
- * Rental of furniture and video equipment pursuant to a "rent-to-own" contract
- * Telecommunications service (except sales of pre-paid phone cards)
- * Installation, maintenance and repair of telecommunications equipment
- * Private non-medical institution services

The new law imposes a 5% service provider tax, effective July 1, 2004, on the value of the above-mentioned services provided in Maine. All of the services taxed under the new law, except private non-medical institution services, are currently subject to the 5% Maine sales tax.

"Boyhood Home" Sign Stolen From Hawthorne House

By: John R. Manoush, President, Hawthorne Community Association

Sometime on the night of July 16, this sign, which identified one of Raymond's oldest and finest historic homes, was stolen. This was truly a new low.

The Hawthorne House, built in 1813, has been maintained solely by volunteer efforts since the Hawthorne Community Association was formed back in 1922. Through wars and the Depression, the people of the community somehow managed to contribute enough time and money to keep the house in repair.

The Association's Vice-President Frank Chambers had reported the theft to the Cumberland County Police the day after it happened. The Association's Trustees were not very hopeful that they would ever see the sign again and had begun making plans to raise funds for its replacement. It was a pleasant surprise when on July 24 the Frye Island police recovered the sign and delivered it to Frank's home. Only minor damage was apparent following its one-week vacation on Frye Island, and it should be back in its proper place shortly.

Our thanks to the police who took note of this theft and acted to return the item.

of Pesticides Control will continue to accept hazardous products labeled for household use. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is phasing out home, lawn and garden use of common insecticides in order to protect children's health. The collected chemicals go to out of state disposal facilities licensed by the EPA, where they are incinerated or reprocessed.

Citizens should call the BPC at 207-287-2731 by August 20 to register for collection and learn important information about temporary storage. Once registered, participants are notified via mail 2-3 weeks before the collection regarding location, date and time and important transporting guidelines.

The Maine Board of Pesticides Control is the lead state agency for pesticide regulation and an administrative unit of the Maine Department of Agriculture. For more information, individuals may contact the website at: www.state.me.us/agriculture/pesticides/public/obsolete.htm

Resale Law Changes:

The new resale law is intended to address the fraudulent use of resale certifications by ensuring that only bona fide retail businesses can make tax-exempt purchases for resale, and reduce the likelihood that legitimate retailers can use resale certificates to avoid payment of tax on items that are not intended for resale. MRS will be administering certificates to businesses reporting annual gross sales of \$10,000 or more. As long as the business is active and can account for \$10,000 in annual gross sales, they will maintain the certification. Retailers reporting annual gross sales of less than \$10,000 will not be issued the certificate, but will pay sales tax when they purchase items for resale and claim a credit on their sales tax return.

The seminars will be held regionally throughout the state. MRS will be available to talk with individuals at the following locations:

July 21, 2004 9-11am Atrium Cooks Corner Brunswick	July 21, 2004 1-3pm So. ME Comm. College Fort Road So. Portland
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July 23, 2004 1-3pm So. ME Comm. College Fort Road So. Portland

Jordan-Small Middle School Honor Roll (3rd Trimester)

5th GRADE HIGH HONORS

Molly Cloutier	Drew Gagnon
Mollissa Keane-Dreyer	Lydia Manchester
Elizabeth Shively	Samantha Zawistowski

5th GRADE HONORS

Haley Acker	Mason Barry
Josh Beeler	Andrew Bennett
Spencer Brown	Daniel Connor
Marissa Cubbin	Haley Durkan
Alyssa Elhajji	Cody Gagnon
Cassandra Gordan	Colin Gordan
Jacquelyn Guiseley	Kyle Hargreaves
Olivia Hurd	Jenna Martyn-Fisher
Weston Masi	Christopher McDonald
Connor McGhie	Abigail Morneault
Alexander O'Neill	Alysha Orsini
Bryan Peterson	Madison Rankin
Dylan Richards	Amanda Ross
Abigail Streeter	Lauren Trickey
Sarah Tripp	Lindsay Webber
Deanna Weeks	Cameron White

6th GRADE HIGH HONORS

Katie Allen	Jordan Baker
Caroline Blake	Kaitlyn Chandler
Haley Desjardins	Emily Dodge
Jenna Eastman	Amber Gillis
Samuel Hutchinson	Hannah Lachance
Katherine Lentine	Dustin Libby
Abigail McIvor	Justin Terry

6th GRADE HONORS

Benjamin Algeo	Robert Allen
Abigail Brockelbank	Dean Darien
Anthony Dighello	James Fisher
Jordan Flynn	Sam Harvey
Lindy Haycock	Zachary Knights
Morgan Larrabee	Josh Leviness
Emma Levinsky	Katelyn Lloy
Chantelle Lydick	Devin MacKenzie
Nathaniel Ohman	Arthur Olsen
James Plummer	Stephanie Spaulding
Greg Stauffer	Megan Stevenson
Chelsea Tevanian	Julia Trepanier
Paige Tuttle	Ethan Ward

7th GRADE HIGH HONORS

Logan Cline	Bethany Dudley
Jacob Perry	Alyson Schadler

7th GRADE HONORS

Josiah Coyle	Phoebe Crockett
Taylor Duncanson	Evan Flynn
Rebekah Gagne	Nickolas Gerry
Megan Harding	Jake Hothan
Hannah Huber	Shana Jones
Chey King	Ali Knight
Brian Larocque	Jeff Larocque
Steven Lentine	Patrick Martin
Brandi Mitchell	Rebecca Morris
Kelsey Nadeau	Andrew O'Neill
Kayla Phinney	Brittany Plummer
Elizabeth Prout	Lindsay Ryan
Laura Sanborn	Becky Schlegel
Jacob Trickey	Kees vanHaasteren
Ashley Waldron	Danielle Walton
Erik Wisutskie	Chad Zawistowski
Breeanna Zoidis	

8th GRADE HIGH HONORS

John Atwood	Harmony Brown
Sarah Crockett	Alison Gagnon
Travis Guerrette	Ian Levinsky
Amy McIntire	Elizabeth Stevenson
Robyn Stillings	

8th GRADE HONORS

Cassie Ashton	Bridget Byrne
Amy Cobb	Kurt Crockett
Ashlee Daggett	Markie Desorbo
Justine Foster	Alexandra Gordan
Julia Hartig	Sidney Hethcoat
Danielle Holman	Rachel McCarthy
Lucas McNally	Stephen Montgomery
Michael Orsini	Douglas Remick
Alicia Rodriguez	Jessica Stevens
Justin Woodbrey	Kyle Woodbrey

Raymond Elementary School News

By: Norma Richard, Principal

We are getting ready to start the new school year at the beautiful Raymond Elementary School. We have been very busy this summer getting organized for the start of school on Wednesday, September 1. Kindergarten children will be coming for their visit on Thursday, September 2.

Our K - 4 students will once again have their own bus runs this year. This is a great time to review with children bus expectations for Safety, Respect and In-Bounds. I am sure the children will remember the rhyme, "Bottom to bottom, back to back, with your backpack on your lap" as a reminder for sitting safely on the bus and staying in their seats at all times. We will be working with our students throughout the year to practice bus safety and to reinforce school expectations for behavior on the bus. We appreciate parent support in reinforcing and supporting bus rules. Our bus drivers have a very important job transporting all children to school safely, and we expect that children will follow all bus rules at all times and have a safe ride to school each day.

As you purchase backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets, etc., please take the time to label all items with your child's name. You can not imagine how many lunch boxes, hats, jackets, sneakers, boots and other items of clothing end up in the lost and found each day. Many items are not claimed and are disposed of at the end of the school year. We would much prefer to return these things to the children.

Miss Wendy, our school receptionist, will be sending home a packet of important materials during the first two weeks of school. This packet includes such paperwork as emergency forms, free and reduced lunch applications, school insurance information, and a magnetic school calendar to keep you up to date throughout the school year. We ask that you take extra care in providing the office with emergency information, particularly for emergency dismissals. We are also requesting that all parents make plans in advance for weather, emergency, or other early dismissals that may result in a change in busing, as we are unable to call parents for that information during an early dismissal.

We look forward to seeing the children return, as the first day of school is always an exceptional day for students and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 655-8672 if you have any questions that need to be answered prior to the start of school. The school office will be open full time starting on Monday, August 23, to register new elementary students.

Omission

The Raymond School Department wishes to extend its congratulations to Wade Cole. His name was inadvertently omitted from last month's list of graduating seniors.

Raymond Students Place In Talent Search

A group of Jordan-Small math students received a special invitation to the University of Maine in Orono for the Maine Math Science and Engineering Talent Search (MMSETS) Honors Day. MMSETS is a challenging series of problems that students across the state can solve to compete for scholarships and recognition.

This year over 3000 Maine students in grades 5-12 participated. Raymond has had students place in this program since the 2001-2002 school year. This year Alyson Schadler received an award for second place in the seventh grade division, and Kees Van Haasteren received honorable mention for placing tenth in the seventh grade division. Way to go, Aly and Kees!

Innisbrook Is Coming In September

Innisbrook Wraps presents the ultimate gift wrap collection this fall at the Raymond Elementary School. Our fall Innisbrook sale will begin on September 10. Just wait until you see this year's collection!

- *Award Winning Gift Wrap Designs
- *Great Gift Products for Kids of All Ages
- *Gourmet Food and Chocolates Galore

Proceeds from our Innisbrook sale are used to support classroom programs and the Raymond PTA. These funds have had a direct impact on your child's classroom and our school program.

Innisbrook Schools can also order on the Web 365 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Elementary School customer # is 104999. Families and out of town friends can order and re-order over 150 Innisbrook products on-line all year long! Products will be delivered right to your door, and your child's school will receive the 50% profit.

Kindergarten Visit Day At Raymond Elementary School On September 2

The 1st day of school at the Raymond Elementary School is Wednesday, September 1. However, kindergarten children do not come to school on this first day with the older children. This will allow the bus drivers a few days to get their routes running smoothly before our youngest students start school. Please allow a few extra minutes each way the first week or so as we all get used to dismissal schedules and procedures.

Kindergarten Visit Day is Thursday, September 2 from 9 - 10:30am. Children are to come to the Raymond Elementary School with their parent(s), not on the bus. Children and parents should come directly to their classrooms to meet the teacher and other classmates. Children will have some time to stay with their parents to get comfortable in the classroom with their teacher and new classmates. Parents will then be dismissed to the library to chat with the other parents and Ms. Richard, while the children stay to have a snack and story in the classroom and to play on the playground. Parents will meet back at the classrooms at 10:15am. to practice bus rules and procedures with their children and take a short bus ride together. This gives the children an opportunity to experience riding on the bus and to practice good bus safety rules. (We ask that younger siblings do not come on this day, so that we can focus on a good experience for your kindergarten student.)

Please call the school office at 655-8672 for more information.

Raymond Recreation Fall Soccer Signup

August 9th and 11th
6-8pm
Raymond Public Safety Building
on Route 302

Raymond Planning Board Position Open

The Raymond Planning Board is looking for applicants for a position on the Board. Please forward your letters of interest, including a short resume, to Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071, or email:

louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

The Board meets the second Wednesday of the month to study Raymond's residential and commercial development, as well as writing potential ordinances having to do with Land Use.

Work Permits

By Dot Mowatt, Business Manager, Raymond School Department

Every spring we receive numerous telephone calls asking what the procedure is for students eager to begin working or return to work for the summer. Minors under the age of 16 are required to obtain a Work Permit from the Superintendent of Schools' office. First, however, they must have the promise of a job and then apply for the permit.

A copy of the minor's birth certificate is required, along with a parent/guardian's signature to be filled out at the Raymond Elementary School in the Business Office. The permits are then sent to Augusta for approval and then returned to the Superintendent's office. We will then call to let you know when they are returned.

The school department retains one copy of the permit, and the employer gets the other.

Minors 14 & 15 years of age may be employed in most businesses except in most occupations in manufacturing, mechanical, dry cleaners, laundries, bakeries, hotels/motels, and most commercial places of amusement. Minors under 14 years of age are prohibited from working in most businesses. Minors 16 & 17 years of age may be employed in most businesses, but not in hazardous jobs in many businesses. Contact the Bureau of Labor Standards for details. Only one permit is issued during the school year, and two may be issued during summer vacations.

Should you have any further questions, you can call the Business Office at 655-8666.

Jordan-Small Middle School Soccer Schedule Fall 2004

Game	Bus Departs
Thurs. 9-9-04 @ St. John's	2:30pm
Mon. 9-13-04 vs. Sabattus	
Thurs. 9-16-04 vs. Wales	
Mon. 9-20-04 @ St. Peter's	2:30pm
Thurs. 9-23-04 vs. Litchfield	
Mon. 9-27-04 @ Holy Cross	2:30pm
Thurs. 9-30-04 vs. Hebron	
Mon. 10-4-04 @ Durham	2:30pm
Thurs. 10-7-04 vs. Buckfield	
Tues. 10-12-04 @ Monmouth	2:30pm
Wed. 10-13-04 vs. Pownal	
Tues. 10-19-04 @ McFalls	2:45pm
Thurs. 10-21-04 vs. Richmond	
Mon. 10-25-04 vs. Minot	
Thurs. 10-28-04 @ St. Joe's	2:30pm

Games will be played primarily on Mondays and Thursdays. Boys will play first from 9/9 - 10/4. From 10/7 until the end of the season, Girls will play first. Girl and Boy teams travel together, unless otherwise noted.

Game Policies

1. All games are to start at 4pm. If there are back-to-back games, every effort should be made to start the next game as soon as possible.
2. Two thirty-minute halves should be played. A five-minute break should be given at the half.
3. Substitute: per rule book, there is no free substitution.
4. If the game ends in a tie, there will be no overtime.

RED 2004-2005 School Year Registration

Registration for the upcoming school year will be held the first two weeks in August. All current RED families (those registered for the 2004 summer program) can register August 2-6. All other families will be able to register the week of August 9-13. Registration packets will be available during program hours (7am-6:15pm, M-F) at Jordan-Small Middle School in the cafeteria. They will also be available in both school offices. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kristi Curtis at 655-3203.

The Raymond Beautification Committee

By: Mike McClellan

The Town of Raymond asked the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber Of Commerce to begin serving the town in fall of 2003. This request was sanctioned at a Select-board meeting, and the Chamber then asked the town how it could become more positively involved in the life of Raymond. Town Manager Don Willard suggested a community need for a process to ensure that the recent improvements to Route 302 would be continued. The Chamber gladly became involved and began searching for individuals to create a committee to work towards an initial vision and mission. This task became easy as a few local individuals were asked to participate due to their well-known love of community and gardening. Very quickly Sharon Dodson (Owner-True Value), Donna Johnson (community member) and Mary McIntire (known for her volunteer work and care of the Raymond School grounds) joined Chamber Executive Director and Raymond resident Mike McClellan in a committee that was to become known as the Raymond Beautification

Committee. Christine McClellan (Selectperson and owner, Sunset Variety Store) became interested and signed on. Mary Lentine (frequent volunteer and busy mother of 3) and Eileen Stiles (devoted volunteer and long time resident) began contributing to the cause. Don Willard offered town support in terms of Road Commissioner Nathan White and GIS Coordinator Elisa Trepanier.

Initial work involved philosophical discussion about what the committee mission and vision should be. You can visit the Raymond website to see these statements. Simply go to: <http://www.raymondmaine.org/committees/beautification/default.htm>.

At this late July writing you likely have seen the rest: the 302 corridor has had much volunteer work (280 individual hours), as well as the support of town employees such as Nathan White, who is often seen watering trees in support of the volunteers' work, and town landscaper, Dick Sanborn, who does the mowing and mulching. Visitors and locals alike are commenting on the project, which

tells us that we are on the right track.

What's next, you might ask? We certainly see this as a long-term effort. Plans are now being made to create an "adopt a garden" program. The local Garden Club has taken on the first site, the turn-off on 302 by Rt. 85 that has an island planting area. We will begin a Monday morning 7am "walk 'n weed" event. Join us at Sunset Variety at 7am to then walk the Rt. 302 Corridor in small groups, weeding and getting fresh air. All adults are welcome. We hope to meet with other community groups to get them more involved, and we will soon survey the local businesses as to their own intent to care for gardens adjacent to their properties. One other aspect of help would be that we can accept your financial support in terms of cash or supplies. Tools, plants and money to purchase landscape fabric are just a few of the ways you can help us...and it is tax deductible! We would appreciate your support and feedback. The following paragraphs are meant to give you insight into our committee members and why they got involved.

Raymond Beautification Committee Member Sharon Dodson On Why I Volunteer

I have always taken pleasure in caring for the gardens at our hardware store, so when Mike McClellan asked me to join a committee to oversee the Route 302 project's maintenance, I didn't think twice. However, when our group started meeting last winter, I was the first one to say, "I don't know what kind of impact five or six 45+-year-old women can possibly make on all those gardens!" It seemed so overwhelming at the time, but I really wanted townspeople to be able to see how nice it could look this season and be inspired to work together to sustain the project over the long term.

After watching us weed garden beds for a couple of weeks, some passersby began to ask why we were working so hard. My most frequent reply was, "It's cheaper than a therapist," which is certainly true, but it's actually much more than that. Throughout my entire life, I have benefited from everything that Raymond has to offer, more than anyone else I know. As a child, I was brought up on Sebago Lake, educated in one of the best schools in the state (Jordan-Small School), learned to swim and ski with Raymond Rec., and received several college scholarships awarded by community organizations. As adults, my husband Rick and I have had the privilege and honor of this town's unwavering support of our business for 28 1/2 years, through good times and bad; and finally, our daughter has been able to go to school here, take advantage of every program in town and go on to North Yarmouth Academy, for which she was more than adequately prepared. I don't think there is any town, anywhere, where we could have been so fortunate. I guess I'm being a little sentimental, but I really think of this whole community as an extension of my own back yard, and I want everyone else to enjoy it as much as I do.

Raymond Beautification Committee Member Mary McIntire On Why I Volunteer

Anyone who knows me knows that I love to garden. There is something immensely satisfying about digging in the dirt and watching the fruits of one's labor blossom throughout the growing season. I first became involved in community gardening over a year ago when an acquaintance asked me where I worked. When I told her I worked around the corner at Jordan-Small School, she commented, "Is that the building that looks like a prison?" It bothered me that the exterior of our school communicated this to a person from another town. The gardens around the school were badly overrun with weeds, trees and shrubs, were dead, or had many damaged branches; and the landscaping was in general disrepair. I more or less took it upon myself to clean up and beautify the exterior of JSMS. With over 100 hours of work and a lot of planting throughout the summer, the appearance of the exterior began to improve.

As a result of my efforts at JSMS, I was asked to be on the newly formed Raymond Beautification Committee. As a gardener, I was appalled at the state of the newly landscaped areas of Route 302 that were overgrown with weeds. The rest, as they say, is history. Why did I become involved? Well, I guess a simple answer is that I believe what is on the outside reflects what is on the inside. What do we as a town want to communicate to visitors? People often say that first impressions are very important. I know that when I travel, I am much more likely to stop at a



business that looks neat, clean and attractive from the outside. I usually pass by the ones that have unkempt exteriors.

The Raymond area has been an important place in my life since my childhood. Many summer days were spent boating and camping in this area. I believe it is my responsibility to contribute back to the community in a positive manner. One person can make a difference! Not everyone has 100 hours to spend volunteering. However, 100 people volunteering for an hour accomplishes the same and is much less back breaking! I think we need to communicate to others that we care enough about our community to keep it looking attractive. I am involved because I want that first impression to be a positive one!

Raymond Beautification Committee Member Mary Lentine On Why I Volunteer

I volunteered to be on the Beautification Committee because I saw a job that I thought needed to be done, and I had the time (although not enough) and the ability (it doesn't take much) to help do it. Last summer I was impressed with all the flowers, bushes, and trees that were planted along Route 302. I thought the new gardens, lights, and flags were a nice way to express the pride Raymond citizens take in their community. However, as the summer progressed and the weeds started to take over, I got more and more frustrated as I drove on that road.

So this spring, I was relieved to hear that a committee had been formed to address the maintenance of these new gardens. At last I had my chance to deal with the weeds that had been such an eyesore (at least to me). Although my volunteer time pales in comparison to others on the committee, I get a real sense of accomplishment when a garden has been cleared of weeds and fresh bark mulch has been spread. Now the drive down Route 302 generates that feeling of pride for me again.

It is fun to get together with other members of the committee to work on restoring a garden. As we toil amongst the flowers and rose bushes, attacking the weeds, trimming dead branches, spreading landscape fabric, and transplanting plants, we often hear a passerby yell, "Thanks!", and that simple recognition is a real motivator for me. I get the sense that the time I spend volunteering in our small town really makes a difference and is appreciated by a few vocal people and hopefully many others.

I feel very lucky to live in a community as beautiful as Raymond—beautiful in its geography as well as the people who live here. My family enjoys the lakes, nearby mountains, and beautiful countryside in our town. We also benefit greatly from the volunteerism (is that a word?) of the citizens of this town. The dedicated volunteers who run our Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs, work at the library, help our children in their classrooms and through the PTA, help organize and coach sports programs for Raymond Rec., and many others I have not mentioned, all help enrich our life in Raymond. Working on the Beautification Committee is my small contribution to the beauty of our town.

Raymond Beautification Committee Member Eileen Stiles On Why I Volunteer

Yes, I am one of those people from away. But I have lived here longer than anywhere else, having married a career military person. We arrived with a second grader 21 years ago. Our older children were out on their own. We thought it would be nice to live here, and it has turned out nicer than we ever could have dreamed. We put in roots and volunteered to lend our support to the community. We taught skiing on Wednesdays, my husband served on the Planning Board, I served as a "room mother," built a playground of tires with volunteers, and played Santa Claus for the school, library and Hawthorne Association. I built a playground for toddlers and older children at the Sheri Gagnon Park with wonderful community support. I worked at the school for 14 years. I helped to write the grant for the mentoring program for our children.

Raymond has given us good neighbors, friends, smiling faces at the bank, the post office, and many places of business. In return we have been rewarded with wonderful memories and enriching experiences. We supported the town's bicentennial celebration by heading up the flag program, raising money and placing flags all over the community. I have weeded to help "our town" look like the special place it has become for us. It is also therapeutic. When we "give," we seem to get much more in return.

Raymond Beautification Committee Member Donna Johnson On Why I Volunteer

Why do I spend time weeding 302? The short answer is: I hate weeds, and I hate my exercise bike. Working in the gardens, I get some exercise and make some garden spaces look a little better. A longer answer involves watching the gardens get overgrown last summer and thinking what a shame to have so many people pass through that area and let that be their impression of Raymond. Given time and care, the gardens will flourish, the trees will grow and the plantings will fill in. For me, that is the reward.