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Subdivision Moratorium Special Town Meeting

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

On Tuesday, November 16th, Raymond resident Tim Charest of 119 Valley Road requested that the Board of Selectmen consider the enactment of a moratorium on the development of residential subdivisions. Mr. Charest appeared before the Selectmen at that meeting and presented his request to the Selectmen and to the approximately 175 Raymond citizens in attendance. After one and one-half hours of public debate, a motion was made by Selectman Mark

Gendron to call a special town meeting for Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 7pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School to consider this issue. The Selectmen proposed a moratorium for a period of six months (180 days). The original enactment of a moratorium must be by approval of town meeting.

The purpose of the moratorium would be to allow the newly established Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee adequate time to consider the recommendations contained within Raymond's Comprehensive Plan, which was approved on October 14, 2004, with a goal of proposing specific ordinances governing future land use that would be in compliance with the Plan. Currently, the town's land use ordinances are not fully aligned with the goals, strategies, and proposed new ordinances contained within the Plan. The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee has been charged with having new ordinances available for consideration at next year's Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 21, 2005. The six-month period would

expire the following month on June 7, 2005.

State statute 30-A M.R.S.A. §4356 provides certain limits on moratoria.

Any moratorium adopted by a municipality on the processing or issuance of development permits or licenses must meet the following requirements.

1. Necessity. The moratorium must be needed:

- A. To prevent a shortage or an overburden of public facilities that would otherwise occur during the effective period of the moratorium or that is reasonably foreseeable as a result of any proposed or anticipated development; or
- B. Because the application of existing comprehensive plans, land use ordinances or regulations or other applicable laws, if any, is inadequate to prevent serious public harm from residential, commercial or industrial

development in the affected geographic area.

2. Definite term. The moratorium must be of a definite term of not more than 180 days. The moratorium may be extended for additional 180-day periods if the municipality adopting the moratorium finds that:

- A. The problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium still exists; and
- B. Reasonable progress is being made to alleviate the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium.

3. Extension by selectmen. In municipalities where the municipal legislative body is the town meeting, the selectmen may extend the moratorium in compliance with subsection 2 after notice and hearing.

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kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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Special Town Meeting Proposed Subdivision Moratorium Tuesday, December 7, 2004 7pm @ Jordan-Small Middle School

Subdivision Moratorium: CON

By: Greg Foster

Many Raymond residents know me as an outspoken individual, typically advocating property rights and reduced government intervention. During my 24 year career as a professional forester, I have dedicated most of my time to working with private non-industrial forest landowners in managing their forest property. The events that I have witnessed and experienced over my career have

solidified my opinion that increased government restrictions of land use have far reaching tentacles that typically result in exacerbating existing problems and/or creating new problems.

At the November Town of Raymond selectmen's meeting, I spoke in opposition to local government attempting to exert its strength in controlling development. The citizen-initiated moratorium on processing applications for new subdivisions earned support from four of the five selectmen and will be considered for adoption at a special town meeting on December 7th.

It is my opinion that this moratorium has been created in haste, and derived mostly out of emotion, experienced by neighbors of at least one newly proposed subdivision. I believe the moratorium is based on unfounded grounds and find it unfortunate that the selectmen have approved it for a vote at a special town meeting.

The moratorium's purpose is to temporarily stop subdivisions to allow ordinances to be updated in accordance

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Subdivision Moratorium: PRO

By: Tim Charest

The reason I sent my request for a subdivision moratorium is because I feel that the existing Land Use Ordinance did not work in accord with the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan. I felt that is was important that the Town of Raymond made amendments to the Subdivision Restriction portion of the Land Use Ordinance, and I felt that going about making changes without a moratorium would have been an overwhelming task and

would have taken years to complete. All the while subdivision development would have continued unchanged, and the damage would have been done by the time the ordinance was complete and the changes implemented. This moratorium would give the town a chance to facilitate the changes needed and also give us time to review and put into action the goals and strategies which will bring this town into the future.

The most important item that the town needs to address is the creation of a growth cap to combat sprawl. This is nothing new; it is mentioned several times in the Comprehensive Plan. The figures show that Raymond's growth in population

is much higher than surrounding towns or the state in general. This alone should be alarming for any town that wishes to remain rural. At this point there is somewhere in the neighborhood of 191 lot proposals in front of the Planning Board for development. Considering the Planning Board's near 100% approval record for development applications, it's easy to see the growth that is heading for the Raymond area. At this rate of growth we will most definitely overburden our schools, which will lower the quality of

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Raymond Village Library News

Holiday Bake Sale

The Annual Holiday Bake Sale will be held at the library on Sunday, December 12, beginning at 11am and continuing throughout the day. There will be goodies of all kinds, including decorated and fancy cookies, cakes, breads and perhaps even fancy doggie treats. It is an event not to be missed and a wonderful way to cut down on your holiday baking. Also, don't forget that special yummy gift for a friend.

Holiday Traditions Exhibit

In the holiday spirit, there will be displays of different holiday celebrations in the library from December 5 through December 15. Exhibits will include Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Christmas and Winter Solstice.

Friends of Maine Libraries Grant

The Raymond Village Library was awarded a \$500 grant from the Friends of Maine Libraries in October 2004. The grant will enable the RVL to continue the "Libraries Are For Babies, Too" program.

"Libraries Are For Babies, Too" is an ongoing program reaching out to newborns to 2 month old babies and their parents or caregivers in the local area. Parents are encouraged to read to their baby from birth, creating important bonds and developing a love of reading. Being read to is an important step in language development, as the baby hears rhythms of speech and patterns of sound.

As a gift for parent and baby, each person who participates in the program is given a canvas bag with the "Libraries Are For Babies, Too" logo, containing a board book for baby, a book for parents regarding the importance of reading and a Raymond Village Library patron brochure.

If you have any questions about "Libraries Are For Babies, Too," please contact Sue Ellen at 655-4463.

Junior Mystery Night

Twenty-eight students, in grades 5 through 9, gathered at Raymond Village Library to solve the mystery of a missing student named Angela. This was all part of a Junior Mystery Night hosted by the RVL.

Everyone participating as junior sleuths held pad of paper and pencil in hand, writing down any clues given by

the suspects' prerecorded alibis via video. After listening to these stories, the sleuths ventured off to the missing person's locker, her bedroom, and the detective's office, which were all staged inside the library.

After visiting each site and watching a prerecorded news update, it was time to piece together the information and attempt to solve the mystery. Each participant used a question guide to record theories and motives as to how and why Angela was missing. Some sleuths worked in groups, while other preferred working solo, all using their creative problem solving skills to crack the case.

Lisa Friedlander, who organized and facilitated this entertaining program, went through all the answer sheets and acknowledged everyone's efforts with great prizes. A fun time was had by all!

Special thanks for donating prizes go to: Mexicali Blues, Final Touch Salon, Ultimate Hair and Tanning, Windham Subway, The Good Life Market, Community Pharmacy and Principal Miller.

Special thanks for supplying food go to: the Stevensons, Jeri Keane, Tammy Acker, Lisa Friedlander and Sue Ellen Gendron. Also special thanks for participating as actors go to: Lyzz Stevenson, Patrick Martin, Grant Dodge, Ali Gordon, Allison Gagnon, Tammy Acker, Mark Acker, Ian Acker, Tom Cloutier, Norma Richard and Mr. Dale.

Pajama Story Time

Pajama Story Time was a big hit again this year at the Raymond Village Library. Jody Fein of Gray, a very talented storyteller, held the 30 children and adults' attention throughout the early evening on November 17. Jody performed folk tales, songs and classic stories with much interaction with the audience. To add to the fun, almost everyone who attended wore PJs, including the adults!

Pajama Story Time was in celebration of National Children's Book Week. This is an annual event at RVL, and we look forward to having Jody share her talents with Raymond again next year.

Music Program

Sue Sharaf of Music Together will hold a music class at the Raymond Village Library, Monday, December 13

at 10am. This class is fun music for newborns through 4-year-olds. There will be no Baby Time due to this special guest.

Raymond-Casco Historical Society

"Big Oaks from little Acorns grow" has become a truism for the Raymond-Casco Historical Society this year. Last year was spent applying for grants and planning to prepare to catalogue a 30 year collection of material and objects by the Society.

We were awarded a Grant from the Davis Foundation and also one from the Town of Raymond, making it possible to start work on what appears to be a lifetime occupation for the members of the Society. We have worked with a local consultant to insure our efforts are directed in a buildable fashion into the future.

Due to our year of planning and preparation, we got off on a fast start and have catalogued most of the objects in the museum and the Society's collection but still search for added information on the items. Having completed listing the residents of each cemetery, we are now searching for additional data: obituaries, personal data, property data and such of our past residents. We ask if anyone has collections of obituaries, property data etc. to please call Elizabeth Bullen, our Curator, at 998-3123 for donations or if you would allow us to copy same for our collection.

Recognizing we had to get serious about building a financial base for the future, a member established and funded an Endowment which has already been added to by several other members. If you are able to help us build this Endowment to a meaningful endeavor, please mail a check to Raymond-Casco Historical Society Endowment, attention our Treasurer Mrs. Betty McDermott, McDermott Drive, Raymond, Maine, 04071

We close our year with deep appreciation to the Davis Foundation and Town of Raymond for the financial help and to many members and friends for the hundreds of hours of ongoing volunteer effort.

December 2004/January 2005

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 MB=Modular at JSMS		1 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	2 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting	3 Camp Hinds Troop 800 Campout	4 Camp Hinds Troop 800 Campout
5 Camp Hinds Troop 800 Campout	6 10:00AM VL Babytime	7 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting Committee 7:00PM JS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	8 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM TH Planning Board	9	10 JSMS 7th Grade Astronomy Field Trip	11
12 Raymond Village Library Bake Sale	13 10:00AM VL Babytime	14 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 6:30PM RE PTA Meeting	15 8:00AM-8:00PM RE Book Fair 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 11:30 JS Early Release Day	16 5:00PM Bridgton Veterinary Hospital Chamber of Commerce After Hours 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting 7:00PM TH One Raymond Steering Committee	17 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 3:00PM TH Planning Board Deadline for January	18
19	20 10:00AM VL Babytime 6:00PM-8:30PM RE Cub Scout Pack Meeting	21 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	22 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	23 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	24 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON	25 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
26	27 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals	28 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	29 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	30 Road Runner Deadline 3:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals Deadline for January	31	1 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY
2	3	4 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	5	6 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting	7	8

Library Planning Survey Available Until December 12

The Raymond Village Library is making one more request for your input as we plan for the future. You can find the survey in the November issue of the Road Runner, at the library, town office and school offices, or you can easily complete it online at www.raymondmaine.org. Just a few minutes of your time will help us identify needs and prioritize services for the next 3-5 years.

To stay in touch with the planning process and programming, sign up for our e-mail list at the library check-out desk.

Library Annual Appeal: Out of Space, Improving Our Face

Quite simply - space is an issue for the library. This year's annual appeal will help fund improvements to create a more efficient, comfortable and inviting facility. A draft of a new floor plan is in progress and is calling for rearrangement of current collections, a larger children's area, places to read and consolidated staff workspace. Enhanced lighting, additional shelving and new carpet are also needed to upgrade services while retaining the library's patron-friendly atmosphere.

Your contribution will help support efforts to make the best use of our current facility.

Raymond Fire/Rescue

HOT SPOT

"KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE THROUGH EDUCATION"

YOUR NUMBER PLEASE

Recently I had the opportunity to travel many driveways and private roads in town. This bid for the state representative position allowed an opportunity for a first hand look at the many narrow driveways, and rough private roads currently existing in our town. These may present obstacles when responding to an emergency call, but the largest obstacle may be the absence of accurate home numbers.

We have many uncontrollable obstacles built into every public safety call without adding the easy, inexpensive complications. Attach numbers on your home as well as the end of your driveway, PLEASE. If you have an in-law apartment, legal or otherwise, number it with the same number plus an A or B. We have actually found two occasions where two different homes sharing the same driveway have had the same numbers attached. Think of these numbers as your public safety numbers, place them in a conspicuous location and consider reflective lettering. Help us help you in your time of need.

As snow begins to fall, keep your driveway as open and wide as possible. If you have a spot for a turn around to be made or maintained and you can do it, please do; it will reduce the time component by many precious minutes. Imagine backing out of your driveway in an ambulance or a large fire truck with snow banks on each side.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season. Until next month...work safe, play safe,

STAY SAFE!!!

Please send any requests or comments to josh.stevens@raymondmaine.org

Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen took the following actions in November 2004.

1. Liquor License renewal – restaurant/lounge (Class 11) – Vincenzo Raggiani d/b/a Montebello Ristorante. The Selectmen unanimously approved a liquor license renewal for Montebello Ristorante. The renewal license is for a restaurant/lounge license, which is a classification drop back from the previous pub license issued last year.
2. Request for moratorium on approval of residential subdivisions – Tim Charest, 119 Valley Road. The Selectmen received public comment from Mr. Charest as well as approximately 175 Raymond residents on both the potential merits and negative effects of imposing such a moratorium. After one and one-half hours of debate, the Selectmen approved placing this issue before Raymond voters at a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 7pm at Jordan-Small Middle School.
3. Status report of Phase 1 Ground Water Investigation Report findings, former landfill,

Egypt Road. This agenda item was tabled to a later meeting.

4. Selectmen Bylaws and Policies for consideration and possible adoption. This agenda item was tabled until the first meeting in January.
5. Formation of Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, Selectman Mark Gendron. The Selectmen approved the formation of a committee of seven Raymond citizens, supported by the services of a professional planner, to review the Comprehensive Plan and develop recommended ordinance revisions for consideration at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting on May 21, 2005.
6. Authorized Payroll and Treasurer's Warrants dated November 16, 2004.
7. Met with Ted Wolfe of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the Woodard & Curran landfill report. After a presentation by Mr. Wolfe, the Selectmen adjourned to Executive Session with legal counsel. No decision made.
8. Met in Executive Session with legal counsel and representatives of the proposed Farwell Commons Subdivision located at the site of the former landfill on Egypt Road. No action taken.

RAYMOND FIRE/RESCUE CALL LOG

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
10/26/2004	1337	ROOSEVELT TRL.	DIFF.BREATHING
10/29/2004	1007	ROOSEVELT TRL.	SUBJ. UNCONSCIOUS
10/29/2004	1255	SWANS RD	POSS. STROKE
10/30/2004	2307	SIBLEY STREET	CHEST PAIN
10/31/2004	508	CONESCA RD	CARDIAC
11/1/2004	1653	AUTO-AID GRAY	BACK PROBLEM
11/2/2004	819	AUTO-AID GRAY	SMOKE ALARM
11/2/2004	1621	WEBBS MILLS RD	SMOKE
11/2/2004	1926	MARTIN HEIGHTS	AGENCY ASSIST
11/3/2004	806	SHAKER RD	GEN. ILLNESS
11/3/2004	825	TOWER RD	ABDOMINAL PAIN
11/3/2004	1420	WEBBS MILLS RD	PUBLIC ASSIST
11/4/2004	2351	MEADOW RD	DIABETIC
11/5/2004	2158	WEBBS MILLS RD	MOTOR VEHICLE
11/8/2004	557	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CHEST PAIN
11/8/2004	709	SWANS RD	DRUG OVERDOSE
11/10/2004	714	MEADOW RD	PUBLIC ASSIST
11/10/2004	1430	MEADOW RD	MEDICAL
11/12/2004	18	CAPE RD	DIFF.BREATHING
11/12/2004	809	M/A NAPLES	PARAMEDIC
11/13/2004	2314	AUTO-AID GRAY	CHEST PAIN
11/14/2004	204	M/A CASCO	PARAMEDIC
11/14/2004	902	M/A CASCO	STATION COVERAGE
11/14/2004	1641	NO. RAYMOND RD	CHIMNEY FIRE
11/14/2004	2059	M/A WINDHAM	STRUCTURE FIRE
11/15/2004	144	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CHEST PAIN
11/15/2004	939	SWANS RD	STOMACH PAIN
11/16/2004	1642	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
11/17/2004	954	ROOSEVELT TRL.	FIRE ALARM
11/17/2004	1601	WEBBS MILLS RD	MEDICAL
11/17/2004	2303	CHARLES LANE	CHEST PAIN
11/18/2004	1324	THOMAS POND	MEDICAL
11/18/2004	1757	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVERAGE
11/19/2004	929	MEADOW RD	MEDICAL
11/19/2004	1750	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
11/20/2004	847	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CHEST PAIN
11/20/2004	1239	NO. RAYMOND RD	MEDICAL
11/20/2004	1306	INLET POINT RD	FIRE
11/21/2004	605	ROOSEVELT TRL.	MOTOR VEHICLE
11/21/2004	628	M/A WINDHAM	MOTOR VEHICLE
11/21/2004	740	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
11/21/2004	1605	NO. RAYMOND RD	ABDOMINAL PAIN
11/22/2004	249	M/A CASCO	STATION COVERAGE
11/22/2004	638	ROOSEVELT TRL.	NOSE BLEED
11/22/2004	843	ROOSEVELT TRL.	DIFF.BREATHING
11/22/2004	1805	CROCKETT RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
11/22/2004	1933	ROOSEVELT TRL.	MEDICAL
11/22/2004	2023	THOMAS POND TERR.	CARDIAC
11/23/2004	724	ROOSEVELT TRL.	ALLERGIC REACTION
11/23/2004	1235	ROOSEVELT TRL.	MOTOR VEHICLE
11/23/2004	2358	EGYPT RD	MEDICAL
11/24/2004	1158	M/A CASCO	MEDICAL
11/25/2004	1310	HANCOCK RD	BACK PAIN
11/25/2004	1546	CRESCENT LANE	DIFF.BREATHING
11/25/2004	2043	ROOSEVELT TRL.	SUBJ. BURNED HANDS
11/26/2004	1940	HAWTHORNE RD	SUBJ. ETOH/UNKN.

Augusta Update

By: John Robinson

On December 1st the new members of the legislature will be sworn in, and work on new policy initiatives will begin. I am proud and honored to represent District 103 serving the people of Raymond, part of Standish, part of Poland, and Frye Island. My wife Tasha and I have resided in Raymond for the past six years. We love the community and are committed to raising our daughter Julianna in Raymond.

As a legislator I will bring to the State House my experiences as a small business owner and use them to advance common sense plans that benefit all Mainers. The policy initiatives I will be focused on are tax reform, economic development, and education funding. I intend to be a member of a joint standing committee that will work on one of these three policy areas.

My ideas for broad based tax reform comprise two key principles that include placing limits on the growth in government spending and lowering the overall tax burden. With economic development I believe Maine must pursue policies that make it a competitive place to create all types of jobs including manufacturing, professional, and technology-based opportunities. The pending work I see on education funding policy will be to implement the education funding reforms passed by the 121st Legislature and by the Maine citizens through referenda process.

In addition to these three policy areas, the 122nd Legislature will have to balance a state budget that currently has a shortfall of more than \$700 million dollars. Undoubtedly it will be a challenge to solve this shortfall without resorting to tax increases, but I am committed to not raising Mainer's taxes.

It is my hope that the people of District 103 will freely contact me with their questions, concerns, and with ideas for legislation. I strongly believe that candor is the key component of successful constituent service and encourage open communications.

John Robinson is the State Representative-Elect from Raymond who represents the people of Raymond, part of Standish, part of Poland, and Frye Island. He works for Robinson Manufacturing Company where he serves as the company president. He can be contacted at: 655-8657 (Home), 287-1440 (State House), e-mailed at repjohn.robinson@legislature.maine.gov, or mailed at 15 Cranberry Pond Road, Raymond, ME 04071.

2005 Dog Tags Available

Dog licensing can now be done for 2005. If you have a dog over the age of 6 months, it should be licensed. A Rabies Certificate must be produced; and if the animal is neutered, a Neutering Certificate if the Town Office doesn't have it on file. The fee for a neutered dog is \$6 and non-neutered is \$10. All dogs must be licensed by January 31, 2005. Dogs licensed after January 31 will incur an additional \$15 late fee.

Please understand that by having your dog licensed, anyone finding your stray pet will be able to trace it to you, thereby alleviating the possibility that it will go to a shelter. Licensing funds contribute to stray animal care in the town and state and support the State Veterinarian Laboratory in Augusta as well as Maine State Humane Agents, who investigate animal abuse cases.

Subdivision Moratorium Special Town Meeting

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TOWN OF RAYMOND PROPOSED MORATORIUM ON PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2004, the Town of Raymond adopted a new Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the new Comprehensive Plan, in compliance with state law, has identified growth areas and rural areas and made recommendations for controlling growth and directing new growth to the appropriate areas of Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town's current land use ordinances have not been updated to implement the recommendations of the new Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, there remain many large tracts of undeveloped land in Raymond which are currently zoned to allow growth; and

WHEREAS, many of the areas which are currently zoned to allow new development under the Town's existing ordinances are not within the growth areas recommended by the Comprehensive Plan and are served by roads that do not have the structural capacity or alignment to accommodate significant increases in traffic that would accompany new development; and

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates that continued residential growth in Greater Portland

will put development pressure on the open land in Raymond; and

WHEREAS, having just adopted the Comprehensive Plan, the Town needs a reasonable period of time to review and revise its land use ordinances; and

WHEREAS, until the Town has taken the necessary steps to implement the recommendations of the new Comprehensive Plan, the application of the Town's existing land use ordinances is inadequate to prevent serious public harm from rapid, uncontrolled development; and

WHEREAS, new subdivisions create the greatest potential for serious adverse impact if they are developed before the Town has had the opportunity to revise, update and strengthen its land use ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Raymond hereby ordains as follows:

1. Acceptance, processing and acting upon applications prohibited. During the time this Ordinance is in effect, no officer, official, employee, office, board or agency of the Town of Raymond shall accept, process, approve, deny, or in any other way act upon any application for a subdivision, as defined by 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4401(4).

2. Applicability. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 1 M.R.S.A. § 302, this Ordinance applies to any application for a subdivision as defined in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4401(4), whether or not such application had become a "pending proceeding" as defined in 1 M.R.S.A. § 302 prior to enactment of this Ordinance.

3. Effective date and duration. This Ordinance takes effect on December 9, 2004, and shall remain in effect for 180 days thereafter, unless extended by the Board of Selectmen as provided in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4356(3) or extended, amended or repealed by further town meeting vote.

4. Exception for amendments to previously approved subdivisions. This Ordinance shall not apply to any application to amend a previously approved subdivision plan, provided no new lots or units are created by the amendment.

If you would like additional information, please contact Town Manager Don Willard at 655-6994 ext. 31 or don.willard@raymondmaine.org.

Subdivision Moratorium: CON

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with the newly adopted Raymond Comprehensive plan. It further states "the application of the Town's existing land use ordinances are inadequate to prevent serious public harm from rapid, uncontrolled development" and "new subdivisions create the greatest potential for serious adverse impact if they are developed before the Town has had the opportunity to revise, update and strengthen its land use ordinances."

The above statements raise the questions: who has defined what serious public harm and rapid uncontrolled development is, and how have they arrived at this conclusion? As stated by one hearing participant, these are serious charges. A proponent of the moratorium cited the Comprehensive Plan as the source for this evaluation.

As a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, I can recall no time when we defined these conditions as stated in the moratorium. Nor do I recall a town official declaring this to be the case. Town Planner Robert Faunce stated (both to the Comprehensive Plan Committee and at the recent selectmen's meeting) that most of the newly created lots were individual lots. If most of the lots created in recent history are not the result of a subdivision, how can the statements of the moratorium be concluded?

The second statement, containing the words "uncontrolled development," is equally questionable, as there is significant town oversight of all subdivisions.

To the contrary, and not addressed by this moratorium, are individual lots, which are responsible for most of Raymond's recent development. Single lot developments have limited oversight by the town. There is very little basis and even a misdirected basis for the conclusions of the last two paragraphs, making this moratorium invalid.

The new Comprehensive Plan attempts to direct growth to the designated growth areas; however, it does not stop subdivisions within other zones. The "yet to be enacted" ordinances maintain the same density requirement for open space subdivisions, even if minimum lot sizes are increased. Although the growth cap component is unknown, chances are that the in-process subdivisions would be quite similar to what they are now, leaving in question whether the moratorium accomplishes anything.

Other concerns also come to mind as to why the moratorium is not a wise proposal. As stated at the public hearing by Peter Busque, he has invested several hundred thousand dollars in preparing a subdivision, and has followed all state and town rules and regulations. Chase Homes has done the same for the Valley Road development. This moratorium will halt these activities. I believe this to be a town operating in poor faith, and that it jeopardizes the town in that these two developers may be able to legally challenge the moratorium.

The following comments are not meant to offend or impugn any individual. I believe all citizens have the right at any time to introduce a moratorium or any other

regulation under the provisions of the law. I find it somewhat disingenuous that the creators of this moratorium have only recently appeared to address their concern regarding land use regulations in Raymond. The Comprehensive Plan Committee has been considering land use and other issues for Raymond for more than three years. I missed very few of these meetings. Other than John Rand and Elizabeth Algeo, I do not recall seeing any of the most outspoken proponents of the moratorium at any Comprehensive Plan meetings; hence my belief that the moratorium proposal is spontaneous, based on emotion and lacking good reason for implementation.

Attending these meetings is important because there are many variables that affect, cause or result in the development of a subdivision. In the end, the moratorium will have the greatest negative impact on the landowner, whether they be the developer, an elderly Raymond citizen in need of expensive health care, or whoever has a vested interest. Persons who have the least to lose are likely the moratorium creators. The causes (for example, the restructured school funding formula that has encouraged people to move out of cities, including Portland, to towns like Raymond) will remain un-addressed.

For the above stated reasons, I believe it is unnecessary to adopt a moratorium and that the process of implementing the Comprehensive Plan is on track and need not be hampered in any way by the moratorium.

Subdivision Moratorium: PRO

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teaching. It will overburden the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department also, which will surely compromise our safety. There have been some cases where insurance companies have raised homeowner's insurance premiums because they felt that the Fire Department was not capable of fighting multiple fires at one time because the increase in local dwellings was beyond the capabilities of the local Fire Department. These are just a few issues that will lead to increases in the mil rate which in turn means higher taxes.

The second most important amendment that should be made to the existing ordinance is that it should require without option the use of open space subdivisions. This is what many towns across the country and Maine, including the Town of Freeport, have done with their subdivision ordinance. The Town of Raymond currently has an open space subdivision program written into its Land Use Ordinance; however, it's only an option. There is no incentive for the developer to go in that direction, and so what results is a subdivision with 100% loss of

open space. This means a loss of hunting land, snowmobile trails, hiking, skiing and biking trails. Loss of open space also devastates wildlife from the loss of habitat. It also ruins our lakes, ponds and streams with increased levels of phosphorus, which increases algae and milfoil in our lakes and ponds. Open space is crucial for filtering the water which sheds into our natural resources. Raymond is considered the "Home of the Land Locked Salmon," and it is vital that we take the steps necessary to assure that water quality continues to support its presence in our lakes.

Another concern of many residents in Raymond is the road damage and congestion which is associated with overgrowth. Anyone who travels Route 302 during rush hour knows first hand what happens when growth exceeds the carrying capacity of the roads. This congestion will continue to be an increasing problem and will begin to spread onto our secondary roads if we continue at the rate we're going.

Another problem that would result from excessive growth from subdivisions is the ground water quality and

quantity levels and its effects on the wells of surrounding homes.

The largest argument which I've heard from those who oppose the moratorium has been the lost of money that the developers would incur because of fees for sketches and engineering for their projects. I am sympathetic to them for this; however, being in the commercial and industrial construction business, our company spends thousands of dollars a year on bidding on projects throughout New England. Of all the projects we bid, we are awarded at best 20% of these projects. This means that we "eat" a lot of these costs. It's "the nature of the beast." We know that we will not get all the projects we bid, and we accept the loss as reasonable.

The civic-minded Comprehensive Plan members have worked diligently and with perseverance for the past three years to deliver us the goals and strategies outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. It's now time to take action and work to transform these goals and strategies into policies and continue becoming a proactive town that accepts responsibility for its future.

Littorally Speaking: Three Strikes, They're Out!

By: Roberta Hill, Program Director, Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants

In response to the threat to Maine lakes, ponds and streams posed by invasive aquatic plants, many Maine communities have established "Courtesy Boat Inspection" programs. If you launched a boat into Maine waters this summer, you may have encountered this voluntary public education program in action. Inspectors are trained to examine boats, trailers and other gear for hitchhiking plant fragments, to educate boaters about the invasives threat, and to encourage lake users to adopt the "check-your-boat-every-time-you-float" habit. For those who are keeping score on the success of this initiative—the 2004 inspection season was a banner year in which there were not one, but three confirmed cases of potential invasions being successfully averted by vigilant inspectors. Two of the invaders were bound for Sebago Lake; the third was snagged before entering Great Pond in Belgrade. In all three cases, the fragments intercepted were plants officially listed on Maine's watch list as imminent threats to Maine waters, all capable of taking root once introduced. In each case, the seized plant fragments were sent to the Maine Center for

Invasive Aquatic Plants where their identities were confirmed.

Strike one:

In July, a sprig of curly leaf pondweed was caught by the wary eyes of Mark Dixon, a paid inspector hired by the Raymond Waterways Protective Association to greet boaters at the Raymond boat launch on Sebago Lake. The personal watercraft carrying the fragment had last been launched in Candlewood Lake in Connecticut, a lake with known infestations. The owner, though thoroughly cooperative, assured Mr. Dixon that the gear was clean, as it had been recently washed at a high-pressure washing facility. Mindful that there is no substitute for a careful visual inspection, Mr. Dixon conducted a thorough inspection anyway, quickly finding the inconspicuous, yet potentially disastrous, fragment.

Curly-leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*) is an invasive aquatic plant, not native to Maine, that once established can form thick surface mats that interfere with recreation. Like all of the invasive aquatic plants on Maine's watch list, curly-leaf also poses serious threats to lake ecosystems and local economies. Native to Europe, curly-leaf was considered the most severe nuisance aquatic plant in the Midwest until Eurasian water

milfoil appeared. It was accidentally introduced along with the common carp some time in the mid 1800s, and is now present throughout much of the US. The first rooted infestation of curly-leaf pondweed in Maine was confirmed in West Pond in the town of Parsonsfield in 2004.

Strike two:

The second close call occurred just a week or so later, when several stems of European naiad, again headed into Sebago Lake, were snagged by an inspector hired by the Portland Water District to monitor the Standish boat launch. The boat had a New York registration, but the "waterbody of origin" is unknown.

European naiad (*Najas minor*), also known as spiny-leaf naiad, can easily reproduce by fragmentation during the growing season. However, unlike most aquatic plants, European naiad is a true annual, relying upon seed production to return the following year. As prolific seed bearers, well-established populations may produce millions of seeds per acre. Once a healthy seed bank is established, European naiad is virtually impossible to eradicate. There are no known occurrences of European naiad in Maine, but this year two infestations were confirmed just across the border in New Hampshire.

Strike three:

On September 3, Lea Ramirez of Waterville was performing her routine duties as Volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspector on Great Pond in Belgrade when a boat from Rhode Island arrived at the launch. The boat did not have the required Lake and River Protection Sticker and Ms. Ramirez was quick to find a tangled mass of dried plant material dangling from the boat trailer. The visiting anglers, who generally fish in Chapman Pond, Rhode Island, had never heard of milfoil or invasive plants, and when asked if there were lots of weeds in Chapman Pond, answered "yes, that's why we fish there!" Ms. Ramirez removed all visible plant material and the boaters, now seemingly more concerned, cooperatively headed off to purchase a sticker. That was the last Ramirez saw of them. Ramirez bagged the plants and, following standard procedure, brought them into the CBI program coordinators at the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance.

Mike Little, Director of BRCA, though somewhat startled to see it, was quite sure he knew what they had. He sent samples to the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic

Plants, where his suspicions were confirmed: the plants Ms. Ramirez had snagged were definitely Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), widely considered to be the most aggressive member of the invasive milfoils. There are three milfoil species on Maine's watch list. Only one, variable leaf milfoil, is known to be established in Maine waters. Maine is currently the only state in the continental US with no known occurrence of Eurasian water milfoil.

Testimony to the indestructible nature of this particular invader, the dried, completely dead-looking plant fragments removed from the Rhode Island boat were placed in water just to see if there was any chance that they were still viable. The test was first conducted at BLCA, and then repeated at MCIAP. In both experiments, once back in water, the plants quickly rebounded, and in a few days time were "looking quite green and perky."

Congratulations are in order all around on this "winning season" for the State of Maine. There can be absolutely no question that the CBI program is working! With over 6000 lakes and ponds and thousands of miles of stream habitat, local groups and concerned volunteers play a very important role in the effort to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants in Maine. The Courtesy Boat Inspection program is coordinated by Lakes Environmental Association and Maine Congress of Lakes Association.

A "sister" initiative to the CBI program, creating a second line of defense against the threat of invasive aquatic plants, is the "Invasive Plant Patrol." To date over 1200 volunteers have been trained by the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants to survey Maine waters for the presence of invasive aquatic plants. The earlier an infestation is detected, the greater the hope for eradication. Almost all known infestations in Maine were first detected by alert and informed citizens. The Courtesy Boat Inspection program and the Invasive Plant Patrol program are both made possible with support from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and boater participation in the Maine Lake and River Protection Sticker program.

Maine is winning the battle against aquatic invaders, one Courtesy Boat Inspection, one Invasive Plant Patrol at a time!

This article originally appeared in the Water Column a publication of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program. Online at www.MaineVolunteerLakeMonitors.org.

Raymond-Casco Historical Society Question Corner

What Do We Know About Sebago-Area Indians?

By: Alvin Hamblen Morrison, Ethnohistorical Anthropologist

An extremely flexible social organization allowed the Abenaki-Pennacook peoples constantly to move and regroup their communities, both seasonally for suste-

nance opportunities and whenever under threat from at least three types of invasion. First came Native trade-wars, which brought repeated raids: Micmacs by sea from the eastward; Mohawks by land from the westward. Second came European-disease epidemics, wiping out some Native communities and decimating others, especially c.1617 and c.1633. Third came European usurpation,

which took two forms: English pushed the Indians off of old lands in New England; French pulled the Indians into new missionary villages in southern Quebec. True diaspora resulted, but a cyclical one: even though the English fought the merged-together Abenaki-Pennacook peoples intermittently in a series of six wars from 1675 to 1763, Indians ranged widely but returned repeatedly to Maine. Saco and Androscoggin Rivers allowed easy access between the St. Francis River and the Sebago-Presumpscot region.

Thank You!

Raymond Fire/Rescue would like to thank the following businesses and people for their generous donations to the Haunted House...

Camp Hinds
Clough's Store
Charlie Beigg's
Austin Associates
Shaw's Supermarket
Sabre Yachts
Sunset Variety
Danielle's Diner
Mains Pizza
Finest Kind Chips
DiElectric
Seavey's
Boyscout Troop 800
Paul Banks
R.J. Grondin
Tommy Cobb
Dwayne Buzzell Excavation
Josh Stevens
And to everyone else we may have forgotten

RWPA Inspector Receives Governor's Award

By: Noralee Raymond, RWPA Executive Director

RWPA Lakes Ranger Mark Dixon was one of four people to receive a Governor's Award in November. Mark received the award for his finding of the invasive plant curly-leaf pondweed on a boat entering Sebago Lake at Raymond Beach this summer. The Award states "In appreciation for your outstanding service in preventing the illegal introduction of invasive species into Maine Inland Water." Two other courtesy inspectors who prevented plant fragments from entering Maine lakes and an Inland Fisheries and Wildlife staff person working to prevent illegal fish stocking also received an award. To learn more about the successful efforts of the courtesy boat inspectors, read the article "Littorally Speaking: Three Strikes, They're Out!", by the Program Director of the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants, above or at <http://www.mciap.org>

If you have any questions regarding the activities of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association, please contact us by phone or e-mail at 207-671-3329 or

lakes@raymondmaine.org. You can also write us at RWPA, PO Box 1243, Raymond, Maine, 04071. RWPA would like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday season!



Land Conservation Could Save \$93,000 Per Year for Raymond Residents

By: John Rand, Raymond Conservation Commission

Many of us know that land conservation provides real benefits, including:

- recreation (trails for hiking, biking, skiing/snowshoeing, snowmobiling, hunting)
- water quality protection
- working forests and farms, and
- wildlife habitat.

But who would have thought that conserving land can save a town real money ? This article presents a firm case that over the last 14 years, residential development has cost Raymond taxpayers **\$93,000 per year** (probably much more), and has consumed about 2000 acres. To be clear, the Raymond Conservation Commission (RCC) is not out to stop development or take away property rights, nor is this a complaint about property taxes. The goal of this article is to activate Raymond citizens to conserve land in our town.

In 1989 the RCC studied the revenues and services associated with conservation land and with developed land. **The results indicated that conserved land could save the town tens of thousands of dollars each year.**

In the spirit of One Raymond, a new study has been made that examines the contribution that population growth alone has made to our increased taxes. Please take a moment to understand the data; the findings present an important opportunity for our town.

The accompanying graph shows that Raymond's population growth correlates well with the growth in our taxes (if the two did not correlate, the diamonds would be scattered all over the graph rather than falling on a

nice upward curving line). The accompanying table shows our population growth in year round residents and the net appropriations to be raised from property taxes (the dollars we have approved at Town Meeting to run the Town and the school). Also shown are the percentage increases of appropriations and population from 1990. For example, the annual appropriation has increased from about \$3.1 million dollars in 1990 to \$7.8 million in 2004

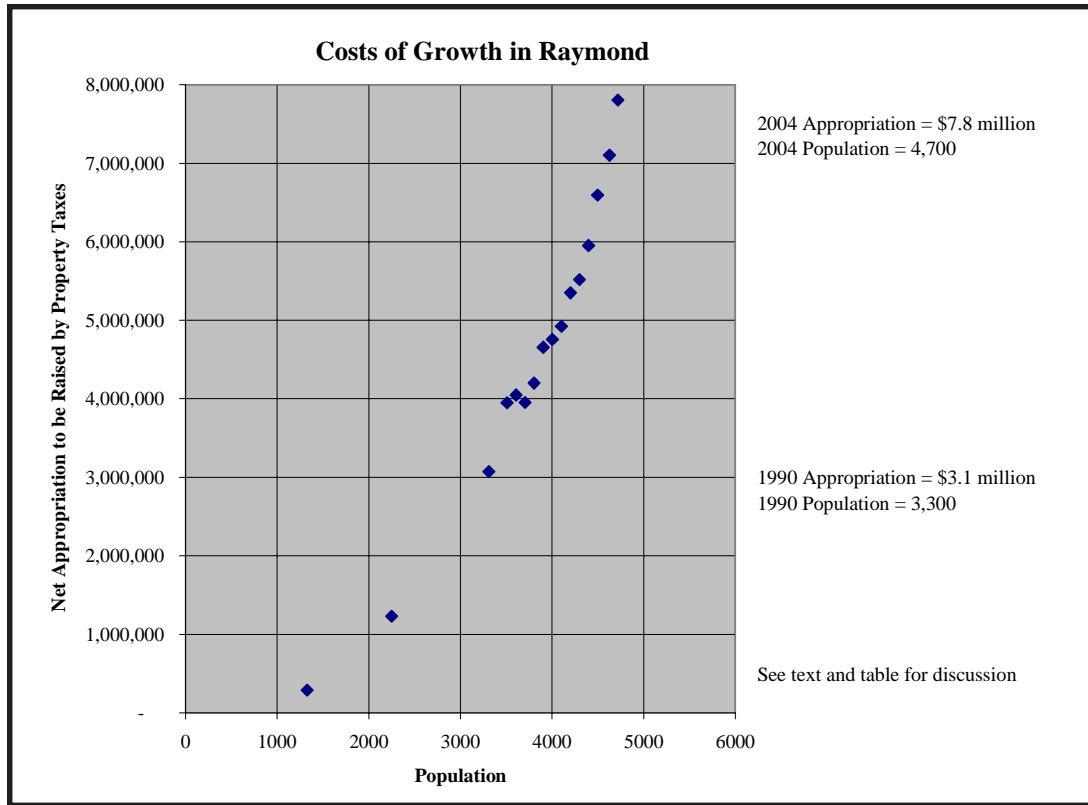
portion of our total tax increase represents $45/154 = 29\%$.

- The second component of our increased tax bill can be explained by our **Population Growth**. Today we are servicing about 670 more homes than we were in 1990, a 43 % increase over the last 14 years. The population growth portion our tax increase is estimated to be $43/154 = 28\%$.

- The effects of inflation (45% increase from 1990) and population growth (43% increase from 1990) only add up to an 88% increase in the appropriation, when in fact our taxes have increased by 154 %. The additional 66% has been termed **"Other"** and includes the school, fire, roads, and solid waste infrastructure improvements that we have made, as well as the growth of programs (federal, state and local). We as a town (think One Raymond) have voted each year and approved these "Other" items to keep Raymond safe, well educated, up to date with the world and the great place to live that it is !

In Summary, we conclude from the table that:

1. Taxes have increased by \$4.7 million since 1990.
2. The tax increase can be broken down into three components: inflation, population growth, and growth of infrastructure and programs.
3. The population portion of the increase has been \$1.3 million over 14 years or about \$93,000 each year.
4. Assuming an average lot size of three acres for each of the 670 homes that have been built since 1990, about 2000 acres have been converted to development, or 145 acres per year.



(\$4.7 million or 154%). During this same period, the population increased from 3,311 to 4,719 (1,400 people or 43 %).

Three Components of Increased Taxes
The increase in appropriations from 1990 to 2004 can be broken down into three components:

- The first component is **Inflation**, which over 14 years has resulted in a 45% increase in taxes. The inflation

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Costs of Growth and Development in Raymond Raymond Conservation Commission November 24, 2004

Fiscal Year Ending June 30 of :	Population	Total Number of Dwellings	Appropriation to be Raised by Property Taxes	Total Net Increase from 1990			
				Appropriation	Population	Inflation	"Other"
2004	4719	2728	7,802,464	154%	43%	45%	66%
2000	4299	2534	5,519,059				
1990	3311	2050	3,072,393				

Appropriation increase 1990 to 2004 = 4,730,071
 Inflation Portion of Increase = 1,388,923
 "Other" Portion of Increase = 2,034,616
Population Portion of Increase = 1,306,533
 New Dwellings = 678
 Developed Acres = 2033 (Based on 3 acres per dwelling)
 Annual Developed Acres = 145

Summary 1990 to 2004

1. Annual Cost Due to Population Increase = \$93,324
2. 145 Acres is converted to development each year, requiring \$93,000 of increased taxes to Raymond.
3. Purchasing a 145 acre parcel for conservation would pay for itself in 2 to 3 years by avoiding the costs of development, and after 3 years would save Raymond \$93,000 each year.

Notes:

1. Population and Total Number of Dwellings values from 2004 Comprehensive Plan; estimated values in *italics*.
2. Total Net Appropriation from Assessors Reports in Town of Raymond Annual Reports = Net \$ raised from property taxes.
3. Inflation based on a ten year average annual Consumer Price Index = 0.027
4. "Other" Increase from 1990 calculated by subtracting both the Population increase and Inflation increase from Appropriation increase.
5. The above analysis does not consider the non-residential portion of the Net Appropriation, which is about 10 % of the Total.

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5. The conversion of 145 acres each year into residential development is costing Raymond \$93,000 each year (\$1.3 million/14 years).
6. Raymond could pay market prices to willing sellers for their land (or for land preservation agreements) and recover the purchase price in two to three years by avoiding the costs of future development.

Note that none of the "Other" growth category was assumed to be due to population increase, a conservative assumption which probably results in an underestimate of the actual costs of development. The above analysis is not intended to be a definitive financial statement, but a tool and strong indicator that conserving land in Raymond can save us money.

Turning Conservation Economics into Action

The Action Matrix in the Comprehensive Plan directs the RCC to work with the Selectmen and the Town to preserve natural areas and prime working forests (open space). We urgently need input from Raymond citizens to create and implement a plan for conserving special and important land areas in Raymond. The clock is ticking on our opportunity to act.

The RCC would like to develop a public process for preserving land that will include:

1. Identifying criteria that will be used to evaluate land for preservation.
2. Identifying funding mechanisms and alternatives.
3. Contacting land owners to explore their interest in participating in Raymond's land conservation efforts (willing sellers, market prices).
4. Moving specific projects forward with warrant article(s) at Town Meetings.

Our children and future generations deserve to experience some of the Raymond we know today. Please help the RCC and the Town implement land conservation in Raymond. Your efforts will be rewarded, not only with conserving our resources, but with a good return on the dollar !

Join the RCC on the last Wednesday of each month in the Portable Classroom at 7:00 p.m. or contact John Rand at 655-4277 or jbr@prexar.com.

DOG AND CAT RABIES CLINIC

387 Webbs Mills Road (Rt. 85),
Raymond Public Works Garage

**Saturday, January 22, 2005
1pm to 3pm**

**\$10 cash per pet
for Rabies vaccination**

Jim Stephenson, DVM
of Jordan Bay Animal Hospital

REGISTRATION
OF RAYMOND DOGS
\$6 for Neutered
\$10 for Non-neutered

Please bring pets in containers or
on leashes.

Everyone welcome!

For more information call
the Town Office at 655-4742.

New Rabies Vaccination Guidelines And Recommendations

**By: Jim Stephenson, Doctor of Veterinary
Medicine, Chief of Staff, Jordan Bay Animal
Hospital**

Greetings! We have news concerning the frequency of rabies vaccination required by the state. In October the regulatory powers of the state of Maine voted to change the requirement that rabies vaccines be given to dogs from every two years, to every three years. We will advise you of the updated requirement at the time of your pet's next health check, and provide you with an updated Rabies Certificate as appropriate.

Rabies is a fatal disease to both people and pets and continues to be a serious health threat. Multiple cases are discovered nearly every month in Cumberland county. The two year requirement for the vaccination in dogs previously mandated by the state of Maine and still in many other states nationwide has been successful at maintaining a healthy pet population, and thus a rabies free human population as well. The rabies vaccines for dogs utilized in the United States by in large is a very safe vaccine. *The duration of immunity beyond three years is unknown and therefore changing the requirement from every two years to every three years may put those pets and subsequently their owners and others at risk for spread and contraction of rabies unless the vaccine is promptly given at or before the end of the three year time frame.* To this end it is and always has been our purpose to provide for a healthy animal population and as applies to those diseases contagious from animals to people, help maintain a healthy human population as well. If you have difficulties in getting in on schedule for your pets health check ups and vaccines we recommend you plan on having the vaccine earlier than the expiration date rather than risk being late for the vaccine.

We continue to use a special rabies inoculation for cats called the "Purevax" vaccine. This vaccine reduces risks particular to cats associated with the typical three year vaccine used in dogs. Although there are no state laws concerning rabies vaccinations in cats, the "Purevax" rabies vaccine is approved for yearly use only. If your cat is a feral type cat that lives outside and is not fortunate enough to make it in for a health exam at least yearly, the three year vaccine more commonly used for dogs remains an option.

Thanks to increasingly conscientious pet owners like yourself and advances in veterinary medicine, our pets today are much healthier than those of yesterday. Maintaining inoculations in a timely manner continues to protect our pets, and in the case of Rabies, ourselves as well.

Reduce Your Property Taxes!!!

You may be eligible for a Homestead Exemption which would reduce the taxable amount of your property value! Residents of Raymond that meet the following criteria are eligible for a Homestead Exemption as provided by state law.

- ◆ You must be a legal resident of Maine.
- ◆ You must have owned qualified homestead property in Maine for at least 12 months prior to the April 1 after the date your application is received by the Assessing Office.
- ◆ Your residence for which you make application must be declared as your permanent residence and the only property in the US for which you claim a homestead exemption.

You may check your most recent tax bill to determine if you are currently receiving an exemption. If you are, you need not re-apply unless you move to another address in Raymond or elsewhere in the state.

Applications are available on the Maine Revenue Services website www.state.me.us or the Raymond community website www.raymondmaine.org. Applications are processed once a year for the assessment year which begins April 1 of each year.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, you may call the Assessing Office at 655-4742, ext. 51. or e-mail Amanda L. Simpson, CMA, Assessors' Agent at amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org.

Tassel Top Board Of Directors

The Tassel Top Board of Directors is looking for applicants for a position on the Board.. Please forward your letters of interest to Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Me 04071 or email louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. The Board meets about four times a year and is responsible for the organization and operation of Tassel Top Park. If you would like more information about Tassel Top Park, please contact Bob Metz at 627-7053.

Zoning Board Of Appeals Needs Volunteer

Have you ever wanted to get involved in Raymond's future? The Appeals Board is in need of a new volunteer to sit on the Board. Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month unless that date is a holiday and then the Board will vote a change of date. They also meet the Sunday, 8 days prior to the meeting, for a site walk of the properties which will be coming before the Board.

The purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to rule on whether a property owner can receive a waiver of the town's ordinance. No specific education or training is necessary. If interested please forward a letter of interest and a short resume to Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Me 04071 or email the information to louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. If you have any questions, please call the town office and talk with Louise Lester; Karen Strout, Board Secretary; Paul White or Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officers.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

The Comprehensive Plan was adopted at a special town meeting on October 14, 2004. It is now necessary to form a committee to consider plan implementation. This work will lead to the creation and adoption of certain draft ordinances for future town meeting consideration which will address the goals and objectives within in the Plan. This will bring Raymond's Ordinance into compliance with the 2004 Raymond Comprehensive Plan.

If you are interested in being a part of this work, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, and let her know at Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Me 04071; 655-4742 ext 21; or louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. You can also apply on line at Raymond's website www.raymondmaine.org. Look for the Volunteer Interest Form.

Deadline for applicants is december 15, 2004

Raymond Planning Board

The Raymond Planning Board is requesting applicants for a position. Please forward your letters of interest, including a short resumé, to Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. This board meets once a month applying Raymond's ordinances to residential and commercial development. It also prepares ordinance changes to come before the Town Meeting.

New "Survey" Tool Available

This web based program is now available to town, school and civic groups. It can be used by anyone who would like to gather and study information from respondents about products, services - anything! Once designed, any new survey can be completed by respondents online, and it can also be printed to hand out. The program tracks responses and produces multiple statistics based upon them .

The Raymond Village Library is currently taking advantage of this opportunity. All of the software to support this tool was obtained under an "Open Source" license and there were no costs to the Town of Raymond. For more information, e-mail Laurie Forbes:

laurie.forbes@raymondmaine.org

Christ Chapel Adds Youth Director To Its Staff

Christ Chapel has added a new staff member to its pastoral staff. Bill Markavich, a recent graduate of Springfield College, where he majored in sports, and of Berkshire Institute for Christian Studies of Lenox, MA, has accepted the position of Director of Youth Ministries at Christ Chapel. Bill has served as a leader and instructor in youth camps in Connecticut and New Hampshire. His work will involve a program of discipleship for Junior and Senior High Youth. This program will have an outreach to the youth in our community.

Bill has developed a five point program designed to provide youth with opportunities to grow spiritually, experience fellowship with others and become involved in ministry including short-term missions.

Bill's office is located at the Main Street Ministry Center, and he welcomes youth of all ages to make contact with him. "Billy," as he has come to be known, is married to Cathy, a longtime acquaintance who is also a graduate of Berkshire Institute of Christian Studies.

For more information, upcoming events or to speak with Billy, feel free to call Christ Chapel at 655-5058.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Coming To Raymond

Christ Chapel in Raymond is bringing Financial Peace University to town. It is open to residents throughout the Lakes Region.

What is it? It is a life-changing program with lifetime family membership through which you will learn:

- How to put together a spending plan that really works
- Step by step how to get out of debt
- The security of an emergency fund
- How to confidently invest for the future
- How to remove the stress that comes with financial problems
- The secret to improving your marriage
- How to make wise decisions when it comes to insurance
- How to take back control from your creditors
- The best way to buy and sell a home
- The blessings of giving
- And much, much more

Christ Chapel will be starting the program in January, a good time to start fulfilling your New Year's resolution.

Please plan on attending the free orientation / information session at the Main St, Raymond, location, next to the telephone company, on December 13th at 7pm.

Please call Bob Jones at 655-7163 for more information.

Winter Concert At Jordan-Small Middle School

It's Thursday, December 9th, at 7pm, at Jordan-Small Middle School. The Raymond Elementary School chorus, and Jordan-Small Middle School bands and choruses will be performing.

Public Skating At Hebron Academy

Sundays, November 21-March 6, 2:30-4:30pm, in Robinson Ice Arena, Hebron Academy campus. \$2 for adults and children 13 and up; \$1 for children 12 and under. Note: skate sharpening available; no skate rentals available. Parking is available in the Robinson Arena parking lot, just off Route 119 in Hebron. For more information, please call 966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org

Holiday Fair To Benefit the Raymond Food Pantry

Sunday, December 5th
from 2-5pm
Christ Chapel Ministry Center
(and home of the Raymond Food Pantry!)
71 Main Street in Raymond

Crafts, Baked Goods
Discovery Toys & Books
Tupperware
Sweet Williams Maple Syrup
Handmade Bird Feeders
and a whole lot more!
Free coffee & cold drinks

Feel free to tour our pantry facilities
and see how this vital
community service operates.
Call 655-3881 for more information



Junior Girl Scouts from Raymond's Troop 1177, led by Michael Hughes and Candy Tardiff, stuff Christmas stockings that will be sent to troops in Iraq. First Sergeant Hughes is a member of the 2nd Battalion, 304th Regiment of the United States Army Reserve based in Saco, Bangor, and Portsmouth NH. 28 members of the 2nd of the 304th have deployed to Iraq to assist in the development and training of the Iraqi military. The stockings and the contents were donated by the students and staff of Hebron Academy. For more information on supporting these troops, contact Michael at 655-4523.

Happy Holidays

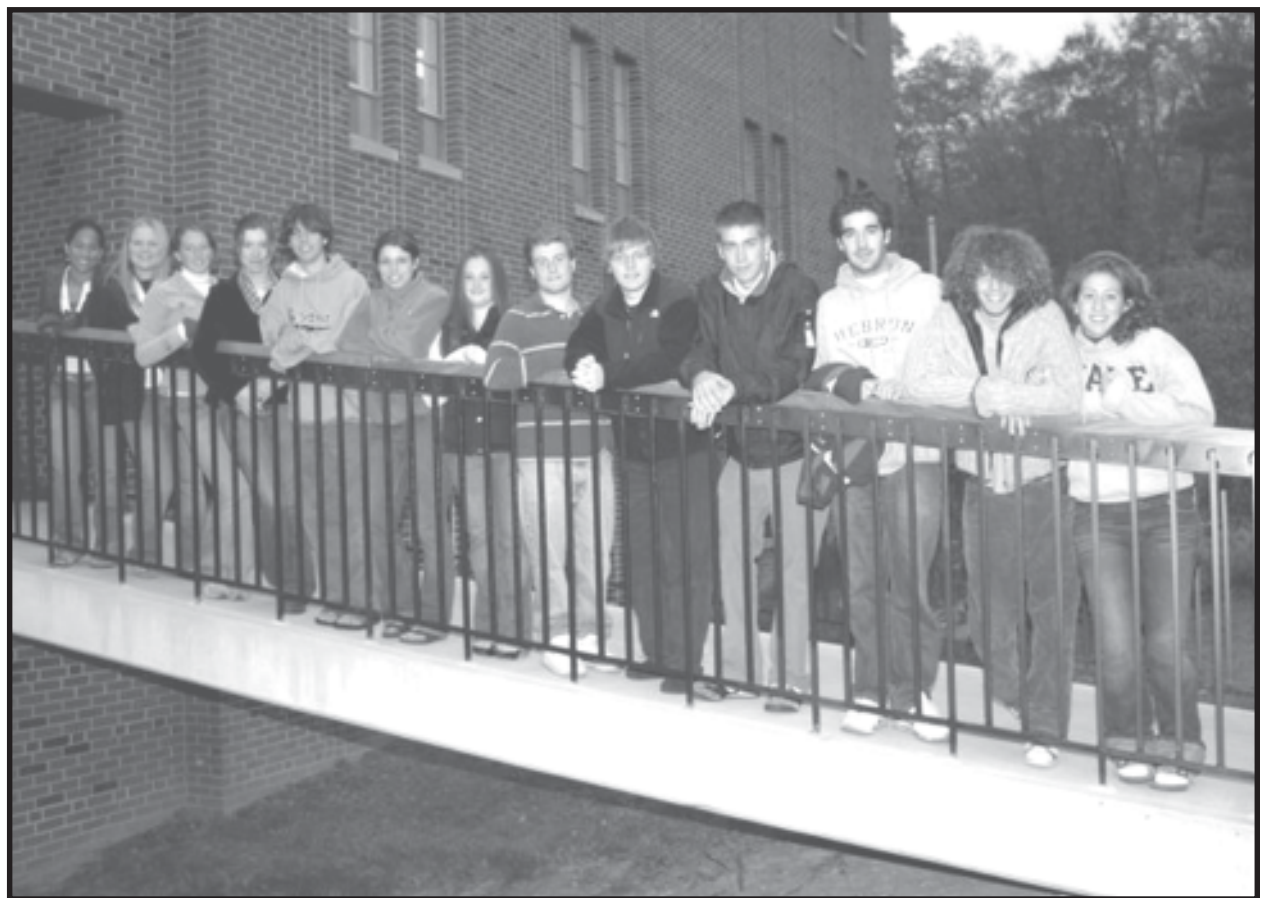
Christmas Holiday Help

The Raymond Holiday Helpers sponsored by the Raymond Snowmobile Club would like to help add joy to your Holiday Season for you and your family. If you and your family need, or if you know of someone who needs, assistance during this Christmas Holiday season, please contact Sandy at 655-4736.

If you would like to make a donation or help sponsor a family this Christmas Holiday Season, please contact Sandy at 655-4736.

Hebron Academy News

Thirteen of our students this year come from Raymond. Senior Katrina Draper was appointed student proctor this year. This is a leadership position earned by students and awarded by faculty.



Hebron Academy is pleased to announce the student dormitory proctors for the 2004-2005 academic year. Pictured from left to right are seniors Jodie Simms of Auburn; Bettina Voight, Antonina Planson and Elizabeth Cole of New Gloucester; Morgan Browne of Nantucket, MA; Elena Haynes of Skowhegan; Alyson Fernberg of Acton, MA; Drew Laurie of Dollard des Ormeaux, QC; Randall Gienko of So. Barrington, IL; Seth Hedstrom of Gray; Kristopher Houle of Dollard des Ormeaux, QC; Franco Reda of Westmount, QC; and Katrina Draper of Raymond. Proctorships are awarded by Hebron faculty to students who demonstrate outstanding leadership and communication skills and the ability to work well with their peers. Student proctors are instrumental managing the campus residential life program at the Academy. Hebron Academy is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school with 250 students from Maine, the United States, and around the world in grades six through post-graduate. (Photo by Bill Chase.)

Citrus Sales Support Swimming and Food Baskets

It is not too late to have some delicious Indian River Florida oranges and grapefruit before Christmas. We have extra small boxes of both arriving the week ending December 11. Cost is \$19 per box for oranges and \$18 per box for grapefruit. This Raymond Recreation Association Fundraiser will continue through mid December. Funds go to Raymond Rec's summer swim program.

Won't you contribute a box or two of fruit the Raymond Community Food Boxes prepared and distributed by the Raymond Rattlers? Help us make our fresh fruit a big part of these holiday gifts to neighboring families.

To purchase for yourself or the food baskets, please call Pat at 655-4657 and place your order. Remember to pick up your fruit on Saturday, December 11, from 9 - noon at 5 Damon Road, which is off Rt. 85 past the schools, heading to Crescent Lake.

Happy New Year

Mentoring News

Program Dips and Dines

Mentors and mentees visited Colonial Mast Indoor Pool for an afternoon swim before joining their families to eat a tasty spaghetti dinner prepared by Mains Pizza and PTA pies. About 70 people attended this year's annual fall dinner, which was held in the JSMS cafeteria.

Kids 2 Kids Mentors meet RES Buddies

After several weeks and 15 hours of training activities, the JSMS Kids 2 Kids mentors began meeting with their 3rd and 4th grade buddies in late November. Each Monday afternoon, 13 RES Buddies visit with their 7th and 8th grade mentors at JSMS to play games and do other activities.

Proud Sponsor of the Grades 5 & 6 Healthy Choices Night Out

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership sponsored a night out of healthy fun. To gain admission to the evening of gym time, games and dance music, students completed a ticket that set two healthy choices goals for the next trimester. The goals are linked to their Health and Physical Education classes. Thank you, Ms. Merrill, for supporting this ticket idea, and to all the volunteer chaperones. A similar event for 7th and 8th graders will be held during the winter.



Jakayla and Valerie enjoy some pool time.

Save your Bottles to Support Mentoring

As those bottles and cans accumulate over the holidays, consider saving some of them to bring to the Windham Shaw's on Saturday, January 8th, during the WGME 13 & Rotary Bottle Drive for Mentoring. Funds raised will provide support to mentoring programs statewide.

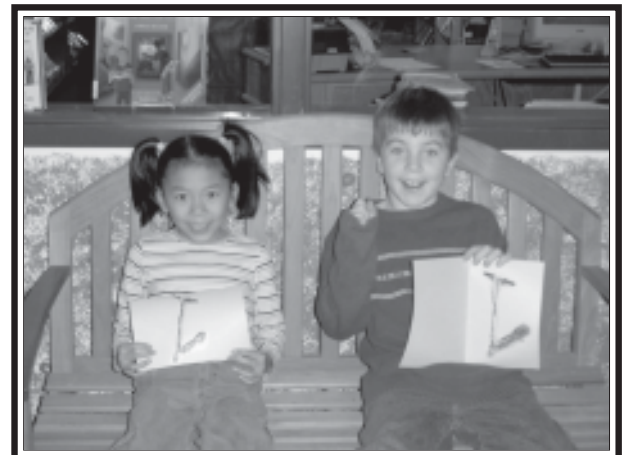
For more information about the mentoring program, call our RES office at 655-8672 or e-mail mentor@raymondmaine.org



Above and below, pictures from the "Murder Mystery" at the Raymond Village Library

Innisbrook Thank You

On behalf of the students and staff at the Raymond Elementary School, Principal Norma Richard would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Innisbrook fundraiser. This was one of the most successful sales to date, and the proceeds will be used to support classroom programs, field trips, special projects and events at RES, as well as to support PTA scholarships and the many outstanding efforts of the Raymond PTA.



Madison Millette-Gagnon and Sam Dodge are all smiles! They were the top sellers in this year's Innisbrook Fund Raiser at RES. Madison and Sam were each awarded an electric scooter for their great salesmanship.



RES 2nd graders share their equestrian accomplishments. Kara Davison, a member of the Ellis River Riders, won her first place Year End Award for 2004 on November 20. Crystal Handy won her 2nd place ribbon on September 28. Both girls are avid horseback riders.



This turkey (Lexie Walker) will soon be part of the Pilgrims' dinner during Mrs. Mirone's annual 1st grade Thanksgiving play.

Civics Lessons At RES

This fall's national and state elections were a great opportunity for students at the Raymond Elementary School to study Civics and Government as part of the revised social studies curriculum. The students researched the presidential candidates and held a mock election in their classrooms. They learned about the three branches of government in our country and the functions of the judicial, legislative and executive branches. They also learned about government in other countries with guest speakers from the United Kingdom, Ms. Alex Jackson, and from Norway, Mrs. Line MacDonald. The students demonstrated their understanding of citizenship and the Bill of Rights through a wonderful presentation of "We the People" at the Good News on November 19 and a special Thanksgiving Opening on November 24. Teachers Ann Bottoms, Maria Parisi and Deb Tarr congratulate their second grade students on their citizenship and their great effort during this unit.



Please Don't Throw Away Free Money!

Thanks to all of you out there who have been clipping those box tops. So far, we have earned \$689 for our schools! Just a reminder as the holidays draw near, if you are doing any online shopping, please access your favorite online merchants through the Box Tops Marketplace.

- Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is donated to our schools.
- It's easy: simply start at www.boxtops4education.com and go to Box Tops Marketplace. Once registered, you can choose from the over 200 online merchants to access their individual websites.
- Participating merchants include L.L. Bean, Land's End, Staples, Office Max, Sears, JC Penney, eBay, Barnes & Noble.com, and many, many more. Our schools will automatically be credited.

If everyone helps, we can earn more cash for our school than ever before. Thank you again for your support and happy holidays! More information on these programs is available at www.boxtops4education.com, or you can contact Christina Lamarre with questions at PTA@raymondmaine.org, or 655-3380.

Raymond Elementary School C.A.T.s

Raymond Elementary School uses the "I Care Cat" Curriculum for Conflict Resolution. This year Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Lane, USM intern, have trained students to become I-Care C.A.T.s or Caring Assistance Team members. The two-hour long training took place on Wednesday, November 17th. The C.A.T.s will be trying to "catch" other students being good and following the I Care Cat rules. The rules are:

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

If an I-Care C.A.T. catches someone being good they will receive either an I-Care paper with a sticker or an I-Care cat paw token. The tokens will be placed in a special container in the office. The school goal is to fill up the container with I-Care tokens. Thanks to Mrs. Thronton for the use of her button machine. All of the C.A.T.s received I-Care buttons.

I-Care C.A.T.s



The C.A.T.s are: (sitting) Jenny Walker, Jack Brockelbank, Kaylee Ayers, Shannon Sutton; (kneeling) Josh Streeter, Christina Pollard, Molly Miller, Madison Masi, Marybeth Noonan; (standing) Dennis Townsend, Ryan Schweitzer, Tucker Olsen, Caitlin Mercier, Lillie Reder. Absent: Emma Bartholomew and Lauren Harris.



Carter, Taylor, Maelah and Matthew, first graders at the Raymond Elementary School, would like to thank Mrs. Eileen Woodruff for her donation of warm mittens and gloves for RES students.

Raymond Elementary School News

By: Norma Richard, Principal

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the first trimester. Teachers are now planning for parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday afternoon and early evening, December 8, and on Friday morning, December 10. Report cards, the Raymond School Guiding Principles and progress on reaching grade level reading and math standards will be shared at parent-teacher conferences.

Once again, to align with Maine's Learning Results, we will be using the assessment language that is currently used in the standards. Students are also using this language in their classrooms to evaluate their work and their behavior.

- E - Exceeds the Standards
- M - Meets the Standards
- P - Partially Meets the Standards
- D - Does Not Meet the Standards

Teachers will be updating both the math and the reading standards to reflect student progress to date and will share this information with parents. Many children will be Partially Meeting the Standards as we continue to implement a standards-based curriculum at the elementary level. We will be looking at each student's progress over the next few years as we research and pilot

a new math program to align with the revised math curriculum.

Winter is right around the corner, and at the Raymond Elementary School that means dealing with snowsuits, jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. I would like to remind parents to label all items of winter clothing. Students should dress appropriately for the winter weather, and we want to make sure that all items are returned to their rightful owners. Our lost and found grows by leaps and bounds at this time of year, so please check with the office if your child has lost any items of clothing.

We do have recess each day during the winter months unless the weather is so severe that all children remain inside. If children are too sick to go out for recess, then they would benefit from staying home. We do have some children with respiratory or other medical alerts who cannot tolerate the cold temperatures and need to stay out of the cold weather. With a doctor's note, we are happy to provide an alternative inside recess for these children. All other children benefit from a daily dose of fresh air, so please make sure your children are warmly dressed and prepared for recess.

We would also like to remind parents that children who are sick should remain home until they are well enough to tackle the demands of the school day without

exposing other children to colds or flu. We also require that children are fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

The school cancellation procedures are published in the school handbook. To review, in the event of no school due to weather or other emergency conditions, the cancellation announcements will be broadcast on the local television stations (channels 6, 8 and 13) and radio stations (WPOR, WMGX, & WGAN) as soon as possible. School delays are coordinated with the receiving school systems, Westbrook, Windham, Poland and Gray, so weather in these districts may affect busing our elementary students. Safety is always our first consideration in canceling or delaying the start of school. We would like to remind parents that when school is canceled, all afternoon and evening activities are also canceled.

We also want to remind parents that they should have notified the school in writing of alternate plans for early dismissal due to weather or other emergencies. We are unable to call parents at the time of dismissal to discuss alternate plans. Please be sure that your child knows in advance where he/she will be dropped off on early dismissal days. Hopefully we will have an easy winter and stick to our regular schedule and school calendar.

Raymond School District's Childfind

Each year we attempt to locate children in the Raymond community who may require special education services. If you have a question about your child's development in the area of speech and language, gross and fine motor (using large and small muscles), hearing, vision, or learning, please call the school. If your child is three or older we will conduct a free screening at home. If your child is younger than three, we can provide some screening services in your home, and/or make arrangements for screening at the appropriate community agency. Our obligation also extends to Raymond students who attend private schools. If your child attends private school and you feel he or she may require special education services, please notify us.

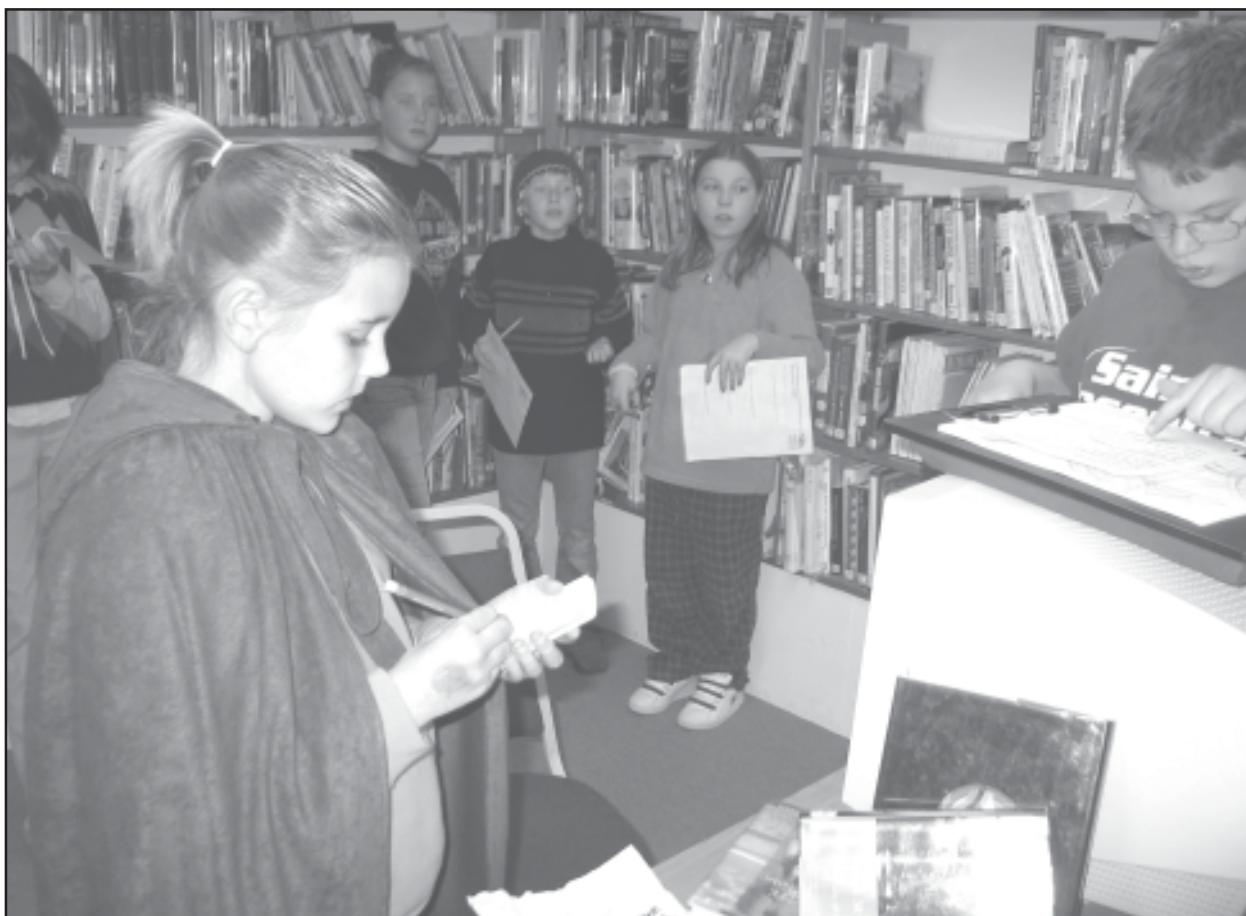
If you know of a child (your neighbor, niece, nephew, or the child of a friend) who may need this service, please encourage the parents to call the school.

All screening is done only with parental permission and participation. If a problem is found, an appropriate referral is made with parental permission. The results of the screening are confidential, and the rights of both parents and children are protected under Maine Special Education law.

If you have any questions or wish to refer a child for screening, please call me at the school: Mary E. Waters, 655-4743.



Above, below and to the left, pictures from the "Disappearance of Angela Day" mystery party at the Raymond Village Library



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Student Art In Raymond

By: Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Irish

The K-8 art department, shared between Mrs. Burton at RES and Mrs. Irish at JSMS, has some exciting news. Both schools currently have student art work on display at The Good Life Market. We are so pleased with the opportunity that the Manchesters have afforded our students as well as the community. We rotate the student art works at least twice a year to share the students'

growth in creativity and skills. It has been so exciting for our students to see their art work at The Good Life Market.

This spring, a piece of art work from each school was submitted to the Blaine House in Augusta, to be on display for Youth Excellence in Art. Those student artists, along with Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Irish, have been invited to join Governor John Baldacci and First Lady Karen Baldacci at the Blaine House for a celebration of Youth Excellence in Art. Congratulations to Katelyn Dudley and Travis Guerrette on this prestigious invitation.



Halloween At The Raymond Village Library

There was a special treat for Halloween at the Raymond Village Library this year. Deb Keef, RES Librarian, entertained a full house of trick-or-treaters at RVL before sending them on their way through Raymond Village. Deb donned her witch nose before reading 3 special stories to all the costume covered children. Everyone had great fun and was able to get a sweet treat after Deb finished her readings.

