

An Evening Of Laughter, And A Great Time Was Had By All!

On Saturday night, July 23, Jordan-Small's gym was transformed into a comedy club for an evening of laughter with George Hamm and his friends. Emcee Chris Mac warmed the house up much better than the hot weather – a very funny man! The audience was then treated to Mr. Hamm's friends: hilarious descriptions of John Ater's (non) exercise program, Jon Cail's "sizable" family, and Karen Morgan's "precious angel" children. When George

Hamm came to the stage, he was prepared to talk about anything, and that means ANYTHING – and to get the audience involved in the comedy. As one attendee said, "It was so much fun to laugh that hard!"

As a fund-raiser for the Raymond Village Library, the comedy night's raffles included a 50/50, four tickets to the Comedy Connection, dinner for two at the Porthole Restaurant with tickets to the Comedy Connection, and a "sunset cruise" for four courtesy of Casablanca Cruises.

Besides thanking the wonderful performers, the library sends thanks to those contributing the raffle prizes and to the local businesses which helped support the event, including Hannaford Bros. who provided beverages; Aubuchon Hardware who loaned a popcorn machine; and K&K Video, the Good Life Market and Aubuchon who sold tickets for us. Special appreciation goes to volunteer organizers Gail Cole and Lisa Friedlander.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by August 21. 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:

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

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

On-line services now include:

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



RAYMOND'S BULKY WASTE POLICY HAS CHANGED!

Because of the 2005-2006 Bulky Waste budget being cut by \$58,000, a new policy was adopted as of July 1, 2005. A book of tickets is available for each household to purchase for \$5 which will entitle them to take 1,000 pounds to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility free of charge. With a round yellow Raymond window sticker, any resident can take bulky waste to the facility at \$.05/lb and \$.025 for brush and roundwood. When a household's tickets run out, they will have to pay the Raymond cost on whatever they take to the LRBWF.

Mentors Needed For The New School Year!

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is starting its fifth program year this September and hopes you'll consider exploring what mentoring is all about. Last year we had over 30 mentors participate!

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!

Opportunities for 7th and 8th graders: our Kids 2 Kids program provides training in leadership and mentoring skills. The program runs from October to May and meets once a week after school. Our JSMS mentors will be mentoring older Raymond Elementary School students, which includes playing games, one on one and group activities.

And for other adult community members: an hour or two a week of your time can make an incredible difference to a Raymond student. The program offers training, support and activities for mentors to be able to encourage community connections and self-confidence for students throughout the school year.

Opportunities for high school and college students: become a big buddy to an RES student on Thursday afternoons, October to June. We provide a supervised meeting

Find out more by calling Lori Rand or Christina Lamarre at our office in Raymond Elementary School: 655-8672, ext. 107, or e-mailing us at mentor@raymondmaine.org

Calling All Veterans And Friends

The initial meeting of the Raymond Veterans Committee will take place on Tuesday evening at 7pm (1900 hrs), 16 August, 2005, at 94 Deep Cove Road. The purpose of this committee is to honor all veterans from Raymond who have served their nation in times of war and peace. The idea is to build a suitable memorial/monument at the rest/picnic spot on Panther Run on Rte. 302. Call Howard Stiles, 655-4193, or email popsicle@maine.rr.com to RSVP or with questions. We need your help and input.

Camp Raymond For Girls

Camp Raymond, which is located on the grounds of Camp Hawthorne on Panther Pond, will open for its 3rd season as a day camp serving girls in the greater Raymond area during the week of August 15th. Founded by a group of dedicated women from the Raymond area during the winter of 2003, the camp was organized to fill a void created by the closing of the popular Girl Scout day camp in Bridgton. The group's vision to offer a camp where area girls could join together in a safe and non-competitive atmosphere to enjoy a mix of leisure time and traditional camp activities continues at Camp Raymond. The camp, which was initially staffed solely by volunteers, now utilizes both local volunteers and coed counselors on loan from Camp Hawthorne. If you would like more information on this program designed for girls who have finished K-6th grades during the 2004-2005 school year, please call Belinda Hughes at 655-4523, Candy Tardiff at 655-6926 or Kim Allen at 655-7440.



News From The Raymond Village Library

Annual Book Sale

The hardcover book sale began with a wonderful turnout on July 17. This event continues into the middle of August. We receive new books daily, so be sure to come in often to check out the ever-changing selection. What a wonderful way to add special books to your personal library.

Reading Group

The reading group will meet at the library on August 31 at 7pm to discuss the book "Maine Voices," a collection of people's impressions of Maine and what Maine means to them. All persons interested in attending are welcome. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

Harry Potter Night

Who is the Half Blood Prince? That was one of the many questions asked and pondered at the celebration of the new Harry Potter book. Raymond Village Library hosted an evening of games, face painting and magic at Beth Gaudet's Center Stage on Main Street in Raymond.

More than 75 children attended this themed event, each one drawing their "house" out of the Sorting Hat upon entering the building. After being pinned with their "house," everyone could meander around to see the sights. Dumbledore was working diligently at his mystical desk, a real Eye Spy challenge was laid out for everyone to find Harry Potterish items, The Leaky Cauldron and Sinful Sweets shops were open, Transfiguration classes were taking place, and there were walking/talking portraits all along the way!

Once people entered the Great Hall, there was a Wizard Hat ring toss, slime to take home, wizard hat making, activity coloring sheets, and take home Harry Potter pop-up brochures.

The evening's finale was held in the Great Room upon Dumbledore's request that every one attend. Karen Seymour, dressed in perfect wizard attire, gave a wonderful magic performance. After engaging the young and old alike with her wit, Karen was able to make a dollar appear in an orange, work magic with a chicken, escape from chains, and capture a werewolf. As a finale, Karen made the Harry Potter quilt, that was raffled as a fundraiser for the library, appear inside a hollow canister!

Drawings were held for the quilt, book and wand (won

by Maggie Boyle), a journal and quill pen, and a Harry Potter wall hanging along with a Harry Potter poster and movie.

Thanks to Stephen and Karen Seymour for adding so much magic to the evening; to Beth Gaudet for allowing the Raymond Village Library to use her facility and for her great job as a Wizard ring toss overseer; to Steven Lentine, Zach Van Baars, Ben Sadak and Tucker Cole for being humorous portraits; to Patrick Martin, Harmony Brown and Hannah Huber for being in character; to Lisa Schadler, Allison Schadler, Abby Brockelbank, and Haley Desjardins for making wizard hats and slime; to Josiah Coyne and Lisa Davison for being Dailey Prophet photographers; and to Lori Rand, John Rand, Doug Brockelbank, Patty Ross, Norma Richard, Deb Keef, Amanda Ross, Lydia Manchester, Jani Cummings and Claudia Trend for adding so much to the whole evening.

An enormous thanks must be given to Gail Cole who worked so diligently on the many wonderful details of the whole Harry Potter Night. Gail's mother, Anna Marcaurle, made both the Harry Potter quilt and the Harry Potter wall hanging as donations for RVL. Stop by Raymond Village Library to see the wonderful photograph board of Harry Potter Night made by Lisa Davison.



Professor Dumbledore



Professor McGonagall



Ronald Weasley



Hagrid

August 2005

Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00AM VL Library Babytime	2 7:00PM TH Selectmen's Meeting 7:00PM PS PPA Annual Meeting	3 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	4 6:30-8PM PS RWPA Annual Meeting	5	6 3:00-5:00PM PPA Cruise the Buffers & Picnic
7	8 10:00AM VL Library Babytime	9	10 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	11	12	13
14	15 10:00AM VL Library Babytime Raymond-Casco Historical Society Hacker's Hill Annual Picnic	16 9:00AM VL Library Board 7:00PM TH Selectmen's Meeting	17 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	18 3:00PM ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER	19	20
21 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	22 10:00AM VL Library Babytime	23 3:00PM TH Planning Board deadline for September	24 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	25 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	26	27 3:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals deadline for September
28	29 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting	30 10:00PM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45PM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00p -8:30PM VL Library reading group	31		FB =Fire Barn JS =Jordan-Small KC =Kokatosi Campgnd PS =Public Safety Bldg. RE =Raymond Elementary CL =Casco Library	SG =Sheri Gagnon TG =Town Garage RT85 TH =Town Hall VL =Village Library VC =Village Church VT =Village Tennis MB =Modular at JSMS

Municipal News Brief

By Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen took the following actions in July 2005.

July 12, 2005:

1. Approved two new road names as recommended by Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper. Files Farm Drive located off Egypt Road and Water View Lane located off Oakledge Road.
2. Considered a request for a first time system variance located at Map 52, Lot 40, property owner Dennis Fecteau. Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper outlined that the lot located behind Key Bank, although grandfathered, did require a variance because it could not meet code criteria with respect to the location of the septic system distances to groundwater and from an abutting property's well. No action was taken on this request until the next Selectmen's meeting so additional information could be obtained from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Engineering.
3. The Selectmen concluded Board of Assessment Review interviews by interviewing former Selectman Ada Brown. Candidate William Priest was unable to attend the meeting.
4. Appointments - Board of Assessment Review. A motion to approve the following slate of candidates to the new Board of Assessment Review: Ray Kelso, regular member three-year term; Mary Jane Vander Sluis, regular member two-year term; Brenda Tubbs, regular member one-year term; Charles Miller, alternate member two-year term; and Ada Brown, alternate member one-year term.
5. Addendum to Liquor License - Montebello Ristorante. An amendment was considered to Montebello's liquor license that would allow food and drinks to be served outside on the deck and front porch. After discussion, a motion was made to approve serving on the side deck but not the front porch due to safety considerations related to Life Safety 101 regulations administered by the Fire Department. This motion was approved unanimously.
6. Special Amusement Application - Montebello Ristorante. The Selectmen approved a special amusement license for Montebello that would allow live music, disc jockeys, and comedians.
7. The Selectmen approved two abatement applications totaling \$823.62 as follows: A04-20 - Account #F1100R, Fricker Qualified Personal Trust; and A04-21 - Account #G4015R, Gagnon Development Company. Abatement A04-20 was a supplement made in error in the amount of \$301.63 and abatement A04-21 was an adjustment to reflect an unbuildable lot in the amount of \$521.99.
8. Fire Chief Denis Morse requested establishment of a capital reserve fund for automobile accident revenues. Chief Morse explained that this account would be dedicated to acquisition, repairs, and maintenance of critical life safety equipment necessary to respond to automobile crashes. Revenues to fund the reserve account would come from the billing already being done by the Fire Department for automobile crashes. The charge for a basic service at this time is \$250 and in most cases is paid through automobile insurance. Although the town has been levying this charge, establishing a reserve account would allow dedicated revenues to accrue that will later be subject to Selectmen approval and could offset the cost of equipment. The Selectmen tabled this issue until the next business meeting to be held on August 9, 2005.
9. Raymond Fire/Rescue Department Tank 2 refurbishment update - Fire Chief Denis Morse. Chief Morse reported that he had received proposals for the work from E-One in the amount of \$38,000 to \$40,000 and Emergency Vehicles of Maine (EVM) at \$58,000. The plan is to remove the existing steel tank and install a new poly tank on the existing Tank 2 chassis. After refurbishment, Tank 2 should last another 15 years. The Selectmen authorized the Fire Chief to continue the refurbishment of Tank 2 as outlined.
10. Consideration of Quit Claim Deed - Hurd/Chevarie - Map 15, Lot 92. The town manager recommended approving a quit claim deed releasing the town's interest in this property since all accrued taxes, interest, penalties, and legal fees had been paid in full. The

judgment lien that had arisen from this property being non-compliant with the town's Land Use Ordinance with respect to storage yards will remain in force for a one-year period to insure that the property remains in compliance. At the conclusion of the one-year period, if the property is still compliant, the judgment lien will also be released. The Selectmen approved release of the quit claim deed while retaining the judgment lien for a one-year period as outlined by the town manager.

11. Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) Rural Road Initiative Project Agreement - Route 121/Meadow Road. The town manager outlined an opportunity for the Town of Raymond to partner with MDOT under the same program utilized to complete two phases of work in prior years on Route 85. The new project would involve work on Route 121/Meadow Road commencing at Main Street and proceeding in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.8 miles. The proposed project involves heavy pavement reclamation and resurfacing. Money to support the town's match in the amount of \$150,000 would come from road improvement bond proceeds. If the town agreed to spend the matching money, a total of \$300,000 will be contributed by the MDOT toward the project. The Selectmen approved entering into another rural road initiative project partnership with the MDOT under the terms outlined by the town manager. The work will be completed later this summer.
12. Town Manager report and communications:
 - a. A part-time communications coordinator has been hired. Raymond resident John Hanley will fill this position which includes communications such as the Raymond Road Runner, the Annual Report, website, and updating the digital broadcast studio when this project is complete. Mr. Hanley will be paid a salary of \$10,000 annually. Funding for the position came from a corresponding reduction in funds allocated for the network administrator salary.
 - b. Assistant code enforcement officer. The town manager informed the Selectmen that interviews would be commencing shortly for the position of assistant code enforcement officer.

July 19, 2005

1. The Selectmen denied a request for a first time system variance located at Map 52, Lot 40 as requested by property owner Mr. Dennis Fecteau. Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper explained that the property failed to meet the required septic system separation to ground water as well as the 100' setback from a neighboring property's well.
2. Department head quarterly financial and goal presentations: Elisa Trepanier, GIS Coordinator, and Kevin Woodbrey, Network Administrator. The GIS Coordinator and Network Administrator made detailed presentations to the Selectmen outlining present and future goals, objectives, and activities. The Selectmen sought this information in order to improve policy making and both short- and long-term financial planning. The PowerPoint presentation given at the meeting outlining major initiatives in the area of technology can be viewed at www.raymondmaine.org.
3. Town Manager report and communications:
 - a.) The town manager introduced new communications coordinator John Hanley. Mr. Hanley can be contacted at john.hanley@raymondmaine.org.
 - b.) The town manager reported on a request from the Town of Casco to obtain web hosting and management services for the Town of Casco website and e-mail. The town manager and network administrator will meet with Casco officials to determine if this partnership would be advantageous to both communities. Benefits to Raymond include revenues from Casco for services provided. It is envisioned that after initial training, no ongoing personnel commitment would be required from Raymond. Current Raymond system resources are more than adequate to accommodate the addition of the Town of Casco on our web servers.
 - c.) Egypt Road landfill site acquisition. The town manager reported that Amanda Simpson, Planning Services Coordinator, has been working with the town attorney on this transaction. The title search and survey need to be prepared for closing.

- d.) Route 302 Picnic Area. The town manager reported that the "closed" sign has been replaced with the old state sign until Raymond can get a new sign made. Selectmen Desjardins suggested asking the Windham Correctional Center if they will make a sign.
 - e.) Beautification Committee. The town manager has received many positive comments about the appearance of the Route 302 corridor and the work of the Beautification Committee.
 - f.) Sheri Gagnon Park. Selectman Desjardins asked to have concrete pads or some way to tie down the portapotties so that people can't tip them over. Mr. Willard said the town is waiting to hear whether the Maine Army National Guard 133rd Engineering Battalion will be reengineering the field before investing in any new permanent structures at the field. Selectman Desjardins said that the portapotties don't need to be at the schools now because sports are finished for the summer and they will not need them for soccer until fall.
 - g.) Cardboard Dumpsters. Raymond resident Charles Leavitt commented that the cardboard recycling dumpsters need to be cleaned up because of the mess there. Mrs. McDermott said that various possible solutions have been discussed. The town manager asked that dumping of anything other than cardboard when noted by anyone should be reported to the Town Office. The town manager also stated that in an effort to keep up with the volume of cardboard to be recycled, Pine Tree Waste is now picking up at this site three times per week in addition to Public Works Department employees cleaning around the dumpster on a daily basis. He also noted that it is a difficult problem to control without a manned drop off point. Selectman Gendron suggested that possibly it be gated and open only certain hours. The town manager will investigate this possibility.
 - h.) Selectman Gendron asked that the public report anyone taking bottles from the Lions Club bottle bins. Please report the license plate number to Raymond Dispatch at 655-7851. The last one observed was apprehended.
4. Approved fiscal payroll and appropriation warrants dated June 30, 2005, July 12, 2005, and July 19, 2005.

Pack 800 Summer Fun

Pack 800 Summer Fun was officially kicked off June 26th! Cub Scout members and new recruits gathered at Camp Hinds to enjoy the annual Pack Picnic, play games and make sure everyone signed up for all the fun activities Pack 800 offers throughout the summer.

Scouts and family members blew airplanes off straws, raced with balloons, and sent water rockets blasting skyward in addition to partaking of all the delicious food at the cookout.

Sign ups for the upcoming Pack 800 Sea Dogs game and the August 13th & 14th Fun Pack Weekend at Camp Hinds were available to all who attended. There is still time to sign up for Fun Pack Weekend, if you have not done so. Contact Jim Fisher at threefisherboys@aol.com for more information.

Don't forget that Cub Scouts Day Camp at Camp Hinds will be July 25th through July 29th, Webelos Camp at Camp Hinds will be August 14th through August 17th, and a special reminder to everyone: CAR WASH AT WAL-MART IN WINDHAM 8-NOON JULY 30TH! Support Pack 800 by having your vehicles washed by the scouts!

Upcoming Auditions!!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Friday, August 5 from 6pm-9pm

Saturday, August 6 from 9am-12noon

Sunday, August 7 from 1pm-4pm

FMI contact Director Matthew Ryder at 939-5919
Performances November 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19
and 20, 2005

Windham Community Center
Windham, Maine

Principal's Report For August

I hope that students and staff are enjoying a well-deserved summer break. Even though the school is closed for the summer, there is still a number of staff working to get things ready for the start of the new school year. I am very pleased with the custodial team and their hard work and dedication to get both of the schools cleaned, repaired, and back in shape. Their efforts are much appreciated. Kerry Glew, Kathy Woodbrey and Wendy Thoren, our office staff, are working to complete the required record keeping, register new students, and deal with the mountains of orders being delivered on a daily basis. Ms. Caldwell and the administrative staff are busy hiring new staff members, developing the NCLB grants, and planning for the return of students and staff in September. School may be closed, but there is still a lot of activity going on.

I am very happy that Rick Dwinnell, facilities manager, has taken such good care of the RES playground this summer. With the help from a work crew, the playground fence has a new wooden border to help keep the fill in place. The fill under the playground structures has been replaced and, because we now have the right size tractor to do the work, spread to the recommended depths. I have spent many hours in the past years raking the fill back in place, and I am very happy that we now have a tractor to do that hard work.

I am delighted that we have hired Troy Eastman as the new assistant principal. Mr. Eastman has worked as a special education teacher in middle school and high school, as a coach and as an official. He brings a very positive energy to the schools, and is excited to get to know the students when they return in September. He will be based at the Jordan-Small Middle School and will be assisting me with facilities scheduling and planning, supervising extra curricular programming, and implementing the new Code of Conduct in the district. Community members who need

to schedule meetings and activities at either RES or JSMS should contact Mr. Eastman at 655-4743 or at Troy.Eastman@raymondmaine.org. Though I will be working with all students and staff, K-8, I will keep my main office at the Raymond Elementary School and can still be reached at 655-8672 extension 400 or at norma.richard@raymondmaine.org.

I had the privilege of accompanying Ms. Ann Bottoms to UMO on July 20 for her oral presentation portion of the Maine Teacher of the Year program. She represented not only herself, but also our entire teaching staff in such an exemplary way. She selected to share a portion of the second grade economics unit that was developed by the second grade team last year. I was so proud of her presentation to the Teacher of the Year Committee, and also proud of the quality of the work she represented. It was a very special opportunity for Ms. Bottoms and for me.

I know that parents are planning for their children's return to school. Basic school supplies to purchase should include a sturdy backpack, sneakers for gym class, and a pencil box with crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, erasers and pencils. This is a great time to develop those essential routines for organizing school supplies at home, including how to pack your backpack and where to put important school correspondence. I want to ask each and every parent



Ann Bottoms, Raymond's Teacher of the Year nominee, shares her portfolio with 1999 Teacher of the Year Joanne Alex.

to please mark their child's initials or last name on major articles of clothing (especially jackets) and lunchboxes. You cannot believe the bags and bags of missing articles that were left in the lost and found and donated to the Salvation Army at the end of the school year. I would much rather see these articles being returned to the children and taken home!

I can imagine that many of our families have enjoyed reading the new Harry Potter book this summer. I sincerely hope that reading has been a family affair with each of our RES and JSMS families. Have a safe and happy August. See you in September!

America is Changing And So Is The Census

The Town Clerk's Office has been notified by the United States Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, that random survey mailings will be received by several households throughout the United States and even Raymond, Maine. These surveys will be a predecessor of the traditional census completed every ten years.

They are asking that if you receive one of these surveys, you fill it out and return it. If not they will have to reach you by phone or at your door. "The data that results from the responses will be used by local officials to benefit their communities in numerous ways, such as tracking the well-being of children, families and the elderly; determining where to locate highways, schools, and hospitals; and showing a large corporation that a town has the workforce the company needs." If you wish more information, the ACS (American Community Survey) website is www.census.gov or call 617-424-4510.

Cemetery Committee Needs Help

The Raymond Cemetery Committee needs volunteers to help with their work. Most especially needed are people who are willing to get their hands dirty and their backs worked. During the summer and fall, the Committee works on projects in the cemeteries to keep them looking their best including cleaning grave markers, resetting old head stones, and generally keeping the grounds in good repair. If you are interested in helping a little or a lot, please contact Linda Alexander, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, at 655-4640, or Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742. You don't have to become an active member of the committee to help.

New Summer Hours for Christ Chapel

From June 5th to September 4th, Christ Chapel, 37 Northern Pines Road in Raymond, will be changing the time of their Sunday morning service to 9am. The service time will return to 10am September 11th. Please call 655-5058 for more information.

Hazardous Waste Day, August 6, 2005

This year's Hazardous Waste Day will be on Saturday, August 6, 2005, 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 Road Runner 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 pays 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 \$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. Anything that can be delivered to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility will not be accepted, such as latex paint, car batteries, or computer parts.

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.

Songo River Queen Cruise, August 13, 2005

The Lakes Region Committee of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland is sponsoring a cruise of Long Lake on the Songo River Queen on August 13th. The cost of this cruise, which will run from 8:30 to 11pm, is \$15 per person. The price includes appetizers, music and a 50/50 raffle. There will be a cash bar. Tickets will be available at the tourist information bureaus in Bridgton, Naples and Windham, as well as the Songo River Queen's ticket office in Naples. For more information on this cruise, or to obtain tickets, please call Barbara Clark of the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce at 892-8214 or 892-8265.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2005

9am to 1pm

Raymond Elementary School parking lot

What you can bring:

- Oil based paints and varnishes
- Flammable resins & adhesives
- Non-processable paints
- PCB Contaminated RCRA materials
- Pesticides/Herbicides/Poisons
- Corrosives/Oxidizers
- Aerosols
- Consolidated Organic Liquids
- Antifreeze
- Ni- Cad Batteries (not regular household batteries)
- Mercury items. e.g. switches, human thermometers
- Reactives/Dioxin Forming materials
- Non-regulated materials
- Fluorescent light tubes

If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21. There will be a 50% charge associated with this service for the price of disposal.

Requirements For A Habitat For Humanity Lakes Region House Recipient

Habitat for Humanity is an inter-faith Christian home-building ministry which began in Americus, Georgia, in 1976 and is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing throughout the world. As of April 2005, Habitat for Humanity International has completed more than 190,000 Habitat Houses. Its local affiliate, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with the completion of its 40th house. The Lakes Region Committee of this affiliate is actively seeking a Lakes Region family to embrace the new home that we are currently raising funds to build in Naples. Construction of this home is expected to start next spring with completion by the end of 2006. The new family must have close ties to the Lakes Region, which includes Baldwin, Bridgton, Casco, Harrison, Naples, Raymond, Sebago, Standish and Windham, and meet certain criteria which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Recipient families are chosen on the basis of need and the ability to make mortgage payments
- Qualified families must have a monthly income between \$1,850 and \$2,850
- The recipient family must put in at least 350 hours of "sweat equity" (i.e. personal effort on the project) in order to qualify to purchase the Habitat home
- Take courses in First Time Home Ownership, Budgeting and Home Maintenance
- Additional consideration may be given to a qualified family who is facing the challenge of a physical disability.

Interested applicants should contact:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland

565 Congress Street
PO Box 10505, Portland, ME 04104
Phone: (207) 772-2151
E-mail: hfhgp@gwi.net

Anyone interested in finding out how they can help with this project or others, or to make a donation, should use the same contact information.

Getting To Know Raymond

by Troy Eastman

The summer is time for change within the school system. Students need this time to grow and develop their values, and teachers use this time in preparation to meet the needs of their incoming students and continue their own education through college course work and/or workshops. The custodial staff is busy working to ensure the school buildings are safe and in great working condition. The office staff is diligently working to complete state required reports and prepare student schedules. I have met many new people and had to depend on them for assistance in navigating through new computer systems, telephone systems and master keys. Thankfully, these people have been patient and willing to help me in any way possible.

Ms. Richard has given me the tour of not only the beautiful buildings that make up the Raymond Schools but also of town itself. Being a resident of Sumner, located 5 miles east of Trapp Corner Store (a local landmark) on Route 26, I have traveled routes 11 and 85 previously but have never stopped to learn about the community. While on my tour with Ms. Richard, I quickly noticed a varied landscape ranging from grand farmlands to picturesque waterfronts. The one common trend that I noticed was the neighborly feeling while passing through: people would wave or nod as if they were saying, "welcome." Along my trip, I also witnessed many construction sites and new homes along the Mountain Road and Tarkiln Hill. I was equally amazed at the summer camps that can be found seemingly around every corner in Raymond. Through my early exploration, I have met interesting new people and found a great community lying between Routes 26 and 302. The next stop was on Meadow Road at the town library. Inside, I was impressed with the warmth and inviting atmosphere. I was introduced to Barbara Thorpe and Sue Ellen Gendron. I understand the library has a close relationship with the school department and look forward to working with them in the future.

As I traveled around in a circle ending up back at the

Jordan-Small Middle School, I realized that Raymond is a special town with a lot to offer its community. I feel fortunate to be working in such a community because it is vital to the success of the students. When communities and schools work together to offer the students a great educational foundation, the potential for greatness is unlimited. I look forward to meeting the members of Raymond and working with them to make the Raymond School Department the best it can be.

Animal Control Report June-July

- June 15 Conference with District Attorney about case
- June 18 Dogs won't go home - *Owner picked up*
- June 20 Dog in hot car - *Owner warned*
- June 21 Dog on beach - *Dog removed*
- June 22 Unlicensed dogs
- June 22 Two dogs at large
- June 23 Removed road kill
- June 23 Animal Refuge League with 2 dogs
- June 24 Administrative paperwork and meetings
- June 24 Two dogs on beach - *Dogs removed*
- June 24 Dog bothering neighbors - *To be checked*
- June 24 Two dogs missing - *Dogs came home*
- June 25 Follow up on dog at large - *Verbal warning*
- June 25 Retrieve 3 dogs for safe keeping from accident
- June 26 Remove dogs on beach
- June 27 Barking dog
- June 27 Barking dog
- June 28 District Court
- June 28 Information given
- June 28 Dog at large
- June 29 Care and cleaning of equipment
- June 29 Set animal trap
- June 29 License information
- July 1 Barking dog - *Verbal warning*
- July 2 Dog on beach - *Removed*
- July 3 Dog at large - *Took to holding area*
- July 3 Dog on beach - *Removed*
- July 3 Owner retrieved dog
- July 5 Information given
- July 6 Snake in bathtub - *Caught snake*
- July 10 Dog bite information
- July 10 Dogs on beach
- July 11 Dogs on beach
- July 12 Dog at large - *Returned to owner and gave verbal warning*
- July 12 Dog at large - *Gone on arrival*
- July 13 Dog on beach - *Removed*
- July 14 Dogs on beach - *Removed*
- July 15 Possible abandoned dog - *Unfounded, will check again*
- July 15 Dogs at large - *Verbal warning*
- July 17 Dog on beach - *Gone on arrival*
- July 18 Stray cat dropped off
- July 18 Lost dog - *Found and returned*
- July 18 Dog in yard - *Gone on arrival*
- July 19 Animal Refuge League with cat

As you can see, there are many calls for dogs on our beaches. Please know that dogs are not allowed on any Raymond Public Beach because of sanitary concerns as well as keeping them away from people who don't like or are afraid of dogs.

Donald Alexander
Animal Control Officer

State Government - Expanding Or Shrinking

by Senator Bill Diamond

Oftentimes we hear and read about how state governments around the country seem to be getting bigger every year. The size of government is a legitimate concern, and there are many ways to measure such growth. I thought it might be interesting to take a close up look at what's been happening with our own state government here in Maine. One way to measure the size of government is to count the number of people who are actually employed in the government. Let's see what has happened regarding the number of state employees in Maine since 1990. The following information was provided by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review (OFPR) which is a nonpartisan office whose purpose is to provide fiscal information to the legislature and to state government in general. According to the OFPR, in Fiscal Year (FY) 1990 there were 9,037.5 state employees being paid from the state General Fund. Added to that is the Highway Fund which employed 2,714, plus those who were paid under all the "Other Funds," bringing the total state employee count for 1990 to 16,699. Now we examine Fiscal Year 2006 where the number of state employees being paid from the General Fund totaled 6,351.8. In this same FY the Highway Fund had a total number of 2,593.8 employees. When you add in the those who are paid from the "Other Funds" the total number of state employees during FY 2006 is 14,283.3. A quick comparison shows that over the past 16 years the total number of state employees has been reduced from 16,699 in FY 1990 to 14,283.3 in FY 2006, for a net reduction of 2,415.7 state employees. This information may be a surprise to some of you, as it was to me, so I asked the OFPR staff what would account for the 2714 reduction in positions in state government. Their response was that over the years there really have been positions cut in state government. Remembering back to the early 90's when we had a government shut down and the budgets were extremely tight explains another reason they said. This past session there were position cuts made as well.

I hope this inside peek at our government has been interesting, and if you would like further information please feel free to contact me. Have a safe and enjoyable fall season.

Ocean Adventure At RES

The difficult weather this spring left the first graders at RES out in the cold when their field trip to the ocean was canceled due to rain. If the children were unable to go to the ocean to extend their learning about ocean environments, then the ocean would have to come to them. That is just what happened when Phil Averill of Ocean Adventures visited the school in early June. Mr. Averill brought a number of live sea creatures for the children to examine, touch, and learn about. He also set up a saltwater aquarium in the hallway for all students to investigate. Mrs. Allen's kindergarten class was delighted to have an opportunity to participate in the program, as they also have been studying about the ocean ecosystem. Many of the children felt that the sea cucumber was the most interesting sea creature, while others enjoyed learning about starfish, crabs, and lobsters. All of the children agreed that Ocean Adventures was a wonderful learning opportunity and great fun!



Phil Averill of Ocean Adventures shares one of the marvelous ocean critters with RES 1st graders.

The following was copied from Historian Ernest Knight's "Historical Gems of Raymond and Casco." The "Gems" were originally articles in the Raymond-Casco Historical Society newsletter. The book, "Historical Gems of Raymond and Casco," can be purchased at the local libraries.

RAYMOND TOWN HALL

1838-1956

March 1979

As we resume our meetings for the year 1979 we will return to the Raymond Town Hall in East Raymond on Monday 19 March at 7:30 P.M. And appropriately enough we will feature as our "bit of history" this month the Town Hall, or to use its original name, the Town House, on the corner of Route 85 (now Webbs Mills Road) and Raymond Hill Road.

Town Meetings, traditional in the government of New England towns from their earliest history and considered to be the most democratic of all form of government, have been held in Raymond ever since its incorporation on June



The "Town House" at its new location Meeting was held on Aug. 15, 1803 in the Joseph Dingley

homestead in what is now South Casco and later Town Meetings were held in the barn of Eli Longley which was across Main Street from the present Raymond Post Office (then on Main Street, ED.). To counter growing dissatisfaction in the "western part of the town," now Casco, with the distance they had to travel, a new Town House was built on contract by Dominicus Jordan in 1838-1839 on the Plains Road on 1/2 acre of Nathaniel Staples' land (J & R Farm) between Rolfe Brook and the Joseph Staples homestead now used by Camp Timanous. But this gesture failed and Casco separated, leaving the Town House in a poor location on the very western edge of the very much smaller Town of Raymond. The Town House building was then moved to its present location opposite Clough's Store in East Raymond.

In its new location the Town House served also as a general meeting place for the community and for a time as schoolhouse, with the Town Office in a small room on the second floor over the entrance. When the first fire company was organized in East Raymond in 1948 they had no fire house, so a garage door was installed and a cement floor laid to make the building serve dual purposes.

The selectmen's Office was still on the second floor and for Town Meetings the fire engine was moved outside and chairs and benches set up for the people. With the consolidation of all elementary schools into a new



The "Town House" also served as school building in the firehouse.

1951, now included in the present elementary school complex, the building now used for a Town Hall became vacant and the Town Office was installed there, leaving the old Town House with the Fire Company #2 as its sole occupant. But then with the addition of a second engine and all engines getting bigger the building was inadequate and the new Company #2 Fire House was built in 1976, again bringing about a change in tenant for the Town House to that of a maintenance shop for the snow plows and school buses. But that usage is under fire and there is a movement under foot for a new Town Garage, after which the fate of the old Town House will be in great jeopardy.

Raymond Student Attends Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference

Raymond teen Rebecca McIntire recently returned from the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) in Washington, D.C. which she attended from June 25 - July 5, 2005. NYLC is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC). CYLC offers educational leadership conferences for outstanding young people from across the country and around the world who have demonstrated leadership potential and who meet the highest criteria in scholastic merit. Their nomination provides them with unmatched enrichment opportunities in a distinguished academic environment. McIntire was one of approximately 400 outstanding scholars from around the country who were selected to attend the conference.

NYLC gives high-achieving juniors and seniors a greater understanding of their roles in democracy and the responsibilities of leadership. As these students meet with the men and women who shape laws and policies, they gain an inside perspective on key issues. Through interaction with Cabinet secretaries, members of Congress, diplomats, lobbyists, journalists and academicians, NYLC scholars receive direct experience and guidance that cannot be found in textbooks.

The theme of the NYLC is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the eleven days, McIntire interacted with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

"The National Young Leaders Conference prepares students like Rebecca McIntire to serve our country well, whether that means as elected officials in our nation's capital, as active members within communities around the world, or as intelligent, creative and responsible members of the work force," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. "Through a series of simulations, we place these young leaders in the proverbial driver's seat on a variety of issues facing our country today. Their determination, as shown within the conference, is a good indicator of the types of leaders we

Perhaps the bottom of the barrel has been reached and there will be no further demand or use for this relic of the past. Being so close to both Route 85 and Raymond Hill Road that it is a hazard to traffic, no space for parking of cars or trucks, a miniscule lot that is only about two feet from the building on the south side and actually under the foundation on the back leaving the attached out houses on the adjacent property, badly racked and mutilated from its recent garage activities this corner may be a candidate for urban renewal. At one time there was feeling that perhaps someday it would be possible to acquire it for our Historical Society but the serious problems mentioned above make it as unsatisfactory for our purpose as for any other. It is distressing to lose any of our landmarks, whether this old Town House or the Venice in Jordan Bay which has become tax acquired property of the Town and is to be burned as a liability too far gone to salvage. (The old Town House, beyond salvaging, was torn down in 1981. Photographs courtesy of Faith Vance. ED.)

The Historical Society is dedicated to preserving Raymond-Casco history. If you have photographs, albums, scrapbooks or newspaper clippings that would enrich our collection and knowledge, please consider donating them to the society. Or we have the facilities to copy your items to preserve them for generations to come. Contact Joseph Webber at 232-2392.

Ernest Knight, "Official Historian" and long time resident of the Town of Raymond will be celebrating his 100th birthday this September. To honor Mr. Knight and this milestone occasion, there will be a Birthday card on hand at the Raymond Village Library for the residents of Raymond and friends to sign.

Please stop by the Library to sign the card and express your good wishes.



Senator Olympia J. Snowe meets with Rebecca McIntire (far right) and other National Youth Leadership Council students.

will see in the future."

Complementing a schedule of special meetings and briefings, McIntire participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity entitled "If I Were President," students acted as the President and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participated in a simulation, "Model Congress," in which the scholars assumed the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debated, amended and voted on proposed mock legislation.

Highlights of the program included a briefing from State Department Assistant Secretary of State Arthur Dewey, a briefing from the House of Representatives by The Honorable Dennis Kucinich (D-OH), breakfast with members of the Washington Press Corps at the National Press Club, and meetings with senators and representatives to discuss important issues facing the nation. McIntire also had the opportunity to meet with Maine Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, as well as with Congressman Tom Allen.

Rebecca, the daughter of David and Mary McIntire of Raymond, will be a senior at Westbrook High School in the fall. A member of the National Honor Society and a high honor student, she is involved in the Latin, Spanish, Chinese, and Art clubs. She has received awards for outstanding achievements and academic excellence in Chemistry and Latin I and II. After her senior year, Rebecca plans to attend college majoring in secondary education Social Sciences.

Last Chance Soccer Sign Ups

WHEN: Tuesday August 9, 2005
6pm - 7:30pm

WHERE: Jordan-Small Middle School Gym

Divisions and teams will be determined after this sign up. We need more kids to make up more teams in all divisions.

Coaches Meeting August 15, 2005, Jordan-Small Middle School Cafeteria at 6pm

Any 7th or 8th grader interested in a co-ed league, drop by and add your name to the list. No practices; one game a week; and will not interfere with school team.

HELP WANTED:

Assistant Recreation Soccer Director - No pay, but the benefits are endless. This will be my last season as director. I would like to move on and continue to coach at a middle or high school level. Please call Dana Desjardins at 655-5351.

Panther Pond Notes

- **Success at Maple Avenue Workshop**
- **Annual Meeting – Tuesday, August 2nd, 7-9pm**
- **Boat Tour and Picnic- Saturday, August 6th, 3-5pm**
- **PPA Membership Appeal**

Workshop at Maple Avenue Right-of-Way

Panther Pond Association held its first workshop July 7th as part of the Panther Pond Conservation Project. With sixteen participants, the workshop held at the Maple Avenue Right-of-Way (ROW) was a great success. Check out the before and after photos!

With runoff coming off the two roads from three directions, the ROW had chronic erosion problems. A large gully had formed down the center of the ROW, and there were many exposed roots.

Volunteers helped to create a large rock-filled infiltration trench at the top of the ROW to infiltrate the runoff from the roads into the ground and prevent it from flowing down the path. Volunteers placed geotextile fabric in the erosion gully to prevent further erosion and then covered the gully and leveled the path with crushed stone. Several volunteers assembled timber waterbars. Held in place with rebar pounded into the ground, the waterbars were put across the path to divert water away from the lake.

Panther Pond Association would like to thank the volunteers, including many of the residents along Maple Avenue, for their help in making this project a success.

If you are interested in attending future workshops, receiving technical assistance, matching grants, or would like to attend the buffer cruise, please contact PPA at ppa@raymondmaine.org or contact Noralee at 207-671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org. For more information on the Panther Pond Conservation Project visit the PPA website or pick up a brochure at the Raymond Town Office or Raymond Village Library.

Invitation: PPA Annual Meeting – August 2nd

You are cordially invited to the PPA Annual Meeting at the Raymond Public Safety Building at Main Street and Route 302 on Tuesday, August 2nd from 7-9pm.

Do come join us to discuss the Conservation Project and learn how you can help protect the watershed from erosion and from the increasing threat of milfoil.

Help us identify activities that will bring us together as a lake community, taking actions to protect this valuable natural wonder we call Panther Pond.

Cruise the Buffers and Picnic – August 6th

Join us for a pontoon boat tour of the pond on August 6th from 3-5pm. The tour will highlight projects completed this season and point out different types of vegetated buffers– from natural to landscaped and even no-mow zones. Buffers or conservation landscapes are beneficial to the health of the pond by acting as filters that help capture soil particles caused by erosion that is present in runoff. The wider the buffer, the better job it does filtering out sediments, nutrients and other pollutants before they reach the pond.

Following the tour, PPA will host a neighbor picnic at Leigh and Brian Walker's home. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade and soft drinks; we will rely on those attending to bring a pot luck salad or dessert and other beverages desired.

If you can't make the tour, still join us for the picnic and meet new Panther Ponders.

PPA Membership – Please Renew or Become a Member

This is also the time of year that we ask for you to support the Association's efforts. Annual dues are just \$20 (though some generous souls give more – thank you!).

I hope you will agree that you get a real 'bang for your buck' with your membership. We are committed to preserving the lake quality environment of Panther Pond. With your support, we will keep Panther Pond a great lake to enjoy for generations to come.

Please return to the Panther Pond Association, P.O. Box 68, Raymond, ME 04071

- I plan on attending the Pontoon "Cruise the Buffers" Tour of the Grant Improvement sites on August 6th. Please send me the details of where to meet.
- I plan on attending the neighbor picnic on August 6th. Please send me the details and directions.
- I would like to become/renew my Panther Pond Association membership. Please find enclosed \$_____. (Membership starts at \$20)

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

What's the big deal about sediments and soil erosion? Well, the nutrient phosphorus attaches itself to soil particles as it washes into the pond or stream with eroding soil. Fine soil particles carry more phosphorus and can travel long distances without settling out.

- Phosphorus adds nutrients to the pond causing excess algae to grow
- Excess algae growth makes the water less clear
- As algae die and settle to the bottom of the pond, the decomposition process uses up the oxygen at the bottom of the pond. This can harm cold-water fisheries.
- The absence of oxygen can also create a chemical reaction that causes phosphorus to be released from the sediments.
- The end result: an algae bloom.



Before: Chronic erosion on ROW with exposed roots and gully.



Workshop volunteers install water diverters and spread rocks to repair Maple Avenue right-of-way



After: Rock-filled infiltration trench at top of ROW, waterbars and rock on path.

Board Buzz

Raymond School Board News

The Raymond School Board regularly meets to conduct business on the first Wednesday of each month and for workshop activities on the third Wednesday of each month at the Raymond Elementary School at 7pm. Our September workshop meeting will focus on high school topics, including a review of our high school contracts and a preview of the new state funding model for tuition rates. We have scheduled our annual fall retreat for Wednesday, August 31, at 4pm at the Raymond Elementary School. All meetings are open to the public.

In June, Deborah Adams was elected Board Chairperson. The Board also approved a new Special Services Director and a new Assistant Principal. Teresa Sadak and Frank Dexter were appointed to the One Raymond Steering Committee. Additional sub-committee assignments will be determined in August. The RED (Raymond Extended Day) lease was renewed. Policy work was completed to support the new Student Code of Conduct.

The Board approved local bus service between a central transfer location and Raymond residences for Poland High School students during the 2005-2006 school year. The Poland School Board has approved bus service for these students between the central transfer location and Poland High School. Poland accepts Raymond high school students on a space-available basis.

Work has begun to establish a new telephone service contract that could save the district an estimated \$6000 per year. The new service will take advantage of IP technology. The business office is participating in conversations with the Sebago Alliance cooperative to entertain bids on a collective heating oil purchase.

Following trial use of two video conferencing systems to support distance education, grant funding is being pursued for equipment and programming. This technology is currently being used at 91 schools in Maine to provide

expanded course offerings, electronic field trips, community interest programs and professional development opportunities.

Approved meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Raymond website.

New Local Business Opens

JC Mobility Solutions LLC

by Judie Conley, RN, and Cliff Pierce, Service Technician

We are a new business in Raymond and will be selling, servicing and renting different types of mobility products such as scooters, wheelchairs and lift chairs. We represent several different product lines, and the customer will have a wide choice to select from that will be most helpful to them - not only to help them to get around but also with the cost. We can go to the customer, if they are unable to get to us. We are located at 51B Main Street on the corner of Route 121 and Meadow Way, just before the library. We also accept Medicare, Maine Care, Visa and Mastercard.

We have a toll free number, 1-866-435-6399, and also a local number, 655-2000. Or visit us on the web at <http://jcmobility.pridedealer.com>. We are open from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday and by appointment, as we realize the busy schedules some people have. We offer personal service to our customers, such as measuring people to make sure the product is the right one; and we give instruction on the use of the product, as well as doing service on all the products we sell. We look forward to serving the people of Raymond and the surrounding areas so that everyone can enjoy getting around and being able to go shopping and visiting with family and friends.

We will be having monthly specials for our customers, as customer satisfaction is #1 with us.

Invasive Aquatic Plants – Closer Than We Think

By Noralee Raymond, Executive Director, Raymond Waterways Protective Association

Often when we think of the threat invasive plants pose to our Raymond lakes, we imagine those dreaded weeds from the infested lakes in other states. But the truth is our Raymond lakes are surrounded by invasive plants, not a four hour drive to Massachusetts or Connecticut but right next door- 15 minutes to Thompson Lake in Casco (Variable milfoil infestation) or a five minute drive to Little Sebago Lake (hybrid Variable milfoil).

In fact, right in the Town of Raymond we have several colonies of Variable milfoil along the shores of Sebago Lake: Bayview Estates canals, Port Harbor Marine, Panther Run, and Dingley Brook (stream draining Thomas Pond into Sebago), to name a few.

There are currently 26 lakes and rivers in the state of Maine with known infestations of an invasive plant. Most of the lakes are in Southern Maine, and many are less than a thirty minute drive from Raymond. We are virtually surrounded by milfoil. Take a look at the map of the area.

The map shows approximate locations of the invasive plants in the various infested lakes based on surveys completed over the last couple of years. Note that when boating in any lake that is known to have an invasive plant infestation, boaters should be cautious and avoid any area of the lake that has thick plant growth. Once established, invasive plants can quickly spread to other areas of a lake. **Boaters should also thoroughly inspect their boats, trailer, anchor, and fishing tackle before and AFTER launching in an infested lake.**

Though all the lakes on this map are infested with Variable milfoil or the hybrid Variable milfoil (Little Sebago Lake and Collins Pond), this is certainly not the only invasive aquatic plant (IAP) we need to worry about. There are 11 invasive plants on the State of Maine's list of Banned IAP. These are listed in Table 1.

Note from the list that four of these plants have already been documented in Maine's lakes: Curly leaved pondweed in West Pond (Parsonsfield), Hydrilla in Pickerel Pond (Limerick), Variable milfoil or hybrid V. milfoil in 23 Maine lakes, and Eurasian water milfoil in an Unnamed Private Pond (Scarborough). Eurasian milfoil is the most recent invasive plant to be found in a Maine lake (fall 2004). This plant has been known to infest an entire lake in two years, forming thick mats of vegetation on and below the surface that make it impossible to boat, swim or fish. Our RWPA Lakes Ranger Mark Dixon prevented Curly leaved pondweed from being introduced to Sebago Lake last season when he found the plant on a boat entering the lake.

Invasive aquatic plants not only pose an economic threat to our lakes (decrease property values, decrease recreational tourists), they are also a threat to the health of our lakes- choking out native plants, decreasing oxygen levels and impacting fish habitat.

How can you help to protect Raymond's lakes from becoming infested with one of these invasive aquatic plants?

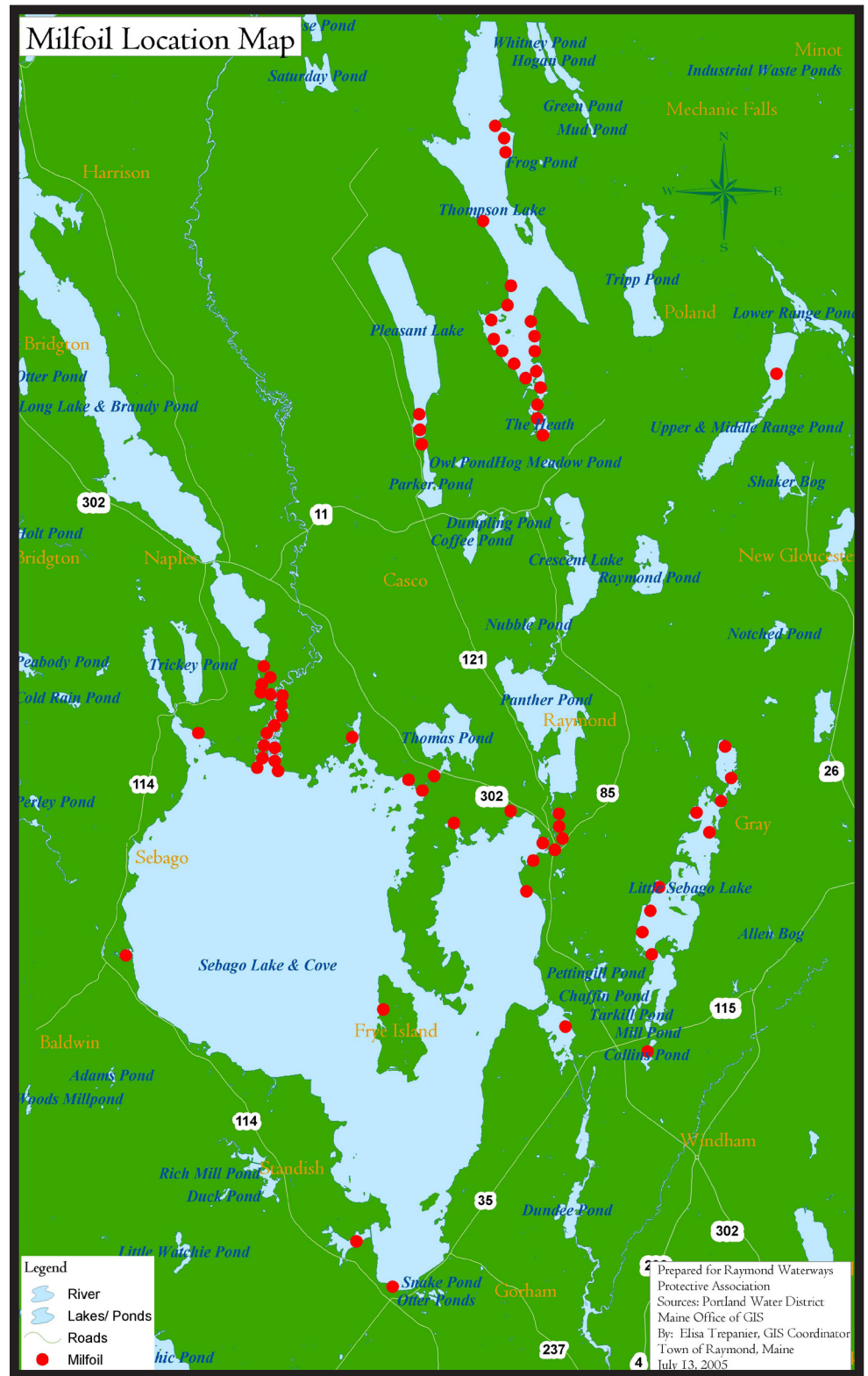
- **Always inspect** your boat and trailer before and after launching and remove any fragments.
- **Avoid** navigating in visible vegetation.
- **Become a plant patroller.** Early detection is key to controlling its growth. Contact us for training or to receive a plant guidebook.
- **Volunteer** to help spread the word about the threat of invasive plants, conduct courtesy boat inspections at Raymond's boat ramps or assist with plant surveys on our lakes.
- **Join RWPA** today and keep in touch with what is happening in your watershed. Contact us by phone 207-671-3329, email lakes@raymondmaine.org or write RWPA, PO Box 1243, Raymond, Maine 04071

For more information on identifying invasive aquatic plants, visit the new Maine's Virtual Herbarium website at www.mciap.org/herbarium, developed by the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants (MCIAP). This website has photos, line drawings, and descriptions of Maine's 11 Invasive Aquatic Plants as well as native plants. To see a list and map of the 26 lakes in Maine with identified invasive plant infestations and further information on invasive plants, visit the Maine DEP Invasive Aquatic Plants website at <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/topic/invasives/index.htm>. Don't have a computer but want more information? Contact RWPA and we can send you a free plant identification guide and a brochure with documented invasive plant locations.

And remember, RWPA's Annual Meeting is just a few days away! We hope you can join us!

RWPA Annual Meeting – August 4th, 6:30pm at Raymond Public Safety Building

Please join us for our evening meeting, Thursday, August 4th, from 6:30-8pm at the Raymond Public Safety Building. Come hear about our activities of the 2005 summer, get the most recent information on our milfoil program, meet new staff and volunteers, and learn what you can do to protect our lakes.



1. Brazilian Elodea
2. Curly leaved pondweed*
3. Eurasian water milfoil*
4. European frogbit
5. European naiad
6. Fanwort
7. Hydrilla*
8. Parrot Feather
9. Variable-leaf water milfoil*
10. Water chestnut
11. Yellow floating heart

* Documented in Maine

Second Lakes Brew Fest To Be Held In Casco Has Raymond Flair!

Join us September 17th at the Casco Days Fairground for the second Lakes Brew Fest. Put on by the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, this day long event features the best of Maine Brewers as well as activity for the entire family. Your admission gets you a souvenir glass and brew sample tickets to try brews such as local favorite Bray's Brew Pub. Rather have wine? We are pleased that local Blacksmiths Winery will again be on hand. There will be great music, food and the Lake Region Community Theatre Artisan Show. Plans include activities for youth, too.

Current brewers planning to attend (the list is growing) include: Sebago Brewing Company - Blacksmiths Winery - Bray's Brew Pub - Sparhawk Brewers - Casco Bay Brewing Company - Geary Brewing - Shipyard

Brewing Company - Rocky Bay Brewing - Belfast Brewing Company - Atlantic Brewing - Andrew's Brewing Co.
 The Raymond flair includes The Good Life Market's "home brew supplies and tips" booth, sure to be informative. We also have Dave Rowe and his trio on hand to close the music performances. Plan to join us on Saturday, September 17th, from 11am to 6pm. Listed below are sponsors, musical performers and food vendors.
Sponsors to date:
Platinum: Lake Region Suburban Weekly
Gold: Summit Spring Water - IDEALEASE
Silver: 207Realty.com - Downeast Mortgage - Hancock Lumber - Angel's Flight - Digital Horizon Web Solutions

Food Vendors Participating: Black Horse Tavern - Bray's Brew Pub - Bridgton Lions Club
Program Vendors will include:
 Maine State Lottery, <http://www.mainelottery.com/>
 The Good Life Market, featuring homebrew materials
 Angel's Flight
Music program, in order:
 Denny Breau (around noon), <http://www.dennybreau.com/>
 Anni Clark, <http://anniclark.com/>
 Dave Rowe Trio, <http://www.cheshiremoonstudios.com/daverowe/trio.html>