

Raymond Students Care About Katrina Victims

Principal Norma Richard recently mailed a donation of \$3,327.30 to Save the Children to benefit the Hurricane Katrina Fund for Children. Students and staff collected these donations on Friday, September 9, as part of Interdependence Day. Raymond Elementary School students commemorate September 11 each year by celebrating the importance of supporting each other in the school's learning community, and by extending their help and support to other children around the world. RES children were delighted to have the middle school

students join their efforts with this amazing donation to Save the Children.

Students at RES and JSMS are extending their care and support for the victims of Hurricane Katrina by adopting the Lukeville Upper Elementary School in Brusly, LA. This school in the West Baton Rouge School District has seen over 40 new students enroll who were displaced due to the hurricane. Many of these children are now living in shelters, and they may be homeless for a year or more. The Lukeville Upper Elementary staff is struggling to meet the basic needs of these children, many of

whom came without even shoes or socks. Because RES and JSMS students care, Operation Backpack has been initiated. Each homeroom has adopted a student, filling a backpack with school supplies and basic needs such as towels, soap, and socks. Many families are also adopting a child and filling a backpack. Through the generosity of parents, community members, and local businesses, backpacks, supplies, and even shipping costs have been donated to see this project through. It has been an outstanding effort by the entire community to help these children in Brusly, LA.

Mrs. Cynthia Thomas, the principal of the Lukeville Upper Elementary School, asked

Ms. Richard why children from Maine would care so deeply about her students. It is a tribute to Raymond families and our schools that our students are so committed to helping these youngest victims of Hurricane Katrina. We are making a commitment to support this school throughout the 2005 – 2006 school year by continuing our collection of school supplies and personal items for these students and their families. We should all be proud of our children and the Raymond community for their generosity in helping others. Ms. Richard promises that all contributors to this project will be recognized at a later date.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by October 20th. 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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October Principal's Report

by Norma Richard

Raymond is a very special community, and I am so very proud of the efforts of students, staff, parents and community members during this first month of school. I am delighted to be working with students in grades K – 8, and I am especially happy to be working again at the Jordan-Small Middle School. Overseeing the educational program in both schools is keeping me very busy, but I think it will be a great benefit to our district as we develop a more cohesive curriculum and instructional program for all of our students. I am maintaining my office at RES, and 655-8672 ext. 400 is the best number to call should you need to reach me. I am also available by e-mail at norma.richard@raymondmaine.org.

I want to thank parents for attending the Parents' Nights at RES and JSMS. The focus for our work this year will be Clarity, Consistency, and Communication. We want to be very clear in our expectations for academic work and student behavior. We want to be sure that we are consistent with all students. We also want to improve communications between our schools

and home so that we are truly working in partnership to see that each child succeeds. We have provided all staff and each family with a copy of our Blueprints for the Student Code of Conduct. This will also be available for the community to review by going to the district website. The School Board approved the Code of Conduct on September 7. This collection of policies has strong support from the administration and staff. An orderly school is a safe learning environment for our students, and we have high expectations for both student and adult behavior in our schools. I encourage our parents to review the Code of Conduct with your children, and to let your children know that their behavior and effort in school is important to you. We have wonderful children in both schools, and I am confident that the adoption and implementation of the Code of Conduct will improve the learning environments at both RES and JSMS.

At the Jordan-Small Middle School we are further clarifying expectations for behavior by adopting the High Five program. The five rules outlined in High Five are a great match for the I Care program at the elementary school. I am especially happy to refocus our energies on supporting the majority of students who demonstrate appropriate behavior and follow the school

rules each and every day. I was also so very pleased to see how quickly High Five was introduced and then reinforced with the students. Within a few days all adults in our building were consistently using the High Five rules with students. All adults at the middle school are part of the support team for your students, and we are all taking responsibility for monitoring student behavior at school. If your student has a pocketful of ticket stubs, it is because he/she has been "caught" following the rules and demonstrating responsible behavior.

Our new math programs are up and running, with both teachers and students participating in the learning during this initial year of Everyday Math in grades K – 6 and Math Thematics in grades 7 – 8. I recently visited our 3rd and 4th grades during their afternoon math instruction, and I can honestly state that I have never seen so many students actively engaged in their math lessons. Teachers are also excited about having a consistent math program in the district. As with any new instructional program, we will have our share of struggles this year. However, we are heading in a great direction with these programs, and I am delighted to see teachers having such a good time teaching math.

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Thirteen Raymond Webelo Scouts enjoyed an action packed four days, three nights of scouting activities at Camp Hinds. From swimming, BB gun practice, archery, and campfires to games, skits, and fishing (ask Ken Smith who caught the largest fish!), the boys were kept busy from dawn 'til lights out. They all are looking forward to their next outing!

Be sure to keep watch for the next adventure in Raymond Cub Scouting!



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Look under Calendars & News

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

On-line services now include:

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

Mentoring Program Secures Continued Funding

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership starts its fifth year with the good news of another two years of grant funding. The program is supported by the Fund for a Healthy Maine, which comes from tobacco settlement money. As part of the new grant requirements, the Mentoring Partnership will increase its partnerships with the schools and local law enforcement to raise community awareness around prevention issues for youth.

Community Members – We need you! We have almost all of our mentors returning from last year, but we still have many students on a waiting list. Please consider becoming an adult friend of a Raymond student for an hour or so a week.

JSMS 7th and 8th grade students: We are doing the Kids 2 Kids Mentoring program on Monday afternoons again this year. You will learn team-building games, plan fun activities with a younger student from RES and spend an hour a week with them as a “big buddy.” Barb Loux, the school social worker, will be helping to facilitate the program this year.

High School Students: we want you too! Mentoring a younger student is great experience and can count towards community service hours. Call or e-mail us and find out more!

Mentoring Program Accomplishments:

- The program has grown in four years from 35 participants to close to 60 participants.
- Two years ago we added the “Kids 2 Kids” part of the program so 7th and 8th graders could become mentors

to younger students. The ‘big buddies’ receive training in leadership skills and team-building, plan activities for their ‘little buddies’ and spend one hour a week with a third or fourth grader.

- The number of high school students becoming mentors increased from two to six this past year. We train mentors in asset-building and increasing resiliency, and mentors spend an hour or more a week pursuing interests and activities with their young friends.
- Mentoring has increased community and cultural connections for students: activities included a local canoe trip, visits from the Sheriff’s and Fire Departments, rock-climbing, visiting a local greenhouse to choose plants to create an annual flower garden at the local playground, having mentees help at senior suppers, attending local theatre productions, drumming workshops, a juggling workshop, contradancing and a winter pool party. Two annual family dinners bring mentor, mentee and advisory board families together.
- We’ve sponsored several school and community events, such as speakers about prevention, dances and game nights.
- One of our mentoring pairs was featured on a Channel 13 news program.

For more information, please contact Lori Rand or Christina Lamarre. We’re located in the Raymond Elementary School at 655-8672, ext. 107, or at mentor@raymondmaine.org.

Box Tops Fall Contests

The first Box Tops contest of the year for RES and JSMS will run from Monday, October 3, through Friday, October 21. Results will be posted on the PTA bulletin boards in each school. We will be awarding even more prizes this fall,

with grand prizes for the top three classes in each building. Last fall we collected approximately \$700. Let’s see if we can top that amount!!

Also, I would like to welcome Caj MacDonald as the new Box Tops for Education coordinator. As always, thank you for your support of the Box Tops for Education fundraiser. Collection boxes are located at both RES and JSMS, as well as in the town hall foyer and Raymond Village Library foyer. Please contact Caj MacDonald with any questions at 655-4783 or PTA@raymondmaine.org.

Announcing A New Business In Raymond

Anxiety Solutions of Northern New England
104 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071
(207) 655-2737

Dr. Gordon P. Street and his wife Dr. Lee Fitzgibbons recently opened their clinical psychology practice, Anxiety Solutions of Northern New England, here in Raymond. It is located on Webbs Mills Road (near Route 302) in what used to be The Olde House restaurant. Before moving here this fall, they lived and practiced in the Littleton area of New Hampshire for 2½ years. Previously, they both worked for several years at the Center of Treatment and Study of Anxiety, currently part of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Dr. Fitzgibbons is also co-author of Helping Your Child with OCD: A Workbook for Parents of Children with OCD. You can find more information about them and about anxiety disorders and treatment at their web site: www.anxietiesolutions.net.

October 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 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					1 3:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals deadline
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9	10 Columbus Day Holiday - Library closed 7:00PM-9:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Committee Meeting	11 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM BOA/BAR Workshop	12 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Story-time 7:00PM TH Planning Board Meeting	13	14 9:00AM VL Library Board	15 1:00PM TH Legacy Road Assoc Meeting
16 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk 7:00PM VL Raymond-Casco Historical Society Meeting	17 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00p Raymond-Casco Historical Society Meeting	18 3:00PM TH Planning Board deadline for October 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen’s Meeting	19 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Story-time	20 3:00PM ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee 7:00PM-10:00PM TH CPIC	21	22
23	24 10:00AM VL Library Babytime	25 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM BOA/BAR Workshop	26 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM-8:30PM VL Library reading group 7:00PM MB Comprehensive Plan Committee 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	27	28	29 3:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals deadline for November
30	31 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting					

Municipal News Brief:

By Don Willard, Town Manager

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

Tuesday, September 6, 2005:

- 1) Thomas Pond Conservation Project – Phase I overview and introduction of Phase II Project – Betty Williams, Project Manager, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Ms. Williams updated the Selectmen on work that has and will be done to reduce erosion and surface water runoff into Thomas Pond, which contributes to phosphorus contamination and, over time, to degraded water quality. Ms. Williams noted that Thomas Pond is currently listed as a body of water under stress, with potential for additional reductions in water clarity over time.

Ms. Williams stated that the overall objective of the Phase I and Phase II projects was both to improve and protect the water quality in Thomas Pond. This goal will be met through education, providing technical assistance to land owners and implementing the ground fixes to existing erosion problems, utilizing grant funds and matching monies.

The Phase I project provided for 32 distinct technical assistance visits being completed. Fifteen road sites and ground projects were completed which will prevent approximately 17 tons of sediment, relating to 16 pounds of phosphorus, from entering Thomas Pond every year.

Ms. Williams then presented an overview of the Thomas Pond Conservation Project, Phase II. This project will utilize federal grant funds in the amount of \$64,939 with an in-kind matching component of \$50,120, for a total project of \$115,059. The purpose of the project is to continue the work of reducing erosion and the export of sediment and phosphorus into Thomas Pond. Improved conservation practices that reduce erosion and polluted runoff will be installed at approximately 35 sites including nine additional road sites, one high impact boat launch, one high impact trail/four-wheel drive site, one medium impact beach site and 23 residential sites. An additional goal of the project will be to continue to raise awareness about watershed problems and set the stage for Thomas Pond Improvement Association, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, Portland Water District and watershed residents to address the remaining lower priority sites through education and outreach efforts. The project will have a duration of approximately 24 months starting in April 2006 and completing in March 2008. Partnering agencies include the Thomas Pond Improvement Association, the towns of Casco and Raymond, Portland Water District, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. More information about the project can be obtained from Betty Williams at Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, telephone 856-2777 or bettywilliams@me.nacdn.net.

The Selectmen thanked Ms. Williams for her excellent presentation and the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District for their support of the ongoing projects.

- 2) Recycling Committee recommendations – cardboard recycling area – Phil Hammett, Recycling Committee Chairman, and John Rand, Raymond Conservation Commission.

Recycling Committee Chairman Phil Hammett, working closely with Town of Raymond staff and the Conservation Commission, has formulated a new layout and plan for the cardboard recycling area, which will result in four changes. These changes are being suggested to address concerns expressed by residents over the current unsightly condition of the cardboard recycling area and the lack of compliance by certain Raymond residents with existing rules for utilizing the drop off area.

- a. In order to minimize the adverse visual impact of the current site, it will be moved back to the tree line behind the District 2 Fire Station facing

Route 85.

- b. A security camera will be installed that will interface with the system obtained through a Homeland Security grant to promote school security. The area will be monitored on a 365 day per year; 24-hour basis, and infractions will be investigated and prosecuted for drop off of unauthorized materials and other contamination.
- c. New signage will be developed to clearly inform users of the rules for the use of the facility. This signage will be installed permanently adjacent to the drop off point.
- d. A \$100 fine will be imposed according to state law for individuals who abuse the area by dropping off contamination or otherwise littering by leaving cardboard outside of the dumpsters.

Funding for the project will come from a combination of sources including existing Recycling Committee appropriations and District 2 building maintenance funds. It is estimated that the security camera will cost approximately \$2,000 and a new concrete slab and fencing area approximately \$1,200. In the long run, adhering to established rules for recycling cardboard will not only improve the marketability of this material, resulting in lower cost for solid waste removal in the future, but also help to maintain the appearance of East Raymond. Questions regarding the changes to the cardboard recycling drop off area may be addressed to Don Willard, Town Manager, 655-6994 ext. 31, or don.willard@raymondmaine.org.

- 3) Town Manager Report and Communications.

- a. The town manager announced that the Friends of Sheri Gagnon Park are planning a workday for Saturday, September 24th, from 8am to 11 am. This group has been working throughout the summer on making improvements to the park and would appreciate any and all volunteer help.
- b. The town manager announced that he would be contacting the Maine Army National Guard to obtain an update on the potential for Maine Army National Guard assistance with the construction of a pole barn equipment storage building at the Public Works Plains Road site and also field improvement work at Sheri Gagnon Park. Both of these projects have been evaluated by officers from the Guard as potential summer 2006 construction projects. If accepted for the program, the town would be responsible for providing materials, with all labor and most equipment costs being covered by the Guard. At this time it is uncertain whether the town's projects will receive consideration due to potential Guard mobilization to address the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. A similar request was put on hold in 2004/2005 with the mobilization of the Maine Army National Guard to Iraq.
- c. Bulky waste update. The town manager announced that the August delivery of bulky waste from Raymond at the Lake Region Bulky Waste facility was 27% of the same period from last year. This follows on the heels of July totals that were approximately 30% of the total delivered in July 2004. It does appear that a significant reduction has occurred in authorized commercial waste being delivered to the facility from Raymond. Efforts will be ongoing to monitor for any unintended costs to the community such as increased tonnage of materials delivered to the MWAC incinerator or illegal roadside dumping. The aim of the Selectmen was to implement a limited pay as you go system in order to more fairly apportion the costs of disposing of bulky waste materials to the individual or organization generating the material vs. incorporating this ever-increasing cost into the general taxpayer burden through increased property taxes.
- d. Selectmen committee appointments. Selectman Lonnie Taylor would like to represent the Selectmen on the Technology Committee. The Selectmen unanimously approved this change.
- e. Fuel. Selectmen Reynolds asked if the town had locked in fuel prices. The town manager replied that all town energy requirements were subject to joint purchasing agreements, not to exceed contracts and/or locked in pricing. An additional

concern was whether the current mileage reimbursement offered to municipal employees was sufficient given the dramatic increase in the cost of gasoline. The town manager replied that the town has historically offered the same rate as authorized by the federal Internal Revenue Service, which currently is established at 40.5¢ per mile for business related travel. It is likely that a significant increase in the allowance will be approved at the next federal adjustment.

- 4) Fiscal Warrants. Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated September 6, 2005.

Tuesday, September 20, 2005:

- 1) Revaluation issues update – Amanda Simpson, Assessors' Agent.

Assessor Amanda Simpson reported that the original completion date for the revaluation of September 1st had been extended in consultation with the town manager to allow additional time for property owner conferences with Vision Appraisal and to receive written comments from property owners unable to attend hearings. Because of the delay, the date to establish an overall tax commitment and mil rate will occur later this year than in prior years. The Selectmen agreed to schedule a special Selectmen's Meeting for September 29, 2005, to set the tax rate. This is eight days later than the rate was set last year. Although the due date for the first half of property taxes will remain at October 31st as approved at Annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen did decide to delay the start of interest penalties for unpaid taxes until 30 days after the bills are mailed. This decision will give taxpayers the same amount of time to pay their tax bills without penalty as in prior years. Ms. Simpson informed the Selectmen that she had prepared a notice outlining the appeal process after the Vision Appraisal property value hearings are complete. This notice will appear in this issue of the Raymond Road Runner. The Selectmen unanimously approved holding a special Board of Selectmen's Meeting for Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 6pm at the Town Office to set the 2005/2006 tax commitment and rate as well as delay the commencement of interest until a 30-day period after the date of the tax bill mailing.

- 2) Department Head Financial and Goal Presentation – Code Enforcement and Assessing Departments – Jack Cooper, CEO and Amanda Simpson, Assessors' Agent.

Code Enforcement Office: CEO Cooper introduced new Assistant CEO Josh Stevens and indicated that Mr. Stevens is doing very well in his new position. The town manager noted that since Mr. Stevens also provides fire inspection services for the Raymond Fire Department, having both services now located out of the Code Enforcement Office provides an extra measure of convenience for residents and business owners. In response to a question from Selectman Dana Desjardins over whether the town would be adjusting its fee schedule for the coming fiscal year, CEO Cooper indicated that he would be surveying area towns to determine whether Raymond building fees were at a consistent or inconsistent level and making recommendations for adjustments accordingly.

Selectman Mike Reynolds inquired about building activity and whether or not it was down at this time. CEO Cooper replied that since the detailed building activity report was prepared for the Selectmen, several new projects had been brought before the Code Enforcement Office and Planning Board and he did expect this year's building activity to be at a level with or above last year.

Selectman Mark Gendron asked CEO Cooper what the town could do to make the Code Office run more smoothly. CEO Cooper indicated that certain parts of the Land Use Ordinance need reworking in order to improve their function. The Planning Board is looking at those items in the ordinance for possible revision. An attempt will be made to streamline the building application process without compromising necessary detail. CEO Cooper communicated his strong desire to make the building application process as "painless as possible" for the citizens but still meet all applicable state and local ordinances and land use laws.

Selectman Gendron inquired over the present state of

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the town's remaining illegal junkyards. CEO Cooper said that cleanup work is going well, and that he expected the remaining problems to be resolved in the near future. It is important, however, to keep a close eye on this issue, as junkyards oftentimes seem to sprout up like "dandelions."

Assessing Office: Assessors' Agent Amanda Simpson reflected upon her three years in this new position and outlined several areas of progress including the establishment of a much more equitable property taxation through the revaluation and numerous improvements in the administration of the Assessing Office to promote efficiency. She expressed her satisfaction with the amount of time presently available from the CEO/Assessing part-time secretary, which at this time is approximately four hours per week. Ms. Simpson presented her detailed departmental overview to the Selectmen, which outlined the purpose of the Assessing Department, details regarding staffing and budget as well as an overview of both short-term and long-term goals.

Short-term goals (current budget year) include:

- a.) The successful completion of the revaluation;
- b.) Successful transition from the current assessing system (NDS, paper cards, and CAMA) to the new Vision software system;
- c.) Development of next year's budget;
- d.) Improving website tools for assessing information including access to Vision data and integration of current GIS tools.

Long-term goals (1 – 5 years):

- a.) Institute a procedure for annual or biannual sales analysis and value adjustments. This may not substitute for the need for future town-wide revaluations, but it will assure that assessments between revaluations will not become so disproportionate;
- b.) Integrate use of tablet PC for site visits and electronic transmission of data;
- c.) Develop a secure and organized method for archiving records;
- d.) Continue with education and training that will keep the office up-to-date with state requirements, Vision technology, and accepted MASS appraisal practices.

Ms. Simpson outlined policy and financial recommendations for the Selectmen including:

- a.) Reviewing the staffing for the 06/07 year, as the number of transfers, site visits, and personal property accounts have continued to increase. This increase may warrant additional clerical staff time to assist in record keeping and data entry as well as contract work for annual site visits;
 - b.) The need to acquire a color laser printer to print property cards;
 - c.) New software maintenance and upgrade costs will need to be added to the annual budget;
 - d.) Archive and securing of old records will require an expenditure of funds.
- 3) Maine Municipal Association Voting Delegates and Credential Form for signature.

The Selectmen unanimously approved appointing Town Manager Don Willard as voting delegate and Louise Lester as alternate voting delegate to the Maine Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting scheduled for October 5, 2005.

- 4) Fuel Oil.

The town manager announced that department heads would be talking about this issue at the monthly Department Head Meeting. At this point municipal fuel oil is still priced at \$1.09 per gallon under an aggregate buying agreement. This agreement will expire at the end of September. The town manager will see that all municipal fuel tanks are filled to capacity before expiration of the contract. It is also the intention of the town to implement energy savings measures in anticipation of much higher energy prices. (Please see related article in this issue of the Raymond Road Runner.) He also noted that the IRS fuel adjustment for mileage is now 48.5¢, which is an increase from

From The Office Of The Tax Collector

Tax Bills will be mailed out late this year due to the process of the Town Wide Revaluation. Certainly if you do not receive your tax bill by the end of October, call 207-655-4742 and ask for the Tax Collector.

Although the due date will remain the same (as set by the Annual Town Meeting), the interest date will be extended out beyond November 1st. Please read your tax bill thoroughly.

With the high cost of oil and gas and the many other expenses of the upcoming winter, paying property taxes may be difficult. The Tax Collector can set up a payment plan for those that may be interested. A payment plan will not stop interest from accruing or prevent the lien process but could make it more accommodating for those on a monthly budget.

the previous 40.5¢.

- 5) Town Manager Report and Communications:

- a.) Egypt Road – The town manager announced that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) had reclassified Egypt Road and the section of North Raymond Road from Egypt Road to Route 26 as a minor collector roadway. What this means is that the MDOT will now assume summer road maintenance costs including paving. The town will still be responsible for winter snow removal and will receive a reimbursement from the state to help offset that cost based upon the mileage of road serviced. This change in classification can occur as soon as the Egypt Road corridor is brought up to state standards. At this point the only outstanding issue is some guardrail update work needed in the Town of Gray.
 - b.) ICMA Conference – The town manager announced that he would be attending the annual International City Managers Association (ICMA) Conference scheduled this year from Saturday, September 24 through Wednesday, September 28th.
 - c.) Selectman Mark Gendron announced that the One Raymond Committee would begin meeting again in October. The Committee is seeking an interested participant from the Planning Board.
- 6) Approved Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated September 20, 2005.

Rabid Bat Found In Raymond

Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer, has reported that a rabid bat has been found in Raymond. He asks that all dog, cat and other mammal owners be very certain that their pets have been vaccinated for rabies. This is a contagious, life threatening disease for all mammals, including humans.

Your protection is to be aware of the animals around you and not approach any domestic or wild animal which looks sick or is acting oddly, but to call Don (655-7851), or if a wild animal, the Warden Service (657-2345), giving specific directions to where the animal was last seen.

Regional Resource News

From the EnterpriseMaine and Lake Region Development Council eReport

The Lakes Region Transportation Coalition needs your input. Hosted by the Lake Region Development Council, Greater Portland Council of Governments and Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission, this coalition is being formed for the purpose of working together to improve transportation infrastructure, to promote economic development, to integrate land use planning and to encourage regional cooperation. Public input is vital! FMI: 207.743.8830 or info@lrdmaine.org

Finders/Seekers Child Care Resource Development Center through Community Concepts offers Free Child Care Referrals to state licensed childcare providers. FMI: 800-543-7008, www.community-concepts.org, finderseekers@community-concepts.org

You're invited to fall into fitness with Walktober online! Walktober will help you set your 31-day walking goal. As you gradually increase your walking, you'll be able to track your progress online. Click 2005.walktober.com/HEAWALKS0102 to sign up today.

2006 Dog Tags Available

Dog licensing will begin October 15th for 2006. If you have a dog over the age of 6 months, it should be licensed. A Rabies Certificate must be produced and if 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, 2006. Dogs licensed after January 31 will incur an additional \$15 late fee.

Beginning in 2005 all adult rabies vaccinations are effective for three years. Please check your rabies certificate, and if you have a two year rabies certificate, it will be good for one more year.

Licensing funds contribute to stray animal care in the town and state, and support the State Veterinarian Laboratory in Augusta. The Maine State Humane Agents, which investigate animal abuse cases, are supported entirely by dog licensing fees. There are only six for the entire state, with one for southern Maine. No other state funds are budgeted for this service. If you feel that more humane agents are necessary, only compliance from the dog owners will increase the Animal Welfare budget.

Raymond Planning Board

The Raymond Planning Board is requesting applicants for two positions. Please forward your letters of interest including a short resume to:

Louise Lester, Town Clerk,
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

You can also apply through our website: www.raymondmaine.org. Look for the Volunteer Application. 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.

Tax Relief Form Help

On Saturday, **November 12, 2005**, Joe Bruno will help fill out **2005 tax year State Tax Relief** applications. He will be in the Town Office from 8:30am to noon. No appointment will be needed. If you don't have a copy of your 2004-2005 tax bill (last year's), the Town Office will be able to give you a copy. You will also have to know what your annual income was for last year. Refunds are available up to \$2,000 per household.

Tax and Rent Refund Program qualifications. You do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2004 household income was \$74,500 or less; or you have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2004 household income was \$99,500 or less

AND

Your 2004 property tax was more than 4% of your 2004 household income; or the rent you paid in 2004 has more than 20% of your 2004 household income.

NOTE: Low-income Seniors do not need to meet these requirements.

Raymond PTA Earns \$1331 Recycling Ink Cartridges

Kash for Kids is a fundraising program the Raymond PTA participates in to earn money for our schools and community. With this program the PTA collects empty ink jet and laser printer cartridges and digital cell phones. Kash for Kids pays up to \$4 for ink jets (\$2 for most), \$1-12 for lasers based on styles and \$2.50 for each digital cell phone.

This is how it works: bring your empty cartridges (both inkjet and lasers) and cell phones to RES (there's a collection box in front of the library) or to JSMS (their collection box is outside the main office). The PTA packages up the cartridges and sends them to CKA Associates, postage paid. Kash for Kids then sends us a check. Last year the PTA earned \$1331 on this fundraiser alone. And just think, you're helping the environment too.

Thanks to all of you who sent in their empty ink jet and laser cartridges and cell phones from home. Keep up the good work

Raymond PTA Giving Tree Requests

These are items teachers and staff need for projects they are doing. If you have extra at home or would be willing to pick something up when you are out shopping, please bring/send in items and put them in the drop boxes labeled "Giving Tree" near the school front doors. We will deliver them to the teachers within 2 days. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 or e-mail at dcutten@maine.rr.com

RES

Kindergarten:

- Washable Markers (any brand, at least 6 sets but more would be great)
- Sand for our sand table (available at most hardware stores, 1 bag)
- Playing cards (5 or 6 complete decks)
- Real coins (pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters; as many as possible for math lessons)
- Egg Cartons (at least 6)
- Small erasers for the top of pencils (any color, 20 needed)
- Scotch tape (7 rolls)

JSMS

5th Grade:

- 80 light blue pocket folders containing fasteners by October 18th

6th Grade:

- a couple of playground balls, different sizes
- a variety of balls about the size of a tennis ball; examples - koosh balls, hackysacks, soft/sponge baseball balls, etc. up to about 15-20
- about 4-6 orange cones
- 1 package colored Sharpies, large package with a lot of pretty colors
- 2 packs of Crayola colored pencils, 24 in a pack
- 2 more 48-cent pencil boxes from Staples, pretty colors

New Bulky Waste Stickers Available

Periodically the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility changes their member towns' bulky waste stickers. The Town Office has received the new stickers and requests that anyone going to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility come in and get the new sticker before going to the facility.

This sticker is in addition to the ticket booklet which you may have bought at the Town Office. If you use all your tickets, then you will need a new sticker to take bulky waste to the LRBWF.

The LRBWF has said that they will not allow anyone to leave refuse without the new sticker on their vehicle unless you are using your Raymond tickets. They ask that it be put on the lower left side (driver's side) of your windshield. Any vehicle with or without a Raymond sticker can use Raymond bulky waste tickets.

Final Days To Order Innisbrook Gift Wrap

Innisbrook Wraps presents the ultimate gift wrap collection this fall at the Raymond Elementary School. Our fall Innisbrook sale will end on October 3. Don't miss out on this year's collection!

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

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

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

New Minister Welcomed at Raymond Village Community Church

Raymond Village Community Church, a United Church of Christ (UCC), is pleased to announce the placement of its new minister Rev. Nancy Foran. Rev. Foran's first Sunday at the church, located on 27 Main Street in Raymond, was September 11, 2005. She is an ordained minister in the Cumberland Association of the Maine Conference UCC and lives in Cumberland, ME, with her husband Joe and their daughter and two sons.



Prior to joining Raymond Village Community Church, Rev. Foran served at a Portland-area UCC Church, with responsibility for elderly counsel and visitation. She also led adult education classes and Bible Study. Before that, she served as the Interim Pastor at Stevens Avenue Congregational Church in Portland, ME. Additionally she has served as director of Children's Ministries at various churches and ran a preschool in Freeport.

Rev. Foran received her Masters of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, where she was awarded the Downs Preaching Prize. She also holds a Master of Arts in Human Resources Management from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor of Arts from Carleton College in Minnesota.

The congregation has planned a series of small gatherings over the next 90 days to give all church-goers a chance to get to know Rev. Foran and vice-versa. "We are delighted to have Rev. Foran on board. Her experience and ability to bring sermons to life make her a very welcome addition to our church family," said Shannon Nichols, a member of the RVCC church council.

Raymond Village Community Church is a United Church of Christ and welcomes all visitors to join them for worship Sunday mornings at from 10am to 11am. Sunday school classes and a nursery are offered at the same time as the worship service. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible. The church was built in 1879 and has been an important part of the Raymond community ever since.

Please visit www.raymondmaine.org/Religion/raymond_village_community_church.htm to learn more about RVCC.

The 122nd Maine Legislative Session Information can be viewed at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/session/>. View current information on hearing and work sessions affecting labor and employment bills in Maine.

Board Buzz For Oct. Road Runner

Beginning with the October 5th meeting, School Board meetings will begin at 6:30pm. That is a change of time. Meetings are listed in the Raymond Calendar, which was sent to residents, as being at 7pm. Residents interested in attending meetings will probably want to change the time in their calendars.

The School Board was very happy to hear that the successful Mentoring Program will be continue for the 2005-06 school year. A \$56,000 proposal for a grant has been refunded for this year.

An air quality study was done at Jordan-Small in mid August. The School Board was pleased to hear that the study indicated that there are no other required actions at this time.

Principal Norma Richard reported to the School Board that the opening enrollment was 570 students in grades K-8; there are 298 students at Raymond Elementary School and 272 students at Jordan-Small Middle School. Initial class sizes range from 14 in kindergarten to 22 students in grade 3 (where an Ed Tech has been reassigned here to help mitigate the situation) and grade 8. Specifically:

Kindergarten.....	56 students / 14 student average
Grade 1	60 students / 20 student average
Grade 2	64 students / 21 student average
Grade 3	67 students / 22 student average
Grade 4	51 students / 17 student average
Grade 5	70 students / 17.5 student average
Grade 6	70 students / 17.5 student average
Grade 7	67 students / 17 student average
Grade 8	65 students / 22 student average

Raymond has 306 students in area high schools.

The School Board has spent several meetings discussing the Odyssey of the Mind program. After researching several issues and deliberating at length over those in several meetings, the Board voted that Odyssey of the Mind NOT be a school-sponsored activity. There seemed to be strong support for the program's maintaining independence from the schools, and this awkward wording was required to clarify the Board's desire for that independence.

American Alternative Energy presented information related to the use of biodiesel fuel. This presentation was purely as a starting point to explore if there be a consensus to discuss the issue further. No decisions were made.

As a point of interest, our October Workshop Meeting will review the MEA data and school standing.

Again, beginning October 5th, School Board meetings will begin at 6:30pm.

Save Those Hannaford School Dollars!

Hannaford supports local schools with a fund raising program called Hannaford Helps Schools. Customers are awarded "school dollars" based on their purchases of participating products. At the store, just look under products for the little green signs that read "Earn School Dollars". Each purchase of 4 participating products equals 3 school dollars. Customers receive school dollar certificates at the register when they check out. The certificates look similar to the cash register receipts. Send the certificates in to either RES or JSMS, or drop them off at the PTA's Box Top collection sites at the Raymond Village Library or the Town Office. The PTA will turn the school dollars in at the end of the program and will receive a check from Hannaford for the amount of school dollars they collect for the 3 months the school dollars are being distributed. Last year we raised \$1,821 in school dollars and won an additional \$1,000 for being the school which raised the most dollars!

This year's program runs from September 4th to December 3rd, 2005. The PTA will turn in all the School Dollars at our North Windham Hannaford Supermarket by December 19th, 2005.

A list of participating products can be viewed on Hannaford's website www.hannaford.com or on the PTA's bulletin board at RES. Thank you for participating in this fundraiser and supporting your school and community.

Senator Bill Diamond Leads Homeland Security Efforts By Participation on National Task Force

AUGUSTA -- State Senator Bill Diamond has been appointed to the Task Force on Protecting Democracy with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). "I am pleased to be a member of the bipartisan, national group of state legislators—and look forward to playing a key role in the task force by working with other state legislators and federal officials to make our states safer," said Senator Diamond. Gathering information, appropriating funds, coordinating activities and promoting civic education are the keys to an effective strategy to prevent domestic terrorism in Maine and nationwide, according to a report released by the NCSL Task Force on Protecting Democracy.

The task force was created shortly after the September 2001 terrorist attacks to assist state legislatures in sharing information on issues of public safety, homeland security, emergency preparedness and public health. The group has met since January 2002 to develop recommendations and guidelines that can be used by the states to implement the National Strategy for Homeland Security. The Task Force on Protecting Democracy has worked closely with federal agencies, especially the Office of Homeland Security (OHS), to ensure a seamless, coordinated approach to homeland security.

As the United States recovers from Hurricane Katrina, the task force will review the programs and protocols within its own report as well as those of federal agencies. "Clearly, if we're not prepared for a natural disaster, we must question our preparedness in terms of another terrorist attack," Senator Diamond commented. "The new National Strategy for Homeland Security recognizes the important role of state and local governments as the 'front line troops' in providing security against terrorism." Senator Diamond continued, "Our recommendations deal with the nuts and bolts of homeland security. We've identified key issues for states to address and provided a series of best practices and recommendations states can use in taking steps to establish an effective system to combat terrorism."

"It is our hope that states and the federal government will take our reviews and subsequent recommendations seriously," added Senator Diamond. "I know that the previous members have put extensive preparation and collaboration into the work of the task force. Now, it is up to each state to implement these strategies and work with federal agencies to promote security and protect our homeland, whether it's from a natural disaster or a terrorist attack."

Holiday Scholastic Book Fair

Where: RES Library

When: November 14 - 18

Book Fair open until 8pm during the Holiday Fair on Friday, 11/18!

Books make the perfect Holiday present

Selections available for K-8

Great gift ideas – Over 500 titles to choose from

Open to the Community

All Proceeds Will Benefit the Raymond PTA

RAYMOND PTA

“Advocating for children, enriching educational programs, supporting faculty and staff in their work, and collaborating with community organizations.”

RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

2005 – 2006 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CHILDREN (name and grade) _____

PARENT _____ BUSINESS _____ TEACHER _____ COMMUNITY MEMBER _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Annual Membership is \$5

DONATIONS:

A portion of your annual membership goes to support the State PTA. Any additional donations will remain in Raymond to support our local efforts.

Total Enclosed: _____

Please return this form with payment to:

The Raymond PTA c/o Raymond Elementary School
434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond ME 04071

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

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON A COMMITTEE:

_____ FUNDRAISING _____ REFLECTIONS _____ HOSPITALITY

_____ MEMBERSHIP _____ ENRICHMENT _____ PUBLICITY

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS: _____

*For more information on The Raymond PTA please check our website at:
<http://www.raymondmaine.org/res/PTA/PTAFrame.html>*

RES Music Notes

By Patti Gordan

We're off to a great start in music classes! Kindergarten students are doing a fantastic job learning the difference between their singing voice and speaking voice and listening for the steady beat. First graders are singing "bug songs." Second graders are learning and performing "weather music" to integrate with their science unit, as are third graders with their "dinosaur" unit. Fourth graders are learning old lumberjack songs, as well as French Canadian songs, to go along with their Maine Studies.

Over 40 students have signed up for chorus this semester, and I can tell already that they're going to sound great at the concert, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th.

October Composers of the Month are Rodgers & Hammerstein. Go rent "The Sound Of Music" and enjoy the glorious music and majestic scenery, not to mention the wonderful Julie Andrews.

Music Ed. tip for toddlers and preschoolers - October is a great month to improve vocal flexibility. Make lots of ghost sounds, wolf howls, high witch cackles, black cat "meows," and bat "squeaks."

RES Students Care

Last year the second grade students studied a unit on Economics. They learned the process of taking a natural resource and manufacturing it into products for consumers to buy. From learning this process first hand during a visit to the Hancock sawmill, the students made wooden products that were bought by their "consumer" parents at the Academic Fair in April. The amount of money made through the students' hard work and the support of their families was \$100.

There wasn't time to decide what to do with the money raised - until now. Ms. Bottoms, Ms. Parisi and Mrs. Tarr met with their students from last year to talk about the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi. Some discussion was held, and then the students voted by ballot on what to do with the money. It was very close to a unanimous vote to donate this money to the Save the Children Fund, with the hope that this will help make a positive difference in rebuilding the lives of our neighbors down south. The second grade teachers are extremely proud of these students and thank them very much for their generosity.

Lost Brown Poodle - Found!

This note is to thank everyone who took the time to make phone calls telling people our dog was lost, calling in sightings, and trying to catch the brown poodle that was running all over Raymond from Monday 9-5-05 to 9-10-05. She had been used in a breeding program and has very few people social skills (such as "come"). With everyone's help, we finally caught her using Casco's Have a Heart trap. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the help in returning "Becca" home.

Sincerely, Maureen Burns and Jim Riechel

Absentee Voting Available

The Town Clerk's Office is accepting absentee voting. If you find that you will not be in Raymond on November 8th for the Referendum Election, you can vote at the Town Office before that date. Your ballots will be sealed in official envelopes and voted by the elections staff on Election Day. Your ballot will be handled in such a way that ensures it will remain a secret ballot.

If you would like to vote in this manner, come to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. You can vote the ballot at that time, or if you wish to take it home for your deliberation, you will be asked to fill out an application and then a clerk will give you the ballot and envelope for the ballot's return either in person or by mail. If a voter cannot come in to the Town Office, please call the Clerk's Office at 655-4742 and ask to have a ballot sent to you. A clerk will fill out your application and promptly mail you a ballot and return envelope. If you wish to have a ballot sent to an immediate family member, come in to the Clerk's Office and fill out an application, and the clerk will mail the ballot and return envelope to the voter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Clerk's Office at 655-4742.

USPS Presses Search For Missing Employees

The US Postal Service continues an aggressive search for up to 2,000 employees who formerly worked in the Gulf Coast area stricken by Hurricane Katrina. We have not heard from them, and we are anxious to make sure they are all right and find out where they are so we can get them badly needed paychecks and/or medicine and offer them employment at post offices or mail processing facilities near their new or temporary location.

Many postal employees in the Gulf Coast area have relatives and friends in the Northeast, and it is entirely possible that some of those employees may be in contact with those friends and/or relatives. Therefore, if the attached message is published or aired here locally, the local contact may see or hear it and ask the employee if they called the toll-free number to report their whereabouts.

Thank you for your support,
Tom Rizzo
Public Affairs & Communications
USPS District of Maine
Portland, ME 04103-7000
Office (207) 828-8402
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Raymond Town Government to Enact Energy Conservation Measures

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

As a consequence of dramatically increased costs expected when long-term aggregate purchasing contracts expire, the Town of Raymond has begun a plan to institute energy cost savings measures. Actions will be taken across all municipal departments. Although individual areas of savings may yield only small reductions in consumption, it is hoped that by taking an organization-wide approach to energy conservation, when combined, significant consumption reductions and intended savings will be realized. Present ideas for reductions are outlined by department as follows:

Public Safety Building:

1. Closing large overhead doors whenever possible to eliminate unnecessary heat loss;
2. Elimination of unnecessary idling of vehicles, and combining short trips;
3. Reducing the number of heating zones from six to four by sharing office space;
4. Installing lock boxes on all building thermostats;
5. Shutting down the building air conditioning system spring and fall and using small electric fans as necessary instead;
6. Reducing the length of new driver training routes;
7. Changing lighting from automatic on to manual operation;
8. Unplugging half of the high intensity lights in the vehicle storage bays;
9. Turning down thermostats whenever possible;
10. Locking in the cost of propane at \$1.58 per gallon;
11. Utilizing e-mail, faxes, and existing staff such as the CEO and Assistant CEO to deliver materials while on route business rather than making special local trips;
12. Instituting a user charge system for the meeting room to offset utility charges for groups that are not non-profits;
13. Exploring the cost of additional building insulation and other energy conservation measures;
14. Taking down the American flag on the large flagpole at night to eliminate the requirement to light it.
15. Deputy Chief to perform District II truck check on way to work rather than making special trip from his office at District I.

Public Works Department:

1. Closing overhead doors at both the District 1 and Route 85 buildings whenever possible to reduce heat loss;
2. Eliminating unnecessary idling of equipment and vehicles;
3. Using diesel pickup truck for longer trips, as this vehicle operates at roughly twice the economy of the gasoline trucks;
4. Turning down thermostat on the weekends to 50° and reducing heating levels during the week as well as installing lockboxes on thermostats;
5. Combining trips and reducing the number of separate vehicles taken to work sites;
6. Exploring the cost of additional energy conservation measures such as added insulation at both facilities;
7. Leaving heavy equipment on the job site until work is completed, reducing transportation costs.

Town Office:

1. Lowering thermostat levels during heating season;
2. Eliminating all unnecessary lighting during office

hours and on nights and weekends;

3. Exploring the cost/benefit of energy conservation measures such as insulating the crawl space under the clerical area to reduce or eliminate the current use of electric space heaters. Installing plastic sheeting on any windows that allow heat loss;
4. Insuring that all town fuel tanks are filled up at current pricing of \$1.09 per gallon before contract expiration at the end of September;
5. Reducing use of window air-conditioning units by opening the windows on temperate spring and fall days;

Suggestions for additional areas of savings from Raymond citizens are both welcome and encouraged. For additional information on Raymond Municipal energy conservation initiatives, please contact town manager Don Willard at 655-6994 ext. 31, don.Willard@raymondmaine.org.

Area High School Web Links

Gray-New Gloucester High School
www.msad15.org/

Hebron Academy
www.hebronacademy.pvt.k12.me.us/

North Yarmouth Academy
www.nya.org/

Poland High School
www.poland-hs.u29.k12.me.us/

Westbrook High School
www.westbrookschoools.org/

Windham High School
www.windham.k12.me.us/

4th ANNUAL RAYMOND PTA HOLIDAY FAIR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005

6:00 – 7:30 PM

RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

A Holiday Gift Shop Especially For Children

All Gifts - \$2

Shop For Families, Friends And Pets!

CAKE WALK

It's The Best Game In Town

Join The Fun And Win A Cake!

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Yummy Desserts For Thanksgiving

Come Early For The Best Selection

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Shop For Holiday Gifts For Family and Friends

(Books Make Great Gifts For Teachers!)

MOVIES

Stop In For A Free Movie And Popcorn

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE - \$1

Tickets Are On Sale In The Office For A Beautiful Gift

Basket To Be Drawn At The Holiday Fair

**HOLIDAY FUN FOR YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY
INCLUDING PRESCHOOLERS!**

Invasive Plant Surveys Nearing Completion

Raymond Waterways Protective Association

- No invasives found during lake plant surveys
- Some survey work still to happen
- Preliminary results on boat inspection season

Who are those people paddling around in kayaks and small boats holding pipes and buckets in the water? RWPA staff and volunteers have been paddling, rowing, and idling along the shores in August and September to ensure Raymond's lakes are clear of invasive plants. Those pipes and buckets are scopes that help us see down to the bottom of the lake.

How much of the each lake is surveyed for invasive plants? We plan to cover 100% of the shoreline in each lake and sections of Sebago Lake. The area covered is from the shore out to a depth of fifteen feet. A detailed inspection is completed around boat launch areas and any area where native plants are growing, with a general inspection of the remaining shoreline. This involves a "zigzag" pattern from the shore out to a depth of 15 feet.

The results of the shoreline survey are in the table below:

Lake	Shoreline Surveyed	Invasives Found
Crescent Lake	100%	No
Thomas Pond	100%	No
Raymond Pond	100%	No
Panther Pond	80%	No
Tenny River	100%	No
Notched Pond	Not reported	Not reported
Sebago Lake	Unknown	Yes

Crescent Lake

RWPA's Water Quality Monitor for Crescent Lake, Elden Lingwood, teamed with Executive Director Noralee Raymond to complete approximately 50% of Crescent Lake by motor boat along the West Shore. RWPA 2004 inspector Deb Cutten returned to assist RWPA with the lake plant surveys. Assisted by friend Sue Ellen Gendron, they completed 50% of the Crescent Lake shoreline in a double kayak. No invasive plants were located by any of the surveyors.

Raymond Pond

Bob and Bard O'Neil, volunteers trained in plant identification, reported no invasive plants found in Raymond Pond during their surveys of the lake. Thank you for your dedication to protecting Raymond Pond.

Panther Pond

Volunteers Sibyl and Bob French and Bunny and Ross Wescott were the first to report they had completed their sector of shoreline and found no invasive plants. RWPA would like to thank Ross Wescott for once again making additional bucket scopes for our volunteers. Volunteer Chase Rand has also reported no invasive plants in his sector. RWPA President Charlie Turner has surveyed his sector with a resounding "all clear of invasives." Charlie was also instrumental in getting our donated motor boat running and registered. Thank you, Charlie, and once again, thank you to Al and Flonnie Morrison for donating the 14' aluminum boat. Deb Cutten spent a day with Americorps volunteer Jessica Hunter surveying the Tenny River and the north shore around Sloan's Cove and reported no invasives. RWPA staff and volunteers will complete the remainder of Panther Pond by the first week of October.

Thomas Pond

RWPA staff Deb Cutten with assistance from Sue Ellen Gendron completed the plant survey of Thomas Pond in the double kayak. They did not locate any invasive plants. They did take note of the purple loosestrife population (an upland invasive plant) in two sections of the lake. Purple loosestrife is not native to the area and has no natural enemies. It was introduced in Maine as a garden flower but is escaping into wild areas, as witnessed on Thomas Pond during the survey. It is a very prolific plant and can overtake wet areas such as lake shores and marshes. As each plant matures it produces over a million seeds, so it can spread quickly. If you have purple loosestrife on your property,

please contact RWPA so that we can provide you with information for the best removal methods.

Notched Pond

Trained volunteer Gary Bucklin will complete the shoreline survey on Notched Pond.

Sebago Lake

Variable milfoil is present in Sebago Lake. RWPA has surveyed several areas and received several reports of the plant locations. We continue to work with Jordan Bay Marina and landowners at Dingley Brook to control the growth in these areas.

If you have any questions about the shoreline surveys or wish to become a trained volunteer to help complete the surveys, please contact us: 207-671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org. You can also visit the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants website MCIAP.org and view plant pictures, descriptions, and line drawings at the new MCIAP Virtual Herbarium.

If you see people in a kayak or boat with scopes in the water please thank them for helping to ensure our lakes remain clear of invasive plants. Thank you to all our trained volunteers and staff for making the 2005 lake surveys a success!

Don't forget to look for our article next month. We will report on invasive plant removal projects of the 2005 season, and we will have the final tallies on our lakes ranger boat inspections at the ramps. Inspectors worked from Memorial Weekend through until the weekend after Labor Day. Preliminary results show over 2,200 inspections at Sebago Lake alone!

Legislative Update

Even though the legislature adjourned in June, followed by two brief special legislative sessions, there are many issues which are still very prominent and require immediate attention.

For Example, recently the Aroostook truck driver, Scott Hewitt, was in court to face several charges relating to the July 29 traffic fatality on the Maine Turnpike in which he was directly involved. Remember, he was the person with 63 previous traffic related convictions and 23 Operating After Suspension violations.

The District Attorney in Kennebec County, Everett Fowle, expressed frustration when filing formal charges, over not being able to consider Mr. Hewitt's horrendous driving record and the fact that at the time of the fatality, he was driving with a suspended driver's license.

Like most people in Maine, I expected that Mr. Hewitt would at least be charged with manslaughter, especially given the fact that he was operating his truck while under suspension and a person was killed.

It is obvious to me that our current laws need to be changed to reflect such outrageous driving records and current driver's license status when prosecutors are considering filing formal charges in court.

I have had discussions with District Attorney Fowle, and we are now in the process of writing legislation to specifically deal with this flaw in Maine law. I am confident that we will be able to persuade the legislature to support these much needed changes when they reconvene next January.

The current efforts to change our laws pertaining to OAS (operating after suspension) and those with multiple driver's license suspensions are bipartisan. For example, State Representative Darlene Curley, Republican from Scarborough, is joining with me to create a comprehensive legislative package which will address several areas in the law that need change. Representative Curley has done extensive work on this issue, and I'm pleased to be working with her in this effort.

It's been my experience that when members of both political parties work together on these serious issues, much can be accomplished. This especially holds true in our case, in that Representative Curley is a Republican member of the House, and I'm a Democratic member of the Senate. This team work will be especially helpful when our bills get to the floors for debate in the respective chambers.

There's much to do, and I'm pleased to be working for you in Augusta. Stay in touch and please call if I can be of any assistance.

Have a safe fall.

Senator Bill Diamond

Raymond Community Blood Drive Jordan Small School

Wednesday, October 12, 2005
1:30pm-7:30pm

Many people say they have not given blood because they have not been asked.

CONSIDER YOURSELF ASKED

To schedule an appointment on the web, visit:
www.bloodpartners.org/raymondcommunity

Blood donations are always needed, and it is an important part of disaster preparedness for individuals to make blood donation a regular part of their life.

We need to ensure that a steady supply of blood is always available in time of need.

Recent changes in eligibility guidelines allow more people to donate. Any questions about eligibility can be answered by calling 1-800-462-9400 or by visiting www.newenglandblood.org. Scroll to "Important Update for Red Cross Blood Donors."



Thank You!

State Results Of The Reflections Program

The Raymond PTA is proud to announce the State results of the Reflections program. Last February the winners of the local Reflections program were forwarded to the State level of competition. The State has just announced the results. The following Raymond students received awards.

- Literature Grade PreK – 2: Emily Gagne - 4th Runner Up
- Literature Grade 6-8: Cassandra Gordon - 3rd Runner Up
- Music Grade 3 -5: Alissa Drew - 4th Runner Up
- Visual Arts Grade 3-5: Mary Beth Noonan - 2nd Runner Up
- Visual Arts Grade 6-8: Abigail Brockelbank - Overall Winner
- Photography Grade PreK – 2: Zoi Handy - 3rd Runner Up
- Photography Grade 3 -5: Gaia Cloutier - 2nd Runner Up
- Photography Grade 6-8: Taylor Duncanson - 1st Runner Up

Abigail Brockelbank's winning entry was entered into the National PTA's Reflection program.

The State PTA will honor those receiving awards at their annual convention in November. Artwork will be returned at the same time.

Congratulations to everyone who represented Raymond in this program!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this year's Reflection Program please contact Debbie Cutten dcutten@maine.rr.com or Gail Casson g.casson@raymondmaine.org.

Town of Raymond 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Process For Appeal For Abatement of Property Taxes

Property owners who disagree with their real estate and/or personal property values and related taxes are permitted by state law to file for an abatement. Once taxes are committed, the abatement application materials will be available on our website as well as at the Town Office. The following schedule will be observed.

1. The property owner must file a complete abatement application with the Assessors' Agent within 185 days from the date of tax commitment (set by state law).
2. The Assessors' Agent reviews the application for completeness and makes a written recommendation to Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA).
3. Within 60 days of the date of filing, the appeal will be reviewed and acted upon by the Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA). The appellant will be notified in writing of the meeting date and location.
4. The Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA) decision will result in a Notice of Decision issued and mailed to appellant within 72 hours of the hearing.
5. If denied by the Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA), the decision may be appealed to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) within 60 days of the date of the decision by filing an abatement appeal application with the Assessors' Agent.
6. A hearing will be scheduled and action taken by the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) within 60 days of the filing of the appeal. The appellant, Assessors' Agent, and Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA) will be notified of the time and place of the Board of Assessment Review hearing.
7. A Notice of Decision of the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) shall be issued within 72 hours of the date of the decision.
8. The appellant shall have the right of appeal pursuant to the provisions of 36 M.R.S.A. Section 843, as amended. (see Property Tax Bulletin #10)

Please contact Amanda L. Simpson, CMA, Assessors' Agent at amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org or 655-4742 ext. 51 for any questions.

Animal Control Report, August - September

Aug 18	Dead bat in house; removed bat and took it to State Lab for Rabies testing	Sept 1	Dog barking; written warning	Sept 9	Investigated missing poodle
Aug 18	Stray cat delivered to Animal Refuge League	Sept 2	Dog barking; written warning	Sept 9	Information given re: rabid bats
Aug 20	Dogs on beach	Sept 4	Dog in yard; gone on arrival	Sept 10	Information only
Aug 22	Two dogs at large	Sept 5	Information about Barking Dog Ordinance	Sept 11	Stray dog picked up
Aug 22	Information on dogs at large	Sept 6	Information about Barking Dog Ordinance	Sept 12	Animal Refuge League: delivered dog
Aug 22	Dog howling	Sept 6	Lost poodle	Sept 12	Barking dog; request statement
Aug 22	Information on barking dog ordinance	Sept 7	Retrieve cat trap	Sept 13	Pig in the road
Aug 23	Barking dog; summons given	Sept 7	Barking dogs	Sept 14	Met with group
Aug 27	Barking dog; none found	Sept 7	Sick cat to veterinarian	Sept 14	Barking dog
Aug 28	Dog missing; returned home	Sept 7	Bats killed at work site; picked up dead bats	Sept 15	Information regarding barking dogs
Aug 29	District Court: processed complaint summons	Sept 8	Bat to State Lab; one reported rabid	You can license your dog for 2006 beginning October 15th at the Town Office. Please bring your current Rabies Certificate, and if your dog has been neutered since its last license, please bring in your Certificate of Neutering.	
Aug 30	Dog on beach; dog was removed	Sept 8	Checked on sick cat		
Aug 31	Stray cat in cellar; set trap	Sept 8	Advised Town Manager and neighbors about rabid bat	Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer	
Sept 1	Dogs barking and howling				

Senator Bill Diamond Appointed to Bipartisan Board of Leading Criminal Justice Policymakers

The Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments (CSG/ERC) announced today that Senator Bill Diamond has been appointed to its Criminal Justice Board of Directors.

Members of the influential body include legislative leaders, state corrections directors, juvenile justice policymakers, leading judges, prosecutors, and others from the ten northeastern states, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Nova Scotia.

In welcoming Senator Bill Diamond, Representative Michael E. Festa (D, MA), Chair of the CSG/ERC Criminal Justice Board, stated, "Senator Diamond has been a key

leader in corrections policy and other public safety issues in Maine. His experience, expertise, and perspective add an important dimension to the board."

Over the past several years, the Board has developed bipartisan recommendations on pressing criminal justice issues, including the overrepresentation of people with mental illness in the criminal justice system, the growing numbers of people released from prison and jail each year, services and rights provided to crime victims, and racial disparities in the criminal justice system. States across the country have used these recommendations to develop legislative initiatives, and Congress has worked closely with leaders of the Board to shape national policy around

these issues.

Senator Diamond was happy to receive the news of the appointment, stating, "I am looking forward to using our experiences in Maine to inform the board's efforts, and I think Maine will benefit considerably from my role on the board."

The Council of State Governments is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership association for elected and appointed state government officials. Funded largely through state government dues, it is the only state government group serving policymakers from the legislative, judicial, and executive branches.

Panther Pond Notes

By Noralee Raymond

- Projects Completed this Summer
- Technical Assistance Continues
- Projects Planned for October

It has been a very busy summer for the Panther Pond Association since the first Steering Committee meeting held in May to begin the Panther Pond Conservation Project. We have just completed our third steering committee meeting, which gave us the opportunity to review what we have accomplished, set priorities for the fall, and determine what will wait until spring.

Projects Completed this Summer

PPA kicked off the project with the installation of two 12' rubber blade water diverters across the Camp Hawthorne camp road, with water directed into two small settling basins and then into adjacent vegetation. We visited the site in heavy rains, and the diverters were doing such a great job capturing and diverting runoff that we had to reshape and enlarge the settling basin and basin outlet to increase its infiltration capacity.

The Morrises of South Shore Colony were the first to take part in the Plant Matching Grant (1:1 match funds up to \$100 for the purchase of native plants to establish or enhance vegetative buffers). They planted 30 low bush blueberry bushes at the top of the steep bank.

The first project workshop was held July 7th. With sixteen participants, the workshop held at the Maple Avenue Right-of-Way (ROW) was a great success. We installed a rock-filled infiltration trench, timber waterbars across the path to divert water, and crushed stone to level the eroded path.

The Haydens were next, with the installation of a rubber blade water diverter across their driveway to direct runoff from Route 121 into a large vegetative buffer, away from their home and the lake. They also used Erosion Control Mulch on their path to the lake.

For our most recent project we headed back to Camp Hawthorne once the summer camp ended. With tremendous support from David Allen and his family, we installed a large rock-filled infiltration trench at the edge of the parking area with infiltration steps on the path below the trench. David dug the trench and graded the parking area and road. This work complemented the earlier project on the camp road (rubber blades). The road and path had been identified as high impact sites to the lake. Take a look at the before and after photos.

Technical Assistance Continues

Project staff Wendy Garland (Maine DEP), Jess Hunter (Americorps at the Maine DEP), and Noralee Raymond (Project Manager) have visited seven properties in September to offer free technical assistance to landowners on Panther Pond. Some of these properties are part of the identified larger remediation projects, while others are landowners interested in the Small Matching Grants (1:1, up to \$100 toward the purchase of native plants and conservation materials).

We will be scheduling technical assistance visits throughout the fall, so if you have an erosion or runoff problem on your property or are interested in enhancing your shorefront vegetation, please contact Noralee at 671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org to schedule a time for us to visit your property. We will assemble a sketch and packet of materials specifically

designed for your property, and you may be eligible to receive matching grant funds.

Projects Planned for October

October will be a busy month for projects. We are in the final planning stages for a Small Matching Grant project at King's Grant to install a rubber blade diverter at the top of the association's boat ramp to direct water into the adjacent vegetative buffer and to enhance the buffer at the top of the beach with additional willows and high and low bush blueberries. They hope to complete the project by October 5th. We are also in the final stages for two larger remediation projects at the Jordan Lane Right-of-Way (identified high impact site) and the Hanson's driveway off Long Drive road (identified medium impact site). There are three other

properties that have received technical assistance who are also planning to do work in October.

We are looking for volunteers for our October projects. We will need at least six volunteers to assist us at the Jordan Lane ROW with the construction and installation of two rubber blade diverters and spreading of crushed rock. If you are interested, please contact us at lakes@raymondmaine.org or 671-3329.

The Panther Pond Association and Conservation Project staff would like to thank all the landowners who have participated in the grant project, invited us to visit your properties, joined us at the Boat Buffer Tour and picnic, and volunteered. Thank you!

Camp Hawthorne Before and After



BEFORE: Chronic erosion on path with exposed roots and gully.



AFTER: 60'x4'x4' Rock-filled infiltration trench at edge of parking area, infiltration steps on path.

Raymond Village Library News

At a Glance

Thursday, September 30 – Annual Meeting, 7pm, at the library.

Wednesday, October 26 – Reading Group, 7pm, at the library.

Monday, October 31 – Halloween Story time, 4:30pm, at the library.

Grant Funding Allows Library to “Blast Off with Books!”

A generous \$1,500 grant donation from the Sam’s Club Foundation, through the Scarborough San’s Club and the efforts of Raymond Resident Kevin O’Connor, is making a new literacy outreach program possible this year. “Blast Off with Books!” brings story hour support and literacy information to daycare providers in Raymond, targeting the preschool population that is unable to attend the Toddler and Preschool Story Times held at the library. Youth Services Coordinator Sue Ellen Gendron is developing and delivering this pilot program at two daycares and will also share resource information with all community daycares via a “Blast Off with Books!” newsletter. Additional grant funding to support this program comes from a grant from Maine’s Communities for Children and Youth organization.

The Libri Foundation, based in Oregon, offers Books for

Children grants for small, rural libraries, and the Raymond Village Library has received 64 books for a total value of \$1,069 in grant funding.

The selection includes picture books, fiction and non-fiction for the elementary and middle student as well as some on the years Maine Student Book Award list. The Eleanor Plummer Memorial Fund helped the library meet the 2:1 grant match requirement. Ms. Plummer was a long-time librarian and the person to whom the children’s room was dedicated.

Summer Reading Program

Ahoy there! Pirates was the theme for the Summer Reading Program at the Raymond Village Library. With more than 40 children participating, the summer started off with pirate themed stories as well as stories involving treasure or ocean adventures. Each participant was encouraged to read as many books as possible each week of the six week program. Coins were earned for each book read and put into a treasure box for a weekly drawing of the lucky someone’s name to receive a coupon for a free Kids Pack meal at Subway. In addition to encouraging reading, this fun-filled program had a bag waiting for each participant every week containing a project or two to make at home. The projects were pirate/nautical themed with fun crafts such as a s making a compass, a spyglass, a Jolly Roger and even a pirate ship!

Also in the weekly bags retrieved from the library were letters from the past (fictitious) giving clues to different locations in Raymond. Using maps of Raymond from long ago, families had to decipher where treasure was hidden

according to the information given in each letter. What fun everyone had locating treasure in Raymond!

As a finale for the program, the Raymond Village Library hosted a Buccaneer party on August 22. Activities such as walking the plank, the White Dot game, Guess Where the Treasure Is, as well as actually hunting for diamonds hidden in stones, were all part of the celebration. Pirate foods were enjoyed, many prizes were given and those attending showed how much they “treasure” their library in Raymond!

Thanks must be given to those businesses and people who contributed to the program: Mains Pizza of Raymond, Sherwin Williams of Windham, Radio Shack of Windham, Mosquito of Raymond, Hannaford of Windham, Wal-Mart of Windham, Subway of Windham, The Good Life Market of Raymond, Hawthorne Association, Foss Manufacturing of Hampton, NH, Arvco of Kalamazoo, MI, Sadak Family of Raymond, AND to those who stepped up to help the celebration, including Norma Richard, Gail and Tucker Cole, Deb Adams, Troy Eastman, and most of all Lisa Friedlander, who plans coordinates, prepares, facilitates, and donates her time and talents to Raymond Village Library’s Summer Reading Program.

Reading Group

The reading group will meet October 26 at 7pm to discuss Howard Frank Mosher’s “Waiting for Teddy Williams.” Those who have enjoyed Mr. Mosher’s previous book, “Stranger in the Kingdom,” are encouraged to read this book and join us for discussion .



Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree

By Jamie Wiley, SPL, Troop 800

On July 20th, 13 scouts and scouters from Raymond joined 147 other scouts and scouters from across Southern Maine to leave on an extraordinary journey to Washington DC and then the 2005 National Jamboree in Fort AP Hill, Virginia. While in Washington DC, the scouts toured many of the Smithsonian Museums and the Capitol Building. The Scouts even got the opportunity to have a picture taken with the state’s two senators. When the scouts arrived at the Jamboree, they were greeted by the sight of many of the fun activities that they could partake in, such as mountain boarding, fishing, buckskin games, archery, and pioneering, just to mention a few. The scouts had the opportunity to earn 5 patches that go around the primary jamboree patch. Those patches ranged from 5k run to action centers to duty to God. The scouts attended a show put on by the Order of the Arrow and an arena show. At the arena show, President Bush arrived and gave a brief speech before the navy band started playing and before the main portion of the show started. To end the arena show, there was a spectacular fireworks and laser show that certainly was a highlight of the Jamboree for many of the 50,000 scouts that attended the Jamboree. The National Jamboree was a great experience that I know I enjoyed and would recommend to anyone who is given the opportunity to attend.

