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Volunteers Join In Milfoil Pulling Effort

By: Eric Dyer, Assistant Lakes Protection Ranger

In the past month a good deal of work has been done to further our invasive aquatic plants program. The volunteers involved with, or rather realizing, the many projects recently undertaken cannot be thanked enough for their time and enthusiasm. With their help, boat inspections at launch sites have continued with no invasive plants being found. Our first ever Raymond lakes shoreline survey is nearing completion and

is also showing no signs of milfoil. And on August 10th a very productive "pulling session" was held at Panther Run below the Mill Street Dam.

The accomplishments of that day are many, and more are expected as time progresses. By the numbers, about 40 people came to volunteer. Families, organizations, and individuals were all present to stir the mud and root out any variable milfoil they could find. Their toilsome digging and pulling cleared a section of streambed approximately 10 meters wide and 100 meters long that was quite thoroughly infested. This took an estimated 140 man-hours to complete. Canoes were used as barges to shuttle bags of milfoil from midstream to shore, where they were brought inland and emptied safely away from the stream. In addition to pulling the plants, two benthic (bottom) barriers were installed to test the effectiveness of covering variable milfoil as a means of control. The long term impacts of this experiment and of the day's work will not be known fully for months to come. The immediate results however show that if an infestation of milfoil is spotted early, hand pulling is practicable and can drastically reduce the number of plants in a colony, making control easier and complete removal a possibility.

about it. From "home" or away, they will bring their experience and knowledge with them and likely share both with others. It would be fair to say that everyone left with a bit more than soggy feet.

As mentioned earlier, the Panther Run pulling effort was not our only activity this past month. Boat inspections were continued and a shoreline survey was begun. As the summer has progressed, more and more boaters are becoming familiar with the sticker program and its significance through education at the ramps. Hundreds of surveys have also been completed and will provide valuable information on boat traffic and boater awareness of the invasives problem when compiled. The results of our shoreline survey will be available for next month's

Road Runner. Although the amount of shoreline surveyed varies by lake or pond, Panther will likely be the first completed. The rangers and volunteers are very optimistic about the overall outcome as the main boat launches on Crescent and Panther are milfoil free and all of the shoreline inspected so far has uncovered only healthy native plant populations.

The goal of our invasives program is to prevent unwanted plants from entering and damaging our lakes and streams. Through teamwork and dozens of invaluable volunteers, our invasives program is headed for success. If you would like more information or wish to volunteer, please check with the Town Hall for contact information.

Road Runner Articles Due
Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by September 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper
Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or as e-mail attachments.

Send School Related Articles To:
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charles.miller@raymondmaine.org
or drop at a Principal's Office

Send Town related articles To:
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or drop at Town Hall

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Granted, a relatively small section of stream was cleared, but the value and successes of the remediation effort are measured by more than piles of milfoil left in the woods. Dozens of campers from Agawam and Kingsley Pines were able to learn about a pressing environmental issue and were provided an opportunity to do something

Lakes Region Letterboxing Trail

By: Debbie Blanchard

Many thanks to all of you who have helped to get our "LAKES REGION LETTERBOX TRAIL" off to such a great start for our second season. We very much appreciate the continued financial support of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society. Thanks for the encouragement and support given by the Hawthorne Society and the Raymond Village Library Club. Thanks to the local businesses which continue to support our efforts: Sunset Variety, Clough's and Cricket's Corner. Thanks to all of the individuals who have agreed to be box monitors and to help make the letterboxes this year.

If you haven't had a chance to try your hand at LETTERBOXING, the season isn't over! You still have plenty of time ('til Oct.) We hope you'll get a chance to share the rich wonders of your beautiful lakes region community with your family, friends and summer guests. Trail guidebooks and stamp notebooks are available at each of the businesses listed above. HAPPY LETTERBOXING!

Hazardous Waste Day Helped To "Clean House"

On Saturday, August 3rd the towns of Raymond, Casco, Naples, and Frye Island combined efforts in hosting a Hazardous Waste Day at Raymond Elementary School. Each town had a representative present to record the items and amounts delivered. Clean Harbors of Portland once again took care of what was brought to the site.

Items delivered varied from artificial

chimney brick with asbestos attached to a multitude of cans and bottles which held "I haven't got the vaguest idea what's in it". Many people took advantage of the day and cleaned out their basements and garages of those things which might otherwise harm our environment. The towns' thanks go to these citizens who care about our communities and waterways.

Mentoring Program Starts Second Year

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is fortunate to have many of its mentors returning for a second year of building a positive relationship with a Raymond youth. We are welcoming new mentors to join us as the program starts up again in early October. Please contact us at the number below for an application and information about mentor training sessions at the end of September.

Mentors meet at least one hour a week with a mentee during the school year and are offered monthly support meetings. Structured activities will be offered the first

few weeks and once or twice a month for the school year. All program participants are invited to occasional group activities, such as attending a cultural event or a family dinner. Our goals include offering new experiences, encouraging creative expression and physical activity, developing friendship and communication skills and creating community connections.

If you enjoy spending one on one time with a child, please call Lori Rand or Eileen Stiles at our office in Raymond Elementary School, 655-8672 ext. 107, to learn more about becoming a friend and mentor.

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Look under Events & News



News From The Raymond Village Library

Holiday Notice

The library will be closed September 2 in celebration of Labor Day.

Children's Programs

The September theme for Story time is "Fall is Coming". This is held at the library on Thursdays at 10am. Baby time is held at the library on Thursdays at 9:30am. For more information, please call 655-4283.

Reading Group

The September meeting of the Reading Group will be at the library on September 26 at 7pm. "Empire Falls", by Richard Russo, will be discussed. Mr. Russo, who is a Maine author, won the Pulitzer Prize for this novel. For more information, call 655-4283.

Reading by Author

On the evening of September 18 at the Raymond Village Library, Elizabeth Hobbs will entertain from her new

collection of poems, "A Craving for the Goatman". This will begin at 7pm and the public is invited.

The title poem refers to the mythological figure of Pan the Goatman who lures us with his music into the delights and dangers of the wild woods.

Elizabeth Hobbs grew up in Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill. She graduated from Portland High School and from Bates College. She has lived and worked in many parts of the country, including Seattle, Chicago, Boston, New York City, Athens, and now Durham, NC. She has taught an assortment of subjects in a variety of places, but her major emphasis has been on writing.

Her first book "Poems from the Lake" has gone through two printings and will appear in 2003 in a revised form with additional poems. Her second book "A Craving for the Goatman", is currently in preparation. She will read from "Goatman" as well as some of the new poems for "Lake".



Author Elizabeth Hobbs

Hobbs holds a BA cum laude and an MA, as well as membership in both Actors' Equity and Phi Beta Kappa. She spends half the year in Raymond and half in North Carolina near her daughter's family.

Book Review

By: Ginger Wallace

"Home to Harmony" and "Just Shy of Harmony" by Philip Gulley.

Life isn't always peaceful in the small town of Harmony, Indiana. Discord mingles with joy because the characters in Philip Gulley's novel are like you and me. They are kind, harsh, selfish, compassionate, jealous, funny, sad and loving. In short, they provide tensions, and that is the strength of these two gentle, short, nicely formatted books.

Among the characters are:

Sam Gardner: with his wife and two young sons, he returns to Harmony, the town where he grew up, and becomes pastor of Harmony Friends Meeting. He contends with the pleasure and politics of the Friends Meeting and is janitor as well as spiritual guide. Sam likes to reminisce about Harmony when it "presented so few temptations that it took a resourceful person to find trouble..."

Dale Hinshaw: An irritant to all, he distrusts government, can't stand to spend a penny and thinks "Leaves of Grass" is a book on lawn maintenance.

Good-natured Miriam and Ellis Hodge: They decide they should raise their niece because her parents are incompetent.

The town's newspaper editor: His published comments on who went where with or without whom fosters all kinds of speculation.

Deena Morrison: She opens the popular Legal Grounds Coffee Shop when her law practice fails, and she will answer two questions for \$10.

These characters and many others populate the stories of natural people trying to make the best of their predicaments. There is plenty of humor in both "Home to Harmony" and "Just Shy of Harmony". I laughed out loud many times and often felt compelled to read humorous passages to my husband. A bonus: at the end of each chapter are two or three lines that encourage the reader to do a little soul searching.

I liked the second novel, "Just Shy of Harmony" the best, but if you plan to read them, try "Home to Harmony" first because it introduces the people and their situations. These books might remind you of Jan Karon's "Mitford" series. See which author you enjoy the most.

Pot Roast Supper

Saturday, September 21st
4:30 to 6:30pm

at the Raymond Village
Community Church
Main Street (Rt. 121) Raymond

Handicap Accessible
Take out orders available.
Call 655-7749

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Green Beans, Carrots,
Rolls, Dessert, Beverages

Adults: \$6.50
Children 6 to 12 years of age \$3.00
Children 5 and under FREE

September 2002

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	3 7:00PM TH Selectmen	4 7:00PM RE School Committee	5 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	6	7
8	9	10	11 7:00PM TH Planning Board	12 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time	13 Innisbrook Gift Wrap Kickoff	14
15	16	17 RE Parents Night 7:00PM TH Selectmen	18 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 7:00PM JS School Committee	19 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	20	21
22 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	23	24 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	25	26 RE School Pictures 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	27	28
29	30 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting End of Innisbrook Gift Wrap Campaign					FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church

Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

1. Met with Fire Chief Denis Morse to discuss public safety staffing and employee retention;
2. Voted to appoint Public Works employee, Mike Bruno, as Constable. Mr. Bruno will assist Constable and Public Works Director Nathan White with parking and traffic enforcement at Raymond Beach;
3. Voted to approve the annual Maine Municipal Association Ballot for Slate of Officers;
4. Voted to accept \$56,836 in Urban Rural Initiative Program Funding from the Maine Department of Transportation for support of local road improvement projects;
5. Welcomed new employees: Amanda Simpson as Assessor's Assistant and new Public Works employee, Shep Stults;
6. Held a workshop meeting with contract assessor Michael O'Donnell of O'Donnell & Associates to set the Town's Certified Assessment Ratio for 2002 and discuss the timeframe for a town-wide revaluation program. The Selectmen voted to set the Certified Ratio at 95% and undertake the revaluation program over a two-year time span;
7. Met in a workshop session with the Selectmen of the Town of Frye Island to consider issues of mutual concern including cooperation in the provision of services;
8. Considered and approved liquor license renewals for Café Sebago and Beacon Lanes and Pizza Lounge. Both approvals are conditional upon successful completion of remaining fire code issues;
9. Adopted a Bulky Waste Policy for Raymond users of the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility;
10. Scheduled a final public hearing on the Town of Raymond 2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Infrastructure Program for September 3, 2002, at 7:00pm at the Raymond Town Office. The purpose of the meeting will be to solicit public comment and discuss the final status of the Portland Water District Waterline Extension Project;
11. Approved a new policy on accepting coinage;
12. Made a formal request of the Maine Department of Transportation for a Speed Zoning Review of Webbs Mills Road (Route 85) at Crescent Beach;
13. Held an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Tax Relief Form Help October 12th

On Saturday morning, October 12, 2002, Representative Joe Bruno will be helping anyone who needs assistance filling out their 2001 tax year State Tax Relief form. He will be in the Town Office from 9:00am to noon. No appointment will be needed. If you don't have a copy of your 2001-2002 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.

Tax and Rent Refund Program. The income limit for the non-elderly refund is now \$45,100, if you have a spouse or dependents. If you are not married and do not have dependents, the income limit is \$29,100. The income limit for the elderly refund is \$14,400, if you have a spouse or dependents. If you are not married and do not have dependents, the income limit is \$11,600.

Portland Water District Tour

The Portland Water District welcomes the town of Raymond as a new customer and invites you to learn more about the water supply by touring the Sebago Lake Water Treatment Facility. Two tours are scheduled on September 10th, one at 2:00pm and one at 7:00pm

During the tour of the treatment facility, you will learn

- Where the water comes from
- How PWD ensures the water is clean, safe, and exceeds all requirements
- What is in the water, and what isn't
- How the water reaches homes and businesses
- How PWD ensures adequate pressure all the time

PWD offers an abundant supply of clean, fresh water that is used for drinking, domestic and industrial needs, business, and fire protection. PWD ensures all of the water that is delivered to customers is of the highest quality by employing a strong environmental protection program, rigorous laboratory initiatives (we perform nearly 16,000 samples a year), powerful treatment, and an aggressive approach to maintaining the distribution system.

The facility is located at the intersection of Routes 35 and 237 in Standish. To register, please contact me at (207) 774-5961, extension 3050, or clements@pwd.org.

Raymond Fire/Rescue Activity

Date	Time	Location	Type Of Call
Fire Calls			
7/15/2002	1746	302/Beach	Car Accident
7/19/2002	0927	Plains Rd	Car Accident
7/20/2002	1150	Main St/ 121	2-Car Accident
7/21/2002	0930	Around Town	Burning Permits
7/23/2002	1444	1281 Roosevelt Trail	Fire Alarm
7/23/2002	1515	1281 Roosevelt Trail	Car Accident
7/23/2002	1636	Frye Island	Rescue Assist
7/26/2002	0930	Around Town	Burning Permits
7/26/2002	1403	10 Levy Lane	Smoke Alarm
7/28/2002	1152	Meadow Rd./ FL 58	ATV Accident
7/28/2002	1307	Elizabeth Ave.	Unpermitted fire
7/29/2002	1616	139 Meadow Rd.	2-Car Accident
7/29/2002	1730	Peppercorn Way	ATV Accident
8/1/2002	1115	Mill St./ Cemetery	Car Accident
8/1/2002	1433	Raymond Beach	Rescue Assist
8/1/2002	1809	Meadow Rd.	Car Accident
8/2/2002	1718	10 Levy Lane	Smoke Alarm
8/3/2002	0833	36 Hawthorn Rd.	Rescue Assist
8/3/2002	1739	302/Main St	Car Accident
8/3/2002	2208	Egypt Rd.	Unpermitted Burn
8/5/2002	1508	Raymond Hill/85	Dump Tr./ Brake Fire
8/5/2002	1551	302/Main St.	Car Accident
8/6/2002	2023	Tower Rd.	Live Wire/ Grass Fire
8/7/2002	0759	Gore Rd	Rescue Assist
8/7/2002	1632	Webbs Mills Rd	Car Accident
8/7/2002	2059	Raymond Hill Rd	Smoke Invest.
8/7/2002	1118	302/ Windham line	Car Accident
8/7/2002	1303	302/Shopping Center	3-Car Accident
8/8/2002	2041	Spiller Hill Rd	Smoke Invest.
8/9/2002	1705	10 Levy Lane	Smoke Alarm
8/9/2002	1705	Webbs Mills Rd.	Fire Alarm
8/9/2002	1457	Frye Island	Boating Accident
8/11/2002	1137	Webbs Mills Rd.	Unattended Fire
8/11/2002	1212	302/True Value	4-Car Accident
8/12/2002	1553	Tower Rd/WGME	Grass Fire
8/13/2002	1352	Lake Side Dr	Truck Acc/Wires Down
8/13/2002	2052	Harmon Rd	Unpermitted Burn
Rescue Calls			
7/15/2002	0130	Roosevelt Trail	Emotional Problem
7/15/2002	0949	Main St.	Diff. Breathing
7/15/2002	1746	Roosevelt Trail/Beach	Car Accident
7/16/2002	1410	Island Cove Rd	Cardiac Prob.
7/17/2002	0816	Curtis Dr.	Diabetic Emergency
7/19/2002	0813	Cape Rd	Well-Being Check
7/19/2002	0927	Plains Rd	Car Accident
7/20/2002	1150	Main St./Meadow Rd	2-Car Accident
7/21/2002	0926	Blueberry Lane	Head Injury
7/22/2002	0929	Daggett Dr	Back Injury
7/22/2002	1504	Webbs Mills Rd	Allergic Reaction
7/22/2002	1803	Main St.	Knee Injury
7/22/2002	1931	Coughlan Cove Rd	Lacerated Foot
7/22/2002	2221	Grandview Lane	Diff. Breathing
7/23/2002	1444	Roosevelt Trail	Fire Stand-by
7/23/2002	1515	Roosevelt Trail	Car Accident
7/23/2002	1601	Frye Island	Allergic Reaction
7/23/2002	1636	Frye Island	Diving Accident
7/24/2002	1320	Frye Island	Diabetic Emergency
7/24/2002	1816	Frye Island	Diff. Breathing
7/24/2002	2130	Murch Landing Rd	Medical Emergency
7/25/2002	1025	M/A Windham	Allergic Reaction
7/25/2002	1121	Shaw Rd	Medical Emergency
7/25/2002	1214	Twin Pines Rd	Diff. Breathing
7/25/2002	1951	Webbs Mills Rd	Hand Injury
7/26/2002	2255	Silver Sands Rd	Diff. Breathing/Cardiac
7/27/2002	0052	M/A Windham	Car Accident
7/27/2002	1030	Kristin Lane	Back Injury
7/27/2002	1340	Swans Rd	Choking Prob.
7/28/2002	1151	Meadow Rd	ATV Accident
7/29/2002	0507	Raymond Hill Rd	Intoxicated Person
7/29/2002	1010	Twin Pines Rd	Diff. Breathing
7/29/2002	1411	M/A Gray	Car/Mtrcycle Accident
7/29/2002	1730	Peppercorn Way	ATV Accident
7/30/2002	2020	St Eiboh's Cove	Medical Emergency
8/1/2002	1115	Mill St	Car Accident
8/1/2002	1433	Roosevelt Trail/Beach	Leg Injury
8/1/2002	1809	Meadow Rd	Car/Mtrcycle Accident
8/1/2002	2027	Haskell Ave	Lip Injury
8/2/2002	1357	M/A Windham	Allergic Reaction
8/2/2002	1603	Coughlin Cove Rd	Arm Injury
8/2/2002	1718	Levy Lane	Fire stand-by
8/3/2002	0833	Hawthorn Rd	Hip Injury
8/3/2002	0949	Webbs Mills Rd	Unkn Injury from Fall
8/3/2002	1739	Main St	Car Accident
8/4/2002	0158	Frye Island	Leg Injury
8/5/2002	1139	Roosevelt Trail	Cardiac Prob.
8/5/2002	1508	Raymond Hill Rd/85	Fire Stand-by
8/5/2002	1550	Main St/302	Car Accident
8/6/2002	0947	Plains Rd	Head Injury
8/7/2002	0756	Gore Rd	Leg Injury
8/7/2002	0927	Webbs Mills Rd	Abdominal Pain
8/7/2002	1632	Webbs Mills Rd	2-Car Accident
8/8/2002	1118	Roosevelt Trail	Car Accident
8/8/2002	1303	Roosevelt Trail	3-Car Accident
8/9/2002	1050	Cape Rd FL38	Arm Injury
8/9/2002	1050	Cape Rd FL38	Subj. Passed Out
8/9/2002	1705	Levy Lane	Fire Stand-by
8/10/2002	1415	M/A Gray	Inter. Allergic Reaction
8/10/2002	1457	Frye Island	Boating Accident
8/11/2002	1253	Roosevelt Trail/T.V.	4-Car Accident
8/11/2002	1947	M/A Windham	Allergic Reaction
8/12/2002	1150	Brown Rd	Diff. Breathing
8/12/2002	2147	Steele Rd	Seizure
8/13/2002	0559	Meadow Rd	Chest Pain
8/13/2002	1352	Lakeside Dr.	Truck/Pole Accident
8/14/2002	1443	Roosevelt Trail/S.C.	Car Accident
8/14/2002	1625	Meadow Rd	Head Injury
8/15/2002	1207	Frye Island	Abdominal Pain

Recycling Bins Available

The Raymond Recycling Committee has purchased a limited number of plastic recycling bins. If you have never had a bin from the town, you may pick one up at the Town Office (one per family). They are available during regular business hours.

Raymond Food Pantry

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

Please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or the Pantry coordinator at 428-3206 for an appointment.

Local Family To Participate In Asthma Walk

Over 100,000 Mainers have asthma, and the "Asthma Attackers" of Raymond are planning to do something about it. They're participating in the American Lung Association of Maine's first Asthma Walk, to be held September 28th at Back Cove in Portland.

"We have personal experience with asthma," said Lisa Conley, Team Captain. "Our son Jake has had asthma since he was five weeks old. When you've seen your child struggle to breathe, you naturally want to help others." In addition to forming a walk team, Mrs. Conley recently helped coordinate an asthma workshop for daycare providers.

So far, the Asthma Attackers have nine members, including Lisa and Mark Conley, sons Jake 2 1/2 and Zack 6, and five other family and friends. They hope to raise as much money

as they can to help the Lung Association fight the asthma epidemic.

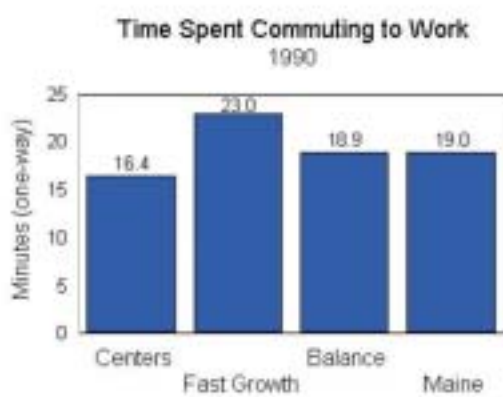
According to recent data, Maine has the highest rate of adults with asthma in the nation. In Maine, about 80,000 adults and 20,000 children have the disease. "So far, there is no cure," said Edward Miller, Lung Association CEO. "We're working to help adults and children learn to manage their asthma." The organization also supports programs to eliminate asthma triggers like second hand smoke and poor air quality.

To join or support the Asthma Attackers team, contact Lisa Conley at 655-2890; e-mail lconley@maine.rr.com. For information about asthma or the Asthma Walk, contact the American Lung Association of Maine at 1-800-499-5864 or go to www.maine.lung.org.

What Is “Smart Growth”?

Smart growth concepts have evolved in response to the sprawl that has forever changed the character of rural communities throughout America.

Sprawl is mostly a population shift in which people move out of urban communities and into more rural communities. In the process of these moves, existing community infrastructure is abandoned in favor of constructing new, redundant infrastructure in rural areas. Behind sprawl are people seeking new, more affordable homes with bigger acreage and in more rural surroundings. Sprawl has high costs in both environmental and fiscal areas. Sprawl results in significantly increased demand on municipal services in the new communities, particularly schools. Left behind in the cities areas are smaller, less affluent inner city populations to maintain existing, often-decaying schools and other infrastructure. In search of a higher quality of life, sprawlers then place significant demand on transportation infrastructure and services, notably roads, which extends their commuting time.



Source: “Livable Communities: A Proposal for Addressing Suburban Sprawl”

Now Americans are beginning to recognize the fiscal, environmental, and social concerns caused by sprawl. The result is what is known as smart growth principles. Principles of smart growth include the creation of a variety of housing options primarily centered around existing infrastructure; walkable neighborhoods; mixed use development; along with preservation of open space, farmland and forestry.

The Maine State Planning Office, at the urging of Governor King, has refined Smart Growth to fit our State’s needs.

New District One Fire Station

Construction to replace damage caused by the June fire is now complete. The roof over the administrative area has been removed and completely rebuilt. With the building water tight, work on the interior, including electrical and mechanical rough in, has been coming along well. Building

1. Maintaining Maine’s historic settlement pattern of compact villages and urban centers separated by rural countryside and sustaining a unique sense of place in every community by respecting local cultural and natural features;
2. Targeting economic and residential growth to compact, mixed use centers in areas with existing or planned infrastructure and services at a scale appropriate for the community and region;
3. Preserving and creating mixed use, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods that incorporate open areas, landscaping and other amenities which enhance livability;
4. Investing public funds and providing incentives and disincentives consistent with the principles 1, 2, and 3 above, as well as other principles below, where applicable;
5. Providing choice in the mode of transportation and ensuring that transportation options are integrated and consistent with land use objectives;
6. Protecting environmental quality and important natural and historic features of the State and preserving large areas of unfragmented wildlife habitat and undeveloped land;
7. Encouraging and strengthening agriculture, forestry, fishing and other natural resource-based enterprises and minimizing conflicts of development with these industries;
8. Reinvesting in service centers and in downtowns and village areas, and supporting a diversity of viable business enterprises and housing opportunities in these areas;
9. Establishing and maintaining coalitions with stakeholders and engaging the public in the pursuit of smart growth solutions; and
10. For municipalities without significant growth pressures and/or small rural communities with minimal infrastructure, smart growth involves consideration of the above principles to the extent that they are applicable, and ensuring that the development that does occur is accomplished in a manner that enhances community values, avoids incremental negative impacts, and is consistent with a sustainable and fiscally sound growth pattern.

Raymond Tomorrow, our community’s comprehensive plan update committee, is evaluating smart growth principles and assessing how our community might adapt some of these to help prevent further sprawl in the community.

As a Raymond stakeholder, you are encouraged to share your thoughts during this planning update process. You can e-mail them at compplan@raymondmaine.org

JSMS Recreation Area News

By: Jo Martyn-Fisher

Thank you to all of you who gave up one precious summer day to help install the recreation area on Saturday, August



10th. Thank you for your enthusiasm. Some memorable moments!

- Our new Town Manager and our new Principal at JSMS meeting each other and talking turkey while constructing the chain climbing wall.
- Three individuals, each individually skilled at constructing a structure to shore up the tables for pouring cement, working together with scraps of lumber. Thanks, Scott Gordan, Al Knight (and son Chris) and Phil Hammett.



- A group of ladies swinging shovels of dirt way more enthusiastically than most road crews I’ve seen!
- A certain VP of a large business atop the dumpster packing it down to accommodate our waste!
- Kevin Woodbrey’s humorous, competitive spirit to not only beat me by half an hour (6:30am) to the site in the morning but also his endurance in being the last to leave with Frank McDermott, Bill Shively, and Dana Desjardins at 9.15pm!



- Our town manager, school principal, two school board members and one selectman were part of our volunteer crew as well as PTA officers and many others who give a lot of their time to other organizations in town.
- A great group of kids from the Elan school assembled the swingset, hauled a lot of heavy stuff and graciously offered to come back at





a few evenings drilling and screwing down the deck screws with his son Andrew; Linda O'Neill for her unfailing support and assistance whenever we were on site; and the town public works manager Nathan White for helping Maine Utilities to drill our largest holes.

Phase Two!

We truly are on the home stretch! The basketball court renovation was planned for Phase Two but has been accomplished this year with the exception of a small bleacher to be installed there.

Phase Two now consists of:

- An April-September shade structure over the deck area. This has been designed to have no center posts that would inhibit dramatic or musical performances on this stage.
- Running electrical wire to the stage. (The conduit is in place.)
- A permanent metal shade/rain structure over the tables, which will not only protect the tables but also provide valuable shade in the hottest months while school is in session. This area will also be used by the Raymond Extended Daycare in the summer vacation months.

another date to help.....they enjoyed the experience.

- The ingenuity of Steve Nadeau and Mary Feltovic who jumped in the sona tubes for the tables and wiggled and bumped them with their bodies to pull them up to the required level. Female hips work very well for this job, apparently!
- Vicki Woodbrey being hauled out of a hole, alas! by her feet by Mr. Miller!
- Last but by no means least, we applaud Larry Napolitano, Lee Barry, Darren Cole and Ben Napolitano for their endurance and gift of their labor in laying the brick walkway. Darren and Ben are both Jordan-Small school alumni.

One is always nervous when making a call for volunteers that no one will show up. At the same time the people of Raymond have always turned out for the occasion. It is one of the community's greatest assets and helps our town grow in spirit and friendship.

Much work was done before the 10th, and we gratefully acknowledge: the excavation and planning done by Steve Harvey; the deck/stage, which was built in two afternoons by Tim Pomerleau and his crew (if only our own home improvement projects were that speedy!); Mike O'Neill who assembled the basketball posts and spent more than



- A small bleacher for the basketball area to watch people play and encourage more use of the court by the students.

We are still researching the metal shade structure, having found one in Arizona that required a \$2,000 shipping fee! We are confident that a similar structure could be fabricated locally. With that in mind, we estimate the total cost of Phase Two to be in the range of \$10-15,000. We do plan to do another brick fundraiser and are seeking parents who might be interested in working on that. We are confident that many people will see the walkway and want to add a brick, if they have not done so before. The focus of this fundraiser will be to contact Jordan-Small Alumni, so we are interested in getting the names and addresses of former students from parents or friends who still live in the area.

***Many Thanks To
All Involved!***



Comprehensive Plans...

You may be wondering why there is so much attention focused on comprehensive plans in Maine. Several neighboring Lakes Region communities are updating their plans currently. That's because the early 1990's changed the way communities looked at planning. According to the State Planning office, "Over 300 Maine communities developed or updated comprehensive plans pursuant to the Planning and Land Use Regulation Act (30-A M.S.R.A. §4301 et seq), commonly referred to as the Growth Management Law. This law established a program that for the first time provided state funding for comprehensive plans, and set forth goals and other criteria that communities were challenged to meet."

The State recommends that comprehensive plans be reviewed every five years and that they be updated not less than every ten years. Accordingly, many communities are now reviewing their initial plans and preparing to update them. That is where Raymond is.

The State Planning Office believes that these updates should take a "bolder" approach to guiding future growth as well as addressing other community issues.

The SPO suggests "plans that provide clearer policy guidance and implementation strategies which address the major issues facing the community in a manner likely to yield positive and measurable results. Recognizing that these enhanced policies and strategies can only be realized as the result of a local public process, the term bolder also refers to an approach that places greater emphasis on leadership, citizen participation, education and vision.

Consistent with its recent emphasis on smart growth, SPO also believes that updated plans provide an opportunity

Your Grocery Shopping Can Benefit The Raymond PTA

The Raymond PTA is once again asking Raymond families and friends to join us in several activities that are easy and support our students and staff! In fact, friends and family members from around the state can also participate and raise money to support the Raymond PTA. The PTA will use these funds to support the Reflections Program, scholarships for graduating seniors, Jump for Hearts, the school libraries, field days, teacher breakfasts, and many other school events during the year. These things enrich our children's learning environment and support our teachers and schools.

MAKE YOUR SHOPPING COUNT WITH SHAW'S SUPERMARKET AND SCHOOLPOP Register your Shaw's Rewards Card with Schoolpop and 2% of all purchases at any Shaw's store in Maine will be donated to the Raymond PTA every time you use your card. Encourage family members throughout the state to participate. You can register by:

*going on-line at www.schoolpop.com

*Call toll-free: 1-877-456-1032 (Mon- Fri, 9am - 9pm)

HANNAFORD & SHOP 'N SAVE HELPS SCHOOLS. From September through November Hannaford Supermarkets will support local K - 12 schools and reward their customers who purchase participating General Mills products. This fall you can earn "School Dollar" coupons from the cashier when you purchase General Mills products. Last year the Raymond Elementary School received an additional check for \$1000 as the top school in the Windham area. We are aiming for a repeat performance this year, and with your help can reach our goal.

* Buy 3 General Mills Products = \$2 School Dollars

* Buy 5 General Mills Products = \$4 School Dollars

* Buy 8 General Mills Products = \$6 School Dollars

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION Last year we raised over \$1000 from the Boxtops for Education Program. Students have brought home baggies with a reminder to collect boxtops all year long, including during the summer months. The PTA will treat all children who bring in boxtops in September to a special Ice Cream Party.

to incorporate some of the principles and strategies now being discussed in Maine and nationwide aimed at promoting a more sustainable, fiscally sound growth pattern and addressing development sprawl. While many smart growth considerations echo the state goals of the current growth management law, also they reflect some of the wisdom that has been gained over the last decade regarding the impacts and costs of sprawl and alternatives to this pattern of growth."

Although all of the ten State goals are important, the first goal - "to encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community, while protecting the State's rural character, making efficient use of public services and preventing development sprawl" - is central to the original purpose of the growth management law - that of guiding growth.

Raymond's Comprehensive Plan was written in 1991. A copy of the full 1991 Plan appears on the Raymond web site.

East Raymond Chapel

"A quaint country church" would best describe the East Raymond Chapel. Built in 1890, the church is located at 394 Webbs Mills Road next to the E.R. Clough Store. The church is affiliated with the Casco Village Church, UCC, and is pastored by Reverend Joyce A. Long. Services are held every Sunday at 8:30am, June through Labor Day weekend. The chapel seats 75-100 and is available for weddings and recitals. We invite you to come worship with us! Questions? Please contact Rev. Long at 655-2652.

Raymond Extended Day Program Needs Your Help!

The Raymond Extended Day Program is currently hiring Child Care Supervision Specialists for its before and after school program. Help is needed mostly in the afternoons. We are also looking to hire an Assistant Director. If you would be interested in applying for either of these positions, please call Kristi Curtis at 655-3203, or send an e-mail to red@raymondmaine.org.

We are also seeking parent volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors. If you would like to be a member of the team that supports this great program, please submit a letter of interest to R.E.D. at the elementary school, or send an e-mail to red@raymondmaine.org.

COMING IN OCTOBER....

HELP FOR PARENTS

LOOKING AT WAYS TO IMPROVE

DISCIPLINE, BEHAVIOR, LIFE WITH CHILDREN....

CALL PEGGY JENSEN AT THE RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

655-8672, EXT. 108 FOR MORE INFORMATION



RAYMOND PTA

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

**RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
2002 - 2003 SCHOOL YEAR**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CHILDREN (ages and grade level) _____

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 _____ PARENT EDUCATION _____ PUBLICITY _____

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS: _____

For more information on The Raymond PTA, please check our website at www.raymondmaine.org/civic_groups/pta.

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

As we begin the 2002-2003 school year, it is a great time to review routines and procedures for parents and visitors to the Raymond Elementary School. These include the following.

1. Parents and other visitors are required to sign in at the office whenever they visit the building. Please proceed directly to the main office when you enter the school. It is to the left of the media center (library). We also require that you use the main entrance. To enhance the safety of the children and staff, all other doors will remain locked during the day.
2. We still require that you sign children out if they are dismissed early or are not going to take the bus home. We do this for several reasons. The first is that we have a record of who is taking children and the time when they are dismissed. Also, we can verify children on each of the busses in the event of an accident or bus breakdown.
3. If children are leaving during the day we will call them to the office to be dismissed. We do this to minimize disruptions in classrooms.
4. This year children will be using their lunch numbers to debit their accounts when purchasing lunch or drinks. We ask that parents pay in advance on account. New lunch money envelopes will be sent home for your convenience.
5. Our school phone number is 655-8672. The fax line is 655-8664. If you are calling for Superintendent Caldwell, Dr. Waters or the district business office, please call the district number at 655-8666. This will avoid tying up one of the RES school lines.
6. We ask that all parents have emergency plans in place in the event that school is dismissed early due to weather or other emergencies. With over 300 children in our school, we are unable to call parents directly when there is an early dismissal. Parents should discuss emergency plans with their children and provide the school with a written copy of any change in busing plans.
7. We will be posting our school driveway to remind all parents and visitors that the speed limit in a school zone is 15 mph. Fines are doubled in a school zone. This is an important safety concern that will be enforced.
8. Don't forget to call CHILD WATCH at 655-8672 if your child is going to be absent or late. You can easily leave Miss Wendy a voice mail message for CHILD WATCH at any time.

Scholarship Winner Announced

Colin B. Bumby of Raymond, ME, a junior at Wesleyan University, was recently awarded a scholarship for the 2002-2003 academic year from the Psi Upsilon Foundation. Son of Hal and Pat Bumby, he is now majoring in government, economics, and art history.

Bumby's scholarship is one of 20 awarded by the Foundation this year. The selection of recipients is based upon demonstrated achievement in the pursuit of intellectual, social and moral excellence. Since the scholarship program awarded its first grant in 1959, the Psi Upsilon Foundation has provided more than \$500,000 to help defray the cost of higher education.

Psi Upsilon Fraternity was founded in 1833 at Union College in Schenectady, NY. It has installed 43 chapters across the United States and Canada and currently has more than 25,000 living members.

Fall Innisbrook Sales Starts In September

Innisbrook Wraps presents the ultimate gift wrap collection this fall at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Schools. Our fall Innisbrook sales will begin on September 13. Just wait until you see this year's collection!

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

Innisbrook Schools can also order on the web 365 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Schools' customer # is 104999. Families and out of town friends can order and reorder 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.

Public Notice River Road Closure

The intersection of River Road, Depot Street, and Chute Road is being reconstructed to improve sight distance. To do this involves a significant amount of blasting and lowering the intersection by 6-7 feet. In order to get the work done and reduce traffic tie-ups, the road will be closed from the intersection of River Road and Route 202 to the intersection of River Road, Depot Street, and Chute Road from September 9th - 27th. Variable message signs are going up the first of next week, and ads will appear in the Suburban News and American Journal. We are encouraging people to find alternate routes to further reduce traffic problems during this time.

Red Cross Babysitting Certification Course At Raymond Village Library

Raymond Recreation and the Raymond Village Library are sponsoring a babysitting certification course at the Raymond Village Library in October. This will be a two-part Red Cross program and requires full participation for completion. Fee to cover cost of instructor and materials yet to be determined. Enrollment is limited, but a series of courses is planned to meet demand. More details to be included in the October Roadrunner. For more information contact Sharon @ 655-4474.

Panther Pond Association

Events of recent years and the continued intense development of Southern Maine have made us want to take a more proactive approach to the protection of Panther Pond. With approximately 270 landowners that own property with frontage on Panther Pond and other interested parties who use the lake for business or pleasure, we can be an active, viable force in decisions made by organizations including our local, county or state government. The Membership Committee wishes to invite you to join the Panther Pond Association to preserve the long-term viability of Panther Pond.

Some reasons for the establishment of this association include the following :

- Protection of property values
- Combat milfoil infestation
- Preserve water quality
- Address lake access concerns
- Shore line management
- Lake level issues
- Boating laws / safety enforcement
- Septic system effluents
- Pollution and conservation issues
- Personal watercraft
- Clarity of water
- Phosphorus / fertilizer use

Please join now for the \$20 annual household membership and make your check payable to "Panther Pond Association". Mail the check to Panther Pond Association, PO Box 68, Raymond, ME 04071. Any interested party may join this organization, but only Panther Pond landowners shall have voting rights.

Also please join us at our next meeting on Saturday, November 16, at 3pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School on Route 85 in Raymond. The primary agenda item for the next meeting is to welcome new members and to organize a survey of Panther Pond.

For additional information please contact any of the following officers of the Panther Pond Association :

Gary Cox, President – 655-6040
Ben Severn, VP – 655-3936
Ira McLain, Treasurer – 655-2303
Janet Curren, Secretary – 655-5096
Kathryn "Ginger" Wallace,
Environmental Officer – 655-3069



Ben Levy cutting the ribbon at Jordan Bay Place with Ada Brown and representatives from HUD and York-Cumberland Housing.

Troop 800 Report August 2002

By: Kyle Woodbrey, Troop Scribe

The Patrol Boxes are doing well. After lots of hard work and determination, we finally have eight good looking doors completed. We have aluminum angles and flat stock on, aluminum sheets on to make it easy to clean, and the piano hinges are on also. We have drilled about 1,000 holes and have about 2,000 more to drill. Paul Lentine also did a super job of building shelves in the troop's trailer.

We also continued with the fund raisers. We had the yard sale we collected items for. Lots of scouts showed up to attend to jobs like cashier. It went very well, and we raised over \$475 for the Gettysburg trip. We had a bottle drive that many scouts participated in. We had pickup trucks go from house to house collecting bottles. We collected over 16,000 bottles which resulted in over \$800 towards the Gettysburg trip.

To wrap up our super summer, we went to New Hampshire to take part in week 8 of Hidden Valley Scout Camp. We meet in the Mill Street Parking lot at 10:00 in the morning. We packed our gear into the troop trailer, got assigned to vehicles, organized into a caravan and departed to camp.

Every morning we got up, cleaned our tents, and got our merit badge things together. Then came a family style breakfast followed directly by merit badge classes. Next was 1st or 2nd period cafeteria style lunch. Troop rotations consisted of activities like water basketball, water baseball, water jousting, slippery tug-o-war, Native American games, raft building, boating, rifle shooting, archery, and straw bridge building. At free time we could do any thing we wanted, but we had to stay in our campsite at personal time. Class A uniforms were required for the family style suppers. After supper we had another free time with the addition of camp wide games. Participating in activities like crossing the Delaware and paper airplane contest earned your troop points. Friday night we had a camp wide campfire. There were Indian fire dancers, and when they were done they lit the two bon fires. There were songs skits and awards. Troop 800 received 2 awards. The first one was for getting a 97 out of a 100 on inspections. The second one was first place in camp wide games for getting the most points. Saturday we packed, had breakfast and left. Everybody had a super time and went home happy.

In September we will start a new season of fun activities. Any boy from ages 11 to 17 is encouraged to join the Scouting program. Ask any Boy Scout, Scout leader, or call Tom Wiley at the number below.

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



Photos from the Troop 800 trip to Hidden Valley Scout Camp in New Hampshire

