Raymond Hires New Fire Chief

By Nathan Poore

The Board of Selectmen confirmed my appointment of Denis Morse as Raymond’s Fire Chief on October 6, 1998. Several qualified applications were received through a search process that involved the assistance of the Department’s Deputy Chiefs. I believe the Town is fortunate to have found Chief Morse. He has extensive expertise in the area of fire protection, emergency medical services and employee relations. Chief Morse has had a full time firefighting career with the City of Portland for the past nineteen years and resides in Raymond on Raymond Cape. Chief Morse has stated that his experience in Portland has provided him a learning ground for fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazards materials, disaster management and public relations. Chief Morse believes that the best service to the citizens is one of professionalism, with good character, pride and accountability.

I look forward to working with our new Fire Chief and I hope Raymond citizens will find that he is an excellent addition to the Raymond Fire Department.

Tax Increment Financing District

By Stephanie Bubier

On September 15, 1998 at a Special Town Meeting, held at the Town Hall, Raymond residents authorized a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The TIF will capture the increased value of the new gas pipeline, as well as other increased incurrence of certain infrastructure, such as the pipeline and the commercial district along Route 302 from the Windham line to Main Street. The increased values generated under TIF are sheltered from the town valuation for the school funding formula and county taxes. This is a flexible plan and can be canceled. Last year the Selectmen will bring to the town a plan of how the money is to be spent. Some possible uses include economic development projects, traffic improvements, and street lighting among others. At the Town Meeting a significant number of people were concerned that by creating a TIF program we would be doing projects that we wouldn’t ordinarily do. The citizens must vote every year on the plans. The second major concern was that the Selectmen were having this decided at a Special Town Meeting. Because we sent out a newsletter, introduced it at our last Town Meeting and it will be approved on an annual basis, this board felt that it was reasonable to vote at a Special Town Meeting. Keep watching The Raymond RoadRunner for more news on the TIF.

The Principal’s Corner

October 13, 1998

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the Innisbrook fund raiser. Your efforts were very successful with over $19,000 in sales. This means a profit of over $9,000 for Jordan-Small School. As previously stated, these funds are earmarked to support student activities, including assemblies, performances and field trips. I anticipate that orders will be returned to school in early November and we will organize both afternoon and evening pickup times.

Members of the Raymond Fire Depart- ment and Raymond Rescue visited with our students to reinforce fire safety as part of our Fire Prevention Week activities. I want to thank Tina and Wayne for sharing their time with our students. We have had four fires this year at Jordan-Small and, our students are doing an excellent job following both classroom and school wide plans for evacuating the building in case of a fire or other emergency. I would like to encourage all Raymond families to have a family fire drill practiced at least twice a year. We also urge exiting every room in your home, testing all smoke detectors and replacing batteries, and choosing a family meeting place outside of the home in case of an emergency.

I was very pleased that over 25 parents and teachers attended this year’s first PTA meeting last Monday. The next meetings will be held on Monday, October 26, at 3:45 PM in the library and Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM at the cafeteria.

These are basically the same meetings, scheduled twice in one week to best facilitate your attendance. I encourage your involvement with the Raymond PTA and hope that you will be able to attend one of the two meetings next week.

Communities for Children Group Initiates New Projects

Communities for Children consists of Raymond residents who hope to build upon our town’s strengths and study its needs so our children will grow up in a safe and supportive community. Communities for Children has been in existence since June 1997 as a partner community.

Last spring, members of the community and this group participated in the Governor’s Service Institute training and focused on these five goals for children: A Healthy Start, An Ongoing Relationship of the Policy accepting Raymond students. If Windham stops accepting Raymond students, those currently enrolled would be able to continue to graduation.

On Wednesday, October 21st, a public hearing was held in the cafeteria of the Jordan-Small School to solicit input on this important issue. At this time we discussed our current contract with Westbrook and our status/options with Westbrook and our status/options with other school districts. The decision is that effects all Raymond citizens - who has an interest in these projects, or suggestions for future projects. The children of Raymond will greatly benefit from any time and energy you are able to contribute!

Hot Items

Vote

Remember to Vote on Tuesday, November 3. Voting takes place at the Jordan-Small School from 7:00AM through 8:00PM.

Volunteers Needed

The Recycling Committee needs volunteers to serve on the committee. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact the Town Office.

Census

The Census Bureau is conducting the 2000 census. If you can’t be home at 7:00AM through 8:00PM, November 3. Voting takes place at the Town Hall, or drop at Town Hall Street.

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A Jordan-Small School & Town of Raymond Publication

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3  7:00AM - 8:00PM Election Day, Vote at Jordan-Small School 7:00PM Selectmen
4  6:30PM Middle School Dev. Com. 7:00PM Planning Board 7:30PM School Committee
5  6:30PM Elementary School Building Committee 6:30PM Lions - Kakotabi Campground
6  2:20PM Good News Jordan-Small Gym  Grades Close Report Card Next Week
7  8:00AM -1:00PM Holiday Fair
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10  7:00PM Taxed Top Committees
11  Veteran’s Day No School  Town Office Closed  Planning Board
12  
13  Parent Teacher Conferences No School
14  
15  
16  7:00PM Budget Finance Committee
17  7:00PM Selectmen
18  5:30PM Senior 19, 7:00-8:00 PM Senior Picnic 6:30PM Middle School Dev. Com. 7:30PM School Committee
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20  Jordan-Small School Awards Assembly
21  Appeals Board Deadline for December Meeting
22  10:00AM Impaired Board Site Walk
23  
24  
25  7:00PM District Meeting  Town Hall
26  Thanksgiving No School Town Office Closed
27  Holiday No School Town Office Closed
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29  30

Events and Meeting Schedule
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Chickadee Plates

Property Tax Bills

Raymond Cemetery Committee News

Motor Vehicle Registrations

New England Tax Circuit Breaker Program

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Information

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Baseball News

Schools

Safeguard Your Hand Before You Open It.
“Building Blocks To Character”

The “Common Core of Values Committee,” consisting of our teachers, parents, and administration, is guiding our school wide commitment and efforts with character education for our students at Jordan-Small School. Our plans for this year’s programming include: submission to the Raymond Roadrunner and the Raymond web site (www.raymondmaine.org) of classroom and school news of character related activities; the C.A.R.T. (Children’s Activities and Resource Trolley) which is a portable mobile resource and lending library with parenting and family activity materials which will be available at “Good News” assemblies and P.T.A. meetings. Mrs. Lisa Schadler will be coordinating the C.A.R.T.; a school banner with the value of the month in the front entrance of the school; TV Turnoff program in the spring; bulletin board display by the CARING KIDS CLUB, daily announcement each morning in school about the character value of the month.

The month of September was “RESPECT.” We've been learning about respect in a special way. We learned about respect by discussing how we wanted to treat each other in our class. We talked about respecting each other’s feelings, bodies, space and things. We discussed how words can often hurt, too. We discussed how words can often hurt, too. We wanted to treat each other in our class. We talked about having marathon discussions. The first thing we do at class meeting each Friday is “FRIENDSHIP.” We are some of the related activities that have been happening at JSS as the year begins.

Mrs. Allen’s Kindergarten September “Respect”

We learned about respect by discussing how we wanted to treat each other in our class. We talked about respecting each other’s feelings, bodies, space and things. We discussed how words can often hurt, too. We practice respect for each other by listening politely when it’s someone’s turn to talk (teacher or student). Our leader of the day rings a special bell 3 times, as we begin our class meetings which helps remind us to “stop, look & listen.”

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Mrs. Parisi’s Kindergarten September “Respect”

The beginning of school is a good time to talk about respect and what it means to show respect to others around us. We learned our three rules – safety, respect, and further develop our bond of FRIENDSHIP within our group.

Mrs. Smith’s and Mrs. Hawkes’ First Grades October “Friendship”

Our classes visited the Casco residential facility on October 21st. We sing and recite Halloween poems and stories for them.

Mrs. Tarr’s Second Grade October “Friendship”

We have read many books about friendship (the Frog and Toad series for one). We listed the qualities of a friend and made individual friendship wheels which depicted four of our friends and what made each of them a friend to us. We’ve written friendship stories. Being a friend is something we work hard to be every day in our classroom!

Mrs. Spencer’s Third-Fourth Multi-age Class Ongoing through the year:

The first thing we do at class meeting each Friday is give examples of classmates who modeled the value of the month. We also discuss each value as we complete read-alouds and trade books. For both activities the effect is cumulative; by the end of the year we’ll be having marathon discussions.

Kindergarten September News

The Kindergarten teachers would like to welcome our children and their families (especially those of you who are new to Jordan-Small School) to Kindergarten. We enjoyed meeting most of you on our parent and child visitation day on September 3rd. Most of the children have settled into their new, school-day routines. We hope they are happy and excited about school. Communication is so important to our understanding of the children’s time at school, so we encourage your communication with us about any concerns. You can reach us before or after school at 655-4743.

The Kindergarten Family Supper Night was held on Wednesday, October 7th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. The attendance was wonderful! Thank you all for coming and sharing the delicious food items. It was fun for us to see all the children with their families. We are also planning a parent-child “FAMILY MATH NIGHT” on October 28th in the Kindergarten classrooms. It will be great to share math activities with parents, and for them to see what the children are learning and exploring.

PTA News

Congratulations to Yonaclee Myers, the winner of the ‘Made in Maine’ basket for her cooperation in filling out the PTA questionnaire! During October the PTA sponsored the Lady Bag Lady, an educational program for first graders. We promoted the C.A.R.T., an educational tool for parents to use that supplies books, pamphlets and videos. This will be readily available and displayed at PTA meetings. We have supplied the “Snack Box”, a box filled with healthy snacks available to meet the nutritional needs of our children. We have welcomed and supported our school faculty with the purchase of fresh fruit baskets. But most importantly, we have coordinated and successfully implemented our initial PTA meeting.

Once again, please consider joining us in continuing our mission to support and educate. It is going to be an exciting year!

Jordan-Small School Senior Citizens Dinner

Wednesday, November 18 Please call the office at 655-4743 to reserve your place.

Turkey Roast with Stuffing

Mashed Potato with Gravy

Hot Yeast Rolls, Cranberry Sauce

Vegetable Medley

Pumpkin Desserts

A Fall Look Back To June ‘98 Kindergarten Field Day

Last June all of the Kindergarten children participated in a WATEM theme Field Day that was the culminating event to our water environment projects (The Pond, The River, The Lake & The Ocean). The children had a very special day, actively involved in water events while related to many of the topics we had learned about. Our events included “The Life Jacket Dress-Up Relay,” “The Soggy Ocean Sponge Pass,” “The Lucky Ducky Race,” “The Bubble Run,” “The Rainbow Squirt Letter Spray,” “Bail the Boat,” “Singing in the Rain,” and “The Light House Obstacle Course” (which included rowing the boat, leap frogging, crossing the bear dam and swimming the channels). This was a very important day for us as it was a special time for all of our Kindergarten children (AM, PM and ADK) to come together as friends and team-mates to cooperate and build new friendships. We had tremendous support from so many parents with donated items and supervision. Their support and involvement helped to make this event successful and fun for the children.

We’d like to make special recognition to two area business who donated items to our special event. We would like to thank the White Oak Orchard for donating individual water bottles for all the children for their cool water breaks on that hot day in June, and also Haven’s Candies in Westbrook for the salt water taffy treats for the children.

Cubscount News

Scouting For Food & Bottle Drive

Cubscount from PACK 800 will be in your neighborhood soon distributing Scouting for Food bags. On Saturday November 7th, the scouts will be returning to collect food for the Raymond Food Pantry. Please help the boys help your fellow neighbors by donating nonperishable food items such as canned Goods, Dry mixes, Pasta, Rice and Toilettry Items.

Remember the Ice Storm? We do. Last year we collected over 2500 food items and the stock was depleted due to the storm. Let’s not let it happen again. Donation boxes will also be located at area merchants should you not receive a visit from a Scout. And while you’re at it...... Why not clean out your basement or garage at the same time! The Pack will be collecting returnable bottles and cans on November 7th as well. The proceeds from this will help defray the cost of Pack functions including an overnight camping trip to Massachussets.

Bottles can also be dropped off at Kokatosi Campground on November 7th from 1-3 if you wish.

For more information please call 655-2048 or 655-5359.

The boys and leaders of Pack 800 wish to thank you in advance for your support of both of these projects. The Pack would also like to extend its gratitude to Kokatosi for the use of their facilities.

WANTED: A LARGE COMFY OVERSTUFFED CHAIR FOR A SPECIAL CHILD AT JSS. CONTACT: DEBBIE EASTMAN AT 655-4743.