Raymond Veterans Memorial Committee Planning an Honorable Project

By: Raymond Veterans Memorial Committee

A committee has been formed to investigate design, develop and put into place a proper veterans memorial for the Town of Raymond. The committee has plans to have the project completed before 2003 so that it may be dedicated by and incorporated into the Town’s Bicentennial Celebration. The committee envisions a marble memorial stone with an appropriate inscription, a flagpole, landscaping, benches and possibly dedication markers or pavers (brick shaped stones). Funds for the location and design with the Route 302 Redevelopment Project, which is also scheduled to be completed in 2003. The committee has also been considering fund raising strategies. One thought is to provide people with the opportunity to honor friends and relatives who fought for this great country by purchasing individual stones or markers. Funds received for the individual stones would help fund the overall project. On the stones, it would be possible to engrave the person’s name being remembered and maybe a few words of message. Other dedications could be used for the purchase of trees or park benches. Again, the committee has not set any decision on the design, but they are looking for resident input. If the memorial is placed on Roosevelt Trail, aka Route 302, the committee has plans to include the location and design with the Route 302 Redevelopment Project, which is also scheduled to be completed in 2003. Design of the redevelopment effort and the possible design renderings for the memorial may be completed this fall. At that time, the committee will provide a report in the Road Runner and possibly at a public hearing. The committee encourages all to provide ideas about cost of the project and how it plans to proceed with fund raising efforts.

Superintendent’s Desk

By: David Bois

CHANGE AND CHALLENGE

The completion of the Raymond Elementary School and the ongoing planning for the middle school signals that the system is progressing on a period of significant change. With this change comes the challenge to build on a successful past with a look to an exciting future.

The community can take a great deal of pride in the accomplishments of the elementary school project. The facility is attractive and well constructed and will offer our students an outstanding educational setting for years to come. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Principal Norma Richard, we have achieved our goal of completing our building project totally through individual and group donations. The success of this project represents one more example of the community’s commitment to its children. As we prepare for the dedication of the elementary school in late September, we begin to shift our thoughts to the renovation and program planning of the middle school. This fall’s schedule calls for the final plans to be completed in late fall, bidding in January and renovations to begin in the spring of 2000.

We are thankful for the efforts of Mrs. Elkington, the new middle school principal, and a few staff changes, we are now in a position to devote more concentrated effort to the planning and implementation of a unique middle school program. With all of the activity around the new middle school centered around the two local projects, I want to assure you that we will continue to diversify ways to increase activities and opportunities for our students who are tuitioned out of the district. The School Committee will be embarking upon a study to help determine what are the best options for our students in the future. As always, we will maintain close working relationships with our surrounding districts to monitor the progress of our students.

Hazardous Waste Day

By: Louise Lester

August 5, 2000

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Raymond will hold a Hazardous Waste Day in conjunction with Casco, Naples and Frey Island at Jordan Small School. This will be our annual chance for Raymond residents to dispose of any hazardous materials which they have accumulated. No Bulky Waste Stickers will be required, but proof of Raymond residency will be required, such as a driver’s license or vehicle registration.

This year Raymond will totally subsidize each family for 2 1/2 gallons of pounds of materials, which will bechantment by CleanHarbors. Residents delivering quantities over 2.5 gallons/pounds will be charged 50% of the cost to the Town. Gallons will be used for wet substances and pounds for dry substances. People who wish to bring in more than 2 1/2 gallons can pay $10.00 for 2.5 to 5 gal./lbs, $15.00 for 5 to 7.5 gal./lbs, and $20.00 for 7.5 gal./lbs to 10 gal./lbs. Above that, charge $12.00 for each additional 2.5 gal./lbs. Flammable light bulbs will cost $5.00 a pair. Items which will not be accepted include, but are not limited to: commercial waste, unknown materials, medical students.

Although circumstances can change quickly, every effort will be made to keep parents and students apprised of any change in naition option that we do not have time, we can be of assistance to parents and students who are out of the district, please do not hesitate to call.

One of the strengths of our school system has been to encourage open lines of communications with parents and the community. As we continue to plan for the future during this period of dramatic change it will be even more important that we receive input from a wide segment of the community. We plan to have a series of community forums to facilitate that process. It is my hope that you will participate actively in these meetings, however, always feel free to contact me or the appropriate admin, with your ideas, suggestions and concerns.

With the efforts of students, parents, and staff, I am confident that we will be able to proceed to a successful school year.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by August 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods: E-Mail: Diskette; Paper Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

Send School Related Articles To: norma.richard@raymonddmaine.org christian.elkington@raymonddmaine.org or at Principal’s Office

Send town related articles to: nathan.poore@raymonddmaine.org or drop on Town Hall
Raymond Boy Scout Troop 800 News
By: Steve Clark, Troop 800 Scribe
Scout Camp - Camp Hinds 2000
During the week of July 9 - July 14, 2000, members of Troop 800 spent a week at Camp Hinds for Boy Scout Camp. The boys who came are: Steve Clark, Keegan Brown, Jamie Wiley, Cody Stults, Troy Knight, John Shively, Denny Cobb, Christian Gordon, Ian Hanley, Matt Peterson, Mark Gagnon, Josh Webber, Sam Levinksi, Clint Randall, Teddy Gereely, Zeb Swick, Zane Witcher, Billy Yates, Danny Tracey and Andrew Jordan. This Troop would not have been able to camp without the leadership of Tom Wiley, Greg Curtis, and the assistance of Denise McKay.
Some of the activities that the Scouts participated in were: Crafts, Rifle Range, Swimming, Archery, Cope, Nature, Computer, First Aid, Swamp Romp, P.B. & J Relay, Fire Building Competition, Pudding eating contests, Canoe Racing, and much more!!!
Even though we had some unexpected “Rain”.

Daren Hebold Earns Bachelor Degree
Daren Hebold of Raymond, Maine, has just earned his degree, a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University. Daren will be moving to California’s Silicon Valley in September. He will be employed by a company in Palo Alto called Lunar Design as a design engineer. Daren is the son of Walter Hebold of Raymond and Ann Hall of Casco.

NYA Spring Honor Roll
The following Raymond students were recognized at the recent Honors Assembly for their academic achievement in the third trimester at North Yarmouth Academy.
Highest Honors (3.70 average): Amanda Dodson, Renee Fortin, Shawn Gagne
High Honors (3.30 average): Lizzie Crockett, Bridget Gagne, the daughter of Brian and Fran Gagne, was named a WMC First Team All Star.
(Honors (3.00): Colin Bumby, Ben Hutchinson, Amy Stone

NYA Sports Recognition
Three Raymond students were recently recognized for their contributions to their various sports teams in the third trimester at North Yarmouth Academy.
Shawn Gagne, the son of Brian and Fran Gagne, received the Middle School Athletic Council Award. The Athletic Council Award is given to a male and female athlete in both the middle and upper schools in each season who exhibits sportsmanship, spirit dedication, enthusiasm, leadership and contributes the most to his or her team and the Academy athletic program. Amy Stone, the daughter of Alan and Jane Stone, was named a Western Maine Conference All Star for her accomplishments on the varsity girls lacrosse team. Bridget Gagne, the daughter of Brian and Fran Gagne, was named a WMC First Team All Star. Bridget is also the Individual State Champion in the 400m and the 800m.

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What is Household Hazardous Waste?
Household Hazardous Waste is any product that is classified as toxic (poisonous), corrosive, flammable, or reactive (explosive). Such products can be found in homes, garages, or workshops. When improperly disposed of, it can poison people, animals and can pollute homes and the natural environment. Many of these can be identified by reading labels. Look for the words: poison, corrosive, caution, flammable, danger, or warning.

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423 Webb’s Mills Road
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GIS Project Schedule

June 2000
- Project starts
- Project team assembled
- Determine computer hardware and software requirements
- Acquire computer hardware and software
- Reduce data from previous surveys
- Correct and add missing road map data with Asset Surveyor
- Correct and add road data to existing GIS data
- Create the base road map
- Continue correction of Property Parcel maps
- Determine attribute requirements for Property Parcel module
- Correct and add missing road map data with Asset Surveyor
- Continue correction of Property Parcel maps
- Create base road maps and input into GIS
- Create missing data based on missing property parcel attributes

July 2000
- Create the base waterways map
- Continue correction of Property Parcel maps
- Import base waterways map data into GIS
- Correct and add missing waterways data with Asset Surveyor
- Finish correction of Property Parcel maps
- Import start of property parcel attributes

August 2000
- Nevertheless, we have a base map ready on which we can overlay all other maps. Since this map is the foundation for all others, it must be the most accurate and will become our reference map. This map will consist of all roads and waterways in the Town of Raymond. To accurately locate these roads and waterways we will import existing GIS data and gather any missing data with the new Trimble Asset Surveyor.

A large amount of GIS data already exists. We are currently in process of importing data from the United States Geological Survey (USGS), Portland Water District (PWD), Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (IF&W), State of Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG), Portland Pipeline, Central Maine Power (CMP), Census Bureau, Maine Telephone, and many others. This data will be analyzed for accuracy and then used to create the base map. We are striving to create a base map that has sub-meter accuracy. For those roads and waterways that do not meet that accuracy or are missing altogether, the Asset Surveyor will be employed.

The Trimble Asset Surveyor was purchased as an integral part of the GIS project. It consists of a differential GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver and data collection unit. This unit has the ability to collect surface location data from satellites that is accurate to within a centimeter. While it is collecting that location data on geographical objects, it also allows the operator to enter attribute data simultaneously. For example, as we correct our road data, we can enter the name of the road, the type of road, the condition, and any other attributes that we choose to associate with roads. Once the unit is returned to the Town Hall, the data is uploaded to the GIS workstation, where it is imported into the base map.

At the same time that the base map is being created, we have begun the process of transforming the 78 paper property parcel maps into digital computer maps. Since these maps have been drafted by hand they do not meet the accuracy standards of the project. In order to correct this, each map has been scanned and converted to vector format. Each map will now be corrected with a product called AutoCAD Map, a Computer Aided Design (CAD) program. Each of the 78 property parcel maps will be reviewed and corrected by volunteers from the Web & Technology Committee, and Town employees.

Once all of the parcel maps (areas features) have been corrected, they can be imported into the GIS. Once in the GIS, all of the attributes can be imported and applied to each parcel. The attribute information will be drawn from many sources such as the records from the Assessors Office and Code Enforcement Office. Some of these records are on the Town’s business computer system and some exists in paper form. After the data is complete we also will write a program that will automatically update the GIS system with any new data entered into the Town’s business computer.

In all this sounds like a lot of work, you’re absolutely right, which is why the first phase of our GIS project is the hardest and the most time consuming. We estimate that this first phase will result in a usable system in 6 to 9 months. Subsequent applications that will be built on this base should see a much more rapid implementation.

The Property Parcel module will benefit both the residents of Raymond and the Town staff. As mentioned earlier, both the staff and residents will be able to access tax and property information more quickly, accurately, and thoroughly. They will also be able to run queries we see the result displayed graphically in the form of maps, charts and tables. A good example would be the need to mail a notice to everyone on Webbs Mills Road, determining them of the changes in the road community. With the current system this would be difficult, but with the GIS, a simple click on the road and then selecting the adjacent properties query would highlight all properties adjacent to Webbs Mills Road and create a list that could be used to print the envelopes for mailing the notice.

The estimated schedule for the project is shown below. A more detailed plan will be posted to the Raymond website within the next month. All other documentation for the GIS project will also be posted on the Town web site.

Once the Property Parcel Module is finished, we will begin to implement the more than 40 other applications, which will benefit municipal departments, the school, and the residents of Raymond. Below is a partial list of applications and the groups that would use them.

Organizations that have access to GIS technology and are utilizing it include: The Town of Raymond Technology Committee, the Town employees. The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG), Portland Pipeline, Central Maine Power (CMP), Census Bureau, Maine Telephone, and many others. These technologies allow a great deal of automation in application processing. The Trimble Asset Surveyor was purchased as an integral part of the GIS project. It consists of a differential GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver and data collection unit. This unit has the ability to collect surface location data from satellites that is accurate to within a centimeter. While it is collecting that location data on geographical objects, it also allows the operator to enter attribute data simultaneously. For example, as we correct our road data, we can enter the name of the road, the type of road, the condition, and any other attributes that we choose to associate with roads. Once the unit is returned to the Town Hall, the data is uploaded to the GIS workstation, where it is imported into the base map.

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These and many other applications will be possible with the hard work of many volunteers that have already committed to help with this project. The Raymond Web & Technology Committee will be looking for volunteers with skills related to this project or any other projects that we are actively involved in supporting.

Our current projects are the Raymond GIS, the Raymond Web Site, the Town Educational and Government Public Cable Access Channels, and the Town of Raymond network and computing infrastructure. Anyone with AutoCAD, GIS data collection, networking, web authoring, or digital broadcasting skills, who is interested in public service is urged to participate and their expertise will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at kevin.woodbery@raymondmaine.org or call me at 655-3146 if you are interested.

Direct Care Position

Progressive people wanted to work part time or per diem with a 19-year-old woman with autism and mental retardation.

An idyllic setting in Raymond on a 200 year old, 3 acre farm with a 2000 sq ft home-like setting and with an educated holistic approach to their well being.

Come join us as we assist this young woman and others like her to reach her full potential in a natural home-like setting and with an educated holistic approach to their well being.

When interested, please call 655-3196 any day 6A-M--10PM for an interview. Please ask for Donna Thibeudeau or Jane Gagnier.
Latest History Trail A Huge Success!
Raymond’s newest history trail, “Significant Citizens of Raymond,” opened on Sat. June 25. Tour Guides Elizabeth Stevenson, Robyn Stilling, Alison Remallia, John Atwood, Joey King and April Cox led a bus load of people from North Raymond all the way down to Raymond Cape. Sites this year were selected to represent the accomplishments of a variety of individuals who have contributed to the history of our community. Featured highlights included a visit with Mrs. Frances Small, a trek out to view the last remnants of Princess Goldenrod’s “Tepee Gift Shop” on Rt. 121 and a tour through a museum at Camp Wohelo. All of the tour guides were congratulated by our guests for doing such an outstanding job!

We’d like to thank those who helped make this year’s trail such a successful venture—Faith Vance who helped out at our first trail with tussles and bags of penny candy from “Clough’s General Store”; Phil Cole for his help with historical background on our visit to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society in Casco; Louise and Mark VanWinkle for the time they spent with us at Camp Wohelo; Abel Bates and the Hawthorne Society for the use of the Hawthorne House and; last but not least, our bus driver Paul Godwin, who saved the day when our first bus was about to break down.

Copies of all of the trail maps will be available in the town hall and the Village Library. We’re hoping to have all trails on the Raymond website by fall. Stay tuned for our latest version of these trails as we pilot “Letterboxes”- a community treasure hunt, next summer! For more information about the trails- feel free to contact Debbie Blanchard at the new Raymond Elementary School.

Principal’s Corner
By: Norma Richard

The next few weeks are going to be very exciting and very busy as we finalize plans for the move to the Raymond Elementary School. I know that students, parents, and community members are anxious to see the new school. It is a beautiful facility and has outstanding spaces for our elementary educational program. It will still take us several weeks for all of the new furniture to be delivered and installed, and for teachers and staff to unpack and get ready for the start of the new school year. I would like to invite you to visit during the week of August 21. Students and their parents can locate the offices and classrooms and get a general feeling of the layout of the building. I do ask that students come for a visit accompanied by a parent or adult as there still is a lot of work going on in the school.

WE MADE OUR PLAYGROUND GOAL!!!!!!! Thanks to a generous donation, and the support and contributions from families, businesses, friends and staff, we have reached our goal of $25,000 for the new playground at the Raymond Elementary School. This has been an amazing campaign, and my heartfelt thanks go to each of you who contributed to this effort. Our next phase is the installation on Saturday, August 12. Plan on meeting at the new playground site (behind the elementary school) at 8:00 for coffee and donuts and a fun time at our community playground raising. Please call the office at 655-4743 for a list of tools and supplies needed for the 12th. We hope that you will join us.

New Student Registration For The Raymond School District

The Raymond Elementary School (kindergarten - grade 4) and the Jordan-Small School (grades 5 and 6) offices will be open starting Monday, August 21 to enroll new students. Proof of residency is required to register new students.

You may also register new students prior to the 21st at the Superintendent of Schools office. This office will be moving in August to the new Raymond Elementary School. Please call 655-3802 or 655-8666. We would like to remind parents that prior approval from Superintendent Bois is required to register students in grades 7 - 12 or to transfer a student to a middle or high school.

Questions About K - 12

Transportation

Paul Godwin, transportation director for the Raymond School Department, invites parents to contact him at 655-5372 if they have questions about bussing for Raymond students in grades K - 12. This is especially important for new students so that Paul can determine any adjustments to last year’s bus runs. He can also help to clarify pick-up and drop-off times for both the 7 - 12 and K - 6 bus runs. Currently there are no major changes to the bus schedule for next year. We will still pick up students in grades K - 6 on the same runs. There may need to be adjustments during the first few weeks of school as day care and other student issues get settled, and we ask for your patience during this time.

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Related Pages

Kindergarten Summer Picnic
And Visit Day

Incoming kindergarten students and their families are invited to a potluck picnic on Monday, August 28 from 5:00 - 7:30 PM. This is an opportunity for kindergarten teachers and families to meet each other, and for our youngest students to tour the new Raymond Elementary School as part of their transition to school. Please bring a picnic supper for your family. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the school.

Also, Kindergarten Visit Day will be held on Thursday, August 31 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. Kindergarten parents are asked to bring their child to school on this day. The children will have the chance to meet their teacher and classmates and participate in several activities. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Richard and other school staff in the library. The visit will conclude with a bus ride. Regular kindergarten sessions will then start on Tuesday, September 5. There is no school on Friday, September 1. We look forward to seeing kindergarten children at the picnic and on Visit Day.

Mark Your Calendars!
Dedication of the new Raymond Elementary School
Sunday, September 24, 2000
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Detailed information to follow in the September edition of Roadrunner.

Contacting The Raymond School Department

The office of the Superintendent of Schools and the K - 4 elementary program will be transitioning to the new Raymond Elementary School in August. The following phone numbers have been assigned to these new offices. If you cannot reach the Superintendent’s office at 655-3002 or 655-4743 (Jordan-Small School), please contact them at their new numbers. We expect the offices in the Raymond Elementary School to be fully occupied and functional by August 15, 2000.

Superintendent of Schools David Bois and Special Education Director Meg Waters:

655-8666 (main office phone)
655-8661
655-8662
655-8663 (fax)

Raymond Elementary School, Norma Richard, Principal:

655-8672 (main office phone)
655-8671
655-8674
655-8664 (fax)

Jordan-Small School, Chris Elkington, Principal:

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655-7113
892-3758
655-6952 (fax)

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New Employees For The Raymond School District

Superintendent David Bois would like to welcome the following personnel to the Raymond School District:

Christian Elkington - Principal at the Jordan-Small School
Kerry Glew - Receptionist/secretary at the Jordan-Small School
Richard Dwinnell - Head Custodian
Kathy Gillis - Kindergarten teacher
Jennifer Potter - Grade 4 teacher
Randi Preis - First semester grade 4 teacher for Mrs. Blanchard
Sasha Thomas - Day Treatment teacher at the Jordan-Small School
John Dionne - COTA (Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant)
Pat Hutchinson - Health Aide at the Raymond Elementary School
Deborah Murray - Technology Aide
Angela Freitas - Educational Technician III
Rowena Hawkes - Educational Technician I
Mary McIntyre - Educational Technician II
Jaine Stevenson - Food Service worker

New Student Registration For The Raymond School District

The Raymond Elementary School (kindergarten - grade 4) and the Jordan-Small School (grades 5 and 6) offices will be open starting Monday, August 21 to enroll new students. Proof of residency is required to register new students.

You may also register new students prior to the 21st at the Superintendent of Schools office. This office will be moving in August to the new Raymond Elementary School. Please call 655-3802 or 655-8666. We would like to remind parents that prior approval from Superintendent Bois is required to register students in grades 7 - 12 or to transfer a student to a middle or high school.

Questions About K - 12

Transportation

Paul Godwin, transportation director for the Raymond School Department, invites parents to contact him at 655-5372 if they have questions about bussing for Raymond students in grades K - 12. This is especially important for new students so that Paul can determine any adjustments to last year’s bus runs. He can also help to clarify pick-up and drop-off times for both the 7 - 12 and K - 6 bus runs. Currently there are no major changes to the bus schedule for next year. We will still pick up students in grades K - 6 on the same runs. There may need to be adjustments during the first few weeks of school as day care and other student issues get settled, and we ask for your patience during this time.

We also want to remind parents that any changes in a child’s bus run during the school year must be given in writing to the school office. As our buses have been nearing capacity in the past few years, inviting children to your home for parties or other events must be approved in advance.

Century Campaign Contributors

By: Norma Richard

On behalf of students and staff, I would like to thank the following contributors to the Raymond Elementary School Playground CENTURY CAMPAIGN. We are so very excited as we have reached our initial goal of $25,000. This has been a tremendous campaign, and I would like to extend a heart felt “Thank You” to everyone who has contributed to this project. The next phase begins on August 12 with the playground installation. We can all take pride in the community efforts in seeing this playground built at the Raymond Elementary School.

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