Local Elections and Annual Town Meeting

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

Local elections will be held on Friday, May 17, 2002, with voting from 7:00am to 8:00pm in the Raymond Elementary School Gymnasium. There are two openings on the Board of Selectmen and two candidates are seeking to fill these openings. Selectman Ada Brown is seeking re-election, and Christine McClellan is running for the seat now held by Chairman Mark Acker. The Budget Finance Committee has five openings, with three candidates running for election. Chairman Rolf Olsen is running for re-election, as is Ralph Bartholomew.

Colleen Laprise was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill an unexpired term and is now seeking election to the Committee. Raymond’s Annual Town Meeting will be held Saturday, May 18, 2002, at 10:00am in the Raymond Elementary School. Voters will gather to consider a municipal and school warrant comprising 58 articles.

Municipal Budget Highlights. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Finance Committee met throughout the winter and candidate, and on June 12, 2002, the 2003 Municipal Budget was $2,803,355 as compared to the present year budget of $2,747,249. Total revenues are now projected at $1,726,404.

Proposed Ordinance Revisions For 2002

By: Bob Faunce, Town Planner

Over the past year the Raymond Planning Board has worked on several ordinances that will be considered at the May 18, 2002, Town Meeting. As summarized below, the ordinances address road construction, back lots and development standards.

Why these ordinances and why now? We all know that Raymond is an attractive community with good schools, smooth roads, a wealth of beautiful rural scenery, lakefront recreation opportunities, and reasonably-priced housing just a short commute from Greater Portland. We also know that Raymond is going through an unprecedented period of change brought about by growth, and there is concern that some of these precious attributes may be lost before we have a chance to do anything about it.

Thirty years ago Raymond was a small farming community of 1,328 persons. While there have always been many seasonal homes in Raymond, in 1970 there were only 459 year-round homes. By the year 2000, the population of year-round homes had each more than tripled, to 4,299 persons and 1,616 homes. To give you some perspective on these numbers, it took Raymond, which was settled in 1770, 200 years to grow to 1,328 persons and 459 year round homes, yet almost that many people and homes have been added each decade since.

Can Raymond continue to accommodate growth? I think the Planning Board would answer a clear “yes” to that question, but the members would probably also say that more consideration must be given to how and where this growth occurs in the community.

In 1970 we had little real understanding of the impact of phosphorus and erosion on our lakes, ponds and streams. We now know that unless new roads, whether public or private, are designed to control runoff to water bodies, the quality of our surface water will deteriorate.

Thirty years ago we did not give a lot of thought to the locations of wells and septic systems in relation to abutting properties. Based on numerous studies submitted by developers, the Planning Board now knows that our ground water supplies, while bountiful, are not unlimited. Infiltration into well and septic systems can affect wells even hundreds of feet away.

When many of Raymond’s roads were little more than country lanes, new home buyers may not have needed to look as carefully as perhaps they should have at the locations of their driveways. Even if the sight distance were not great, there was not a lot of traffic to contend with. Three decades later many of these country lanes now carry large volumes of high speed trucks and passenger car traffic. In addition to the work we must properly site driveways will pay off in safer roads and fewer accidents.

In order to preserve the essence of the community without unreasonably constraining the right to develop private property, the Planning Board is recommending the following changes to town ordinances:

Raymond Street Ordinance. Currently, the only standards for constraining public or private streets are in the Subdivision Ordinance. That is, unless a street is proposed as part of a subdivision, it can be constructed to any standard. The problem with this is that, over time, many lots can be constructed on a poor, single lane private street that has no provisions for even basic maintenance.

The street ordinance will not only ensure that town roads are constructed to good engineering standards but that new private roads will also meet reasonable standards. Importantly, the ordinance will allow private subdivision roads, which now must meet...
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Children’s Programs
Babytime, held Thursdays at 9:30am and Storytime, Thursdays at 10:00am will continue during the summer months. The May theme for storytime is, “Things That Grow”.

Saturday, June 1st
9:00am to 2:00pm
Raymond Village Church
Annual Yard Sale/Flea Market
Main Street, Raymond
Silent Auction Board
Snack Bar
Crafts-Plants-Baked Goods
To rent a table or space
Call Nicole Beers 998-3051

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More Tips For Saving Water In The Home
By: Charlie Turner, Raymond Waterways Protective Association

- Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If you have a leak the color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. (Flush immediately to avoid stains to the bowl.)
- Check your pump periodically. If the pump turns on and off while water is not being used, you have a leak.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers.
- One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year which is 7.4 gallons a day!

Note: These tips are from the Department of Emergency Management.

From The Tax Collector’s Office
The second half of this year’s taxes were due April 30th. If you didn’t receive a bill or are paying after that date, please contact the tax collector at 655-4742. Any balance left unpaid by June 30th, 2002, in addition to any previous year’s taxes, will be listed in the 2002 Town Report.

ATV Registrations
The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has announced that anyone with a re-registration for their ATV can register in June for the new year. All ATV’s expire on June 30th.

If you are going to register a new ATV to your ownership, you can register it prior to June 30th and still get your registration for 2002-2003 by registering it for an added cost of $3.00 for a total of $15.00 plus an agent fee of $2.00. This is called the Extended ATV Temporary Registration. Your new permanent plates will be shipped to you in mid-June.
Healthy Habits in May: Scheduled Activities and Events
Morgan Meadow Walk
Sunday, May 5th, 1:00pm. Come take a walk in Morgan Meadow with the Raymond Conservation Commission. Mike Cline, a local Environmental Educator and Professional Forester, will share his knowledge of the natural history and ecology of this special 1,000 acre preserve. Meet at the Egypt Road trail entrance, Firelane #268-1. The walk will last approximately 1 ½ hours, but you may head back on your own at any time.

RES Running Program
3:30pm - 4:30pm Parents/Adults join us at 4:30pm! Tuesdays/Thursdays in May, RES Field. Join the Raymond Recreation Running Program as we walk/jog a lap or two with Elementary School students. For every lap an adult does with a child, Communities for Children will donate a dollar to the JSMS playground or to the RES Library. Get some exercise, be a great role model and support our schools!”

Start Training for the Founders Day 5K (3.1 miles)
Saturday, June 22, Mill Street. A 10K and Kids’ Fun Run (1K) will be held as well. Don’t worry about “racing” – come just to have some morning of exercise with other community members. A helpful web site for training: http://www.halligdon.com

Introducing: Field Hockey!
Saturday, May 11, at the RES field, 10:00am. Open to 5th-7th graders (and interested adults who would like to participate in a middle school transition experience that includes teaching fitness classes for children, has offered to help kids burn off some Saturday morning energy. For children 5 years old and up. Participants may want to bring a towel to use as a mat.

Raymond Fire & Rescue Call Log

First-Ever “Maine Mailers’ Forum” To Be Held In Augusta
The Maine Postal Customer Councils are joining together to sponsor the first-ever Maine Mailers’ Forum on May 1, 2002, at the Augusta Civic Center. The event brings together the Southern Maine, Mid-Maine, and Eastern Maine Postal Customer Councils, who invite businesses and non-profit organizations from all over the state to attend this important seminar. The keynote speaker is Bob Belmont, Program Manager of the National Postal Customer Council.

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Copies of these ordinances are available at Town Hall. I hope you have an opportunity to give them careful consideration. If you have any questions, you can contact CEO Jack Cooper at 655-3006 or me at 784-2617. My email address is rfaunce@megalink.net.
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Support the Open Space Reserve Fund

By: Elizabeth Algeo, Raymond Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has requested that the Town establish and seed an Open Space Reserve Fund. This fund will be administered by the Town for the conservation of land for public use. The main goal of this program is to preserve large, contiguous parcels of undeveloped land that are valued by Raymond citizens for their recreational, aesthetic and/or ecological assets.

The 1991 Comprehensive Plan reported that residents wanted to preserve the rural character of Raymond. Raymond currently boasts the large wooded ‘open’ spaces that help define ‘rural’. However, these will fragment and diminish... permanently... as the town develops.

Planning can have a positive effect on the character of a town. Raymond residents must contemplate and participate in the planning questions presented by the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Otherwise, we can expect Raymond to lose the rural character that many of us value.

Preservation of rural character can be achieved, in part, by conserving land. Current development is consuming more than 100 acres of Raymond land per year. If residents are interested in saving certain tracts that are meaningful, or best reflect our rural character, NOW is the time to act.

Land prices are only rising, and it will only cost MORE to preserve land in the future.

The requested $20,000 annual seed money for this Fund is crucial in that it will inspire private donations and give the Town immediate buying power when a worthy project arises. The purposes of the seed money are to:

• Allow the Town to purchase or support the preservation of Open Space parcels. The existence of a reserve will allow the Town to participate in land acquisition negotiations as they arise.

• Provide municipal matching funds in support of State or private grants to purchase land or conservation easements. Our proposal to the Land for Maine’s Future program for the purchase of parcels near the Morgan Meadow Wildlife Management Area will require municipal support to succeed.

• Provide incentive to private donors to contribute to land conservation in Raymond.

This fund will serve as a healthy foundation for project-specific fund-raising AND will demonstrate to granting entities that Raymond is committed to land conservation. Seeding of the Open Space Reserve Fund is critical to the success of this program. Please attend Town Meeting on May 18th and support this warrant article.

Groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new firestation on Main Street.

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Buy a student carwash at the North Windham Park / Sunset Ridge Golf Course on May 11th. Thank you to all who have participated in fundraising for Phase One. We are excited to move forward with Phase Two earlier than anticipated. Phase One is scheduled for installation August 16th, and we hope to install soccer goals and backboards before school opens next fall.
Jamie Fey Receives MPA Principal’s Award

HEBRON, ME-Jamie Fey of Raymond, a senior at Hebron Academy, has been selected to receive the 2002 Principal’s Award, Head of School John King announced today. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals’ Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior’s academic achievement and citizenship.

Throughout her high school tenure, Jamie has been one of Hebron Academy’s top students, each year distinguishing herself in academics, athletics and other leadership roles within our community. This includes representing Hebron at Middlebury’s BreadofYoung Writer’s Conference last spring, capturing her field hockey team for the past two years and serving as a dormitory proctor in her senior year, to name a few of her achievements. Jamie very much deserves this recognition and we, as a school, are very proud of her.

Jamie Fey, John King and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon at the Bangor Civic Center on Saturday, April 6, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

The Honors Luncheon recognizes these outstanding students with the presentation of an individual plaque and the award of $1,000 scholarships in the names of Horace O. McGowan and Richard W. Tyler. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Tyler were former Maine principals and executive directors of the Association.

The Principal’s Award is presented in more than 141 Maine public and private high schools by member principals of the MPA, the professional association which represents Maine’s school administrators.

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

Grandparents Day at the Raymond Elementary School will be held on Friday, May 10, from 8:30-11:00am. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to share their school with the grandparents who are such an important part of the children’s lives. Grandparents will register in the front lobby and then attend classes with their grandchildren. There is a special Goodies Luncheon from 10:00-11:00 AM in the gym, where students in Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Mrs. Tarr’s and Mrs. Parisi’s second grades will perform for our special guests. We look forward to a very special Grandparents Day 2002.

We are now completing kindergarten screening for children entering in the fall of 2002. Incoming kindergarten children and their parents are invited to attend our kindergarten Concert on May 7 at 1:30 PM in the gym. After the concert, the children will be treated to snacks and a visit with the kindergarten children and teachers. I hope that all children and parents are able to attend this very fun afternoon. Please do not hesitate to call me at 655-8672 extension 400 if you have any questions about the May 7 concert or other issues regarding kindergarten.

Urgent Plea For Your Help

By: Pat Smith

We are at risk of losing our summer swim program. I am asking for your help in spreading our message through your community network. After advertising and interviews, we still are looking for an instructor. We are hoping that “word of mouth” advertising through our community may produce candidates for the job. Please tell others about the following:

Summer job available for Red Cross Water Safety Instructor.

Great summer opportunity for Raymond youth, minimum age 17.

$10.00 per hour

WSI training paid by RRA

Also seeking:

Non Teaching Parent Volunteers

Paid Instructor aids - minimum age 16 and must have certification

Contact Pat at 655-4657 for more information.

Mentoring Program Looks Ahead

The first year of the Mentoring Partnership is drawing to a close in June, but we still have plenty to do: community service projects, discussions with a local firefighter and police officer, art projects, and hopefully an end of the year camping or paddle trip.

With our funding from the state Office of Substance Abuse ending in June, we have begun our search for resources to continue building these important relationships between kids and adults in the community. Our approach is to balance grant funding with local support. If parents would like to help us continue this program, consider sponsoring a child with a donation or becoming a mentor next fall (our program runs with the school calendar). Staff members assume responsibility for their children and are expected to help, when necessary. We try to keep our events local and affordable ($10.00 and under). We cannot guarantee to be with Raymond Recreation Association; our affiliation enables us to gain access to school facilities. Depending on the activity and number of adult chaperones, we operate some activities to programs who may not want to be “bound” by a “contract.” In these cases, we rely on pre-registration; teens are given and must meet the deadlines given.

Since our start, we have evolved into community service and have raised awareness for all teens in Raymond, regarding local needs or opportunities. To date, the following teens have donated over 300 local community service hours, have attended various meetings to advocate, and are the remaining “core” members: Teddy Greesley, Andrew Hartvig, Sam Lobel, Tom Miranda, Clint Biddle, April Cox and Matt Waisanen. Gus and Matt have each provided over 75 hours of service for Raymond, and received special recognition last year. The students receive a verified summary of their hours, in hopes that they can benefit from scholarships.

Last year, Gus and Matt were able to organize a Youth Day for all the participants. Due to the amount (or lack off) time, energy and effort to pull off such a feat, we will instead offer several mini-workshops for teens, grades 8-12, based on their interests. We will only pursue each workshop if a minimum of five participants can be assured. Here are the following “confirmed” possibilities: a two-hour class for teens to learn how to maintain proper oil capacity and tire pressure of their vehicles; regular weekly craft classes through the summer with a craft sale at summer’s end (great for those choosing for a “real job” alternative); a 2 hour workshop on yard-work, for those seeking yard jobs this summer. “Fun stuff” confirmed: two game/music nights, two bowling parties for the summer.

Thanks to Sue Carr, who has offered to help oversee our current 8th grade students, we are looking for an additional 5-10 “core” 8th graders to be actively involved in both help with networking and planning. If you are a teen from Raymond who wants to be involved or to receive notice of planned activities, please contact me at 655-3606 or e-mail candi@givot.net. Beginning next month, we will be providing tidbits of interest that may be of help to our teens and their parents. To date, I accumulated a lot of information for last year’s event. Topics for May will be tips for finding a summer job and benefits of community service.

As I close, I’d like to thank those who have supported our efforts the past four years: Pat Smith of Raymond Rec., Lori Rand of Communities For Children, Raymond PTA, Linda Athith of Beacon Lanes, Charlie Leavitt, Mark Cyr, Bob Higgins, Jo Marty-Fisher. And to the class of 2004: you may never know the total effect you have had on so many people here in town. Even though you now “tower” above Gail & me, it’s been fun watching you all grow.

Jordan–Small Middle School Math Team Soars At Pine Tree League Math Meet!

On Thursday, March 29, 2002, fourteen students from JSMS went to the end-of-the-year Math Meet at Pownal Elementary School. After the long wait for the results, our 6th grade team took home 1st place ribbons for the team round. Our 7th grade team took home 2nd place for the team results. Our 8th grade team also took home 2nd in team competition and swept the individual round with top scores by Keegan Brown, T.J. Cook, and Kainani Stevens. In the league meet attended by 14 league schools JSMS achieved an overall 2nd place finish.

6th Grade Team Members

Kees Van Haasteren
Chad Zawistowski
Kyle Wempen
April Cox

7th Grade Team Members

James Wiley
Amanda Hammert
Andrew Reed
Andy Bossomme

8th Grade Team Members

Stephen Wisutskie
T.J. Cook
Keegan Brown
Ian Acke
Kainani Stevens

*JSMS does not have 8th graders this year and thus 7th graders competed in the 8th grade division! 
Students Share Kieve Experiences!

At the end of February, 6th grade students at Jordan-Small Middle School participated in the Kieve Leadership Decisions Institute. Here are three of their perspectives:

Kieve
By: Michael Orsini

Kieve is a program that represents the Leadership Decisions Institute of Maine. The Kieve councilors came to our school on February 26th, 27th, and 28th. During that time they taught us how to make decisions, the right decisions. Kieve has been around for a long time even though some people haven’t heard of it. It has been around since 1926, about 76 years.

One of the activities we participated in were adventure class, communications class, and a relationship class. To make these classes fun, the teachers incorporated their teaching into the games.

One of my favorite classes was adventure class. In this class we climbed a thirty-foot high rock wall. When we did this we learned a simple but important rule “challenge by choice”, which means that you have the choice of when and how high you want to climb. We also learned to trust our teammates on the belaying team to make sure we didn’t fall. This game definitely showed me that I could trust my peers as much as my best friends.

Another one of my favorite activities was the communications class. We learned how to be clear and effective communicators. We did this by using the seven basic “rules” of communications. Ask questions about the topic, speak loud and clear, make eye contact, listen, restate the question, think before you speak and avoid distractions. When Kieve was over I noticed that a lot of people were better communicators.

So now you have heard some of the good things about the great Kieve program. I think that those three days were some of the best educational experiences that I have ever completed. All in all, Kieve is a great program that should be able to visit all middle schools. Many other students are as lucky as those are at Jordan-Small Middle School.

My Kieve Experience
By: Patrick Ross

Several weeks ago the entire sixth grade at Jordan-Small Middle School participated in a three-day program called Kieve. Kieve is the Leadership Decisions Institute of L.D.I. Kieve has been teaching many things to kids since 1926. We learned about courage, perseverance and loyalty in a series of activities. For example, we learned courage and perseverance on the climbing wall because it took a lot of courage, and we had to realize that to make it to the top, we couldn’t give up. We learned about loyalty in relationships with others.

JSMS Brick Fundraiser

Brick orders are coming in which show the ingenuity and resourcefulness of Raymond residents. We not only have family names and business names but quotes, alumni and groups pooling their resources to make their mark. Some ideas so far:

- The GORE ROAD BUS STOP
- “ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE” (CHILD’S NAME) CLASS OF 03
- (CHILD’S NAME) JSS ALUMNI 1986 NEIGHBORHOOD NAME
- TEACHER’S NAME! (An end of year appreciation gift from group?)

Use your imagination! Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity. If we sell only 200 bricks we will be able to install soccer goals in the Recreation area this fall instead of waiting for Year Two!

Extra forms can be downloaded and printed from: www.raymondmaine.org

DEADLINE OF MAY 15TH WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Dribble… Drive… Score!!
Come learn about Field Hockey!

The new Raymond Field Hockey Club (under Raymond Recreation) now has new sticks, shin-pads, balls and goalie gear, thanks to a recent grant from the U.S. Field Hockey Association. We also will be taking up for Saturday, May 11, 10am-noon at the RES field (rain date May 12, 1-3pm). So, all you 5th, 6th and 7th graders who want to learn more about this very cool sport should sign up in the office at JSMS and take home a registration form. You will need to have a completed registration form with you the day of the workshop. We’ll have several experienced adults and high school students on hand to introduce some of the basic elements of the game. Next fall we are planning to offer practices twice a week so we start to build a program. For more information, call Sueie Brocinski at 655-4915.

NYA Honors

North Yarmouth Academy has announced the honor roll for the second trimester of the 2001-2002 academic year. The following Raymond students attained honor roll status.

Highest Honors
Matthew Fortin, grade 12
Benjamin White, grade 11
Shawn Gagnon, grade 10
William Yates, grade 10
Amanda Dodson, grade 9
Rena Fortin, grade 9

Honors
Elizabeth Crockett, grade 12
Colleen Fairall, grade 11
Abby Hutchinson, grade 11

Timothy Curtis Completes Norwich University Leadership Challenge Weekend

Timothy Curtis from Hebron Academy has successfully completed Leadership Challenge Weekend held March 22-24 at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. Leadership Challenge Weekend is designed to expose college bound students to a military college and university life, while providing a worthwhile leadership experience through the development of individual leadership skills, self-confidence and teamwork. Students learn how to become part of a team, communicate effectively, lead and follow. The intense 3-day hands-on activities in these Reaction course, leadership classes, physical fitness training, climbing wall, a short hike up the mountain, and water survival training.

The event was made possible through the support of Corps Recruitment at the university and must meet strict academic, character, and leadership requirements. Norwich University is America’s first and oldest private military college.

Timothy Curtis is the son of Greg and Mariella Curtis of Raymond.
Our April theme was automotive related topics.

At our first troop meeting of the month, we worked on assembly skills. We learned positions like attention, at ease, salute, parade rest and when to use them. We also learned where to stand in line-up.

On Sunday the 7th and Monday the 8th we had a patrol leader council, a scout leader meeting, and a troop committee meeting.

At the second troop meeting of the month, we had a presentation on milfoil by Roberta Hill from the Portland Water District. We were taught how to identify good or bad milfoil. We saw samples of four aquatic plants, studied them through magnifying glasses, and had to identify them when we were done. She did a Power Point presentation on an overhead projector on how to identify milfoil and methods of getting rid of it.

On Saturday the 13th we had the milfoil clean up, the church clean up and the Wal-Mart car-wash. The water at the milfoil project was cold, but the volunteers wore rubber boots and insulated gloves. A few T.V. news stations were there to interview us. We used ropes to pull the buckets with a pulley back and forth across Dingley Brook on a 250 foot steel cable to speed up the milfoil removal process.

On the 20th and 21st of April the Cub Scouts invited the Boy Scouts to go on an overnight trip to Battleship Cove in Massachusetts. We explored the Battleship Massachusetts, the missile cruiser Holdenslee, the submarine Lionfish, and the destroyer Joseph Kennedy Jr. We slept on the Battleship Massachusetts and went to the Marine Museum. There was a special presentation at the Museum on knot tying, and we increased our knowledge of knots.

Pack 800 Cub Scouts and Troop 806 Boy Scouts at Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts

In the last part of April and the month of May we will be going on several campouts and continuing our automotive theme.

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, 988-5304.

Benjamin Dance
Hi. My name is Cassidy, and I live in Raymond. Last May Uncle Matt had a diving accident and broke his neck, so he can’t walk now. He needs a special van that costs a lot of money. To help him get his van, I am going to have a family dance for moms, dads and kids on Saturday June 1, 2002, at the Newbooin Center, Main Street, in Gray. It will be a 60’s sock hop (no hard soled shoes allowed in the gym), so dress up in your poodle skirt, rolled up jeans, pony tails and leather jackets (moms and dads too!) We will give prizes for best outfits, have dance contests, and hold a 50/50 raffle for the kids (25 cents/Chance). There will also be sodas and treats to eat while you are there as well as token corsages and picture taking.

The cost is $5.00 per ticket. The gym only holds 100 people, so you can buy tickets ahead of time by calling my mom at 655-7635 or emailing her at egaujiet@maine.rr.com. We expect to sell all tickets before the dance, so call early! All children must be accompanied by an adult. It will be a great night to dance and have family time. All proceeds will go to my Uncle Matt’s fund.

Hope to see you there!

Raymond Lions Club members will be calling Raymond residents to schedule appointments for their semi-annual Blood Drive in Raymond. Donations will be taken at the Jordan-Small Middle School gym on Wednesday, May 15th, from 1:30 – 7:30 PM. Please respond with a “Yes”. If you are not at home and a message is left on your machine, please call back and let us know what the best time is for you to donate.

Over 300 donations are needed every day to meet the needs of people here in Maine! Imagine being able to save lives, just by giving up an hour or so of your time and a pint of your blood. How many have given so much more than this to save a life, even the life of a stranger.

If you are at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health, you probably can donate a pint of blood and save a life.

If a Lions Club member does not call you and you would like to donate that day, please call Phyllis Hawkes at 655-4070 to schedule a time that is convenient for you.

Raymond Lions Club & Raymond Village Library

Red Cross and Lions Club Blood Drive

Raymond Lions Club & Raymond Village Library Open House

Everyone is invited to attend the Raymond Lions Club Open House, Saturday, May 11th, at the Raymond Village Library from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

The library will be displaying its collection of large print and audio books purchased with donations from the local Lions Club primarily for residents with vision problems.

The Lions Club will have information, articles and photos on what it has done in the community over the last seven years. These range from the 1st Lions Golf Tournament where the proceeds went toward the library’s addition to the high-tech vision screening camera the Lions use to check children for vision problems that can lead to “lazy eye” and monocular blindness. The Lions have also worked with local groups to help those groups raise funds and with Raymond Rescue to provide bicycle safety checks and helmets for youngsters.

The Lions Club is always seeking people who would like to combine their efforts with those of others to make Raymond and the world a better place for everyone. Come and see what the Lions have to offer. Come and see what the library has to offer.

For more information, please call Dale Gilman at 655-4114 or Bob Jones at 655-7163.

Raymond Lions Club 7th Annual Golf Scramble and Luncheon

Saturday, June 1, 2002
FAIRLAWN COUNTRY CLUB
Poland, Maine

SCHEDULE
8:00 AM Check in 
9:00 AM Shotgun-start-SCRAMBLE FORMAT
**Luncheon, awards, and prizes immediately following conclusion of play.

AWARD CATEGORIES
Cash prizes awarded for top three teams using the scramble format. Prizes also given for the longest drive and closest to the pin. Major prizes for hole-in-one on the par 3 holes.

Registration of all foursomes requested on or before May 18, 2002, to allow time in grouping individual players.

You are urged to register early due to limited number of carts and players allowed in this event.

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT RAYMOND LIONS CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

2002 REGISTRATION & ENTRY
RAYMOND LIONS CLUB/SCRAMBLE
JUNE 1, 2002

$50.00 PERSON or $100.00 FOURSOME
$275.00 CORP 

INCLUDES:
18 HOLES OF GOLF 
POWER CART 
LUNCHEON/CASH BAR

NAME ADDRESS PHONE

1.)

2.)

3.)

4.)

Mail completed entry form and payment to: RAYMOND LIONS CLUB/SCRAMBLE, P.O. BOX 1057, Raymond, Maine 04071

For information call Kathi Jones (655-3635)