Raymond Tomorrow...Coming To Your Neighborhood!

The public participation component of Raymond’s Comprehensive Plan Update gets underway this month with a series of neighborhood meetings. Raymond Tomorrow is an opportunity for all of us to help shape the future for our wonderful community. Raymond is required to update its comprehensive plan by state law. Public participation will be a significant component of the Plan Update that is put before voters at next year’s Town Meeting.

Any stakeholder who will be impacted by Raymond’s Comprehensive Plan Update is invited to attend any or all of these neighborhood meetings. All meetings will follow a similar format. The Committee and its Plan Consultant, Rich Rothe, will be visiting three neighborhoods to seek the input of Raymond residents and other stakeholders. The dates will be the evenings of June 11, 17, and 19. The locations are the Hawthorne House on Raymond Cape, the new elementary school, and the Raymond Village Library, respectively.

Table Town Meeting Passes Ordinances and Budgets

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

On Friday, May 17th, 182 Raymond voters cast ballots for two members to the Board of Selectmen, two members to the School Committee, three members for a three year term to the Budget/Finance Committee, and two members for a two year term to the Budget/Finance Committee. Selectmen elected were incumbent Ada Brown and newcomer Christine McClellan; School Committee members elected were incumbents Tammy Acker and Brenda Stevenson, and for Budget/Finance Committee three year terms: incumbentsolf Olsen, Ralph Bartholomew, and Coleen Laprise. The two year terms will be filled by “write-ins” Stephanie Bubier, who received eight votes, and one of the three candidates who had four votes each: Mark Acker, Tim Pomerleau, and Wayne Holmquist. Mark Acker and Tim Pomerleau declined the position, which means that Wayne Holmquist will have the opportunity to become a member of the Committee.

On a rainy Saturday, May 18th, approximately 200 voters gathered to consider 58 warrant articles at the Raymond Annual Town Meeting and approved a 2002-2003 Municipal budget totaling $2,803,355.

Road Runner Staff: Kevin Woodbury  Laurie Forbes  Norma Richard
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Public Water Comes To Raymond

As directed by the town of Raymond, the Portland Water District (PWD) has begun installing 18,000 feet of 16 inch water main that will connect Raymond to the Greater Portland public water supply. The project extends from Route 302 in Windham to the new fire station on Main Street in Raymond. The 302 portion of the project is expected to be complete by July, with the whole project expected to be completed by Labor Day 2002.

D & C Construction, based in Rockland, Massachusetts, began work on April 29, 2002. As of May 10, 2002, they had laid approximately 5,020 feet of 16 inch water main and installed 4 main line valves, 1 water filter and 1 fire hydrant. Their rate of progress is excellent and averages approximately 500 feet per day. So far, the digging has been easy with no ledge and few boulders encountered.

This project will provide EmbedTech the water needed for their manufacturing process, town fire protection, and domestic water for commercial and residential properties along the water main route. It also has the potential to promote economic development in Raymond and beyond.

“Waterline extension project will enable a major expansion at EmbedTech creating 40 new jobs in Raymond as well as approximately $.1 million in new property valuation in the town’s Tax Increment Finance District,” stated Town Manager Don Willard. The project will cost $3.15 million, with approximately $800,000 of that funded by the town, $400,000 from a Community Development Block Grant and $150,000 funded by the Portland Water District. Additional funds will come from the Town of Windham and customers connecting to the new main.

“The Portland Water District appreciates the cooperation of the Town and local businesses throughout the course of the work, especially along busy Roosevelt Trail. Although we know it will be dirty and inconvenient at times, we are working with our contractor to minimize this and complete the work as quickly as possible,” stated Jay Hewett, project manager for PWD. Because of the rapid rate of progress by the contractor, potential customers are encouraged to apply for service as soon as possible to prevent last minute coordination problems or disappointment.

Special Town Meeting TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2002 7:00PM AT THE TOWN OFFICE prior to the Selectmen’s Meeting

ARTICLE: Shall an ordinance entitled “Land Use Ordinance, Town of Raymond” and the “Land Use Regulations Map” (Zoning Map) be amended as follows?

Add to the Industrial District (I) all of Tax Map 6, Lot 23 and that portion of Tax Map 6, Lot 28 created by extending the north-
Lakes Region Letterbox Trail Re-Opens!
By: Debbie Blanchard

Letterboxing has been around for about 200 years. This tradition began in England and has spread to the U.S. and countries all over the world. It’s like a scavenger hunt. Following a set of clues, you set off to try and find a hidden box. When you find the box, inside will be a rubber stamp and an ink pad (some boxes contain a few artifacts particular to that site). You can stamp your own notepad to prove that you actually found the site. It’s a fun way for families, friends, guests and tourists to find out more about the beautiful Sebago Lake region that we live in and about the Raymond community.

We are proud to announce that this year we will have two trails. We will again offer the “Main Street/Village” trail and will open our new “Significant Citizens of Raymond” trail. Both trails will open on Sat. June 15 and will be open until Columbus Day weekend next fall.

You may pick up a trail guide for both trails and a notepad for collecting your stamps (these are brand new and have our very own logo on the front cover!). These items may be purchased at Cricket’s Corner (Rt. 302) and Clough’s (Rt. 85). Trail guides are $1.00, notepads are $4.00. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact me at 655-8672 or 799-2754. Happy Letterboxing!!!

The Public Works Department has been busy with Spiller Hill Road. The Public Works Department has been busy with Spiller Hill Road.

Notice Of Meeting
Raymond Comprehensive Planning Committee
Public Participation
Neighborhood Meetings
Tuesday, June 11, Hawthorne House, Raymond Cape
Monday, June 17, Raymond Elementary School
Wednesday, June 19, Raymond Village Library
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Meetings are open to any stakeholder who will be impacted by the Plan Update
Refreshments will be served

Local Artists
Dick Anzelc was honored when one of his paintings was presented to President Bush during his January 2002 visit to Portland. Mr. Anzelc began painting to prepare for retirement and over a period of eight years has studied with a number of teachers. His works include stained glass, oils, and watercolors. As a Maine Maritime Academy graduate, it is natural that a love of the sea is revealed in his art.

Naomi Chase, whose works were exhibited at the Raymond Village Library throughout May, paints in a variety of media —watercolor, acrylic, and pastel as well as pen and ink. She enjoys painting nature scenes and local landscapes. In retirement, she has combined her professional training in special education with art to conduct therapeutic art sessions with special needs students. She has exhibited at St. Joseph’s College and Bridgton Hospital in addition to donating artwork to local charities.

Carol Griggs began painting after retirement about eight years ago from the field of accounting. Ms. Griggs prefers working in watercolor, generally featuring soft landscapes.

Gymnast Wins 5th State Title
On March 17th, 10th grader Amanda Scripture won the State USAG Level 9 Championships, taking 1st on bars, beam, vault, all-around and 3rd place on floor routine.

At the Eastern Regionals in April, she took 8th place on beam and 12th on bars and missed qualifying for Nationals in Florida by .025 of a point. She recently was selected by Who’s Who in High School Sports based on her gymnastic and academic accomplishments. She will join 11 other girls in the State of Maine who have earned the move to level 10 - the last competitive level in USAG’s Junior Olympic program - and has begun training for this challenge.

Sister Angela must wait until next year to pursue a title. Due to an injury she received while training, she was unable to participate in her State meet. But she has handled her disappointment like a true champion during 7 weeks of healing and is thril dlaed to be at the gym. She’s looking as strong as ever! Congratulations to both girls!!

Event and Meeting Schedule

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Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:
1. Re-elected Selectman Ada Brown was elected Chair of the Board of Selectmen for the 2002/2003 fiscal year.
2. New member of the Board of Selectmen Christine McClellan was sworn into office and welcomed to the Board of Selectmen at her first meeting on May 21st.
3. The Board of Selectmen voted to meet in joint session with the Town of Frye Island to talk about isues of mutual interest including Cape Road repair, public safety, and school issues.
4. Don Alexander resigned as Emergency Management Agency Director and was thanked by the Board of Selectmen for his years of service. The Town is seeking to hire a new individual for this role.
5. The Board of Selectmen considered and approved the 2002 annual Town appointments.
6. A Special Town Meeting was set for Tuesday, June 4, 2002 to consider a rezoning request from Dellucite Communications.

Code Enforcement News

Between Jan. 1, 2002, and May 1, 2002, all building permits have been issued totaling $6,205,225 in building construction value. (This figure includes $1,300,000 for the new Public Safety Building.) Last year for the same period, 24 permits were issued with a construction value of $1,326,590. This is an increase of $4,878,635 over last year. The number of new housing permits jumped from 6 in 2001 to 17 in 2002.

Raymond Fire/Rescue Activity

You are planning to start a project this year, please contact the Code Enforcement Office to see if you need a building permit. You can also visit the Town website at www.raymondmaine.org to help answer many of your building project questions.

Town Meeting

I would like to remind all residents that it is very important to have your house number posted where fire, rescue or others can find you. This number must be posted where it can be seen year round and big enough to be seen while driving. If you don’t know your house number, please call the office at 655-3066.

Raymond Town Office

Sunday, June 29, 2002
For Year-End Work

Raymond Milfoil Committee to hire two part-time runners who will monitor boat ramp areas and educate the public with respect to the serious consequences of failing to keep milfoil and other invasive aquatic plants out of Raymond’s waterways.

The Capital Improvement Program budget was approved, providing funding to several major ongoing and new initiatives. The budget improves enforcement on the new public safety building now under construction and scheduled for completion in August as well as improvements to the District 2 Fire Station including a new roof, exterior painting, insulation repairs and downspouts.

Road construction projects will be done this year on Cape Road, North Raymond Road, Ledge Hill Road, and Towner Road. A Fire Department Capital Reserve fund for equipment acquisition will provide start funds to fund a Town wide revaluation (tax equalization project) over a four year plan.

Members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee attended the Town Meeting and passed out a Comprehensive Plan.

Paramedic/Firefighter: This full-time position works a schedule of 4-day shifts on duty, followed by 4 days off. Minimum requirements include a Maine driver’s license, valid Maine Paramedic license, Fire Fighter 1 certification or a willingness to attain this certification.

Public Works Department: Two full-time positions are available in the Public Works Department. Successful applicants will have a valid CDL and have experience in the operation of heavy equipment.

Part-time Assistant/Deputy Clerk: Duties include acting as recording secretary to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, assisting the Code Enforcement Office and Assessing Offices. Attendance at Planning Board and Appeals Board meetings will be required and will involve occasional night meetings. Must have excellent communication skills, computer skills and enjoy working with the public and as part of a team.

Emergency Management Agency Director: The Emergency Management Agency Director plans, organizes, and directs the Emergency Management programs for the Town and acts as the Town’s representative on Emergency Management matters. Public safety, planning and/or military/civil emergency management background desired.

The Town of Raymond offers competitive pay and benefit packages for full-time positions including medical and dental insurance and a deferred compensation plan. Applications for all positions should be returned by June 21, 2002, at 3:00 pm.

Applications and detailed job descriptions are available at the Raymond Town Office, 401 Webs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine (207) 655-7472 or by visiting the Raymond Web Site at www.raymondmaine.org.

The Town of Raymond is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

2002 Primary Election And Portland Water District Representative Election

June 11th
7:00am To 8:00pm
Raymond Elementary School
Tips For Teens - Getting A Job
By: Candi Scripture, RYC-2004

Now is the time many employers begin hiring for the summer. Before you take serious steps toward getting a "real job," consider how many hours you can commit to each week. Take a close look at your school, sport, scouting and social activities, and realize that a job may require some sacrifices. Most employers will require at least 15 hours per week, including weekends and nights. Discuss transportation and time commitments with your family before you begin the process, and be realistic! You should pursue jobs that match your interests and personality, and that you are willing to do. If you’ve considered these factors, and feel you are ready for this challenge, here are some steps to help you begin.

- Prepare a Resume: If you own a computer, your word processing software will probably have "resume wizards" that allow you to fill in the blanks? To find these in Microsoft Word, for example, under "File" click on "New" and select the tab “Other Documents”. Select the resume style you want and follow the instructions. A good resume begins with your full name, address, phone number and birthdate. Provide any job experiences and include a brief description, company or employer’s name. If you have no prior work experience, community service hours can complete this section. Next, under education and interests, be sure to include any awards or honors you’ve received. Complete your resume with at least two references with names and contact information. Be sure to get permission from the people you’ve listed; try to avoid family members.

- Apply for a Job: Keep your eyes and ears open! Not all jobs are listed in the Help Wanted ads. Seek out managers, supervisors and ask for an application. Try to complete all blanks and attach your resume. Don’t set your sights on one job or employer; your chances of finding employment are much better if you apply for three or more jobs. If, after two weeks, you haven’t heard anything, you may feel brave enough to stop in or call. Ask to speak to the manager, be polite and remind him/her that you are REALLY interested in working in their business.

- The Interview and Getting a Job: Employers will want to meet you face to face, ask questions, discuss job expectations. Interviews are nerve racking for everyone! Try to remain calm (a few deep breaths help!), answer questions honestly, and make eye contact. Be sure to arrive on time, neatly dressed. During the interview, avoid “bashing” former employers or jobs. If asked why you left, a good response is, “It was not the right situation for me.” Following the interview, you should receive a call back within two weeks. If you get the job, remember that teens under 16 will need a work permit. Work permits are issued by the Superintendent of your school. See your guidance counselor as soon as possible.

- Job Alternatives: If you are not ready for the commitment a "real job" requires, consider flexible work which will allow you to control your schedule: babysitting, lawn work, pet care. Start by contacting friends, neighbors and consider community service as a way to promote yourself and gain skills. Contact local community groups for opportunities.

These tips are condensed from information compiled by RYC-2004. A small booklet with a sample resume, self-assessment quizzes, Maine Labor Laws for minors 18 & under and money management information is available for Raymond teens. E-mail: candi6pivott.net, provide your name & address, and we’ll be happy to mail one out to you! Next month’s teen tips: money management.

Troop 800 Scribe Report, May 2002
By: Kyle Woodbrey, Troop Scribe & Jamie Wiley, Patrol Leader

There were two major events of the month, the Spring Camporee and the Scout Skills Weekend.

The camporee was a service camporee. It was raining the whole first day. The service was to help start-up the camp for summer. We helped distribute cots and mattresses to all the campsites. Some scouts replaced the floor in the recreation hall for their service. When it finally stopped raining we had a catapult competition for length of shot and accuracy. Troop 800 took third place, with 47 feet, with just an ordinary catapult! A trebuchet catapult came in first with 150 feet! The ammo was full gallon water jugs. The patrols ate well at the camporee and Saturday night there was a “One Pot Challenge” for meals that each Patrol participated in. Each patrol succeeded in preparing their meal in only one pot. On Sunday we cleaned, packed, and after our campsite was inspected, we left.

On Scout Skills Weekend we stayed around camp and worked on rank advancements. I benefited from this time and finished two ranks.

During the month of May, Troop 800 had a lot of fun. On Saturday May 4th, the Boy Scouts had a potluck dinner Court of Honor where we had great food, saw some very funny skits, and received merit badges and other awards like rank patches. Those receiving awards were: James Fisher Scout Rank, Nathaniel Cayer, Christian Gordon Star Rank, John Shively Star Rank, Elijah Hughes Scout Rank, Ryan Loreng Scout Rank, John Shively Star Rank, James Wiley, Star Rank, Cody Winde 2nd Class Rank, and Kyle Woodbrey 2nd Class and 1st Class ranks.


Get Cyck’d For The Second Annual Loon Echo Bike Trek! Raise Funds For Land Conservation & Win Prizes!

Please join Hancock Land, P&K Sand and Gravel, The Bridgton News, The Portland Phoenix, ACME Bicycle & Fitness, Back Bay Bicycle, Downeast Bicycle Specialists & others on Saturday, September 21, 2002, at Shawnee Peak in Bridgton for our second annual Loon Echo Bike Trek. The bike trek is open to everyone. We are offering a 25-mile, 50-mile and century ride. Cyclists are asked to raise funds to protect the natural beauty of the Sebago Lake Region. Cyclists who raise the minimum of $125 in pledges, plus an entry fee, will receive a T-shirt, lunch and fun trek experience. Incentive prizes will be awarded to cyclists based on moneys raised. Teams are encouraged to participate, and the team who generates the most money will receive a Team Trophy and Photo. Register today online at www.loonecholandtrust.org or call 207 647 4352. Loon Echo is a member of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine.
JSMS Recreation Area Update

Volunteers needed July 30

A few volunteers are needed to help unload the GameTime Inc., equipment from the truck when it is delivered. Please call JSMS to volunteer (655-4743).

August 10th Phase One Installation

Please keep this date in mind as you plan your summer. The success of this installation phase depends on volunteers. We have contracted with the GameTime Inc., to have one of their representatives on site to ensure safe installation of their equipment.

Volunteers will be doing the same as they did for the RES installation, without the hole drilling part! Steve Haggard, a local construction contractor, has volunteered to bring in a crew to dig the holes and work on the construction with the platform stage. A final date has not been set for this part of the construction.

We also need volunteers who can rake mulch, be “Go-fers!”, feed the crew and generally help out. Call 655-4766 or leave a message with Kerry Glew at JSMS (655-4743) if you would like to help or just show up if you decide last minute.

Sudsie Car Wash A Success!

Sue Cobb and Sharon Lloy supervised a car wash at Wal-Mart in April, raising $650 for the rec area! Congratulations for hanging in there despite cool temps. Many Raymond students took part.

“Boxtops For Education” Raises $980

Yes! Those tiny bits of cardboard that you send in to school really do add up and translate into real benefits for your kids. Earlier this year it was decided that the funds would benefit the recreation area. The program runs throughout the year so please remember to keep saving during the summer also. I keep a zipper style plastic bag on the fridge, held by a strong magnet clip. It is very convenient and reminds me to keep watching for boxtops and soup labels. Thank you to Mrs. Weeks who ran the program and to the students who helped trim and count the boxtops this year.

Brick Fundraiser Completes Phase One!

We look forward to seeing the brick walkway with many names on it next fall. The money raised not only completes Phase One but also will enable us to purchase soccer goals for the recreation area for next fall. Please note, soccer fans! We will have to let the grass come in before the “field” is used.

Hats off to Linda O’Neill, Ellen Van Haasteren, Diane Zawistowski and Heidi Trickey for organizing the brick fundraiser and raising over $3000!

Donations

We gratefully acknowledge the following donation for the Jordan-Small Middle School Recreation Area.

Mary E. Waters.

If you would like to make a donation to the recreation area, please make checks payable to Jordan-Small Middle School Recreation Area, and mail to Jordan-Small Middle School, 423 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond ME 04071. All donations will be acknowledged in the Road Runner.

Field Hockey: A New Force On The Field

A new generation of field hockey players took sticks in hand at a recent introductory workshop in May. A dozen middle school students learned the basics of sport safety, dribbling, passing and driving, and even tried scoring on a goalie. The girls paired up and practiced with Windham High School players Valerie Martin, Julia Bruno, Allison Reilly, Sarah Anderson, Janice Sawyer and Poland High School player Kim Coggan.

We hope to hold another workshop over the summer before starting an after school 2-day a week program at JSMS in the fall. If you did not sign up for this workshop and would like to be on our list, call Suzie at 655-4915, Lori at 655-4277 or Sue Ellen at 655-4463. And if you’re an adult who would like to pick up a stick again, call us, too!

Thank you to our “star” high school players for being great role models, as well as to Debra Martin and Alex Jackson for their support and help. Look out, here comes a new wave of Raymond athletes!

State PTA Reflections Program Results

The Reflections artwork by Alexandra Gordan and Chad Zawistowski placed first at the State Reflections contest, and their artwork has advanced to the National PTA Reflections contest. Receiving the distinction of Outstanding Interpretation of this year’s theme “I hold in my Hand…” were Alexandra Gordan in the Literature Category (grades 6-8) and Chad Zawistowski in the Music Category (grades 3-5). Also receiving awards were Kevin Sutton, First Runner Up in Visual Arts (grades K –2), Patrick Martin, Second in Visual Arts (grades 3-5), Corrie Vanhaasteren, First in Photography (grades K –2), Elijah Hughes, Third in Photography (grades 3-5), and Abby Gills, Fourth in Literature (grades K-2). Also participating at the State level were Harmony Brown in Visual Arts and Molly Keane-Dreyer in Literature.

Congratulations to all who participated, and best of luck to Alexandra and Chad at the National level!

Grandparents’ Day At The Raymond Elementary School

Friday, May 10, was a very special day for all of the students at the Raymond Elementary School. It was Grandparents’ Day and over 225 guests joined students and staff for the morning activities. At the Good News Assembly Norma Richard, principal, thanked all of the grandparents for their continuing support of our elementary school program and for modeling the importance of life-long learning for their grandchildren.

We look forward to next year’s Grandparents’ Day on Friday, May 9, 2003.

Mentoring Mixes with Fire Safety, Clay and Bowling!

Members of the local Fire and Rescue team visited the Raymond Elementary School Mentoring Partnership to share their work and to have the children meet them as members of our community as well as professionals. Chris Champagne, Tammy Hanna and Francois Norbert provided a hands-on experience at the school by bringing their protective clothing, a fire truck and a rescue vehicle. We thank them for their time with us.

In addition to mentors spending one on one time with their elementary or middle school students, program participants also gathered to express their creativity in clay with a project led by Sue Carr. Mentoring pairs demonstrated various forms of bowling styles and pizza consumption at Beacon Lanes in another recent group activity. A final dinner and community garden project are in the works as the program nears the end of a successful first year.

The mentoring program temporarily ends with the start of school summer vacation, but we are already planning ahead for next year. Many of our mentors plan to return in the fall to continue their relationships. We also invite you to learn more about the difference you can make by developing a friendship with a young person in our community for just one hour a week. Call Eileen or Lori at our RES office: 655-9072, ext. 107.
Funding Secured By Representative Bruno To Enhance Route 302 Reconstruction Project

Representative Joe Bruno (R-Raymond) announced today that the Town of Raymond is receiving $10,000 as part of the Maine Department of Transportation’s Community Gateway Program. The funding will be used to make improvements to the scheduled reconstruction of Route 302 in Raymond set to occur this summer. Funding can be used to install park benches, flowerbeds, and other fixtures that will improve the landscape along the new section of highway, which serves as a gateway into the Town of Raymond.

The funding necessary to provide Raymond with a Community Gateway Program grant was added to legislation by Representative Bruno, the House Republican Leader. As a legislative grantee, Raymond joins twenty communities who have been selected to receive funding this year.

“Most of the visitors to our community arrive here on Route 302,” said Representative Bruno. “The Community Gateway funding will help the town make improvements to the highway, improving the appearance of our community for the benefit of our visitors as well as the people who call Raymond home.”

More Tips For Saving Water

In The Home

By: Charlie Turner, Raymond Waterways Protective Assoc.

- 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.

Raymond Rec’s Red Cross Summer Swim Program Continues!

Raymond Rec is very pleased to have 3 new, super, young people willing to work hard to keep the summer swim program fun and successful. Many thanks to everyone who spread the word about the program and offered support during the WSI search.

Lessons will start July 1 at the Crescent Lake town beach on Rt. 85. The session will run 4 weeks, with 1/2 hour lessons each day. Children must be at least 5 years of age by October 15, 2002, to be eligible to participate.

Registration will be June 5 at the JSMS cafeteria from 6:30-7:30pm. Cost per child is $20. Permission slips must be obtained at time of registration. Participants must be signed up before June 21!

Deb Duchaine will be assisting the new instructors at registration time. Let’s make the transition for Deb a smooth one by showing support for the ones chosen to fill her shoes! For more information, contact Deb @ 655-5222.

A Letter of Thanks!

By: Pat Smith

Following is a letter I received early this spring. I saved it to share in this edition of the Road Runner as an expression of thanks to all the coaches and volunteers who have worked in any of our Raymond Recreation programs. Mrs. Bennett expresses the appreciation felt by all the parents and grandparents of children who participated in those programs.

This is also a special “thank you” to Gerda Bennett for taking the time to write the following:

March 19, 2002
Raymond Recreation Association
Raymond ME 04071

The weekend of March 9th, while visiting my son’s family in Raymond, I had the pleasure of attending my grandson’s basketball games – and what a pleasure it was! I have to admit I am not a sports fan, aside from the Olympics, or where my family is involved. I am still enthused about the heartwarming experience. The young boys and girls were such a joy to watch. They all seemed so happy, played hard and displayed wonderful sportsmanship. When each child was rewarded a trophy for doing his or her best, they were so proud. It is a direct reflection of the exemplary character of dedicated coaches and other volunteers. I wish to thank these wonderful people for their part in helping my grandson and the other children, to grow up with real values, to become fine adults.

Gerda A. Bennett
Greenfield, MA

Jordan-Small Middle School Honor Roll 3rd Quarter

On behalf of the staff of JSMS, we congratulate the following students for their academic achievements during the 3rd quarter:

5th Grade High Honors

Brianna Bisesti
Logan Chine

5th Grade Honors

Pheobe Crockett
Taylor Duncanson
Nick Gredin
Ali Knight
Brittany Reed
Ayden Schaller
Erik Wisitske
Brett Bisesti
Hannah Huber
Steven Lentine
Rebecca Morris
Kelsey Nadeau
Kees Van Haaasteren
Ashley Waldron
Lauren Weeks

6th Grade High Honors

Alison Gagnon
Travis Guerrette
Amy McIntyre

6th Grade Honors

John Atwood
April Cox
Markie Desorbo
Julia Hartig
Robyn Stullings
Justin Woodbreery
Nicole Lloy
Brittany Michaud
Kevin Tilkins
Bridget Byrne
Ivan Levinsky
Douglas Remick

7th Grade High Honors

Keegan Brown
Nicole Gagne
Stephen Wisitske

7th Grade Honors

Alyse Bartholomew
Travis Cook
Jennifer Curtis
Andrew Reed
John Shively
Kainani Stevens
Hannah Whitcher
Kayla Taylor
Julia Comeau
Amanda Evans
Logan Martin-Fisher
Molly Niziol
Rebecca Randall
James Wylie
Laken Perry
Dan Tracy

Odyssey Of The Mind

Please accept our apologies for leaving one member of our team out of our May article. Special thanks go to Caroline Blake who was an important member of the RES Center Stage team.

Property Tax Exemption

Veterans, widows, orphans, did you know that according to Maine Veteran Law Title 36 Chapter 105 Property Tax Exemption, the exemption for veterans of WWII is $7,000. Veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam when reaching the age of 62 or when they receive any pension or compensation from the U.S. Government for total disability are entitled to a $5,000 exemption. This exemption applies to a veteran’s un-remarried widow, or minor children, gold star mothers and paraplegic veterans. If you have previously applied for this exemption, you do not need to reapply. To find out if you qualify for this exemption, contact the Raymond Assessing Office at 655-4712.

Public Safety Building Construction Update

By: Denis Morse, Fire Chief

The much-needed rain has caused some delays in the construction of our new Raymond Public Safety Building, but the framing of the office section is well underway. The rain also allowed a good look at the graded road base’s stability as well as the function of the numerous ditches.

This photo shows the energy efficient radiant heat system that has been installed in the truck bays, and the overall progress as of May 20th.

The CMP connection and laying the new waterline are the last of the main infrastructure to be completed. Hopefully this will be done by the end of the month.

We will continue to offer photos and updates as construction continues.

The Raymond Road Runner
Raymond Mentoring Partnership
Eileen Stiles, Director
Lori Rand, Program Facilitator
Suzanne Cobleigh, JSMS Facilitator

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is a prevention initiative sponsored by Raymond’s Communities for Children organization and supported by the Raymond School Department. Lori and Eileen wrote a grant proposal to the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, who awarded funding (from part of the state’s national tobacco settlement money) to create the first year of RMP’s programming.

Our mission is to increase the number of caring adults in the lives of Raymond’s young people, especially for those youth whose resources and support systems may be limited. We encourage creativity, physical activity, cultural experiences and teambuilding. We also envision developing stronger partnerships between the schools, families and the community to build assets so our youth grow up behaving in healthy and responsible ways.

The program is based in the Raymond Elementary School and currently has 9 elementary school mentors and 7 middle school mentees matched with mentors, with a few more matches planned for next fall. Mentors receive initial training and are offered monthly support meetings. The program runs with the school calendar and asks mentors to meet with mentees at least once a week for one hour. Most mentors have been offering between 2 and 5 hours a week, sometimes even more. Mentors start the relationship by meeting with the mentees at school, then often decide to pursue activities and experiences beyond school grounds. The pairs are given a notebook and a disposable camera to help document the time spent together and the growth of their relationship.

Mentoring activities include art projects, sports, academic support and just hanging out together. Cooking, reading, and working on the computer. RMP arranges program-wide activities as well: teambuilding exercises, attending The Wizard of Oz in Windham, and rock-climbing at the Maine Gymnastics. We also held a dinner on January where the mentors, mentees and mentors’ families gathered to eat and to watch international students from Portland High School perform a Vietnamese folk dance. Over 75 people attended. We have organized a bowling event and are planning an end of the program year canoeing day trip.

While building a strong one-on-one relationship is the focus, the program-wide activities have encouraged a sense of belonging to a “family of mentors,” as students have gotten to know other adults in the program as well. We hope to extend this feeling as we continue to invite other members of the community to lead or participate in program experiences.

This spring we have asked the mentoring pairs to work on simple goal setting and developing a community service project, such as helping to plant a community flower garden at the town playground.

We have had our funding renewed for next year and look forward to building an even stronger program. Please call us for more information (655-8672 x107).

Raymond Extended Day Program News

By: Kristi Curtis, R.E.D. Executive Director

As the school year draws to a close, so does the 2001-2002 R.E.D. school year program. We had another fantastic year with several new staff members and my new Assistant Director/Art guru, Amy Kimball. I would like to remind all current school year families that your children will be able to attend the program at Raymond Elementary School through June 14th. The charge will be $16/day, and all children will need to bring a bag lunch. The hours of operation beginning on June 12th will be 7:00am-6:15pm. Please do not bring your children before 7:00am, as no one will be here to care for them.

The R.E.D. 2002 Summer Program will begin on Monday, June 17th, at the Jordan-Small Middle School. The hours of operation for the summer program will be 7:00am-6:15pm. Please remember that you must have a signed and dated food program form, your activity fee must be paid in full, and all children attending field trips are required to have at least one R.E.D. t-shirt.

During the R.E.D. summer program (beginning on June 17th) we will provide the children with breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. We ask that the children come daily with adequate clothing (socks, sneakers, bathing suit) and towels. We provide sunscreen and plenty of fluids; however, if you wish to send your own please feel free to do so. Most of all, we ask your children to come with a smile and ready to have a great time. We have a fantastic summer planned, and are sure that you will agree.

Public Reception For David Bois

In appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the Raymond School District, the Raymond School Committee will honor outgoing Superintendent David Bois with a public reception. This will be held at the Raymond Elementary School on Thursday, June 6, at 7:00pm. Members of the Raymond community, school district staff, community officials, friends, family, and colleagues are invited. Cards and letters of appreciation can be forwarded to Superintendent Bois c/o The Raymond Elementary School, 434 Webb's Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071.

JSMS School Store

As you know, Jordan-Small Middle School is going through changes to become more of a middle school. Mrs. Taisen’s sixth grade math class thought that as a middle school we should have a school store. We sent out a survey to grades four, five, six, and seven. All but one person said they wanted a school store. We’re trying to buy things that the students asked for, but we can only buy so much with the money we have.

Now for Sale:
- Sports and animal pencils $2.25 ea.
- JSMS pencils 3 for $1 or $35 ea.
- All pens $5 (changing soon)
- Water bottles $1 ea.
- Yardsticks $1 ea.
- Pencil top erasers 3 for $1 or $.35 ea.

Coming Soon:
- Erasable pens
- Pop-A-Point pencils
- Retractable erasers
- Gel pens
- Pencil grips

Planning on College? Gray-New Gloucester Adult Ed Summer Offerings

Phone 657-2620 or e-mail jtremberth@securespeed.net

Are you preparing for either a college entrance exam or entry into post-secondary education this fall? How about the Nurse’s Entrance Test? We can help you brush up on your English and Math skills as well as assist you with general test taking techniques. A few weeks with us now, may improve your results later. We are currently scheduling for Algebra assistance on Wednesday evenings this summer and need you to reserve your place for this class. Please call for details.

Want to go to college but Haven’t earned your high school diploma or GED? Need your GED to change jobs? Gray-New Gloucester Adult Ed can work with you to complete your high school diploma or GED, even during the summer months! To learn more about the GED and high school completion program in this area, call us at 657-2620.

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

Our last day of school is June 11, and students and staff are now winding up for all of the end-of-year activities. Tuesday, June 11, will be Step-Up Day at the Raymond Elementary School. Students will have the opportunity to visit with new classmates and next year’s teacher. We will dismiss at 10:30 on the 11th, and this means that we will not serve lunch or snack milk on that last school day.

The school library is now closed for checking out books, and Mrs. Keef is collecting all library books and magazines. Be sure that all books are returned, as we will be sending out bills for items that are lost or not returned. Even though our students beat the teachers in the Light the Lamp reading challenge, I was very pleased with the amount of recreational reading that took place this year (we anticipate over half a million pages!). I want to encourage students, and parents, to continue reading this summer and to make frequent visits to the Raymond Village Library. I also encourage our students to participate in the Library’s Summer Reading Program. It is a great opportunity to continue building those reading skills, and it is a lot of fun!

Volunteers are an important part of our school program, and we will have the opportunity to thank the many parents and grandparents who have shared their time, energy, and talents with our students at the annual Volunteer Breakfast on June 7. Well over 100 adults and students volunteered this year at the Raymond Elementary School. Their contributions have been outstanding, with thousands of hours donated to support our elementary program. Special appreciation is given to Mrs. Phyllis Barden. Mrs. Barden has been an outstanding volunteer for the past 12 years, many of these working with Mrs. Smith in first grade. Her work through the years has been exemplary, and her contributions have had a significant positive impact on students and staff. Mrs. Barden is “retiring” this year, along with Mrs. Smith, and I want to wish her the very best in the years to come. On behalf of our students and faculty, I want to thank all of this year’s volunteers. I also want to encourage other Raymond residents to join our Volunteer Program by calling the school office at 655-8672.

During summer vacation, the school office will be open each Tuesday from 8:00-3:00. Wendy Thoren, our school receptionist, and I will be available on Tuesdays to register new students, give new families a tour of the school, and answer any questions about our elementary school program. If you have a question and need to reach me at other times, please call the school office at 655-8672 and leave me a message at extension 400. Most weeks I will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but it is best to call in advance.
Local Artists

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and nature scenes. She has studied art locally and her watercolors have previously been featured in the Raymond Village Library “Artist of the Month” program. She has also exhibited at various shows in the area.

Raymond Village Library News

Children’s Programs

The June theme for Story time is “Summer Fun”. This is held at the library on Thursdays at 10am. Baby time is also on Thursday at 9:30.

The Summer Reading Program is entitled, “More Than Moccasins”. Registration applications for the program will be available to the youngsters at school, and there is one published in this June’s Roadrunner. There is a limit of 75 participants, so please get your registrations in as soon as possible. The program starts July 7 and goes through August 19. This has been a very popular and fun program the past several years, and this year’s program, dealing with Native Americans, looks like the best one yet.

Book Discussion Group

“In the Lake of the Woods”, by Tim O’Brien, will be the book under discussion at the library on June 27 at 7pm. New participants are invited to join this group.

Annual Banquet

The Raymond Village Library Club will hold its Annual Banquet on June 6 at the library at 6:30. Annual dues are due at this time, and following the dinner, there will be a business meeting for the election of officers. New members are always welcomed and appreciated.

Plant Sale

Even with this erratic weather, Spring has arrived and it’s time to work on flower gardens. The annual plant sale with its beautiful colors and tempting low priced plants and flowers will be held at the library, Saturday, June 22, from 7:30am to noon.

Donations of plants and flowers are appreciated as well as buyers. If you have some plants to donate, you can bring them to the library early that morning or Friday afternoon, the day before, from 4 to 7pm. Otherwise, please call Jane at 655-5334 to make other arrangements.

Book Sale

The paperback book sale will begin at the library on June 22 and will continue through to July 15 during regular library hours.

Book donations, hard or soft cover, may be left at the library at any time. These donations may be tax deductible.

Silent Art Auction

The time we’ve all been waiting for has finally come! The Annual Art Auction…where we can get beautiful art work for over 20 years. Your favorite subjects include landscapes and trees. She is a self-proclaimed “for fun” artist, deriving joy from her work. Visitors to the Raymond Village Library who follow her monthly exhibits in the display case are familiar with her flair for balance, color, and ingenuity. Having summered in Maine throughout her childhood, Ms. Ingraham has been a community member in Raymond for 20 years.

Sondra Levy is primarily a watercolorist who loves the freshness of the watercolor exploding on the plain paper. Her paintings are inspired by nature, with flowers and landscapes among her favorite subjects. She started painting 15 years ago, pursuing art as a personal growth opportunity through adult education classes. Sondra has previously shown in Bridgton, at Cottage Industries of Raymond, and at the Raymond Village Library, where she is on the Board of Directors.

Joyce Mastro began painting in acrylics, worked in watercolors, but has now returned mainly to acrylics. Her detailed paintings of flowers reflect familiarity with the subject from the hands-on work in her flower garden. Landscapes and seascapes are also featured in her works. With her husband, Ms. Mastro owns and operates the specialty shop and art gallery Hole in the Wall in Raymond.

Alan Shadbolt uses his camera as a realist, to capture the images of landscape and nature as they are, rather than as one might imagine them. Having been professionally associated with nature as a photographer/biologist, he brings that familiarity to the images of his photographs. His skill as a photographer helped support him through his college years. He has participated in photography competitions for over twenty years, doing his own dark room work and color printing. He is a current member of the Portland Camera Club.

Raymond Village Library Non-Fiction News

By: Charlie Murray

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Welcome to the first edition of the Non-Fiction News. This is my maiden attempt in this genre, and I am undertaking it at the request of our Librarian. I will attempt in this newsletter to highlight some of the Raymond Village Library’s non-fiction collection.

Our aim is to entice some of our readers to expand their reading venues with some of the varied and interesting volumes in our non-fiction collection, including both recent additions and old friends.

I hope that you will contact me at the e-mail address above to comment on my newsletters as well as to provide me with your input on your ventures in non-fiction, so that I may include them in future newsletters as well as adding them to my personal reading program.

My first review is of “The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt” by Edmund Morris. This is the first volume of a planned trilogy about one of the most fascinating men ever to hold the office of President of the United States. In this volume, Morris takes the reader from early childhood to the accession to the presidency by Theodore Roosevelt on the death of William McKinley. In the course of this exciting narrative, Morris provides an insightful and provocative investigation into the roots and motives of one of the most astute, complex and intelligent politicians in the history of the United States. TR was a conservationist and ecologist as well as a Trophy Big Game Hunter, a champion of Equal Opportunity and women’s rights, a peacemaker, an expansionist, and a capitalist who believed in protecting workers and the public from uncontrolled Capitalism. He was a fervent believer in the continual expansion of U.S. Military power and influence and yet a firm believer in peace. These dichotomies bring that familiarity to the images of his photographs.

Morris’s presentation is such that a reader of histories can only wish that many could be rewritten in his style and manner.

I heartily recommend this book as a must read.

2002 Summer Reading Program At The Raymond Village Library

Readers of all ages, join us at the Raymond Village Library this summer for six weeks of summer reading fun! July 7th through August 18th

Join us for a summer of fun and excitement as we explore Native American cultures, legends, music and toys! Create and design a tepee or canoe to add to our Native American village scene at the Library, make musical instruments, learn about Native American tales, make a “skin story” and take part in other fun activities and projects. We’ll enjoy an evening of drumming and dancing with Bill and Martha Hines, and end with a Native American Powwow featuring great food, games, certificates and other fun and prizes.

More Than Moccasins

Native American Culture Then And Now

Joining is easy! Send in the attached enrollment form by June 21st, and then during the week of July 7th through 13th, stop by the library for your start up package. Each week, when you bring back the books you’ve read and had them recorded in your reading log, there will be activities or projects available for you to pick up and complete at home. You can stop by the library at your convenience anytime during the week to participate.

Call Lisa at 655-5076 or stop by the library with questions or for more information. There will be a limit of 75 readers in the program, so don’t wait until the last minute to sign up!

Return this enrollment form to your teacher or drop it off at the Raymond Village Library.

I would like to participate in the Summer Reading Program!

Reader’s Name: ____________________________ Age: __________ Address: ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________ Parent’s Signature: ____________________________