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Vision Appraisal Technology To Conduct Raymond's Revaluation

The firm of Vision Appraisal Technology, Inc. has been hired by the Town of Raymond to conduct a town wide revaluation. The following is a general outline and explanation of each phase of the project.

Vision Appraisal will be working with the Assessing Office to make the process a successful one. There are five major phases to a municipal revaluation: Data Collection, Market Analysis, Valuation, Field Review, and Informal Hearings. During these phases many tasks will be implemented in order to successfully complete the revaluation.

PHASE 1: DATA COLLECTION

The first phase, Data Collection, has just begun. During this phase "Listers" go to each property and physically inspect the interior and measure the exterior of each building. These Listers note a building's location, size, age, quality of construction, improvements, topography, utilities, zoning restrictions, if any, and numerous other characteristics both inside and out.

Registry of Deeds, property managers, developers, and local real estate professionals. Once all the data is collected and reviewed for accuracy, the appraiser will determine land values and delineate Neighborhoods, which rate the desirability of locations throughout the Town as determined by actual market activity.

PHASE 5: INFORMAL HEARINGS

Once the Field Review is completed, a Notice of New Values will be mailed to each property owner. At this time, anyone with questions concerning the revaluation process or about the data collected on their property has an opportunity to meet with a member of Vision's staff to discuss their property value.

Information on the Vision Appraisal Technology staff is on the last page of this issue. Please keep this issue as a reference. This information is also posted on the website at: <http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by last Friday of June. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper, CDROM

Articles should be submitted in RTF and pictures in JPEG format. E-mail articles and pictures to:

kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org or drop them off at the Town Office or one of the school offices.

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Look under Events & News

To learn more about what's new in the Town of Raymond, visit our website at

<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Online services now include:

- Automobile registration;
- Hunting and fishing licenses;
- Assessment information;
- Property maps;



To ensure that a home was inspected, the homeowner is asked to sign the data collection form to verify that the inspection took place. The entire process takes approximately 15 minutes for most properties. The data collected is subject to verification by the Town and the Vision Supervisor.

All Vision Field Representatives will carry Picture ID, Municipal Letters of Introduction, and have their vehicles listed with both the Assessing Office and Raymond Dispatch. Information is also available on the town website at <http://www.raymondmaine.org>.

PHASE 2: MARKET ANALYSIS

A variety of resources are used to analyze the real estate market. While the physical data is being collected by the Listers, Appraisal Personnel will be analyzing property sales that took place over the last year to determine market factors which influenced property values. Vision Appraisal Technology will gather and use information from the Cumberland County

PHASE 3: VALUATION

Valuation is done using one of the three recognized methods: Cost Approach, Income Approach and Sales Comparable Approach. The Sales Comparable Approach is the most widely used approach from among the three methods. During this phase, individual characteristics of the building are analyzed using information gathered in both phases 1 and 2. Each property is compared to other comparable properties with similar characteristics. Then the market value of the improvements are added to the land value that was previously determined. This value is the final estimate for assessing purposes of each parcel of property, building and land.

PHASE 4: FIELD REVIEW

Field Review is the method of checking and re-checking both the values that have been determined and the data that has been collected. During this review, properties are viewed in the field by experienced appraisers who double-check uniformity and accuracy of information.

After all five phases are completed, all data, files, records, etc. used in the revaluation are then turned over to the Assessing Office. This will allow the Town to maintain the data collected during the revaluation on a continual basis.

PHASE 6: 2005 COMMITMENT

The revaluation will be completed and utilized for the 2005 assessment year. This translates into the September 2005 commitment and will be reflected in tax bills due October 31, 2005, and April 30, 2006.

PHASE 7: MAINTENANCE OF VALUES

The Assessing Office will use the revaluation and annual sales analysis to maintain values at 100% of market value. Depending on the market, this may involve increasing or decreasing values for different neighborhoods. The new pricing schedules that are generated from the revaluation and annual sales analysis will be used to price new lots and buildings.

School and Town to Pursue Goal of "One Raymond"

By: Superintendent Sandra Caldwell and Town Manager Don Willard

Recently the Town and the School Department reestablished dialogue over realizing a mutual vision based upon the concept of "One Raymond". This initiative is modeled upon successful programs in other communities and seeks to encourage a close and cooperative relationship between town government, the school department and volunteer organizations. One of the principal goals of the proposed program is to improve communications among the parties as well as to seek opportunities for collaboration that will produce tangible benefits for all Raymond citizens. The advantages of working together are manifold. Establishing improved lines of communication will promote a much deeper understanding of each other's program needs, goals and objectives as well as help us meet the challenge of providing high quality services in times that demand fiscal responsibility and restraint. By working closely on both short and long-term financial planning and

goal setting, the town and school will be able to more effectively stretch our limited resources. A reduction in unnecessary duplication of effort and related expenses by sharing capital facilities, human resources and equipment is our ultimate goal. We anticipate achieving this goal by scheduling periodic meetings between the Selectmen and School Committee to exchange information and explore new ideas.

The Town Manager and School Superintendent will also meet on at least a monthly basis in order to promote positive relations and to produce an ongoing agenda for policy and budgetary decisions requiring Selectmen and School Committee approval. Both town and school staff will be encouraged to generate topics for exploration. Another significant component will be to seek input and involve Raymond's active and enthusiastic volunteer community. For this concept to take root, a strong

commitment to working together must be made by everyone. We are envisioning holding an initial meeting in the near future of town and school department heads and volunteer leaders. A facilitator will be utilized to help us begin to form a future vision. Some examples of past successes by working together include sharing a computer server between the town and school; joint use of existing town and school equipment negating duplication; and using existing human resources, such as in the area of technology, for overall community benefit. This is an exciting opportunity for Raymond and we encourage interested citizens to voice their ideas with us regarding specific areas that could be improved by consolidating services or sharing resources. You may contact either Superintendent of Schools Sandra Caldwell at 655-8666 ext. 4, sandra.caldwell@raymondmaine.org; or Town Manager Don Willard at 655-6994 ext. 31, don.willard@raymondmaine.org.

Raymond Village Library News

Exhibiting Artist

Once again the walls of the Raymond Village Library are graced with beautiful paintings by Naomi Chase. Ms. Chase paints in a variety of media: watercolor, acrylic and pastel as well as pen and ink. She enjoys painting nature scenes and local landscapes. Since her 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. One of her lovely paintings will be available for bid at the Raymond Village Library's Annual Silent Art Auction.

Reading Group

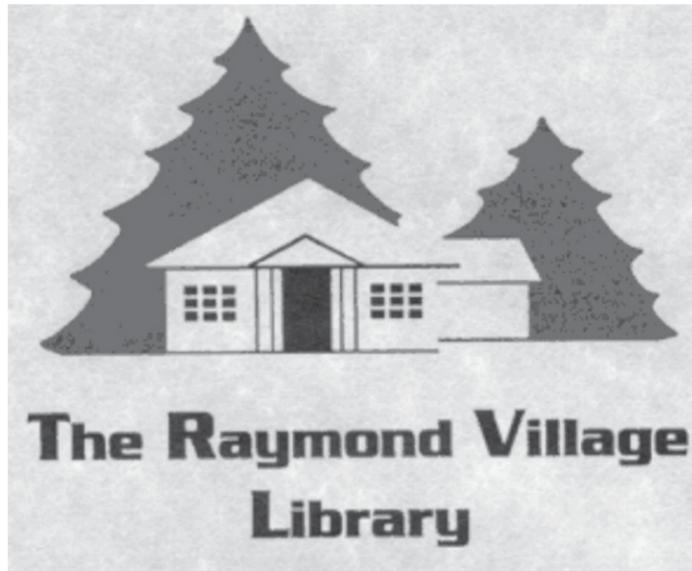
The reading chosen for May is the play, "A Man for all Seasons," by Robert Bolt. The discussion will take place at the Raymond Village Library on Wednesday, June 30, at 7pm. All interested readers are welcome. FMI please call 655-04283.

Plant Sale

ATTENTION all gardeners, plant and flower lovers: now is the time for cleaning out those flowerbeds, dividing and replacing your favorite blooms. The Raymond Village Library's Plant Sale, on June 26 from 7am to noon, can use all those extra plants you will be thinning out or removing to make room for new seedlings. Please put these aside and plan to bring them to the library June 25, the day before the sale, from 4 to 7pm.

Because we have such generous donations of plants, we are able to offer many varieties of outdoor as well as indoor plants at significantly reduced prices to enhance your homes and gardens.

We thank you for the wonderful participation of previous years and continue to depend on the donations and



purchases of our supporters. Remember the sale begins at 7am and lasts till noon. In conjunction with the plant sale, the paperback book sale will begin on June 25 at the library.

Library Needs

Spring Cleaning is still in full force – please let us help you by taking your gently used hardcover and paperback books that you no longer need, giving you room for new purchases. We also can use videos, audio books, and CDs to add to the library's collection or for the book sales this summer. These can be brought to the library during regular hours: Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays 10am to 7pm.

Silent Art Auction

The annual Silent Art Auction begins June 27 at the library. Once again our local artists have outdone themselves, and we have many beautiful and unusual pictures to offer for bid. The pictures will be exhibited at the library from June 27 until final bidding on August 8.

This year there will be "Buy It Now", patterned on eBay, and a Mystery Picture where the winning bidder will also receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant, thereby winning two prizes. As in the past the bidders need not be present to win.

The Raymond Village Library Needs You!

For more information, call the library at 655-4283 or e-mail us at rllibrar1@maine.rr.com

June 26: Our Famous "Plants and Paperbacks" Sale 7am - Noon

Great bargains on paperbacks and on plants (annuals, perennials and house plants). Your paperback donations are most welcome, and if you're in the process of dividing and moving your perennials, keep us in mind for plant donations, as well.

June 27 - August 8: Silent Art Auction

Mixed-media artwork by Maine artists will be on display beginning June 27, and bids can be made until August 8. Come see these beautiful pictures!

July 18: Annual Book Sale 9am - 7pm on the 18th, regular library hours thereafter.

This sale is one of our most important fundraisers, so your donations of gently used hardcover and paperback books are very much appreciated.

We will also be selling, and so can use more of, audios (books on tape), videos (movies) and jig-saw puzzles. The sale is on through August.

**Raymond Village Community Church
Public Supper on Saturday, June 19th
4:30 - 6:00pm at the church**

**Menu
Pot roast, gravy, mashed potatoes,
string beans, carrots, biscuits, dessert
and beverages**

**Adults are \$6.50 / Children are \$3 and
take out is available by calling 655-7749.**

June/July 2004

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd PS=Public Safety Bldg. RE=Raymond Elementary	SG=Sheri Gagnon TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church VT=Village Tennis	1 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	2 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM TH School Committee Meeting	3	4	5 3:00-8:00PM JS Music Festival
6	7 10:00AM VL Babytime	8 7:00AM-8:00PM JS Primary Election 7:00PM TH Tassel Top Directos Meeting	9 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM TH Planning Board	10	11 12:30PM JS 8th Grade Celebration School District Third Trimester Ends	12
13	14 10:00AM VL Babytime LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	15 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	16 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM VL Library Board Meeting	17	18	19 6:30AM SG Fairpoint NE 5K Run
20	21 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM VL Raymond-Casco Historical Society 7:00PM TH Comprehensive Plan Committee	22	23 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	24 5:00-7:00PM Augustus Bove Hous in Naples Chamber of Commerce After Hours Gathering 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	25 Road Runner Deadline	26
27 Raymond Village Libray Silent Auction Begins	28 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	29	30 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	1 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 10:00AM VL Babytime	6 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	7 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	8	9	10

Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions in May:

- Approval of new street names: Alton Drive off Mountain Road; Mars in Sol Road changed to Mystic Cove Road.
- Awarded 2004 Raymond Town College Scholarships. The following students will receive \$500 scholarships:
 - Alva Clough Scholarship: Jody Bagley
 - Carleton E. Edwards Scholarship: Clinton Randall and Jolie Frye
 - Collins Day Scholarship: Edward Greeley, William Yates and William Kosaelny
 - George Woods Scholarship: Amanda Niles
- Elected Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Betty McDermott and Vice Chairman Ada Brown for the 2004/2005 year.
- Approved Raymond Baseball/Softball request for dog waste signage at Sheri Gagnon Park and expansion of concession stand/equipment building.
- Approved Raymond Waterways Protective Association request to sponsor and submit the Panther Pond Conservation Project Grant Application.
- Considered and approved annual committee appointments.
- Approved new municipal fees for:
 - a. Dog Licensing List
 - b. Absentee Voter List
- Reviewed and authorized Treasurer's Warrants dated May 4, 2004, and May 18, 2004.

The Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Now Serves Raymond, Maine

The Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber Of Commerce met with the Raymond Select Board upon their request last fall to present what the Chamber mission and vision were. After a short discussion, the town leaders asked for the GBLRCC to officially begin to "cover" the Raymond area. The Chamber now serves the entire Lakes Region from the Raymond gateway and through the 302 corridor ending in Fryeburg and Harrison. In all, the Chamber's geographic area includes 13 towns. In May we grew to include over 330 business members in this dynamic organization.

What does town membership mean to Raymond, Maine? The Chamber has become known as a leader in communications of local events. GBLRCC has also sought to become partners with a variety of local groups and regional organizations. The Chamber will continue to share Raymond news with the public, these groups and the other 12 town areas. Our press releases are sent to local papers throughout Southern Maine and are often used by Portland and Lewiston newspapers, the Conway, N.H., newspaper, and of course the *Bridgton News*. Another town benefit is to be able to ask the Chamber to support your events. The town asked the Chamber to be involved in the new Raymond Beautification Committee which has now formed and is moving forward with Chamber support. We are eager to hear from any and all local committees who might have interest in partnering with GBLRCC. Finally, we are hopeful that Raymond businesses without a Chamber affiliation will seek to learn more about our activities. Chamber dues for a business begin with a basic rate of \$125 per year. We are currently prorating new member dues to \$41 in May. This will cover your membership until October 2004. What a great way to "test drive" the Chamber! If you wish to learn more about GBLRCC, simply contact Mike McClellan (Raymond resident) at 647-8104 or home at 655-4438. You can read more about our activities in the *Bridgton News*.

Revaluation Underway In Raymond

By: Ada Brown, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Amanda L. Simpson, CMA, Assessors' Agent

The Board of Selectmen approved a full revaluation of the town last year, and data collection work has commenced this month. Many inquiries to the Assessing Office have been made regarding the revaluation and what its effect will be on property taxes. Hopefully the information outlined below will answer your questions. If not, we urge you to contact Assessors' Agent Amanda Simpson at 655-4742 x51 or amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org for more information.

is based on an analysis of the entire market for the full two calendar years before the completion of the revaluation.

The revaluation includes research and analysis of values in any particular area or neighborhood. In effect, it is the same process that you would use to determine the selling price when putting your property up for sale. Specific guidelines from the State are followed, and include fac-

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What is a Revaluation?

A revaluation is the process of equalizing the values of all properties within the town for the purpose of a fair distribution of the tax burden.

Why is a Revaluation needed?

The State of Maine requires that cities and towns maintain average values that reflect no less than 70% of current market value. We are currently at 71% overall with the range in value from 20% to 80% depending on the type and location of the property. The last complete revaluation was performed in 1989 with an adjustment of waterfront land in 1998. Over time, Raymond has continued to grow and the market value of properties has changed substantially in the last 15 years.

What is market value and who determines my property value?

Market value is determined by the local real estate market and the general economy. Raymond sales will be the basis of determining market value. The value of property

tors such as location, size, quality of construction, age of improvements, topography, utilities, and zoning restrictions.

Will a Revaluation increase taxes?

A revaluation may result in an increase or decrease of individual assessments; it does not mean that all property values will increase. Assessments are the base that is used to distribute the tax burden. The tax burden is the amount that the town must raise to operate the town and school, as well as pay the county tax assessment, minus all other revenue sources such as licenses, fees, and state revenue sharing. As an example, if the same amount of money is to be raised after the revaluation as the previous year and all assessments increase, the tax rate would be reduced proportionately.

Town meeting each year determines the amount of revenue that is generated through taxation. As the population increases in town the demand increases for municipally provided services. Keeping property values current assures that each property owner pays his fair share.

RAYMOND FIRE/RESCUE CALLS FOR MAY 2004

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
5/1/2004	1502	SUNSHINE PT. ROAD	SMOKE ALARM SOUNDING
5/2/2004	1525	M/A WINDHAM	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
5/2/2004	1535	MEADOW ROAD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/2/2004	1542	M/A WINDHAM	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
5/2/2004	1815	BAXTER ROAD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/4/2004	912	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM SOUNDING
5/4/2004	1602	CAPE ROAD	OVERDOSE
5/4/2004	1655	CRANBERRY POND ROAD	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
5/5/2004	739	M/A GRAY	DIFF. BREATHING
5/5/2004	955	WEBBS MILLS ROAD	HAND INJURY
5/7/2004	448	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVERAGE
5/7/2004	2126	COTTAGE LANE	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/9/2004	1138	MAIN STREET	SUBJ. INJURED IN A FALL
5/9/2004	2258	M/A CASCO	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
5/10/2004	2018	M/A GRAY	STATION COVERAGE
5/10/2004	2052	WEBBS MILLS ROAD	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
5/11/2004	1847	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM SOUNDING
5/13/2004	830	MEADOW ROAD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
5/15/2004	1322	BIRCH DRIVE	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
5/15/2004	1640	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
5/15/2004	2313	M/A STANDISH	STATION COVERAGE
5/16/2004	935	VISTA ROAD	TREE ON WIRES
5/17/2004	2107	CROCKETT ROAD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/18/2004	1405	WEBBS MILLS ROAD	HEAD INJURY
5/18/2004	2106	CRESCENT SHORE ROAD	ALLERGIC REACTION
5/19/2004	1508	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	DOG BITE
5/19/2004	1757	CONESCA ROAD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/20/2004	1015	WEBBS MILLS ROAD	LEG INJURY
5/20/2004	1416	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
5/23/2004	1656	MEADOW RD	BACK INJURY
5/23/2004	1746	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	DIFF. BREATHING
5/24/2004	2012	WILLIAMS LANE	GEN. ILLNESS
5/25/2004	1807	PAW PRINT PASS	UNKN. ODOR IN BASEMENT
5/26/2004	1404	RAYMOND HILL ROAD	UNKN.FUEL LEAK IN ROAD WAY

The Portland Pipeline

By: Wayne R. Holmquist

The wide path of green that passes through Raymond and Casco is the right of way for the Portland Pipe Line. It was built more than 60 years ago during World War II. Its purpose was to safely transport vital oil when enemy warships interrupted tanker traffic bound for the refineries in Canada. The pipeline runs from the Portland Harbor to Montreal, Canada.

Since opening in the autumn of 1941, Portland Pipeline has delivered more than 4 billion barrels of crude oil to Canada. The 100 acre tank farm and marine terminal in So. Portland receives about 22 tankers a month and the tank farm has a capacity of about 3.2 million barrels of oil. The tank arm in Montreal has a capacity of approximately 1.5 million barrels. PMPL's two pipelines, 18 inch and 24 inch in diameter, are monitored and controlled by a computerized supervisory control and data acquisition computer system (SCADA) operated from a control center located in So. Portland. SCADA provides operating intelligence and controls to the pipeline operator and enables the operator to remotely control pump units at the eight pump stations and to direct and follow the crude oil into and out of PMPL's storage tanks. In 2002, deliveries to Montreal averaged 418,000 barrels per day from a total of 235 tankers.

Originally the right of way held three pipelines: an 18 inch line that carried natural gas from Canada to the US, a 24 inch line that transported oil to Montreal, and a third 12 inch line that was cleaned and retired in 1984. Currently the 18 inch line has been returned to oil service as is the 24 inch line. It now takes 43 and 36 hours, respectively, to pump a barrel of oil through the 18 inch and 24 inch lines to Montreal. The 12 inch line has been abandoned.

The three lines are about three feet beneath the ground surface, pass through approximately 236 miles of countryside in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and the Province of Quebec.

Originally "line-walkers" literally walked the 236 mile pipeline every thirty days to check for problems, leaks, encroachments and to touch base with the landowners and

community members along the way. This chore has been replaced by computerization which meters and detects even small changes in pipeline pressure. Noisy "scraper pigs" still rumble through, cleaning the line as they go, and "smart pigs" speed along taking minute electronic measurements of the pipe and searching for any suspicious anomalies in the pipe walls.

Survey crew for the pipe line from both the North and South met in Casco in the summer of 1941 and construction soon began. The low point of the line is in So. Portland with a 32 foot elevation and the high point in Lunenburg, Vermont, at a 1,960 foot elevation. The varied terrain and mountains of New Hampshire and Vermont coupled with the crossing of the St. Lawrence River and other waterways put the crews to the acid test.

Simultaneously, work was begun on reciprocating pumping stations that would speed the crude along the lines in So. Portland, Raymond and North Waterford, Me., Gorham and Lancaster, N.H., West Burke, Vt. and Highwater and St. Cesaire, Quebec. The West Burke and Highwater stations were powered by diesel engines that ran on crude oil from the line, while all others were electrically powered.

Financing for the project was organized by Standard Oil of New Jersey (now Exxon-Mobil), at which time two companies were formed: Portland Pipeline Company in Portland, Me., and Montreal Pipe Line Company Limited in Montreal East.

The objective was to accept oil year around in Portland and deliver it to four refineries in Montreal East operated by Imperial Oil Limited, Shell Oil Company of Canada, McCall Fontana Oil Company (later known as Texaco) and the British-American Oil Company (later named Gulf). Previously these Canadian refineries shut down in the winter when the St. Lawrence River was frozen and only operated six months a year. In 1946 Standard Oil of New Jersey sold the Montreal and Portland companies to the four companies operating the Montreal refineries.

In December 1950, the system changed to a three-station operation resulting from ever changing and more efficient equipment. In 1951 Raymond, Gorham, West

Burke, and St. Cesaire were taken off line with new stations in 1954 being built in Raymond, Shelburne, Sutton and St. Cesaire.

In 1961, the Shelburn, N.H., pumping station was the first to convert from manual to remote control operation. A year later, the three remaining intermediate stations at Raymond, Sutton, and St. Cesaire changed to remote control.

Activity peaked in the late 60s and early 70s when a new pipeline from Sarnia, Ontario, to Montreal was completed, coupled with the higher cost of foreign crude. This was the first time the Portland-Montreal line faced great challenges and competition. The economic downturn in countries, higher energy prices, slower manufacturing activity, and major conservation efforts in Canada resulted in reduced demand and the closing of four of the six refineries in Montreal East. This falloff of business was felt in the Port of Portland as well. In 1985 tanker traffic dropped to about three ships a month.

In 1991 as the Pipeline celebrated its 50th birthday, it faced more challenges than ever. The once rural right of way through Western Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Quebec grew more populated by the day. The land occupied by the pipeline had become even more valuable than the line itself.

Increased ecological restrictions since the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill, new safety regulations adopted by the system, environmental scrutiny, and decreased use will be a sincere challenge for the future.

Significant upgrades and changes were made to the system in the late 1990s. First the 18 inch line was reconverted to oil use. The pumps and valves at the eight pumping stations along the right of way were upgraded to increase the pumping capacity of the system. Lastly, in 2002, improvements at PPL's Marine Terminal, specifically Pier 2, were completed that has made it a premiere marine terminal, with the most technological, safe, and efficient operation on the Eastern Seaboard, winning it the U.S. Coast Guard's William M. Benkert Award for excellence in marine environmental protection.

RWPA Hires Rangers and Offers Workshops to Involve Volunteers in Lake Protection Efforts

By: Noralee Raymond, Executive Director, Raymond Waterways Protective Association

With Memorial Day weekend upon us, RWPA kicks off its lake protection efforts and begins boat inspections and education at the ramps. RWPA welcomes aboard two new Lake Rangers in 2004, both residents of Raymond, Deborah Cutten and Mark Dixon.

RWPA hosted a Boat Inspector Workshop led by LEA to train the new rangers and volunteers on May 28th. Those who were not able to attend but are interested in helping increase coverage at the boat ramps and assisting the rangers, please contact us. We would like to have coverage at five ramps, especially on weekends.

In May, RWPA coordinated a milfoil removal effort. The marina hired four divers, and with ten volunteers, assistance from Portland Water District and two marina staff, we removed 3 ½ yards of milfoil and put down 2,700 square feet of benthic barrier (tarp) to prevent further growth and kill the roots. We have found this to be one of the most effective methods for milfoil control in large areas of infestation. The site was chosen due to a survey of Jordan Bay conducted by our Lake Rangers in 2003, which found the canal to be 25% infested mainly at the boat slips which made it a likely spot for fragmentation due to boat traffic in the area. We will continue to monitor the area.

If you think you have spotted an invasive plant, be sure to give us a call and we will come check it out as soon as possible. Early detection is essential to preventing the spread of these plants.

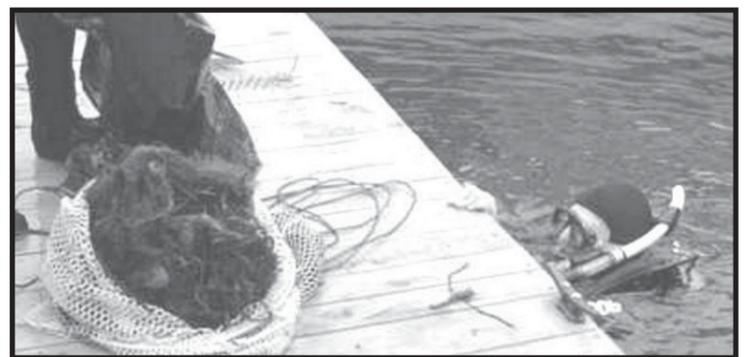
RWPA is offering several training opportunities in June. Please contact us (671-3329) in advance so that we can bring enough training materials.

Plant Removal Training, June 14, 8-4, Sebago Lake State Park

Interested in volunteering to help with further milfoil remediation efforts? This workshop is sponsored by the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants (MCIAP) and intended for those interested in direct involvement in hand removal projects. RSVP is required and space is limited. Sponsored by Sebago Lake State Park and Maine Department of Conservation.

Plant Identification Training, June 22, 4-8:30, Raymond Public Safety Building

Become an active steward of your lake by being able to identify native and invasive plants. This hands-on workshop is led by MCIAP and sponsored by RWPA. Sign up today and learn how to identify natives and invasives using live plant samples. Proper identification is essential to keeping invasive plants out of our lakes. RWPA needs trained volunteers on all Raymond lakes to assist with lake plant surveys at the end of the season. Call today to register.



Divers removing milfoil from the marina

Visit us at the Raymond Village Library Annual Plant Sale! RWPA will have an educational booth set up at the Plant Sale on June 26th. We will have information on invasive species as well as information on native plant vegetation for planting buffers along the shore. Look for us there!

Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, July 18, from 1-3pm at the Raymond Public Safety Building. Come hear about our activities of the summer, get the most recent information on our milfoil program, and meet our staff and volunteers.

Please contact us to sign up for any of the training opportunities or if you are interested in volunteering. You can reach us at 207-671-3329 or e-mail lakes@raymondmaine.org. We hope to hear from you!

Mentoring Program Celebrates Third Year

By: Lori Rand

Close to 100 people - mentors, mentees, their families and program friends - gathered at Fairpoint Resort at the end of May to celebrate our mentoring relationships. This event marks the close of the third year of the program, which recruits, matches and supports community members who wish to develop friendships with Raymond students. The Raymond Mentoring Partnership has evolved into a unique program which combines weekly one on one time with special group activities that range from swimming and snow tubing to attending plays and performing community service projects. We've seen the trust and confidence that grows from having someone from the community speak to mentees with their actions: you're important and I enjoy spending time with you. What more important message could we send to our youth?

Mentoring is not just about mentors giving to mentees. The relationships work both ways, and we also encourage our pairs to spend some time giving back to the community. Our annual service project has been planting flowers at the playground in the Sheri Gagnon Park on Mill Street. In addition, some pairs have served at the senior citizen suppers, and have decorated flowerpots for the suppers and for residents at Jordan Bay Place. Our Kids 2 Kids middle school mentors, who mentored elementary school aged students this past year, provided childcare to over 30 children during town meeting. They raised \$60 to support the Performing Arts fundraiser at JSMS.

The mentoring program has also sponsored events for students beyond those in mentoring relationships. In the fall we brought Rick Adam to RES to share his message about healthy choices / steps to success and to JSMS to share his personal story of overcoming addiction. This winter, our middle school facilitator Debra Martin organized two "Social Nights" at JSMS where the theme was "Smart Kids Make Healthy Choices; Healthy Choices Make Smart Kids". We've worked with the Raymond Village Library to provide games for a library Game Night and provided refreshments for Library Survivor Night - a team and library skills building evening for 4th and 5th graders. The program also assisted with transportation costs for the Harlem Rockets workshop this spring.

Our mentors spend an hour or more a week with their mentee during the school year, and most of the time together is one on one. This is the most essential part of the program. It's a time to explore interests, try new things, talk things over and just have fun.

If you'd like more information about being a mentor, contact our office at RES: 655-8672, ext. 107. We will be holding a mentor training in September and will be starting program activities in October.

FairPoint NE 5K Road Race

Saturday, June 19, 2004 at 7:30 am

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 6:30 AM

9:00 am Kids 1K Road Race

Start at Sheri Gagnon Park on Mill Street
Raymond, Maine

Sponsored by: FairPoint NE Telephone Company.
For the benefit of Raymond Rec Association

T-shirts for first 100 registered in 5K Run.

Kids 1K entry FREE

5K Race entry fee: 18 & under \$6 Adult \$10
Families (over three members) \$26

Awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for male and female overall;
and 1st, 2nd & 3rd place male and female
in the following age divisions:
13 & under, 14-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69,
70 and over.

Information: Louise Lester 655-4224 or 655-4742
email louise.lester@raymondmaine.org or
Bob Payne 655-2165/534-8814 or
email blueridgeguide@bigfoot.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Courtesy Boat Inspectors
- Milfoil Removal Projects
- Plant Shoreline Surveys
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Erosion Control Projects

Contact us at 207-671-3329 or
lakes@raymondmaine.org



Volunteers, staff and marina personel helped lay the tarp to prevent milfoil growth.

Honors For Raymond Reflections Artists

The Raymond PTA proudly announces the result of the State Reflections Program.

Literature

Emily Gagne – 1st Runner Up Grades K-2nd
Cassandra Gordan – Overall Winner Grades 3-5th
Alexandra Gordan – Overall Winner Grades 6-8th

Music

Alissa Drew – 1st Runner Up Grades K-2nd
Alyson Schadler – 1st Runner Up Grades 6-8th

Visual Arts

Kevin Sutton – Honorable Mention Grades 3-5th
Lyzzy Stevenson – 4th Runner Up Grades 6-8th

Photography

Jonathan Brockelbank – 2nd Runner Up Grades K-2nd
Grace Pomeroy – 3rd Runner Up Grades 3-5th
Cheston DeSorbo – 2nd Runner Up Grades 6-8th

Also participating at the State Level was Bailey Beers in Visual Arts, Grades K-2nd.

National Honors

Cassandra Gordan's and Alexandra Gordan's winning literature entries went on to compete at the National Reflections Program. Cassandra Gordan's entry earned her Honors at the National Level! Congratulations!!

The theme for next year's Reflection Program is "A Different Kind of Hero". Look for information about the program and workshops next fall.

Windham High School OMers Return to JSMS

Five former Jordan-Small Middle School students, who are now members of Windham High School's only Odyssey of the Mind (OM) team, have been visiting their alma mater over the last few months. Working afternoons and some evenings in Mrs. Hammett's classroom are Alyse Bartholomew, Keegan Brown, Amanda Evans, Amanda Hammett, and Hannah Witcher, coached for their OM creative problem solving by Philip Hammett. The classroom shows many signs left from the Envirover problem performed at the Maine State Tournament, like Kitty the Envirover and circus theme props. They will remain there (nice incentives and reminders for potential JSMS OMers) while these talented students decide if they are going to the OM World Finals in Maryland in May.

A Plea To Dog Owners

It's a nice night for a baseball game. Raymond kids playing Raymond kids or some other town. The score is close and the batter hits the ball to the outfield. The outfielders are running for the ball to try and stop the runner, but ... SLIP and down goes one outfielder. It wasn't mud or a rock that knocked down the fielder. It was a landmine that was left on the field after a dog owner did not clean up after their dog.

Raymond volunteers put in a lot of time to keep the fields groomed so that the kids can play on clean fields, and it becomes very frustrating when the coaches or parents have to clean the fields before every game due to dogs running free on the fields to "do their business."

Please have consideration for the kids, parents and volunteers that use these fields. The fields are not dog toilets. Please either keep your dogs off the fields or clean up after them when they are running on the fields. Technically, there is a leash law in Raymond that says that you are not allowed to let your dogs free.

Please think twice about the people who are going to use the fields either that afternoon or night before you unleash your dog to run free to "do its business." The same could be said for any public place – public sidewalks, beaches, etc. Dogs are great but not what they, or their owners, leave behind.

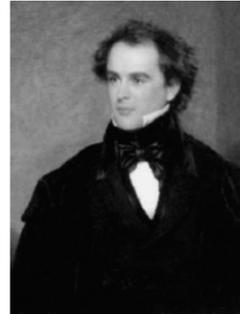
Hawthorne Community Association

RAYMOND CAPE ROAD
SOUTH CASCO, MAINE 04077
www.pivot.net/~hawthorne



NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE'S BOYHOOD HOME

Hawthorne to Speak in Raymond!



Happy 200th

Birthday, Nat!

at the
Annual Strawberry Festival - Saturday, July 3, 2004
At the Hawthorne House in Raymond

- 7:00 P.M. for Hawthorne 200th Birthday observance and remarks followed by dessert and social from 7:30 – 9:00 P.M.
- Donation of \$5.00 per adult, and \$3.00 per child of 12 and under.

Nathaniel Hawthorne was born on July 4, 1804, and we are going to have a special program to celebrate that event.

Although he has not visited Raymond for over 175 years, we convinced the reclusive author to come and share stories of some of his early life experiences with us. This promises to be an informative and entertaining talk about what life was like here in the early 1800's. We encourage everyone who is interested in early American history to attend. Fresh homemade strawberry shortcake and beverages will be served after the birthday observance.

You need not be a member of the Hawthorne Community Association to attend; however, we encourage you to join us in our mission to preserve Hawthorne's boyhood home and also provide a focal point for community gatherings. You may check the web site above for more information.

Please come and bring your family and friends. To help us correctly plan the amount of food needed, **reservations must be made before June 28th** by e-mail (preferred) at jmanoush@pivot.net or by calling John or Kim Manoush at 655-7660. The Hawthorne House is located at the intersection of Hawthorne and Cape Roads in Raymond. Parking is very limited, so please car pool if possible.

Raymond Baseball/Softball

Raymond Baseball and softball has had a good season despite all the rain that we have had. The season is winding down, and closing ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, June 23, starting at 5:30. The ceremony will proceed as follows:

T-ball teams	5:30
Boys/Girls Rookies	5:45
Girls Minors	6:00
Boys Minors	6:15
Girls/Boys Majors	6:30

Come down to closing ceremonies hungry and visit our terrific concession stand where there will be burgers, hotdogs, candy bars, soda, etc. All proceeds benefit the Raymond Baseball/Softball program.

To also help the Raymond Baseball/Softball program, we will again have our raffle at closing ceremonies. Some

of the prizes being raffled off are a grill from Sears and gift certificates from Lake Region Furniture. To buy a raffle ticket, find any baseball or softball player. The tickets are \$1 each or a book of 7 for \$5.

Raymond Baseball/Softball is a volunteer program that could not work without the help of volunteers and sponsors. We would like to thank all the different businesses/organizations around town and nearby towns that have either donated items for our spaghetti dinners, donated items for our door prizes, purchased signs for our fields or sponsored a team, given us their time to help out with the fields, to Speedy Warehouses for buying our new scoreboard at Mill Street, to Paul Hargreaves for making a new grill for the concession stand, to the volunteers who worked in the concession stand, and to Ms. Stedt for donating light poles and lights for the field at Mill Street. Also a big thank you to the Gulick Trust for helping us make the changes that need to be made at the fields and concession stands.

Representative Joseph Bruno Offers Information on Scholarships

Representative Joseph Bruno of Raymond encourages high school students to check out FAME's website, www.famemaine.com, as they start their search for college scholarships. This site allows students to look for Maine-based scholarships that match their selected criteria. Scholarships listed on FAME's website do not include all scholarship resources that are available. A larger selection of nationwide scholarships may be reviewed at these additional websites:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.maping-your-future.org
- www.fastaid.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.theoldschool.org

Financial Aid Office, place of employment, faith-based institutions and local service organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.

Scholarship searches are free; however, students should be cautious of organizations seeking to provide college financial aid for a fee. Questions about whether an offer is legitimate should be directed to FAME, your college Financial Aid Office or your high school Guidance Office.

Representative Bruno also suggests that students investigate the following sources for additional scholarship information: local high school Guidance Office, College

Raymond School Department Openings for 2004-05

Jordan-Small Middle School

Social Studies Teacher (7-8 looping)
Spanish Teacher
Receptionist/Bookkeeper/ Health Aide 37.5 hours 175 days

District-wide

K-8 Gifted/Talented Teacher with G.T. and Literacy certification Strong background in curriculum differentiation and inclusion models. Staff development skills

Visit www.raymondmaine.org to download an application. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, current resume, transcripts and three letters of recommendation by June 14, 2004, to:

Superintendent of Schools, Raymond School Department, 434 Webbs Mill Road, Raymond, ME 04071

2004 SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY



Readers of all ages, join us at the Raymond Village Library for summer reading fun!



July 3rd through August 16th

Join us for a summer of ancient civilizations as we explore ancient Egypt and Greece. Create your own Greek chariots and Corinthian helmets, Egyptian riverboats and headdresses, fill a summer menu, solve hieroglyphic puzzles and take part in other fun activities and projects. Help us fill our container with sugar cubes which we'll use to make a giant pyramid at the end of the summer! We'll experience authentic Greek and Egyptian foods, games and music. We'll end it all with the "Olympics" featuring great food, games, certificates and other fun and prizes!



"Turn Back the Pages of Time"

Joining is easy! Send in the attached enrollment form, and during the week of July 3rd through July 10th, stop by the library for your start up package. Each week, when you bring back the books you've read and put your sugar cubes in the container, 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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

AGE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____



Meet the Data Collectors!!

Vision Appraisal Technology has begun the revaluation for the town. The first phase of the project is the data collection process. Field data collectors or "listers" will be reviewing properties and the interior and exterior of buildings.

Appointments are not made as collectors normally visit as many as 40 properties a day. If someone is home, they will be asked to sign a data collection form to verify the inspection took place. If no one is home they will attempt another visit.

All Vision representatives carry picture identification and

a letter of authorization from the Town of Raymond. Their vehicles are registered with Raymond Dispatch and the Assessing Office. The information below is also posted on the town website at <http://www.raymondmaine.org>.

More specific information regarding the area of town where listers are working is posted on the website.



Danielle Pare
88 Volvo - grey
NH license plate # MANIAC



Eugene Bilodeau
1998 Nissan Pathfinder - silver
NH license plate # 746-416



Rick Kulp
1996 Ford Escort - grey
NH license plate # 43113



Ben Bromfield
2001 Oldsmobile Alero - green
NH license plate # 106-839



Doug Bean
1999 Land Rover - black
ME license plate # 1580W



George J. Correia
Dodge Dakota Pickup - red/silver
NH license plate # 66323



Michael O'Leary
1999 Subaru Outback - silver
1998 Subaru Outback - white
Maine license plates



Jessica Leavitt
95 Pontiac Grand Prix - green



Paul Moreau
2002 Ford Taurus - black
NH license plate # 296856
1998 Ford Expedition - tan
NH license plate # 47826



Kirk Marshall
2002 Chevy Blazer - black
NH license plate # 1470479
2003 Nissan Maxima - silver
NH license plate # 154606

Library Survivor Night

RVL was buzzing with active 4th Graders from RES and 5th Graders from JSMS on Friday night, May 14, 2004. 36 students participated in a Library Survivor Night inspired by the popular TV show "Survivor."

The evening started by matching up 9 teams, all containing both 4th and 5th graders. Each team was given a color to be their identifying mark for clues they had to find by way of utilizing library skills. There were 10 stations where clues were found and team tasks, ranging from applying first aid, making a sun hat, identifying a Monet, answering questions about Raymond, to making a rescue plea in Spanish on large paper with shell pasta, and "catching" fish, had to be completed.

All teams were winners with fabulous prizes awarded at the end of the evening. Lisa Friedlander, who initiated, coordinated, and organized this fun-filled program, enlisted the help of Raymond's Mentoring Program in providing food for the evening.

Library Survivor Night proved to be a success as a bridge program, providing a fun way for 4th graders heading to JSMS in the fall to mingle and reconnect with soon-to-be 6th graders.

Many thanks to Lisa Friedlander for all her time, energy, and ideas! RVL appreciates the many things Lisa does to support the library and Raymond students.

Also, thank you to Deb Keef, Theresa Sadak, Paula Desjardins, Lori Rand, Donna Marcinuk, Barbara Thorpe, and Holly Sukie for helping to make sure everyone did survive!

