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Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Begins Work

As a result of the adoption of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, the Selectmen appointed a committee to immediately begin work on implementation of the priorities called for in the Plan. At their February 8, 2005, meeting, committee members generated a list of priorities from the Land Use section in the Plan (see pages 12-24) to be considered for the May 2005 town meeting. These priorities are:

1. Changes to the Zoning Map and adoption of the GIS based zoning map.
2. Reduce VR1 lot size from 1.38 to 1.0 acre minimum, and lot frontage from 225 feet to 100 feet minimum.
3. Implementation of a growth cap in the Rural Districts (R, RR, RP, LRR1, and LRR2)
4. Change minimum acreage requirement in the R District from 3 to 5 acres, except for open space subdivisions.
5. Change minimum acreage requirement in the RR District from 2 to 3 acres, except for open space subdivisions.
6. Change minimum acreage requirement in the LRR1 District from 2 to 3 acres, except for open space subdivisions.
7. Allow denser development in the C District.
8. Reconsider a subdivision moratorium for the Rural Districts.

Alternate.

The Committee encourages your participation and attendance. The committee will be meeting on Thursdays at 7pm at the Town Hall on March 3, March 10, and March 17, 2005. Please visit the website at www.raymondmaine.org for updated meeting schedules and minutes.

For additional information you may contact Amanda L. Simpson and committee members at amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org or 655-4742 x 51. All correspondence received in writing or by email will be forwarded to the committee.

Members on the committee are: Christine McClellan, Chairman; Mike Reynolds, Vice-Chairman, both Selectmen Representatives; Patrick Clark and Robert O'Neill, Planning Board Representatives; John Rand, Conservation Commission Representative; Jim Stephenson, Comprehensive Plan Representative; Wayne Holmquist; and Marcia Corradini,

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by March 24th. 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 at one of the school offices.

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Online services now include:

- Automobile registration
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Assessment information
- Property & other maps

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Special School Board Workshop on the FY06 Budget

March 1, 2005, 7pm

Raymond Elementary School Library

A presentation by the Commissioner of Education, Susan Gendron, on the School Funding Formula

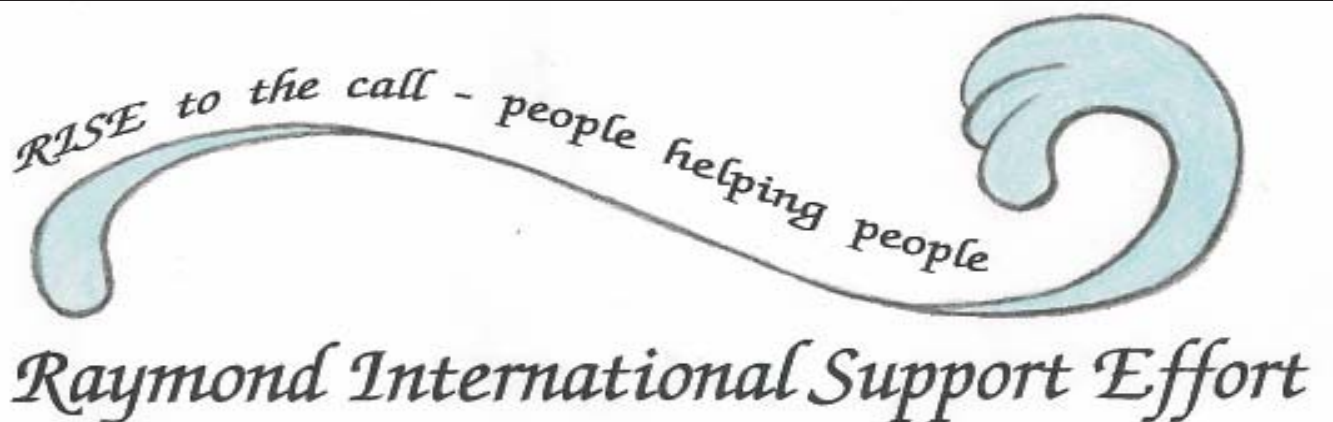
March 2, 2005, 7pm

Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium

Public Hearing for Proposed School Budget

March 2, 2005, 8pm

Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium



You can make a difference with just \$5! Money spent on the reconstruction phase of disaster relief operations in Sri Lanka will make a dramatic difference in the lives of the displaced families. If every Raymond household donates \$5, collectively Raymond will raise \$15,000. This money is sufficient to rebuild homes for three families, in their village that was destroyed by the tsunami. Five thousand dollars will cover the costs of building a house consisting of two rooms, living space, a bathroom and kitchen with proper sanitation and environmentally appropriate materials. R.I.S.E.'s goal is \$15,000 and the construction of three homes!

Many Raymond residents gave generously right after the tsunami. Those vital dollars have been used to meet the emergency needs of water, food, shelter, and basic medical care. Now money is needed for Phase Two: reconstruction of homes, schools, clinics, roads, water systems, etc. Understandably, some of our neighbors may not have an extra \$5 to

spare. If most of Raymond's families donate \$5 or more, Raymond can help three families move into new homes - families whose names, and hopefully faces, we will get to know.

R.I.S.E. has entered into a partnership with the Sahana Project organized by Ruani "Ru" Freeman, a native of Sri Lanka and a freelance writer who works at Colby College. She has identified a partnering village called Kalamitiya (pronounced color-miti-yer) located on the southeastern coast of Sri Lanka near the Kumana birdlife sanctuary. The Sahana Project's goal is to raise \$200,000 to fund homes for 31 families, a community center, a revolving loan fund for women, a youth skills development program, fishing gear and equipment, and possibly a playground. The first ground-breaking ceremony has already taken place!

On the Sri Lanka front, the partner is the Disaster Management & Information Program, a small team of eight full-time staff with a national network of hundreds

of volunteers. Their assessments were the only local ones used by the United Nations for their own assessment. You can learn more about DMIP and Ru's work by checking out the website: www.sahanaproject.org

To date, individuals, schools, businesses, and towns have raised nearly \$30,000. Efforts are also underway in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Sahana Project wants to provide a connection between our town and recipients of the aid, and to facilitate the potential for ongoing communication between the people in Kalamitiya and our community. By the next edition of Road Runner, R.I.S.E hopes to know the names of the families whose homes the residents of Raymond are helping to build. As life returns to some normalcy, it is our hope that our school children, and others with the interest, will build personal relationships that go beyond "mortar and

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Raymond Village Library News

This Month at a Glance

Wednesday, March 2 - Dr. Seuss Night – Raymond Elementary School at 6:30pm.
Monday, March 7 - Long Range Planning Committee Meeting at 7pm.
Wednesday, March 9 – Meet the Author of “The Three Grumpies” at 7pm.
Wednesday, March 23 – Garden Series, Starting Seeds at 7pm.
Wednesday, March 30 – Reading Group at 7pm.
Wednesday, April 6 – Computer Series, Internet and Dealing with Viruses at 7pm.

Dr. Seuss Night

The Raymond Elementary School will be the place to be on March 2 at 6:30pm. Each year Dr. Seuss Night gets bigger and better. Many new activities and lots of fun. Plan to attend. No sign up necessary.

Meet the Author

The Raymond Village Library is so proud to be able to bring Tamra Wight, the author of “The Three

Grumpies,” to meet with our library patrons. It is such a treat to meet with someone who has accomplished the writing and publication of a book and to hear her share her creative process and publishing process. Tamra will read her book, which is intended for the 3-8 years old age group. There will be a Grumpies page and crayons provided for children to color in while they listen to the tale of what happens when you wake up on the wrong side of the bed. This is an evening for the whole family, and we invite you to Meet the Author at the library on Wednesday, March 9, from 7 to 8:30pm. Books will also be available for purchase and autograph signing.

Garden Series

Forget the snow and think Spring! On Wednesday, March 23, Martin Berwick, master gardener from the U of M Cooperative Extension Program will give a talk and slide show at the library beginning at 7pm. Mr. Berwick will explain the mysteries of successfully starting flowers and vegetables from seed. What a wonderful way to start spring and just in time to start planning our gardens. This

is open to the public and all are invited to attend. For more information, call the library at 655-4283.

Long Range Planning Committee

On Monday, March 7, there will be a Long Range Planning Committee Meeting at 7pm. at the library. The public is welcome.

Library Closed

The library will be closed on Sunday, March 27, in observance of Easter Sunday.

Tax Forms

Both State and Federal tax forms are available at the library. You can also download them from your computer at irs.gov

Reading Group

This group of readers meets the last Wednesday of the month at the library at 7pm to discuss a mutually chosen piece of writing. This may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, essays, plays, etc. All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the library, 655-4283, for this month’s selection.

Town Nomination Papers Available

The 2005 Annual Town Meeting will be Saturday, May 21st, at 10am. On Friday, May 20th, our Town Elections will take place at Jordan-Small Middle School from 7am to 8pm. The positions that will be available for candidates are Budget/Finance Committee - 3 seats, School Committee - 2 seats, and Selectmen - 2 seats.

The Budget/Finance Committee reviews the Annual Town Budget with its primary “season” being from February into April to be ready for the Annual Town Meeting. Usually the Committee meets twice a month during those months and periodically during the rest of the year. The School Committee has two regular meetings a month, and the Selectmen also have two regular meetings per month.

If you wish to run for an office, please obtain a nomination form at the Town Office during regular office hours. You will need to obtain not fewer than 25 but not

more than 50 Raymond registered voter signatures. The deadline for submitting the completed nomination form will be Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 4pm.

Public Notice
Town of Raymond Road Posting

This is to notify you that Raymond will be closing its roads to vehicles weighing in excess of 23,000 pounds on Friday, February 28, 2005, until May 16, 2005. Routes 85, 121, and 302 will be exempt from this closure because they are State maintained roads. 29A M.R.S.A. Sec. 2395

Personal Property Inventory Issued

The Assessing Office has mailed the annual personal property inventory. It is required by state law for all businesses to submit a complete inventory of business-related personal property on or before March 30, 2005.

For new businesses or businesses that do not currently receive a property tax bill, please contact the Assessing Office for the inventory form.

As part of the revaluation, all businesses will be visited this year and assessed, as appropriate. Submittal of the inventory form will be very helpful in assuring that all businesses are assessed equitably. Failure to submit the form waives your right to appeal the valuation.

For further information, please contact Amanda L. Simpson, CMA, by calling 655-4742 x 51 or by email at amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org

March 2005

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 MB =Modular at JSMS	1 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM RE Special School Board Workshop 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	2 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	3 8:00AM-1:00PM TH LD1 Workshop 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting 7:00PM TH Comp Plan Implementation Committee	4	5 JSMS Cheerleading Competition
6	7 10:00AM VL Babytime	8 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 6:30PM RE PTA Meeting 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	9 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 11:30AM JS Early Release 7:00PM TH Planning Board 7:00-8:30PM VL Meet the Author	10 7:00PM TH Comp Plan Implementation Committee	11 JSMS End Trimester 2	12 JSMS Cheerleading Competition
13	14 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM TH Budget Committee Meeting	15 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	16 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 5:30PM JS Senior Citizen's Dinner	17 <i>Road Runner</i> Deadline for March 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting 7:00PM TH Comp Plan Implementation Committee	18	19
20	21 10:00AM VL Babytime 6:00PM RE Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:00PM TH Budget Committee Meeting	22 3:00PM TH Planning Board Deadline for March 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	23 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM VL Garden Series - Starting Seeds	24 7:00PM TH Comp Plan Implementation Committee	25 JSMS Parent/Teacher Conferences	26 12:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals Deadline for March
27	28 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals	29 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	30 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 6:30 VL Library Reading Group 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	31 7:00PM TH Comp Plan Implementation Committee	1	2

Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen took the following actions in February 2005.

1. Consideration of new road name – Winter Way – off Raymond Hill Road – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. This new road is located across from Swans Road and has one house at this time; eventually the road will support two homes. The Selectmen approved the proposed road name of Winter Way.
2. New Class I, II, III, IV (Restaurant Liquor License) William E. Hines, Jr. and Kimberly Y. Hines (Whines Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Café Sebago, 1248 Roosevelt Trail). This new liquor license was required due to a change in ownership. Fire Chief Denis Morse reported that all life safety issues were addressed at the time of the last inspection and no outstanding issues remain. The Selectmen granted a new liquor license to William and Kimberly Hines d/b/a Café Sebago.
3. Apparatus acquisition and grant opportunities update – Fire Chief Denis Morse updated the Selectmen on efforts to secure a late model demonstrator ambulance unit to replace Rescue 2, which has a 1195 chassis with a 1986 ambulance body and has been plagued by expensive repairs. The present replacement budget is \$140,000, and a medium duty ambulance with two new stretchers was found for \$148,790. After negotiation, Chief Morse was able to lower the price to the existing level in the capital replacement budget. This unit is a Braun ambulance built on a medium duty General Motors Corporation 4500 chassis with 4,000 miles. It is a quality vehicle that is already outfitted. The Town Manager, Selectman Gendron, and Chief Morse will investigate the ambulance further before any final action is taken. Chief Morse also reported that the Fire Department is awaiting word on a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to replace Engine 2, which is a 1990 pumper truck. The application is for a 1997 or newer Quint, which is a fire truck that incorporates all of the features of a pumper and ladder in one vehicle. The amount of the grant sought is \$350,000 for a used unit. Similarly equipped new Quints sell for between \$650,000 and \$700,000. Chief Morse reported that Raymond had been invited to a second stage application, which should indicate the town's request is under serious consideration.
4. Consideration of appointment to Tassel Top Board of Directors – Denis Morse. The Tassel Top Board of Directors recommended Mr. Morse for appointment to the Board of Directors. This appointment was unanimously approved by the Selectmen.
5. Request for improved exterior lighting – Raymond Village Library – Sandra Severn, Secretary, Board of Trustees. Secretary Severn outlined the present outside lighting needs at the Library and requested town assistance with the provision of a pole-mounted streetlight and the assumption of ongoing maintenance costs. The Selectmen approved authorizing the town manager to work with the Public Works Director in locating a suitable utility pole and arranging for the installation of a yard light at an estimated cost of \$250 per year for a 250-watt light.
6. Request for capital reserve utilization – Nathan White, Public Works Director. Public Works Director Nathan White requested that \$30,000, previously dedicated to purchasing a used heavy-duty dump truck be utilized instead to refurbish a truck already owned by the town at an estimated cost of \$5,000, with the balance of the proceeds used for construction of a 40' x 80' pole barn storage building at the Plains Road Public Works site. The Selectmen unanimously approved the expenditure of the heavy truck capital reserve account for the outlined purposes.
7. Proposal to establish an ad hoc committee to study town communications and develop policy – Laurie Forbes, Chairman, Web & Technology Committee. The town manager outlined that in the past questions had arisen such as whether the town would accept paid advertising for the *Raymond Road Runner* and website, and inquiries regarding policies for acceptance of editorial material, as well as concerns over access to available space by non-municipal or

school organizations. At the present time, the town does not accept paid advertising and permits editorial comment by invitation to candidates for elective office and/or comments from both sides of an important municipal issue such as the recent subdivision moratorium. Requests to submit materials are handled on an ad hoc basis by the town manager and the Web and Technology Committee, with more significant requests coming before the Selectmen for consideration. The town manager and the chairman of the Web and Technology Committee endorsed the concept of establishing an ad hoc committee to study town communications and develop policy as a means to better manage Raymond's electronic and written communications. The Selectmen agreed that establishment of policies regarding communications would be an excellent goal to pursue but felt that the existing One Raymond Committee could address this issue as a part of its ongoing work. The Selectmen unanimously voted not to act on this agenda item by creating a new committee.

8. Consideration of amendment to Board of Selectmen Bylaws and Policies, Section 8, Meetings Public Participation Policy. After discussion over the need for a formal public participation policy that would establish a dedicated time for non-agenda public participation and guidelines for interaction with the Board of Selectmen, a motion was made not to include this element in the current Selectmen Bylaws and Policies. This motion was approved unanimously.
9. Met in Executive Session to discuss possible acquisition of real property including consultation with legal counsel as outlined under Maine Revised Statutes (M.R.S.A.) Title 1 §405(6CME).
10. Tax year 2004 abatements, tax year 2003 supplements and 2004 supplements – Assessors' Agent Amanda Simpson. After a detailed presentation by the assessor, the Selectmen approved a 2003 supplemental assessment in the amount of \$1,160.85. Eight 2004 supplements were approved in the amount of \$5,462.64. Sixteen abatements were approved in the amount of \$10,730.61. The assessor also gave a status report on the Vision Appraisal revaluation project, stating that residential data collection has now been completed with the exception of boat slips, boat racks, and seasonal campsite outbuildings. 80% of commercial data collection has been completed to date. The remaining commercial properties will be completed shortly. Data entry for completed parcels began in November and is ongoing. Call back visits will be conducted in February for year round residents. Callbacks for seasonal residents will be conducted around Memorial Day. Neighborhood delineations will begin in February through utilization of two sets of the 2004 tax maps, which have been provided by the town to Vision Appraisal. Most video imaging has been completed except commercial properties. The revaluation project as a whole is on schedule with an expected delivery date of September 1, 2005. The final completion date may be affected by the number of hearings requested prior to finalization of values. Typical revaluations result in requests for hearings that number approximately 10% of developed parcels.
11. Raymond International Support Effort (R.I.S.E.) request for Selectmen letter of support. The town manager presented this request in the absence of R.I.S.E. representatives who were unable to attend the meeting. The Selectmen voted not to provide a letter of support, expressing concern over the precedent setting value of such an action, but did recommit to providing support to the R.I.S.E. effort in other ways including through provision of space in the *Raymond Road Runner*, on the town reader board, erection of appropriate fund raising signage on town owned properties and related publicity efforts.
12. Bid award – replacement ambulance for Rescue 2 – Fire Chief Denis Morse. Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tupper and Rescue Chief Cathy Gosselin presented an overview of the ambulance review and bid solicitation process, which has occurred over the past six months. All major manufacturers were solicited for bid proposals. The town was most interested in obtaining a lower price by purchasing a demonstrator ambulance. The unit selected is a

Braun ambulance sold by Autotronics. It is a 2004 General Motors Corporation medium duty ambulance with approximately 4,000 miles on the odometer. The ambulance would come with two new stretchers and all other options and accessories in the original request for proposals. The Selectmen unanimously voted to approve purchasing the 2004 ambulance form Autotronics for a purchase price of \$140,000. The town also elected to purchase an extended power train warranty for a period of seven years or 100,000 miles at a cost of \$2,800.

13. Town Manager Report – Communications – The town manager outlined the annual notification of posted roads. The Town of Raymond will be closing its roads to vehicles weighing in excess of 23,000 lbs. beginning Friday, February 28, 2005, until May 16, 2005. Routes 85, 121, and 302 are state maintained roads and are exempt from this closure under Maine statute 29A M.R.S.A. §2395. Chairman Betty McDermott thanked the Public Works Department and Fire/Rescue Department for their dedicated service and extra work during the recent major snowstorm. She asked the town manager to write a letter of thanks and commendation to both departments.
14. Authorized Payroll and Treasurer's Warrants for February 1st and 15th.

Raymond Fire/Rescue Log

1/1/2005	27	EGYPT RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/2/2005	554	GORE RD	DIFF. BREATHING
1/2/2005	1021	SLONES COVE	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/3/2005	1225	WEBBS MILLS	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/4/2005	850	CAPE RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/4/2005	1134	M/ACASCO	GEN.ILLNESS
1/5/2005	900	M/ACASCO	DIFF. BREATHING
1/5/2005	922	MAIN ST.	GEN.ILLNESS
1/6/2005	1525	CAPE RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/6/2005	1620	EGYPT RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/6/2005	1633	MEADOW RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/6/2005	1641	EGYPT RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/6/2005	2045	COUNTY RD	SNOWMOBILE FIRE
1/8/2005	816	MAIN ST.	GEN.ILLNESS
1/8/2005	2234	GLENN RD	GEN.ILLNESS
1/10/2005	1545	M/A WINDHAM	DIABETIC EMERGENCY
1/10/2005	1846	GORE RD	GEN.ILLNESS
1/11/2005	1221	ROOSEVELT TRL.	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
1/11/2005	1840	DAVIS FARM RD	OVERDOSE
1/14/2005	935	M/A NAPLES	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
1/14/2005	1312	PATRICIA AVE	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
1/14/2005	1531	VALLEY RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/15/2005	1046	HANCOCK RD	POSS. CARDIAC
1/16/2005	938	LOOK OUT LANE	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
1/16/2005	2206	GORE RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/19/2005	410	M/A CASCO	POSS. STRUCTURE FIRE
1/20/2005	328	SPILLER HILL RD	DIABETIC EMERGENCY
1/20/2005	855	VALLEY RD	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/20/2005	2054	MASON LANE	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
1/22/2005	1114	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVERAGE
1/22/2005	1329	WEBBS MILLS	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/24/2005	613	COUNTY RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
1/24/2005	824	M/A GRAY	STATION COVERAGE
1/24/2005	1431	PINE LANE	GEN.WEAKNESS
1/26/2005	908	EGYPT RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
1/26/2005	1219	AUTO AID GRAY	POSS. DISLOCATED HIP
1/26/2005	1805	BALL DR.	POSS. STRUCTURE FIRE
1/28/2005	903	M/A CASCO	CHIMNEY FIRE
1/28/2005	1029	ROOSEVELT TRL.	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
1/29/2005	250	AUTO AID GRAY	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
1/29/2005	1146	MAIN ST	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
1/29/2005	2100	SPILLER HILL	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
1/31/2005	816	COUNTY RD	CHEST PAIN
1/31/2005	945	OAKLEDGE	AMPUTATED THUMB
1/31/2005	952	M/A CASCO	HIP & KNEE INJURY
1/31/2005	857	ROOSEVELT TRL.	GAS SPILL
1/31/2005	957	MEADOW RD	PUBLIC ASSIST
1/31/2005	1703	AUTO AID GRAY	PUBLIC ASSIST
2/1/2005	719	SEBAGO LAKE	VEHICLE THROUGH ICE
2/1/2005	1228	MEADOW RD	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
2/1/2005	1235	SEBAGO LAKE	VEHICLE THROUGH ICE
2/1/2005	1307	LEVY LANE	CHEST PAIN
2/2/2005	1423	HALE RD	C/O DETECTOR
2/2/2005	2038	M/A CASCO	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
2/7/2005	842	M/A CASCO	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
2/9/2005	1716	LEVY LANE	CHEST PAIN
2/10/2005	525	MEADOW RD	C/O DETECTOR
2/10/2005	1130	WEBBS MILLS	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
2/10/2005	1350	HASKELL AVE	HAND INJURY
2/10/2005	1646	WEBBS MILLS	WRIST INJURY
2/10/2005	1732	CONESCA RD	POWER LINES ON ROAD
2/10/2005	1934	MAWAGA DR	TREE ACROSS RD
2/10/2005	2039	WEBBS MILLS	POWER LINES ON ROAD
2/11/2005	633	WESTVIEW DR	STOMACH PAIN
2/11/2005	1101	THOMAS POND	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH
2/11/2005	1158	MYRON HALL RD	POWER LINES DOWN
2/11/2005	1427	SWANS RD	TREE ON POWER LINES
2/11/2005	1548	THOMAS POND	TREE ON POWER LINES
2/13/2005	1315	M/A WINDHAM	SNOW TUBING ACCIDENT
2/13/2005	1340	ROOSEVELT TRL.	DOG BITE
2/15/2005	1329	WEBBS MILLS	AGENCY ASSIST CCSO
2/16/2005	1043	PINE LANE	GEN.ILLNESS

Ice Safety

The following points should be adhered to if you plan on outside ice activities.

- Always test ice for thickness (but be aware of natural factors which change thickness such as current, weather, temperature).
- Motorized vehicles should not be on frozen bodies of water.
- Always go with a partner, and let others know where you are going and when you are expected to return.
- Carry a cell phone.
- Purchase ice picks (these will help if you go through the ice.)
- If you go through the ice, work your way back in the direction you went through; distribute your weight as evenly as possible to try and get back on the ice by kicking your legs hard and pulling your torso onto the unbroken ice. Do not rush to the aid of someone through the ice; if the ice would not support the victim, it most likely will not support your weight, making you a victim too. **Call for help**, attempt to reach the victim by distributing your weight in the prone position on the ice, use a rope, branch, clothing or other object that keeps you a safe distance away.

- Throw a floatation device to the person.
- Keep the victim calm by talking to them, assure them you are helping and more help is on the way.
- The key is to call for help, stay on the line with the dispatcher, know where you are, what road to take to get to you.
- When the person is retrieved or is able to get out of the water, get them to warmth, turn the heat on high, have them take off all wet clothing, wrap them in dry blankets or clothing.
- Be cautious, some lakes and ponds have very thin ice, especially after the two weeks of warm weather and the rain we have had.
- The Maine Warden Service recently took their air boat out on Sebago Lake and found highly variable conditions, with ice thickness ranging from safe to no ice in areas and open pressure ridges. They noted on several occasions that the air boat was breaking through the ice.
- Call 911 for emergencies.
- Stay safe.

Information on ice safety obtained from www.riparks.com, www.state.me.us/ifw/fishing/weeklyreports.htm, and www.fishandgame.com/icesafe.htm

Explore Morgan Meadow

Bring your snowshoes, cross-country skis, or hiking boots (depending on conditions) and enjoy a trek through Morgan Meadow on March 6, 1-3pm. A newly updated trail map will be available, so you can more easily explore this state-owned 1,100-acre local resource. Come spend some time outdoors with your family and friends!

From Rt. 85, access to Morgan Meadow is 2.3 miles on your left off the Egypt Road, just before the Gray line. Look for Fire Lane 268-1. The parking lot is not plowed, so park with care along the side of Egypt Road.

Organized by the Raymond Conservation Commission and Communities Promoting Health.

East Of Raymond

By: Joseph M. Webber

Old cemeteries are fascinating, and I find it very difficult to pass one too many times without stopping to explore it. The further back in time the narrow passage ways between the stones take me, the better I like it. Each tablet represents and speaks for one of the members of these small Communities of the Dead. They all have something to say about life and death, no matter how brief the statement. Each name, date, and inscription is a voice from the past, reaching out to those of us in the present who take time to listen. I was born, I lived, I went to war and never returned, I am the Father of, I am the Mother of, I am the infant Daughter of, and so on. As I stop to look and read, I see stone lambs and angels all around me speaking for children, as well as large monuments that speak for great men. No one voice seems louder than any other no matter how great they were in life. Yet at times one person, one voice in each cemetery, will stand out, not because they are different but because they are ordinary and somehow accomplished extraordinary things.

In an old cemetery that lies a little over twenty miles from Portland, Maine, and just east of Raymond Village on Mill Street, I heard one such a voice. The words were put there by the Town of Raymond, but the voice is clearly that of Betsey Welch, who with the exception of native American inhabitants, has the distinction of being the first woman born in the town. Erected by the Town of Raymond in memory of Betty Welch, the tablet bears these inscriptions, on top, *BETTY*, on the front, *BETSEY WELCH- WIFE OF SETH LIBBY, 1775—1865*. She was the first daughter born in Raymond. "Her strict integrity of character, true womanliness, and great kindness of heart, won the respect of all who knew her." At the base of the stone is written, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints."

A kindhearted woman who was respected by all who knew her is at rest beneath this stone. This is what I saw, but I was hearing more. From the names on the tablet I could conclude that her Christian name was Betsey, but her friends must have known her better as Betty. Betty was a wife, married to a man by the name of Seth Libby another strong New England name. She was born when our nation began its struggle for independence and died after the war that finally, at the cost of so many lives, unified that nation. She lived ninety-two years and was respected by all who knew her. Now I had to know more.

From a newspaper article written by Mrs. Nellie A. Brown and published in the Portland Sunday Telegram on June 13th of 1926 and based on what she calls a "sketch of the life of this first daughter of the town." This "sketch" according to Mrs. Brown was written many years before 1926. I believe that Mrs. Brown added a touch of hyperbole to the "sketch," so I will state only what I believe to be true based on the words written in the stone. Betty's mother and father, Catherine (Crisp) Welch and John Welch, of Scarborough, Maine, moved to Raymond and established their home in 1775. The story goes that Betty was born on the day the family arrived at the settlement. As a result of her birth as the first female child born in the town, she was presented with a tract of land that projected into Panther Pond from the west. This small peninsula that was to become her childhood home was given to Betty by Robert and Richard Manning, brothers of Nathaniel Hawthorne's mother, and for years was called "Betty's Neck." These men were two of Raymond's earliest settlers and the owners of this section of the town.

Seth Libby, Betty's husband, was from Gorham. It is not stated when they were married, but it appears that the couple had no children of their own but became aunt and uncle to the children of the ever growing community. "Aunt Betty," as she was now called, and Seth carried on the Welch family's homestead farm together until Seth became so tormented by rheumatism that he could no longer work. As a result, all the farm labor had to be completed by Betty. With a little help from other hard working Raymond residents, Betty took care of Seth, the animals on the farm, and was responsible for the planting, cultivating, and harvesting of the crops.

Today many people wonder why Rattlesnake Mountain in Raymond is called Rattlesnake Mountain, when supposedly there are no rattlesnakes in Maine. In Betty's day there was no need to wonder. The timber rattler was quite common, and berries were an important part of her small family's food supply. Any person going in to the brush to gather berries had to be prepared to meet with trouble, and Aunt Betty was no exception. She always took a forked stick and a sharp knife. When encountering a snake, she would pin its head to the ground with the stick and sever its head with the knife. One especially good day at the edge of the forest she was seen heading home with a dead snake twisted and tied around her waist like a belt. Attached to the snake was a woodchuck she had killed with a well aimed rock, and in each hand she held two full pails of berries. At home she prepared and cooked the woodchuck for supper, and fried

Animal Control Report For February 2005

- February 2 Took stray cat into the Animal Refuge League, Westbrook
- February 3 Dog at large on Tenney Hill, no contact with dog
- February 4 Dog at large on Hale Road, no contact with dog, gave owner verbal warning
- February 10 Picked up dog after car accident on Webbs Mills Road, returned dog to owner's relative
- February 11 Dog bite report on Haskell Avenue, dog bit owner's family member
- February 14 Dog at large on Roosevelt Trail, no contact with dog
- February 15 Dog at large on Pond Road, broke its chain, no contact with dog, gave owner verbal warning

Compost Bin Orders Being Taken

Again, this year the Town of Raymond, in cooperation with the Maine Resource Recovery Association, is offering yard compost bins for sale. Orders will be taken at the Town Office at \$36.50 each (tax included).

These bins have a 10-year warranty and are made of 100% recycled black plastic. They are approximately a 40-gallon size, 35" high and 33" wide. The deadline for orders will be Friday, May 7, 2005. It is estimated that Raymond residents can save \$138 for every ton of waste they compost.

For order blanks and ordering, please contact:

Louise Lester, Town Clerk
Raymond Town Office
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071
655-4742 ext. 21
louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

the oil from the rattler to make a remedy to help ease the pain of Seth's rheumatism. There was not much that went to waste on Betty's farm; the oil extracted from the woodchuck meal was used to light her house. Life on the farm was never easy; there were times when she and Seth went without food, or they had to depend on the generosity of friends and relatives to get by. Betty could be seen on the pond in all kinds of weather rowing her small boat to either seek aid from or give assistance to a neighbor. When she became a widow, she lived alone, yet she was hardly ever lonely. She was especially helpful to those neighbors who had children. For many people growing up in Raymond it was not unusual to go and visit with Aunt Betty or be visited by her. Her life was a long one even by today's standards, she lived to see many young men go off to war, some returning yet never quite the same as when they ran to her arms as children. Some never did return, and some were laid to rest in the same ground that she now lies in, only long before she got there. This must have caused her to wonder about the mystery of life: why some people live in pain, why some die young and what was the purpose of her own life?

The meaning of life is a question that each of us must find our own answer to. I don't know if Betty ever did have an answer, but I do know that she at least one time and perhaps more saved the life of a young boy who was drowning in Panther Pond. The boy was crossing the pond in a homemade raft, when he was separated from his frail craft by a sudden strong wind. His pleas for help were not heard by any one except Aunt Betty, who was busy at her spinning wheel. Dropping her work and with little regard for the approaching storm, she put her small boat into the water and reached the boy in time, and using all her strength pulled him to safety. She later stated that at the time of the rescue she was so focused on saving the boy that she forgot to be scared. This may be Aunt Betty's story, the one not stated on her stone. She may have been so busy working and helping others that she forgot to be afraid to live. Without fear, she could live a life of integrity, being true to herself as well as her neighbors; with out fear she could be kind of heart and win the respect of those lucky enough to know her. So much so, that they might believe her to be a saint.

Raymond Lakes Suffer Oxygen Deficit

By: **Charlie Turner, Raymond Waterways Protective Association**

Our Raymond lakes have undergone a dramatic loss of oxygen at the lower depths, as of the last two weeks of August. The Raymond Waterways Protective Association detected this change with its dissolved oxygen meter during its bi-monthly water check which begins at ice-out in April and continues through mid-October.

Test results were quite normal from April until mid-August, when, quite suddenly, oxygen almost completely disappeared from the epilimnion (lower) levels. Both Panther Pond and Crescent Lake have exhibited this anomaly, and most other lakes in Cumberland County have also shown an oxygen deficit in the lower levels, starting

around thirty feet deep and continuing to the bottom. Above thirty feet dissolved oxygen (DO) appears to be quite normal in concentration, at least for now. See chart.

What could cause such a dramatic loss? In a word, "runoff." If one recalls the last several years, 2001 through 2003 would be classified as exhibiting drought conditions. This lack of precipitation allowed the build up of pollutants (especially phosphorus) on the land. Along comes spring of 2004 with its normal rains, and all the accumulated particulate matter of the previous years gets washed into the lake as runoff.

This underscores the necessity of reducing runoff into our lakes. Even if one does not live near the water, the runoff from your property will eventually reach the lake. It is everyone's responsibility, therefore, to endeavor to eliminate, or at least to reduce the runoff from each of our properties so that we might preserve our delicate lake environment.

Comparison Chart of Dissolved Oxygen Levels (ppm)

Depth	Crescent Lake		Panther Pond	
	June 29	Sept. 27	June 29	Sept. 27
25'	7.5	6.8	7.9	7.9
30'	4.6	4.7	7.1	5.3
35'	3.3	0.02	6.7	0.04

Revaluation Update

Vision Appraisal Technology, Inc. is on schedule! The first complete round of data collection has been completed. If you did not receive a visit from Vision, you should be receiving a letter requesting an appointment to complete the data collection (a "callback"). For year-round residents, letters have gone out. You are requested to call Vision at the contact number listed in the letter for an appointment. Your cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated! Callbacks for seasonal properties will begin sometime around Memorial Day.

The next step of the process is the sales analysis. Sales data from Raymond during the last year or so will be evaluated to begin the complex process of creating pricing schedules for property. This portion of the revaluation will not require fieldwork.

It is anticipated at this point that letters of value will be mailed during the month of July. The letter will indicate the value placed on your property and indicate how you can contact Vision to discuss the value. You will have an opportunity to review the value with Vision appraisers prior to tax commitment.

If you have any further questions, please contact Amanda L. Simpson, Assessors' Agent at amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org or 207-655-4742 ext. 51.

Lake Region Business Development Network Hosts Maine Technology Institute

The Lake Region Business Development Network will host a Maine Technology Institute (MTI) overview workshop led by Joe Migliaccio, MTI Development Award program manager. The workshop will take place Friday, April 22, 2005, from 7:30am to 10am at the Little Red School House, Windham Center Road, in Windham.

The Maine Technology Institute (MTI) offers robust, effective programs that fund innovative research and development technology based projects that lead to commercialization. Come learn how you may be eligible for a \$10,000 Seed Grant, a \$500,000 Development Award, or a \$200,000 Cluster Enhancement Award. MTI also provides federal award technical assistance and commercial-

ization assistance to help you get your innovation to the market. For more information or to RSVP, contact Brigitte at the Lake Region Development Council at 207-655-2700 or brigitte@lrdcmaine.org. Cost for the session will be \$5. A light breakfast will be served.

The Lake Region Business Development Network was created in 2003 to help build the capacity of entrepreneurs by linking them to business assistance resources.

MTI was created by the legislature in 1999 to encourage, promote, stimulate and support research and development activity leading to the commercialization of new products and services in the state's technology-intensive industrial sectors. Programs are designed to enhance the competitive position of those sectors and increase the likelihood that one or more of the sectors will support clusters of industrial activity and create new jobs. For more information, visit www.mainetechnology.org.

Open Space/Land Development And Water Quality Workshop Re-Scheduled To Tuesday March 8, 7pm At The Town Hall

Due to the 20 inch snowstorm brought in by that winter northeaster, the Open Space/NEMO workshop has been re-scheduled to the above date, time and location. The Raymond Conservation Commission's new Open Space map will be presented, which has been prepared by GIS Coordinator Elisa Trepanier. A brief discussion of the Open Space planning process will follow, with an opportunity for board and public input. The presentation will then shift into NEMO mode and will be led by LaMarr Cannon who is the Maine NEMO coordinator. LaMarr's PowerPoint presentation will include the relationship between development and pollutants, methods for low impact development, and planning tools to reduce impact (including open space planning). We encourage board and committee members and the public to attend. For more information, contact John Rand at jrb@prexar.com or 655-4277.

Raymond Fire/Rescue HOT SPOT

"Keeping Our Community Safe Through Education"

Help Wanted - Paid On Call Firefighters and EMTs

The Raymond Fire Rescue Department is now accepting applications for the following positions: Firefighter, EMT, Fire Police, and Fire Department Auxiliary. These positions are paid by the hour when on a call, paid standby, and paid for mandatory training classes. No experience is necessary, and people from all walks of life are encouraged to apply. Diversity helps to build a strong team. Over 50 of your friends and neighbors including lawyers, business owners, executives, chemists, nurses and retirees have already helped by joining the Fire/Rescue Department. This time commitment will bring many rewarding experiences along with service to the community. Come join now! Apply by picking up an application at Dispatch located at the Public Safety Building, 1443 Roosevelt Trail. For more information call 655-7851. The Fire/Rescue Department provides you with protective clothing, an alerting device to notify you of calls, and free classes.

Remember: The ice will be getting thin and unsafe as the warmer weather approaches.

The Fire/Rescue Department would like to wish you a happy spring. We are looking for ideas for future "HOT SPOT" articles. These ideas can be questions about our services, past articles or questions about fire or rescue scenarios. Send comments or suggestions to:

Raymond Fire/Rescue
ATTN: Joshua Stevens
1443 Roosevelt Trail
Raymond, ME 04071
Or e-mail me at josh.stevens@raymondmaine.org
Until next month...work safe, play safe, STAY SAFE!

Reduce Your Property Taxes!

You may be eligible for a Homestead Exemption which would reduce the taxable amount of your property value! Residents of Raymond that meet the following criteria are eligible for a Homestead Exemption as provided by state law.

You must be a legal resident of Maine.

You must have owned qualified homestead property in Maine for at least 12 months prior to the April 1 after the date your application is received by the Assessing Office.

Your residence for which you make application must be declared as your permanent residence and the only property in the US for which you claim a homestead exemption.

You may check your most recent tax bill to determine if you are currently receiving an exemption. If you are, you need not re-apply unless you move to another address in Raymond or elsewhere in the state.

Moose Permits Available

The 2005 Moose Permit applications are available at the Town Office. Applications must be sent in no later than April 1, 2005.

Applications are available on the Maine Revenue Services website www.state.me.us or the Raymond community website www.raymondmaine.org. Applications are processed once a year for the assessment year which begins April 1 of each year.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, you may call the Assessing Office at 655-4742, ext. 51. or email Amanda L. Simpson, CMA, Assessors' Agent at amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org.

R.I.S.E. DONATION FORM

Please fill out the information below so you will not be solicited again.

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____
Address: _____ Cell #: _____
Email: _____

We hope to publish the names of all donors in the Road Runner. If you wish to remain anonymous, please check box below. Thank you.

I wish to remain anonymous.

Please make out all checks to: R.I.S.E. and drop off or mail to:

Evergreen Credit Union
785 Roosevelt Trail
Windham, Maine 04062

Successful Rabies Clinic In January

On January 22, 2005, Jordan Bay Animal Hospital's Dr. Jim Stephenson, his wife Judy, and two staff members provided rabies vaccinations to 42 pets. This was their eighth year giving vaccinations to Raymond dogs and cats. The vaccinations will be honored for three years for the registration of the dogs.

Rita Theriault, Deputy Town Clerk, stayed after the Town Office closed to allow dog owners to register their pets. Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer, gave assistance to the pet owners in handling their animals. There was also a regional representative from Blue Seal Feeds answering nutritional questions and giving away bags of Blue Seal dog and cat food. Without these people, the event would not have been as successful.

Lions Club Scholarships

The Raymond Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications from Raymond residents for 2005 scholarships.

Applications will be mailed to Raymond's graduating high school seniors. Applications will be available on the Town of Raymond's website, www.raymondmaine.org, and also at the Raymond Town Hall and at the Raymond Village Library.

The scholarship is available to all Raymond residents starting or continuing in post secondary school education at the college level, as well as non-traditional education.

Applications must be received by the Raymond Lions Club at PO Box 1057, Raymond, ME by May 15, 2005.

The Raymond Lions Club has been presenting scholarships since 2003 and encourages all Raymond residents continuing their education to take advantage of this opportunity.

Mentoring Theme Of The Month: Explore The Possibilities!

Mentors spend time each week with Raymond students playing games, doing projects, having fun outdoors, and just talking. As a program, we also organize group activities that range from canoeing to snow tubing to attending a play.

One of the things we encourage mentors and mentees to do together is to try new experiences, and during March in particular, mentoring pairs will be exploring questions like, "What do I want to try some day? Where would I like to visit? What would I like to be?" The idea is to dream, and then take a small step towards one of those dreams, whether it's doing a little research, finding someone who can share information or visiting a local business.

We want to welcome Christina Lamarre to the Raymond Mentoring Partnership as a program facilitator. She helps organize many of our activities and keeps the program running smoothly. For more information about the program or how to become a mentor, call Lori or Christina at 655-8672, ext. 107.

Look for the upcoming April Fools Family Night Dance with the Disclaimers on April 1st. We are working with the S.E.A.R.C.H. program and the PTA to sponsor this event.

Locks Of Love

Madison May Cutten, 8 years old, recently donated her hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children 18 years and younger suffering from long term medical hair loss. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. Locks of Love uses donated hair to create high quality hair prosthetics which help to restore self-esteem and confidence in the afflicted children. Donated hair must be at least 10 inches long. Madison just met the minimum length requirement which resulted in a slightly shorter than expected hair style. Still, she was happy to have provided hair for another child who doesn't have any of their own and bravely declared "besides, mine will grow back eventually."

Raymond Food Pantry Seeking New Location

Due to the pending sale of our current location, the Raymond Food Pantry is seeking a new home. This location must be located in Raymond, be rent/lease free, accessible throughout the week to pantry volunteers, have two or three rooms, capability to run 3-4 freezers and 1-2 refrigerators, handicap accessible and no history of insect, rodent or moisture problems. Please contact Jennifer at 655-3881 if you know of a location or have any information. We and the many people the food pantry serves thank you!

Attention 1985 Jordan Small Graduates

In June of 1985 a group of "Small Town Kids" left their childhoods at Jordan-Small School in Raymond, Maine. After nine years of growing up together, this group of eighth graders left their close community school and moved on in different directions toward High School. Some went to Windham High, some to Westbrook, and some to Gray. "Where are they now?" Well, some are in Raymond (an ever-growing community) raising their own families. Some are working throughout the state of Maine and throughout the country. Others have stayed in touch and some "Who knows?". Wherever they are, it's been 20 years and time to reunite.

A group of 1985 Jordan-Small Alumni are organizing a reunion! After all, most of us did grow up together from kindergarten with Mrs. Driscoll; third grade with Mrs. Tounge (still at the Raymond Elementary School teaching some of our own children); to sixth grade with Mr. Stevens (who can't seem to leave the small town school). Remember Mr. Hjort's F.A.M.M. system he started as a reward in seventh grade? So here we are in 2005.

If you are a 1985 Jordan-Small Graduate and would like to re-live some fond memories and reconnect with old acquaintances, contact us! We're looking to plan a reunion for this summer, in the town of Raymond. Let us know where you are and help us to find our childhood friends. We would like to get a head count of participants by March 31, 2005.

Sincerely,
Janet Knights Parr
Janice Knights
Diane La Pierre Melvin
Contact us at:
(207)655-3632
or diane.l.melvin@andovercollege.edu

Let's Play Ball!

Raymond Baseball / Softball registrations will take place March 1st, 4th, 8th and 10th in the JSMS Cafeteria. Time: 6:30-8pm. Anyone interested in playing T-Ball through Senior League (ages 5 thru 15), please come to the JSMS cafeteria to register.

Placements will be Saturday, March 26th, in the JSMS gym (everyone except T-Ball). Rookie, Minor, Ripkens ages 7-9 from 9am-10:30am and ages 10-12 from 10:30am-12pm.

Softball 9 and under from 12pm-1:30pm and 12 and under 1:30pm-3:30pm. Swap Table available: bring any usable items (i.e. gloves, cleats).

Real Estate Corner

By: Cathy Dodge & Mary Jane Vandersluis

When you are in the market for a home, how should you evaluate the properties that appeal to you? There is an old cliché about the three most important factors of a piece of property: location, location, location. Some neighborhoods have a certain distinction that attracts buyers, but there are other factors to take into account. A house in a good location may have a few points subtracted if it is located on a busy street. There are buyers who would like to be close to schools, shopping, and churches, but don't want to live across the street from these facilities. You may want an easy commute to your job, but would not consider a location close to the "on" ramp of the interstate. A location close to an airport would be convenient if you are a commercial pilot, but might make it difficult to sell even the most wonderful house. As you balance all of the factors, remember that a location liability that gets you a great house at a reasonable price will probably require you to pass a similar savings on to future buyers.

Daisy Scouts 'Do A Good Turn' For Valentine's Day

Daisy Girl Scout Troop #947 in Raymond recently made Valentine decorations and cards from recycled materials as part of their work on the 'considerate and caring' petal. A few of the Daisy Scouts from the Troop then brought the decorations and cards to the residents of the Casco Inn. The Daisy Troop would like to extend our thanks to Shelia at The Casco Inn for her help when the Scouts arrived. The girls really enjoyed handing out the Valentine cards to residents. It was a wonderful way for the Scouts to learn to 'do a good turn every day.'

Daisy Girl Scouts are ages 5-6 or are in kindergarten-grade 1. For information on Daisy Scouts in Raymond, please contact Karen Gordon at 655-5992 or Trudy Hamilton at 1-800-660-1072 extension 217.

News From Junior Girls Scout Troop #148

Leaders: Val Downs, Belinda Hughes, and Robyn Harris

"Have a Heart"

Troop 148 is currently collecting donations for the Raymond Food Pantry to make birthday boxes. Items such as cake mixes, frosting, candles, gift wrap, cards and small gifts will be collected and assembled as "Birthday Party in a Box!" Look for our colorfully decorated boxes around town at the school, library, and Post Office. The girls and leaders of Troop 148 thank you for your support.

News From Junior Girl Scout Troop # 1177

Leaders: Candy Tardiff, and Michael Hughes

Throughout this year the girls of 1177 have been learning and practicing first aid skills. Mr. Hughes has been teaching them in the same manner that he and all of his fellow soldiers are taught during the Combat Lifesaver Course. The course can be credited with the saving of countless lives throughout the current events in Iraq and Afghanistan. The girls have developed their skills in such a way that it comes as second nature. This was evident during a recent meeting in which they "rescued" one of their fellow scouts. To mark and celebrate their completion of the badge requirements one meeting sooner than expected, the girls went to Robinson Arena at Hebron Academy for a family skating party on February 28. They will also be meeting soon to distribute the cookies. The girls sold a modest amount of cookies. They did, however, earn enough to send them on a trip to the USS Massachusetts in Fall River, Massachusetts, for an overnight "camping" trip in June. They hope to add to their sales by holding a booth sale at Saint Joseph's College on March 16. Last year's booth proceeds were donated to buy and send cookies to soldiers in Iraq. Thank you for the patronage and support.

Windham Center Stage Theater Braces For *The Hobbit*

Windham Center Stage Theater received such an overwhelming response to its audition call for J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* that they will run the show with a double cast this March. Co-directors Mary Wassick and Dawn Sample and a supporting staff of many others have been working diligently to organize, costume, and transform the cast of 87 wonderful children into hobbits, dwarves, goblins, and elves. The show opens on March 11, Friday night at 7:30pm with Cast 'A' and will alternate between the two casts throughout the weekend. The following weekend, starting March 18, Cast 'B' will start out the performances. Shows will be on Saturday at 2pm and 7:30pm and Sunday at 2pm. Sound confusing? Try being on the production team!!

Please join us for the fun and mayhem and see how Mr. Bilbo Baggins, played by Molly Olsen and Shelbi Wassick, fare against the evils lurking in Mirkwood Forest.

Ticket reservations will be available beginning on February 18th by calling 893-2098.

Reflections Winners

This year's PTA Reflections Program theme, A Different Kind of Hero, elicited 137 entries from students at Jordan-Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary School. The winners in their respective categories are:

Kindergarten – Second Grade

Visual Arts – Ryan Plummer
Photography – Zoi Handy
Literature – Emily Gagne

Third Grade – Fifth Grade

Visual Arts – MaryBeth Noonan
Photography – Gaia Cloutier
Music – Alissa Drew

Sixth Grade – Eighth Grade

Visual Arts – Abigail Brockelbank
Photography – Taylor Duncanson
Literature – Cassandra Gordan

The Reflections program is an art program conducted by the National PTA. Each year students are asked to respond to a theme in one of four categories, visual arts, photography, literature and music. The winners at the local level move on to the State Level of competition. The State winners then advance to the National Level. This is the fourth year the Raymond PTA has sponsored the Reflections program. We wish all of the local winners the best of luck at the State level. The State results should be available in April.

The Raymond PTA would like to thank our local judges and volunteers for donating their time and talents, Denis Morse, Cinda Roy, Barbara Smith, Jesse Burton, Scott Sutton, Martha Page, and Shannon Nassa. A special thank you to Susan Irish for bringing the program into her classroom and her help organizing the entries. Last, but not least, a thank you to Donna Larrabee, Wendy Thoren, Lori Rand, and Craig Bowie for help keeping the artwork on the walls!

Box Tops Money For Our Schools

Spring is almost here and so is our last chance to submit Box Tops for cash for this school year. Please turn in all your Box Tops prior to March 25th. Once again, collection boxes are located in the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Middle Schools, the Raymond Village Library, and Raymond Town Office. Thanks to all of you out there who have been clipping those box tops in our RES contest. So far this year, we have earned approximately \$1,000 for our schools! We will be running a contest at JSMS for the first three weeks of March and hope to collect several hundred dollars more. Several of you have tried using the Box Tops Marketplace – thank you! Remember, if you are doing any online shopping, please access your favorite online merchants through the Box Tops Marketplace at www.boxtops4education.com. Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is donated to our schools. This could really add up!

Thanks again for your support! More information on the Box Tops program is available at www.boxtops4education.com, or you can contact Christina Lamarre with questions at PTA@raymondmaine.org, or 655-3380.

Mark Your Calendars for April Fools Family Night Dance with The Disclaimers

(It's Free - No Foolin' !)

Friday, April 1, 2005

6:30-8:30pm

at Jordan-Small Middle School

Bring your family for a fun, free night of live music and dancing.

Come chase away those winter blues with your friends and neighbors!

Sponsored by S.E.A.R.C.H., Raymond Mentoring Partnership, and Raymond PTA

JSMS Painting Work Done

The Raymond School Department, committee and custodial staff would like to thank the alternative sentencing program of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department for spending a recent weekend painting at Jordan-Small Middle School. This was a huge success, and this being their second weekend a lot of much needed painting and grounds work has been accomplished. This could not have been done without their help! They provide the labor, and the school supplies the paint. We received help from John Witones and David Kinee of Sherwin-Williams of Windham, with advice and donations and a discount on some paint; and also Tom Gillis of Aubuchon Hardware in Raymond, with a paint donation which helped keep the cost down! We hope to have more of these weekends to finish the painting at JSMS, which did not get done when the renovations were done for the middle school! Thanks to Principal Charles Miller for pursuing the use of this program and to Deputy Joe Schnupps for bringing it to our attention!

Jordan-Small Middle School Helps the Community

By: Patrick Martin, Senate President and Barbara Burnham, Advisor

The Jordan-Small Middle School Student Senate, made up of thirty students from grades 5 through 8, organized a school food drive to support the Raymond Food Pantry. This food drive lasted from mid-November until December 17, 2004. The food was brought in by students and community members and taken to the food pantry in time for their winter rush.

The food drive, named "Can the Principal," allowed the students to pile all the donated food into Charlie Miller's office. This was meant to "force him from office," or "can" him. Many students looked at this as motivation to bring in more donations, and Mr. Miller was a real sport to let his office be taken over by mounds of food!

Mrs. Thornton's homeroom class was given a pizza party by the PTA for bringing in the top amount of donations - well over 300 items. The PTA also hosted an ice cream party for Mr. Elder's homeroom class, which brought in the second largest amount of donations. In total, JSMS raised more than 1,000 items for the food bank. WOW! Good job Jordan-Small!

Following the Asian tsunami disaster, the Student Senate organized a fundraiser to support the survivors. The Jordan-Small Middle School community raised over \$1,200! This money will be sent to UNICEF, an organization picked by the Student Senate because of its focus on the world's children and its commitment to rebuilding lives, as well as providing immediate disaster relief.

Raymond Recreation Association Tennis

The Raymond Recreation Association will offer a tennis program to children in the 3rd and 4th grades. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, April 27, and continue for 5 Wednesdays through May 25th. There is \$2 donation per student for the entire program.

Lessons will be held at Village Tennis on Mill Street in Raymond and will begin at 12:45 and run until 1:45 pm. The school bus will deliver students to the tennis courts, and parents should arrange to meet children after class. Participants must wear tennis or other court-type shoes and bring a tennis racket and comfortable clothes. To arrange for racket loan, call the number below.

Registration forms will be distributed at school the week of April 4 to be returned by April 8. If you have not registered by that date, phone Pat at 655-4657.

If you are able to help with the program, or for more information, please call Pat at the number above.

Are You A Veteran?

You may be eligible for a Veteran's Exemption under Title 36, MRSA Section 653. If so, this entitles you to a reduced valuation for taxation purposes. The deadline for submitting an application is April 1, 2005, for this coming tax year. Basic requirements are that you are veteran who has served in a designated war period in active service, are a legal resident of Maine, and have

Honor Roll

Jordan-Small Middle School Trimester 1

Grade 8 High Honors

Cline, Logan
Huber, Hannah
Schadler, Alyson

Grade 7 High Honors

Desjardins, Haley
Stevenson, Megan

Grade 6 High Honors

Cloutier, Molly
Huber, Patrick
Shively, Elizabeth

Grade 5 High Honors

Algeo, Lucy
Gillis, Abbey
LaChance, Patrick
Nadeau, Tyler

Grade 8 Honors

Crockett, Phoebe
Feltovic, Alyson
Gagne, Rebekah
Harding, Megan
Jones, Shana
Knight, Ali
McNally, Nina
O'Neill, Andrew
Perry, Jacob
Sanborn, Laura
vanHaasteren, Kees
Wisutskie, Erik
Zoidis, Breeanna

Grade 7 Honors

Algeo, Benjamin
Baker, Jordan
Chandler, Kaitlyn
Dodge, Emily
Flynn, Jordan
Fusco, Nicole
Hutchinson, Samuel
Lachance, Hannah
LeViness, Joshua
MacKenzie, Devin
Olsen, Arthur
Terry, Justin
Trepanier, Julia
Wiley, Mary

Grade 6 Honors

Acker, Haley
Brown, Spencer
Cobb, Jennifer
Elhajji, Alyssa
Gordan, Cassandra
Hargreaves, Kyle
Henry, John
Keane-Dreyer, Mollissa

Lewis, Ashley
Martyn-Fisher, Jenna
McGhie, Connor
Morneault, Abigail
Parker, Alex

Rankin, Madison
Streeter, Abigail
Webber, Lindsay
Winde, Tyler

Grade 5 Honors

Bolduc, Dylan Clay
Buckley, Alexander P.
Cloutier, Gaia
Downey, Casey M.
Hutchinson, Casey
Murphy, Zuri
Peavey, Jeremy J.
Schweitzer, Cory
Szantyr, Ryan Joseph
Vanbaars, Natalie
Wardwell, Alan

Dudley, Bethany
Lentine, Steven
Waldron, Ashley

Lentine, Katherine

Gagnon, Drew
Manchester, Lydia
Sousa, Andrew J.

Cave, Robert
Hoffman, Ryan
Lentine, Robert
Rand, Allison

Durkan, Erin
Flynn, Evan
Guerrette, Brandon
Hotham, Jacob
King, Chey
Martin, Patrick
Morris, Rebecca
Odum, Jennifer
Prout, Elizabeth
Trickey, Jacob
Walton, Danielle
Zawistowski, Chad

Allen, Calista
Blake, Caroline
Dighello, Anthony
Eastman, Jenna L.
Fusco, Maria
Gillis, Amber
Knights, Zachary
Larracey, Alexis
Libby, Dustin
McIvor, Abigail
Plummer, James
Tevanian, Chelsea
Ward, Ethan

Bennett, Andrew
Christy, Joshua
Connor, Daniel
Gagnon, Cody
Gordan, Colin
Haycock, Cayen
Hurd, Olivia
Kenny, Delaney
MacDonald, Christopher
Masi, Weston
Merryman, Amber
O'Neill, Alexander
Peterson, Bryan
Ross, Amanda
Taylor, Dylan Cody
Weeks, Deanna
Zawistowski, Samantha

Brockelbank, Samuel
Cerino, Marissa
Dixon, Ian Barret
Hughes, Lindsey
Morris, Timothy
Odum, Bailey Rebecca
Richardson, Jenna L.
Small, Sarah
Valente, Clare
Vanbaars, Sasha
Williamson, Riley

reached the age of 62, or are receiving a pension or compensation from the US Government for total disability. You may review Property Tax Bulletin No. 7 and download an application from our website at www.raymondmaine.org or contact the Assessors' Agent Amanda L. Simpson, CMA at the Assessing Office by calling 655-4742 x51 or by email at amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org.

New Together Rx Access™ Card

State Representative John C. Robinson (R-Raymond) announces the creation of a new Together Rx Access™ Card which can save uninsured consumers 25-40 percent on prescription drugs.

The free program will offer savings right at the pharmacy counter and is available to uninsured, non-senior consumers who meet income guidelines.

The new program is sponsored by over ten of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the nation who want to bring relief to uninsured citizens who cannot afford the rising costs of prescription drugs. Along with direct savings on many prescription drugs, the new Together Rx Access™ Program will offer discounts on a wide range of generic products.

"This is an important step in helping the uninsured receive the prescriptions they need. I commend the companies of Together Rx™ for offering such a beneficial program," Rep. Robinson said.

The citizens of Maine can find out more information and apply for the free program by calling 1-800-444-4106 or visiting www.togetherrxaccess.com.

The Together Rx Access Card will be effective in mid-February.

"This is a great program that is being initiated by the companies who make the drugs. By passing on self-imposed savings directly to the uninsured, these companies are doing their part to protect the health of all citizens," stated Rep. Robinson.

Aquatics Programs At St. Joseph's College

Event: Swim Lessons

Dates: Registration is taken by mailing in registration and payment or by coming in person on February 22- 23-24 from 9am to 7pm. Classes will start the week of March 14th. There will be no classes March 24, 25 or 26.

Place: St. Joseph's College, Harold Alfond Student Center - Pool

Time: Classes are offered Monday through Friday mornings, after school, evenings and Saturday mornings. A variety of class options are available. We have classes for infants, toddlers, pre-school, school age and adults.

Fees: The classes for infants, toddlers and pre-school age children are ½ hour classes for seven weeks and the fee for the program is \$ 46. Youth age six years through and including adults meet for 1 hour once a week for seven weeks, and the program fee is \$ 56. Thursday, Friday and Saturday classes will be a six week program, and the fees are \$40 for the ½ hour and \$50 for the 1 hour program.

About the Program: St. Joseph's College offers swim classes for infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, youth and adults. The classes available are to teach a range of skills from water adjustment to basic swimming skills. Our instructional goal is that swimmers who have finished the lesson program will demonstrate proficiency in those

skills designated by the American Red Cross, while having fun in a safe, comfortable atmosphere. Certificates are also offered as a record of course completion.

Classes are also available for more advanced children who wish to have more of a challenge. These programs are: Basic Rescue, Water Safety Aide, Guard Start, Lifeguard Training and Water Safety Instructors Program

Event: Water Aerobics

Dates: On going classes throughout the year.

Time: Monday, Wednesday 7pm-8pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-9am.

Fee: \$5 each class or a punch card of 12 passes for \$40.

About the Program: For the swimmer and non-swimmer alike. Participants will receive fantastic low impact aerobic exercises without the joint stress common with land aerobics, while giving a good cardiovascular work out. Emphasis is on an overall body workout while having fun! Those who would like to do deep water during this program are encouraged to do so.

Event: Arthriticise

Date: On-going throughout the year.

Time: Tuesday & Thursday 11am-11:45am.

Fee: \$5 each class or purchase a punch ticket for \$40 with 12 passes.

About the Program: Range of motion exercise program aimed at increasing muscle and joint flexibility. This program is great for those suffering pain of arthritis, other debilitating joint diseases and any health condition needing help with range of motion. This will not be an aerobic or a cardiovascular program

Event: Lap & open swim time

Times: Monday through Friday:

6:30 – 8am Lap Swim Only

9am – 11am Lap Open Swim (Tues. – Fri.)

12pm – 1:30pm Lap & Open Swim

5pm – 6pm Lap & Open Swim

Saturday and Sundays:

1pm – 4pm Lap & Open Swim

Event: Splash Parties (Private Pool Parties for your group)

Times: Fridays 6pm – 7pm, or Saturdays or Sundays 12pm – 1pm or 4pm – 5pm

We have our climbing wall open before or after the splash parties upon request. For more information, call Carolyn Vail at 893-6669

Event: Lifeguard Training

Date: Starts: April 5, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Place: St. Joseph's College, Harold Alfond Student Center- Pool

Time: Tuesdays, 5pm - 9pm for 4 weeks

Fee: \$175

About the Program: In this program, participants learn about the duties and responsibilities of a lifeguard and how to carry them out. Lifeguarding techniques will be taught both in the water and in the classroom. Prerequisites are tested on the first day of class. They are as follows: participant must be at least 15 years of age, perform a 500 yard swim, retrieve a ten pound object from nine feet of water, and tread water for 2 minutes. Upon requirement completion of the course, participant will receive Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and a First Aid certificate. For more information, call Carolyn J. Vail at 893-6669

Event: Water Safety Instructor

Date: TBA

Place: Saint Joseph's College

Time:

Fee: \$ 275

About the Program: In this program the participants learn all aspects of how to teach swimming to all ages. Candidates will learn how to use teaching material and how to conduct swim classes. Prerequisites for the participants are demonstrating the ability to swim front crawl, back crawl, side stroke, breast stroke, elementary backstroke and butter fly.

Legislative Session Heats Up

By: Senator Bill Diamond

The legislative session is heating up with a variety of issues surfacing, many of which are either being debated now or will be in the near future. For example, the bill which mandates motorcyclists to wear helmets was presented recently at a public hearing. The bill was heard before the Transportation Committee, which is one of the two committees on which I serve.

The proponents of this bill testified that head injuries are more prevalent among those who do not wear helmets. These head injuries, they testified, too many times end up costing the public hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical care. Many statistics were given regarding the safety advantages of wearing helmets including testimony from one former rider who was paralyzed due to a motorcycle accident.

However, the opponents lined up in large numbers and testified for several hours against this bill. They stressed the fact that wearing helmets restricts vision and sight and oftentimes presents more of a hindrance than a measure of safety. The other point they repeatedly mentioned focused on the belief that wearing helmets should be left up to each individual rider. Currently all motorcyclists must wear helmets during the first year of having their license.

Other bills have made their way to the public hearing level too, like the one which would allow Sunday hunting during the months of October and December. This idea was presented two years ago, except that bill pertained only to the Unorganized Territories in northern Maine.

R.I.S.E.

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bricks."

R.I.S.E is committed to the idea of civic pride and working towards getting as many households as possible to donate. When we have reached our goal, we will forward our check to the Universalist Unitarian Church in Waterville. The church is acting solely as the repository for all monies collected for the Sahana Project. They have no religious involvement either here or in Kalamitiya. Our check will be from the residents of Raymond to the residents of Kalamitiya – from our village to theirs. Please help make this a reality. Thank you. R.I.S.E.

Send your donation to R.I.S.E, c/o Evergreen Credit Union, 785 Roosevelt Trail, Windham, ME 04062. You can also drop off your donation at any of the other branches of Evergreen Credit Union or at any of the local businesses displaying a donation can.

Look for our progress on the "thermometers" by the Town Office and the Public Safety Building, as our town helps a village rise again. **Please use the Donation Form** found on Page 5 of this edition, as we hope to publish the names of those donors who wish to be identified. On that

This bill has generated much discussion around the state, with nearly everyone having an opinion on one side or the other.

Many people testified against the bill saying that Sunday is the one day of the week when people can go into the woods for walks and not have to worry about the dangers associated with hunting.

Those in favor of the bill stated that Sunday hunting would attract more hunters to Maine and thus provide an economic boost to our state. There were also many other arguments made in favor of the bill throughout the public hearing.

There are also several bills dealing with term limits for legislators, which will be coming up for debate in a few weeks. The current term limit law was passed by citizen referendum in 1993 and limits state Senators and state Representatives, as well as the Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer and State Auditor, to eight consecutive years of service.

One of the bills would extend the existing eight consecutive year limit to twelve years. Another bill would remove all limits of service, thus reverting back to what the law was before 1993.

I'm very interested in hearing what your opinions and thoughts are regarding these and other issues which the legislature considers. Oftentimes, it's the common sense from back home which can make a considerable impact on legislative debate.

Please feel free to contact me in Augusta at the toll free number, 1-800-423-6900, or you can email me at diamondhollyd@aol.com.

note, a big thank you to Alan and Jane Stone for being the first of a number of contributors to send a check in support of this effort.

Volunteers interested in helping, please contact Susan at 655-2581 or at shirsch@maine.rr.com. We need help with email and telephone follow-up contacts. Thank you.

R.I.S.E. Mission Statement

The tsunami disaster has led a group of people here in Raymond to create the group RISE, the Raymond International Support Effort.

As its name indicates, the purpose of the organization will be to provide humanitarian and economic development assistance overseas, not just as a one-time tsunami response, but as a long-term response that will go beyond the immediate tsunami crisis and the ensuing rebuilding. The founding members believe that channeling funds through RISE will create a collective civic pride that will increase donations beyond that given by individuals. Most importantly, it is expected that the activities supported by RISE will lead the community of Raymond to become more involved with and have a better understanding of the problems and needs of peoples and nations around the globe.