

Annual Town Meeting Thank You

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, May 21, 2005, in the Jordan-Small Middle School at 10am. This year's Annual Town Meeting was the longest in recent memory, lasting approximately 6 ½ hours. Over 200 Raymond citizens gathered to participate in making the legislative and financial decisions for our community for fiscal year 2005/2006.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by June 16th. 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:

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

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

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A total of 66 warrant articles was considered, with all but three receiving approval:

1. Article 59 sought to increase the minimum lot size in the Rural District (R) from three to five acres with a one time allowance of a division utilizing the existing minimum acreage requirement for lots less than eight acres.
2. Article 61 was also turned down. This article would have increased the minimum lot size in the Rural Residential District (RR) from two to three acres with a one time allowance of a division utilizing the existing minimum acreage requirement for lots less than five acres.
3. Article 62 seeking to increase the minimum lot size in the Limited Residential Recreation I District

(LRRRI) from two to three acres with a one time allowance of a division utilizing existing minimum acreage requirement for lots less than five acres was the final article that did not receive approval.

Three additional items outside the annual municipal budget were approved:

1. The *Raymond Road Runner* newsletter was a \$10,000 appropriation that was considered as a separate warrant article. Last year this expense was included in the school budget. This year the *Raymond Road Runner* will be incorporated into the municipal budget.
2. A separate warrant article was also approved in the amount of \$58,000 from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to fund a Cable Broadcast Studio. This warrant article was carried over from the Special Town Meeting held on October 14, 2004. Approval of funding for the Cable

Broadcast Studio will enable the town to take advantage of a \$48,000 grant from Time Warner Cable to support acquisition of equipment needed to complete the Broadcast Studio.

3. The Selectmen recommended and received approval for a total appropriation of \$100,000 to purchase 83 acres located off the Egypt Road, which includes the site of the town's former landfill. This purchase was proposed to protect the town from exposure to future liability should residential development take place adjacent to the landfill, and to ensure that future Raymond residents are not exposed to any level of health risk. The funding to support the acquisition will come from a combination of

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Elections Results For Municipal Election May 20, 2005

For the Office of Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (3 year term - 2 vacancies):

Brown, Ada K.	130
Desjardins, Dana J.	227
McClellan, Christine O.	181
Taylor, Lawrence	319

For the Office of School Committee Member (3 year term - 2 vacancies):

Ginn, Roger O.	199
Guiseley, Mary B.	145
Keane, Jeraldine	139
McDermott, Francis E.	186
Sadak, Teresa	203

For the Office of Budget/Finance Committee Member (3 year term - 3 vacancies):

Bartholomew, Ralph S.	333
Cole, H. Tucker	319
Olsen, Rolf	339

Bulky Waste Program Changes

Beginning July 1, 2005, Raymond's bulky waste program at the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility will change due to a cost saving alteration by the Selectmen. The 2005-2006 bulky waste budget was reduced significantly, and the homeowner will now have to be responsible for the cost of their bulky waste over 1,000 pounds.

As of July 1, 2005, each homeowner will be allowed one (1) ticket booklet per household a year for \$5 which entitles them to deliver 1,000 pounds of bulky waste to the facility. These can be obtained at the Raymond Town Office. The round yellow windshield stickers will continue to designate Raymond taxpayers as such. When a resident has delivered more weight than the ticket allows, they will pay the overage at the LRBWF gate at a rate of \$.05 per pound for all acceptable materials and \$.025 for brush and round wood.

There will be no Day Passes issued, but the ticket booklet holder will be able to allow someone else to use his/her tickets

for Raymond bulky waste deposit. If they don't have any tickets, commercial haulers will pay for their deliveries at \$.10 per pound. When a resident has delivered more weight than their tickets allow, they will pay the overage at the gate at the Raymond level of \$.05/\$.025 per pound. When a resident exhausts their tickets, they must pay at the gate.

When the 2005-2006 bulky waste budget has been exhausted, everyone who doesn't have any tickets will have to pay at the gate. If they are Raymond taxpayers, they will be charged \$.05/\$.025 per pound, but if not, they will be charged \$.10 per pound.

At this time the following items can be delivered without cost: metal, car batteries, and motor oil.

Items which have an added charge of \$5 each are refrigerators or freezers with the doors still on, porcelain fixtures with hardware, and car tires which still have their rims.

Distance Education Program In Raymond (DEPiR)

A group of Raymond parents, educators and community members are researching the idea of pursuing funding opportunities to purchase technology and program support for long distance learning. Teachers, staff and students at the Raymond Schools would be able to access virtual fieldtrips, course content and professional development resources through video conferencing based at the Middle School. Community groups and local businesses could also use this technology to enrich their missions and improve workplace skills.

JSMS had the opportunity to demo a video conferencing unit for two weeks in May, and some of the students and staff at JSMS and RES had the chance to participate in these interactive programs. Some JSMS

students were able to work with an educator at Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts in New Jersey and learn how to find literary devices in pieces of art. Others had the chance to interact with a docent at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington DC to learn how artists' images shaped ideas and assumptions about colonial times. Some staff members were able to attend a program from Eli Lilly called "Keeping Your Brain Healthy, Use It or Lose It," and ask the research scientist questions about Alzheimer's and ways to keep our brains active.

Mrs. Brackett's first grade class was able to attend a NASA program called "Planet Hopping: Exploring the Solar System with Mathematics." After recording a student's jump height in their classroom here on

Earth, the interactive session showed students how that jump would compare if they were to jump on other planets in our solar system. The students even had an impromptu opportunity to speak with a NASA engineer during the program and ask him questions. Despite technical difficulties on NASA's end of the link, the students were very engaged with the presenter, learned more about the planets in our solar system, and thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Based upon the feedback from the students and educators during our two week demo period, DEPiR will continue to explore funding opportunities and community partnerships to enhance and support the educational program at the Raymond Schools through distance learning.

News From The Raymond Village Library

The Month at a Glance

Sunday, June 5 - Father’s Day Craft, 2 to 4pm.
Wednesday, June 8 – Feng Shui, 7-8:30pm.
Wednesday, June 15 – How We Built our own Modular Dock, 7-8:30 pm.
Saturday, June 25 - Annual Plant and Paperback Book Sale, 7am to noon.
Wednesday, June 29, Reading Group, 7-8:30pm.

Father’s Day Craft

This is a special paper craft workshop with our famous “Crafty Ladies.” They will provide all the supplies you will need. Don’t miss this opportunity to create something special for yourself , your father or the special man in your life. Bring the kids, because this is a fun program for the whole family! This will be at the library on Sunday, June 5, from 2 to 4pm. Interested participants should sign up for this program by stopping at the library or by calling 655-4283.

Feng Shui

On June 8 from 7-8:30, Jane Poulin will explain how to create harmony in your home and surroundings with Feng Shui. This is an ancient Chinese philosophy. Many people use it today for health, well-being and prosperity. Jane is a certified Feng Shui Consultant. She owns her own business called Harmony Through Feng Shui. She is a regular teacher at the Windham Adult Education School. There she teaches Feng Shui in the Garden as well as Harmony in Your Home Through Feng Shui. Come to this fascinating program and learn how to improve your life.

How We Built Our Own Modular Dock

Charles Reeder and Jerry Rehm built their own modular dock and would like to share this information with you. They can easily install it in the spring and remove it in the fall without ever having to pay an outside contractor to do

it for them. They have a video and handouts to share and will explain the procedure. This program will be at the library on Wednesday, June 15, from 7 to 8:30pm.

Reading Group

The book discussion group will meet Wednesday, June 29, at 7 pm. The June selection is ”Stranger in the Kingdom” by Howard Frank Mosher. This discussion group is open to all interested persons. Please call the library at 655-4283 for more information.

Annual Plant and Paperback Book Sale

Saturday, June 25, is the day to get up early and get to the Raymond Village Library. Beginning at 7am is the Annual Plant and Paperback Book Sale, for which we have all been waiting. As in previous years, we are able to offer many varieties of outdoor as well as indoor plants at significantly reduced prices, as well as many paperback books for your summer enjoyment.

We thank you for the wonderful participation of previous years and continue to depend on the donations and purchases of our supporters. We ask those donating plants to bring them to the library the night before between the hours of 4 and 7pm. This way they can be arranged and priced.

Independence Day

The library will be closed on the Fourth of July. We wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth.

Bats and Owls

Jocelyn Hubbell grabbed the attention of the 25 children who attended the Bats and Owls Program at the Raymond Village Library during April vacation week. Through a slide show, demonstrations and the dressing of chosen participants as a bat and owl, Jocelyn described and explained interesting information about the lives and

lifestyles of both nighttime creatures. All who attended were also given a suggested reading list for more interesting facts, along with a fun bat craft to make. This nature program was made possible by a grant for the Loon Echo Land Trust through the Helen Allen endowment.

Summer Reading Program

The summer reading program begins July 10. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

Harry Potter Party

On July 10 at The Center for Performing Arts (what was Christ Chapel Church) from 6:30 to 8:30 will be the first Harry Potter Night! This will be a night filled with Harry Potter themed activities ranging from making Slime to a game of Nerf Quidditch. There will be great prizes, and after a performance by the Magical Karen Seymour, there will be the drawing for the quilt, book and wand. Look for more information in the July Roadrunner, but mark your calendars now, kids. It is a party you don’t want to miss.



Jocelyn Hubbell talks about nighttime creatures.

June 2005

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00AM VL Toddler time 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	2 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting 7:00PM JS Band Concert	3	4
5 2:00-4:00PM VL Father's Day Craft	6 10:00AM VL Babytime	7 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	8 10:00AM VL Toddler time 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM TH Planning Board 7:00-8:30PM VL Feng Shui	9	10 JSMS Grades Close	11
12	13 10:00AM VL Babytime	14 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	15 10:00AM VL Toddler time 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00-8:30PM VL Build a Modular Dock	16 Road Runner Deadline for June 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting	17	18
19	20 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM VL Raymond Casco Historical Society Meeting	21 3:00PM TH Planning Board Deadline for July 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 6:30PM Library Board 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	22 10:00AM VL Toddler time 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	23	24	25 12:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals Deadline for July 7:00AM-NOON VL Plant & Paperback Sale
26	27 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	28	29 10:00AM VL Toddler time 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00-8:30PM VL Library Reading Group	30	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

Library Completes Three Year Plan

The Raymond Village Library now has a 2005-2008 Long Range Plan, thanks to community input and the Planning Committee members who have worked on it for the past year: Diane Cole, Sandi Severn, Ellen Gagne, Jane Hoffman, Gail Cole, Suzie Brockelbank and Lori Rand. Please find a copy of this plan at www.raymondmaine.org on the Library web page and on page 6 of this issue.

The goals focus on having the Library further develop the collection, address space issues, offer programming that encourages lifelong learning, and convert to more on-line services. Specific objectives and activities have been listed for each of the eight goals. The Library also wishes to start an e-mail newsletter to share resources, good reads and programs; sign up at the library or e-mail rlibrar1@maine.rr.com to be added to the list.

This is an exciting time to be involved as the Library moves ahead to keep pace with community needs. Stop by and find out more about how to help the Library reach its new goals!

Town Of Raymond Part-time Communication Coordinator Position

The Town of Raymond is seeking applications for a part-time Communications Coordinator. Successful candidates must be proficient with the following software applications: PageMaker and/or InDesign, Microsoft FrontPage, and other web publishing standards and software. This position will be responsible for website design and updates, producing monthly issues of the *Raymond Road Runner* and the Annual Town Report, providing content and updates for the new cable access channel (local Channel 3). Start date: July 1, 2005.

Applications must be submitted by 4pm, June 17, 2005, at the Raymond Town Office, Attn: Don Willard, Town Manager. Applications are available on the Town of Raymond website at www.raymondmaine.org or by visiting the Raymond Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071 or call (207) 655-4742.

The Town of Raymond is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

New Outside Bulletin Board

Because of a generous donation from Portland Glass and the craftsmanship of Paul White, Raymond now has a very decorative and functional bulletin board outside the Town Office's front door. This bulletin board will show the various agendas for the town's committees and boards. Please stop by and see what's going on in town.

Town Of Raymond Seasonal Tassel Top Beach Ranger Position

The Town of Raymond is seeking applications for the position of Beach Ranger. Duties include but are not limited to entrance fee collections and grounds maintenance. Successful applicants must be 18 years old or older and have a valid driver's license. Applications must be submitted by 3pm, June 8, 2005, at the Raymond Town Office, Attn: Michael Schwartz, Head Ranger. Applications are available on the Town of Raymond website at www.raymondmaine.org or by visiting the Raymond Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071 or call (207) 655-4742.

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ATV Registration

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has a new ATV registration policy. As of May 1, 2005, all ATVs will be registered permanently with double stickers instead of a metal license plate and sticker. All ATVs can be registered until June 30, 2006, both new machines and re-registrations. A sticker must be displayed on the front and the rear of the machine. You may keep your license plate, but the new sticker must be displayed over the old number.

Municipal News Brief:

By: Don Willard, Town Manager
The Raymond Board of Selectmen took the following actions in May 2005.

May 3, 2005:

1. Approved proposed zoning amendments for inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant (part two) as recommended by the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.
2. Consulted with code enforcement officer on pending enforcement matter in District Court under Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6h).
3. Reviewed the Town Office/Library Building Committee Final Report. A detailed presentation by the Building Committee will be scheduled for a Selectmen Workshop meeting in the near future.
4. Approved a supplemental warrant regarding the proposed zoning amendments for inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

May 17, 2005:

5. Pat Smith, Raymond Recreation Director, presented a Raymond Recreation Association insurance update. The Selectmen directed the town manager to prepare an ordinance for consideration and possible adoption, which would establish Raymond Rec as an entity under the auspices of the Town of Raymond for insurance purposes.
6. Beautification Committee update. Mike McClellan of the Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce updated the Selectmen on the Committee's activities including upcoming visits to businesses along the Route 302 corridor; the new "Adopt a Garden" program; and a sample of the signs that will be placed in each garden naming the sponsoring business or individual. The Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce will purchase the signs as their contribution to the project. Local landscaper Scott Libby addressed the Selectmen with an offer of adopting all 14 gardens bordering the Raymond Shopping Plaza.
7. Considered inter-local public safety cooperation with Frye Island as presented by Police Officer Eric Pierce. The Selectmen directed the town manager to set up a protocol and draft an agreement with Frye Island to allow their police officers to issue citations for limited patrol activities on land and water. Two Frye Island officers will be appointed as Raymond constables. Frye Island is providing this assistance on water in cooperation with the Sebago Water Safety Initiative and on land at no cost to the town on the Raymond roads they travel to and from their official Frye Island Police duties.
8. Assessing Office/Public Records Area Renovations. Amanda Simpson, CMA, Assessors' Agent, requested funding for the building of a separate office area from the public records area in her office. The Selectmen decided to consider this change further before a decision is made.
9. Selectman Mark Gendron proposed quarterly

financial and goal meetings with town and school department heads. Mr. Gendron felt that meeting with department heads for updates and to share ideas on a regular basis would aid the Selectmen with the policy making process and in preparation for budget deliberation.

10. Proposed 2005/2006 Bulky Waste Program outline discussion. The town manager explained that the program, if approved at Annual Town Meeting, would allow 1,000 pounds of acceptable delivered material per Raymond household paid by the town, with any overage paid for by the resident. (If this initiative passes at Annual Town Meeting, more detailed information will appear in this issue of the *Raymond Road Runner*.)
11. Approved a Quit Claim Deed – James & Robert McEwen – Map 40, Lot 6.
12. Executive Session – consultation with Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matter in District Court under Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6h).
13. Appreciation Plaque. The Selectmen voted to present Dr. Mary Ellen Waters, Director of Special Education, with a plaque to recognize her 30 years of service to the Town of Raymond.
14. Road Surface Management System Final Report. The Public Works Director presented an overview of the program including a proposed schedule of 2005-2006 roadwork. Kevin Woodbrey, Network Administrator, addressed the technical aspects of implementing and monitoring the progress of future road construction work.
15. Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan (CCHMP). Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tupper presented an overview of this multi-jurisdictional program for Cumberland County required by federal legislation. This endorsement will allow Raymond to be able to apply for grants for flooding, emergency shelters, etc. The Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the Plan so that Raymond will be eligible for grants.
16. Town Manager Report and Communications.
 - a. Raymond resident Candace Woolston would like to organize a volunteer group to care for Sheri Gagnon playground. The first meeting was held on May 18th at 3:30pm at the Park. Future meeting information will be published in the *Raymond Road Runner*.
 - b. March for Parks. The students at Raymond Elementary presented the town manager with a check for \$1,430, which will be used to help with the upkeep of the Sheri Gagnon Park.
 - c. The town manager reported that the Maine Army National Guard Reserve 133rd Engineering Battalion is interested in assisting with the construction of a public works pole barn storage building on Plains Road for the town in the spring/summer of 2006.
 - d. The town manager reported that discussions are underway as to whether the Cumberland County Commissioners should increase from three to five or seven members in order to improve the level of representation in Cumberland County.
17. Approved Fiscal Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated May 3, 2005, and May 17, 2005.

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surplus in the amount of \$75,000 and \$25,000 from existing open space reserve funds.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in town meeting as well as the town's many volunteers, employees, and outside agencies that produced budgets, materials, and information for consideration. A special thank you is extended to Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey who facilitated the projection of the town warrant on a large screen for the audience and Raymond resident Brian Walker who set up and managed the sound system.

New England town meeting is perhaps the purest form of democracy still in existence. By working together to

realize Raymond's shared goals, there is virtually nothing our community cannot achieve. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend Annual Town Meeting next year May 20, 2006.

Attention Playground Users

Friends of the Playground is a group of volunteers being organized to improve the playground at Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park. The group hopes to address existing safety and maintenance issues at the playground, identify short-term and long-term playground equipment needs at the park, and initiate fundraising events to support ongoing improvements to the playground. If you are interested in volunteering time to improve this popular recreational area, please contact Candace Woolston at 655-4870.

Panther Pond Association News

Panther Pond Conservation Project Begins

The Panther Pond Association held its first steering committee meeting to begin planning and implementing the Panther Pond Conservation Project – Phase I. The goal of the project is to fix erosion sites identified in the Panther Pond Watershed Survey. Funding is available to fix up to 42 of the 84 sites. Project funds are provided by the Maine DEP and US EPA under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

Over the next two years financial assistance and free technical assistance will be made available to Panther Pond watershed residents. Workshops will be offered to help landowners learn conservation techniques to use on their own property. Please fill out and return the survey at the end of this article if you are interested in receiving assistance, participating in the workshops or buffer cruise, or would like to volunteer.

Below are some of the highlights of the project.

- Volunteers Needed
- Financial Help Available
- Free Technical Assistance
- Plants for Panther Pond Property Owners
- Workshops - Constructing Common Conservation Practices
- Cruise the Buffers – Educational Pontoon Ride Around the Lake

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are also needed on a site by site basis for planting, digging infiltration areas, spreading mulch, or building infiltration steps and water diverters. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Noralee Raymond at 207-671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org.

Yes, I am interested in helping protect our lake!

Fill out and return to RWPA, PO Box 1243, Raymond, Maine 04071 or call Noralee Raymond at 671-3329 or e-mail lakes@raymondmaine.org.

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Free Technical Assistance – for any erosion or runoff problems. Assistance is available for free on a first come, first serve basis.

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Financial Help – cost sharing for roads, driveways, paths, and vegetative buffer plantings. Sites will be selected by the steering committee.

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Workshops and Tours – sign up to be notified of workshop and tour dates to learn how to identify and fix erosion problems.

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Volunteer Opportunities – for guiding the project, assisting on project sites (planting, spreading mulch, and building water bars).

Name: _____

Location: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone & best time to reach you: _____

Brief description of problem: _____

Join Us

If you are not a member of RWPA, do join. In just a few years RWPA has expanded its area of concern to incorporate the issues and problems created by runoff and now invasive plants. Before long, RWPA will be the LEA of Raymond, Casco, and Windham. Call or email Noralee Raymond at lakes@raymondmaine.org or 207-671-3329.

And if you are a Panther Pond landowner or user and have not joined us here at PPA, please do so. To help solidify the 319 grant application, the Board of Directors committed PPA to provide up to a \$2,000 cash contribution over the 2 year period. Our suggested dues are \$20. They can be mailed to Panther Pond Association, P O Box 68, Raymond, ME, 04071. Write to us at ppa@raymondmaine.org. Visit us at www.raymondmaine.org.

Have a fun-filled and safe summer

Financial Help Available

The Watershed Survey identified twenty-two sites within the Panther Pond watershed that can qualify to have the grant pay a portion of road or driveway repair, bank and path stabilization, and vegetated buffer plantings. Several of these sites have already been selected based on the level of impact to the lake and the landowners’ desire to participate in the project. As we have continually stressed, the recommendations are simply that, recommendations. No landowner has to take any action. Our hope, of course, is that most landowners will embrace the proposed solutions. Since participation is voluntary, we are still seeking nominations for driveway, shoreline, and private road sites.

Through the grant, the landowner or road association will receive up to 50% of the cost of the entire project. The remaining 50% can be matched either in cash, materials or labor. If you are interested in this financial assistance, call Noralee Raymond to get your name on the list of possible sites. Using the Watershed Survey analysis, the Project Steering Committee will decide which sites have the greatest impact to the lake and thus which will receive funding.

Free Technical Assistance

Do you have a lawn that runs down to the edge of the lake? Does your gravel road or driveway wash out every year? The RWPA staff can visit your property to give you ideas for these and other common damaging problems. Contact Noralee Raymond at 671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org to schedule a time this spring for someone to visit your property with you. We will provide you with a free packet of materials specifically designed to help you fix your problems. Any recommendations we make are voluntary for you.

Plants For Panther Pond Property Owners

Twenty matching grants (up to \$100) will be offered toward the purchase of plants for buffers or erosion control materials (erosion control mulch, water bars) to those landowners receiving technical assistance. Here is how the grants work.

- Contact Noralee Raymond at 671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org .
- She will visit your property to help you select plants that are suited to your sun and soil conditions or recommend a conservation practice.
- The grant will split the cost with you – up to \$100.
- The plants or materials can be delivered directly to your house.
- You plant the shrubs. This will enhance your property and protect the lake.

Workshops – Constructing Common Conservation Practices

At least one workshop will be held annually to demonstrate best methods for planting shoreline vegetation and the construction of common conservation practices. Workshop participants will take an active part in conservation as they help plant native plants, install walkways and mulch, and construct roof drip line trenches or gutter drywells.

Cruise The Buffers

A guided tour by pontoon will be held on August 13th from 3 to 5pm to visit sites that were fixed throughout the summer. A free packet of materials will be offered to all participates. Join your friends and neighbors for an educational boat ride around the lake.

Keep an eye out for advertisements in the Road Runner and PPA’s website, or contact Noralee Raymond today to get on the mailing list for workshop and tour announcements.

Windham Center Stage Theater Receives Award

Kane Loukas of Youth Alternatives and wife Kate presented an award on behalf of the Cumberland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council at a luncheon on April 27 at the Regency Hotel in Portland to the Windham Center Stage Theatre. Mary Wassick, president, and board members Barb Stauble and Dawn Sample accepted the award for their contributions to the youth and families of Windham and the surrounding areas.

The Windham Center Stage Theater (WCST) came into being in 1974 for the purpose of exposing children to dramatic arts and bringing the theater to the community. It has played a role in gathering kids and families together to perform children’s productions for over 30 years. WCST is the only Community Theater that has a policy that every child who auditions receives a part. Children grades 3 through 8 are allowed to audition. The WCST 2005 children’s production of *The Hobbit* had 105 children audition. Every child received a part, and 86 children stuck out the long practices and made it to opening night. The Director and President of WCST, Mary Wassick, decided to split the cast, so WCST could honor their long-standing tradition of every child receiving a part. Mary and her crew worked twice as hard and established two sets of children actors who performed two separate shows of *The Hobbit*.

WCST brings children and parents together by establishing roles for the parents, which include volunteering in make-up, costumes, lights, sound, building props, painting and working back stage. It is remarkable to sit back and watch the interactions between parents and their children. Each weekend in the late winter WCST, without pretense, demonstrates what a community is all about. Parents beam, kids laugh, actors pace and practice lines, together. In Windham, the theater brings families to a place of love and joy that you have to experience to truly understand.

The board members of WCST deserve to be recognized for their commitment to the families of the great Windham community. They have brought a great gift and given countless hours to put on wonderful productions of love, laughter, pride and entertainment with children and families together!

The Maine Center For Invasive Aquatic Plants Presentation

For those of you who have expressed interest in becoming part of Maine's Rapid Response SCUBA team and have not yet participated in this training program, here is your chance! Please mark your calendars and register now for this important workshop. (Register by contacting MAINE CENTER FOR INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS at (207) 783-7733 or vlmp@mainevlmp.org)

LOCATION: We will meet at Sebago Lake State Park Headquarters in Casco. The field portions of the workshop will take place at nearby locations on and around Sebago Lake.

Directions from highway: from points north or south, take Rte 302 to Casco. The Sebago Lake State Park Road is off of Rte 302 (approximately 6.5 miles north of the intersection of Routes 35 and 302 in North Windham and approximately 2.5 miles south of the causeway in Naples). Follow the State Park Road into the Park. Park headquarters are in a low white building on the right.

WORKSHOP FEE: The training is FREE! There is an optional Snacks and Lunch Fee of \$10 for those who wish

to chip in on food and drinks for the day. When you register, please let us know if you would like food provided, or if you will be bringing your own. The \$10 fee may be paid on the day of the workshop.

**Invasive Aquatic Plant
Manual Removal
Training For SCUBA
Divers And Non-divers
Friday, June 17
10AM - 3PM**

All SCUBA participants must show proof of certification. Please bring diver flags and mesh dive bags, if you have them.

Agenda:

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| 10:00 | Welcome, registration, and introductions |
| 10:10 | Aquatic plant identification, introduction to Maine's "eleven most unwanted" and some of their native look-alikes. (PowerPoint Presentation) |
| 10:30 | Plant ID hands-on exercise |
| 11:00 | Hand removal and disposal of weeds: techniques and gear |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 12:30 | Break into two groups for field training (SCUBA divers and non-divers) / Travel to nearby training sites/ Gear up |
| 1:15 | Hand removal field training in the water / Q&A and discussion of permit requirements on shore |
| 2:35 | Break down gear/ Dry off |
| 3:00 | Conclude |

This workshop is made possible with support from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and boater participation in the Maine Lake and River Protection Sticker program.

When Eurasian milfoil takes root, it is impossible to eradicate. Soon these boats in New Hampshire will not be able to navigate through the weeds.



Only PREVENTION can save Raymond's lakes and ponds. You can help!

Eurasian Milfoil is the most troublesome of the non-native milfoil. It has already infested 500 lakes in New England, including one pond in Maine. Once this destructive plant enters a waterbody, it is nearly impossible to get rid of it. In Vermont, lakeside property values have declined as much as \$12,000 per lot where the infestation has taken hold. This plant can quickly fill a lake surface from shore to shore and can even halt boat traffic on rivers. It grows rooted in water depths up to 30 feet and forms dense mats of vegetation that make it impossible to boat, fish or swim.

Eurasian Water-milfoil is now in Maine – discovered in a 28 acre quarry pond in Scarborough in 2004. Dense expansive mats suggest the plant has been thriving in the pond for several years.

Can this “Foreign Invasion” be stopped?

With a little effort, you can prevent non-native milfoil and other invasive plants like hydrilla from taking over our lakes, rivers, and streams. Activities we all enjoy – boating,

swimming & fishing – have been dramatically affected in areas where infestation has already occurred.

PREVENTION IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE SOLUTION

What can you do to protect our lakes and rivers before it's too late?

- **Always** inspect your boat and trailer and remove any fragments as you exit the body of water. Avoid navigating in visible vegetation
- **Become** a plant patroller. Learn to identify the 11 invasive plants on Maine's watch list. Contact us for training or to receive a plant guidebook
- **Volunteer** to help spread the word about the threat of invasive plants
- **Join** RWPA today and keep in touch with what is happening in your watershed. Contact us by phone 207-671-3329, email lakes@raymondmaine.org or write RWPA, PO Box 1243, Raymond, Maine 04071.

Real Estate Corner

Some neighborhoods have the reputation of being terrific places to live, and the difference is often the investment that people make in their community. These neighborhoods embody a community spirit that reflects the pride of the people who live there. In addition to the financial investment the residents have in their property, they also invest their time by participating in local affairs. How can you become active in your community? You can participate in your neighborhood association by volunteering to serve on committees, and you can keep abreast of issues that could impact your area by testifying at hearings or writing letters to local government officials. There may be ways that you can help your neighbors if they are having a hard time with a serious illness or job loss. If your children are grown, you can make a tremendous difference by doing volunteer work in after-school tutoring programs. When some people begin to get involved in making a difference in their neighborhoods, others soon follow.

Raymond Village Library

2005-2008 Long Range Plan

The following three-year plan is the result of a year’s worth of research, community input, and dedicated committee member work. Because libraries can potentially offer numerous services, the Planning Committee considered community needs and library resources before narrowing the focus to two: Current Topics and Titles, and Lifelong Learning. The goals reflect the desire to maintain the best services possible as the Library strives to develop stronger financial resources and collaborations. This plan is a starting point for continued discussion on providing enjoyment, information and learning opportunities for Raymond citizens of all ages.

Plan Summary

Current Topics and Titles: *A library that provides Current Topics and Titles helps to fulfill community residents’ appetite for information about popular culture, social trends and their desire for satisfying recreational experiences.*

Goal 1: Provide up-to-date recreational books, media, and resources that serve the needs of Raymond residents of all ages.

Goal 2: Offer programming to serve the interests and social/ developmental needs of children, young adults and their parents and encourage the use of collection materials.

Goal 3: Offer programming to serve the social and intellectual interests / needs of adults and encourage the use of collection materials.

Lifelong Learning: *A library that provides Lifelong Learning Service helps address the desire for self-directed personal growth and development opportunities.*

Goal 4: Encourage children to develop a love of reading and learning that will contribute to lifelong curiosity, creative expression and academic success.

Goal 5: Provide access to a variety of information resources so patrons may gain knowledge, skills and personal enrichment for all ages.

Facility:

Goal 6: Create a welcoming, comfortable environment where materials are accessible and information is easily located via technology.

Technology:

Goal 7: Update and promote the use of technology to increase access to information and resources.

Resource Development:

Goal 8: Ensure the library continues to meet the demands of community growth and aligns with neighboring libraries and Maine State Library standards.

Current Topics and Titles

A library that provides a “Current Topics and Titles” service helps to fulfill community residents’ appetite for information about popular culture, social trends and their desire for satisfying recreational experiences.

Goal 1: Provide up-to-date recreational books, media, and resources that serve the needs of Raymond residents of all ages.

Objective 1A: Increase circulation of materials 3% annually

Objective 1B: Increase patron visits 3% annually

Objective 1C: Develop the audio visual and software collection 10% by Dec 08

Objective 1D: Weed and replace 3% of the collection with current materials annually

Suggested Activities:

Offer reading advisory lists via RR, e-mail, web site
Base advisory lists on recommendations from patrons, volunteers, reading groups lists
“Promote A Theme”: topics with speaker and related books several times a year
Outreach to Jordan Bay Place (senior housing)
Create displays that feature new titles and selected themes
Continue volunteer training so volunteers are knowledgeable and able to advise and assist patrons
Continue sharing materials with neighboring libraries for more variety
Promote new age-appropriate materials at child and youth programming

Measurement:

User surveys completed every 2 years
Suggestion box for patron comments
Annual focus groups – youth and adult
Circulation numbers

Patron visits
Record of marketing strategies used
Measure hits on web site
Document new titles acquired annually
Document number of patrons placed on waiting lists

Goal 2: Offer youth programming to serve the interests and social/ developmental needs of children, young adults and their parents and encourage the use of collection materials.

Objective 2A: Serve 10-12 parent/ child pairs in each Baby Time and Toddler Time program per week

Objective 2B: Offer programming for middle school students at least 3 times annually, drawing 10-20 attendees

Objective 2C: Provide one parent or parent/ young adult program annually

Objective 2D: Collaborate with other community or area organizations at least 3 times annually

Objective 2E: Meet 85% of program attendees’ interests/ needs

Suggested Activities:

Book groups related to middle school issues; game nights
Parent/Child book discussion groups
Use Baby Time, Libraries are for Babies, Too and Toddler Time programs to promote use of collection
Periodic book discussion nights related to parenting issues, offer child care
Speakers on child/ parent issues, offer child care
Vacation workshops for school-aged children
Invite middle school students to participate in program planning

Measurement:

Attendance
Annual parent survey for Baby and Toddler programs
Program feedback from attendees

Goal 3: Offer programming to serve the social and intellectual interests/needs of adults and encourage the use of collection materials.

Objective 3A: Continue to hold adult programs 4-6 times annually

Objective 3B: Draw 10-20 attendees per program

Objective 3C: Meet 85% of program attendees’ interests/ needs

Objective 3D: Display and promote relevant materials from the collection at program events

Suggested Activities:

Hold periodic book discussion nights, related to current issues, best-sellers
Explore holding a book discussion group during the day
Consider programs related to outdoor recreation and local natural resources
Explore strategies for reaching different populations
“Meet the author” events
Contact other local organizations regularly for program ideas and to support their missions
“Promote a Theme”: explore a variety of topics with a speaker; consider all ages; highlight collection materials; link with community organizations. Topics would include relevant community issues (growth, environment, parenting, health), world events, cultural information

Marketing ideas for Topics and Titles:

Use RoadRunner section “snapshot” book recommendations, program listings “at a glance”
Increase use of school folders, especially for materials and programs for families
Use e-mail list, starting the fall of 2005, to advertise new materials, events and programs
Improve display of calendar of events/programs by end of 2006.
Use logo consistently to catch the eye
Promote library through realtors for seasonal visitors and welcome packets for new families

Measurement:

Circulation numbers
Program attendance goals met
Program feedback from those who attend
Record of displays

Lifelong Learning

A library that provides “Lifelong Learning” services helps address the desire for self directed personal growth and development opportunities.

Goal 4: Encourage children to develop a love of reading and learning that will contribute to lifelong curiosity, creative expression and academic success.

Objective 4A: Continue modeling a variety of language development strategies using rhythm, rhyming and music during Baby Time and Toddler Time Programs

Objective 4B: Continue offering the summer reading program to serve 50 or more children per year

Objective 4C: Contact local day care and preschool providers quarterly to share Toddler Time and parent resource information

Objective 4D: Work with the schools to promote at least 2 literacy awareness events per year

Objective 4E: Collaborate with the schools to develop a community literacy plan by September 2006 to affect a 10% improvement in school literacy assessments by 2008
Objective 4F: Display student artwork, projects or exhibits quarterly at least twice a year

Suggested Activities:

Work with Center Stage, the PTA, the SEARCH (after school) program, and the Scouts to explore collaboration on children’s workshops related to the arts: writing, storytelling, poetry, movement, music and how to use the library as a resource.
Develop a ‘welcome’ packet for new families
Develop a ‘Right Start’ literacy information packet with schools
Invite middle school students to participate in planning for programs and events.

Measurement:

Outreach
Event and display documentation
Number of packets distributed
School literacy assessments

Goal 5: Provide access to a variety of information resources so patrons may gain knowledge, skills and personal enrichment.

Objective 5A: Create a pilot project with the schools to offer 2 adult education courses/ workshops during the 2005-2006 school year, with an increase of 2 courses or workshops per year during the planning cycle

Objective 5B: Contact local organizations and artists to collaborate on 50% of the library programs and courses offered

Objective 5C: Meet the needs of 85% of adult education participants

Suggested Activities:

Course suggestions include computer classes, art workshops, cooking classes, first aid and CPR, languages, current health topics
Organizations and local resources: Historical Society, Public Safety, Conservation Commission, local artists and businesses- consider programs that relate to their goals

Measurement:

Course attendance
Participant evaluations
Documentation of outreach visits/contacts

Facility

Goal 6: Create a welcoming, comfortable environment where materials are accessible and information is easily located.

Objective 6A: Complete the rearrangement of space and materials by November 2005

Objective 6B: Send a library representative to committee meetings regarding new town facilities

Objective 6C: Create a long-term facility plan during 2006-2007

Suggested Activities:

Provide a few comfortable chairs to invite leisurely browsing
Improve interior and exterior lighting (brightness and efficiency)
Continue to research and implement heating improvement options
Add more prominent signs to identify sections
Create safe, comfortable, open spaces for children and youth
Design a concentrated, organized workspace for staff and volunteers
Designate a prominent display area
Explore outdoor seating arrangements
Use Maine State Library Standards as guidelines for facility plan.

Measurement:

Reports to Board re: facility developments

Goal 7: Update and promote the use of technology to increase access to information and resources.

Objective 7A: Create and use a monthly e-mail newsletter to highlight information about resources and programs by Summer 2005

Objective 7B: Activate the on-line catalog system by

October 2005

Objective 7C: Update the Library Web page by October 2005 and maintain monthly with a goal of increasing hits 5% annually

Suggested Activities:

Develop a new web page format that features reading lists, book page links to MARVEL (Maine’s Virtual Library) Share updates on new collection items Offer reading advisory lists Link on-line collection catalog to web site; allow patrons to reserve books on-line Add community contact names to e-mail list

Measurement:

Web hits
Patron survey feedback

Resource Development

Goal 8: Ensure the library continues to meet the demands of community growth and align with neighboring libraries and Maine State Library Standards.

Objective 8A: Increase the operating budget 10% annually until 2008

Objective 8B: Receive 60% of the library operating budget from town support by 2008

Objective 8C: Increase the Library Director hours to 40 per week and the Children’s Librarian/ Assistant to 27 hours per week for the 06-07 budget

Objective 8D: Develop a description of volunteer positions, responsibilities and recruitment strategies by September 2005; fill positions by March 2006

Objective 8E: Increase the number of trained volunteers available for circulation work to 30 by June 2006

Objective 8F: Research implementing stipends for volunteer coordinator and outreach coordinator positions by June 2006

Suggested Activities:

Fundraising Committee/ Board will evaluate how to enhance the fundraising potential of current successful activities
Fundraising Committee/ Board will explore at least one new major fundraiser per year with a goal of raising several thousand dollars per event
Continued research of grant funding opportunities, possible collaborations with schools
Market donations as a gift idea for birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, in memory of, bequests
Continue to research and publicize how our library compares to neighboring libraries
Assess if current hours continue to meet community needs

The Planning Committee recommends that the Library Board of Trustees and Library staff review this plan on a quarterly basis to verify the progress of achieving goals and objectives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Rand, Chair
Diane Cole
Ellen Gagne
Jane Hoffman
Gail Cole
Suzie Brockelbank
Sandi Severn

**Attention All Boys Entering
Grades 1 – 5**

You are invited to attend Cub Scout pack 800’s annual picnic. This is a great time for fun, food and friends. Sign up to become a Cub Scout, and you are immediately eligible to attend Cub Scout Camp this summer!

The picnic takes place at Camp Hinds on beautiful Panther Pond. This is located on the Plains Road, accessed by either Rt. 85 across from the town beach on Crescent Lake or Rt. 121 across from the pumping station. The picnic begins at 5pm with games and activities. This is a hamburger and hot dog cookout. We will end the evening with a game of water tag, which was the scouts’ choice as a reward for achieving their can tab challenge. Come see which leader you can tag the most! Questions? – call Jim Fisher 998-2392

Budget Still In The Making

By: Senator Bill Diamond

Every two years the legislature passes a two-year state budget which is called the biennial budget. Each state budget takes effect July 1 of each two year cycle and primarily consists of two major parts. From time to time during the budget cycle there are a few smaller supplemental budgets passed to make necessary adjustments, but essentially it’s a two part budget.

In fact, the budget is actually named for its two segments and is officially known as the “Part 1 Budget” and the “Part 2 Budget”. At the risk of over simplifying, generally speaking existing programs, including income and expenses, are all included in the Part 1 Budget. New programs and expansion of existing programs are usually saved for the Part 2 Budget.

The Part 1 Budget was passed this past March and, as you remember, the total amount of that budget was \$5.7 billion. Part 1 is always the biggest budget and generates the most controversy and discussion.

By the time this article is printed in the *Road Runner*, you will have heard about the Part 2 Budget, and the debate should be well underway. This year will be a little different in that the Part 2 Budget will be used to make changes in the Part 1 Budget.

We have an opportunity to make some improvements to the Part 1 by providing some alternatives to that section of the budget which includes the borrowing package, and hopefully we can make those changes. These improvements are being developed by a group of Senators from both political parties, of which I am one. We feel that the full legislature should consider some new and

different ways to deal with the budget. Hopefully by the time you read this article we will have made some progress.

Truancy and Drivers’ Licenses

Another issue which will be taking center stage in the legislature will be the bill which would deny any student who is truant from school from getting a driver’s license. Essentially the bill says that if a student is determined to be a truant, absent from school for a certain number of days without excuse, he/she will not be allowed to apply for a driver’s license or participate in driver education.

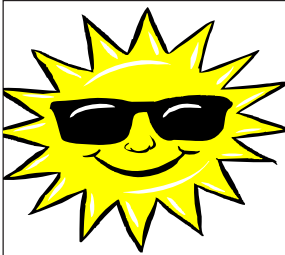
I would be very interested in hearing your opinion on this bill. Proponents of the bill say that using the driver’s license as a leverage to keep students in school would be helpful. Opponents feel that using the driver’s license to punish people for non-driving related offenses is unwise and could lead to many complex problems in the future.

Some also feel that students who are habitually truant probably have serious problems at home and prohibiting them from getting a driver’s license could only add to the existing problem. Proponents argue that a driver’s license is a privilege and using it as a reward system is justified.


Let me know what you think.

Remember that even after the legislature adjourns, you can still call me if you need help with any part of state government. I’ve enjoyed hearing and working with many of you during these past five months and look forward to helping whenever I can throughout the year.

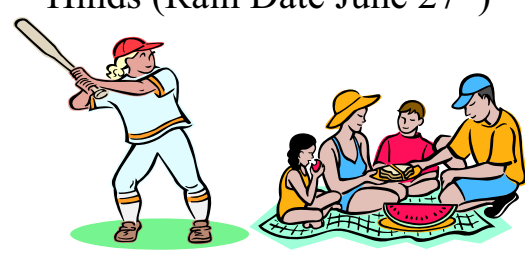
Have an enjoyable summer.




Pack 800
Summer 2005
Activities
Calendar



June 26th Pack Picnic - Activities begin at 5:00 PM at Camp Hinds (Rain Date June 27th)




July 14 Pack 800 Scout night at the Sea Dogs
July 25-29 Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Hinds



July 30th Car Wash at Walmart 8-12

Aug 13th- 14th Fun Pack Weekend at Camp Hinds



August 14-17 Webelos Camp at Camp Hinds

FairPoint New England

Raymond's Fairpoint NE Kids 1K or Open 5K Run

Saturday, June 11, 2005
7:30 am

Kid's 1K Race to begin at 8:30 am
Race Office opens at 6:30 am
Start at Sheri Gagnon Park at
63 Mill Street
Raymond, Maine

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

Course: Mill Street, Main Street,
Roosevelt Trail, Webbs Mills Road to
Sheri Gagnon Park on Mill Street.
T-shirts for first
100 registered in 5K Run.

Race Day Registrations:
17 & under \$6
Adults \$11
Families (over three members) \$26

FREE Kids 1K Fun Run
at Sheri Gagnon Park after completion
of the 5K Run.
This is for youth under the age of 12.



Pictured here is Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District's Chair Dick Wood with John Rand, who accepted the 2005 Outstanding Conservation Leadership Award on behalf of the Town of Raymond. The Conservation District selected the Town of Raymond for their demonstrated leadership on a number of fronts: installing conservation practices on town road sites; showing foresight in identifying natural resource issues and then taking the necessary steps to address them; and committing financial resources to address the threat of aquatic invasives and provide for general watershed protection. Of special note in all three of these items is the hard work and perseverance of the Raymond Conservation Commission who laid the groundwork for all of these accomplishments.

Lions Club Students Of The Month

At a recent meeting, the Raymond Lions Club recognized Alyson Schadler and Russell Libby as Students of the Month for February and March. The Lions select those students who do well in academics, participate in extra-curricular activities and in non-school related areas.

The media usually presents the negative stories about teens. The Raymond Lions want to present to the community the other side of the story. The vast majority of teens are hard working, hard studying and involved people. These are involved teens who are an asset to the school and the community and who will become leaders in the future, contributing to the betterment of the world.

Pictured are Alyson Schadler with her parents John and Lisa, and Rusty Libby with his mom Patricia. The Lions Club member making the presentation is Kathi Jones



Raymond Village Community Church Hosts Flea Market & Silent Auction; First Church Supper of the Season

Please join us for the Raymond Flea Market & Silent Auction taking place on June 25th at the Raymond Village Community Church. Tables and space is still available to rent for \$15 or \$10 for the day.

Thank you to the many local businesses that are donating auction items and signing on as sponsors, including: Nichols and Miles Electrical Services, Tire Warehouse and Maine Street Mortgage. We appreciate your generous support of this community event.

We hope to see you from 8am to 2pm in the parking lot of the Raymond Village Community Church, located on Main Street in Raymond.

In Other News

The first church supper of the season will be taking place on June 18th. Please join us—the food and company are delicious!

New Summer Hours for Christ Chapel

From June 5th to September 4th, Christ Chapel, 37 Northern Pines Road in Raymond, will be changing the time of their Sunday morning service to 9am. The service time will return to 10am September 11th. Please call for more information, 655-5058.

Raymond Flea Market

Generously Sponsored by:

**Nichols & Miles
Electrical Services**

Maine Street Mortgage

Tire Warehouse

**June 25th,
8AM - 2PM
parking lot of the
Raymond Village Community
Church**

For more information contact:

Table Rental: Joan Morton 655-3627

Sponsorship:

Shannon Nichols 655-6755

Donating Yard Sale Items:

Bill Shively 655-4766

Silent Auction:

Leigh Walker 655-2135

**Please join us for this
community event.**

June 1, 2005

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Mentoring Program Celebrates 4th Year

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is celebrating the end of its fourth year based in the Raymond Schools. The program, made possible by grant money from the Healthy Maine Fund, has recruited, matched and supported mentors who serve as friends and role models to Raymond students. Through mentoring relationships, we promote friendship skills, healthy activities, creative expression, community connections and the trying of new experiences. Our funding cycle closes at the end of 2005, so we are pursuing other grants to keep this successful program going; we’ve had almost 60 participants this year!

We’d like to acknowledge this year’s mentors who have dedicated an hour or more a week of one on one time with a young person (some mentors have been with us for several years!): Mary Jane Swanson, Claudette Boissonneault, Vickie Clarke, David Clarke, Debbie Murray, Kim Willams, Lisa Schadler, Susan Brackett, Jerilyn Ward, college students Jean Thornton and Valerie Martin, and high school students Doug Collins and Taylor Parker. We welcomed Erica Kanakis, Kayla Harding, Kerrie Keller, Andrew Heywood and Rosalie Marcelle during the second part of this year. The hours you share will stay with your mentees for a long, long time.

The Kids 2 Kids Mentoring Program – which brought 7th and 8th grade mentors together with 3rd and 4th grade buddies – concluded its second year in May. We also recognize and thank mentors Erin Durkin, Jordan Flynn, J.D. Clark, Bree Zoidis, Ethan Ward, Ashley Waldron, Emily Dodge, Megan Stevenson, Sibyl Cunningham, Kaitlyn Chandler, Dustin Libby, Jaclyn Rainsford, Alexis Larracey, Chad Zawistowski, Emma Levinsky, Paige Tuttle and Amy Hill for participating in the leadership training and for the time and energy you were able to give to your buddies. We hope many of you will continue on next year, either as a high school mentor or with the Kids 2 Kids program again.

The year closes with our annual flower planting at the Sherri Gagnon Playground and a barbecue at the Fairpoint resort.

For more information about mentoring, contact Lori Rand or Christina Lamarre at Raymond Elementary School, 655-8672. Now is a great time to learn more about opportunities for next year.

8th Grade Parent News

Important Dates:

Friday 6/17/05 - Year-end field trip to Water Country in Portsmouth, NH
Sunday 6/19/05 - Casco Bay Lines Cruise 6 to 9pm
Monday 6/20/05 - Completion Ceremony 7pm, JSMS

The next parent planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8th, at 7pm in the JSMS library: all welcome! Please come and plan to chaperone one of these activities.

The car wash held at Auto Bath of Raymond on May 14th was a big success, raising over \$500. A giant THANK YOU to Drew Taylor, owner, for his hospitality and generosity! The combined efforts of several parents and a large group of 8th graders made for a sudsy, fun filled day. Kudos to Laura Jo Cunningham for organizing this event!

Donations are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to:

JSMS
423 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071
Attn: 8th Grade Celebration

Birth Announcement

Roger and Linda Pignataro of Raymond, Maine, wish to announce the birth of their first granddaughter Alison Leigh Pignataro, born May 7, 2005, weight 6 lbs 8 oz, in Okemos, Michigan. Parents are Alana and Jim Pignataro (Jordan-Small 7th Grade class of 1985).

Corrected Middle School Honor Roll - 2004-2005 Trimester 2

Cline, Logan	8	High Honors	MacKenzie, Devin	7	Honor Roll
Martin, Patrick	8	High Honors	McIvor, Abigail	7	Honor Roll
Schadler, Alyson	8	High Honors	Olsen, Arthur	7	Honor Roll
Waldron, Ashley	8	High Honors	Spaulding, Stephanie	7	Honor Roll
Blake, Caroline	7	High Honors	Stevenson, Megan	7	Honor Roll
Desjardins, Haley	7	High Honors	Tevanian, Chelsea	7	Honor Roll
Dodge, Emily	7	High Honors	Ward, Ethan	7	Honor Roll
Lentine, Katherine	7	High Honors	Acker, Haley	6	Honor Roll
Wiley, Mary	7	High Honors	Bennett, Andrew	6	Honor Roll
Manchester, Lydia	6	High Honors	Christy, Joshua	6	Honor Roll
Shively, Elizabeth	6	High Honors	Cloutier, Molly	6	Honor Roll
Zawistowski, Samantha	6	High Honors	Cobb, Jennifer	6	Honor Roll
Algeo, Lucy	5	High Honors	Connor, Daniel	6	Honor Roll
Chim, Justin	5	High Honors	Gagnon, Drew	6	Honor Roll
Cloutier, Gaia	5	High Honors	Gordan, Cassandra	6	Honor Roll
Hoffman, Ryan	5	High Honors	Guiseley, Jacquelyn	6	Honor Roll
LaChance, Patrick	5	High Honors	Hargreaves, Kyle	6	Honor Roll
Lentine, Robert	5	High Honors	Hurd, Olivia	6	Honor Roll
Valente, Clare	5	High Honors	Keane-Dreyer, Mollissa	6	Honor Roll
Baker, Ashley	8	Honor Roll	Lewis, Ashley	6	Honor Roll
Bruno, Courtney	8	Honor Roll	MacDonald, Christopher	6	Honor Roll
Crockett, Phoebe	8	Honor Roll	Martyn-Fisher, Jenna	6	Honor Roll
Dudley, Bethany	8	Honor Roll	Masi, Weston	6	Honor Roll
Duncanson, Taylor	8	Honor Roll	Morneault, Abigail	6	Honor Roll
Flynn, Evan	8	Honor Roll	O’Neill, Alexander	6	Honor Roll
Gagne, Rebekah	8	Honor Roll	Peterson, Bryan	6	Honor Roll
Gerry, Nickolas	8	Honor Roll	Rankin, Madison	6	Honor Roll
Harding, Megan	8	Honor Roll	Taylor, Dylan Cody	6	Honor Roll
Huber, Hannah	8	Honor Roll	Weeks, Deanna	6	Honor Roll
King, Chey	8	Honor Roll	Winde, Tyler	6	Honor Roll
Lentine, Steven	8	Honor Roll	Bolduc, Dylan Clay	5	Honor Roll
Mason, Renee	8	Honor Roll	Buckley, Alexander P.	5	Honor Roll
Mitchell, Brandi	8	Honor Roll	Cave, Robert	5	Honor Roll
Morris, Rebecca	8	Honor Roll	Cerino, Marissa	5	Honor Roll
Nadeau, Kelsey	8	Honor Roll	Desjardins, Jacob	5	Honor Roll
O’Neill, Andrew	8	Honor Roll	Dixon, Ian Barret	5	Honor Roll
Perry, Jacob	8	Honor Roll	Gendron, Parker Allen	5	Honor Roll
Prout, Elizabeth	8	Honor Roll	Gillis, Abbey	5	Honor Roll
Ryan, Lindsay	8	Honor Roll	Hughes, Lindsey	5	Honor Roll
Sanborn, Laura	8	Honor Roll	Hutchinson, Casey	5	Honor Roll
Trickey, Jacob	8	Honor Roll	Morris, Timothy	5	Honor Roll
vanHaasteren, Kees	8	Honor Roll	Murphy, Zuri	5	Honor Roll
Walton, Danielle	8	Honor Roll	Nadeau, Tyler	5	Honor Roll
Weeks, Lauren	8	Honor Roll	Noonan, Georgia	5	Honor Roll
Wisutskie, Erik	8	Honor Roll	Peavey, Jeremy J.	5	Honor Roll
Zawistowski, Chad	8	Honor Roll	Pike, Shannon	5	Honor Roll
Algeo, Benjamin	7	Honor Roll	Rand, Allison	5	Honor Roll
Allen, Calista	7	Honor Roll	Richardson, Jenna L.	5	Honor Roll
Chandler, Kaitlyn	7	Honor Roll	Schweitzer, Cory	5	Honor Roll
Dighello, Anthony	7	Honor Roll	Small, Sarah	5	Honor Roll
Eastman, Jenna L.	7	Honor Roll	Vanbaars, Natalie	5	Honor Roll
Fusco, Nicole	7	Honor Roll	Vanbaars, Sasha	5	Honor Roll
Gillis, Amber	7	Honor Roll	vanHaasteren, Corrie	5	Honor Roll
Hutchinson, Samuel	7	Honor Roll	Williamson, Riley	5	Honor Roll
Knights, Zachary	7	Honor Roll	Woodbrey, Erik	5	Honor Roll
Lachance, Hannah	7	Honor Roll			

Girl Scout Troop 621

A group of sixth graders from Girl Scout Troop 621 recently completed their child care badge. The girls wanted to further their knowledge, since many of them already babysit; so decided to take part of the money raised from selling Girl Scout Cookies to participate in the American Red Cross Babysitting Course. This 6 hour course was

completed in two evenings, and each of the 12 girls earned their Red Cross Certification for Babysitting. They would like to thank Eric, their instructor from First Response Training, for teaching them the necessary skills and information needed to be a successful babysitter. The girls who participated are Kendra Lobley, Jennifer Cobb, Haley Acker, Cassi Gordon, Jenna Martyn-Fisher, Deanna Weeks, Kelley Handy, Madison Rankin, Meghan Bruno, Sammie Zawistowski, Molly Keane-Dreyer, and Beth Shively.



Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

As this school year comes to a close, it is time to review our many successes and accomplishments, as well as to look forward to meeting future goals at the elementary school. I am especially proud of the efforts of the professional faculty this year, continuing the curriculum and assessment work to meet the standards mandated in Maine’s Learning Results. This has been an especially difficult year for our teachers, and I applaud their efforts in keeping all of this work moving forward. I am delighted that next year we will be focusing on the mathematics curriculum in grades K – 8. It will be exciting to have teachers at all grade levels working together in this new curriculum initiative. It will certainly be a new learning curve for teachers and their students!

The energy that the Raymond PTA has provided is always a wonderful spark for children and staff throughout the school year. The public support that the PTA gives is especially appreciated and valued. Outgoing PTA president Leigh Walker has spearheaded a number of exciting and very successful activities, and I want to thank Leigh and all of the active PTA members for their many contributions to our school program. We especially loved having Karen Montanaro work with our students this year. The PTA Reflections fine arts program continues to grow, and gives many students an additional outlet for their talents and interests. We are looking for a new coordinator for the Reflections program. If you are interested in helping to keep Reflections going strong, please give me a call.

Next year will be both an exciting and extremely busy one

for me as I begin a new position as K – 8 principal in Raymond. I am excited about new opportunities to support student learning at all grade levels, though I know that this is going to be a new challenge for me. I will be working through the summer to figure out a schedule and to get the new school year for both schools off to the best start ever. I will be in the RES office most Wednesdays through the summer. You can also email me at norma.richard@raymondmaine.org.

In closing, I would like to wish all of our students a happy and safe summer vacation. I encourage them to read for pleasure each and every day, and to cherish this vacation time with their families. We will see them back at school on Tuesday, September 6.

March For Parks

Raymond Elementary School held the third annual March for Parks from April 25 through May 6. During those two weeks, students brought pennies, coins or dollars to school to support Sheri Gagnon and Tassel Top parks. With each donation, the children put their names on a pledge card, which was then posted throughout the school building for all to see. The funds raised are used to purchase equipment or make improvements to the parks. This year the students raised \$1430, almost \$300 more than last year. Included in that total were over 57,00 pennies. Ten classes raised more than \$50 each. The top K –2 class, Mrs. Bottoms’s, raised \$275.47, and the top 3-4 class, Mrs. Spencer’s, raised \$114.44. These two classes received an ice cream party for their efforts. A check was presented to Don Willard, town manager, on May 13 at the Friday opening. He shared that this year’s money will go to Friends of the Playground, a volunteer organization in town whose purpose is to identify and prioritize potential improvements to Sheri Gagnon Park. Thank you to everyone who participated. Start saving you pennies for next year!



Mr. Dennis Woodruff, special education teacher, with the assistance of Ms. Bottoms’ students, presented town manager Don Willard with a check for \$1430 at their May 13 school opening. These funds were raised by Raymond Elementary School students during their annual March for Parks program. This year the students collected over 45,000 pennies as part of their fundraising. Proceeds from March for Parks will be used to maintain Sheri Gagnon Park.

Wanted - Pictures Of The Jordan-Small Middle School Site in Raymond

We would love to borrow photos of the site before a school existed and pictures of all the different school buildings that have sat on this site over the years. We are especially interested in photos taken from the roadside and pictures before and after the fire.

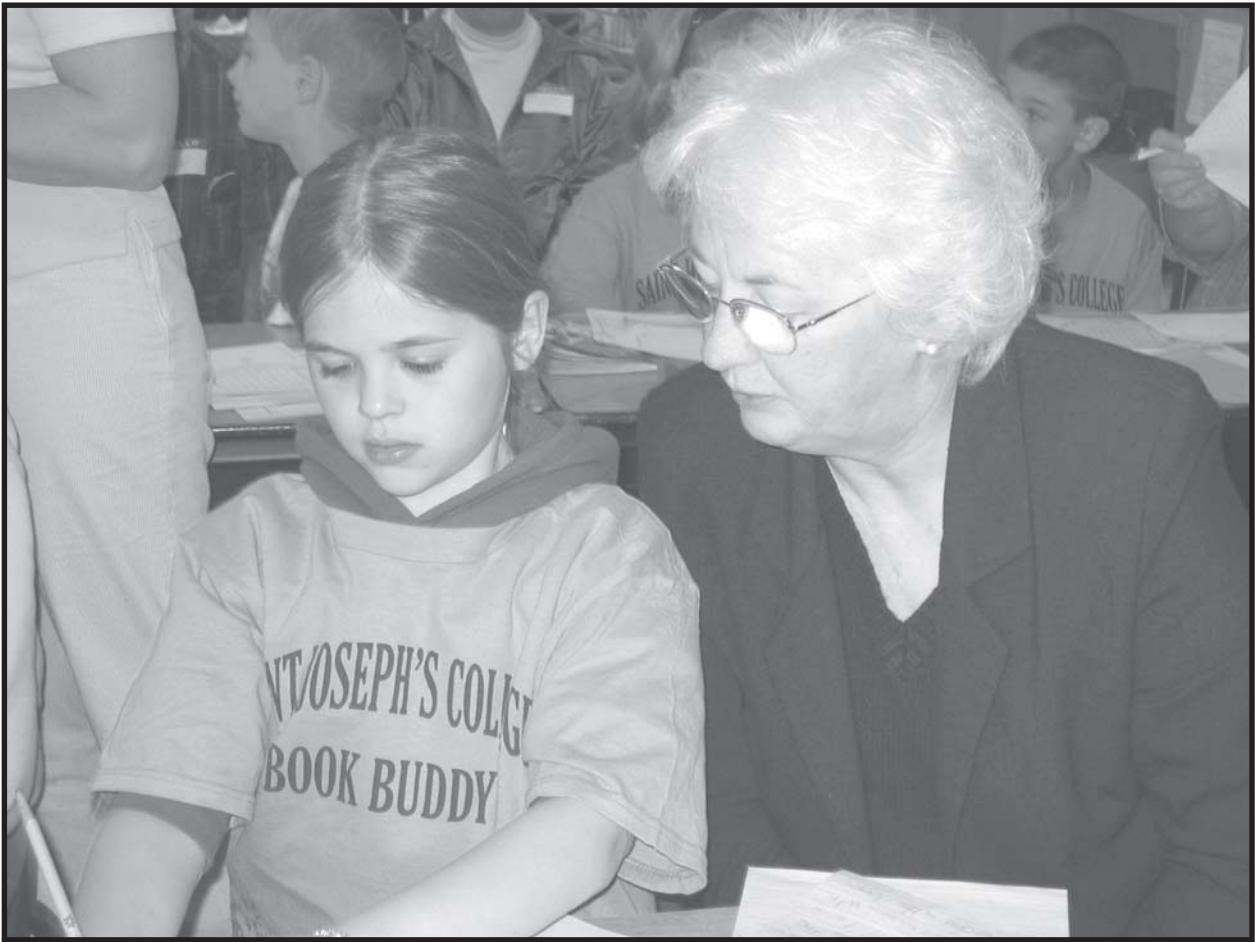
Any picture that is borrowed will be handled with great care, scanned and immediately returned to you. If you wish, we can even scan them while you wait.

These photos will be used to make a media presentation of the progression of the school and trace the history of Jordan-Small Middle School.

Thank you in advance.

Dennis Dorey
Tech Coordinator
Raymond Schools

Contact us at the Jordan-Small Middle School 655-4743



Julie Lent and her grandmother Margaret Lent work on a sandwich book report during Raymond Elementary School’s Grandparents’ Day. This year over 150 grandparents and friends joined RES students for a morning of schoolwork and a lot of fun.

JSMS Band Concert

The JSMS band students in grades 5 through 8 will present their concert on Thursday, June 2, 2005, at 7pm in the gymnasium.

Raymond Fire/Rescue

HOT SPOT

“KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE THROUGH EDUCATION”

This month we would like to reflect on some events that have taken place over the last few weeks and to make you all aware of some important information. It is that time of year when the State Forest Service provides all fire departments with a *FIRE CLASS DAY*. Some of you may have heard this term when you have called or stopped by Dispatch to get a burning permit. The class day that is reported to us lets us know if we can issue burning permits or not. You may have also heard in recent weeks that the State has issued a RED FLAG WARNING. This means that the State has banned all outside burning to include brush, campfires, cooking and warming fires. This is the most severe fire condition. The Town of Raymond requires a burning permit for all outdoor burning of brush, leaves and debris. These permits can be obtained at the Public Safety Building on Rte 302. We suggest that you call before trying to get a permit. The State gives us the class day between 8:30 and 9am daily. No permits can be issued before this time, and permits can only be given on the day you want to burn. As many of you may know, you do not need a permit for a cooking or warming fire, but we ask that you call our Dispatch (655-7851) before you start your fire. This will make our Dispatch aware that you are having a fire and may prevent the Fire Department from showing up. Many times people call to report a fire, and the Fire Department finds a cooking or warming fire. So by calling, you are helping both yourselves and the department. When you call, we will also be able to tell you if a red flag warning has been issued which prevents any outdoor fires. Below we are providing the class day criteria to help you all understand.

Another issue that has been brought to our attention has been homeowners insurance. Many insurance companies have called to get information about our Fire Department and how we respond should there be a fire at your house or business. We have found that many insurance companies may be charging you a higher rate. The insurance industry bases its rates upon an ISO RATING. The Town of Raymond used to have a rating of 9/9. This rating is on the

extreme high side. In the last couple of years with the addition of public water, hydrants, the construction of a new fire station and bringing our fire trucks up to current standards, the ISO RATING has dropped to a 5/8. This may help many of you with your insurance rates. Remember that many insurance companies do not update their records unless a claim is filed or unless you call with this type of information. Keep in mind that your company probably will have to get the following information from the Fire Department as well before you see any changes to your rates. Things to know when you call your insurance company:

- How far is your property from a fire station?
- How far away are you from a fire hydrant?
- Do you have a monitored fire alarm in your house/business?

If you are not sure of these answers, please feel free to call the fire station and ask for Joshua Stevens or Bruce Tupper. If they are unavailable be sure to leave your name and number so they may return your call.

There have also been many phone calls with questions about the house fire that was reported to have started due to the Monitor heater. This in fact is not true. The cause of the fire was investigated by the State Fire Marshall’s Office and was deemed not to have been caused by a malfunctioning Monitor heater.

The Raymond Fire Department would also like to remind you of the VIAL OF LIFE program. This vial looks like a small pill bottle that contains a piece of paper with your medical history, prescriptions, allergies and living wills or DNRs on it. It is located inside of your refrigerator. In case of an emergency, where you or a family member are unable to communicate with the rescue personnel, they would have access to your important history. This is a very time saving tool. We encourage anyone who has a medical condition or allergies to have one. This vial is also helpful

if you are healthy. It will be able to tell us that you don’t have any underlying conditions or reactions to medications. This vial is used nationwide with great results. If interested call 655-7851.
Until next month...work safe, play safe, STAY SAFE!!!
Send comments or suggestions to:
Raymond Fire/Rescue
1443 Roosevelt Trail
Raymond, ME 04071
ATTN: Joshua Stevens
Or e-mail me at josh.stevens@raymondmaine.org

Vial Of Life

The Vial of Life Program is for anyone with special needs or any type of medical problem. It is to be stored in the refrigerator due to its being fire resistant.

OBJECT: To have information that is vital to the person in the event of an emergency situation. Rescue workers will look for the decal on the outside of the refrigerator. This indicates the information is inside. The program is being offered at NO COST through the Raymond Fire and Rescue.

Forms, Vials and Decals will be available from Raymond Fire/Rescue Department, who will assist in explaining the program to interested persons.

Please call Dispatch Business at: 655-7851

Raymond Fire Rescue Log

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
5/1/2005	205	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVER
5/1/2005	1101	MEADOW RD	GEN. ILLNESS
5/2/2005	1205	ROOSEVELT TRL	MOTOR VEHICLE
5/2/2005	1905	WEBBS MILLS RD	CARDIAC
5/3/2005	710	WEBBS MILLS RD	MOTOR VEHICLE
5/3/2005	1758	NO. RAYMOND RD	REFUSED TRANS
5/4/2005	919	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
5/4/2005	1706	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
5/4/2005	2029	THOMAS POND TER	CHEST PAIN
5/5/2005	1037	M/A CASCO	GEN. ILLNESS
5/5/2005	1359	M/A WINDHAM	DIFF. BREATHING
5/5/2005	1406	M/A/CASCO	MOTOR VEHICLE
5/6/2005	1214	FURLONG RD	GEN. ILLNESS
5/6/2005	1226	WESTVEIW DR	SMOKE ALARM
5/7/2005	1012	PLUMMER DR	GEN. ILLNESS
5/8/2005	1657	PINE LANE	CARDIAC
5/8/2005	1954	ROOSEVELT TRL	MEDICAL EMER
5/9/2005	1343	ROOSEVELT TRL	CHECK PRM FIRE
5/9/2005	1930	M/A WINDHAM	CHEST PAIN
5/9/2005	2205	HARMON RD	STRUCTUR FIRE
5/10/2005	715	LEDGE HILL RD	MOTOR VEHICLE
5/10/2005	838	M/A CASCO	MEDICAL EMER
5/10/2005	1000	M/A CASCO	RESCUE CANCEL
5/10/2005	2107	MEADOW RD	MEDICAL EMER
5/12/2005	1934	ROOSEVELT TRL	MULCH FIRE
5/12/2005	2052	BROWN RD	CHIMNEY FIRE
5/13/2005	1043	MAILMAN RD	MEDICAL EMER
5/13/2005	1645	ROOSEVELT TRL	MOTOR VEHICLE

Maine Forest Service National Fire Danger Rating System Description

1. Low. Fuels do not ignite readily from small firebrands, although a more intense *-heat-* source, such as lightning, may start many fires in duff or punky wood. Fires in open cured grassland may burn freely a few hours after rain, but woods fires spread slowly by creeping or smoldering, and burn in irregular fingers. There is little danger of spotting.
2. Moderate. Fires can start from most accidental causes, but with the exception of lightning fires in some areas, the number of starts is generally low. Fires in open-cured grassland will burn briskly and spread rapidly on windy days. Woods fires spread slowly to moderately fast. The average fire is of moderate intensity, although heavy concentrations of fuel, especially draped fuel, may burn hot. Short-distance spotting may occur, but is not persistent. Fires are not likely to become serious, and control is relatively easy.
3. High. All fine dead fuels ignite readily and fires start easily from most causes. Unattended brush and campfires are likely to escape. Fires spread rapidly and short-distance spotting is common. High-intensity burning may develop on slopes, in concentrations of fine fuel. Fires may become serious and their control difficult, unless they are hit hard and fast while small. The color code for High is yellow.
4. Very High. Fires start easily from all causes and immediately after ignition, spread rapidly and increase quickly in intensity. Spot fires are a constant danger. Fires burning in light fuels may quickly develop high-intensity characteristics; such as, long-distance spotting and fire whirlwinds, when they burn into heavier fuels. Direct attack at the head of such fires is rarely possible after they have been burning more than a few minutes. The color code for Very High is orange.
5. Extreme. Fires under extreme conditions start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely. All fires are potentially serious. Development into high-intensity burning will usually be faster and occur from smaller fires than in the very high danger class (item 4). Direct attack is rarely possible, and may be dangerous, except immediately after ignition. Fires that develop headway in heavy slash or in conifer stands may be unmanageable while the extreme burning condition lasts. Under these conditions, the only effective and safe control action is on the flanks until the weather changes or the fuel supply lessens.

LOW
Color Code Green

MODERATE
Color Code Blue

HIGH
Color Code Yellow

VERY HIGH
Color Code Orange

EXTREME
Color Code Red

Animal Control Report April-May

April 19 Barking Dog	verbal warning
April 19 Dog hit and run plus bite	investigated
April 21 Dog at large	dog gone on arrival
April 21 Dog missing	investigated
April 22 Dog at large	verbal warning
April 22 Cat bite	investigated
April 24 Dog at large	verbal warning
May 3 Workshop on Rabies	attended in Augusta
May 5 Dog at large	investigated
May 5 Dogs fighting	verbal warning
May 5 Dog at large	verbal warning
May 8 Picked up stray	
May 9 May 8 dog’s owner found	verbal warning
May 13 Dog at large	dog gone on arrival
May 16 Animal acting strange	gone on arrival
May 16 Pit bull running in area	investigated
May 18 Squirrel in chimney	removed squirrel
May 18 Dog bite	quarantined dog