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2007 Town Meeting

Friday, May 18, 2007, Town Elections
7am to 8pm
Jordan-Small Middle School

Saturday, May 19, 2007, Open Town Meeting
10am
Jordan-Small Middle School

Board of Selectmen Approve Municipal Budget below LD1 Limit

By Don Willard, Town Manager

At the March 22, 2007, meeting of the Raymond Board of Selectmen, the proposed 2007-2008 fiscal budget for the Town of Raymond was approved by the Board of Selectmen, subject to final adoption at the May 19 Annual Town Meeting, at a net increase of \$57,113, or 3.23% over last year. The presented Municipal budget total of \$1,824,398 is \$4,212 less than that allowed by LD1 for fiscal 2007-2008.

In the beginning of the budgeting process, the Board of Selectmen established several performance guidelines and goals to be met by the Town Manager in preparing the budget. Among these goals were increasing the appropriation for capital road improvement work, maintaining the current curbside waste collection system, and exploring the sharing of services with neighboring towns and/or Cumberland County government to reduce costs and maintain or improve services. In addition, the Board of Selectmen expressed continued support of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association and the Raymond Village Library. Mindful that the majority of Raymond residents voted for the passage of TABOR, they also mandated that the budget come in within the constraints of LD1.

The Town's department heads were instructed to comply with the Board's wishes, and presented requests to the Town Manager

resulting in a gross budget increase of only .75%, or \$27,654, over last year's gross municipal budget. Due to expected reductions in revenues, particularly from excise tax and Municipal Revenue Sharing, the budget had to be finely tuned to achieve the desired goals, but the proposed budget is successful in meeting them.

Among the goals achieved in the proposed budget are: an increase of \$40,000 in the appropriation for capital road improvement work; a reduction in the cost of dispatch services by combining with the Town of Naples; appropriating funding requests by the Raymond Waterways Protective Association and the Raymond Village Library; a new contract with Pine Tree Waste for trash and recycling curbside pickup; and a slight reduction in the use of undesignated funds. The budget also includes an appropriation for a new voting machine to replace the present 20-year old machine, and the replacement of the windows in the main part of the Town Hall.

Although not included in this proposed budget, the Town is seeking private sector insurance bids in an attempt to further reduce costs in the future.

As presented, the 2007-2008 budget seeks to maintain the current mil rate of \$10.20 per thousand, while maintaining or improving services to the community.

Call for Candidate Profiles

As in the past, the May issue of the Raymond Road Runner will include Candidate Profiles for anyone running for a position on the Selectboard, School Committee and Budget/Finance Committee. Profiles should be 500 words or less and include an introduction, background, your thoughts about the position you are seeking and contact information.

If you have turned in a completed nomination form to the town office and would like to submit a candidate profile, please send it before Thursday, April 19, 2007, to the Raymond Road Runner by one of the following methods:

- E-mail to: roadrunner@raymondmaine.org as an attached .rtf file
- CD: Label as Candidate Profile 2007 for the Raymond Road Runner with your name. File should be in .rtf and dropped off at the town office.
- Typed or handwritten: Drop it off at the town office.

Town Nomination Papers Due April 4th

The 2007 Annual Town Meeting will be Saturday, May 19th, at 10am. On Friday, May 18th, our Town Elections will take place at Jordan-Small Middle School from 7am to 8pm. The positions available for candidates are Budget/Finance Committee (3 seats), School Board (1 seat), and Selectmen (2 seats).

YOU CAN STILL RUN FOR OFFICE, if you have your nomination papers deposited in the Town Clerk's Office no later than Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 4pm. Pick up a nomination form at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and obtain not less than 25 nor more than 100 signatures.

Town Meeting

The 2007 Annual Town Meeting will begin on Friday, May 18th, with the election of 2 Selectmen, 1 School Board member, and 3 Budget Finance Committee members. The polls will be open from 7am until 8pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium.

The open Town Meeting will be on Saturday, May 19th, convening at 10am at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium. The Raymond Village Library will be selling various delicious lunches for your pleasure and convenience. The Town Reports should be available by May 1st. They can be picked up at the Town Office, Clough's Store, Sunset Variety, Hilltop Market, the Raymond Village Library and Community Pharmacy.

Items from Japan

Mrs. Malnati's and Mrs. Tounge's third graders wrote letters to Michiyo Kobayashi, who is a policewoman living in Japan. Michiyo has been a pen pal to Athena Mains for many years. After receiving our letters, Michiyo sent us some special items from Japan. She sent us many different types of origami paper, some paper balloons and games, Japanese magazines, a book on paper folding, Japanese cards, envelopes, and she even wrote a letter back to each of the students who wrote to her!



(L-R) Alison Wood, Sarah Mains, Jeff Pollard, Ethan Winde, and Abby Gordon.

Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, **April 19th**. 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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Raymond Village Library News

At a Glance

- Sunday, April 1- Pajama Story Time, 6pm, at the library.
- Sunday, April 8 – Library Closed for Easter.
- Wednesday, April 11 - Library Board Meeting at 7pm.
- Wednesday, April 11- Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group 7pm, at the library.
- Monday, April 16- Nature Program for Kids, at 2pm at the library.
- Sunday, April 22 – Volunteer Appreciation Celebration at 2pm, at the library.
- Monday, April 23 and 30 – Free Adult Computer Workshop, 6-8pm, at RES.
- Wednesday, April 25 – Reading Group, 7pm at the library.

Pajama Party

Jody Fein, a well-known storyteller, will be entertaining children and adults alike at the library with her enthusiastic tale telling. Be sure to wear your pajamas and be ready to enjoy the songs and stories. We have the Raymond PTO to thank for sponsoring this April Fools Day surprise at 6pm at the library.

Library closed on Sunday, April 8 for Easter.

Nonfiction and Classics Reading Group

Join us Wednesday, April 11, at 7pm at the Raymond Village Library, when Thomas Desjardin's Through a Howling

Wilderness: Benedict Arnold's March to Quebec, 1775 will be the focus of discussion. Thomas Urquhart, in his Maine Sunday Telegram review of the book, said, "Desjardin is Maine's state (Historic Sites) historian and one terrific storyteller, able to zap the reader...from individual travail to 18th century Realpolitik." Reading copies will be available at the Library desk.

At this meeting we will also explore group interests, ideas, and preferred dates for future meetings. Come to this organizational meeting, even if you cannot read the book, and help shape the group's future. If you miss the meeting, please let Al Morrison know of your interest, at 655-4748.

Al will facilitate this new group, which is intended to be more specialized in Nonfiction (biography, history, science, etc.) and Classics (both old and new) than the current longstanding, more generalized reading group. Fullest cooperation between these two groups is the goal of both. We look forward to seeing you April 11, and/or to hearing from you before, at and afterward, to learn what you think. Please share this information with friends who might be interested.

Nature Program – Lobster Lives and Science

Meet a live lobster, learn about a typical lobster day, get hands-on with the survey techniques scientists use to monitor juvenile lobsters along the coast of New England, and watch as an audience member is transformed into a lobster during the humorous and educational build-a-lobster activity. This Cornerstones of Science (COS) program will be taught by Jocelyn Hubbell, COS Executive Director. It will take place at the Raymond Village Library on Monday, April 16, at 2pm for school age children. For more information about COS visit www.cornerstonesofscience.org.

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Calling all of our many volunteers! Please save Sunday, April 22, for a little celebration at the library to thank you for all you do for the library. The party begins at 2pm. Hope to see you there.

Jane Hubbell, a 17-year Raymond Village Library volunteer, is enjoying every minute of the privilege. In that time, she has helped with publicity, book selection, collection maintenance and repair, and the circulation desk, as well as serving a period on the Board of Trustees. Currently, she works on the plant sale and book sale committees, facilitates the reading group, and always looks forward to her circulation desk time.

Formerly a high school and junior college English teacher, Jane has always loved books and libraries. So she feels more than lucky to get to do this sort of thing with such an outstanding librarian, great coworkers and patrons who share the same goal – a really pleasurable and useful library for our town. Job satisfaction at its best; always something new to learn, good company, fun and a sense of giving something worthwhile to the mix – thanks for the opportunity, says she.

Reading Group

The Book Group will meet on April 25 at the library at 7pm to discuss the book A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansbury. Copies of the book will be available by request at the library. For more information, please call Jane at 655-5354.

Story Time Schedule Change – April 2nd

Due to the large number of participants in the Toddler Story Time Program, it is necessary to have two sessions on the

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Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:00PM VL Pajama Story Time	2 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	3 7:00PM BC Selectmen's Meeting	4 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 6:30PM RE School Committee NOMINATION PAPER RETURN DEADLINE	5 6:30PM PS Raymond Lions Club Meeting 7:00PM BC One Raymond Committee	6 6:30PM RE Dr. Seuss Party	7
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same morning. We will ask participants to commit to the session that fits their schedules the best, in order to keep the groups a manageable size. We will try to be flexible as well. The new schedule is as follows:

- **Baby Time** (Birth – 18 months): Mondays at 10am.
- **Toddler Time** (18-36 months): Wednesdays: First session at 10am; Second session at 11am.
- **Preschool Time** (3-5 years): Mondays at 11am.

Save the Date: Saturday, June 2

The Raymond Village Library wants you all to shop locally on Saturday, June 2nd. We are working on an exciting fundraiser for the library, and we've asked our local Raymond businesses to help. When you shop on June 2nd, a percentage of the local business profits will be donated to the library. We are so fortunate that the small businesses in town are willing to participate in our event, and hope that you will help us out on that day, also. This is just a partial list of the participants; it is growing every day, but we want you to be thinking about how you can wisely spend your money on that special Saturday in June.

To date the following are on board: Auto Werke, Chipman Farms, Lakes Region Wireless, Community Pharmacy, Cricket's Corner, Good Life Market, Hair Force One, J.C. Mobility, Raymond Laundry, Raymond Village Florist, Sebago Signworks, Sebago Pirate's Galley, Sebago Lake Marina/Port Harbor Marine, Subs and Wraps, Tailfeathers, Ultimate Hair and Tanning. We will keep you updated each month as our list of participants grows. For more information, please contact the library at 655-4283

Free Adult Computer Workshop

"Creating a Newsletter" with Microsoft Word will be offered Monday, April 23 and 30,

6-8pm at the RES computer room. Space is limited, so please register with Doris Horne – doris.horne@raymondmaine.org. Please plan to come a few minutes early. The library thanks the Raymond School Department for collaborating on offering these computer workshops.

Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

- 1) Broadcast studio update/presentation of certificates of appreciation – Chairman Board of Selectmen Mark Gendron

Certificates of community appreciation were awarded by the Board of Selectmen to former Selectmen Ada Brown and Betty McDermott, as well as Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey, Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mike Reynolds, and Town Manager Don Willard, for their leadership and work in the creation of the digital broadcast studio.

- 2) Data services discussion – Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey

Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey provided an open document format (odf) presentation outlining issues related to work necessary to create a relational database for the town's five different network servers. These servers, which contain a great deal of overlapping information within their databases, have to be kept in alignment in order to provide up-to-date information for use by town departments and the public. Currently much of this update work is manually done on each database. After the presentation the Board of Selectmen authorized using existing funding to hire a consultant to assist with the transition from the present system to a system that will push updates out to the proper servers as created by each individual department. This change will save a good deal of future effort by eliminating repetitive data entry.

- 3) Regional dispatch center technical review – Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey

Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey provided a technical and operational review of both the Naples and Windham communication centers as a possible future location for a regionalized service, including Raymond. Previously the town had received a presentation from Cumberland County. Although both Cumberland Coun-

ty and Windham currently have technical advantages and cost savings advantages over the Naples dispatch center, the potential to custom tailor service in Naples and to have an active role in future decision making, influenced the Network Administrator and Fire Chief to make a recommendation for a one year trial period with Naples for public safety emergency dispatch. The Town of Raymond will provide technical support to Naples in setting up equipment and software for this regional effort. It is hoped that by working closely with the member towns of the Naples center (Harrison, Sebago, Casco and Naples) future cost savings opportunities could also be realized. After the one year trial period, an evaluation will be made to determine whether significant progress has been made in this area or whether all the options for dispatch services should be re-evaluated. The objective of moving the dispatch center from Raymond is to take advantage of the cost savings of working on a joint basis to provide these services, while at the same time not suffering any decrease in the quality of the service. Examples of areas of future cooperation include shared fire department operations and multi-town participation in the start up paramedic "fly car" program currently being developed by Fire Chief Denis Morse and EMS Director Cathy Gosselin.

- 4) Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates
 - a) None
- 5) One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs
 - a) Next One Raymond Committee to be held on March 1, 2007.

- 6) Discussion of printing costs for this year's town report – Town Clerk Louise Lester

The Board of Selectmen considered the potential of printing all of the Land Use Ordinance amendments in the town report this year versus producing this material in-house as a separate document, given the much larger volume of material. It was decided that the town clerk should bid the printing both ways and that a decision would be made at the next meeting as to whether the town report would be printed with all the land use amendments included or as a standalone document.

- 7) Old (unfinished) business.
 - a) Discussion of possible replacement of heavy duty plow truck – Public Works Director Nathan White

A motion was made and unanimously approved to purchase a 2006 International heavy plow truck to replace the town's 1995 GMC truck, as had been planned in next year's capital budget. The decision to purchase the truck early was to take advantage of substantial capital acquisition and operational savings before new federally-mandated emissions standards are imposed upon 2007 vehicles.
 - b) Determination of 2007 town scholarship award levels – Town Clerk Louise Lester

This item was tabled in order to allow the town clerk to provide additional information on interest earned for the various scholarship accounts.

- 8) Town Manager Report and Communications.
 - a) The town manager reported that roads will be posted prohibiting heavy truck traffic beginning on March 5, 2007, and running through May 31, 2007.
 - b) The Board of Selectmen signed a Quit Claim deed to release the town's interest in the Waterman property at 25 Shaker Woods Road. All interest, penalties, delinquent taxes and associated administrative charges have now been paid in full.

- 11) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – February 20, 2007.

Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated February 20, 2007.

- 1) Resignation of Allen Tait from Planning Board

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- 2) Interview two applicants for the open seat on the Plan-

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- 2) Interview two applicants for the open seat on the Plan-

ning Board – Board of Selectmen

With the resignation of Mr. Tait, an opening for a full member of the Planning Board was created. Interested citizens Christina Keilt and Greg Foster were interviewed by the Board of Selectmen. Both candidates were exceptionally well qualified for the position, with Greg Foster receiving the nomination and approval of the board to fill the open seat. Christina Keilt was asked if she would consider a position as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, which she accepted. She was subsequently nominated and unanimously approved to serve the town in this capacity.

- 3) Fire/Rescue Budget overview/update – Fire Chief Denis Morse

Fire Chief Morse provided an overview of the fiscal year 2007/2008 Fire Rescue Budget with an emphasis upon explaining the process by which he has budgeted for and secured fixed departmental capital assets. He also explained the underlying philosophy and cost savings work necessary to hold his budget at a zero increase over the last three years. He thanked his departmental members and town administration for the cooperation that he had received in being able to achieve this accomplishment. He then discussed his desire to sign a one-year contract with the Naples dispatch center for Fire/Rescue dispatch services, commencing full-time in October 2007. Raymond will participate actively with our neighboring communities in building a regional dispatch center that will retain the services and qualities of the present Raymond center, but at the same time offer the cost-of-operations advantages that can only be obtained by working cooperatively with neighboring communities. The dispatch arrangement will be for a one year trial period only and will commence on a part-time basis as soon as practicable for overnight coverage. EMS Director Cathy Gosselin reported on the staffing and activities of the town's volunteer rescue service. Noting that there are about thirty people in the Fire Rescue department, with approximately twelve members doing fifty calls each annually. She also highlighted the work that is done by volunteers to maintain the Public Safety Building and perform other related duties such as Fire Police work. Ms. Gosselin explained a new program that is under development with other area towns to provide improved paramedic coverage by utilizing a shared paramedic "fly car". This vehicle would be municipally owned and would be stocked with emergency equipment and medicines in order to allow the paramedic to respond more quickly and then decide whether additional assistance and/or ambulance transportation was needed. Similar programs have been successfully in place in other communities in Maine for some time. At the conclusion of the Fire Rescue presentation, a motion was made to approve a one-year contract with Naples for full-time dispatching services commencing in October 2007.

- 4) Discussion on possible warrant article to change the date of town meeting – Town Clerk Louise Lester

The Board of Selectmen had a preliminary discussion with the town clerk about the legal ramifications of a possible change in the date and form of town meeting. The town clerk will gather additional information for discussion at the Board of Selectmen's March 22nd meeting, to be held at the Broadcast Studio.

- 5) Capital planning and asset acquisition policy discussion – Selectman Joe Bruno

Selectman Bruno felt that the town's current policy could be greatly improved if a formal policy outlining capital purchasing and debt were implemented. He suggested that it may make more sense for the town to maintain a single Capital Improvement Program (CIP) reserve fund for certain purchases and to bond for other purchases as necessary, given the historically low rates of interest communities typically pay to bond for capital improvements. An additional concern is that the town should have an "Undesignated Fund Balance Use Policy," governing the levels at which the fund balance should be maintained and the specific purposes to which the fund balance could be utilized if it exceeded established minimum levels. The town manager was instructed to get additional information on such policies from other communities for future consideration.

- 6) New town office concept vote discussion – Selectman Joe Bruno

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Selectman Bruno felt that before any additional development money was expended on investigations regarding a possible new town office a presentation should be made to Annual Town Meeting and a concept or "straw" vote obtained as to whether the voters of the town wanted to continue said investigations. An affirmative vote on such an article could, after sufficient funding is established at a future town meeting, lead to an actual proposal to be considered by the townspeople for a new or renovated building. On the other hand a negative vote would focus work on renovations and continued use of the existing building. There was also some discussion over the building needs of the library and whether it made more sense to attempt to work together or independently to meet each entity's respective needs. The town manager was instructed to draft a warrant article for Selectmen consideration that would enable the townspeople to have a conceptual or "straw" vote on additional town office study at this year's Annual Town Meeting.

7) Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates

The Board of Selectmen considered and approved eight abatements as recommended by Mr. O'Donnell.

8) One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs

a) none

9) Old (unfinished) business.

a) Discussion of printing costs for this year's town report – Town Clerk Louise Lester

The Board of Selectmen, upon reviewing competitive bids received from four vendors, elected to print the entirety of the proposed Land Use Ordinance revisions in the annual report, as has been the custom of the town in years past. This year's report will be not more than 177 pages in length and will be printed by Maine Label & Printing, for a total cost not to exceed \$3,553. The motion to award the printing bid was unanimously approved.

b) Determination of 2007 town scholarship award levels – Town Clerk Louise Lester

A motion was made and approved unanimously to fund the following scholarships for 2007: Carleton E. Edwards - \$500; Alvah Clough – none; Torstein Johannas Lund – none; George E. Woods - \$1,000; Collins-Day - \$1,500; for a total of \$3,000.

10) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a) none

11) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – March 6, 2007.

Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated March 6, 2007.

Thursday, March 22, 2007

1) Request for warrant article approval for Annual Town Meeting regarding proposed zoning map and proposed ordinance revisions – Chairman Pat Clark and Town Planner Hugh Coxe, Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

CPIC member and Selectman Mike Reynolds introduced this item and told the Selectmen that the proposed Land Use Ordinance revisions will be ready as planned for consideration at Annual Town Meeting on May 19th, but that the zoning map will have to wait for future town meeting consideration as it is not yet ready.

2) Consideration of town manager proposed fiscal year 2007/2008 budget – Town Manager Don Willard

The Town Manager and Finance Director answered questions regarding the proposed fiscal year 2007/2008 municipal budget. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the budget and warrant articles as they will appear at Annual Town Meeting. One budget change was made with the addition of an appropriation of \$1,000 to support the work of the Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce. This revision was made after GBLRCC Executive Director Mike McClellan asked for reconsideration of the Chamber's funding request. Other adjustments in the warrant included an increase in the article that authorizes expenditures from surplus for unanticipated issues throughout the year from

\$50,000 to \$75,000. The Selectmen also elected to put a "sentiment" article on the warrant to gauge voter interest and support for possible exploration of current and future space needs related to a possible new or renovated town office. This exploratory article will ask for an appropriation of \$10,000 from surplus. After the budget review was concluded, the Board of Selectmen thanked all involved staff for adhering to the guidelines established at the outset of the budget development process and for a job well done. The Board of Selectmen's proposed 2007/2008 municipal budget now reflects a gross increase of .75 % or \$27,654. It is the goal of the Selectmen, after combining the municipal budget with requests from the school and county, to hold the current tax rate at its present level of \$10.20 per thousand valuation.

3) Consideration of 2007 Dog Warrant – Town Clerk Louise Lester

The Town Clerk presented the 2007 dog licensing warrant, which showed that as of March 14th, one hundred and two previously licensed dogs had not been licensed for 2007. By executing the dog warrant, the Animal Control Officer is instructed to give warning to these dog owners to license their dogs or face a summons as authorized and required under Maine law M.R.S.A. Title 7 § 3943.

4) One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs

a) The next meeting will be April 19, 2007.

5) Old (unfinished) business.

a) Discussion on possible warrant article to change the date of Annual Town Meeting and the possibility of using referendum voting – Town Clerk Louise Lester

Town Clerk Louise Lester introduced this item with an overview of the legal and procedural requirements in order to change the date of the town meeting and to consider referendum voting. It is within the authority and power of the Selectmen to set the date of the town meeting, as well as the form of the vote. The Selectmen after considering this, and given the short timelines to this year's Annual Town Meeting, elected to offer the voters an opportunity to consider an alternate voting time that would correspond with most area towns and other elections, such as the Portland Water District. This revised date would call for an early June meeting and would also give the voters the opportunity to elect to approve both the town and school budget through a referendum style vote. The primary advantage of a referendum vote is that the voter turnout would be significantly higher than that obtained through an open oral town meeting. The principal disadvantage is that debate and discussion over the budget would not occur in the open town meeting setting. In order to address this concern, the town would hold an annual budget hearing so that citizens could have a voice in the budget decision-making. Both the question of the timing of the town meeting and the form of meeting will be offered to the voters at this year's Annual Town Meeting for consideration. This input of the voters is being sought since the town has, over the past twenty years, changed the date of the Annual Town Meeting on at least three occasions between March and May.

6) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a) The Town Manager highlighted a new feature for the Road Runner, written by Executive Secretary Laurie Cook, to provide information to citizens on the activities of the Raymond Public Works Department.

b) The Town Manager also told the Selectmen that it appears that the Town of Naples will be adopting the partial pay-as-you-throw bulky waste program initiated by Raymond two years ago. This program has resulted in significant savings to the town by eliminating large quantities of bulky waste being delivered to the facility by a relatively small number of residents. Under the program, residents are allowed 1,000 pounds of delivered bulky waste at town expense, with additional waste paid by the individual according to the facility cost schedule.

7) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – March 22, 2007.

Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated March 22, 2007.

All Raymond meetings are public, and citizens are encouraged to attend. You may also watch live broadcasts of municipal and school meetings on Public Access Channel 2, which is the government channel, or Channel 3, which is the education/school channel. A program listing is available on-line at www.raymondmaine.org.

PTO Scholarships

The PTO gives two \$1000 college scholarships every year to high school seniors who meet specific criteria in terms of community involvement, academics, quality & content of an essay, and personal recommendations. We have often felt that we were missing students who showed real promise and had a definite financial need, but for various reasons were unlikely to compete with other students based on the above-mentioned criteria. We decided to create a special \$1000 scholarship to provide financial support to a needy student who might not meet the criteria of our conventional scholarship, but who had overcome significant barriers in his/her personal life and had sought to further his/her education. Unlike our standard scholarship, the Julie Orsini Memorial Scholarship may be granted more than once to a deserving student over the course of his/her post secondary education.

Fire-Safe Cigarettes

By Senator Bill Diamond

Many states have already passed a law that requires special cigarette paper to be used when making cigarettes.

Recently my committee, the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, heard a bill, which if passed, would require that beginning on January 1, 2008, all cigarettes sold in Maine must be what is known as "Fire-safe." Specifically a Fire-safe cigarette is one where the paper used to make the cigarette has a limited amount of burn time unless actually being smoked. This special paper contains two barely visible separate sections made into the cigarette paper that will not burn, and therefore, the cigarette will extinguish by itself unless it's being "dragged on" when the burn reaches these parts of the paper.

Extensive research throughout the country has shown that many house and apartment fires are started by people falling asleep while smoking in bed or sitting on a sofa or upholstered chair. When cigarettes are dropped or fall on a sofa type piece of furniture, tests have shown that it usually takes nearly one half hour for the cigarette to actually ignite into a fire or heavy smoke. Fire-safe cigarettes self extinguish before the time it would take for furniture to ignite, and thus fires that could result in loss of life and property can be prevented.

Some people have questioned why we have to go such an extent just to protect people from themselves, i.e., those who lack the common sense not to smoke in bed or in similar situations. The Maine State Fire Marshall testified before our committee that oftentimes many innocent people are injured or die as a result of someone starting such a fire. Therefore, there are many other aspects to consider.

This bill was also supported by the tobacco industry and was enthusiastically supported by some Maine businesses like distributors, for instance, who deliver these products to the hundreds of stores and other locations where cigarettes are sold. In fact, there was no opposition to the final version of the bill, which was also supported by the Maine Lung Association. We learned that three other New England states have already passed this new "fire-safe" cigarette law, and two others are actually in the process of doing so this year.

The tobacco companies have testified that there will be no additional cost to the consumers, so given all of the support the committee heard, it appears that this bill will fly through the legislative process quite easily.

Any comments or thoughts you may have would be helpful to me.

Did You Know?

Our own Sebago Lake covers an area of 28,771 acres with a depth in some locations of 316 feet and the average depth of 150 feet. It is the second largest lake in Maine and the third largest lake in New England.

State Senator Bill Diamond (D-Windham) can be contacted via phone at the Senate Chamber, Augusta, ME 04333, Tel.: 1-800-423-6900 or e-mailed at diamonddollyd@aol.com

Animal Control Report

January - March

by Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer

- 1/18 Dog barking
- 1/19 Missing retriever - returned to owner
- 1/20 Check on well being - all OK
- 1/20 2 dogs at large - owner found
- 1/22 Missing dog - dog returned home after 11 days
- 1/23 District Court
- 1/28 Cat missing
- 1/31 2 Dogs running at large
- 1/31 Barking complaint - verbal warning
- 2/1 Barking dog follow up
- 2/3 Cumberland County Sheriff 's Department - assist
- 2/10 Dog in road
- 2/12 Barking dog
- 2/15 Loaned Havahart trap
- 2/15 Wayward duck
- 2/20 Dog hit by car - dog OK
- 2/21 Dog missing - returned home
- 2/22 Late night barking dog
- 2/28 Dog at large
- 2/28 Dog defecating on lawn
- 2/28 2 dogs at large
- 2/28 2 dogs in neighbor's yard
- 2/28 2 dogs at large - owner will get
- 3/2 Dog hit by car - car left scene
- 3/3 Administration work
- 3/5 Administration work
- 3/7 Dog defecating in yard - verbal warning
- 3/8 Animal Refuge League
- 3/9 2 Stray cats
- 3/9 Animal Refuge League
- 3/9 Dog bite - no serious damage
- 3/12 Administration
- 3/13 Dogs defecating in yard
- 3/13 Cat found
- 3/13 2 Dogs at large
- 3/16 2 Dogs at large - one found
- 3/16 Dog at large
- 3/17 Information only
- 3/19 Dog in neighbor's yard
- 3/19 Served 1 summons
- 3/19 Cat spraying on deck
- 3/19 Information only
- 3/20 Dog in neighbor's yard - advised owner to pick up dog
- 3/20 Trap requested for cat
- 3/21 Dog at large- dog confined in pen
- 3/21 Set trap for cat

With spring coming, children will be playing at Sheri Gagnon Park and other town parks. The parents and kids would appreciate it if you would not exercise your dogs in the park. In general it would be appreciated if you would always clean up after your dogs wherever you may be.

The 2006 Unlicensed Dog Warrant has been signed by the Selectmen. All dogs that were licensed in 2006 but not yet licensed for 2007 have until 7pm March 29, 2007, to be licensed with a \$15 fine plus the cost of the license. After that time the fine will be \$25 plus the cost of license.

Fire/Rescue Dispatch Asks Your Help

When you lose your dog or cat, you can call Dispatch and ask them to notify Don Alexander, our Animal Control Officer. When you lose your horse, llama, or cow, it's a bit more involved since they won't fit in an animal carrier. The place to call is Dispatch, but more information is necessary in order to rescue your livestock.



We are asking that you fill out a Livestock Location form for

Dispatch's use. If you have already filled one out, please review it so that the information is current. The forms can be obtained at Dispatch in the Public Safety Building, 1443 Roosevelt Trail; the Town Office; or online at Raymond's website www.raymondmaine.org.

These forms are most important in order to better identify the horse(s) running down the road or the llama visiting someone's backyard. It's for the safety of the animal and the person who might hit it with his car.



2007 Dog Registration

Dog licensing was due January 31st. If you have a dog over the age of 6 months, it should be licensed. A Rabies Certificate must be produced and if neutered, a Neutering Certificate, if the Town Office does not have it on file. The fee for a neutered dog is \$6 and non-neutered is \$10. For dogs licensed in Raymond in 2006 but not yet in 2007, after April 1st there will be an additional \$25 late fee.

Please understand that by having your dog licensed, anyone finding your stray pet will be able to trace it to you thereby alleviating the possibility that it will go to a shelter. Licensing funds contribute to stray animal care in the town and state and support the State Veterinarian Laboratory in Augusta as well as Maine State Humane Agents who investigate animal abuse cases.

If you have lost your dog, you can call Raymond Dispatch at 655-7851 or the Town Office during business hours, and they will notify our Animal Control Officer.

Raymond Veterans Memorial

The Raymond Veterans Memorial Committee continues to gather donations from citizens who wish to honor their friends and relatives who have served our country. They have chosen a monument to grace the site at the Panther Run Park on Route 302, which can be seen on our website, www.raymondmaine.org.

They are also providing citizens an opportunity to have a paving stone included in the site to honor someone you love. The pavers are 4" x 8" with a three-line inscription (\$50), an 8" x 8" with five lines of inscription (\$100), and a 12" x 12" with 6 lines of inscription (\$150). If you have a special wish, a granite bench can be purchased for \$1,500.

You can obtain order forms at the Town Office or online at www.raymondmaine.org

Moose Lottery Deadline April 2, 2007

The 2007 Moose Permit applications are available at the Town Office. Applications must be sent in no later than April 2, 2007. The applications are also available online at www.state.me.us/ifw/index.html

Bravo, Brownies!

On Friday, March 16, Brownie Troops 1748 & 2093 performed the Water Drop play for the RES assembly. Both troops have been learning about protecting our local watershed. The play focused on simple steps a family can take to keep our water clean.

The Water Drop play was an original production created for the troops based on watershed work they have done so far this year. The girls helped to create the scenery and costumes, and their practice sessions resulted in a great performance! All RES students went home with a Portland Water District handout that discussed runoff and sediments in our water.

Other watershed activities that the two troops have participated in include:

- Surface water models with Noralee Raymond of Raymond Waterways.
- Water testing on Sebago and Panther Pond for Worldwide Water Monitoring Day.
- Ground water model study from the Portland Water District.

The girls will be earning two special patches for their watershed work this year: the Water Drop patch and the Get With The Land patch. We are very proud of all their hard work this year! Bravo, girls!

Tassel Top News

First, we want to thank the people who responded to our last appeal for help identifying trees and plants along our Nature Trail. Part of the Park's mission is to educate the patrons who visit us with regard to the flora and fauna of our area, and our personal mission is to make it fun at the same time. We are still looking for someone who would be interested in making life-sized animal cut outs (from plywood) for our new play area this year.

We still have weeks available in our Cabin Rental OR you can rent by the day if you would like to have a business meeting or teach a yoga seminar etc. We are saying thank you to our Raymond Residents this year by offering the WEEKLY cabin rental at a \$100 discount.

There will be a raffle held at the Town Meeting on May 19th for a YEAR ROUND RAYMOND RESIDENT OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE to win a free weekend (Saturday and Sunday) for their family (up to 8 people) at the Tassel Top Cabin. Simply fill out the coupon and bring it to the meeting, where they will be collected and the drawing held. Details will be worked out with the Head Ranger.

We are starting to think about the summer. There will be some new additions to the Snack Shack and many upgrade projects being done this season. We will have more on that in the next Road Runner. We are assembling another great Park crew for this year and are looking forward to seeing you all this summer. If you want to be part of this upbeat work crew (applications close on April 6) or if you have any talents to offer, please feel free to contact Head Ranger Sue at 655-4441, or you can leave a message for her at the Town Office at 655-4742. Thanks, and we'll be seeing you soon!



TASSEL TOP CABIN RENTAL RAFFLE

Please PRINT your—

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NOTE: ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE:

1. At least 21 years of age
 2. A YEAR ROUND Raymond Resident
- Drawing to be held May 19th at the Town Meeting

RES Principal's Report

By Norma Richard

I think that students and teachers alike at RES are happy that March is finally over and that spring is finally here. It was a very busy month at the elementary school, with MEA's administered in grades 3 and 4, a snow day to start the month, and a number of bitter cold days that meant inside recess. I want to congratulate the children for continuing their great work, positive attitude, and wonderful efforts each day. The move to an earlier Daylight Savings Time, the warmer temperatures, and the increasingly sunny days have given each of us a great boost as we head into April.

Last year we implemented the Everyday Mathematics program in grades K – 6. The program takes a very hands-on approach to teaching math concepts, and teachers are working very hard to adapt the program to meet the needs of all learners using this program. This year I am observing all of the math classes in grades K – 4 in order to build a greater understanding from the administrative perspective, and to support the continuing efforts to improve math instruction at the elementary level. In each of the classrooms that I have visited I have seen a high level of engagement for all of the children. At the kindergarten level the children are using games, such as Disappearing Train and Money Cube, to develop the concepts of addition and subtraction, regrouping, and counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. When visiting the second grades, I observed the students collecting data using their arm spans and then results from long jumps to find the median, create a scatter plot, and finally graph the data. First graders were introduced to comparing numbers using > and <, and applying this skill to a favorite game, Top It Addition. This second year of the program is going much more smoothly as everyone, teachers and students, are more familiar with the vocabulary, math language, and routines and procedures embedded in Everyday Mathematics. I am very pleased with this choice of math programs and excited to have a consistent program in place for grades K – 6.

I encourage all parents to integrate math into their daily lives by looking for fun opportunities for your children to count, sort, group, and use numbers in meaningful ways. And as always, I ask that parents and children spend time each and every day sharing the joys of reading together.

February Is Heart Month

By Joni Merrill

JSMS - Physical Education

This February, Jordan-Small Middle School was once again proud to raise money for the American Heart Association. Through the Jump Rope for Heart and the Hoops for Heart programs, sixteen students raised \$330 for the AHA. Grades 5 & 6 raised money during their physical education jump-rope unit, while the 7th & 8th grade students raised the money through their basketball unit in physical education classes. We are all very proud of our students and their willingness to become involved in organizations such as the American Heart Association.

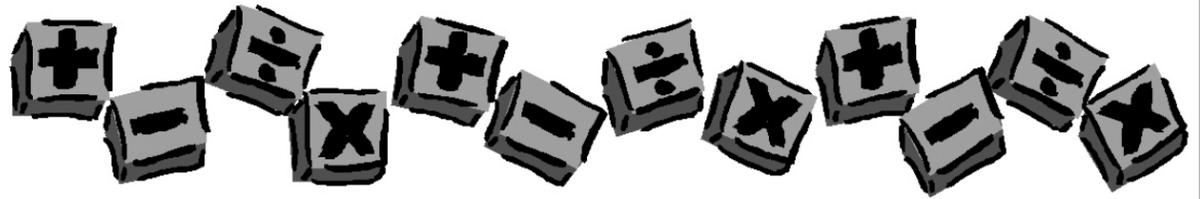
Why Jump Rope for Heart: (info from AHA brochure)

- Heart disease and stroke are America's No. 1 and No. 3 killers and touch all of our lives.
- About 16 % of children and adolescents are overweight
- More than 9 million children are overweight and 23% get no exercise
- Overweight adolescents have at least a 70% chance of becoming overweight adults.
- American children ages 2-17 spend an average of almost 25 hours per week watching television - that's more than any other activity except sleeping.
- Exercise lowers the risk of heart disease and stroke.
- Families and schools are the two most critical links in providing the foundation for physical activity and nutrition.

For more information concerning ways of improving your child's heart health, go to www.americanheart.org/yourethecure.

Raymond Road Runner Deadline Reminder

Articles for the May issue are due
Thursday, April 19th.



2nd Annual Elementary School Math Meet

Tuesday, April 10th in the JSMS Cafeteria
3:15 - 4:15 pm

Competitive math that makes stretching your brain fun!

Snow Is Our Friend

By Joni Merrill

JSMS - PE Program

The JSMS Physical Education Program welcomed February's and March's winter snow. It allowed us to use our snowshoes and cross-country skis and explore Maine's beautiful winter wonderland. Last year the shoes and skis sat idle in the equipment rooms, as we did not have enough snow to get outside. Not so this year. Lots of fun, adventure and fresh air were experienced by our 5th-8th grade students. By the end of the unit, most students became very proficient in their skiing abilities, as we tromped through the woods behind the school and adventured out on the power line and snowmobile trails. Some students worked on 360° jump/turns, while others did their best to brave the hill by the lower baseball field. A special thanks to Pat Smith for volunteering her time to help one day with some 5th grade classes. A good time was had by all!

Kindergarten Screening at the Raymond Elementary School

Appointments are now being taken for kindergarten screening. If you are a current Raymond resident and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2007, and will be entering kindergarten in the fall, then please call the Superintendent of Schools office at 655-8666 to schedule a screening appointment. Kindergarten screenings this year will be held on Thursday, May 17, and Friday, May 18.

Proof of Raymond residency, your child's birth certificate and his immunization record are required to register your child for kindergarten. A kindergarten physical is also required prior to starting school.

Please call Mrs. Ivy Jordan, Home-School Coordinator, at 655-8672 extension 108, if are new to the Raymond School District or have not yet scheduled your home visit.

April 6 Opening

The April "Friday Opening" at RES is scheduled for April 6 at 8:45am in the gym. There will be a very special focus to this whole-school assembly on that date. The school has recently received a \$500 grant to support sun safety education. Jerilyn Ward has coordinated this mini grant through the district Wellness Committee. Ken Smith, former Raymond parent, will provide some very important information to our students and staff at Opening on the importance of taking proper precautions to protect your skin and prevent skin cancer. Parents are always invited to join their students on Friday at Opening.

Kindergarten Classes Visit the Raymond Post Office

The Kindergarten classes enjoyed a trip to the Raymond Post Office. The children were all involved in a "writing for purpose" writing lesson when they created special Valentine cards and letters for their parents. They also helped address their own envelopes. Prior to going to the post office the children learned about the process of a letter going from the sender to the receiver, the various jobs and responsibilities of the postal workers, and the different modes of transportation they might use to get mail to where it needs to go. The children were asked to send in 39¢ to purchase their own stamp. This request lent itself to integrating our social studies and math with the children identifying and counting coins. These activities were all part of the Kindergarten social studies curriculum on learning about "Goods & Services." You can imagine the joy the children have been expressing about waiting for and seeing their letters arrive at their homes!

We'd like to thank the Raymond postal workers for their continuing support of this activity and for the time they took to help and talk with our children. The children each worked on an art project of designing their own picture of a stamp. If you go to the post office, you might just see these in the window!

For information on the Raymond School
Department, go online to the School's website

Complete school department information,
with links to Jordan-Small Middle School
and Raymond Elementary School websites



<http://www.raymondmaine.org/rsd/welcome.html>

The Giving Tree

These are items teachers and staff need for their classrooms. If you have extra at home or would be willing to pick something up when you are out shopping, please bring/send in items and put them in the drop boxes near the school front doors labeled "Giving Tree," or you can leave them in the Office. We will deliver them to the teachers within 2 days. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 or e-mail at dcutten@maine.rr.com

RES

- Ms. Parisi needs - a dozen travel plastic soap dishes, to keep our Everyday
- Math card decks in.
- Mrs. Blanchard needs – a dozen little plastic "do-dads" that you use to hold a single sheet of paper while you type at the computer.
- Mrs. Wiley needs - Spell checkers, CD players with headphones, large headphones to muffle noise.
- Mrs. Weeks needs – portable CD/cassette player (used) and 2 tape recorders for cassette tapes.
- Mrs. Gorham needs – 3 or 4 heavy-duty sound blocking headsets.

JSMS

- Ms. Griffin needs - two sets of speakers for the projector/DVD carts. These carts are used for presentations in class, and the sound on the projectors is not loud enough for entire classroom listening. If anyone has any speakers they would like to donate, we could really use them.
- Ms. Worth needs – 22-25 inexpensive calculators (nothing with moving parts); the small dollar calculators from Wal-Mart would be fine!
- Ms. Stokes needs - new and/or used books for ages 9-12 for her classroom library.
- Ms. Irish needs – 100 inexpensive 1-gallon Ziploc storage bags for air-tight overnight storage of 7th grade projects. She also needs a Play-Doh sample pack, one Silly Putty egg and an Etch A Sketch.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 and leave a message or e-mail at PTO@raymondmaine.org

PTO News

Request for Funds

At our March 13th meeting we voted to support a request to help fund Raymond students in the Windham High School band who are going to New York City to participate in an international music festival in April. Seven of the 36 band members attending are from Raymond, and they need to raise approximately \$650 per student. Those present felt it was important for the PTO to continue supporting our Raymond students throughout their high school years. We agreed to give each of our students \$100 toward their trip. By supporting this project it helps us to fulfill our mission of enriching educational programs.

We also agreed to give the Wellness Committee \$250 toward the purchase of sun safety items such as water bottles, visors, t-shirts and lip balm. Jerilyn Ward, the school nurse, has received a \$500 Sun Safety Grant, which was used to purchase two portable shade structures for the school. A stipulation of the grant requires an educational segment. In May, a Sun Safety Day will be held where the children will practice sun safety all day. The items purchased with our donation will be given out that day. By supporting this project it helps us to fulfill our mission of collaborating with community organizations.

The Title One Program was granted \$75 for incentive prizes. It is holding a reading incentive program, which will track the reading minutes of the children and offer incentive prizes to the top three students each month between February and June. The money will be used to purchase 15 books as well as gift certificates to a bookstore. By supporting this project it helps us to support faculty and staff in the work that they do.

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11th

If you would like to nominate a special teacher to be recognized during Teacher Appreciation week, please contact the PTO at PTO@raymondmaine.org. We will be celebrating all of our excellent teachers during that week, but if there

is one in particular who made a difference in your child's education or one you have witnessed going the extra mile for a student, please let us know. We'd like to recognize them in front of their peers and their students

By-law Update

The PTO is still working on our new by-laws. They are being rewritten to reflect a change to Article Five on page five regarding Officers. Currently, our by-laws indicate that we have a President and a Vice President, each serving a two-year term, with the Vice President moving up to the role of President. They will be changing this format to co-chairs, each with a two-year term. The co-chairs would work together and share duties. The senior person would train the junior co-chair. This would provide a more team approach to the current position of President, as well as only require a total commitment of two years instead of the current four. The by-laws are available on our website at www.raymondmaine.org/civic_groups/pto. We plan to vote to accept the new by-laws as written at our April meeting. Please contact Vice-President Wendy Trask at wtrask1@maine.rr.com with any comments.

Nomination of Officers

The next year will bring many changes to the Raymond PTO. As you know, we are no longer affiliated with the State and National PTA, and next year will be our first full year as a Parent Teacher Organization. With that new organizational change comes a restructuring of our Offices. There will no longer be a President and Vice-President; instead we will have Co-chairs. Wendy Trask, the current Vice President, will step into the senior Co-chair position next fall. We need a volunteer who is willing to take on the responsibilities of the junior Co-chair. This position has a two-year commitment. If you think you might be interested, please contact Wendy Trask at 655-4446 or wtrask1@maine.rr.com.

This year also marks the end of the reign of our Hospitality Queen, Helene Gagnon. Helene has held this title for 7 years and is infamous for her sense of humor and can-do attitude. If you have free time during the day and like to plan events, this is the job for you.

Leisa Doughty has graciously accepted the nomination of Treasurer. She is a professional accountant and has worked in the field for many years. She has three children in the elementary school. Vicki Gordan will be retiring from that position after 9 years with the PTO. She has set a standard of professionalism and focus in that role which we will strive towards in the future.

Both Helene and Vicki have given so much to the PTO over the years, and we just can't thank them enough. Now that their children are older and moving on to high school, their energies need to be focused there with them. We need the parents of some of the younger students to step up to plate and become involved in the PTO. You really can make a difference in your child's education by being involved in their school, and the PTO is a perfect opportunity to do just that!

If you would like to be considered for either the Co-chair or the Hospitality Chair position, please let us know and come to our April 10th meeting when the nominations will be held.

Oklahoma!

On Friday and Saturday nights, April 6 and 7th, at 7pm the Jordan-Small Middle School Drama Club will be presenting Oklahoma! The PTO will provide meals for the cast the evening of dress rehearsal as well as both nights of the performance. Helene will be contacting people to help prepare the food. The drama productions are always wonderful, and we encourage you to attend.



Raymond PTO Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Parent's Name, Address and Telephone number: _____

How many years did you attend Jordan-Small School? _____

How many years have you been a Raymond resident? _____

Are you currently a Raymond resident? _____

What college or university do you plan to attend? _____

Please attach the following:

1. Three personal recommendations from teachers, employers, coaches, etc.
2. High school transcripts.
3. A brief description of school-related extracurricular activities and community-related activities. Describe in detail your involvement in at least three of these activities.
4. Write an essay stating your reason for pursuing a college education and include a description of your personal and career goals. Include the following in your essay:
 - a. State why you have chosen the college(s) listed above and how you decided on your career goals.
 - b. Explain how your past experiences (extracurricular and community activities) have helped you develop your career goals.
 - c. Describe how the college you have chosen will help you attain your goals.
 - d. Identify barriers that could affect your ability to achieve your goals and how you plan to overcome these obstacles.
 - e. Describe why your achievements and values would make you a good candidate for receiving a PTO scholarship.

DEADLINE: May 1st, 2007

Please send your completed application to:
Raymond PTO Scholarship Committee
c/o Raymond Elementary School
434 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Recipients of scholarships will receive the scholarship money after the PTO receives their first semester college transcripts indicating an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.

Raymond Village Community Church News

By Rev. Nancy Foran

Come Journey With Us Through Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY – April 1st

9:45am

Join us in the Vestry for a hot cross bun and juice.

10am

All-Church Processional with palms into the sanctuary for worship. Our Youth Singers will be singing music from "Godspell."

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 5th

5:30pm

Soup and bread supper in the Vestry - Please bring some bread to share. Families are encouraged to attend.

6:15pm

Celebrate the Last Supper as Jesus might have in Jerusalem. A traditional family Passover (seder) meal with Communion and Hand-washing Ceremony and special music on guitar.

7pm

Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary. A moving Candlelight Service reminding us of Jesus's last days. Our choir will be singing.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 6th

8am

Good Friday Hunger Walk from Raymond Church to Casco Village Church (Walkers going both ways will leave the Casco Church at 5:30am.)

11:30am-3pm

Good Friday Prayer Vigil – The church will be open for meditation, solitude, and prayer. Materials will be available for you to read as well as a prayer list to which you may add your own joys and concerns.

EASTER – APRIL 8th

6:30am

Daybreak Service with Casco Village Church at the Casco Church

10am

Celebration worship with special trumpet music. There will be no Sunday School, so families can worship together.

Elder Celebration Sunday Is on April 15th

Each year, the Deacons at RVCC set aside a Sunday to celebrate the presence of the elected Elders in the congregation. They are honored to have Pauline Cadotte, Rita Gerry, Ernie Knight, Ginny Parker, Al Rowe, Charlotte Rowe, Betty Shively, Rosemary Tripp, Wayne Whitney, and Muriel Yeager sharing their wisdom!

This year, Elders are being invited to participate in the worship service and to pick their favorite hymns for a hymn sing that morning.

The Peace Bubble Is Coming!

The Peace Bubble is coming to Maine this summer. Stay tuned for more information, but in the meantime, check out www.peacebubble.org

Presumpscot Union Parish (PUP) Sponsors Successful Lenten Discussion Group

Each week throughout Lent, 8-10 members of RVCC attended a discussion group on "Mysteries of Faith: The Prophets," coordinated by the pastors of four of the Presumpscot Union Parish (PUP) churches. Over 30 people participated in the discussion group, which featured evenings on prophets from the Old Testament, New Testament, Koran, and the Modern Day. The pastor of each church led at least one of the sessions.

The PUP Pastors continue to plan events for the churches and all interested community members, including a Progressive Supper, Concert, and Hymn Sing to celebrate music in the church on June 2nd and an all-PUP picnic at Cubby's Cove in Sebago Lake State Park on July 8th. Mark your calendars – and watch for more details!

Shalom Club Making Pet Packs for Animal Shelter

The newly formed Shalom Club decided to make Pet Packs for dogs as its first service project. They will be making dog toys and are also seeking donations of items such as food and treats, small toys, worn blankets and towels. There is a box in the Vestry for your donation. They also hope to plan

a small silent auction to earn money for items to supplement the Pet Packs as well as to offset some of the costs of future projects.

Shalom Club is for all youth in 5th and 6th grades and meets from 11:30am-1pm on the last Sunday of each month in the Youth Room. Lunch is provided, and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend or two. The more the merrier!

Do Something That Is Good for You AND Good for the Community!

Save the date: Friday, April 6, 2007

Calling all walkers, runners and exercise enthusiasts: Are you looking for ways to jump-start an exercise program this spring? Would you like to contribute to the community? We can provide the opportunity to do both at the same time.

The Raymond Village Church, in partnership with the Casco Village Church, is continuing the tradition of the Friday Hunger Walk on Good Friday, April 6, 2007. Everyone is invited to participate!

This year's walk starts at 8am at the Raymond Village church and travels up Rte 121 to the Casco Village Church, a distance of about 8 miles. For those exercise enthusiasts, some walk both ways starting at 5:30am from the Casco Church and then join the one-way walkers in Raymond. There is a wonderful soup lunch provided upon your arrival at the Casco Church.

Why would you do this?

- Help us raise money for the Raymond Food Pantry, so they can continue their important work feeding those community families in need. Yes, there are people right here in Raymond who need some extra help putting food on the table.
- Enjoy the fellowship in walking with friends and family. We live in a beautiful area; take a few moments from your busy life to enjoy the outdoors and even some views of Panther Pond along the way. Ask your friends to join you.
- Get some exercise! You can walk at a leisurely pace or quicken that pace and get those heart rates up. Some will even jog. There will be support vehicles along the route.
- Some people have their best thoughts when they're walking. When did you last have time to take a contemplative journey and explore the messages of Good Friday and Easter?

Whatever your reason - mind, body or soul - join us in this journey and feel good about yourself for helping to feed those in need. Please consider taking the morning off from work to participate. We really need your support!

If interested, call Leigh Walker at 655-2135, e-mail the Raymond Village Church at rvccme@fairpoint.net or call the church at 655-7749 for a pledge sheet. Any donation amount is appreciated! We do need to know how many walkers we will have, so please contact Leigh or the church. Many thanks.

WALK THE WALK FOR HUNGER



Annual
Casco-Raymond
Hunger Walk April 6, 2007

For the 16-mile walkers:
Start: 5:30am at Casco Village Church, walking Route 121 (8 mi.)
Arrive: 8am (approx.) at Raymond Village Church for snack.

For the 16-mile walkers and 8-mile walkers:
Start: 8am at Raymond Village Church and walk Route 121 to Casco Village Church (8 mi.)
Arrive: 11am (approx.) at Casco Village Church for light lunch of soup, bread and desserts.

Purpose: To raise money for the Food Pantries in Casco and Raymond and local hunger programs.

**To register or donate, call the Casco Village Church
United Church of Christ at 627-4282.**



Compost Bin Order Deadline April 2nd

You have until April 2nd to place your order for the Maine Resource Recovery Association compost bin. Orders will be taken at the Town Office at \$39.50 each (tax included). Checks should be written to "MRRA" (Maine Resource Recovery Association).

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. It is estimated that Raymond residents can save \$138 for every ton of waste they compost.



Again this year a covered kitchen scrap pail is also available for \$10.50. Both these items are displayed at the Town Office and Village Library. Deadline for orders is April 2nd.



These bins and pails will be available for delivery on or about May 10th.

For order blanks and ordering, please contact:

Louise Lester, Town Clerk
Raymond Town Office
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071
655-4742 ext. 21

louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

Raymond Hosting Compost Bin Sale

The Town of Raymond is planning to hold a backyard "Compost Bin & Kitchen Waste Pail Sale" for Earth Day 2007.

Are you tired of seeing all of those kitchen leftovers from preparing meals and snacks get thrown out in the trash or eaten by critters in your makeshift composting bin in the backyard? Here's your chance to turn those scraps into a rich soil amendment.

As part of Earth Day 2007 celebrations, Raymond is participating in a statewide backyard composting bin sale. Through April 2nd, 2007, a home compost bin and how-to guide with a combined retail value of \$80 can be purchased for only \$39.50 (tax included). The bin is black, has a 10-year warranty, and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It's approximately 35" high and 33" wide, or large enough for the composting needs of a family of five. Kitchen Waste Pails, for all your kitchen food scraps, are also available for sale at \$10.50 each.

It's estimated that 25 percent of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps, which can be easily composted. Raymond's residents can save money for every ton of waste they compost because it is not shipped out of town for disposal.

To learn more or obtain an order form, contact Louise Lester, Raymond Town Clerk, at 207-655-4742 ext. 21 or louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. Raymond already recycles many of its disposables. Let's increase our recycling while helping our gardens grow! This promotion is not just for Raymond residents – anyone can order.

April 1st Deadline for Property Tax Exemptions

The Town of Raymond and the State of Maine provide the opportunity for residents to get certain exemptions from the property tax. These exemptions represent a certain amount of value, which will be subtracted from your total real estate property valuation. The values may vary from year to year. If you qualify, the exemption(s) will apply to the 2007-2008 tax year.

- **Homestead Exemption:** If the owner is a legal resident of Raymond, come to the Town Office and fill out an easy one-sided application.
- **Veterans Exemption:** If the owner is 62 years of age by April 1st, a veteran of a federally recognized war period, and can provide an honorable discharge DD214, come into the Assessing Office and apply.
- **Blind Exemption:** If the owner is legally blind and can provide a note from his/her doctor stating that fact, come into the Assessing Office and apply.

Raymond Rec News

Wednesday Ski – JSMS

by: Brenda Olsen, Director

Despite the unpredictable and somewhat unseasonable weather, it was a good ski season! We had 50 participants in our program. There were 23 snowboarders and 27 skiers, including approximately 9 beginners. The change from Tuesday to Wednesday for the Middle School program appears to have worked well, and we will likely remain on Wednesdays next year.

This is a strictly volunteer program, and it operates similar to the Raymond Elementary program. All of our ski and snowboard volunteers take time from work and home to help with teaching and chaperoning. It may seem a bit early to be soliciting volunteers for the 2007-2008 season, but we were definitely short of experienced snowboarding chaperones this year, only two for 23 kids. If you are 18 years of age and have snowboarding experience, we can use your help! We will provide a lesson for teaching, or you can choose only to snowboard as a chaperone. Please think about this as you make your plans for work or school next year.

In the meantime, I want to say a big thank you to all my volunteers this year! Also, thanks to Beth Clark and Peter Walgreen for their support, and a great big thank you to Lori DeBiase Gagnon, my essential assistant! Volunteers in the program this year included:

Chris Flynn	Laura Poi
Eric & Lisa Levinsky	Jeff Hoffman
David Hurd	Lorna Dunn
David McCourt	Marianne Van Baars
Chris & Ellen Van Haasteren	Mary Cerino
Heidi Smith	Richard Pierpont
Sharon & Dewey Lloy	Steve Nadeau
Jeff Pomeroy	Tarah Mathieu
Joe Badgewick	Danielle Morse
Jason Ayers	Mark & Cody Gagnon
John Reder	

Wednesday Ski – RES

by: Beth Clark, Program Director

Wednesday, February 28, was the last ski day for the Raymond Rec Elementary School ski & snowboard program. We had an unbelievable day! Warm temperatures and blue skies. Finally! A great day to finish up our abbreviated program. We cancelled 3 times, due to extreme cold or bad weather. Vouchers were provided for 2 of the missed weeks, and we extended the program 1 week to make up for the first missed session.

All in all we had 47 students participate from the Elementary School. Most were 3rd and 4th graders, but we did have a pilot program with the 1st and 2nd graders and their parents. Many kids had never been on a pair of skies or a snowboard, but by the end of the program, everyone looked like they had been doing this forever! I expect to see all of you back next season.

We were extremely blessed with almost 30 community volunteers! A BIG THANK YOU to all of the folks who took time off from work or out of their busy lives to help with our program this year.

Here is a list of those who volunteered their time in one way or another this season:

Joe Badgewick	Nelson Henry
Shannon Boyington	Rusty Jordan
Deb & Brian Brackett	Wayne Lamarre
Will Chapman	Jan Lamontagne
Lisa Chim	Cheryl Laz
Steven Clark – WHS Senior	Line MacDonald
Tony Costigan	Carol Meader
Cathy Dodge	Chris Mulvihill
Lynne Dostie	Kim Plummer
Chris Flynn	Stephanie Plummer
Sue Ellen Gendron	John Rand
Tom Gordon	Andy Sangster
Meg Gresh	Leigh & Brian Walker
David Hanson	Abe Wilmot

I hope I didn't forget anyone. If I did – sorry and THANKS! I hope everyone gets up at least one more time to enjoy the great spring skiing and the wonderful weather! See you next year!

Swim Instructor Position Open

RRA Summer Swim Program 2007

Dates: July 2 – 27, 2007
(no class July 4)

Monday through Friday from
9am to 3pm

Registration at JSS on
Wednesday, June 6

Certification required:

- ARC Water Safety Instructor

Raymond Rec may reimburse cost of WSI course upon certification

Compensation: Begins at \$12 per hour of teaching, depending upon experience

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Registration, class assignments, course finances
- Red Cross Contracts, record keeping
- Managing and storing equipment
- Instruction of Levels 1 through 6 and Instructor Aid
- Testing and issuing cards
- Completing records
- Handling questions from parents

The Raymond Rec Board is hiring a Lifeguard to assist with instruction and safety. There will be a volunteer parent present at Crescent representing the Raymond Rec Board to assist with any concerns that may arise.

Contact Pat Smith for more information or an application:
pat@campwawenock.com or 655-4657

Raymond Rec Summer Swim Program

Summer Job Opening for a Lifeguard/Assistant Instructor

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Supporting Instructor in organizing classes
- Developing and implementing Emergency Action Plan for Swim Classes
- Managing equipment
- Assisting with Instruction of Levels 1 through 6
- Answering questions from parents

Certification required:

- Minimum age 17
- Current ARC Lifeguard Training
- Optional: current ARC Water Safety Instructor

Compensation: Depending on experience, begins at \$10 per hour of guarding/teaching

Dates: July 2 – 27, 2007
(no class July 4)

Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm (pending registration numbers)

Registration for students at JSMS on
Wednesday, June 6

FMI, Contact Pat at 655-4657 or
pat@campwawenock.com

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, May 2, and continue for 5 Wednesdays through May 30. There is \$5 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 1:45pm. 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 tennis rackets and comfortable clothes. To arrange for racket loan, call the number below.

Look for registration forms being distributed at school the week of April 1, to be returned by April 13. 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.

Chamber Scholarship Opportunity

The Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is seeking applicants for the 2007-2008 Chamber Board of Director student seats. There are two seats/scholarships available. The only criteria you have to have is to be a student in high school who lives in the Chamber's thirteen-town geographic district. While this role is envisioned for a Junior or Senior, all are welcome to apply. The student board member will attend the morning monthly board of director meetings and participate like any board member would. We also ask the student board members to join (at least) one of the many Chamber sub committees who do the various work of this Chamber. Finally, we ask the student to be involved in the life of the Chamber by attending Chamber After Hours or other such events when possible. In all you are expected to put in about 50 hours of work for this seat. In return you will receive great experience for your resumé and to share when you apply to colleges. To help you on your way, we also will give you (you very likely will have earned it!) a \$1,000 scholarship. Each student board member will have a mentor from the board to touch base with regularly. Applications are available at all school systems within our thirteen-town region (Raymond to Fryeburg). You will need to go through an interview. If you have questions or seek an application, simply contact the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Information Center at 207-647-3472. Student mentors in 2007-2008 will be Matt Jacobson (Evergreen Credit Union) and Chris Webb (Bridgton Academy).

Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Boat Giveaway

If you have purchased through the MOSES system a 2007 IF&W license, Maine Moose Hunt Permit, or Maine Any Deer Permit, you are entered in a contest to win a 2007 Classic Rangeley Boat. You might enter at the town office, online or at any merchant who is on the IF&W MOSES system.

Deadline for entry is September 20, 2007.

The winner will be notified by October 15, 2007.

The Classic Rangeley Boat Drawing is open to all resident and non-resident qualified buyers who are 18 years or older at the date of purchase of application. Void where prohibited. For more information: www.mefishwildlife.com Information on the boat: www.rangeleyboat.com

Raymond School Department Wellness Committee

The state has required that each Maine school district adopt a Wellness Policy by September 2006. This policy focuses on student wellness education, monitors that school meals meet federal law standards and provides nutrition guidelines for all foods available in each school building. It also includes the state-mandated restrictions of selling soda and other foods that do not meet nutritional guidelines.

The Raymond School Department Wellness Committee has been appointed by the School Board to address student wellness issues and is responsible for making recommendations related to the wellness policy, wellness goals, administrative or school regulations and practices, and raising awareness of student health issues. Our focus has been on educating students, staff, parents and the community on the wellness policy, and our goal is to promote healthy lifestyles. The committee meets regularly to discuss and implement ongoing improvements to the school lunch program, school based activity programs and wellness education.

Our school lunch program has made several changes as a result of this policy. One is the use of whole grain products and low fat cheeses. RES has initiated a 'no thank you' portion, where students are given a very small amount of the food they wouldn't usually try. This has allowed students to expand the variety of foods they eat. At JSMS, the popular salad bar is in full swing three days a week.

A refrigerated vending machine has been purchased for JSMS and is stocked with healthy snack alternatives that are available throughout the day and after school. There is always water available for those students who have forgotten their own water bottles at home or are in need of a hydration boost. In addition, our JSMS 6th grade classes are benefiting from a 'Maine-ly -Nutrition' granted program. Ms. Patricia Feeny and her students are exploring all aspects of creating a healthy lifestyle.

Physical activity at RES is being addressed through the established 'take time for exercise' program. This program introduces 10-20 minutes of daily physical activity within the classroom that can be incorporated into a lesson plan or a scheduled activity break. After-school activities include many of our granted SEARCH programs, such as ice skating or pillo polo. At JSMS we are presently supporting outdoor recess activity for all grades. Parent volunteers are assuring a time of outdoor activity for grades 7 and 8, while grades 5 and 6 have recess time built into their schedules. After-school sporting activities are ongoing at JSMS, and all students are encouraged to participate.

The Wellness Committee is also actively implementing the 'Sun Safety' grant at RES to educate students and staff about skin cancer prevention. The grant will also provide funding for two portable shade structures that will protect students from the sun during outdoor activities.

Future planning includes the possibilities of establishing a school based Health Fair, inviting speakers to present on health/wellness issues, creating activity-based events and assuring the ongoing education of student health concerns.

Committee members include: Chair: Betsy Stevens, PE teacher; Debra Hutchinson, guidance counselor; Lisa Friedlander, School Board; Lori Rand, parent; A.J. Bennett,

student; Kim Williams, Food Services Manager; Linda Manchester, parent; John Powers, teacher; Patrick LaChance, student; Jerilyn Ward, school nurse. The Wellness Committee invites you to participate by attending our meetings. You can locate our website on the Raymond School Department web page by clicking the policy tab. Our e-mail is Wellness@raymondmaine.org.

Raymond-Casco Historical Society

By Anne Miller

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society welcomed Anthony Appa, archaeologist from Ipswich, Mass, to their recent March meeting held at the Casco Public Library. He had come across a family Bible as he was browsing in an old bookshop in Boothbay Harbor. He discovered that it originally belonged to a family living in Raymond, Maine. He found the Raymond-Casco Historical Society on the Internet and contacted Laurie Cook, RCHS Historian. He wanted to return the Bible to its original family, the Edward Files Family of North Raymond.

The Bible was published in 1852 by Carlton & Phillips in New York City. It is a family Bible that was well used and records the births, marriages and deaths of the Files family. It is an American Edition of the Revised Version of the English Bible and bound in grained leather.

Mr. Abba has completed extensive research since finding this book in 1976. All his research has been well documented and was presented together with the family Bible to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society for safekeeping and for future generations to enjoy. Abba, wearing white gloves, carefully showed special pages of note to RCHS members. He then gave members sound advice about the importance of conservation, preservation and information on archival storage boxes and climate-controlled cabinets. Members were appreciative of his efforts to return the Bible to the family and to RCHS. His advice was especially welcome as members plan their future museum, which will be open to the public and will include a room for genealogical research.

Betty McDermott, a former Raymond selectwomen, is a direct descendant of the Files family. She is also the treasurer of the RCHS. Betty was especially delighted to receive the Files Family Bible and is delighted that it will be part of the RCHS collection. Her cousin, Raymond resident Dana Files Rand was also at the meeting. Of added interest, a John W. Files of Gorham seeing the announcement in the previous

week's newspaper came along with considerable research he has conducted on the Files family over the years!

Betty and John had not met before so it was a joyous occasion as the two families exchanged stories. A William Files, at nine years old, was a stowaway on a ship out of England in 1737. After his marriage, the couple settled in Gorham. Maine branches of that family then took the steamer out of Standish, crossed Sebago Lake and landed in Raymond, where the Edward Files family homesteaded on the North Raymond Road. RCHS members really enjoyed meeting with Mr. Abba, who had traveled to Casco just to deliver his Bible to its rightful owners, the Files family of North Raymond.

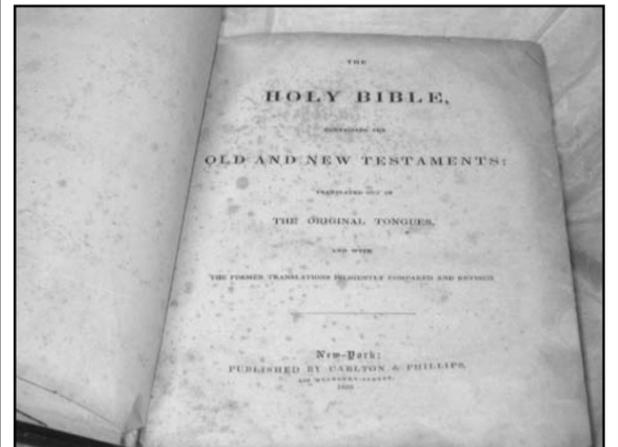
Raymond-Casco Historical Society meetings are always held on the second Monday in the month at 7pm. In this year of 2007 they will always be held at the Casco Public Library. Anyone wishing more information may write to Raymond-Casco Historical Society, PO Box 1055, Raymond, ME 04071, or check our website at www.raymond-maine.org/historicalsociety



Laurie Cook, RCHS Historian, receiving Bible research document from Anthony Abba.



(L-R) John W. Files of Gorham, Dana Rand of Raymond, Betty McDermott of Raymond and Anthony Abba, Ipswich, MA.



Bible close up.

Raymond Extended Day Program SUMMER 2007 REGISTRATION

Registration Time for our 2007 Summer Program is here. Registration for current RED families (those enrolled in the current school year program) will be from April 2nd-April 6th. Registration for all other families will be from April 9th-April 13th. Registration packets will be available at Raymond Elementary School in the main office or can be picked up from the RED Program during our normal business hours. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Kristi at 650-4470.

We Are Hiring

The Raymond Extended Day Program is looking for staff for their 2007 summer program. All applicants must be 18 or older. We are also looking to hire a part-time arts and crafts director. All interested applicants should contact Kristi at 650-4470

Raymond - Casco Historical Society

President Wayne Holmquist
Vice President Elizabeth Bullen
Treasurer Betty McDermott

Founded in 1973, our mission is to preserve the history of Raymond and Casco. We are a charitable, educational and non-profit organization. We are planning to develop a permanent museum for future generations to visit and enjoy. We need your help! Your financial support is needed to make this dream a reality.



Please send your tax-deductible gift to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society,
P.O. Box 1055, Raymond, ME 04071

Name.....

Address.....

City

StateZIP.....

Email.....

Yes, I fully support the Raymond - Casco Historical Society.
Enclosed is my donation in the amount of:

\$10 \$15 \$20 Other \$ _____

I wish to remain an anonymous donor.

Please send me more information about the Raymond - Casco Historical Society.

Your gift is fully tax deductible. RCHS is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Legislative Update

Rep. John C Robinson



As the First Regular Session of 123rd Maine Legislature picks up momentum, I wanted to take a moment to update residents on a number of bills I have sponsored:

L.D. 82, "A Resolve, To Create a Study Commission To Evaluate the County Tax Structure" - This resolve proposes to establish a study commission to evaluate the county tax structure as it relates to property valuation. The goal of the study is to construct a solution that would uncouple the county tax base from property tax and land valuation. The study commission will examine different ways to assess county taxes, including, but not limited to, assessment based on the population or on consequential services rendered.

L.D. 270, "Resolve, Establishing the Task Force To Eliminate Outdated or Unnecessary Laws and Rules To Stimulate Job Creation" - This resolve proposes to create a task force composed of members of the small business community. The task force would be required to examine laws and rules relating to the regulation of small business and report back to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature with recommendations to alter or eliminate those laws or rules that are unnecessary or outdated. This was a bill brought forth by the New England Small Business Advocate during testimony before the Business Research and Economic Development Committee during the last Legislature.

L.D. 1434, "An Act To Lower Maine Income Tax Rates" - This bill decreases the top two income tax rates over a 4-year period, beginning with tax year 2007. The initial decrease is from 8.5% and 7% to 8% and 6.5%, respectively, and then a further 1% and 0.5% decrease in each rate, respectively, for the 2008, 2009 and 2010 tax years until both rates are 5%.

L.D. 1614, "An Act To Transfer All Registry of Deeds and Probate Functions to the Secretary of State and Courts" - The purpose of this bill is to transfer the functions of the county register of deeds offices to the Secretary of State, and to transfer the functions of the county registers of probate to the office of the clerk of courts as a first step toward greater regionalization of services, reduction of costs, and ultimately would result in property tax relief.

I stand firm in my commitment to ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely. Upholding that principal is my intent in sponsoring these pieces of legislation.

State Rep. John C. Robinson (R-Raymond) serves on the Appropriates and Financial Affairs Committee and is the Republican Lead on the House Ethics Committee. John can be contacted via phone at 655-8657 or emailed at RepJohn.Robinson@legislature.maine.gov

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Property Tax and Rent Relief "Circuit Breaker" Program

DEADLINE MAY 31, 2007

Applications are available at the Town Office or online at www.maine.gov/revenue or write to:

Maine Revenue Services
PO Box 9116
Augusta, Maine 04332-9116

General Information:
207-626-8475 weekdays 8am to 5pm
Call for forms: 207-624-7894

Refund Information: 207-626-8461

(Have your Social Security number and total income amount available.)

NexTalk (TTY service):
888-577-6690 weekdays 8am to 4:30pm.

Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility

Leach Hill Road in Casco off Route 11

The Town of Raymond recycles all of its bulky waste. Any bulky waste like sheetrock, plank wood, furniture, glass, metal, old computers, motor oil, dried latex paint cans, fluorescent bulbs, or anything that isn't included in our curbside household trash pickup will be accepted at the LRBWF. It is imperative that you deliver each of the different categories to their respective drop off points at the LRBWF. Everything must be sorted. The only items that can't be recycled at the Facility are dirt, sand, cement, cement blocks, rocks, and hazardous waste like oil-based paint. This Facility is not a landfill. Everything that is delivered must be hauled out of the Facility.

If you have any questions, please ask for Raymond's list at the Town Office, or just ask one of the friendly attendants at the Facility.

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 7am to 4:45pm.

If you have articles of hazardous waste to dispose of, you can take them to the AVCOG Western Maine Environmental Depot, 424 River Road, Lewiston. They're open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, April through November, 8am to noon.

Information: www.avcog.org or 207-783-9186

Do We Still Need Libraries in the Digital Age?

Library patrons and staff answer with a resounding "Yes!" In a recent Portland Press Herald article, the president of the American Library Association (ALA) is quoted as saying, "Libraries are about people as much as they are about materials." Think about that statement in terms of Raymond.

A vision for Raymond is to have a library that brings people together because of a shared love of reading, of finding information, of learning something new. It's not just about the latest novel or DVD; it's also about connecting with friends and neighbors. Other than at school events and community meetings, where else does this happen for Raymond adults?

In part due to the people factor, it is not likely libraries will fade into the shadows of the Internet and the Web. There are other compelling reasons, too, according to Mark Herring in his "10 Reasons Why the Internet Is No Substitute for a Library":

- The Internet "is like a vast uncataloged library." There is an enormous amount of information to wade through, which takes time and know-how to navigate.
- There is no quality control on the Internet.
- Few substantive Internet materials are free.
- E-books are less portable and often result in headaches and eyestrain.

These are but a few reasons to visit us at 3 Meadow Road. At the same time, libraries do acknowledge the importance of the Internet as a resource, especially for research. The Raymond Village Library understands the usefulness of computer technology, as evidenced by our collaborating on computer workshops with the school, using an e-newsletter to communicate to patrons, and by offering wireless access - inside or outside the building - to those with laptops. Then there's MARVEL, an astonishing collection of databases and full-text articles from hundreds of journals, newspapers and magazines. Drop by for a demonstration and instructions on how to use this incredible resource right from your own home computer!

The ALA reports that library use remains steady, and is even increasing, in spite of all that the Internet offers. This bodes well for an institution designed to offer equal access to information, as well as one that reflects the vitality of a community.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Maine Environmental Depot, Lewiston Solid Waste Facility
424 River Road, Lewiston

www.envdepot.com or www.avcog.org or 783-9186

Open the FIRST and THIRD Saturdays of each month from APRIL through NOVEMBER Hours 8am to noon.

If the Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, IT WILL BE CLOSED

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 80 (southbound, take a LEFT off the ramp and go under the turnpike; northbound, take a RIGHT off the ramp). About ¾ of a mile down, turn left on River Road just after the Wal-Mart Distribution Facility. Lewiston Solid Waste is about a half mile on the left. Proceed through the main gate by the scale house and around the main building. The Depot will be in front of you.

PAYMENT: Each unit of 5 gallons, 20 pounds or combination thereof will be charged \$26 CASH PER UNIT.

From the Tax Collector's Office

We expect the second-half taxes bills for 2006-2007 will be mailed by the end of March and will be due April 30th. If you don't receive a bill or are paying after that date, please contact the tax collector at 655-4742 ext 22. Any balance left unpaid June 30th, 2007, in addition to any previous years' taxes, will be listed in the Town Report.

Great Outdoor Summer Job!

\$10-12/hour on Raymond Lakes

Three Lakes Protection Rangers Needed

The Raymond Waterways Protective Association (RWPA) is seeking applications for three Lakes Protection Rangers based in Raymond, Maine.

The primary duties of this position will include: inspecting boats and trailers at launch sites in Raymond during busy times; educating all users of our waterways (boaters, residents, friends/relations, renters, rental agencies) about the risks of milfoil/invasive aquatic plants (IAP) and the importance of cleaning boats and gear; working with trained volunteers to identify plants and properly report and manage any confirmed plant colonies; and monitoring our lakes for milfoil and other IAP.

Hours: ~25 hours/week (weekends included) June - August

Compensation: \$10 to \$12/hour

Prior experience with milfoil/IAP is preferred but not required. RWPA will pay for training (boat inspection, plant identification). Familiarity with lake water quality issues (i.e. Non-Point Source Pollution/Erosion Control/Vegetated Buffers), or other natural resource/Ranger experience will be considered a benefit.

Send a resume by Friday, May 4th, to:

Raymond Waterways Protective Association

ATTN: Lakes Protection Ranger

P.O. Box 1243

Raymond, ME 04071-1243

Rep. John Robinson Announces Maine Moose Hunt Application Deadline

AUGUSTA – State Representative John Robinson of Raymond is reminding local hunters to file their 2007 moose permit applications with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife soon, as the application deadline is fast approaching.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will not accept applications received after 4:59 pm on Monday, April 2nd, and all applications must be made on the Department's standard application form. The public chance drawing, also known as the Moose Permit Lottery, will be conducted in June by the department.

All applicants 16 years of age and older must comply with Maine's hunter safety law before a big game license can be issued. Additionally, anyone receiving a Maine moose hunting permit must wait two years before being eligible to hold another one. Hunters who received permits in 2005 or 2006 may not apply this year. This requirement affects permit holders only. It does not affect hunters who were subpermittees, nor does it prohibit a hunter from being a subpermittee during the two-year waiting period.

Maine will have two different moose hunts this year: Sept. 24 - Sept. 29 in Wildlife Management Districts 1-6, 11 and 19, and Oct. 8 - Oct. 13 in Districts 1-14, 18, 19, 27 and 28.

Applicants will not have a choice of a hunting week, and applicants must mark zones on the application in order of choice. If the hunter wants a chance to hunt moose in a specific month, the application must list the Wildlife Management Districts that allow hunting during that month.

Applications are available at the nearest IFW license agent. Applicants can also apply online by visiting www.informe.org/ifw/moosepermit.html.

Anyone having difficulty filing an application can call Rep. Robinson weekdays at the State House at 287-1440 or on weekends at home at 655-8657. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife can be contacted at (207) 287-8000.

Raymond Cable TV

As we continue to develop the cable TV station in Raymond, we encourage you to send us your comments and suggestions to CableTV@raymondmaine.org or call the Town Office at 655-4742, x-62. We also would value any volunteer effort that you could provide in developing content or operating the station.

Time Warner has granted us two channels for our station. These are Channel 2, the Government channel, and Channel 3, the Education/School channel. The channel schedules are available at www.raymondmaine.org.

Raymond
Educators
Association

Raymond Educators and Support Staff Associations Scholarship Application

This scholarship is for Raymond students furthering their studies in the field of education.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Parent's Name, Address and Telephone number: _____

Which grades did you attend Jordan Small School? _____

How many years have you been a Raymond resident? _____

Are you currently a Raymond resident? _____

What college or university do you plan to attend? _____

Please attach the following:

1. Three personal recommendations from teachers, employers, coaches, etc.
2. High school transcripts.
3. A brief description of school-related extracurricular activities and community-related activities. Describe in detail your involvement in at least three of these activities.
4. Write an essay stating your reason for pursuing a college education and include a description of your personal and career goals. Include the following in your essay:
 - a. State why you have chosen the college(s) listed above and how you decided on your career goals.
 - b. Explain how your past experiences (extracurricular and community activities) have helped you develop your career goals.
 - c. Describe how the college you have chosen will help you attain your goals.
 - d. Identify barriers that could affect your ability to achieve your goals and how you plan to overcome these obstacles.
 - e. Describe why your achievements and values would make you a good candidate for receiving the REA scholarship.

DEADLINE: May 1st, 2007

Please send your completed application to:
Raymond Educators Association Scholarship Committee
c/o Jordan Small Middle School
423 Webb's Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071
ATTN: Lynn Davis

Recipient of scholarship will receive the scholarship money after the REA receives the recipient's first semester college transcripts indicating an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.

Tassel Top Park Rangers Needed

The Tassel Top Board of Directors is seeking applicants for rangers at Tassel Top Park during the summer of 2007. A ranger's duties would include but not be limited to collecting admissions, overseeing the beaches, operating the snack shack and maintaining the park.

Deadline for applications is April 6, 2007, at 4pm.

Applications can be found on the town's website:
www.raymondmaine.org.

or obtained at the Town Office.

[At the website, choose Government from the dropdown list, then Employment Opportunities, and then the municipal application.]

Please submit application materials to: Sue LaMarre, Tassel Top Head Ranger, Town of Raymond, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071. For more information, please call the Town Office at 207-655-4742 ext. 21.

The Town of Raymond is an equal opportunity employer.

Household Trash Pickup

By: Louise Lester, Town Clerk (the trash lady)

As a reminder, Raymond provides curbside household trash pick and recycling. Pine Tree Waste is our contract trash hauler. If you wish to call them about an issue, their phone number is 888-857-0800. If you have any complaints, you can call them directly or call the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21. You can also e-mail me with complaints or suggestions at louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. Your day of pickup for the western and southern parts of town is Tuesday and the northern and eastern parts is Wednesday. If you have a question about your day of pickup, please call the Town Office or look at the map on our website www.raymondmaine.org.

Each household is allowed two 32-gallon containers (each not more than 50 pounds) per week. It is necessary that you have your street address on your trash barrels along with an orange sticker which you can get at the Town Office free of charge. You can recycle as much as you wish. A list of recycling items is available at the Town Office, as are blue recycling bins for \$6.15 each. If you have more than the two 32-gallon containers for a week, there are bag stickers for sale at the Town Office for \$1 each. You may put out as many stickered bags as you wish. All trash and recycling must be curbside in barrels by 7am on the day of pickup.

The household waste transfer station in Casco is NOT for our use. We are a part of the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility but not the Casco/Naples Transfer Station.

Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Division of Public Information and Education – 207-287-8000
284 State Street, State House Station #41, Augusta, ME 04333

For More Outdoor Information, and Sporting Licenses 24 Hours A Day, 7 Days A Week, Please Visit:
www.mefishwildlife.com or contact ifw.webmaster@maine.gov

2006 Is A Good Year For Deer Hunters

Despite a rainy and windy opening day to the deer season, hunters fared a little better than expected last year during the deer season, with 29,918 deer killed. The number is slightly above the 29,400 pre-season prediction, and also above the 20 year average of 28,700.

“While the season may have started a little wet, I am pleased to see that so many hunters persisted and were rewarded with success this past season,” stated Martin. “I am also thrilled to see that so many young hunters were successful on youth day. Passing along a tradition such as deer hunting is a wonderful way to teach a young hunter values such as conservation, responsibility and ethics.”

Maine’s deer season stretches from September through December, and is broken into several segments that includes the Regular Firearms Season, the October Archery Season, the Expanded Archery Season, the muzzleloading season and youth deer hunting day. The total deer kill for each of the past ten deer seasons is as follows: 2006 – 29,918; 2005 – 28,148; 2004 – 30,926; 2003 – 30,313; 2002 – 38,153; 2001 – 27,769; 2000 – 36,885; 1999 – 31,473; 1998 – 28,241; 1997 – 31,152; 1996 – 28,375; 1995 – 27,384.

Youth hunters had their best day ever, as 1,216 young hunters were successful that day, nearly twice the total of last year’s 672 successful hunters. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders also found more success this year compared to last. 2,494 deer were taken during the expanded and October archery seasons. Muzzleloaders took 1,307 deer, up from the 994 last year.

More deer were killed in Penobscot county (3,509) than in any other county this past year. Other counties where more than 2,000 deer were killed include Somerset (3,472), Kennebec (2,920), Cumberland (2,677), York (2,580), and Oxford (2,240).

Hunters this year killed 16,081 adult bucks, and 13,798 antlerless deer. The antlerless kill of 13,798 was very close to the predicted antlerless kill of 13,510. This year, the department issued 67,725 Any Deer permits. An Any Deer permit allows a hunter to harvest a deer of either sex. By controlling the number of female deer in a population, the department can manage deer population trends. Any Deer permits are issued through a lottery system.

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Biologists have been monitoring the effects of this year’s winter on the deer population through weekly checks at weather collecting stations at 28 locations throughout the state. Each week, biologists visit these stations to record data. The data is compiled and compared to past years to determine the severity of the winter and what its impacts are on the deer population in different areas of the state. This data is used in determining how many any-deer permits will be issued for next year. IFW wildlife biologists will be meeting in the next few weeks to determine the number of any deer permits that will be available for next year.

Overall 71% of the deer registered were by residents. Estimates of success vary, with resident (including landowner) any-deer permit holders having a 26.8% success rate overall versus 22% for non-resident hunters. In general, buck hunters without an any-deer permit harvested bucks at an estimated 10-12% success rate.

Maine’s statewide post-hunt population was estimated at 218,700 deer or 7.6 deer / mi² during 2006. For 2007, deer population management will continue to focus on increasing the number of deer in the northern and downeast regions. And with a relatively moderate 06’-07’, winter doe harvests will likely continue at similar levels in order to stabilize deer populations and maintain our short-term population objectives within most central and southern WMDs.

Ice Fishing Report, Region A- Southwestern ME

The big event in Southern Maine this weekend was Sebago Lake Rotary Club’s Derby Fest. Two of the most popular events in connection with the Derby Fest are also the one of greatest interest to Region A’s fishery division, namely the kids only derby held at the outlet of Thomas Pond this past Friday and the Sebago Togue Tourney held over the weekend. The kids only derby was a huge success with an estimated six to seven hundred kids participating. The Rotary club gave away 500 traps and volunteers from all over were on hand to coach the kids in their use. The participants caught a number of stocked brook trout as well as a number of warmwater fish. The event was such a success that many kids and their families were still fishing Thomas Pond outlet two days later. Thanks to the Rotary Club for doing such a great job getting kids hooked on fishing!

The Sebago Lake Togue Tourney was once again mobbed with participants, and the togue I observed at the Raymond weigh in station appeared to be in great shape. The catch of togue seemed to be much lower than in past years which is likely attributable to a lack of ice on the big bay eliminating access to some of the best fishing areas and to an abundance of forage fish which may be competing with angler’s bait for the attention of the coveted togue. Derby winners included Greg Mackintosh in third place at 7.34 lbs, Gary Parlin in second place at 8.11 lbs, and Michael Hemmingway in first with his 9.09 lb togue.

Weekend creel census indicated that anglers were still targeting many of the small to medium trout ponds in the northern portion of the region. The anglers I spoke with simply preferred a quiet day on the ice to the city life that was Sebago Lake this weekend. While a good portion of anglers interviewed this weekend reported slow fishing, I did speak to a guy that limited out around noon with a pair of 15-16 inch brookies on Keoka Lake in Waterford. Also reported was a limit of 12-14 inch brook trout on Thomas Pond in Raymond.

Having reported on all the fun fishing over the weekend, I now have to report a bit of bad news. This past Friday I confirmed two northern pike from No Name Pond in Lewiston. This confirmation was a result of an alert angler calling Operation Game Thief (1-800-alert-us, thanks Nathan!) and resulted in the observation of what appeared to be two different age classes of pike. Because we are unfamiliar with the nature of the outlet of No Name Pond it is unclear if the introduction was the result of upstream migration from the Sabattus River or the result of a direct illegal introduction.

Best of luck in the last month of hardwater fishing!

-Brian Lewis, Fisheries Biologist Specialist

Registering Boats Requires Milfoil Stamp

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife is continuing the milfoil stamp program on all motorized boats that will be using Maine inland waters. This money will be used for programs to study and prevent the water plants, including milfoil, from permeating Maine fresh waters. The Eurasian milfoil plant is an invasive plant that eventually chokes freshwater lakes, ponds, and rivers. Once established in a lake, it can become impossible to control. Maine is trying to keep milfoil and other invasive water plants from its waters, and this program is trying to keep our lakes, ponds, and streams from getting it. For anyone with a non-motorized boat who wishes to participate, the stickers are also available at the usual cost.

Part of the ongoing program in Raymond is supporting rangers, either paid or voluntary, who check boats being launched into our lakes. The major way that invasive water plants get into our lakes is by the plant being transported on boats, motors, and boat trailers. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Noralee Raymond at noralee.raymond@raymondmaine.org or John Rand at 655-4277.

When you register your boats, the regular fees will be charged, but in addition a \$10 fee will be charged for residents (boats registered in Maine) and \$20 for non-residents (boats registered out of state).

Rural Mailboxes Damaged

It has been reported that some rural mailboxes have been damaged by vandals. The Raymond residents who have had to repair/replace their mailboxes have asked that the following information be published in the Road Runner.

“Rural mailboxes are considered federal property, and federal law (Title 18, United States Code, Section 1705) makes it a crime to vandalize them or to injure, deface or destroy any mail deposited in them. Violators can be fined up to \$250,000 or imprisoned for up to three years for each act of vandalism.

Postal Inspectors recommend these actions to protect your mailbox and any mail that may be inside it.

- Immediately report theft, tampering or destruction of mail or mailboxes to your local police. You may file a PS form 2016, Mail Theft and Vandalism Complaint, through your local post office. This form will help the Postal Inspection Service determine whether your problem is isolated or one frequently experienced in your neighborhood.
- Obtain Label 33 from your local post office and affix it to your mailbox. The sticker warns that willful damage to mailboxes and theft of mail are crimes.
- Keep your mailbox in good repair, and make sure it’s properly installed. This may help prevent theft of the mailbox itself.

Remember, if you suspect vandalism, report it to your local authorities. With your help we can make a difference in reducing these acts of crime.

Town Nomination Papers Available

The 2007 Annual Town Meeting will be Saturday, May 19th, at 10am at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium. On Friday, May 18th, our Town Elections will take place at Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium from 7am to 8pm. The positions that will be available for candidates are Budget/Finance Committee 3 seats, School Committee 1 seat, and Selectmen 2 seats.

The Budget/Finance Committee reviews the Annual Town Budget, with its primary “season” being from January into March to be ready for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Usually the Committee meets twice a month during those months and during the rest of the year as needed. 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 beginning February 23rd. 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 4, 2007, at 4pm.

Cardboard Recycling

The Town of Raymond recycles corrugated cardboard at the District II Fire House/Public Works Garage on Webbs Mills Road. Because of limited space, it is imperative that you break down the boxes left at the site. If you leave the boxes without breaking them down, you may be charged with littering.

Inhalant Abuse Awareness

by Steve Danzig, LSW, LADC

What is inhalant abuse? When most people think of someone using drugs or getting high, they tend to think of a stereotypical character that they have seen portrayed on TV and in the movies. Sometimes these stereotypes are accurate, but other times they are simply dramatizations. The truth of the matter is that drug use/abuse can happen in every home that has a garage with chemicals, a kitchen or bathroom with cleaning products, or even a home supplied with average household writing implements.

What are these chemicals that are so easily available within the home but that go unnoticed? **Solvents** such as paint thinner, gasoline, and other volatile chemicals often found in a garage. **Aerosols** such as spray paint, computer cleaner, over cleaners, and hair spray. **Gases** including nitrous oxide found in whipped cream cans; often referred to as whippets.

Essentially any household or industrial chemical can be used to get high, and the consequences to a person's health from ingesting these compounds can be extremely adverse. "Sudden sniffing death" can occur the first time an individual uses certain chemicals to get high. A few of the potentially

lethal ones are butane, propane, and the various chemicals found in aerosols. Long-term effects of inhalant abuse can be liver and kidney damage, psychiatric issues, and central nervous system damage, in addition to various other health related problems.

According to the 2002-2005 National Surveys on Drug Use & Health, the annual average number of new users of inhalant-type substances was 600,000 adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17. Females accounted for approximately 11,000 more users than males. The majority of these children trying this form of intoxication were predominantly white, 14-15 years old, and of average income. Small cities and suburbs, including rural suburbs, accounted for approximately 50% of the teenagers using inhalants.

This is an issue that everyone can and should do something about because it is so easily accessed through everyday products found in your home. Talk to your kids about the risks of using drugs – and do so often. Don't forget that your kids will be offered to get high more than just one time. And if you suspect your child is using an inhalant or other "recreational" drug, know that there are licensed alcohol and drug counselors ("LADC") who specialize in adolescent/young adult treatment and can recommend the best course of treatment for your child.

Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

Much is going on within the Chamber, nothing more exciting than our second Chamber Business Showcase set for Saturday, April 28, at Lake Region High School from 9am to 3pm. This event is open to the public and a great chance to see what is best about the business community in our region. When attending the showcase you can expect to have opportunities to speak with each business to learn more about their work; you will gain access to special deals, free gifts, and hourly raffles. The Naples Lions Club will be on hand to serve food, and we expect local youth groups will also be using the time as a fundraising event. If you are a local business who believes you would benefit from access to many hundreds of visitors seeing your product, this may be the place for you. Business table prices are (unbelievably) low priced; of course we offer Chamber members an even better deal. This event will be capped at about 60 tables (to make it special), and we are at approximately 40 at this writing. Contact the Chamber at 207-647-3472 for details. To the public, we hope you plan a visit to the Second Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase planned for Saturday, April 28th, at Lake Region High School.

SPONSORS - Chamber Business Showcase 2007:

Platinum

- Richardson Hollow Enterprises
- MaineBiz
- Gold
- Harbor View Lending
- State Farm Insurance - Diane Reo

Silver

- J C Mobility Solutions, LLC
- Norway Savings Bank
- FairPoint New England
- Evergreen Credit Union

Bronze

- Mainly Custom Wood Doctor
- Pleasant View Too
- Highland Mortgage
- Sebago Eye Care Services

More reasons to be a Chamber member

We believe there are many reasons to join the Chamber. Our Information Center is open year round and on weekends as well. This center represents regional businesses and towns throughout the year. Our Chamber Area Guide also is something to be proud of and is distributed worldwide. You may have already known that. New additions to your membership include our Chamber website. Our towns (13) and business members are well represented and will be more so as we complete a major upgrade project on the site. The local and worldwide visibility will be impressive. Also, as a Chamber member you now can receive a FREE membership in the Maine State Chamber:

www.mainechamber.org/ (businesses with 10 employees or fewer), and you can have access to the new Chamber BlueOptions Insurance Plan: www.mainechamber.org/Purchasing%20Alliance%20HOME.asp .

This insurance plan is meant for small businesses of 2-50 employees or for self-employed people. Many Chamber members are finding that this is finally an option for them to provide insurance to themselves and their families or to their employees. Chamber BlueOptions is a partnership of the State Chamber and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. For more information on any of these options or about Chamber membership, simply contact us at 207-647-3472. Many thanks to Raymond for supporting the Chamber in 2006-2007!

Want to Learn about Digital Broadcasting?

The Technology Committee and Kevin Woodbrey, Network Administrator, are looking for interested people who would like to learn how to operate the digital broadcasting studio and run the cameras for meetings in Raymond. If you would like more information, please e-mail Kevin at kevinwoodbrey@raymondmaine.org or call Louise Lester at the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21.

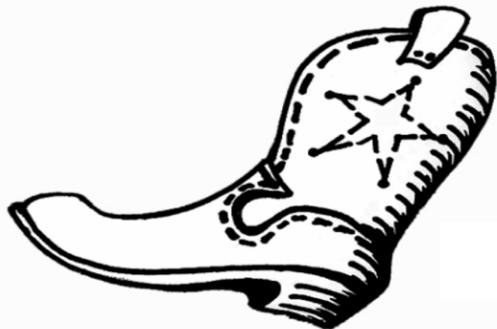
Jordan-Small Middle School Drama Club

Presents:



Getting To Know...Rodgers & Hammerstein's

Oklahoma!



- An Adaptation for Pre-High School Students
- Music by Richard Rodgers
- Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Directed By: Marilee Dunklee and Mary Thornton

Friday April 6, 2007 7 pm
Saturday April 7, 2007 7 pm

**Jordan-Small Middle School
Raymond, Maine**

**Tickets Available at the Door
Adults and Students: \$5
Children Under 5: \$2**

Doors Open at 6 pm



Jake Desjardins with the fish he caught at the youth fishing derby on Friday February 23. His father Dana is in the picture also.

Pay Telephones Installed in Raymond

Through a grant provided by the Public Utilities Commission, the Town of Raymond will receive three outside pay telephones without cost to the town. Each of the following locations will have a telephone: the Town Office, Tassel Top Park, and the boat haul-out at Raymond Beach on Route 302. The telephones will be installed before the summer.



Lisa Dixon of Horace Mann Insurance Company presents kindergarten teacher Mrs. Pat Allen with the Horace Mann Crystal Apple Award. Mrs. Allen was nominated for her outstanding work with the Raymond Elementary School kindergarten program.

Benefit for Explorer Scouts May 16th

The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department depends on volunteers. Some of those volunteers are young people from the ages of 14 to 18 who are Explorer Scouts, which is an extended part of the Boy Scouts of America. Even though it's the Boy Scouts, girls are invited to join. This program is set up to work and help young people learn good ethics and good life experiences. Michael Dyer is the Executive Director of the Explorer Scouts of the Boy Scouts (207-797-5770).

On May 16th there will be a Benefit Auction to raise funds for the programs of the Explorer Scouts. This will be held in Portland at a location to be announced soon and items for the Silent Auction and the Live Auction are needed. If you have an item to donate, please contact Shirley Fielder 207-655-7359 (home) or 207-655-5524 (cell), or by e-mail shirleyf@maine.rr.com.

Funds received from the auction and reception will be used to support the Explorer Program in Maine. Business owners are welcome to participate.

Note of Thanks

By Katie Allen

My Girl Scout Silver Award project is complete!

I would like to thank everyone who donated to my project, Kit For A Kitten, and the many Girl Scouts who helped to make my project a success!

New Look at Raymond Post Office

The Raymond Post Office has done some remodeling to their business lobby. They have enclosed their front desk to improve their efficiency and focal point to the customer.

They have also installed parcel lockers for the customers. Now when a post office box holder receives a parcel, instead of having a yellow card left in the box, he/she will find a key. This key will indicate on the key tag in which parcel locker the parcel is located. With this change, the customer can retrieve his/her parcel without having to wait for assistance at the counter.

Veterans Memorial Update



Ms. Richard organized a very successful Veterans Memorial fundraiser at the Raymond Elementary School in late January. Over \$500 was raised for this worthy project. Howard Stiles spoke briefly to the children about the project. The children's chorus sang several songs, much to the delight of parents, friends and the other children. The Veterans Committee wants to thank Ms. Richard, and all the children and parents that made this day so special.

Now that spring is just around the corner, the committee is waiting for the snow to disappear so that the final work at Panther Run can be accomplished. The picnic shelter and table will be moved to the north side of the parking area. Some fill and loam will be added. Dead trees and scrubs will be removed. The major project will be the laying of a brick and granite paver walkway, which will lead to the monument. We are hoping that all this can be accomplished so that a dedication ceremony can be held on 28 May, Memorial Day. If we have a very wet spring, we may have to slip the date to the 4th of July, as that area is subject to some flooding and a very high water table.

We are still accepting requests for granite pavers for you to honor that special veteran. Those veterans can be Raymond residents or your family members from away. The details and request forms are on the Raymond website. Just click on Support the Raymond Veterans Memorial Fund under the Take Note section. Remember your deductions are tax deductible. We thank you!!

Free Adult Computer Workshop

"Creating a Newsletter" with Microsoft Word will be offered Monday, April 23 and 30 6-8pm at the RES computer room. Space is limited, so please register with Doris Horne doris.horne@raymondmaine.org. Please plan to come a few minutes early. The library thanks the Raymond School Department for collaborating on offering these computer workshops.

Did You Know?: Public Works Department

By Laurie Cook, Town Manager's Executive Secretary

The work accomplished by the Raymond Public Works department often goes unnoticed, but these hard working folks toil away, often for long hours, to make our lives easier.

Some of the recent activities logged by them include: Installation of a handicap ramp at the JSMS Broadcast Studio, mailbox repair, monthly test of all the town-owned back up generators, putting up new street signs and road postings, cleaning up after snowstorms, equipment repair, tree removal and trimming, cold patching of roads, facility maintenance, construction of a bookcase for town office assessing records, prep for upcoming spring and summer work.

It's hard to believe, but this is their slow time of year. Things really get cooking in the summertime, when additional responsibilities are added to their already busy schedules.

Next time you see one of the Public Works employees, please extend your heartfelt thanks for all that they do to keep us safe and sound on the roads, and for their unwavering dedication to the smooth running of this wonderful town!

REA Annual Scholarship

The Raymond Educators and Support Staff Association is pleased to begin offering an annual scholarship to a Raymond high school senior who plans to pursue a course of study in education.

Applications can be found in the main office at Jordan-Small Middle School, Page 12 in this issue of the *Raymond Road Runner*, or contact Lynn Davis at 655-4743.

Application deadline is May 1st.