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**Kirsten Clark Receives Key to Raymond**

At the July 10th meeting of the Raymond Board of Selectmen, Kirsten Clark was given a plaque with the “Key to Raymond” on it. Chairman Mark Gendron recognized Ms. Clark for her years of competitive downhill skiing, leading to her many awards at the World Championships and Olympics in Super G and giant slalom. She was gracious in her remarks following the presentation, thanking her family, friends and the town for their support. Mr. Gendron felt that Ms. Clark’s athletic accomplishments brought renown to Raymond.

**Raymond Lions Club Awards Scholarship**

At its last meeting in June, the Raymond Lions Club presented a scholarship for $2,000 to Katie Knight, a graduating high school senior from Raymond. Katie will be attending Boston University in the fall, majoring in International Relations and will be receiving the scholarship upon completion of a successful first semester in Boston.

The Lions Club considers all areas of each applicant’s school work, activities in and out of school, work history, community involvement, financial need and family situation. It also does NOT limit consideration to graduating high school seniors. It encourages both non-traditional students (those returning to school after working, serving in the military or raising a family) and to students currently attending post secondary school.

If you are interested in any area of the Lions Club activities in Raymond, please call Dale Gilman at 655-4114.

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At a Glance
- Thursday, August 2 – Book signing with author Kathy Lynn Emerson at Jordan-Small Middle School at 8pm.
- Wednesday, August 8 – Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group, Raymond Village Library at 7pm.
- Wednesday, August 29 – Book Group, Raymond Village Library at 7pm

Book Signing
As part of the Teen Summer Reading Program, the author Kathy Lynn Emerson will be conducting a mystery-writing workshop on August 2 at Jordan-Small Middle School. Ms. Emerson writes the Face Down Lady Appleton and Diana Spaulding 1888 mysteries. As Kaitlyn Dunnett she pens the contemporary Lisa MacCrummon mysteries. There will then be a book signing at 8pm to which all interested persons are invited.

Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group
This group will meet Wednesday, August 8, at 7pm at the library. The book chosen for discussion is Kurt Vonnegut’s Slaughterhouse-Five. We invite all interested readers to join us. The book will be available, at request, at the library. For more information, call Al at 655-4548.

Book Discussion Group
The reading group will meet on Wednesday, August 29, at 7pm at the library. We will discuss the book The Flame Trees of Thika by Elspeth Huxley. All those interested in reading and discussing this story are invited to join us. The book is available at the front desk upon request.

Library Closed
The Raymond Village Library will be closed on Monday, September 3, in celebration of Labor Day. We wish everyone a fun and safe holiday weekend.

Children’s Story Times
There will be no story time for babies, toddlers and preschoolers during the month of August.

Book Sales
The Annual Book Sale is ongoing into the month of August. We continue to accept new items; therefore, there is a turnover of books, videos, audio books, puzzles, etc. and always something new to discover. Be sure to continue to visit the library for new finds.

Youth Services Coordinator
Sue Ellen Gendron, who has been the Youth Services Coordinator at the Raymond Village Library, has accepted a position in the library at Raymond Elementary School starting in August. All those affiliated with the library thank Sue Ellen for the wonderful story times and exciting activities that she has planned and conducted in the past years. She is responsible for the growth in the youth programs that are offered at the library, and we wish her the very best in her new endeavors. The library will continue the children’s program in September.

Tax Reform
Rep. John C. Robinson
As the first session of the 123rd Maine Legislature came to a close, a number of crucial issues were hotly debated. One of the most important policy matters under scrutiny was the tax reform proposal. During the final days of the session, L.D. 1925 was brought forth by the Taxation Committee as wide sweeping change in Maine’s Tax Code. The title portrayed cut taxes for Maine residents by $140 million. However, in reality it was a massive broadening of the sales tax, which, had it passed, would have resulted in a colossal tax shift. This broadening was of grave concern to me, especially with the past propensity of the majority in the Maine Legislature to increase spending above and beyond tax collections. Maine has made it an old habit of spending more than it takes in and then passing the bill on to the public in the form of new taxes.

Without ironclad constitutionally-imposed growth limits on government spending, what guarantees does the public have that new taxes created by broadening the base simply won’t be used to fund growing programs or new expansions of government?

Meaningful tax relief will come in the form of spending reductions, not in expanding the tax code. Expansive re-writing of the tax code that “broadens the tax base” is not the answer. It be time to shrink Government, not broaden its taxation powers.

I stand committed to my constituents to continue to be as fiscally responsible as possible. I believe the people of Maine expect no less from us than to spend their tax dollars wisely.

State Rep. John C. Robinson (R-Raymond) serves on the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and is the Minority Lead on the House Ethics Committee. He can be contacted via phone at 655-8657 or e-mailed at RepJohn.Robinson@Legislature.Maine.Gov

Are You Getting the Most out of Microsoft Word and Excel?
Do you have suggestions for a computer workshop? The Library and Raymond School Department hope to offer more computer training opportunities this fall, but we need your input. Please contact Doris at doris.home@raymonddmaine.org with your ideas.

Conservation Corner
From the Raymond Conservation Commission
Feeling like it is time to take action on your family’s energy use? Interested in reducing your electric bill, heating your water and house with the sun or learning about hybrid vehicles? Do you need to know more about state and federal incentives and what your annual return on investment could be if you “Go Solar” (how does 10 to 20% sound?). Or maybe you just want a better understanding of how the 21 tons of CO2 that are generated each year by an average household really do impact human health and the environment. The answers to all of these questions and more can be found in Homepower Magazine at the Raymond Village Library: six issues per year packed with what you need to know about renewable energy.

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Municipal News Brief
By: Don Willard, Town Manager
The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

1) Community recognition of Raymond Olympian Kirsten Clark
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mark Gendron presented Raymond Olympian Kirsten Clark with the first ever “key to the town” in recognition of her international success as a three time Olympian. World Cup racer and for being the only American to win four straight U.S. downhill titles. Ms. Clark recently retired from competitive skiing after a thirteen year career. The Selectmen want to convey the town’s pride in her personal accomplishments and to recognize the honor she brought to the Town of Raymond. Ms. Clark, in accepting the award, gave brief remarks highlighting some of her many accomplishments and thanked her family and the community for the support she had received over the years.

2) Cumberland County Redistricting presentation and public forum – Assistant County Manager Bill White
County Manager Peter Creton appeared in Mr. White’s place and explained that a possible redistricting of Cumberland County to increase commissioner-to-citizen representation was a goal originally outlined in the county’s 2001 strategic plan. Two proposals are presently being considered, the first is to increase the number of commissioners from the present three to five, and the second to increase the number of commissioners to seven. After consideration of these two scenarios, the Board of Selectmen encouraged the county to recommend a redistricting plan with seven commissioners, but to redraw the geographic lines to align the Town of Raymond with other Lake Region communities, as opposed to communities along the RI 302 corridor extending from Portland.

After the County Commissioners complete their presentations, they will decide whether or not to offer citizens of Cumberland County the opportunity to vote on this proposition at the November 2007 General Election.

3) Applicant Interviews - Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (three vacancies) – Patrick Caryer, Joseph Sousa and Richard Dodson
The first candidate to be interviewed was Pat Caryer, who highlighted his experience in the past as a member of the Planning Board and his experience in the field of zoning and planning. The second candidate, Joseph Sousa, outlined his experience in working on the Windham School Committee and his desire to participate in Raymond town government after attending the previous meeting of the One Raymond Committee. He told the Board of Selectmen he believed strongly in participating in his community and trying to make a positive difference as a Selectman. He stated his experience in working with the Comprehensive Implementation Committee. Candidate Richard Dodson, who was unable to attend the meeting but has been a Raymond resident for many years and was therefore well known to the Board of Selectmen, was also approved unanimously for membership on the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.

4) Single stream recycling presentation and proposal – Recycling Committee Chair Phil Hammert
Both Recycling Committee Chair Phil Hammert and the Town Manager intended to recommend moving forward with single stream recycling. Recently however, recycling pickup contractor Pine Tree Waste had indicated that the additional cost for single stream recycling would be high. This number was now about $13,000, additional, as opposed to the $3,000 that had been planned. Single stream recycling would enable residents to recycle additional materials and to mix them all together in their recycling bins. The most notable change with single stream recycling would be the addition of the curbside pick up of cardboard. The elimination of the present cardboard collection site would result in a small savings for the town but a significant increase in convenience to resi dents, eliminating their making a special trip to the site. Single stream cardboard recycling would, therefore, save energy resources for the community as a whole.

Additional recycling would also have a positive effect on the town’s tip fee with the Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC) in Auburn, because for every ton removed from the waste stream, the town would save $29 in tipping fees. Although the Board of Selectmen expressed going forward with single stream recycling at this time due to the increase in cost, they did encourage the Recycling Committee and the Town Manager to continue negotiations with Pine Tree Waste, and also Ec-Maine, to find an effective solution that will allow the town to receive historical levels of recycling revenue, while at the same time implementing a single stream recycling program.

5) Discussion of digital Selectmen Agenda packet proposal
The Town Manager outlined a proposal to begin to provide agenda packets electronically to the Board of Selectmen and to Raymond citizens via the website. This new process will be initiated with the August 7th meeting, moving forward. In the past, background materials for board meetings were available in handouts and online. The packet will be available via the Internet. Files will be in PDF format, readable with the free program Adobe Reader, and normally will be posted by the Friday before each Tuesday meeting. (Selectmen meetings are normally held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month.) The Selectmen packets will be found in the same location that the meeting minutes are currently stored. From the Selectmen’s page, you will click the link ‘Minutes & Packets,’ and you will be taken to a calendar. Simply locate the meeting date, and you will have access to the packet as it becomes available; when the meeting is over you will be redirected from that meeting link will also be linked to that calendar date.

6) Capital reserve account request for database integration project – Contract Assessor Mike O’Donnell
The Town Manager outlined that this project had a $5,000 budget allocation, which will need to be carried over in a capital reserve account for use during the 2007/2008 fiscal year. This funding is intended to cover the cost of linking the Vision, Northern Data Systems, and Fire House software and was approved unanimously by the Selectmen.

7) One Raymond Committee Update – Chair Mark Gendron
Chairman Mark Gendron informed the Selectmen that Selectman Dana Desjardins has stepped down from the One Raymond Committee and encouraged other interested Selectmen to step forward to serve on this committee. Selectman Lonnie Taylor said that he would serve on the One Raymond Committee as the second Selectman representative. Selectman Joe Bruno will serve on the inter-town committee that will negotiate the parameters of school consolidation. Chairman Gendron mentioned several upcoming issues for discussion by the One Raymond Committee, including the possibility of sharing contract Cumberland County law enforcement services with other communities, and issues related to possible utilization of Raymond’s schools after consolidation occurs.

8) School Consolidation Committee
Selectman Joe Bruno reported briefly on the first school consolidation meeting with Windham, which included School Board Chairman Teresa Sadak, School Board representative Roger Ginn, and resident State Representative John Robinson. This committee is co-chaired by Raymond Superintendent Sandra Caldwell and Windham Superintendent Sandy Prince. The first meeting was primarily an ice breaker nature, with the second meeting to be scheduled for July 26th at 5pm at Windham High School. At this meeting there should be some fiscal information to share and discuss. Raymond is also looking at consolidating Poland and Westbrook, as possible educational program partners. A notice of intent regarding school selection needs to be submitted to the Maine Department of Education by August 31st. In the past this needed to be a decision about whether Raymond continues to have high school choices or not. At this point Selectman Bruno did not see a great deal of savings under any consolidation scenario. The reason for Raymond’s unfavorable position is related to the town’s relatively high real estate valuation to student ratio, as compared to other partnering communities. Another issue to be factored in is the possibility of added costs that may be incurred through consolidation of educational staff, who under consolidation can elect to vote as to which community’s or district’s contract they wish to accept.

9) Executive Session – Discussion fiscal year 2007/2008 Town Manager contract as authorized under Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)
The Board of Selectmen went into Executive Session at 8:30pm with the Town Manager to discuss his contract renewal. The meeting was re-opened by Chairman Gendron at 8:44pm. A motion was made by Selectman Joe Bruno to approve the Town Manager’s contract, which will be effective July 1, 2007. This motion was seconded by Selectman Dana Desjardins and approved unanimously.

10) Old Unfinished Business
The Town Manager was directed to put the town’s former safety boat up for sale at the Veterans Memorial Park, and also to advertise it through the town’s website, craigslist.org and other no-cost sales venues in an effort to sell this vessel as soon as possible. It is expected that it will be in the park for no more than a one week period.

11) Town Manager Report and Communications
The Town Manager reminded Raymond citizens that there will be a Special Town Meeting on August 7, 2007, at 7 pm, at the Digital Broadcast Studio primarily to consider housekeeping changes to the Raymond Land Use Ordinance.

The Town Manager also presented the Board of Selectmen with the annual State of Maine Department of Transportation Urban Rural Initiative Program (URIP) form for signature or delegation. A motion was made by Joe Bruno to authorize the Town Manager to sign this commitment on behalf of the Selectmen, signifying that Raymond would expend an amount of money of at least $62,800 in the FY 2007/2008 budget cycle for local road work in order to receive this matching state funding. This motion was approved unanimously.

Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated July 10, 2007.

All Raymond meetings are public, and citizens are encouraged to attend. You may also watch live broadcasts of municipal and school board meetings on Public Access Channels 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.

Dogs like the Water

Dogs like the water, but keep in mind the people around you and the wildlife dogs might interact with. Dogs are not allowed on Raymond’s public beaches because of health concerns and the fact that some people don’t like or are afraid of animals. Some dogs like riding in boats, but please be aware that a day of boating can be very stressful for them, due to loud noise (lack of water), and exposure to the sun. Putting your dog in for a swim from a boat does not necessarily mean that it has had enough to drink or had its body temperature reduced enough for a long day in the sun. The long boat ride can also be very stressful in your pet’s need to evacuate itself.
Coming This September: Maine Harvest Lunch Day!

Many schools across Maine will be celebrating local Maine foods by serving them for a special school lunch at the end of September. Raymond plans to be one of those school districts, so if you have a garden and would like to contribute salad items, corn or other produce that you think would work well for school lunch, call Lori at 655-4277. Volunteers to help organize that day are needed as well. Here’s to all our local farmers and businesses that support our ability to eat fresh, nutritious food!! For more information on Maine Harvest Lunch Day, go to www.maine.gov/education/sfs/farm.html.

INNISBROOK HAS GOT THE BEAT!!!

Innisbrook Wraps presents the ultimate gift wrap collection this fall at the Raymond Elementary School. Our Innisbrook sale will begin on September 1. Just wait until you see this year’s collection!

- Award Winning Gift Wrap Designs – great holiday wrap for the pet lover!
- Great Gift Products for Kids of All Ages
- Gourmet Foods and Special Treats

Proceeds from our Innisbrook sale are used to support classroom programs and the Raymond PTO scholarships. Last year, Innisbrook funded the very successful two-week residency for Circus Smirkus. These funds have had a positive and direct impact on your child’s classroom and our school program.

Innisbrook schools can also order on the web 65 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Elementary School customer number is 10999. Families and out of town friends can order and re-order over 150 Innisbrook products on-line all year long! Products will be delivered right to your door, and your child’s school will receive the 50% profit.

Welcome: New Raymond Students in Grades K - 8

New Student Registrations

Registrations for new Raymond Elementary School (grades K - 4) and Jordan-Small Middle School (grades 5 - 8) students will be taken at the Jordan-Small Middle School throughout the summer.

Please call Mrs. Glew at 655-4743 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Proof of Raymond residency is required at time of registration. Kindergarten students are also required to present a birth certificate and updated immunization records.

High School Students (grades 9 - 12) need to register through the Raymond Superintendent of Schools’ office at the Raymond Elementary School. The district office can be reached at 655-8866.

Raymond Elementary School registrations and new student visits can be scheduled on Wednesdays from 9am - 2pm with Miss Mindy or Ms. Richard, Principal. Please call the RES office at 655-8672.

Dodge Makes Dean's List

Erin Dodge was recently named to the Dean’s List at the School of Visual Arts (SVA) in New York City. Erin is a 2006 graduate of Gray-New Gloucester High School and is the daughter of Gary and Cathy Dodge of Raymond.
Road Maintenance Associations Wanted

The Town Office is going to be keeping a list of private road associations. With the change in ownership of many homes, the Town Office frequently is asked about private road maintenance associations. If your private road has an association or group of residents taking responsibility for their private road, the Town Office would like to have a contact name, address, e-mail address, and phone number for that person. If you can help us gain this information, the Town Office would be most appreciative. This is for residential information use only.

PRIVATE ROAD ASSOCIATION
Road Association Name: ____________________________
President or contact person: ____________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________
Phone: summer: ____________________________
winter: ____________________________
Email: _______________________________________
Number of homes on your road: ________________________

Election Clerks Needed

In preparation for the 2007 General Election on November 6th, we would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to be an election clerk. No special knowledge or training is necessary - we will train you. If you would like more information, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at the Town Office at 655-4742 ext 21 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

We work in four-hour shifts during the day, and after 8pm the ballots are counted and stored which usually takes about two hours. You will receive a small compensation and a meal.

Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

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Lions Club Honors Local Resident

At a recent meeting, the Raymond Lions Club recognized the long service Betty McDermott has provided to Raymond and its residents with the presentation of a plaque naming her a Melvin Jones Fellow. The plaque reads in part “…For Dedicated Humanitarian Services….” and is the highest form of recognition from Lions Clubs International, the world’s largest service organization.

Some of Betty’s contributions to Raymond include: the PTA, where she served as president; she was a long-time member of the Raymond Fireman’s Auxiliary; she served as a member of the Raymond Health Council; she spent 33 years as a member of the Raymond Library Club and served as its treasurer for many of those years and for six years as the Board of Selectmen representative to the library; and as a member of Raymond Civic League.

She was a Cub Scout den leader; she somehow managed to be a charter member of the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club and of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society, as well as a member of the Maine Historical Society and of the Mass. Society of Mayflower Descendants; she spent 15 years on the Raymond Appeals Board and 9 years on the Raymond Board of Selectman, 2 of those years as chairman.

She was a guiding light and faithful worker and supporter of the Raymond Founder’s Day Committee; belonged to the Informed Notaries of Maine; and was a member of the Tassel Top Committee for 7 years; she has worked hard for the Board of Selectmen representative to the library; and as a member of the East Raymond Garden Club.

She has spent much time in the past 3 years spearheading the committee for the Raymond Veterans Monument and earned the gratitude of veterans and non-veterans alike. And last but not least, she is a charter member of the Raymond Lions Club and has worked tirelessly on projects and has served faithfully as our club treasurer for many years.

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Parents: the Most Important Influence in a Child’s Life

by Steve Danzig LSW, LADC

Research shows that parents are central to preventing teen alcohol/drug use. In the article titled “Parental Participation,” kids themselves say that it is their parents’ trust and respect is the most important reason not to use alcohol/drugs. In several studies, kids have also said that if their parents asked them about their alcohol/drug use, the worst thing they could do was to unburden themselves to their parents because they knew that they would tell their parents the truth. So if you suspect, or know, that your child has been drinking or using drugs, initiate a discussion with your child immediately. Start by telling your teen that you LOVE him/her and are worried that he/she might be using drugs or alcohol.

During this discussion, try not to get mad or accuse your child of being stupid or bad or an embarrassment to the family. In addition, try not to make the discussion an inquisition; simply try to connect with your teen. Knowing that kids are naturally private about their lives, try to find out what’s going on in your child’s life that might have led him/her to use alcohol/drugs. Find out if friends or others offered your child alcohol/drugs at a party or at school. Did they try it out of curiosity, or did they take initiative to use alcohol/drugs for some other reason? Also ask: When was the last time he/she used alcohol/drugs? What exactly are they using, how much, and how often? And has he/she done anything that they regret?

After hearing them out and learning all you can about their usage, say that you KNOW that drugs may seem like the thing to do, but drinking and using drugs can have serious consequences. And that it makes you FEEL worried and concerned about them. Also, be sure to express that you are there to LISTEN to them. However, you should also make it clear that you WANT them to stop drinking/using drugs and that you are willing to HELP them to do so. Even if your child continues to use alcohol/drugs after your discussion, if they learned from that talk that they can trust you, they will turn to you for help when they are ready to stop or when they get into trouble.

It is also important for you to know that if you are a parent struggling with this issue, you do not have to battle this alone. There are licensed alcohol & drug counselors (“LADC”) in our community that specialize in working with teenagers and who can assist you in a variety of ways. For example, if you discuss your conversation with your teen does not go as well as you planned, you can make an appointment for your child to talk to the therapist instead. oftentimes, it is easier for kids to talk to a stranger about issues they may feel some shame about than to talk with their parents. Conversely, if your talk goes well and you need help learning about treatment options for your child, the therapist can perform an evaluation on your child and then recommend the best treatment for you or him/her. Lastly, if your child refuses to stop using or to get help, as the parent of the teen, you can go to counseling to get expert advice on how to handle the situation with your teen in addition to having a safe, supportive place to unburden your feelings about what is happening.

Raymond Waterways Protective Association
Annual Meeting & BBQ
Sunday, August 19th 5-7pm
Camp Wohelo
This year RWPA will hold our Annual Meeting and BBQ, Sunday, August 19th from 5-7 pm, at Camp Wohelo on Sebago Lake. In our newsletter we listed the correct date of August 19th but incorrectly listed the day. We apologize for the mistake – the meeting is Sunday evening (not Saturday).

We will provide the burgers, hot dogs, and soda. Bring salad or dessert to share. Please RSVP so we can order the correct amount of food. We hope you can join us!

Some of the topics we will discuss include:
- Water Quality Monitoring Results
- Invasive Plant Remediation Projects 2007
- Lakes Protection Rangers
- Panther Pond Conservation Project
- Raymond Pond Conservation Project
- Future Actions

Directions to Camp Wohelo: (from intersection Routes 302/85) Go 2.7 miles west on Route 302, take a LEFT on Hawthorne Road. Go to end. Take a LEFT on Cape Road. Go ~ 3 miles until you see the sign on the right for Sebago Wohelo. There are two main entrances, and we are at the first one (older girls camp).

Thank you to Camp Wohelo for giving us the opportunity to hold our meeting at this beautiful location on Sebago Lake.

Contact us today at lakes@raymonddmaine.org or 671-3329 to sign up for the RWPA Annual Meeting. We hope you all are having a safe and fun summer at the lakes!

Rep. John Robinson Announces 2006 Property Tax and Rent Relief Program
Application Period
AUGUSTA – State Rep. John Robinson (R-Raymond) announced today that the application period for Maine’s Property Tax and Rent Refund Program will begin August 1st for taxes and rent paid during 2006. He encourages Maine homeowners and renters to take advantage of this under-utilized program, which provides cash to help residents cover their property taxes.

The Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, also known as the “circuit breaker,” is the state’s primary tax assistance program. Mainers who qualify may be eligible for refunds up to $2,000.

According to Rep. Robinson, thousands of Mainers who could have received refund checks in the past did not even apply. Maine Revenue Services (MRS) estimates that approximately 200,000 Maine households qualify for the program. In 2005, however, only 120,615 households applied and 93,915 qualified, receiving a total of $44.3 million. Under the guidelines, you may qualify for a refund if you do not have a spouse or dependents and your 2006 income was up to $27,700 or less. If you have a spouse and dependents, you could have made up to $102,000 in 2005 and still qualify.

To receive a refund, your 2006 property tax must have exceeded four percent of your income. Renters qualify if the rent they paid in 2006 exceeded 20 percent of their income. Seniors do not have to meet those requirements, however, if their household income is below $12,700 for those living alone or below $15,700 for those living with a spouse or dependents.

The deadline for filing applications for refunds on property taxes paid in 2006 is May 31, 2008. MRS generally sends applications in August to anyone who filed in the previous year. Applications are also available at town offices, libraries, post offices and Area Agency on Aging and Community Action Program offices. You may also receive an application by calling Rep. Robinson in Raymond at 655-8657 or in Augusta at 287-1440.

Maine Municipal Association Photo Contest
The Maine Municipal Association will feature a town picture that will be displayed at the MMA Annual Convention in October 2007. Photos should be submitted by any municipal employee or elected official. If you have a picture you would like submitted, please bring it to the town office.

Photographs (electronic or hard copy) should be something representing your municipality. The picture may be historic or current and represent one of the following categories:
- Special Event or Town Meeting (featuring people, activities, etc.)
- Downtown Project (revitalization, holiday and seasonal decorating, buildings, etc.)
- Signage (road signs, street signs, etc.)
- Municipal Buildings or Local Landmark (town office, library, fire station, bridges, buildings, parks, etc.)
- Scenic View (landscapes, skylines, bridges, buildings, etc.)

Entries should reflect a sense of your community’s pride, uniqueness and beauty!

A winner will be selected from each category and will be judged by a panel of municipal representatives. The photographs will be judged on:
- Originality;
- Creativity;
- Uniqueness;
- Representation of your municipality; and
- Representation of the designated category.

If sending the picture to the town office electronically, please send in “BMP” or “JPEG” format. If sending a hard copy photograph, please provide a 4x6” print.

The five winners will be displayed at the MMA Member Relations Booth in the Exhibit Hall of the MMA Annual Convention as well as throughout the year at the MMA office building. Each winning municipality will receive a framed and matted replica of the photograph with the appropriate engraved recognition. All photograph entries will be shared on a PowerPoint presentation, which will be available for viewing at the MMA Member Relations Booth in the Exhibit Hall at the MMA Annual Convention.

Entries are due at the town office by:
- Wednesday, August 15, 2007

We hope that you will join in the fun and send us your “Community’s Best Shot!”
Hazardous Waste Goes to Lewiston Recycling

The Maine Environmental Depot at the Lewiston Solid Waste facility, 424 River Road in Lewiston, will accept hazardous waste from Raymond. Their web address is www.envdepot.com or www.avacrop.org and the phone number is 738-9186.

Drop-Offs: From I-95, take Exit 80 (southbound), take a LEFT off the ramp and go under the overpass, northbound, take a RIGHT off the ramp). About 9/10 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.

The Depot is open the FIRST and THIRD Saturdays of each month from APRIL through NOVEMBER. Hours are from 8am to 1pm. If the Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, the Depot WILL BE CLOSED.

PAYMENT: Each unit of 5 gallons, 20 pounds, or combination thereof will be charged $27 CASH PER UNIT.

ITEMS ACCEPTED but not limited to: aluminum cleaners, bug sprays, drain cleaners, floor products, furniture polish, metal polish with solvents, oven cleaners, cutting oil, solvents and solvent based glues, oil based paint, varnish and paint, wear-resistant (auto and marine), paint brush cleaning solvent, paint thinners and strippers, primers and wood preservatives, auto body repair products, auto transmission fluid, brake cleaner, brake fluid, dissolved pool chemicals, driveway sealer, engine degreaser, gasoline, kerosene or diesel fuel, roofing tar, weed killer, chemical fertilizer with pesticides, fungicide, insecticide and pesticide, rat poison, chemical pool shockers, household cleaners, pool shockers, pool chemicals, formalin, formaldehyde, gun cleaning solvents, hot tub chemicals, light fluid, moth balls, photographic chemicals, rubber cement, rug, upholstery and spot cleaners, etc. and enjoy nature at the same time?

Do not book your business meeting, club get-together, class, or give them a call at 207-221-5198.

The Raymond Public Safety Building, 424 River Road in Lewiston, will accept hazardous waste from Raymond. Their web address is www.raymondmaine.org.

Introducing ROyAl Technology Management

RoyAI Technology Management, a new business in Raymond, offers complete technology solutions for businesses. Owners of Raymond businesses, Alex Roy, the company specializes in “Software as a Service” (SaaS), which is web-based software that is hosted by Alex for use by businesses over the Internet. This lowers costs considerably while still being able to take advantage of the latest and greatest technology. RoyAI Tech is a premier SaaS provider in the State of Maine.

Alex Roy has lived in Raymond for the past 5 years. He founded his business while he was still in high school, and specialized at the time in PC and network troubleshooting and repair. He won the State of Maine “Skills USA” competition for Computer Networking in 2005.

Lately, Alex has changed his focus, mostly because big retail stores have moved into the service sector. So Alex has developed three major offerings for businesses: the first is off-site backup of critical files; the second is web hosting, including web design and content management, all run on globally accessible, redundant systems; and the third is an enterprise-level e-mail service.

Shelley P. Carter, Esq of Friedman & Carter, P.A. says “I am writing to you to let you know how absolutely impressed we are by RoyAI Technology Management. They implemented our server seamlessly and with no downtime.” The follow-up tech support is outstanding. They are a very professional service provider, always willing to help. Thanks also to Cory Widdowson of Gray, who has identified much of the flora of the park especially on the nature trails. Signs are being made, so you can learn as you stroll, too! Last but not least, we thank the Red Mill Lumber Yard, who supplies all the lumber for our projects.

We still have the last two weeks of August available for rent in the cabins, and weekly or daily rentals in September and October. Fall is a beautiful, peaceful time in the park. Why not find a way this week to spend a few days here? It’s a great place for a weekend away or a week or two, and an enjoyable way to help with our park improvements and upgrades. Tassel Top is a self-supporting, town-owned business. Our patronage is important and much appreciated. You make these things happen, and we love your suggestions; so feel free to contact Ranger Sue at Tassel Top or call 655-4675. Please bring the sun to the park and enjoy your summer vacation.

Hebron Academy Announces Spring Trimester Honor Roll

Hebron Academy Head of School John King recently recognized the following Raymond students who have attained honors for the spring trimester:

HONOR ROLL
Third Trimester 2006-2007

Highest Honors (A- or higher)
Calvin Molson
Joshua Taylor

High Honors (B+ or higher)
Taylor Fey
Elle Hughes
Ashley Wyer
Erik Witsuske

Hons (B or higher)
Camron Lao-Gosney
Reeman Lao-Gosney
Kira Thomas

Hebron Academy was founded in 1804 and is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school that serves grades six through twelve. For more information, please visit www.hebronaacademy.org or call 207-966-2100.

Soccer Sign-Ups

Saturday, August 4th, 9am-noon
Sunday, August 5th, 12-2pm
Raymond Public Safety Building
Cost is $30 per child, K-6

Deadline is August 24th

All coaches from last year need to turn in equipment on Saturday or Sunday. There will be a Coaches meeting on Sun-

day, August 5th, from 2-3 pm. If you want to coach, be there! This year we need 4 new goals for the K-1 program and 2 new goals for the 2nd and 3rd grade programs.

Also this year, we will ask people to do more, such as lining fields and cleaning up after each game.

Coaches: we need to get together and decide if we want to form a program that will enable us to have travel teams. For that to happen, we need a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and somebody to do organization. This year we will be Co-Ed, but that may change depending on total sign-ups.

You can sign up at www.raymondmaine.org following the link for soccer sign-ups. Please mail the sign-up sheets with payment to Dana Desjardins, PO Box 378, Raymond, ME 04071. The deadline for sign-ups is August 24. Thank You!

Notes from the Code Enforcement Office

If you’re thinking about building or renovating a structure, Raymond’s Code Enforcement Office is ready to assist you. We are a building inspection entitled “Things To Know When Building” is available on the Raymond Website at www.raymondmaine.org/government/code_enforcement or a copy can be obtained at the Code Enforcement Office at the Town Office.

Please Remember Your Pets

When the weather gets hot and sticky, remember that your pets feel it too. All pets need shelter from the sun and rain, lots of water to drink, and regular feeding and grooming.

Fleas can be a particular nuisance. There are many types of preparations to use on your pets to prevent fleas, so ask your veterinarian what he/she would advise. Flea sprays, powders, and shampoos can be purchased at pet shops and department stores. Keeping the pet free of fleas will make everyone happier – the pet and the owner. If you find fleas moving into your home, there are bombs which are available; please ask your veterinarian which to purchase.

Most dogs and some cats enjoy a swim, but please remember that Raymond’s public beaches are for people only. Pets are not welcome there.
North and South divisions. The Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken baseball program awarded MVP trophies to the top 2 players in the Minor league. The league comprises the Northern division, which includes Harrison, Bridgton, Naples, and Waterford. The Southern division includes 3 teams from Raymond; 2 teams from Casco, and 1 team from Sebago. The awards are given to the most valuable player of each division based on ability, sportsmanship, and commitment and are chosen by the coaches of the league.

William Frank of the Harrison Hawks and Zack Conley of the Raymond Dairy Queen team were both presented with official plaques for their outstanding season. These tabs are then delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Bangor, where they are sold and the proceeds help to fund the operations of the facility.

Although the young lady no longer needs overnight treatment, this project has continued to benefit the Ronald McDonald House and is basically done in her name. The Cubs have been collecting tabs for several years and each year are given a goal by the pack leaders. If they reach the goal, the leaders are made to pay in several different ways. This year the Cubs got to throw cream pies at the leaders. For a few years, the heads of the leaders were shaved. It’s a great incentive for the Cubs to work hard, accomplish a goal and have fun.

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**Open House at the Raymond Elementary School**

This fall the RES staff is scheduling two nights for Open House. Please add these dates to your September calendar. More information will be coming home the first week of school.

**Tuesday, September 11:** FAMILY NIGHT for parents and their students in grades K – 2.

**Tuesday, September 18:** PARENTS NIGHT for grade 3 – 4 parents only.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor Held

A Court of Honor was recently held to recognize the scouting career and advancement of James Wiley. He was presented the rank of Eagle Scout.

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**Mentoring Celebration at Camp Hinds**

by Candace Woolston

The Mentoring Program wrapped up the school year on May 29th with a festive celebration at Camp Hinds. Mentoring pairs enjoyed a variety of afternoon activities, including casting fishing lines, making “dream catchers” with beads, and hiking through the campgrounds. Family and friends joined the group for a delicious barbecue dinner at the end of the day. Good food, a picturesque setting, and lots of fun made for a perfect ending to a very successful year.

The mentoring program benefited from eight new mentors this year, including four adults and four high school mentors. However, many children remain on our waiting list for new mentors. Please consider donating an hour of your time each week to make a difference in the life of a child in our community. Call Christina Lamarre or Candace Woolston at 655-8672, ext. 107, for more information.

**Baseball MVP Awards for the Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken League**

The Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken baseball program awarded 200 pounds of beverage can tabs to Raymond Lions Club. At their June picnic at Camp Hinds, Raymond Cub Scout Pack 800 presented the Raymond Lions Club with close to 200 pounds of beverage can tabs. The Raymond Lions have received MVP awards for the Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken’s North and South divisions.

Cubs Help Lions Aid Girl in Need

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**Cub Scout leaders Jim Fisher and Sandy Winnie deliver donated can tabs to Raymond Lions Club.**