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Saranac Lake Civic Center Announces Appointment of Additional Member to its Board of Directors *Saranac Lake Native and Business Owner, Matt Raymond, Joins the Board*

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y. – Matt Raymond has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Saranac Lake Civic Center, returning to the facility where he once worked and more recently helped revitalize as a contractor.

He becomes the 12th member of the Board.

Raymond is a lifelong resident of Saranac Lake and co-owner of MJ Raymond Construction, Inc, a locally owned earthwork company founded in 2006. Raymond also worked directly for Mike Ritchie, a current Board member himself, at the Civic Center decades ago.

“I am so proud of the Civic Center’s accomplishments. Getting involved is something I’ve wanted to do for years,” Raymond said. “I am eager to work with the Board and lend my skills and insights to help take the Civic Center to the next level.”

Raymond’s ties to the Saranac Lake sporting community run very deep. He is the son of the late John Raymond, a longtime Saranac Lake High School football coach and teacher who eventually became the district’s superintendent.

Matt is well-connected and understands the value of the Civic Center. Having a child of his own that currently utilizes the Civic Center creates a distinct appeal in a board member that will help influence the direction of the facility.

The Board also said part of Raymond’s business acumen within the local community will be a valuable asset toward the goal of seeing continued growth of the Civic Center’s impact.

“We are pleased to welcome Matt to the Saranac Lake Civic Center Board,” Board vice president Josh Dann said. “Matt’s first-hand familiarity with the Civic Center and entrepreneurial experience will be an asset to the Civic Center’s mission to continue financial sustainability and grow our offerings.”

About the Saranac Lake Civic Center

The Saranac Lake Civic Center is a year-round, not-for-profit recreation and events facility, serving the residents and visitors of Saranac Lake

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and the surrounding Adirondack community. The Saranac Lake Civic Center – which was reimagined and reopened in January 2023 after considerable upgrades throughout the facility – serves residents and visitors from across the region and beyond. Its regular users include Paul Smith's College, high school players from Saranac Lake and Lake Placid Central Schools, the Lake Placid Curling Club and more. Expanded users include tournament users (such as Can-Am Hockey) and exposition organizers to take advantage of the event space. The Civic Center also plays host to learn-to-skate programs, the popular Silver Skaters program and events such as the Touch-A-Truck spectacular each fall.

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