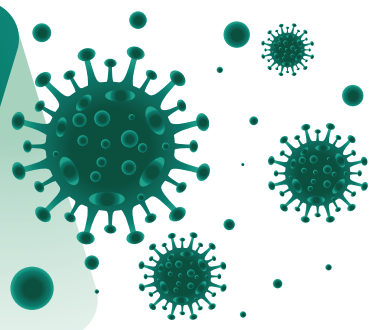


Local COVID-19 Resources



COVID-19 is still rampant in the Raymond community. If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately and get tested.

FREE, RAPID TEST EVENT:
February 26th from 10am - 2pm,
at the Community Center in Bridgton,
10 Depot Street

For more COVID-19 testing opportunities please visit:
www.maine.gov/covid19/testing

For COVID-19 vaccination opportunities please visit:
www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines

For resources and up to date information please visit:
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

Community Broadband Survey

Take a speed test to help define and advance broadband infrastructure improvements in Raymond and throughout Maine!

The Town of Raymond is looking at fiber optic options to improve the broadband infrastructure throughout the town. Taking this survey from your home broadband connection during peak usage times will help us gather needed data on internet speeds in Raymond as well as plotting your location on a broadband map of Raymond. This data is needed to help secure potential funding and grants for a future broadband project.

Visit: www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Did you know the State of Maine provides property tax relief through different programs to qualified individuals?



Below is a list of property tax exemptions that may qualify you for a discount off your total assessed tax value.

★ HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ★

This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least 12 months and make the property they occupy on April 1 their permanent residence. Property owners would receive an exemption of up to \$25,000. For Fiscal Year 2021-2022 the state of Maine certified Raymond at 92% ratio so residents receive a \$23,000 (92% of \$25,000) exemption. Amount varies year to year.

★ VETERAN'S EXEMPTION ★

A veteran who served during a recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for \$6,000; A paraplegic veteran who received a federal grant for a specially adapted housing unit may receive \$50,000. Veteran must be listed as a co-owner on the deed.

★ BLIND EXEMPTION ★

An individual who is determined to be legally blind receives \$4,000. Individual must be listed as a co-owner on the deed.

FMI or for an exemption application, please visit our website www.raymondmaine.org/content/property-tax-exemptions.

APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2022



RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

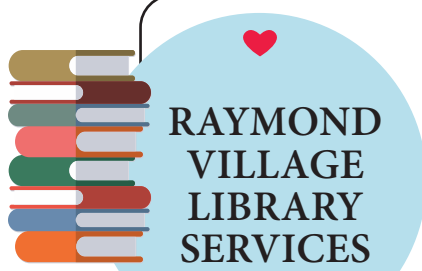
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Raymond Village Library

An Open Door - Discover the Possibilities

Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9am-6pm;
Tues. 9am-12pm (Seniors only); Sat. 9am-4pm



RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY SERVICES

LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

3 Meadow Rd, Raymond • 207-655-4283 • www.raymondvillagelibrary.org

BOOK SALE DONATIONS

OUR BOOK SALE SHELVES ARE IN NEED OF RESTOCKING! Adult & children's books, audio books, movies, puzzles, and games all gratefully accepted year-round.

Donations of gently used items can be dropped off during open library hours or in the book drop at any time.

Don't forget about these helpful library services to help keep you supplied with books, movies and more!

Interlibrary Loan: Looking for a title that is not currently on the RVL shelves? Contact Rachel to request books, audiobooks or movies and an interlibrary loan request will be placed on your behalf. Materials requested from other libraries typically arrive at RVL within a week or two and can be picked up right at the RVL circulation desk.

Cloud Library: Looking for e-book titles? Use your RVL library account to access free e-content. The Cloud Library link on our website provides access to a wide array of eBooks and audiobooks that can be downloaded onto any compatible mobile device or computer. Contact the library FMI or for assistance setting up your account.

Home Delivery: Raymond residents who are unable to visit the library can contact us to schedule a free delivery of library materials directly to your front door!

ANNUAL APPEAL WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Did you know the Raymond Village Library is an independent non-profit, and not currently a town department?

While the Town of Raymond provides close to half of our annual operating budget, the majority of funds for purchasing books, movies & programming supplies relies on fundraising and the generous support of our patrons.

DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE at www.raymondvillagelibrary.org

The library held discussions this past fall with the Town of Raymond regarding officially becoming a town department in 2022. We are excited about this opportunity & would appreciate your support at the June '22 town meeting vote.

Winter Carnival

Saturday, March 5th

11am to 3pm
at Tassel Top Park



Volunteers Needed!

There are a variety of ways you can help, from baking brownies, to flipping hot dogs, or manning a fire pit.

Visit: RaymondSchoolsPTO.org or email: RaymondSchoolsPTO@gmail.com to sign up to volunteer

THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORS: Sebago Lake Region Chamber of Commerce, Beacon Pizza, and 207Bounce INTERESTED IN SPONSORING? Email: RaymondSchoolsPTO@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RAYMOND STUDENTS

The Raymond PTO offers several scholarships to graduating seniors from Raymond. Scholarship applications can be made at: raymondschoolspto.org and must be received by May 1, 2022.

SAVE THE DATES!

- Spring Book Fair: March 25 - April 3 at the Bibliophile Bookstore
- 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament: June 18



Raymond Village Community Church KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

The group is currently meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at 27 Main Street Open to the public for all ability levels.



TASEL TOP PARK SEASON MEMBERSHIP PASSES

NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE!

IT'S EASY - JUST FOLLOW THESE STEPS...

1. Go to our website: Raymond.RecDesk.com
2. Click on the "Membership" button.
3. You will need to create an account and follow the steps to register. An emailed receipt will be sent with information on the upcoming season.

For additional information contact Raymond Parks & Recreation Director Joseph Crocker, email: joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org or 655-4742

Scholarship OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PLANNING ON ATTENDING COLLEGE IN THE FALL?

The Town of Raymond has several scholarship opportunities for college bound students who are residents of the town!

For more information, please visit:

www.raymondmaine.org/town-office/town-clerk/town-scholarships

Applications due no later than April 30, 2022



RUN FOR OFFICE IN RAYMOND!

NOMINATION PAPERS (petitions) will be available beginning Tuesday, March 8, 2022 for the following positions:

- Select Board - 2 seats for 3-year terms
- Budget-Finance Committee - 2 seats for 3-year terms
- RSU #14 Board of Directors - 1 seat for 1 year term, and 1 seat for 3-year term

Positions to be elected on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at Jordan Small Middle School gymnasium

Nomination papers are available at the Raymond Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road, during regular office hours. 25, but not over 100, registered Raymond voter signatures are required to be added to the ballot.

For more information on the Nomination Process please visit: www.raymondmaine.org/content/nomination-papers-municipal-election

The DEADLINE for submission of nomination papers to the Town Clerk is Friday, April 15, 2022, at 4:00 pm.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS - APPLY TODAY!

Public Safety Department Firefighters/EMTs/Paramedics

The Town of Raymond has immediate openings for Firefighters, EMTs, and Paramedics to fill per diem 10-, 12-, and 24-hour shifts.

The qualified applicant must be experienced with an excellent work history, self-motivated and hold a clean valid Maine Driver's license.

The position requires a current Maine EMT B License and a minimum of a FFI Certification. All candidates must successfully pass the initial fitness assessment, and a complete background check including criminal and driving records.

For an application go to: www.raymondmaine.org or for more info call 207-655-1187

SEND RESUME, APPLICATION, AND COVER LETTER TO:
Rita M. Theriault, Human Resource Officer
401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071
or electronically to: rita.theriault@raymondmaine.org

The Town of Raymond is an Equal Opportunity Employer.