

Angler's Alley

Winter in Raymond does not mean you have to say farewell to fishing season. Dust off your gear, bundle up, and head to one of the area's beautiful frozen lakes or ponds for a REEL good time ice fishing! Check out our ice safety tips below and visit the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife website for advice and tips on Maine fishing laws and other fishing resources. www.maine.gov/ifw/index.html

2022 Fishing Licenses:

Before you update your status to "Gone Fishing" be sure to purchase your 2022 Fishing License.

Fishing licenses are required for persons 16+ years of age. Licenses can be purchased at the Town Office or online at: https://www.maine.gov/portal/residents/hunting_fishing.html

Free Fishing Weekend is February 19-20, 2022.

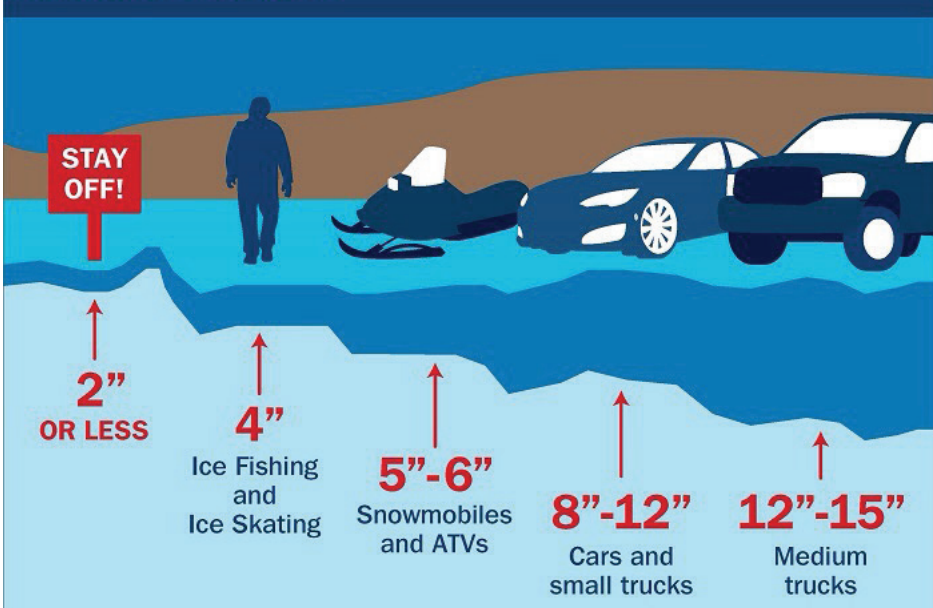
Winter Ice Safety Tips:

- Always check the thickness of the ice by using an auger, chisel, or even a long drill bit
- Ice should be blue to clear in color
- White or opaque ice is water saturated snow that has frozen on top of ice. This kind of ice is porous and generally unsafe
- Don't forget proper gear like ice safety picks
- Have a safety plan and know what to do if someone falls through the ice

Check out the chart below for safe ice thickness guidelines and if you don't know, don't go!

Ice Thickness Chart

Safe Ice Depths



Note: These are rough guidelines for clear ice only.

"Ice Thickness Safety Chart," The Old Farmer's Almanac, N.p., n.d. Web. <<http://www.almanac.com/>>.



21st ANNUAL SEBAGO LAKE ICE FISHING DERBY

Saturday, Feb. 19th & Sunday, Feb. 20th

IT'S A MAINE TRADITION SPANNING 21 YEARS, AND YOU'RE INVITED TO BE PART OF IT!

Get outside and safely enjoy winter lakes in Cumberland County! Fun for the family and the competitor in all of us.

Enjoy the Polar Dip, Ice Shack Contest, and other family-friendly activities.

All entries qualify for the ATV Grand Prize whether you fish or not! Proceeds to benefit Feed the Need, serving 11 local food pantries & other Rotary charities.

RAYMOND BEACH WEIGH STATION:

Headquarters Weigh Station for the Sebago Derby. Subject to favorable ice and weather conditions, Raymond Beach will also host the Polar Dip, and food vendor stands.

WEIGH STATION TIMES:

7AM to 5PM Saturday and 8AM to 4PM Sunday. It's a 4PM sharp close on Sunday – Anglers need to be in line prior to 4 PM

For registration details & more info. visit IceFishingDerby.com



RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

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Bus Driver - PT Videographer - PT

Applications available at: www.raymondmaine.org or the Raymond Town Office.

Completed application, cover letter and resume can be emailed to: rita.theriault@raymondmaine.org or mailed to the Town Office: ATTN: Rita Theriault Human Resource Director 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

POSITIONS OPEN UNTIL FILLED.
Town of Raymond is an Equal Opportunity Employer

LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS



VIRTUAL BOOK GROUP MEETING

January 31st, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us via Zoom for a literary discussion of *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.

FMI, or to request Zoom passcode, please contact Melanie, RVL Book Group Facilitator at mechamprn@outlook.com

WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING

Friday, February 11th

Come enjoy a variety of wines and chocolates in preparation for Valentine's Day!

Registration will open on Monday, January 31st - limited space available.

Attendees must be 21 years of age on or before the event. More details to follow.

VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY SALE

Saturday, February 12th

A selection of chocolates and Valentine-themed candies will be available for purchase while supplies last.



Raymond Village Library

An Open Door - Discover the Possibilities

3 Meadow Rd, Raymond
207-655-4283

RaymondVillageLibrary.org

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.**

Thank you to all those who have supported RVL throughout the year. We look forward to continuing to provide library services to the Raymond community in 2022!

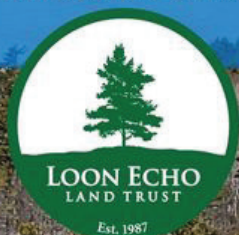
Snowshoe Day At Raymond Community Forest

WHEN: Thursday, February, 24th

TIME: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

WHERE: Raymond Community Forest (Trail Head)

Description: Loon Echo Land Trust and Raymond Parks and Recreation Department are teaming up to have families try snowshoeing for FREE! We will have snowshoes available to use on the trails from 9:00 AM to 12:30PM.



Raymond Rattlers Update by Alan Plummer

Happy New Year everyone! Weather wise 2022 is not off to a great start. The cold temps have finally arrived, we just need more snow to really get our season going. If you have a snow dance or ritual, please keep doing them!

SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION:

Registration fees fund the building and maintenance of the trail system and helps support the clubs, landowners and volunteers. New machines can be registered in person at the Town Office during regular operating hours. Renewals can be done in person or online at Maine.gov.

CLUB NEWS:

We meet twice a month on the First and Third Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM. Currently, the club does not have a regular place to hold our monthly meetings, check our Facebook page for updates on this and other club activities such as, trail work, issues, and trail grooming updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark your calendars, Raymond Rattlers SC will be hosting our annual **BBQ Fundraiser, Saturday February 26th** at our Clubhouse/Warming Hut off the Pipeline Trail.

RRSC Trail maps are available for purchase at Sunset Variety for \$5 each. All map proceeds go directly to trail grooming.



Club fees and contact information can be found at:

www.raymondmaine.org/content/raymond-rattlers-snowmobile-club

Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/raymond.snowmobile.club

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIPS AND RULES:

- Stay on marked trails
- Do not ride faster than your personal limit, experience, or weather conditions allow
- Stay alert and watch for other riders, recreators, and wildlife
- Drive to the right when other riders are on the trail
- Carry out any trash or waste you bring or find on the trail
- DO NOT drink and ride
- Bring a first aid kit
- Dress appropriately for the weather
- Ride with a friend or tell someone where you are riding
- Bring a waterproof map and a compass
- Register your snow machine
- Support your local club
- Modified exhausts are illegal
- Respect landowner's property at all times

DOG LICENSES REMINDER

2022 Dog License renewals are due by January 31st, 2022. Renewals after this date will incur a \$25 late fee

You can license your furry friends in person at the Town Office or online at: www.raymondmaine.org. There is a link for Dog Licensing under Online Transactions > Animal Welfare on the right-hand column of the home page



Raymond Schools PTO



The PTO would like to thank our incredible community for their ongoing support of our students and staff at RES and JSMS. We couldn't do this without you!

Each year, the PTO raises funds for educational materials and experiences, offers opportunities for community gatherings and social interaction, and provides an inclusive forum for sharing information on issues that impact our children.

These activities take resources and we're grateful that the Raymond community shares our commitment to our schools.

Here are some easy, additional ways you can support the PTO:

- **Become a PTO member.** For just \$15, you can join the PTO and make an impact for our schools. It's never too late to join!
- **Support the PTO while shopping on Amazon.** When you shop on Amazon, shop through Amazon Smile and select "Raymond Schools PTO" as your charitable organization (make sure to choose the school in Maine!). A portion of the proceeds will be given to the PTO.
- **Ask your employer to match your charitable gift.** With matching gifts it's possible to double or even triple your contribution. Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match most charitable contributions made by their employees. Some companies even make financial contributions based on volunteer hours. Please consider donating to the Raymond PTO and asking your employer to match it!

PLEASE VISIT RAYMONDSCHOOLSPTO.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

Shape the Future of Raymond

The Town of Raymond needs your help!

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE.

THE CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 2004 AND IT IS TIME FOR A NEW PLAN! A comprehensive plan sets forth a vision and goals for the town's future. It is a long-term guide that establishes direction on policies, ordinances, community growth, economic development, and an overall foundation for land use regulation within the town.

Raymond has changed significantly since 2004 and topics such as health and hazard mitigation, housing, community resilience and sustainability are among many new areas of importance. Having a wide range of voices is essential to the comprehensive planning process. We need citizen volunteers in order to create a plan that fairly represents and benefits our entire community.

TAKE THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE QUALITY OF LIFE!

If you are interested in joining the Comprehensive Plan Committee, please visit our website at www.raymondmaine.org and fill out the Volunteer Application.

Applications can be emailed to sue.look@raymondmaine.org They can also be dropped off in person or mailed to the Town Office: 401 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond, ME 04071

To see the Comprehensive Plan from 2004, visit our website and click the 2004 Comprehensive Plan link on the front page.