

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION CORRECTIONS



The February Roadrunner edition shared Property Tax Exemption information that needs to be clarified. The exemption amounts are based on certified property ratios for the town for each year. The Veteran's Exemption and the Blind Exemptions should have been worded as "up to" amounts. Currently in Raymond the Veteran's exemption is \$5000 and the Blind exemption is \$3680. These amounts can vary from year to year and are automatically adjusted.

For more information or clarification please call the Tax Assessor Office at 207-655-4742 X 133

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

FULL-TIME PARAMEDIC/FF

In anticipation of a retirement, the Town of Raymond is taking applications for a full-time Paramedic/FF in our Public Safety Department. This position is scheduled on 24 hour rotating shift. The qualified applicant must be experienced with an excellent work history, self-motivated and hold a clean valid Maine Driver's license. Current Maine Paramedic License and Firefighting Certifications are required. All candidates must successfully pass a fitness assessment and a complete background check, including criminal and driving records.

The Town of Raymond offers a competitive salary as well as a comprehensive employee benefit package for full-time employees.

For application and job descriptions go to www.raymondmaine.org

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
FMI call 207-655-4742 ext 123

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

BOOK GROUP MEETING March 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a literary discussion of 'Margreete's Harbor' by Eleanor Morse.

Please note: this month's meeting can be attended in person at the library or remotely via Zoom. FMI, or to request Zoom passcode, please contact Melanie, RVL book group facilitator.

STATEWIDE READING PROGRAMS Maine Public Radio's Book Club "All Books Considered"

This year's book selections:

- January/March: 'Enter the Aardvark' by Jessica Anthony
- April/May: 'Sigh, Gone' by Phuc Tran
- June/July: 'Land of Cockaigne' by Jeffrey Lewis
- August/September: 'Night of the Living Rez' by Morgan Talty

FMI about the "All Books Considered" book club, please visit: www.mainepublic.org/all-books-considered-book-clubPublic

ReadME - A Statewide Summer Reading Experience Provided through the Maine Humanities Council in partnership with the Maine State Library.

Each summer, ReadME hosts a statewide adult reading program with two books recommended by a well-known Maine author. This coming summer, recommending author Christina Baker Kline has chosen 'Sigh, Gone' by Phuc Tran, and 'Beneficence' by Meredith Hall. Both selected titles are available for checkout at RVL.

FMI visit: Read ME - <https://mainehumanities.org/read-me/>



RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND - MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



Veterans Award in Raymond

Todd McKenna from the Androscoggin Home Healthcare recently presented an appreciation certificate to Ralph E. Lawrence of Raymond in recognition of his service in World War II. Ralph served in the U.S. Army and was station in Japan under

the leadership of General Douglass MacArthur. Ralph and his wife, Ethel are now both 100 years old and have been married for 81 years.

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



Did you know that the Town of Raymond uses a Zero Sort recycling program in conjunction with your trash pickup?

The Raymond Recycling Committee encourages you to do your part and recycle, reduce, or reuse items when you can. For easy recycling, when putting out your trash, put your recyclable material in a tote or bin with your items.

What is recyclable?

Cardboard, dry food boxes, egg cartons, junk mail, catalogs, office paper, plastic bottles, tubs, tinfoil, empty food cans and beverage cans, along with glass bottles and jars. Items should be clean and dry. DO NOT put plastic bags, scrap metal, clothing, food waste, batteries, or electronics in recycling.

Watch for more info. coming out from the Recycling Committee in the next few months!



Raymond Running Club

Grades K through 4th

Tuesdays and Thursdays
April 26th - June 2nd
3:15 to 4:15 PM



Karate Program Grades K through 4th

Wednesdays, 12:45 to 1:45 PM
March 30th - June 8th



Cost: \$105 - optional add on uniform \$35

Classes take place at Raymond Elementary School Gym.
Children will be dismissed directly from school to the instructor.
Parents and guardians will need to pick up at school.

REGISTER AT: RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM



TASEEL TOP PARK SEASON MEMBERSHIP PASSES

NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE!

GO TO: RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM



Raymond Schools PTO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO MADE THE RAYMOND WINTER CARNIVAL POSSIBLE!

Raymond Public Works • The Beacon
Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce
The Good Life Market • Ultimate Hair Salon
Sebago Outfitters • 207 Bounce Entertainment Center Windham

And thank you to our partners at Raymond Parks & Recreation Department and our incredible PTO volunteers who pulled it all together. We live in such a wonderful community!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Raymond PTO awards two scholarships each year to graduating seniors from the Raymond community. Applications must be received by May 1, 2022. Visit raymondschoolspto.org for details and to apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Visit raymondschoolspto.org for details and to sign up to volunteer!



SAVE THE DATE!

Raymond Arts Alliance Spring Concert with McCoy Mrubata and Gary Wittner Saturday, April 23rd at Raymond Village Library

South African reedman McCoy Mrubata grew up in the Capetown township of Langa listening to church hymns, traditional African rhythms, and brass band music. He was a member of the legendary Hugh Masakela's band in the 1990s and has since established himself as a bandleader, touring regularly throughout the African continent and Europe. He has released over a dozen albums of original music and is currently touring in support of his most recent CD called "Quiet, Please".

Guitarist Gary Wittner, originally from New York, now lives in Maine where he is a faculty member of the Univ. of Maine School of Music and Bowdoin College. Gary has performed and taught music worldwide on 5 continents since the 1980s. He has officially represented the USA multiple times as a Fulbright Specialist and US Embassy Outreach Artist. Gary has released 7 CDs; he performs original jazz - both instrumental and vocal - as well as Latin, Middle Eastern and Balkan music.

Please contact the library FMI or to register for this event.

Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH • 10 AM
Tassel Top Park

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Raymond residents only. 12 years or younger

Register at: Raymond.recdesk.com
(Register each individual child)

Easter eggs will be scattered along Tassel Top Park in different areas for your designated age group. Inside the eggs are treats and SPECIAL eggs including Tassel Top Park Family Season Pass and gift cards to local businesses provided by Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce



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



SHAPE THE FUTURE OF RAYMOND

THE TOWN OF RAYMOND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

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. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2004 and it is time for a new plan. 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 at 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.



RUN FOR OFFICE IN RAYMOND!

NOMINATION PAPERS (petitions) are now available at the Town Office to run for office in Raymond. The following positions will be elected on Tuesday, June 14, 2022

- 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

FMI 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.