

HELP US NAME THIS NEWSLETTER!

The last edition of the Raymond Road Runner was published over 10 years ago and now it's time to start something new. We think a fresh start may deserve a new name. Please let us know what you think.

1. The Raymond Express
2. Raymondtown Messenger
3. Raymond Citizen
4. The Raymond Voice
5. Or stay with The Raymond Road Runner

Vote by email: Kaela.Gonzalez@raymondmaine.org or call: 207-655-4742 x133



Nature's speed bumps on Gore Road no more!

By Kaela Gonzalez

"Hallelujah, finally" stated the school bus driver from MSAD # 15 Gray/New Gloucester as she drove down Gore Rd on her afternoon route. For many years the private section of Gore Rd in Raymond connecting to the Gray town line has been in disrepair. The section of road was well on its way to becoming nearly impassable. However, with some ingenuity, interlocal cooperation and financial contributions from the residents of both towns, a solution was found.

The Town of Raymond assumed ownership of that section after approval by the citizens of Raymond at the June 4, 2019 Annual Town Meeting. Raymond Public Works crew completed the ditching work and improving the drainage via new culverts. Base paving was completed on October 2nd. "It's been a long time coming. I am glad we could get it done and I am pretty pleased with how it came out," stated Public Works Director, Nathan White. The final surface pavement will be placed in the Spring of 2020, ending the long-standing problem of this failing road.

Photo by Don Willard

REMINDER Tax Payments are Due October 31st

Community Calendar

November

★ Thursday October 31st

- Tax Payments are due
- ★ Friday November 1st

7:00pm – 11:00pm Halloween Party hosted by the

Hawthorne Association @ Hawthorne House. FMI look for picture in this newsletter.

★ Monday November 4th

- Last day for Raymond Rec K-6 Basketball sign-ups. Email RaymondMaineRecreation@gmail.com for more information.
- 2:00 – 3:30pm Community Connections @ the Public Safety Building – Guest Speaker Attorney General of Maine, Aaron Frey. FMI: www.agefriendlyraymond.org

★ Tuesday November 5th

- 7:00am – 8:00pm Municipal & RSU #14 Elections @ Jordan Small Middle School
- 10:00am Early Release from Jordan Small Middle School

★ Wednesday November 6th

- 5:00pm – 6:00pm Jessica Fay Office Hours @ Raymond Village Library
- 6:30pm RSU #14 Board of Directors @ Windham Town Council Chambers

★ Friday November 8th

- 7:00pm – 9:00pm Jordan Small Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Dance

★ Monday November 11th Veterans Day

- No School & Town Office Closed

★ Tuesday November 12th

- 6:30pm Board of Selectmen meeting @ Broadcast Studio

★ Saturday November 16th

- 9:00am – 4:00pm Holiday Craft Fair @ Raymond Village Library

★ Wednesday November 20th

- 10:30am – 1:00pm Cumberland County Sheriff Free Senior Thanksgiving Lunch & Learn @ Camp Sunshine. Call FMI & to RSVP by Nov. 8th: 774-1444 x2228 or email: schnupp@cumberlandcountry.org - space is limited.
- 6:00pm Raymond PTO @ Jordan Small Middle School Library
- 6:30pm RSU #14 Board of Directors @ Raymond Broadcast Studio

★ Friday November 22nd

- 7:00pm – 9:00pm Mother/Son Dance K-8 grade @ Jordan Small Middle School

★ Wednesday November 27th

- No School – Start of Thanksgiving Break
- 9:00am – 4:00pm Thanksgiving Pie Sale @ Raymond Village Library

★ Thursday November 28th and Friday the 29th - Happy Thanksgiving!

- Town Office and Schools Closed Thursday and Friday

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE



Halloween Night

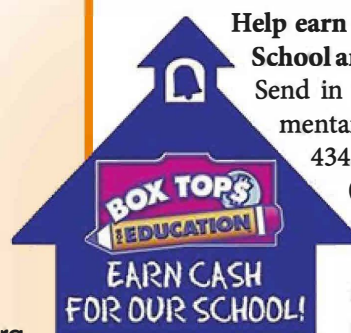
October 31st • 5:00-7:30PM

Main Street. Rte 121 to Sunset Street Both Lanes
Rte 121 to 302 One Lane
Westbound Traffic Allowed



Friday, Nov. 1st • 7-11pm
Hawthorne Rd, Raymond

Text RSVP to 207.693.5506
Costumes strongly encouraged
No Children Please



Help earn money for Jordan Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary School. Send in your Box Tops to Raymond Elementary School, Atten: PTO Box Tops, 434 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond ME 04071. Or download the Box Tops App, choose either school and scan your receipts, no clipping required. All of the money raised goes toward field trips, school supplies and scholarships.

DID YOU KNOW?

Raymond was originally called Raymondtown Plantation after the Massachusetts General Court granted Captain William Raymond and his descendants land for their service in King William's War. In 1803, Raymond became the 146th incorporated town in the District of Maine.

A Note from Randy Crockett, Principal at JSMS

It's been a busy fall for the fifth-grade students at Jordan Small Middle School. They recently had a special visit by a staff member from the Osher Map Library at USM to expand their knowledge of landforms, continents and map reading within the geography unit. The fifth graders also were able to go to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in September at no cost, including transportation! They learned about the effects of climate change on sea life and the ecosystem.

Pictured: Students working with antique maps from the Osher Map Library



The RVCC needs your help with donations!

Once again, Raymond Village Community Church will be helping to provide food for local families in need during Thanksgiving. Here are the items we are collecting this year. Donated food can be dropped off in the church vestry at 27 Main Street.

- October 27th - Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Stuffing
- November 3rd - Canned veggies, Pie filling, Pie crust
- November 10th - Mints, Bread mixes
- November 17th - Napkins, White or Sweet potatoes (canned or fresh)
- November 24th - Fresh produce to be added to the baskets.

If shopping for food is difficult, please won't you consider a cash donation instead? Cash donations will be used to purchase last minute items and gift cards which are provided to recipients so that they can purchase a turkey.

If you know of anyone who is facing a difficult time and should receive one of the Thanksgiving baskets, please provide their name, address and phone number to a Deacon or the Church office. Thank you for your support with this important mission project. FMI call 207-655-7749.



Raymond Village Library - Calling Crafters

RVL will be holding it's second Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 16th and are looking for participants that want to reserve a table. They are also seeking donations for the Holiday Basket Fundraiser. Items in very good condition to fill baskets plus volunteers to package the baskets are in need. FMI contact the library at 207-655-4283 or email rvidirector@gmail.com.



three sample photos of your work to RaymondArtsAlliance@gmail.com

The Raymond Arts Alliance exists to inspire connection, collaboration, education, and enjoyment. Its focus is to enrich our community through the arts and present events for all ages. Raymond Arts Alliance encourages community participation and provides a space where cultural diversity is celebrated. FMI check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/raymondartsalliance or visit www.raymond-villagelibrary.org/about-the-raa. If you would like your work displayed at the Raymond Village Library send inquires and



Notice of Municipal & RSU #14 Elections NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Voting Place: **Jordan Small Middle School**
Voting Place Location: **423 Webbs Mills Rd.**
Polls Open at **7:00 A.M.** Polls Close at **8:00 P.M.**

Referendum Questions To Be Voted On:

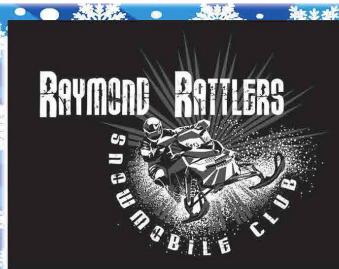
Question 1 – Bond Issue: "Do you favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue to build or improve roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit and ports and make other transportation investments, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds?"

Question 2 – Constitutional Amendment: "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow persons with disabilities to sign petitions in an alternative manner as authorized by the Legislature?"



Reminder! The sand and salt shed on Plains Rd (FL 89) opens to Raymond residents on November 1st, for those who wish to get sand for use on their residential driveways. The small wooden shed for residential use is located just inside the gate to the right. Open Monday – Friday 7:00am – 3:00pm, unless during a snow storm due to plow truck traffic. Residents should expect to get no more than a couple 5-gallon buckets at a time. Please be aware that all other areas of the Public Works yard are not for resident use. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director, Nathan White at 207-653-3641.

Become part of a GREAT TEAM!
Join Fire-Rescue
At Public Safety Building Every Wednesday at 6:30pm



It won't be long before the snow is falling and the sleds are back out! The Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club is comprised of volunteer members who provide trail maintenance for approximately 30 miles of trails. Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining or FMI please visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/raymond.snowmobile.club



DOG LICENSES

It is that time again! You can now license your dog for 2020 at the Town Office or online (there is a link in the right hand column at www.raymondmaine.org). Cost is \$6 for spayed/neutered and \$11 for unaltered dogs. Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination.

RECURRING Weekly Events

MONDAYS

- Baby Time 10:30am-11:30am @ the Raymond Village Library. Stories, songs and crafts aimed for babies and toddlers.
- Silver Sneakers Classic 11:00am-11:45am @ Saint Joseph's College. Improve muscular endurance and flexibility. FMI email Jenna Chase at jchase@sjcme.edu or visit www.sjcme.edu/life-and-community/health-wellness/silver-sneakers
- Cub Scouts Pack 800 (The Dens) 6:30pm-7:30pm @ Jordan Small Middle School. The Pack meets last Monday of every month 6:30-8:30pm @ Jordan Small Middle School. FMI visit www.raymondscouts.org

TUESDAYS

- Senior Library Hours 9:00am-12:00pm @ the Raymond Village Library.
- Silver Sneakers Stability 9:00am-9:45am @ Saint Joseph's College. Improve balance for fall prevention. FMI email Jenna Chase at jchase@sjcme.edu or visit www.sjcme.edu/life-and-community/health-wellness/silver-sneakers
- Boy Scouts Troop 800/Scouts BSA Troop 851 6:30pm – 8:00pm @ Raymond Village Community Church

WEDNESDAYS

- Preschool Story Time 10:30am – 11:30am @ the Raymond Village Library. Stories, songs and crafts for children preschool age.
- Silver Sneakers Muscle Class 11:00am – 11:45am @ Saint Joseph's College. Improve strength and functional skill. FMI email Jenna Chase at jchase@sjcme.edu or visit www.sjcme.edu/life-and-community/health-wellness/silver-sneakers

THURSDAYS

- Silver Sneakers Classic 9:00am-9:45am @ Saint Joseph's College. Improve muscular endurance and flexibility. FMI email Jenna Chase at jchase@sjcme.edu or visit <https://www.sjcme.edu/life-and-community/health-wellness/silver-sneakers>

FRIDAYS

- Silver Sneakers Walking Group 10:30am-11:30am @ Saint Joseph's College.
- Hatha Yoga 5:30pm @ the Village Library. Space is limited. FMI contact the Raymond Village Library 655-4283