



RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND - JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Introducing Alex Sirois, Raymond's New Code Enforcement Officer



The Town of Raymond is happy to introduce Alex Sirois, our new Code Enforcement Officer (CEO).

He comes to us from Casco, where he has worked for the past four years. He began his code enforcement career in Poland as the Assistant CEO. Alex has a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Husson University.

He grew up Maine, graduating high school from Poland Regional High School.

Raymond Backpack Program

The Raymond Backpack Program PICK-UP TIME HAS MOVED to coincide with the RSU #14 breakfast and lunch pickup for children. Pickup is still on Tuesdays at the Jordan Small Middle School but will now be from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

DONATIONS ARE STILL WELCOME!

Please send checks to
Town of Raymond,
Attn: Backpack Program,
401 Webbs Mills Rd,
Raymond ME 04071



If you are interested in volunteering to pack bags, donating shelf stable food items and more info contact Kaela Gonzalez at 655-4742 x133 or email: kaela.gonzalez@raymondmaine.org

Updates at Tassel Top Park

Under the leadership of Raymond's Recreation Director, Joseph Crocker, Tassel Top Park and Beach has been undergoing several changes. The Gatehouse and Snack Shack now accept credit and debit cards, making for more convenient transactions.

Barry Alden, the Facilities Maintenance Manager, has been working on landscaping throughout the park, transforming several areas and the beach to eventually accommodate more patrons comfortably. The beach area has been staked off in sections to allow beach goers designated areas to enjoy the sand and water and still maintain safe social distancing. There are grills and picnic tables near the beach and sweet treats available at the snack shack. Family friendly walking trails offer a chance to take a break from the hot sun.

When the weather is nice the park does reach capacity quickly, so it is best to call ahead (207-655-4675) before making the trip over.



Check their Facebook Page for daily updates and weather closure info.



PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Upcoming Traffic Pattern Change to the Intersection of Tenny Hill Road and Mountain Road.



Starting July 27th, road improvements to Shaw Road will begin and included ditching, tree removal, culvert replacement, paving and other upgrades. When finished with Shaw Road, the Public Works Department will start with the same road improvements to Mountain Rd spanning from Conesca Road to the intersection of Tenny Hill Road where the new stop sign will be installed, making the intersection a two-way stop.

FIREFIGHTERS & EMT'S

The Town of Raymond is seeking four full time FF/EMT's to join our Public Safety Department. These positions are 24 hour shifts on a rotating schedule. 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.

The Town of Raymond offers competitive wages, health and dental insurance, ICMA match retirement program as well as vacation, sick and holiday pay.



P/T VIDEOGRAPHER

The Town of Raymond is looking for a part time Videographer to record committee and Selectmen meetings. Most meetings are held in the evening although occasionally some may be during the day. The candidate must be willing to learn to run a fully digital IPTV broadcast studio.

The IPTV station consists of a custom studio control PC & a station control server. The studio control PC runs VMIX live production & streaming software & a fully digital Motu sound mixer. The station control server runs Avmeda broadcast automation software which supports two PEG cable channels (Public and Education). The server also streams live & prerecorded events to YouTube. Previous experience with video broadcast and a good knowledge of the Windows PC environment are essential. POSITION OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

Applications are available at: www.raymondmaine.org or at the Raymond Town Office or call for more info: 655-4742 x123. Completed application, cover letter and resume may be emailed to: rita.theriault@raymondmaine.org, faxed to 207-655-3024, or mailed to Town of Raymond, Attn: Rita M Theriault – 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

The Town of Raymond is an Equal Opportunity Employer

COVID-19 Update

The Town of Raymond has received a grant from the "Keep Maine Healthy" initiative. The initiative's aim is to assist municipalities in offering public education through signage and public service announcements (PSAs), that address Covid-19 best practices such as wearing masks and staying six feet apart if possible. It also aims to help communities implement physical distancing measures and to aid local businesses in also following best practices for Covid-19 spread prevention. With this grant, the Town of Raymond will be distributing several signs to local businesses and summer camps and around public places such as Tassel Top and Veteran's Park. The grant also has provided the funding for the town to install deluxe portable bathrooms at both the Veterans Park and Tassel Top Park, which are easier to clean and disinfect than a traditional porta potty. Stay tuned for Covid-19 PSAs that will begin airing on our website, Facebook page and local access channel soon.



STAY HEALTHY OUTSIDE COVID-19 TIPS:

RECREATE LOCALLY
Stay close to home and enjoy the outdoors
Explore activities like hiking, hunting, fishing, birding & more.

BE SAFE
• Avoid large crowds
• Wash your hands often
• Practice Social Distancing
• If your not feeling well, stay home.

It's always a good day for Responsible Recreation!
BE RESPECTFUL
Enjoy the outdoors responsibly
Check with your state/local laws & regulations
#ResponsibleRecreation

BE PREPARED
If crowded, choose a different location or time to visit
Cover your face

ELECTION RESULTS

- STATE OF MAINE DEMOCRATIC RESULTS**
- ★ REP. TO CONGRESS (DISTRICT 1)
Pingree, Chellie with 529 votes
 - ★ STATE SENATOR (DISTRICT 26)
Diamond, G. William with 528 votes
 - ★ REP. TO THE LEGISLATURE (DISTRICT 66)
Fay, Jessica L. with 429 votes
 - ★ REP. TO THE LEGISLATURE (DISTRICT 67)
Accardi, Susan Ann with 111 votes
 - ★ REGISTER OF PROBATE
Daniels, Nadeen M with 498 votes
 - ★ UNITED STATES SENATOR
Gideon, Sara I. with 397 votes

- STATE OF MAINE REPUBLICAN RESULTS**
- ★ UNITED STATES SENATOR
Collins, Susan Margaret with 318 votes
 - ★ REP. TO CONGRESS (DISTRICT 1)
Allen, Jay with 285 votes
 - ★ STATE SENATOR (DISTRICT 26)
Lockwood, Karen L. with 298 votes
 - ★ REP. TO THE LEGISLATURE (DISTRICT 66)
Foster, Gregory E. with 247 votes
 - ★ REP. TO THE LEGISLATURE (DISTRICT 67)
Austin, Susan M. with 69 votes

- STATE OF MAINE SPECIAL REFERENDUM**
- Question 1 passed with 808 votes
 - Question 2 passed with 812 votes
- MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS**
- ★ SELECT BOARD
Samuel Gifford with 799 votes
Lawrence Taylor with 757 votes
 - ★ BUDGET-FINANCE COMMITTEE
** There were no candidates on the ballot.
The write-in winners all declined to serve.
The Select Board is in the process of determining the next steps.*

- RSU #14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Anna Keeney with 865 votes
- ALL TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES PASSED**
- ALL RSU #14 BUDGET VALIDATION REFEREDUMS PASSED**

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT VOTED!

Where IN RAYMOND?



The new trail is part of Loon Echo Land Trust's Raymond Community Forest, a 356 acre permanently conserved area off Conesca Road in Raymond, and it is open to pedestrians and mountain bikes.

Photo by Kaela Gonzalez

The Hawthorne House needs your help!

Nathaniel Hawthorne's boyhood home, built around 1812, is one of the most important historic homes in the Lakes Region. The house is need of a new roof and supports, a new solid foundation to replace the old stone and granite, along with new siding.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation. Visit www.hawthorneassoc.com for more information on the building and how to donate.

WHERE IN RAYMOND ANSWER: Grape Expectations Trail

Raymond Village Library News



Now open to the public by appointment only.
Email: rvldirector@gmail.com or call 655-4283 to make a reservation. Appointment times are limited to 30 minutes. Patrons can reserve time for browsing and checking out library materials, computer usage or shopping the book sale.

Face coverings are required for all staff and patrons visiting the library. Hand sanitizer will be available for patrons before handling of library materials.

No-contact parking lot pickups will also continue to be available. Please contact the library to arrange a pickup time or to setup online access to your account for browsing and placing holds online.

Holiday Baskets - Summer Donation Drive

The library is collecting donations of new and gently used items throughout he year for the annual winter holiday basket sale. The holiday basket sale is one of our largest fundraisers of the year thanks to the generous donations we receive each year from RVL patrons and Raymond residents.

We are currently in need of both baskets and items to fill baskets for both children and adults for this year's event. Donations can be dropped off anytime during open library hours.

We are hopeful that we will be able to hold our popular annual holiday craft fair and our new Festival of Trees event this year as well. If you would be interested in a being a Festival of Trees sponsor, either as an individual, family or business, please contact the library for more information.

Do you have free time during social distancing?
Why not get trained in Sidekicks!

**AUG. 6 & 13, 2020 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM
VIRTUAL TRAINING**

Develop or improve your conversation skills by learning tips on how to hold difficult conversations about vaping and substance use with your friends & peers

Register for free:
director@betheinfluencewrw.org