

Donations still needed to purchase "The Thumper"

The Raymond Fire Rescue Association THANKS ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED

The Raymond Fire Rescue Association, which is a non-profit group, associated with our Fire/Rescue Department is doing a fundraising campaign to purchase a Lucas Tool known as "The Thumper" which will provide automated chest compressions on patients in cardiac arrest. Our heartfelt thanks to all of our citizens who have already donated. **If you would like to make a donation, mail a check to: Raymond Fire Rescue Assoc., PO Box 741, Raymond, ME 04071.**

Raymond PTO looking for help to raise money for a laminator

Raymond Elementary School is in need of a new laminator, which is used to cover paper sheets in plastic, making frequently referenced papers easy to clean. We are hoping to help raise money to fund this purchase. A laminator is a necessary tool in schools, especially these days. **Please look for a link to our GoFundMe page on Facebook (Raymond Schools PTO). Or email: Raymondschoolsppto@gmail.com to find out how you can help.**

Thank you, Raymond PTO members

DID YOU KNOW? Crescent Lake was once called "Great Rattlesnake Pond" and Raymond Pond was "Little Rattlesnake Pond"

Swimming in a rattlesnake pond doesn't sound like fun to me!!

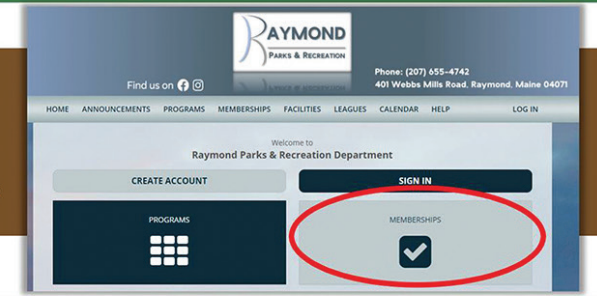
Tassel Top Park opening day is set for May 29th
It may seem like a long way away, but it will be here before we know it. We cannot wait to see you!!!

Tassel Top Park - Season Membership Available To Purchase Online!

Tassel Top Park Season Passes are now available to purchase online before the opening day! Save some time before you arrive and follow the steps below:

1 Go to our website www.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 please contact Raymond Parks & Recreation Director Joseph Crocker. Email: joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org Phone (207) 655-4742

RAYMOND ROADRUNNER
TOWN OF RAYMOND – JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

iaa
 Institute for Integrative Aging

ALL PROGRAMS ONLINE VIA ZOOM

SILVER SNEAKERS FITNESS CLASSES:
 Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays @ 9a.m.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:
 Jan. 28 @ 10a.m. Learn more about Hospice with Jason Libby

GENERATIONS UKULELE:
 Every other Wednesday @ 6p.m. next one on Jan. 27

INGERGEENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB:
 Once a month, Thursdays @ 2p.m.
 Find when the next meeting date is at: www.sjcme.edu/centers/institute-for-integrative-aging

RAYMOND RATTLERS UPDATE BY ALAN PLUMMER

Happy New Year everyone! Weatherwise, 2021 is off to a good start. Need to keep the cold temps coming, to freeze up the lakes & more snow so we can get our season started. If you have a snow dance or ritual keep doing them.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
 Single or family: \$35 (includes Maine Snowmobiler magazine if wanted)
 Business: \$50 (plus your business name in the Maine Snowmobiler business section)
 Make checks payable to: Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club
 Mail to: Raymond Rattlers SC P.O. Box 994, Raymond, ME 04071
 Club and contact info: Raymondmaine.org/departments/parks-recreation/raymond_rattlers

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LIBRARY UPDATES

Kanopy Streaming Movie Service: Raymond Village Library patrons with active library accounts can now access movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos for all ages through Kanopy streaming video service. Movies can be viewed on a wide variety of devices, including iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, Android, Android TC, Chromecast, Roku, FireTV, Fire tablet, and Samsung. Please contact the library FMI on accessing Kanopy.

Expended Curbside Pickup Hours: In addition to our regular library hours, patrons can now request curbside pickup on Thursdays from 10am-2pm. Requests can be made by phone or email to rvldirector@gmail.com. Books, movies, children's literacy backpacks, crafts & story time kits are all available for no-contact, curbside pickup during both open library hours and our new Thursday "curbside only" hours. The library catalog and new books list can be accessed on our website at www.raymondvillagelibrary.org.

Storefront Storywalk: Our new story stroll at the Raymond Shopping Center is ready for visitors! This winter's storefront story walk features "A Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats. The story starts at the Maine Dance Center and continues along the store windows all the way down to the final pages at 302 Nutrition. Thank you to Angel Nails, The Beacon, Prime Cut Meat Market, 302 Nutrition, and the Maine Dance Center for making this story walk possible!

A LETTER FROM THE RAYMOND ARTS ALLIANCE

I hope this find you and your loved ones safe and well. It has been a long time since we have held an event and we are certainly missing all of you who have participated in our offerings and supported us through the years. In light of the continuing need to physically distance, our activities will remain significantly pared down; this includes our newsletter. Please look to the Raymond Village Library Newsletter and Website and the Raymond Arts Alliance Facebook page for any news. And there is some! Please see below to learn of some of the exciting things, either in the works, or recently accomplished. We look forward to being in social connection with you all when possible. Wishing you and yours a very healthy and hopeful welcome to the New Year! Thank you, Mary-Therese Duffy

~ RAYMOND ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS ~

- The Artists in the Library exhibit program will resume in the New Year. If you would like to be part of it, please let us know at raymondartsalliance@gmail.com.
- The RAA was a recipient of an \$865 grant from the Maine Humanities Council! RAA applied for the grant to help fund equipment that would enable live streaming of concerts. Much appreciation goes to Representative Jessica Fay and to The Windham Eagle Newspaper past editor Lorraine Glowczack for their kind and insightful recommendation letters. As the MHC typically does not fund equipment needs, Jessica's and Lorraine's message regarding RAA's importance to the community went a long way in changing their minds.
- We had hoped to utilize the equipment for our first concert, live streaming the work of "Time Zones", an innovative group performing music from the Middle East, original jazz and more. The group includes Gary Wittner on the 7-string guitar, Michael Gallant on the violin, and Eric LaPerna on the tabla and other percussion instruments. We had scheduled this twice only to have to reschedule yet again. We hope to bring this to you soon, so do look for our notices!
- How about some Qigong? Speaking of live streaming, this is in exploration for a late Spring launch!

~ LAKES REGION WRITER'S GUILD NEWS ~

~ The Portland Press Herald recently published LRWG member, Kay Wheeler's essay: "Following the trail back to the beginning" which chronicles her challenging yet uncanny trek into her adoption history- all because she wanted a passport. You can find it in the 11/01/20 Sunday edition, and I hope you do! While in there, look for another wonderful piece by Kay on health care, vaccinations, and narrow escapes! Not to be missed!

But wait there's more! U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, singled out a poem by long time LRWG member, Leah Stetson. "My Glacial Erratic" received an Honorable Mention by Collins who called it "very imaginative and engaging..." It has recently been published in Fish Anthology 2020, Co. Cork, Ireland, a highly esteemed accomplishment in itself! You can enjoy Leah's passion for Gothic Romance writing, through her classes at Westbrook Adult Education. FMI: <https://strangewetlands.com/2020/10/08/romantic-writers-short-memoir>

Scholarship Opportunities

Take advantage of the many scholarships that are available to Raymond students!

Applications, along with at least two letters of references must be returned to the Town Office or organizations offering the scholarship **by April 30, 2021.**

For more info. call Sue Look, Town Clerk at 655-4742 x 121 or visit: www.raymondmaine.org/town-office/town-clerk/town-scholarships. Applications can be mailed to: Sue Look, Town Clerk, Town of Raymond 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

ATTENTION K-12 ARTISTS!

27th Annual Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program

Maine Audubon is collaborating with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the 27th annual Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program, and they looking for Maine students to submit some creative, innovative, beautiful waterfowl art!

Students will be able to submit an entry of approved waterfowl art into the competition. Designs are judged in four grade categories—K-3rd grades, 4th-6th grades, 7th-9th grades, 10th-12th grades—with awards for first, second, and third places and honorable mentions. The Maine Best of Show entry will compete with contest winners from other states in a national competition. The first place national winning design is used to create the Federal Junior Duck Stamp. Proceeds from the sale of Junior Duck Stamps (which cost \$5 each) support conservation education by providing awards and scholarships for students, teachers, and schools.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR THE 2020-21 CHALLENGE IS MARCH 1, 2021.

On January 28th starting at 3:30pm via Zoom wildlife artist and visiting school artist Michael Boardman will speak on how to draw ducks, what to look for when choosing a subject, and more. He will be joined by teachers who have been part of this project for years. They will describe how they have used the Junior Duck Stamp program in their classroom and provide tips and answer questions.

FMI visit: www.maineaudubon.org/education/juniorduck

ABOUT BROWNTAIL MOTHS – Part 1



Browntail Moth caterpillars proliferate throughout Maine. The insect feeds on the leaves of many common hardwood trees and shrubs. They have tiny, barbed hairs that can cause a skin rash and respiratory difficulties. The hairs can remain toxic for up to three years and are found everywhere in infested areas. Wind or activities like mowing or leaf blowing can stir up the hairs and cause a reaction for months, even after the caterpillars become moths.

In spring and as soon as the earliest leaf buds open, Browntail Moth caterpillars start to feed on the leaves. Infestations can cause reduced growth and branch dieback and can cause the trees and shrubs to die if infestations are severe enough and last many years. The caterpillars then form filmy cocoons between leaves on trees, under eaves, picnic tables, and decks. Adult moths emerge from their cocoons in late July and fly to the tops of trees to remain over the winter months. In the next spring, the process begins again.