**TOWN OF RAYMOND – OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**REMINDER**

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. Raymontown 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

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**Help us name this newsletter!**

Nature’s speed bumps on Gore Road no more!

By Kaela Gonzalez

“Halcyopic, finally” stated the school bus driver from MSAD #45 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 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 treatment will be placed in the spring of 2020, ending the long-standing problem of this failing road.

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**Did You Know?**

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 from a staff member from the Other Map Library at USM to expand their knowledge of landforms, continents and map reading within the geographic unit. The fifth graders also had the opportunity to go to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in September at no cost, including transportation! They learned about the effects of climate change and sea level rise and the ecosystem. Students working with antique maps from the Other Map Library.

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**Raymond Village Community Center**

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.

- **November 10th –** Canned vegetables, pie filling, pie crust
- **November 17th –** Meat, Bread mixes
- **November 24th –** Fresh produce to be added to the baskets.

If shopping for food is a difficult task, please don’t worry about 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 207-655-1749.

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**Did You License Your Dog?**

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Voting Place: Jordan Small Middle School
Voting Place Location: 423 Webb's Mills Rd, Polls Open at 7:00 A.M., Polls Close at 9:00 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?”

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**Raymond Village Library - Calling Crafters**

RVL will be holding its second Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 16th and are looking for participants that want to reserve a table. Please be aware that all 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.

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**Raymond Arts Alliance**

The Raymond Arts Alliance exists to inspire connection, collaboration, education, and enjoyment. The 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. Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/raymondartsalliance or visit www.raymondartsalliance.org for more information.

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

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**RECURRING 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.
- **Boy Scouts Troop 800/Scouts BSA Troop 851**
  - 6:30pm – 8:00pm @ Raymond Village Community Church

TUESDAYS

- **Senior Library Hours** 9:00am-12:00pm @ the Raymond Village Library.
- **Silver Sneakers Classic 11:00am-11:45am @ Saint Joseph’s College. Improve balance for fall prevention.
- **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 Classic 11:00am-11:45am @ Saint Joseph’s College. Improve balance and functional skills.
- **Boy Scouts Troop 800/Scouts BSA Troop 851**
  - 6:30pm – 8:00pm @ Raymond Village Community Church

THURSDAYS

- **Silver Sneakers Classic 9:30am-9:45am @ Saint Joseph’s College. Improve muscular endurance and flexibility.
- **Boy Scouts Troop 800/Scouts BSA Troop 851**
  - 6:30pm – 8:00pm @ Raymond Village Community Church

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

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**Thank you for your support!**

**Becoming part of a GREAT TEAM!**

**Join Fire 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 volunteers 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 our organization, please visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/raymondmaine-smc

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**DOG LICENSES**

It is that time again! You can now license your dog for 2020 at the Town Office (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.