RAYMOND ROADRUNNER TOWN OF RAYMOND - FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



🗚 Tuesday, March 3rd

 7:00am – 8:00pm Presidential Primary Elections @ the Jordan Small Middle School • 6:30pm Budget-Finance Committee/Board of Selectmen @ the Broadcast Studio - Department Head Review #1. Items to be covered: County Tax, Insurance, Code Enforcement, Revenues, Animal Control, General Assistance, Technology, Assessing, Raymond Village Library, Provider agencies, Recreation/Tassel Top and TIF.

Wednesday, March 4th

 1:00pm – 2:00pm Mindfulness Mediation @ St. Joseph's College. Limit 20. Cost \$8. To reserve a spot call or email 207-893-7642 iia@sjcme.edu

• 6:30pm RSU #14 Board of Directors @ the Windham Town Council Chambers

Monday, March 9th

 2:00pm Age-Friendly Raymond meeting @ Public Safety Building. Guest speaker, Heather Yenno from St. Joseph's College and the Institute of Aging.

Tuesday, March 10th

• 6:30pm Board of Selectmen meeting @ the Broadcast Studio

Wednesday, March 11th

• 6:00pm – 8:00pm Elements of Light and Value Drawing Class @ the Raymond Village Library. FMI or to register please visit http://www.raymondvillagelibrary.org

Tuesday, March 17th

• 4:30-6:00pm St. Patty's Day Free Community Meal @ the Raymond Village Community Church. Corned Beef and Cabbage.

• 6:00pm SL'ukes @ the Raymond Village Community Church. A concert by the Sebago Lake Ukulele Society. Suggested donation of \$5.

• 6:30pm Budget-Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen @ the Broadcast Studio – Department Head Review #2. Items to be covered: Public Works, Public Safety, Solid Waste, Cemeteries, Town Buildings, RSU Withdrawal Update, Solar Project, and Administration.

* Wednesday, March 18th

6:30pm RSU #14 Board of Directors @ the Broadcast Studio

* Tuesday March 31st

• 6:30 Budget-Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen Joint Budget Workshop

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 & flexibility. FMI email: Jenna Chase at jchase@sjcme.edu or visit: www.sjcme.edu/lifeand-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.raymondcubscouts.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 @ 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@sjhcme.edu or visit www.sjcme.edu/life-and-community/

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

• Raymond Lions Club 6:30pm Meets @ Public Safety Building first Thursday of each month

FRIDAYS: • Silver Sneakers Splash 9:15am-10:00am @ Saint Joseph's College. Increase strength, endurance and enhance cognitive health. FMI email Jenna Chase at jchase@sjcme.edu or visit www.sjcme. edu/life-and-community/health-wellness/silver-sneakers

• Hatha Yoga 5:30pm @ the Raymond Village Library. Space is limited. FMI contact the library at 655-4283 SATURDAYS: • Qigong 8:00am - 9:00am @ the Raymond Village Community Church. Qigong is the ancient Chinese practice of mindful movement. A new session starting Jan. 11th through Feb. 29th. Participants of all levels welcome. Suggested donation \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. Weather cancellations will be posted on Raymond Arts Alliance Facebook page.

STATE OF MAINE NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND SPECIAL REFERENDUM





Voting Place: Jordan Small Middle School 423 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond ME 04071 Polls Open: 7:00 A.M. ~ Polls Close: 8:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballot Processing: Monday, March 2nd at the Town Office beginning at 10am

Tuesday, March 3rd by the Warden at the Polls at 10A.M., 2P.M., 4P.M., 6P.M., 8P.M.

> Federal Office to be Voted on: President of the United States

Question to be Voted On: Question 1: People's Veto – An Act To Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements



This is to notify you that Raymond will be closing its roads to vehicles weighing in excess of 23,000 pounds on Friday, February 28, 2020 until May 1, 2020. Routes 85, 121, 302 and the Egypt Road will be exempt from this closure because they are State maintained roads. For a list of posted roads please visit www.raymondmaine.org. 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2395

NOMINATION PAPERS will be available beginning 8:30 am, Tuesday, March 3, 2020

For the following positions: ★ Selectman – 2 positions for 3-year terms

- ★ RSU #14 Board of Directors 1 position for a 3-year term

Positions to be elected on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:00 am to 8:00 pm @ Jordan Small Middle School gymnasium

Nomination papers are available at the Raymond Town Office during regular office hours. 25, but not over 100, registered Raymond voter signatures are required for being added to the ballot.

The DEADLINE for submission of nomination papers to the Town Clerk is Friday, April 10, 2020, at 4:00 pm.

STAFF PROFILE: Nathan White **Public Works Director**

By Kaela Gonzalez

Nathan White has made a lifelong career with the Town of Raymond. He has been here for over 25 years, starting with the Public Works Department in 1992, quickly heading up the department in 1994. With his many years of experience and thorough knowledge of Raymond, it's no wonder that many of us turn to Nathan when we have questions. Nathan and his crew are busy all year, but winter brings about an especially challenging time with often long stretches of work during storms. One storm this year required upwards of 36 hours of continuous plowing and clearing of snow. Last year Nathan prepared the Town to resume all plowing responsibilities with the purchase of a few more trucks and plows and the addition of 2 new employees plus a mechanic. No new venture comes without a few challenges but so far it has worked out well. I asked Nathan how he felt this season was looking: "It is going well. The guys are doing a fantastic job. Our response time is improved, and we feel the road conditions are better over last year."

Sebago Lake Rotarians foster the love of reading at the Raymond Elementary

By Beth Peavey

What a priceless opportunity the Raymond Elementary School students and next exciting story. teachers have experienced this year! President Ingo Hartig and Marge Barker, In addition to reading to students, the Sebago Lake Rotary Club has been from the SLRC, approached me prior to the start of the school year with a winan integral partner in supporting RES' recent Heifer International Read win proposition that could not be passed up. As Marge Barker often remarks, to Feed Reading Challenge. Through the generosity of varying Raymond "we want to support the school and instill the love of reading." businesses, families, and SLRC, we raised \$1530.

With Marge's dedication and organization, she procured ten volunteers who The RES community would like to give a BIG shout out and thank you are assigned to read to each of the classrooms either every other week or on a to the following SLRC volunteers for their service and dedication: Marge monthly basis. In addition to reading to the students the Sebago Lake Rotary Barker, Mark Morrison, Laura Morris, Rebeca Davis, Cyndy Bell, Ingo Club donates the book to the class library. Teachers have expressed how en-Hartig, Deb McPhail, Sheriff Joyce, and Deputy Schnupp.

Tess Ingraham receives Boston Cane

Story and Photo by Kaela Gonzalez Tess Ingraham started vacationing here in Raymond as a child after her family bought a farm on Webbs Mills Rd in 1926. Tess kept Maine and Raymond close to her heart and 36 years ago, after what she calls her husband's second retirement, she was finally able to call Raymond home. Tess is now 98 years young with a birthday approaching in the Spring. She is also Raymond's oldest citizen and on January 30th, Rolf Olson, Select Board Chair, presented Tess with the Boston Cane. "I wasn't sure how to take it. But it is a nice distinction to be the oldest person in Raymond," Tess said before receiving the cane. Tess is very active, has many social engagements and says that she loves her life. As we spoke it was very clear that Tess is proud of the fact that she is in good health, still lives at home and continues to drive. Tess has been an involved member of the community, volunteering at the library for the first 20 years after she moved here and then volunteering in the giftshop at Mercy hospital. Tess retired from Mercy at the age of 95!

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR MAILBOX MAIL READY IN WINTER Winter can really wreak havoc on our mailboxes. Here are some tips that may help keep

- your mailbox from falling victim to mounting snowbanks and plow trucks.
- Mailboxes should be at least 42 inches high to allow clearance for a plow wing
- Place mailbox on the right side of your driveway away from approaching traffic
- Clear snow away from the section of shoulder to the left of driveway this reduces snow build-up around the mailbox
- Remember to also clear enough snow before and after the mailbox so the mail carrier can enter and exit. USPS recommends a total of 30 feet - 15 feet prior to mailbox location and 15 feet cleared after.

NOTICE **★**

★ Budget/Finance Committee – 2 positions for 3-year terms

Seeking **Part-Time** 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 and a station control server. The studio control PC runs VMIX live production and streaming software and 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 and prerecorded events to YouTube. Previous experience with video broadcast and a good knowledge of the Windows PC environment are essential.

Applications are available at: www.raymondmaine.org Send completed applications and resume to: Rita M Theriault - Human Resources Officer Town of Raymond 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071 or electronically to: rita.theriault@raymondmaine.org Position open until filled Town of Raymond is an EOE

Town of Raymond Public Safety Sign-up and Referral Bonuses are now available.

FMI please visit: www.raymondmaine.org

gaged and excited the students are when the volunteers arrive to read the



Rolf Olsen, Raymond Select Board Chair with Tess Ingral



Scholarship Opportunities

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

Applications must be returned to the Town Office or organizations offering the scholarship by April 30, 2020. FMI call Sue Look, Town Clerk at 207-655-4742 x 121 or visit: www.raymondmaine.org/town-office/town-clerk/town-scholarships. Applications can be mailed to: Town of Raymond Sue Look, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond, ME 04071