Welcome new Finance Director and Treasurer for the Town of Raymond, Alexander C. Aponte

Alexander Aponte was appointed as the new Finance Director & Treasurer for the Town of Raymond on December 1st of 2020. He was unanimously voted into the role on December 8th by the Board of Selectmen. Alexander has over 20 years of accounting and finance experience, 10 years of management experience, and 12 years of self-employment experience. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Studies with a concentration in Accounting.

Alexander grew up in Boston and moved to Maine in 1997. He lives in Topsham with his husband, Kevin, and two sons, Dalton and Brayden, and one dog and two cats. They are also currently the foster parents of two boys. In his spare time, Alexander enjoys reading, biking, and spending time with his boys. He looks forward to utilizing his knowledge and experience to support the town’s finances. Most of all, he is eager to get to know the citizens of Raymond, as well as the overall community.

Employment Opportunities

- Full-time Paramedic/Firefighter
- Part-time EMT/Firefighter
- Part-time Administrative Assistant
- Animal Control Officer
- Part-time Videographer

For job descriptions and more info visit: www.raymondmaine.org

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**TOWN OF RAYMOND PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOMINATION PAPERS**

will be available beginning

8:30 a.m. Monday, March 1, 2021

for the following positions:

- Selectman – 1 position for a 3-year term
- Budget/Finance Committee – 3 positions for 3-year terms
- Budget/Finance Committee – 2 positions for 2-year terms
- RSU #14 Board of Directors – 1 position for a 3-year term

Positions to be elected on Tuesday, June 8, 2021

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Jordan Small School in Raymond

Nomination papers are available at the Raymond Town Office, 401 Webb Mills Road, during regular office hours.

The DEADLINE for submission of nomination papers to the Town Clerk is Friday, April 9, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

For more information contact Sue Look, Town Clerk via email at sue.look@raymondmaine.org or phone at 207-655-4742 x211.

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**Raymond Fire and Rescue**

**Virtual St. Patrick’s Day Concert with Jennifer Armstrong**

March 17th at 6:30pm via Zoom

Jennifer has spent her life writing, singing, and making music with fiddle, bagpipe, banjo and words. She is a storyteller, singer, instrumentalist, poet, and published author.

She works as an artist-in-residence in folk arts, storytelling and writing as well as a private teacher and a performer across the country. Jennifer was a featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival in 1998 and 2010, has been heard on NPR and has music recordings and published books to her credit.

Join us via Zoom on St. Patrick’s Day as Jennifer shares her Scottish border clan heritage in a program of mouth music, ballads, bagpipes, fiddle, and Celtic tales.

Stay FMI to register for this free Zoom program, please contact the library at 207-655-4283.

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**ABOUT BROWNTAIL MOTHS – Part 2**

How to identify winter webs and steps to take to avoid risks

Brown tail moths spend the winter as colonies of caterpillars in white silk tightly woven around a leaf or leaves in trees or shrubs. These webs can contain 25 to 400 caterpillars, and are spun in the early fall, and remain firmly attached to the tips of small branches all winter. Their webs are often confused with silken structures formed by other less serious species of moths, so be sure to identify the web correctly before taking action.

**BROWNTAIL PRECAUTIONS**

- Avoid places heavily infested by caterpillars
- Take a cool shower and change clothes after activity that might involve contact with hairs
- Dry laundry inside during June/July to avoid hairs getting onto clothing
- Use caution cleaning debris left by caterpillars because the toxin is extremely stable and remains a hazard for several years.

- In heavily infested areas, wear respirator, goggles, and coveralls (lightly sealed at neck, wrist, and ankles)

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**FMI and to download release form visit: www.Raymond.RecDesk.com or call 655-4742**

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**Winter Bingo Contest**

*Below are Winter activities that will help you enjoy the season. Fill in the boxes as you complete them, and be sure to take a photo of each activity.*

- **FIVE in a row across, down, or diagonally earns a Bingo!** When you’ve earned a Bingo, turn in your photos and Bingo Card by emailing Raymond Parks & Recreation at Joanne.krockerg@raymondmaine.org or turn in at our office at Town Hall.
- **Bingo cards must be returned by Sunday, March 7th to receive a prize.**

The prize is a raffle entrance for a family season pass membership at Tassell Top Park, for the 2022 season.

*Please remember to observe proper social distancing guidelines while playing Bingo; travel only with immediate family, allow at least 6 feet of distance between groups of people, and wear masks when you cannot physically distance far enough.*

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**Where IN RAYMOND?**

Pismire Mountain seen from Crescent Lake

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**Raymond Road Runner – February 2021 Newsletter**

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**Raymond Fire and Rescue Department extends their sincere thank you to all who donated and made this purchase possible!**

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**Snowshoe Day at Raymond Community Forest**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 6th

**TIME:** 9:00am to 12:00pm

**WHERE:** Raymond Community Forest (Trail Head)

**Description:** Loon Echo Land Trust and Raymond Parks and Recreation Department are teaming up to have families try snowshoeing for FREE! We will have snowshoes available to use on the trails from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Please remember to observe proper social distancing guidelines while participating: travel only with immediate family, allow at least 6 feet of distance between groups of people, and please wear a mask when you cannot keep 6 feet apart.

GET OUTDOORS!

**Spending time outdoors increases attention span, reduces stress, and just makes you feel good!**

For information on area trails to explore this winter visit: www.loonecholandtrust.org/news/winter trembling/

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**THANK YOU!**

Connor Galvin, FF/EMT, demonstrates the new Lucas Tool “Thumper.” The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department extends their sincere thank you to all who donated and made this purchase possible!

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**Vaccines are now being offered!**

Some of the local sites are listed below - but please note all are still waiting to receive vaccines at this time.

Our recommendation for those over age 70 is to call the numbers below and try to secure an appointment.

We understand the frustration many are having in trying to find a site to get your vaccine- all we can say is keep trying!

There is NO out of pocket charge for the vaccine, but you are asked to bring your insurance card if you have one.

- **Bridgton Hospital:** call 207-520-2917
- **Central Maine Medical Center:** call 207-520-2917
- **Maine Health:** call 877-780-7545
- **St. Mary’s Hospital:** call 207-755-3100
- **Northern Lights Sites:** call 207-204-8591
- **Walmart pharmacies may also receive doses in the next few weeks,**

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**About Brown Tail Moths**

**WEB DESCRIPTION:**

2-5 inches (5-10 cm) long
- white silk tightly woven around a leaf or small number of leaves
- small brown hairy caterpillars
- strong of white silk tying leaf petiole to twig
- small brown hairy caterpillars inside dense silk
- on branch tips of oak, apple, crabapple, cherry, shadbush and rugosa rose (occasionally other trees as well)
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