



# RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

## TOWN OF RAYMOND - NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Raymond's 2022 Town Reports are available at the Town Office. Stop by to grab a copy!**

### Public Safety Electric Vehicle Training

Raymond Fire and Rescue held Electric Vehicle Training on November 9. The goal of this training was to review how to identify an electric vehicle, the unique issues that arise when an EV is involved in a crash or fire, and resources to help identify the actions necessary to mitigate hazards, facilitate rescues, and provide safety to responders and the environment.



A 40 Minute PPT presentation and review of reference guides from NFPA concluded with a 40-minute review of the town's electric vehicle the Chevy Bolt. The Bolt was raised on blocks so the battery area could be reviewed. Students identified electrical disconnects, which wires were safe to cut for power if needed, and reviewed the safety features like airbag systems, and procedures for responding to incidents involving EV's.

The town acquired the Chevy Bolt in 2020 with the assistance of a grant through Efficiency Maine.

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NOTICES

**TRASH REMINDER:** NO trash or recycling pickup on Thursday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Residents on the Thursday pickup route will need to hold their waste until the following week. There will not be an alternate pickup date.

**TOWN OFFICE HOURS:** The Town Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

*May your holiday be full of blessings, gratitude, love, and an abundance of happiness!*  
*The Town of Raymond wishes you and your families a*

*Happy*  
**THANKSGIVING**



**Raymond**  
**Schools PTO**  
**UPDATES**

**THANK YOU:** The Raymond Schools PTO would like to thank The Goodlife Market, Aroma Joe's Raymond, and The Bibliophile Bookstore & Coffeeshop for sponsoring our fundraising & community events this fall! *We are grateful for your collaboration and generosity that benefits our Raymond students.*

**CLYNK DONATIONS:** We are collecting donations for CLYNK to fund spring field trips for Raymond students! You can donate to us using your online portal at [www.clynk.com](http://www.clynk.com), request bags from our team at [raymondschoolspto@gmail.com](mailto:raymondschoolspto@gmail.com) or drop off full bags at 30 Rockwood Acres, Raymond, ME 04071 until December 31st!

**SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** If you are interested in contributing to our 'Sponsor a family' initiative for this holiday season email: [raymondschoolspto.org](mailto:raymondschoolspto.org).



### State of Maine Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens

*This is a state program that allows certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead.*

**Applications are due by December 1, 2022**

For more information or an application visit:  
[www.raymondmaine.org/content/state-maine-property-tax-stabilization-program-details](http://www.raymondmaine.org/content/state-maine-property-tax-stabilization-program-details)  
or stop into the Town Hall

### Winter Sand & Salt Shed Open

Raymond residents are welcome to get small amounts of sand/salt for use on walkways and driveways.

Please respect the limit of two 5-gallons buckets at a time.

**The Sand and Salt Shed is located on Plains Rd (FL 89) & the gates are open from 7am-3pm, Monday-Friday.** All other areas and equipment remain off limits to the public.

*The shed is closed during snowstorms for safety and to allow the plow truck traffic to move freely.*



### 2023 DOG LICENSES

You can license your furry friends in person at the Town Office or online at: [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org). Follow the link for Dog Licensing under Online Transactions>Animal Welfare on the right-hand column of the home page.

**DEADLINE FOR IS RENEWAL JANUARY 31, 2023**  
*Renewals after this date will incur a \$25 late fee*



**In honor of National Recycling Week  
in November, the  
Raymond Recycling Committee wants  
to give you some EASY TIPS TO RECYCLE!**

### THE TOWN OF RAYMOND OFFERS ZERO-SORT RECYCLING WITH YOUR TRASH PICK-UP.

#### Recycling At Home- Zero Sort makes it easy!

- Use a tote and place your recycling out with your trash to be picked up.

#### Here are some simple tips to recycle more effectively:

- Flatten down cardboard boxes
- Rinse out plastic, glass bottles and cans
- Recycle newspapers, wrapping paper, envelopes, birthday cards and phone books. All sorts of cardboard can be recycled, too, even toilet and paper towel tubes.
- Keep the recycling container next to the trash can and remind everyone to recycle as much as possible.
- What to recycle: plastic and glass bottles, cans, white and colored paper, magazines, junk mail and catalogs!
- Please NO food waste, Styrofoam, food wrappers, plant material or hazardous waste.

More info about Raymond Recycling can be found at:  
[raymondmaine.org/content/recycling-faq](http://raymondmaine.org/content/recycling-faq)  
[raymondmaine.org/content/recycling-committee-1](http://raymondmaine.org/content/recycling-committee-1)

**ALSO VISIT:  
ZEROSORT.COM**

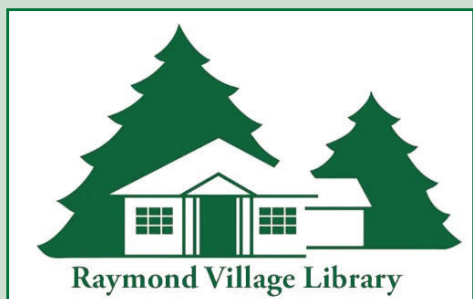






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Please contact RVL with any questions or to register for any of the events listed below.  
207-655-4283 or visit 3 Meadow Road, Raymond

**Saturday, Nov. 19th @ 6:30pm**

**Maine Author, Tim Caverly**

presents, "So You Think You Know Maine?"

*This presentation will be fun for the entire family!*

**Saturday, Nov. 26th @ 6pm**

**Phil'n the Blanks Live Music**

*Join us for a night of free music from Raymond's own Phil'n the Blanks! Harmonizing on popular cover songs from all of your favorite music eras.*

**Sunday, Nov. 27th @ 5pm**

**In-Person Holiday Tree Lighting!**

*Special performance by the Raymond Elementary School Chorus, cookies, popcorn, cocoa, and a visit from Santa! Special Children's Story Time & Crafts at 4:30pm prior to tree lighting.*

**Monday, Nov. 28th @ 6pm**

**RVL Book Group**

**in person or via Zoom**

*Join us in discussing our November book title:*

*"A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness & a Trove of Letters Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression" by Ted Gup*

**Friday, Dec. 2nd @ 10:30am**

**Story Time Away!**

*Join us for a special story time event at Balsam Ridge Christmas Tree Farm, 140 Egypt Rd, Raymond*

**Saturday, Dec. 3rd @ 10:30am**

**Holiday Floral Arrangement Class**

**with Jess Fay!**

*Space is limited for this one so be sure to pre-register.  
Snow day is Sunday, December 4th*

**Saturday, Dec. 10th @ 4pm**

**Wine-Tasting Class for Beginners:  
Holiday Edition!**

*Learn basic terminology, tasting techniques, wine & food pairing, and more! All attendees must be at least 21 years of age. Space is limited for this event so be sure to pre-register.*

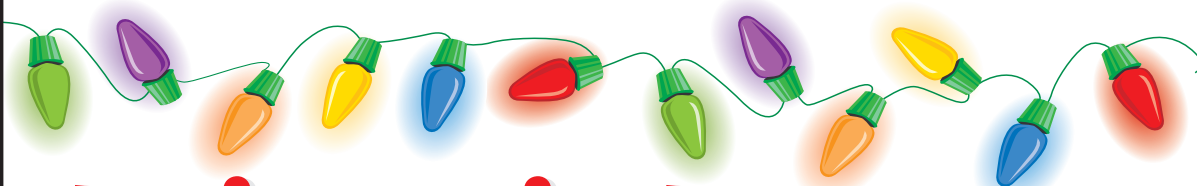
**Holiday Event  
Donations Needed!**

**HOLIDAY BASKET SALE ITEMS**

*Donations for our annual holiday basket sale can still be dropped off during any open library hours. Any and all items that would fit into holiday baskets, or donations of completed baskets will be gratefully accepted through the season.*

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

*The Raymond Village library is an official Toys for Tots drop off location for the 2022 holiday season. New toy donations will be collected throughout the month of November. All donations will be transported to the Toys for Tots Distribution Center on Dec. 2nd.*



# HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

**CALLING ALL  
CHRISTMAS  
DECORATING  
ENTHUSIASTS  
TO LIGHT UP  
THE TOWN!**

### WHAT IS IT?

The First Annual Raymond Residential Christmas Light Contest! Raymond Residents are invited to participate in this fun holiday competition and show off your incredible decorating skills and your beautiful homes. Residents will sign up to participate and come up with a holiday display to impress the judges. Decorations can include lights, blow-up decorations, or any other creative ideas you can bring to the table. Once contestants have signed up, their home addresses will be provided to honorary local business judges and fellow Raymond resident judges who will drive by all the contestants' homes during the first week in December and vote on their top 3 Christmas light displays. *Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 houses and prize packs include cash, gift cards and swag donated by local Raymond businesses.*

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Raymond Residents can get involved in multiple ways! You can sign up as a contestant and showcase your holiday decorating skills OR you can sign up as a judge.

### CONTESTANTS:

To participate in the contest, simply email Jackie Sawyer no later than November 23rd.

To be eligible to participate, you must be a Raymond resident and must be willing to provide your address and simple driving directions so that judges can find your home. Contestants will be provided a contest sign that will be clearly displayed in your yard for judges to easily identify your home. Judging will take place Dec. 1st – 4th. Winners will be announced by Dec. 9th.

### JUDGES:

If you are not quite up for taking part in the competition, but still want to participate and see the light displays, you can email Jackie Sawyer by November 30th. You will be provided with a list of contestants' addresses, a town map, and a scoring sheet. To be an official judge in the contest, you need to commit to viewing ALL the light displays between Dec. 1st and 4th. Score sheets must be submitted by noon on Monday Dec. 5th and winners will be announced Friday, Dec. 9th.

**TO SIGN UP AS A CONTESTANT OR AS A JUDGE, PLEASE EMAIL JACKIE SAWYER AT JACKIE@MESERVIER.COM. YOU CAN ALSO CALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS: 207-749-6849.**



*This event is being sponsored and organized by Jackie Sawyer, a Raymond resident and local real estate agent, to bring together the community of residents and local businesses for some holiday cheer and friendly competition.*



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

FMI & to register for all programs visit:  
[RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM](http://RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM)

**Pre-K & Kinder Basketball Instructional Clinics:** This is a clinic styled program in partnership with Windham Youth Basketball Association & the Windham High School Basketball players and coaches. They will teach the fundamentals of basketball such as footwork, dribbling & passing. The program will take place at either WHS or JSMS gym.



**Karate Program Winter Session  
Grades K - 4**

**Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>** (when school is in session)

**Held at Raymond Elementary Gym**

**Cost \$125  
Optional add  
on uniform  
\$35**

*Children will be dismissed directly from school to the instructor. Guardians will need to pick up at the school.*

**Raymond Ski Program / Grades 2 - 8 (Pleasant Mountain)**

**Fridays, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> / Cost: \$150 Bus & Lift Ticket**

(other price options available) Bus leaves RES/JSMS at 3p.m. & returns to JSMS at 7:30p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** This program relies on volunteer chaperones.

Even if you do not know how to ski we need bus, den, and ski volunteers.

To volunteer please email: [joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org](mailto:joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org)

