



# RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

## TOWN OF RAYMOND - AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Raymond Comprehensive Plan Committee Survey



Visit our website to share your **BIG IDEAS** for Raymond in a Survey



[compplan.raymondmaine.org](http://compplan.raymondmaine.org)

### ANNOUNCEMENT CAMP WILLIAM HINDS SHOOTING EVENT Fri., Sept. 8th

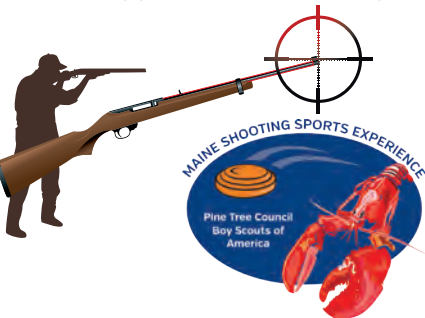
The Boy Scouts of America, Pine Tree Council #218, will be holding a shooting event at Camp Hinds on Plains Road from approx. 8:30am-4:30pm



#### PLEASE NOTE:

The gunfire noise from this event will be heard throughout Raymond.

If you have any questions contact Matthew Klutzaritz, Scout Executive/CEO at [matt.klutzaritz@scouting.org](mailto:matt.klutzaritz@scouting.org)



### Town of Raymond Planning Board Committee Position

Have you ever wanted to have more say in the development of Raymond? The Planning Board Committee has an opening for a new board member! This is a volunteer position. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month as needed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION STOP BY THE TOWN OFFICE.

Current members are listed on the website at:

[www.raymondmaine.org/boards-committees/planning-board](http://www.raymondmaine.org/boards-committees/planning-board)



### BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION AND SAFETY TIPS

The 2023 Summer season has flown by. It felt like Spring finally arrived and then it quickly went March, April, May, June, July to AUGUST! While there is still plenty of warm weather and sunshine to be found, it's also time to think about sending the kids back to school. **Raymond schools start the 23-24 school year on Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup>.** This will mean school buses, slowed commute times, and young drivers and pedestrians on the roads. Going back to school always brings traffic congestion with kids trying to get to school before the bell rings and harried parents trying to get to work. Be aware and alert when you are traveling in school zones. *Check out the below safety tips to prepare yourselves for the upcoming school year.*

- SLOW DOWN – school zones have a 15mph speed limit
- STAY ALERT – distracted driving is never ok and especially important around kids
- Familiarize yourself with the school's drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Don't double park during drop off or load/unload children across the street from the school
- Never pass a bus from either direction if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the "stop arm" is out on a bus and yellow or red lights are flashing, traffic MUST stop
- Children can be unpredictable, stop far enough back to give them plenty of space
- Always stop for a crossing guard or school patrol officer directing traffic
- Do not block a crosswalk with your vehicle
- Teach your kids bus stop safety - how to stand back on the curb and how to cross 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see them.
- If your child is walking or riding a bike to school – review your family's safety rules. Make sure they know the route, how to safely cross a street, and how to ride or walk with traffic
- Practice driving in congested areas with new teen drivers
- Set good examples for your kids
- ALWAYS follow school zone speed limits

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

## FULL-TIME RAYMOND LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The Library Director provides professional, administrative, and supervisory work in directing the programs and operations of the Town's public library including the implementation of all library functions, staffing and activities, and provides leadership for improving public library services to the community.

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Applications are available on the website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org) or at the Raymond Town Office.

Completed application, cover letter and resume can be emailed to: [cathy.gosselin@raymondmaine.org](mailto:cathy.gosselin@raymondmaine.org), or mail to the Town Office:

Cathy Gosselin - Human Resource Officer  
401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071  
207-655-4742 X 123

### POSITIONS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

*The Town of Raymond is an Equal Opportunity Employer*





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### Raymond-Casco Historical Society ONGOING EVENTS

The museum is open on Saturday and Sunday throughout the fall and the Black Smith Shop has had ongoing forging demonstrations from local blacksmiths. Lucas Damen of Naples, Maine and Tony "Thor" Stanley of New Gloucester, Maine showcase their passion, knowledge, and talent for blacksmithing using tools from the 1900's to create beautiful functional art in the newly restored historic Watkins Blacksmith Shop.

Visit: [raymondcascohistoricalsociety.org](http://raymondcascohistoricalsociety.org) or their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/localhistoryfan](https://www.facebook.com/localhistoryfan) to see their list of ongoing events.



Lucas Damen



Tony "Thor" Stanley



Raymond Elementary School  
Popsicles with  
Principal Peavey  
at the RES Playgound

August 24th from 5:30-6:30pm

## RAYMOND PARKS & RECREATION Open Fall REGISTRATIONS

REGISTER ONLINE FOR ALL PROGRAMS OR TO BE A  
VOLUNTEER AT: [RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM](http://RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM)

### Kinder Kickz Instructional Soccer

Kinder Kickz is an instructional soccer program that will introduce the sport in a fun and engaging way. Parks and Recreation staff will lead the sessions. Parent participation is required to help with drills and activities.

Early Program Fee: \$25 Raymond Residents  
Program Dates: Saturdays September 16th to October 21st  
Kinder Kickz Age 3: 8:30-9:15am  
Kinder Kickz Ages 4 & 5: 9:15-10am  
Where: Camp Agawam Fields



### Fall Soccer Program

Grade Divisions: Coed 1st & 2nd Grade  
Boy's 3rd & 4th Grade / Girl's 3rd & 4th Grade  
Boy's 5th & 6th Grade / Girl's 5th & 6th Grade  
3rd-4th & 5th-6th Divisions will play in the Lakes Region Rec Soccer League

Early Registration Fee: \$40 • Regular Registration fee: \$50

### Raymond Running Club – Cross Country

When: Mondays & Wednesdays (when school is in session)  
September 11th to October 14th

Time: Monday – 3:15-4:15, Wednesday 12:30 to 1:30pm  
Grades: K-4 • Early Registration Fee: \$25

Raymond Running Club will be holding a Cross Country season!  
This will focus on long distance running with XC meets on the weekends.



### Karate Program Fall Session

When: Wednesdays (when school is in session)  
September 6th to November 29th • Time: 12:30-1:30

Cost: \$125, add uniform cost of \$35 (required if you do not have one)  
Where: Raymond Elementary School Gym (Grades K-4th)

Children will be dismissed directly from school to the instructor. Parents and guardians will need to pick up at school.



### After School Science Programs

**Plant Lab Fun** Are plants alive? What do they need to survive and thrive? Do we (mammals) have something in common with plants? Answer those questions as we explore everything plants. Use plants for art, learn about invasive species, explore all the ways plants defend themselves, learn about extinct plants, make a plant fossil, and more fun hands-on plants science!

6 class session: Fridays Sept. 15th – Oct. 20th & Thursday Oct. 5th (No class 10/6)  
Time: 3:15-4:15 • Registration Fee: \$95 • Minimum/Maximum – 10/15

### Inventions & Engineering: Inventors, Engineers, & Problem Solvers

Calling all problem solvers who love challenges! We will encounter many problems, from engineering to forensics. Did someone say hidden messages? Uncover how you can write secret messages, build a bridge, solve a crime scene mystery, find the missing bird and more. We will have fun working together as we look for solution to those and other challenges.

6 class session, Fridays Oct. 27th – Dec. 15th (No class on 11/10 or 11/24)  
Time: 3:15-4:15 • Registration Fee: \$95 • Minimum/Maximum – 10/15

## EVENTS

3 Meadow Road, Raymond • 207-655-4283  
[raymondvillagelibrary.org](http://raymondvillagelibrary.org)  
Follow us on Facebook

Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9am-6pm;  
Tues. 9am-12pm (Seniors only); Sat. 9am-4pm



Raymond Village Library

### Boppa Chua Returns! Free Live Music

Saturday August 19th @ 7:30pm (Location TBD)

Boppa Chua!: The history of the 1950's and 60's through popular song. New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee, Marc Black, will guide you through an evening of song, storytelling, and laughter through these two historically defining decades.

### Essential Oils Class with Chris Ventura –

Monday August 21st @ 6pm (\$10 per person \*cash only\*)

Explore nature through herbs and essential oils! Did you ever wonder what previous generations knew about natural home remedies? Come learn about fascinating qualities of essential oils and how they can be used to help our bodies heal and stay strong. Includes a "make & take" bottle of all-natural mosquito, flea, and tick repellent for use at home.

\*Limited space for this event so please pre-register

### The Power of Budgeting for Teens

Wednesday August 23rd @ 5pm

Join Financial Advisor Jamee Shinn as she discusses the Power of Budgeting for teenagers and their guardians. This seminar will explore the importance of creating and maintaining a budget, examine the difference between wants and needs, and how to set goals for personal spending, savings, and debt repayment.

For more info. or to pre-register for any of the listed events, please contact RVL: 207-655-4283 • [rvldirector@gmail.com](mailto:rvldirector@gmail.com)

THE TOWN OF RAYMOND AND THE FRIENDS OF THE RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALLISON GRIFFIN FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY WORK AS THE RVL DIRECTOR. Allison has been the heart and soul of the library for many years and has decided to embark on a new adventure.

We wish you all the best on your new journey Allison,  
you will be greatly missed!!

