



# RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

## TOWN OF RAYMOND - DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



**PLEASE NOTE:** The town office will be closing at 1PM on Dec. 22nd

*We wish you all a warm, happy holiday season and a joyous new year!*

### TRASH PICK-UP NOTICE:

**There will be no pick-up on Christmas Day, December 25th**

RESIDENTS ON THE MONDAY TRASH ROUTE WILL NEED TO HOLD THEIR WASTE UNTIL MONDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024. THERE WILL BE PICK UP ON THE NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY.

### 2024 DOG LICENSES

**REMINDER 2023 DOG LICENSES EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST**

License in person at the Town Office or online at: [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org). There is a link for Dog Licensing under Online Transactions> Animal Welfare on the right-hand column of the home page.

**RENEWALS AFTER JANUARY 31, 2024**  
*will incur a \$25 late fee*



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Visit [www.raymondvillagelibrary.org](http://www.raymondvillagelibrary.org) for calendar of events  
FMI call 207-655-4283 or visit 3 Meadow Road, Raymond

### Raymond Village Library HOURS UPDATE

BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 THE RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY WILL BE ADJUSTING HOURS.

The most notable changes are that the library will be closed on Mondays & open on Thursdays. Baby Storytime will now be Thursdays at 10:30am.

Sunday & Monday: Closed  
Tuesday–Wednesday: 9am–6pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9am–2pm

*Scrambling for last minute Christmas gifts?!?!?*

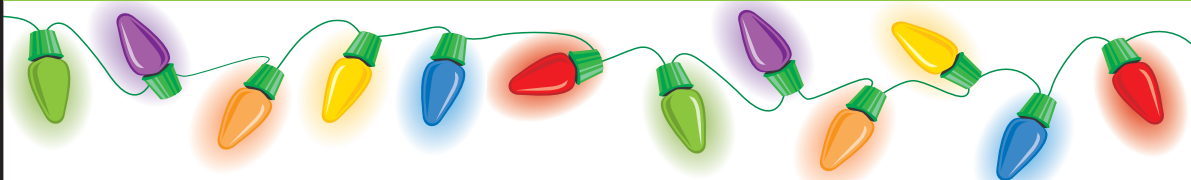
**Don't forget to check out Raymond's Business District WHERE YOU CAN SHOP AND SUPPORT LOCAL!!**



**YOU WILL FIND ALL YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS...**

boutique shopping for jewelry and clothing, fresh market goods and meats for your festive gatherings, tree trimmings and wrapping supplies, toys for the little ones, pet gear and supplies for your furry friends, nutritious drinks to keep you going + coffee coffee coffee, pizza and sandwiches for an easy delicious bite, hair salons to have you your feeling your best, and an endless supply of gift card opportunities for those hard to shop for people on your list!

*Shop local to support those making a difference in your community!!*



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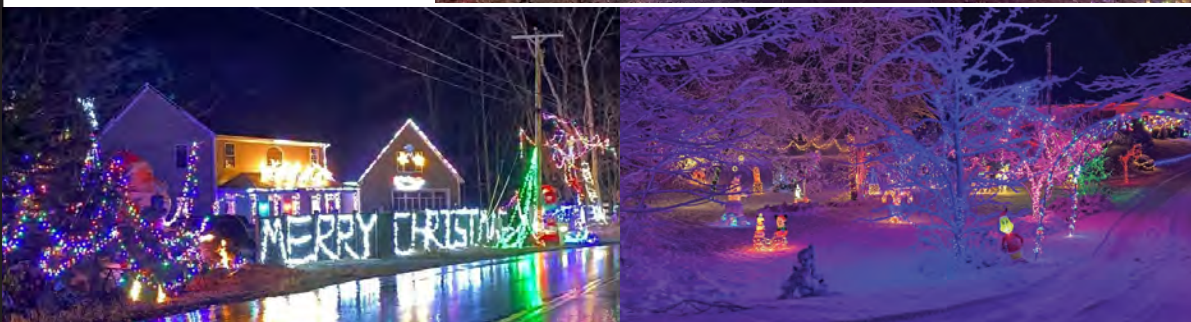
## HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

**There were 11 contestants this year and over 200 votes!!**

**CONGRATS TO THESE WINNERS!**

### FIRST PLACE 13 POND ROAD

Prize:  
The Good Life Market gift basket,  
302 Nutrition tumbler and \$20 gift card,  
\$50 Aroma Joe's gift card, and \$300 cash prize!



### SECOND PLACE 260 WEBBS MILLS ROAD

Prize: The Good Life Market gift basket, \$25 Aroma Joe's gift card, \$200 cash prize!

### THIRD PLACE 10 POND ROAD

Prize: The Good Life Market gift bag, \$10 Aroma Joe's gift card, and \$100 cash prize!

**A huge thank you to all our contestants and judges and a special thank you to Jackie Sawyer, local Raymond resident and Real Estate Agent in Raymond for sponsoring this festive event!!**  
**Also, a big shout out to our local businesses who are always so generous with sponsoring events: Good Life Market, 302 Nutrition, and Aroma Joe's Raymond all donated prizes to help make this event possible.**





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**Thank you to all who came out for the annual Tree Lighting Festival at Raymond Village Library.**



**There was a huge turnout for this event, and we are so happy that so many in our community were able to join us in celebrating the holiday season.**

**EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS to: the Raymond Elementary School Chorus, Raymond Village Library, Friends of RVL, Raymond Parks & Recreation, Raymond Aroma Joes, and the Raymond Schools PTO.**



## RAYMOND LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

**RAYMOND LIONS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CLUB THROUGH THE YEARS.**

**The backing by the town, library, fire department, businesses, and of course (and especially) the public at large has been a key factor in our club's success. THANK YOU!**

As Lions all monies raised from the public must be given back to the public, either locally or internationally. Several of the club's most recent projects have been completed this fall. We replaced the bottle bin on Route 302 with a larger unit and moved the old bin to the Town Office, where there are now 2 bins! The bottle bins help fund our scholarships and other Lions projects to support the community near and far. The flags along Route 302 have been put to bed for the winter; thanks to all who participated in this annual project over the years as it has now been turned over to the town. Our vision screening of kids at schools in Raymond & Windham has been completed for the year.

The Lions mission statement is: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation." As Lions, all are heard; we do not discuss politics or religion and provide equal opportunity for all. We have had to scale back on many of our fundraising projects due to the small size of our club but continue to make a difference in Raymond and the surrounding area. The club provides emergency disaster relief funding for many domestic tragedies.

**We really need your help to grow our club so we can continue to continue supporting our motto "We Serve".**

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS WHO WANT TO MAKE DIFFERENCE WITH A MINIMUM OF TIME COMMITMENT.**

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, in person or by Zoom. Please join us and help keep Raymond a caring community.

We are also looking for people that would be willing to help with fundraising endeavors that may occur during different parts of the year.

**If you're interested, contact Bob Wallace at 207-653-2388.**

### PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE REGARDING WINTER WEATHER:

It's that time of year where our Public Works crew is always on high alert for inclement weather! Please be patient with our road crew as they work hard to keep our roads cleared and safe for traveling. We understand that sometimes travel can't be avoided during winter weather. For your safety and the safety of others, please stay home if your travel is not essential.

*If you have concerns or want to report poor road conditions due to weather, please call 653-3641 and speak to someone. DO NOT EMAIL. It may be more than 48 hours before an email is seen, especially during inclement weather.*



Look over the "WINTER SAFETY DRIVING TIPS" provided by Maine DOT at:  
<http://maine.gov/mdot/winterdriving>  
for a refresher on driving in Maine Winters!

## RAYMOND PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

### Raymond Ski Program: for 2nd thru 8th graders:

**Fridays, Jan 19th to Feb 16th**

Bus leaves from RES/JSMS at 3:00pm and will return to JSMS for 7:45p

**Cost for Bus & Lift Ticket \$160** (other pricing options available)

REGISTER AT: [RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM](http://RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** This program will not run if the 12 volunteer positions are not filled. **FREE lift tickets for day of Ski Chaperones.** If interested email: [joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org](mailto:joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org)

### Basketball Game with the Maine Celtics

**Sunday, January 14th @ Portland Expo**

Gates open at Noon, Game starts at 1:00pm

**DEADLINE to PURCHASE TICKETS: January 7th**

To join the fun or if you have questions contact

Joe Quintan at 207-210-6655 or [jquinlan@maineceltics.com](mailto:jquinlan@maineceltics.com)



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

### MANAGER, COURTESY BOAT INSPECTIONS (CBI) PROGRAM, RWPA

The Raymond Waterways Protective Association (RWPA) is dedicated to preserving the water quality of Raymond's lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. Among other things, it has taken the lead in eradicating invasive milfoil in the Raymond waters of Sebago Lake and runs the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program to ensure that invasives of all kinds do not enter Panther Pond, Crescent Lake, Thomas Pond, and Sebago Lake (via the Raymond boat ramp).

RWPA is seeking a capable individual with a commitment to preventing the spread of invasive species in our lakes to head its CBI program for the 2024 boating season. The candidate should have experience training and overseeing entry-level staff, working with mobile applications, and communicating program issues and status information to a board of directors. Previous experience with a CBI program is a plus!

The CBI manager has the following responsibilities, spanning nine months from January through September, on a part-time basis and largely flexible hours. We estimate the position requires a minimum of 100 hours of work during this period, not including potential inspection work.

- Grant writing (January/February)
- Attend annual invasive species conference - (March)
- Recruit and hire CBI inspectors - (April/May)
- Train CBI inspectors - (May)
- Scheduling and monitoring shifts - (May-September)
- Assigning and collecting equipment (May/September)
- Write summary reports on CBI program (September)

RWPA pays highly competitive hourly rates.

Please send a cover letter and resume to [info@raymondwaterways.org](mailto:info@raymondwaterways.org).