



It is with great pleasure that we announce Raymond Public Safety's new Deputy Chief, Lee O'Connor! Lee was Captain of the Poland, Maine Fire & Rescue Team where he spent nearly 20 years servicing the community. His experience as a Captain, Fire Fighter, and Paramedic is a great addition to our team. Deputy O'Connor officially began his response and leadership duties with the Town on January 31st, 2023. *Welcome to Raymond Fire and Rescue Lee, we look forward to having you as a member of our family!*



The Town Office is happy to welcome our new Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant, Janet Staples! She comes to us from the Cape Elizabeth Town Office where she spent nearly 20 years. Janet loves working within a municipality and enjoys that every day brings something different. She is also loving her much shorter commute! *Next time you are in the Town Office, swing by Code Enforcement to say hello and welcome her to Raymond.*



PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Did you know the State of Maine provides property tax relief through different programs to qualified individuals? Below is a list of property tax exemptions that may qualify you for a discount off your total assessed tax value. For more information or for an exemption application, please visit: raymondmaine.org/content/property-tax-exemptions.

ALL APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2023

Homestead Exemption

This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least 12 months and make the property they occupy on April 1 their permanent residence.

Veteran's Exemption

A veteran who served during a recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for a tax exemption. Veteran must be listed as a co-owner on the deed.

Blind Exemption

An individual who is determined to be legally blind may receive a tax exemption. Individual must be listed as a co-owner on the deed.

**Exemption amounts will vary year to year based on the towns certified ratio.*



TASSEL TOP PARK SEASON MEMBERSHIP PASSES NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE!
VISIT RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM & CLICK ON "MEMBERSHIP"



RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND – FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



Raymond Schools PTO

The Raymond Schools PTO would like to thank our fundraising sponsor Bea's Blooms Floral Design for their generous contribution to our Raymond Schools field trip fundraiser!



Help us reach our goal of 5000 containers recycled with our CLYNK campaign!

We have received 849 containers to date. If you would like to donate to this campaign you can donate on your CLYNK.com under DONATIONS by searching Raymond Schools PTO or contact us at raymondschoolspto@gmail.com to request a pickup!



@ Raymond Elementary School
Doors open at 5:45pm
Movie begins at 6pm

Raymond PTO is pleased to once again partner with Raymond Parks & Recreation to put on a fun family movie night for Raymond families at RES!

****This will be a fundraiser for FIELD TRIPS this Spring****
\$5/Child (under 3 years free), \$7.50/Adult, \$25/Family-ticket includes drink & popcorn or chips

Bring your pillows, blankets & chairs to enjoy the movie and connect with friends!

**Parent must stay with students during this event*
**No outside food or drink unless your child has food allergies*

Register and purchase tickets in advance at: raymond.recdesk.com - Event is listed as PTO Movie Night at RES

Raymond Schools PTO is a registered 501(c)3 organization. Visit our website for opportunities to connect with our events & fundraising initiatives at: www.raymondschoolspto.org



3rd Annual
Saturday, April 8th
10AM
at Tassel Top Park
(Raymond residents only)

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register at Raymond.RecDesk.com (register individually for each child)

This is a 12 and under event.

Families are welcome to stay with their children through the hunt.

Easter Eggs will be scattered along Tassel Top Park in different areas for your designated age group. Inside the eggs are treats and SPECIAL eggs including a Tassel Top Park Family Season Pass and gift cards to local businesses provided by Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce!

When you arrive, please check in with the attendant to receive your map with the designated search areas for your age group.

If you receive a special egg voucher, redeem it with an attendant.



Raymond Village Library

EVENTS

3 Meadow Road, Raymond • 207-655-4283
raymondvillagelibrary.org
Follow us on Facebook

Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9am-6pm;

Tues. 9am-12pm (Seniors only); Sat. 9am-4pm

RVL Book Club

Monday, February 27th @ 6pm via Zoom

The RVL Book Group meets year-round on the last Monday of the month for literary discussion of titles pre-selected by group members. Book group meetings are open to all. Copies of the selected titles are available for checkout at the library each month.

FMI regarding the RVL Book Group, please contact the library or Melanie, the book group facilitator at mechamprn@outlook.com

Friends of RVL Book Sale

ALL ADULT NON-FICTION & BIOGRAPHY TITLES HALF PRICE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY!

Donations of gently used books, DVDs, board games & puzzles accepted year-round during any open library hours.

All proceeds support the Friends of the Raymond Village Library.

Children's Programs

BABY STORY TIME

MONDAYS AT 10:30AM

Baby group features short stories, songs, and a simple craft. Sessions include lap & cuddle songs and bouncing games for ages 2 years & under.

Please note: No Storytime on Monday, February 20th.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

Designed for children ages 3-5 years, and will feature stories, songs and crafts.

School Break Week (2/20-2/24) will feature outer space-themed books, crafts, and activities with a special "family-time" story time on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd to accommodate all age groups who are out of school that week.

FMI on any of our youth programs, please contact the library or email children's librarian, Miss Karen at rvlchildren@gmail.com

Senior Hours

TUESDAYS FROM 9AM TO NOON

Join us for weekly Bridge group (all experience levels welcome), books, coffee and conversation.

Or join one of our new monthly bingo sessions!



Half Day Adventurez at 207 Bounce
Wednesdays - March 29th, April 5th, & April 12th

Where: Leave from RES to 207 Bounce (Windham); Return trip back to RES
Time: Returning back to RES for pick up between 3:00PM-4:00PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ORDER FOR THIS PROGRAM TO RUN

LATE PICK-UP FEE: We rely on volunteers giving their time and dedication to our programs and it's very important that they do not have to stay longer than the planned time. Please pick up your children by 4:00PM. After 4:00PM we will charge \$10 every 10 minutes that your child is waiting.

ACTIVE OPEN REGISTRATIONS:

All programs and events require pre-registration at: raymond.recdesk.com

Adult Pick-up Basketball (Raymond residents 25+) – Wednesdays March 1-May 31

Karate (Raymond residents ages 5-12) – Wednesdays March 15-June 7

Pickleball (Raymond residents 25+) – Monday thru Thursday timeslots.

Runs through May 25

Raymond Running Club Track and Field (K-4th grade) Mondays April 10-June 5

FMI on volunteering or programming please contact Parks and Recreation Director Joe Crocker at joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org



Keeping Cumberland County Warm

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE FUNDS

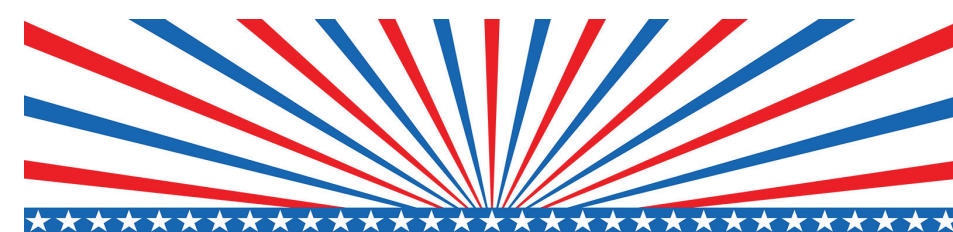
Now available for qualifying residents!

The Town of Raymond, through monies from Cumberland County, is accepting heating assistance applications from low to moderate income families for heating expenses this winter.

The program covers heating costs from Jan 27 to April 15, 2023 & is on a first come basis until the monies are depleted.

FUEL TYPES INCLUDE OIL, WOOD PELLETS, PROPANE, ELECTRICAL HEAT, KEROSENE, AND WOOD.

Renters are eligible if the rental agreement does not cover heating expenses. The application to apply is on the Town's website or can be picked up at the Town Hall. Residents must meet the income guidelines listed on the application. For more information reach out to: cathy.gosselin@raymondmaine.org.



Run for Office in Raymond!

Nomination Papers will be available at the Town Office beginning on March 3, 2023, and due back by April 14, 2023, at 4:00pm for the following offices:

- ★ Select Board - 2 members for 3-year terms
- ★ Budget-Finance Committee - 2 members for 3-year terms
- ★ RSU #14 Board of Directors - 1 member for a 3-year term

At least 25 registered voters must sign the nomination papers for a candidate to appear on the ballot at the June 13, 2023, Election.



TOWN OF RAYMOND Scholarship OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PLANNING ON ATTENDING COLLEGE IN THE FALL?

The Town of Raymond has several scholarship opportunities for college bound students who are residents of the town!

For more information, please visit:

www.raymondmaine.org/town-office/town-clerk/town-scholarships

Applications due no later than April 30, 2023



Lots of smiles from RES students on their first successful ski trip through Raymond Parks & Recreation!