#### **ANGLER'S ALLEY**

Winter in Raymond does not mean you have to say farewell to fishing season. Dust off your gear, bundle up, and head to one of the area's beautiful frozen lakes or ponds for a REEL good time ice fishing!

Check out our ice safety tips to the right and visit the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife website for advice and tips on Maine fishing laws and other fishing resources at:

#### **2023 FISHING LICENSES:**

www.maine.gov/ifw/index.html

Before you update your status to "Gone Fishing" be sure to purchase your 2023 Fishing License.

Fishing licenses are required for persons 16+ years of age. Licenses can be purchased at the Town Office or online at: www.maine.gov/portal/residents/hunting\_fishing.html

# FREE FISHING WEEKEND is February 18-19, 2023

# 22nd ANNUAL SEBAGO LAKE ICE FISHING DERBY



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# Saturday, Feb. 18 & Sunday, Feb. 19

It's a Maine tradition spanning 22 years and you're invited to be part of it! Get outside and safely enjoy winter lakes in Cumberland County!

Fun for the family & the competitor in all of us. Enjoy the Polar Dip, Ice Shack Contest, & other family-friendly activities.

# All entries qualify for the 2023 GRAND PRIZE OF \$5000 IN CASH!

Proceeds to benefit the Sebago Lake Rotary Clubs Feed the Need serving 13 local food pantries and other Rotary charities.

#### **RAYMOND BEACH WEIGH STATION:**

Headquarters Weigh Station for the Sebago Derby.

Subject to favorable ice and weather conditions, Raymond Beach will also host the Polar Dip, and food vendor stands.

### **WEIGH STATION TIMES:**

7AM to 5PM Saturday & 8AM to 4PM Sunday.

— It's a 4PM sharp close on Sunday —
Anglers need to be in line prior to 4PM

For registration details & more info. visit: icefishingderby.com

### RAYMOND LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Raymond Lions would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has supported us through the years so we could focus on our commitment to service. The backing by the Town, Library, Fire department, businesses, and of course (and especially) the public at large has been a key factor to ur club's success. Thank You! As Lions all monies raised from the public must be

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.

The Raymond Lions are part of the largest service organization in the world (1.35 million people in 207 global locations)! Our club provides support to local individuals and local organizations as well as international issues and disasters. Some of our town activities have included the Raymond Library, continuing education scholarships for all ages, vision screening for students, maintaining the American flags on 302, as well as supporting local residents and the Raymond food pantry. Other local support has included Camp Sunshine, Maine Sight and Hearing, Good Shepherd Food Bank, the Iris Network and more. Global and local activities can be related to blindness, diabetes, hearing, food insecurity, and disaster relief,

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 opportunities for all.

Unfortunately, we have had to scale back some of our fundraising projects. Yes, we are always looking for members but also looking for people that would be willing to help with our fundraising endeavors that may occur during different parts of the year.

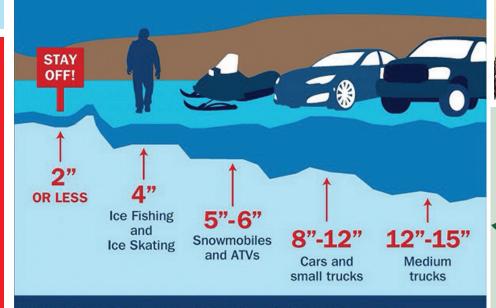
If you're interested, please contact Bob Wallace at 207-655-2222

the main focuses of Lions Club International



# **Ice Thickness Chart**

Safe Ice Depths



Note: These are rough guidelines for clear ice only.

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### **WINTER ICE SAFETY TIPS:**

- Always check the thickness of the ice by using an auger, chisel, or even a long drill bit
- Ice should be blue to clear in color. White or opaque ice is water saturated snow that has frozen on top of ice. This kind of ice is porous and generally unsafe.
- Don't forget proper gear like ice safety picks.
- Have a safety plan & know what to do if someone falls through the ice.

CHECK OUT THE CHART ABOVE FOR SAFE ICE THICKNESS GUIDELINES AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW, DON'T GO!



#### WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE THE GROWTH OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT OF RAYMOND SCHOOLS IN 2023!

We are turning our focus to a terrific Teacher Appreciation event and 2023 Field Trips for Raymond educators and students.

If you can help our team by volunteering or through a donation of any denomination, we would be so grateful!

No contribution is too small - Venmo us @RaymondSchool-PTO or donate at: raymondschoolpto.org.



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Save time before you arrive & follow these easy steps:

- 1. Go to: RAYMOND.RECDESK.COM & click on the "Membership" button
- 2. You will need to create an account & follow the steps to register. An emailed receipt will be send with information on the upcoming season.

For add'l info contact Raymond Parks & Rec Director Joseph Crocker joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org • 207-655-4742



# Farewell to Kirsten Sudbury!

The Raymond Town Office said farewell to Kirsten Sudbury, Code Enforcement Administrator. Kirsten's time with the town has been invaluable. Code Enforcement efficiency is what it is today because of her hard work. Kirsten's humorous personality, love of art, and kind spirit will be greatly missed. The Town staff wishes her all the best in her new adventure!



### **EVENTS**

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

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

# **Book Group Special Event** SATURDAY, JAN. 21<sup>ST</sup> • 2-4PM

SNOW DATE: January 28th
Join the RVL book group in celebrating the
new book release of Canadian

author Louise Penny, "A World of Curiosities".
Refreshments will be served while we gather and discuss Inspector Gamache and the people of the Village of Three Pines. MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL

Please come join us and see why Louise Penny has so many fans and why everyone would like to live in Three Pines!

## **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 starting in January!

# 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.

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

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

Please note: Miss Karen will be away for part of January.

Join RVL's guest story time host Lisa Schadler for baby & preschool story time on the 23rd, 25th & 30th.

Table crafts and activities will be available for all sessions.

### **DROP-IN TABLE ACTIVITIES**

A variety of arts & crafts are available in the children's room each week.

### **T-N-T CRAFTS**

T-N-T crafts and activities for teens and "nearly" teens. A new craft kit is available each month in the young adult section.

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

### **Food Pantry Drop Box**

Drop box now available at RVL for donations to the Raymond Food Pantry

Donated items will be collected throughout the year and delivered to the food pantry right here in Raymond. Non-perishable items can be dropped off during any open library hours.

Pet food donations are not currently accepted at the Raymond Food Pantry but will be distributed through the library as they become available.



## **2023 DOG LICENSES**

You can licenses are due for renewal by Jan. 31, 2023
You can license your furry friends in person at the
Town Office or online at: www.raymondmaine.org. There's
a link for Dog Licensing under Online Transactions>
Animal Welfare on the right-hand column of the home page.

RENEWALS AFTER 1/31/23 WILL INCURE A \$25 LATE FEE THAT CANNOT BE WAIVED



# Happy New Year everyone!

The 22/23 snowmobile season is not off to a great start.
With no real consistency in the temps this could be a short season for us.
Come on SNOW!

### **CLUB NEWS**

We meet twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM  $\,$ 

At this time, the club does not have a regular place to hold our monthly club meetings. We are currently holding them where we can until a suitable place can be found. A couple of options were brought up in our last meeting and we hope to have a permanent home in the near future. Keep checking our Facebook page for updates on this and other club activities such as, trail work, issues, and trail grooming updates.

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Single or family membership - \$35 Business memberships - \$50 Business membership includes your business name in the Maine Snowmobiler Newspaper business section.

CLUB MAILING ADDRESS IS: Raymond Rattlers S.C.

PO Box 994, Raymond Maine 04071 Make checks payable to Raymond Rattlers SC

Trail maps are available for purchase at Sunset Variety for \$5 each.

All map proceeds go directly to trail grooming.

## ANNUAL BBO FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY, FEB. 18<sup>TH</sup> or SUNDAY, FEB. 19<sup>TH</sup>

at our Clubhouse/Warming Hut off the Pipeline Trail.

Check our Facebook page for updates as we get closer to the date.

#### ALWAYS RIDE RIGHT & RESPECT LANDOWNERS PROPERTY!

**FMI visit:** raymondmaine.org/content/raymond-rattlers-snowmobile-club and follow our Facebook page.

### Basketball Night with the Maine Celtics



AYMOND
PARKS & RECREATION

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

### **Gates open 6PM, Game starts at 7PM**

The first 50 tickets purchased will include participation pre-game for our on-court Living Flag during the National Anthem. Every ticket includes a FREE Maine Celtics Hat!

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### Deadline to purchase tickets is January 31

To join the fun or if you have a questions contact Joe Quinlan at 207-210-6655 or email: jquinlan@maineceltics.com

### Raymond-Casco Historical Society

The historical society is looking to gauge interest in various experiential learning opportunities that may be offered in the coming year, and WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

A pavilion will be added to the grounds in the area between the museum and the schoolhouse to provide cover from rain and hot sun.

BLACKSMITHING CLASSES ARE ALREADY A SURE THING!

Additional offerings ideally would be centered around period crafts and may include: Woodworking with hand tools, Post and beam wood cutting, Canning/jarring, Beekeeping, Quilting, Fiber arts, Sewing, Soap making, Basic genealogy, Foraging Knitting and/or crochet

We also want to consider hosting craft fairs one day per week.

Are there any of the above options you'd be interested in attending?

Are there things you'd like to learn that are not listed?

Please reach out to us at: admin@raymondcascohistoricalsociety.org with your ideas and feedback and stay tuned for more information this Spring!