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for the Jordan Small Middle School Grade 8 field trip

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DONATED  
to the grade 8 field trip fund!**  
1233 Roosevelt Trail Suite 18,  
Raymond

If you have questions or would like to donate to the fund directly, please contact [raymondschoolspto@gmail.com](mailto:raymondschoolspto@gmail.com) or [Venmo @RaymondSchools-PTO](https://www.venmo.com/RaymondSchools-PTO) Comment: Gr 8 trip

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# RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND – MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



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

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
Register at [Raymond.RecDesk.com](http://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.



FMI on volunteering or programming please contact  
Parks and Recreation Director Joe Crocker at  
[joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org](mailto:joseph.crocker@raymondmaine.org)

## 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](http://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



## Congrats to the 5th and 6th grade Girls Raymond Rec Basketball Team!

Last year, Raymond Parks & Recreation did not have enough girls registered to have a 5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball Team.

**This year, they had 14 registrations and through teamwork, skill building, positive coaching, and hard work this group WON the 5th/6th Grade In-House Basketball end of season tournament!**

*This group of basketball players are poised to deliver exceptional basketball for Raymond and Windham. Keep playing!!*

# 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](http://www.raymondmaine.org/town-office/town-clerk/town-scholarships)

Applications due no later than April 30, 2023

## Run for Office in Raymond!

Nomination Papers are available now at the Town Office.  
**THEY ARE 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.

## Keeping Cumberland County Warm HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE FUNDS

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. FMI email: [cathy.gosselin@raymondmaine.org](mailto:cathy.gosselin@raymondmaine.org).



We would like to thank 302 Nutrition for sponsoring Raymond Schools Field Trips! We're honored to have so much continued support from Raymond businesses.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**  
Thank you to all our volunteers who donated their time in making the book fair a success! Also, a huge thanks to those who supported the fair by purchasing items.  
**Missed the in-person fair? You can shop online through March 29 at:**  
[www.scholastic.com/bf/raymondelemschool](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/raymondelemschool)



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 & purchase tickets in advance at: [raymond.recdesk.com](http://raymond.recdesk.com) - Event is listed as PTO Movie Night at RES



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

If you would like to donate to this campaign you can donate on your CLYNK.com under DONATIONS by searching Raymond Schools PTO or email: [raymondschoolspto@gmail.com](mailto:raymondschoolspto@gmail.com) to request a pickup!

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](http://www.raymondschoolspto.org)



## EVENTS

3 Meadow Road, Raymond • 207-655-4283  
[raymondvillagelibrary.org](http://raymondvillagelibrary.org)  
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Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9am-6pm;  
Tues. 9am-12pm (Seniors only); Sat. 9am-4pm

### RVL Book Club

**Monday, March 7th @ 6pm via Zoom**  
March Title: "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge  
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 contact the library or Melanie at: [mechampn@outlook.com](mailto:mechampn@outlook.com)

### Mad Science at RVL!

**Wednesday, March 29th @ 10:30am**  
Pre-School Digging for Dinosaurs (Ages 3-4)  
Learn the difference between meat eating and plant eating animals, look at dinosaur teeth up close, and participate in a mini dinosaur dig!

### Migratory Birds Presented by Bruce Small

**Monday, April 3rd, @ 6pm**  
Amateur photographer and hobby birder, Bruce Small, will present photographs he has taken around Southern Maine and lead a discussion on migratory birds. Attendees will also learn about the new Merlin Bird ID app used to identify birds.

### Chewonki Bug Mobile

**Wednesday, April 19th @ 10:30am (School break-all ages)**  
Is a bug an insect? Is a spider a bug? Using models, costumes, and live "bug" specimens, Chewonki staff will explain the unique characteristics of four groups of arthropods. *\*Limited space - Pre-registration required*

### Children's Programs

**Baby Story Time Mondays @ 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 @ 10:30am**  
Designed for ages 3-5 years, and will feature stories, songs and crafts.

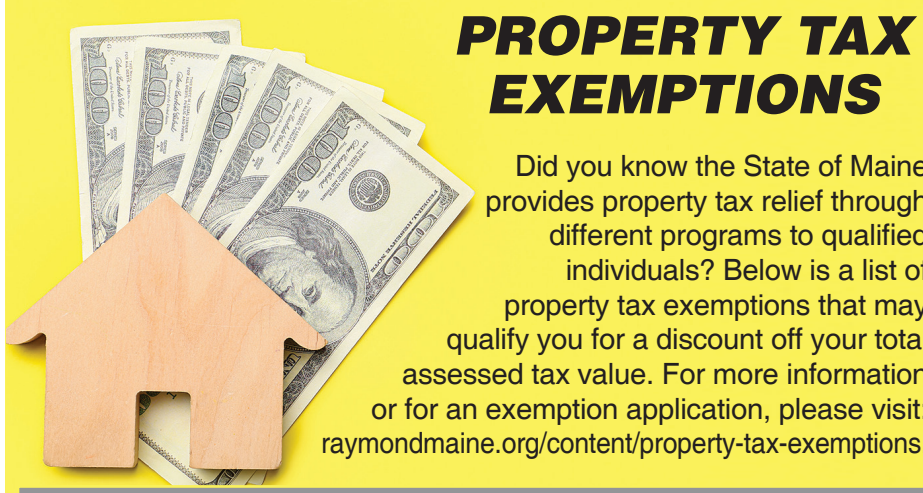
### Senior Hours

**Tuesdays from 9am to Noon**  
Weekly Bridge group (all welcome), books, coffee and conversation. Or join one of our new monthly bingo sessions!  
**FMI or to register for events contact RVL at 207-655-4283**

## YOUR SCENIC PHOTOS NEEDED!



The Comprehensive Plan Committee is looking for scenic photos of Raymond that highlight the many reasons we all love calling Raymond home! From the views of Mount Washington, to the streams that feed one of our many ponds and lakes, we need your help. Please submit your pictures to: [Comp.plan@raymondmaine.org](mailto:Comp.plan@raymondmaine.org) with your name and where your picture was taken.



## 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](http://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.*