

NEW
OPENING
HOURS

EFFECTIVE
July 1st, 2024,
office hours will
be adjusted to:

Tuesday: 8am-6pm
Wednesday thru Friday:
8am-4pm
Saturday - Monday:
CLOSED

This adjustment is being made to better serve our residents and improve operational efficiency. After careful consideration, it was determined that closing an hour earlier on Tuesday evenings & opening at 8am instead of 8:30am will enhance our customer experience. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and assure you that we remain committed to providing you with the highest quality service.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification on this change, please do not hesitate to contact us.



RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND – MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

ELECTION NOTICE

Voting Day is June 11th, 2024, 7am-8pm

at Jordan Small Middle School Gymnasium, 423 Webbs Mills Road
Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.

VOTING ON:
MAINE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
(offices other than President)
MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Select Board & Budget-Finance Committee
THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT via secret ballot
RSU #14 BUDGET VALIDATION

Sample Ballots & notices will be posted at: www.raymondmaine.org as available

Office Hours are Tuesday from 8:30am-7pm and Wednesday through Friday from 8:30am-4pm for any resident wishing to register to vote, to vote by absentee ballot in-person or to pick up an absentee ballot to take home. The last day for in-person absentee voting & requesting an absentee ballot will be Thursday, June 6, 2024. Voted ballots can be returned to the secure drop-box in front of the Town Office at any time before Election Day.

Residents may register and vote at the polling location on Election Day. You must provide proof of identity and residency. All eligible voters may vote on the local ballots.

The State Primary portion of this election is open only to anyone enrolled in the Democratic, Republican, and Green Independent parties or those who are Unenrolled.

Voters can change their party status up to 15 days before Election Day. You must be in a party for three months before changing to another party. The deadline to change parties for the June 11th election is May 24, 2024.



AGE FRIENDLY RAYMOND is a part of the Lifelong communities through the University of Maine Center on Aging and AARP. It is this organization's goal to have ALL ages & abilities thrive, & have Raymond become a great place for all to work, play, & do business, in an atmosphere that is inclusive and respectful of all generations. We want to help Raymond foster economic growth & make residents of all ages happier & healthier.

COVID STOPPED A LOT OF THIS GROUP'S ACTIVITIES, BUT SOME HAVE STARTED BACK UP AGAIN!

We've had 2 successful BINGO nights at Jordan Bay Place for seniors (with fourth graders assisting by calling the numbers), & we hope to be hosting an ALL AGE BINGO night in the near future. Several Raymond seniors have visited Raymond Elementary School & interacted with fourth graders. They have also written back & forth to each other several times. CRIBBAGE is now being enjoyed at the Raymond Village Library on Tuesdays from 10-noon.

R.E.S. first graders have colored pictures that were placed around Jordan Bay at each apartment door, along with a 'Kindness Banner' that was placed in their lobby for everyone's enjoyment. Work is also underway behind the senior housing to improve their garden area, so more residents can participate in the joy of gardening. It is our hope to get some fresh vegetables this summer to those who are unable to maintain a garden on their own. By tapping into the skills & experience of older residents, we will in turn positively influence people of all ages!

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN, PLEASE JOIN US!

We've only been back up and running for less than 3 months now, & we could really use your thoughts and input going forward! **WE WOULD LOVE VOLUNTEERS!** You can volunteer as much or as little as you're able. Citizen involvement is critical for this program's success! If interested email Debby Tarr, Age Friendly Raymond coordinator at: Agefriendlyraymond@yahoo.com

Announcements from Raymond Code Enforcement CODE OFFICER BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

The Raymond Code Enforcement Office is currently down to just one Code Officer. We are in the process of trying to fill the vacant position and are working as hard as we can to keep up with permit and inspection requests.

This is the busy season for Code Enforcement so please be advised that approval times and appointment request times are delayed. Please have patience & understanding on this matter. Please use kindness when working with our staff!!

THINGS TO NOTE:

- ▶ Electrical and plumbing permits can be issued immediately. No appointment is necessary.
- ▶ You do not need an appointment to come into the office to review a building file.
- ▶ Electrical permits ARE required.
- ▶ If the Code Officer is in the building, it does not necessarily mean he has time for questions, please make an appointment. We are operating on a limited schedule

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed • Tuesday: 8:30am – 7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30am – 4:00pm

The Town of Raymond is seeking a FULL TIME Director of Code Enforcement & Planning



This is an opportunity to join a well-run town and play a part in serving our community. We are seeking a steady individual with solid communication skills to collaborate with the Code Enforcement Officer and to act as a resource for our residents.

Job description and fillable application are available at: www.raymondmaine.org.

To apply please send a cover letter, resume, application and three professional references to sue.look@raymondmaine.org, or mail them to: Town of Raymond ~ Attn: Sue Look, Town Manager 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond ME 04071

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED
The Town of Raymond is an equal opportunity employer.

CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT AFTER EVERY WATERBODY... EVERY TIME!



MILFOIL SEASON IS UPON US AGAIN!

The Town of Raymond received grant monies last year that extend into the 2024 season for the removal of Variable-Leaf Watermilfoil in Sebago Lake.

We will be working closely with Maine biologists from DEP, Divers from New England Milfoil, Raymond Waterways, and 3 local marina associations to remove milfoil in the Raymond areas of the lake.

It is the responsibility of all residents and tourists using Sebago Lake, especially with watercrafts, to help mitigate the spread of invasive aquatic species.

The smallest fragment on a boat is all it takes for this species to start growing. Milfoil in Sebago poses an ongoing threat to native species, the economy, recreation, and human health and safety. It forms dense mats that block sunlight and starves aquatic life of oxygen. These mats often crowd out native vegetation which provide food, shelter, and nesting areas for fish and other wildlife.

The removal of milfoil is costly, time consuming, and Sebago will likely never be completely free of this invasive plant but with a few simple steps you can help mitigate the spread!

CLEAN off visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud from all equipment before leaving water access.

- Rinse equipment and boat hulls (with high pressure, hot water when possible).
- Rinse interior compartments of boats with low pressure, hot water (120°F).
- Flush motor with hot water (120°F) for 2 minutes (or according to owner's manual).

DRAIN motor, bilge, live well, and other water containing devices before leaving water access.

DRY everything for at least five days OR wipe with a towel before reuse.

For ANGLERS, the additional step of DISPOSE is recommended:

DISPOSE of unwanted bait, worms, and fish parts in the trash. When keeping live bait, drain bait container and replace with spring or dechlorinated tap water. Never dump live fish or other organisms from one water body into another.



Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park (Mill St) playground equipment is finally installed, mulched, and ready for use!!

This has been a hot topic for a couple of years, and we are thrilled with the results and so happy this project is completed just in time for nice weather!

Check out Raymond.recdesk.com to see a list of current and ongoing program offerings and to register.



Raymond Community Garden SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!

The Community Garden is located next to the Raymond Village Library on Meadow Road has available garden plots. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GROWING ORGANIC VEGETABLES FOR YOUR FAMILY, WE CAN HELP. We work with Master Gardeners who can answer any questions & have an organic garden so only organic practices can be used. Our roughly 15x8 plots are only \$15 for the growing season.

We have expanded each plot by 2' to provide each gardener a row to plant food for the Raymond Food Pantry. Twice a month we harvest for the food pantry and ask each gardener to designate one row in their garden for the food pantry. We can supply seeds for that row if needed.

FMI, email Leigh Walker at Lwalker4@maine.rr.com or call/text 207-310-0741. Community Garden brochures are available at the garden kiosk by the parking lot at 3 Meadow Road.



Raymond Schools PTO

MAY 6th – 10th, WE CELEBRATED TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

A HUGE shoutout to all the incredible school staff superheroes!

The PTO made sure our amazing staff got the VIP treatment they truly deserve! With the help of our Raymond Aroma Joe's and Village Donut Shop & Bakery, we kept our educators fueled up! We also provided a delicious lunch spread to keep the appreciation going! A special round of applause for the rockstar Delaine Brown for her invaluable help in making these setups extra special! Let's keep spreading that appreciation all year round!

Raymond Schools PTO is a registered 501(c)3 organization! Connect with our events & fundraising initiatives at: www.raymondschoolspto.org



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

Look Out for Loons! Thursday, May 30th • 6pm

Join Master Naturalist Cheryl Laz as she discusses the lives of loons and how we can help them thrive.

Annual Plant Sale Saturday, June 1st • 7-11am

Plant and seedling donations can be dropped off at RVL. See the Facebook for available plants or reach out to Leigh Walker with questions at: lwalker4@maine.rr.com.

Hunger Hill, by Maine Author Philip C. Baker Thursday, June 6th • 5:30pm

In this exciting crime thriller set in Portland, Maine, Detective Basil Keene must solve the murder of the unlikeable butcher of Hunger Hill. Meet the author – Phil grew up in Falmouth, Maine sailing on Casco Bay and now lives in Southern Maine with his family and two rescued beagles. Hunger Hill is his first full-length novel.

Free Painting Class: Watercolors with Kayley! Tuesday, June 11th • 2-4pm

Join us for painting with watercolors with Kayley of Crafted Fitness and Art. Supplies provided but registration is required.

Please contact RVL to register for any of these events at 207-655-4283.