

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

First half of 2024 taxes are due October 31st

Commitment Date.....	September 11, 2024
Tax Rate (Mill Rate)**.....	\$17.20/\$1,000
Certified Assessment Ratio	63%


Approx. Mill Rate Breakdown	County: \$0.96
	School: \$12.18
	Municipal: \$4.06
	(includes TIF & Overlay)

**The State of Maine Legislature repealed LD 290 "Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens" in August of 2023. Last year, qualified applicants had their taxes "frozen" at the 2022 tax rate and the State of Maine paid the difference in the increase. This year, all residents will pay the 2024 tax mill rate.*

2024 Tax Bills are available for viewing online at: [raymondmaine.org/Departments/Tax Collection](http://raymondmaine.org/Departments/Tax%20Collection)

***See historical mill rate data at: raymondmaine.org/town-office/assessing*

RAYMOND FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT




OPEN HOUSE

Wed., Oct. 23rd • 5-7:30pm

CENTRAL FIRE STATION: 1443 ROOSEVELT TRAIL


OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH!
 Raymond residents of all ages are welcome to our open house to come see your Fire/Rescue Department at work!!

There will be explanations on smoke and CO alarms, how to escape in an emergency, CPR demonstrations and on proper fire extinguisher use, information on lithium – ion batteries, and free blood pressure readings.



Free food & soft drinks will be available so don't make dinner!

For the children we will have touch a fire truck, and weather permitting, squirting water on a make-believe fire!



WEST NILE VIRUS IN RAYMOND AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY

The Maine CDC has detected West Nile Virus (WNV) in deceased fowl in the Raymond and Cumberland County area. While no detected human cases have been reported, we wanted provide information to residents on WNV.


About: WNV is a mosquito-borne viral illness. It occurs throughout the United States and can cause disease in humans, birds, and other mammals. West Nile Virus spreads to a person through the bite of an infected mosquito. West Nile cases occur sporadically in Maine, usually during the summer and fall when mosquitoes in Maine are active.

WNV and Birds: WNV can infect certain kinds of birds and cause them to die. If you find three or more dead birds all at the same time in the same place, report these die offs to Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821.

For more info: Visit www.maine.gov/dhhs/westnile

Symptoms: Most people infected with WNV do not develop any symptoms or show any signs of illness. Few people infected with WNV show mild signs of symptoms, which usually start 3 to 15 days after being bitten. Symptoms include fever, head and body aches, weakness, and vomiting. Most people with mild symptoms recover completely, but fatigue and weakness can last weeks to months. Rarely, people infected with WNV develop a severe illness affecting the brain and surrounding area. Severe illness can occur at any age, but people over 60 and those with certain medical conditions will be at a great risk. Talk to your doctor if you have any of these signs or symptoms

Prevention: The best way to prevent WNV is to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites. Use an EPA-approved repellent on the skin, wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants when outside, wear permethrin on clothing, get rid of standing water or change water frequently in places where mosquitos can lay their eggs, and avoid being outside during dawn and dusk when mosquitos are most active.





RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND – OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Notice of General & State Referendum ELECTIONS

Election Day – Tuesday, 11/5/2024

- ★ Voting Place Name: Jordan Small Middle School Gym
- ★ Voting Place Location: 423 Webbs Mills Road
- ★ Polls Open at **7:00a.m.** and Polls Close at **8:00a.m.**

★ Office Hours are Tuesdays from 8am-6pm and Wednesdays through Fridays from 8am-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 to request/receive an absentee ballot will be Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 4pm. 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.

For more info. on the election or to view a sample ballot, visit: www.raymondmaine.org/town-office/voters/elections

Northern Lights



On Thursday October 10th a geomagnetic storm created a spectacular opportunity for the residents of Raymond to see the aurora borealis. Resident & Raymond Code Officer, Jason Williamson, captured this gorgeous photo of the rare (to Maine) phenomenon from Valley Road.

1st Annual Raymond PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST!



Presented by: Raymond Village Library and Raymond Parks & Rec

SHOW OFF YOUR CREATIVE, FUN, AND SPOOKY PUMPKIN DECORATION TALENTS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD TO THE GOOD LIFE MARKET! One pumpkin will be provided per household - Available on Oct. 1st. Participant is responsible for decorating/carving materials. No age limit.

Voting will take place on Halloween night.

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

PUMPKINS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY OCTOBER 29TH

Contact the Library at 655-4283 or visit in person to register.
**Carving is ok, but no guarantee the pumpkin won't rot.*



ADULT INDOOR PICKLEBALL

6:00-8:00PM

held at Raymond Elementary School Gym

Pickleball schedule follows RES schedule; if there is no school or school is closed due to weather or other reasons, pickleball is also canceled

ADULT PLAYERS ONLY; 25+ YEARS OF AGE
 For full schedule & availability visit: Raymond.recdesk.com
 Questions about Pickleball? Please call Brenda Olsen 207-838-0123

ADULT PICK UP BASKETBALL

Thursdays 7:00-9:00PM

held at Jordan Small Middle School Gym

FOR ADULTS 25+: \$2 daily fee or \$25 for the season
**Only when school is in session. Excludes vacations, holidays, and storm days.*

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration open!

BEGINS DECEMBER 2ND
 Co-Ed: 1st & 2nd Grade
 Boys: 3rd & 4th Grade • Girls: 3rd & 4th Grade
 Boys: 5th & 6th Grade • Girls: 5th & 6th Grade

PLEASANT MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAM

JANUARY 10TH-FEBRUARY 21ST
 Available for ages 7yrs-14yrs
REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 24TH



ALL PROGRAMMING REQUIRES REGISTRATION through Raymond.recdesk.com

MAIN STREET HALLOWEEN!

Thursday, Oct. 31st, 5-9PM on Main Street

Main Street will be CLOSED to vehicular traffic from 4:30pm-9pm (approx.) from Route 302 on the Sunset Variety end of Main Street to the intersection of Main Street and Route 121. Mill Street will also be CLOSED to vehicular traffic from Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park to Main Street.

For 2024, participants in this event are encouraged to park at Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park and a shuttle bus will transport to Main Street and back.

Shuttle bus running from 5pm-8pm

CANDY DONATIONS for this Main Street Halloween event can be dropped off at the Raymond Village Library or at the Town Office.

MONETARY DONATIONS for the purchase of candy from the homes on Main Street can be made at Raymond.recdesk.com.

Residents of Main Street in need of candy, contact Raymond Village Library.



NEWS & EVENTS

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Open Tues, Wed & Thurs 9am-6pm;
 Fri. & Sat. 9am-2pm

Check out our new Story Walk!

AT TASSEL TOP PARK
 The Raymond Story Walk connects books with nature

Hoopla is NOW AVAILABLE

HOOPLA PUTS YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.
 Anytime. Everywhere! Free ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines, and more!
 Sign up with your library card at: www.hoopladigital.com/home

Bridge Club

TUESDAYS FROM 9AM TO NOON
 Meet us for some games of bridge! Want to learn how to play? One of our members would be happy to teach you. Open to all.

Evening Book Group

MEETS THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
 to discuss a chosen book. Contact us for more information!

Baby Storytime!

THURSDAYS AT 10:30AM (Best for ages 0-24 months)
 Join us for songs, stories, lap bounces, and more!

Preschool Storytime

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM (Best for ages 2-5)
 Join us for stories, songs, and crafts!

Patron Passes

The Raymond Village Library has passes available to the Maine Wildlife Park, the Maine Children's Museum and Theatre, the Southworth Planetarium and Maine State Park Pass. These passes offer either discounted or free admission.
Please contact the circulation desk for more information about available passes.

For more information on any of the listed programs, please contact RVL: 207-655-4283 • rvldirector@gmail.com