

## **RAYMOND ROADRUNNER** TOWN OF RAYMOND - DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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

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#### **Holiday Hours**

Saturday, December 21st - closing at 1pm Tuesday, December 24th - closing at Noon Wednesday December 25th - CLOSED Tuesday, December 31st - closing at Noon Wednesday January 1st - CLOSED



#### **Special Holiday Events**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. SIGN UP AT: raymond.recdesk.com/Community/Program

Kids Night Out in Whoville Friday, December 20th, 5pm-8pm \$25 Per Child

Grinch themed games, pizza dinner, Grinch (2023) Moving showing, & more!

Merry & Bright Family Night Saturday, December 21st, 3:30-5:30pm \$40 per family Family gingerbread building competition, bingo, photo booth, hot chocolate, and prizes!

Elf Workshop Monday, December 23rd, 10am-3pm \$60 per child

Christmas themed crafts, cookie making, Christmas games, and more!

Noon Years Eve Celebration Tuesday, December 31st, 11am-12:30pm \$15 per person

Craft stations, group games, phot booth, snacks, balloon countdown, and more!

### Sand & Salt Shed Open

Raymond residents are welcome to get small amounts of sand/salt for use on walkways and driveways.

Please respect the limit of two 5-gallons buckets at a time.

The Sand and Salt Shed is located on Plains Rd (FL 89) & the gates are open from 7am-3pm, Monday-Friday.

ALL OTHER AREAS & EQUIPMENT REMAIN OFF LIMITS TO THE PUBLIC. NOTE: The shed is closed during snowstorms for safety & to allow the plow truck traffic to move freely.



KRT Appraisal has been contracted by the Town of Raymond to complete a full town-wide revaluation. This project is required to more fairly distribute Raymond's property tax obligations and because the town's current assessment methodology is 20 years old and falling out of compliance with state standards.

### This project includes the inspection and market valuation of all property within the town as of April 1, 2026.

KRT has recently completed projects for several Maine cities and towns.

THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED OVER FIVE (5) PHASES, WITH PHASE 1 (DATA COLLECTION), SET TO BEGIN THIS MONTH.

➡ PHASE 1: DATA COLLECTION: The first phase, Data Collection of all property, will begin in December 2024. During this phase "Data Collectors" go to each property in the town to measure the exterior of each building and attempt to inspect the interior if the owner is available at the time of the visit.

These Data Collectors note the buildings' location, size, age, quality of construction, improvements, topography, utilities, and numerous other characteristics both inside and out. They may also ask the homeowner a few questions regarding the property.

<u>To confirm that a home was inspected, the homeowner is asked to sign a data</u> <u>collection form</u>. The data collected is subject to verification by the Town Assessor and a KRT Supervisor. KRT Field Representatives will carry Picture IDs, Municipal Letters of Introduction, and have their vehicles listed with both the Assessor's Office and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

Prior to starting the data collection in your area, a postcard will be mailed to each property as notification that the property will be visited in the next few weeks. Data Collectors will arrive at your property unannounced shortly after the postcard is mailed and ring the bell and knock on the door. If someone is home, they will explain who they are, with their KRT badge visible, and ask for an interior and exterior inspection. Due to the large number of properties to be inspected, KRT is unable to conduct this portion of the project on a pre-scheduled appointment basis.

In the case of no one being at home when they arrive, Data Collectors will assume it is ok to measure the outside of the building and proceed to do so. A follow up letter will be mailed out towards the end of the project (early spring of 2026) asking for a phone call to schedule an appointment for an interior inspection. The visit from KRT shouldn't take more than 15 minutes from start to finish.

Data Collectors will not visit a property posted "No Trespassing". Posted properties will receive a letter asking for permission to visit the property at a scheduled time convenient for everyone.

For more information on the revaluation project or questions please contact the Town Assessor at (207) 655-4742 or visit: KRT Appraisal - Superior Revaluation Services -CAMA Experts



and www.raymondmaine.org/town-office/assessing

# **PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE**

It's that time of year where our Public Works crew is always on high alert for inclement weather! Please be patient with our road crew as they work hard to keep our roads cleared and safe for traveling. We understand that sometimes travel can't be avoided during winter weather. For your safety and the safety of others, please stay home if your travel is not essential. Look over the "Winter Safety Driving Tips" provided by Maine DOT (www.maine.gov/mdot/winterdriving) for a refresher on driving in Maine Winter weather!

If you have concerns or want to report poor road conditions due to weather, please call 653-3641 and speak to someone. DO NOT EMAIL. It may be more than 48 hours before an email is seen, especially during inclement weather.



**DEADLINE FOR IS RENEWAL JANUARY 31, 2025** Renewals after this date will incur a \$25 late fee

ANOTHER YEAR OF SPECTACULAR DISPLAYS