24th ANNUAL SEBAGO LAKE **ICE FISHING DERBY**



Saturday, Feb. 15 & Sunday, Feb. 16

It's a Maine tradition spanning 24 years & 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 2025 GRAND PRIZE OF \$5,000 IN CASH!

Proceeds to benefit the Sebago Lake Rotary Clubs Feed the Need serving 12 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**

If you would like to donate to the Feed the Need directly you may do so at: www.sebagolakeschamber.com/feed-the-need

FREE FISHING WEEKEND is February 15th & 16th!

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 below and visit the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife website for advice and tips on Maine fishing laws and other fishing resources. www.maine.gov/ifw/index.html

2025 Fishing Licenses:

Before you update your status to "Gone Fishing" be sure to purchase your 2025 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

Ice Thickness Chart Safe Ice Depths



WINTER ICE SAFETY TIPS:

· Always check the ice thickness by using an auger, chisel, or 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. IF YOU DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SAFE - DON'T GO!



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Raymond **Property Revaluation**

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

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.

For more information on the revaluation project or questions please contact the Town Assessor at (207) 655-4742 or visit: KRT Appraisal www.krtappraisal.com/dist/raymond.html and www.raymondmaine.org/town-office/assessing



JSMS Visioning Committee Members Wanted

- This is a short-term committee (should be complete in several *months*) with the task of coming up with conceptual ideas on how the Jordan Small Middle School building could be used when it is given back to the Town of Raymond (scheduled for June of 2027).
- Information gathered by the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be considered.
- Looking at uses over the next 10 to 15 years.
- This committee will not be considering the feasibility or cost. These tasks will be for a subsequent committee which will be made up of people with expertise such as engineers, builders, technology, finance, etc.
- Will report recommendations to the Select Board.

Accepting applications for a F/T **Paramedic/FF**

In anticipation of an upcoming retirement, the Town of Raymond is taking applications for a full-time Paramedic/FF in our Public Safety Department. This union position is scheduled on 24 hour rotating shift. *The qualified applicant must be experienced with an excellent work* history, self-motivated & hold a clean valid Maine Driver's license. *Current Maine paramedic license & firefighting certifications are* required. All candidates must successfully pass a fitness assessment & a complete background check, including criminal and driving records.

The Town of Raymond offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive employee benefit package with health, dental and life insurance and Maine PERS retirement as well as vacation, sick and holiday pay.

Advanced EMT's are encouraged to apply.

For application and job descriptions go to www.raymondmaine.org SEND RESUME, APPLICATION, AND COVER LETTER TO: Attn: Cathy Gosselin - Human Resource Officer 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071 207-655-4742 ext 123 or electronically to: cathy.gosselin@raymondmaine.org The Town of Raymond is an EOE.

Raymond Rattlers BIIE

CLUB NEWS: BIG Announcement:

We now have a NEW place to hold our monthly meetings courtesy of the Crooked River Snowmobile Club. CRSC generously offered the use of their new clubhouse @ 661 Meadow Road in Casco, Maine. A big THANK YOU to their club for allowing us to use their clubhouse, it is greatly appreciated! Monthly meetings held the first Tuesday of each month October thru April.

Our next meeting is February 4th @ 6:30PM. Hope to see you there.

FIND CLUB MEMBERSHIP & CONTACT INFO ONLINE AT: raymondmaine.org/content/raymond-rattlers-snowmobile-club and on our Facebook page. 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 FROM THE CLUB FOR \$5 EACH. Contact us on our Facebook page, by email raymond.rattlers@gmail.com or by mail for a copy. All map proceeds directly support trail grooming.

A special thanks to all the landowners that share their property with us. Ride right and respect landowners property! Thank you - RRSC

Winter 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* and to allow the plow truck traffic to move freely.



DOG LICENSES RENEW BY JANUARY 31ST

2024 Dog licenses expired on December 31st, 2024. TO AVOID A LATE FEE, DOG REGISTRATION AND RENEWALS MUST BE DONE BY JANUARY 31ST, 2025. The cost is \$6 (spayed/neutered) or \$11 (unaltered). There is an additional \$25 fee applied for renewals done February 1st and after.

Register or renew your dogs license in person at the Town Office or online (additional fee).

Why do dogs need to be licensed? Many reasons! Dog licensing ensures rabies vaccination which protects the health of your pet. Fees also go directly to the Maine Animal Welfare Program to fight animal cruelty and abuse, accounting for 95% of the State Animal Welfare Program's entire funding. Without these fees, the State would be unable to protect the animals of this state.

Happy New Year everyone!

Is it 2023/2024 season all over again? Ugh! The 24/25 snowmobile season is not off to a great start. The cold has arrived, now we just need the white stuff to fall. GOME ON SNOW



Be Your Library's Best Friend!

Now that our library is part of the Town of Raymond, the Friends created a fundraising organization to help support activities & special events that are beyond the scope of our library's regular operating budget.

Our Friends group was officially incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) in January of 2023. Since that time, we have funded a preschool STEM workshop through Mad Science that was held at the library, new shelves that can be rolled into different configurations when the library hosts events and talks by visiting authors.

WE HOPE TO DO EVEN MORE IN 2025! **CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT?**

MEMBERSHIP IN THE FRIENDS OF THE RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY BEGINS WITH A FIVE-DOLLAR DONATION AND IS OPEN TO ANYONE WITH A CURRENT LIBRARY CARD. As a non-profit, your membership fees and additional generous contributions are tax deductible.

We welcome your support via PayPal through the link below, or with a check

sent to PO Box 297, Raymond, ME 04071 or dropped off at the checkout desk at your next visit to the library.

> www.paypal.com/donate/ ?hosted_button_ id=UD379K89FUD4Q







- FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT -FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH AT 7PM at Raymond Elementary School

Raymond Parks & Rec. & Raymond Schools PTO present the movie "IF" featuring Ryan Reynolds. Rated (PG) \$10 at the door – includes a drink & a snack Don't forget to bring a cushion or chair & wear your comfiest pajamas!

- SWEETHEART SOIREE -

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8[™] from 5PM-7PM at Raymond Village Community Church, 27 Main Street

Dress to impress for a night of: DANCE-MUSIC-CRAFTS-PHOTOS-LOVE Featuring DJ Alex Adults - \$20 • Kids- \$10

For all ages and families! Children must be accompanied by an adult

– MAINE CELTICS NIGHT –

FEBRUARY 1ST at 7PM at the Portland Expo Come join us for the Raymond Parks & Rec Basketball Day as the Maine Celtics take on the Iowa Wolves!

EVERY TICKET PURCHASE RECEIVES A FREE MAINE CELTICS HAT! This game will sell out so GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! Gates open at 6:00 PM and the game starts at 7:00 PM \$3 from every ticket sold will be donated to Raymond Parks & Rec! Thank you for your support and we can't wait to see you there! **PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:**

https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/RaymondBBall

- MAINE MARINERS HOCKEY NIGHT MARCH 8TH at 6PM at CROSS INSURANCE ARENA

Experience the thrill of live hockey for Raymond Parks and Recreation Night as the Maine Mariners face off against the Reading Royals at the Cross Insurance Arena.

TICKET PRICE - \$20: A portion of each ticket sale will be donated to support the Town of Raymond Parks and Rec.Department. Get your tickets today and be part of the action while giving back to your community! Thank you for your support and we can't wait to see you there!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE: https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Townraymond2