

Run for Office in Raymond!

Nomination papers are available at the Town Office during regular business hours (Tues 8am-6pm, Wed-Frid 8am-4pm)

To appear on the June 10, 2025 Election ballot, candidates must collect 25+ signatures from registered Raymond voters.

- POSITIONS TO BE FILLED, ALL THREE-YEAR TERMS:**
- (2) Select Board members
 - (3) Budget-Finance Committee members
 - (1) RSU #14 Board of Directors member

For more information on the Nomination Process please visit:
www.raymondmaine.org/content/nomination-papers-municipal-election

COMPLETED PAPERS ARE DUE TO THE CLERK ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH BY 4PM.



RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND – MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home Launches



Image courtesy of the Hawthorne Community Association

Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home at 40 Hawthorne Road in Raymond, now serves as a beloved community and cultural center for Sebago Lake area residents. It is in great need of a renovated kitchen to best serve attendees at its upcoming concerts, art shows, lectures, watch-parties, and festivals throughout 2025 and beyond.

To raise the \$12,000 needed for the full-scale kitchen renovation, The Hawthorne Community Association has launched an innovative "Buy a Brick, Build a Kitchen" fundraising campaign.

A donation of \$300 per brick will enable the donor to have engraved on his or her brick such things as "In Loving Memory of [a Loved One,]" favorite pithy quotes, or other matters close to the donor's heart.

Each brick then will be placed in a small patio near Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home, around a larger stone with the saying "Time flies over us / But leaves its shadow behind," attributed to Nathaniel Hawthorne.

For more details, including how to submit your brick's "legacy words" for engraving & pay the donation fee, please visit www.hawthorneassoc.com. After printing & filling out the request form, donors may scan it & email it to info@hawthorneassoc.com or snail-mail it to: Hawthorne Community Association / P.O. Box 185 / South Casco, ME 04077. Donors may also send a check to that address or submit their donation online.

For more information, please email info@hawthorneassoc.com

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Broadcast Studio or via Zoom

- April 1, 6:30pm** – Budget Finance Committee - Budget Warrant Article Recommendations
- April 3, 6:00pm** – Select Board Meeting – Including Final Warrant Approval
- April 8, 6pm** – Select Board Meeting 1st Public Hearing to discuss Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- April 9, 7pm** – Planning Board Meeting
- April 29, 7pm** – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting (Cancelled if no appeal comes in)
- May 3, 6pm** – Select Board Meeting & 2nd Public Hearing to discuss Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- May 14, 6:30** – RSU #14 Budget Vote at WHS (Raymond school budget included)
- May 14, 7pm** – Planning Board Meeting

Zoom Links and agendas can be found at www.raymondmaine.org/raymond-event-calendar and clicking on the meeting name. All meetings are recorded. You can watch them live on YouTube by going to www.raymondmaine.org/content/live-video-streaming or they are typically uploaded to our website within 48 hours at www.raymondmaine.org/video-archives and selecting the Category and Meeting you wish to watch.

*Date/Time change or meeting cancellation can occur. Check the website for most recent info.



Raymond Village Library

NEWS & EVENTS

3 MEADOW ROAD, RAYMOND
Questions regarding library events please call 207-655-4283
raymondvillagelibrary.org
Follow us on Facebook

The Library is Open to the Public

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:00am-6:00pm
Fridays & Saturdays from 9:00am-2:00pm

Book Club

March 26th 5-6pm – The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson
A haunting novel spanning several generations. The Seed Keeper follows a Dakota family's struggle to preserve their way of life, and the sacrifices to protect what matters most.

FREE Painting Class

Tuesday, April 8th, 2-4pm (Registration required)
Join us for a free watercolor painting class with Kayley!

Historical Fiction Book Club!

Thursday, March 13th at 1pm – with Susan Scott
Join Susan for Book Club this month reading a historical fiction book, Horse by Geraldine Brooks. "Horse isn't just an animal story—it's a moving narrative about race and art." —TIME

Weekly Programming:

- Bridge Club – Tuesdays 9am-noon**
- Evening Book Group – Last Tuesday of the month**
- Preschool Storytime – Wednesdays at 10:30am**
- Baby Storytime – Thursdays at 10:30am**

Anytime Drop-in Table Activities:

A variety of art, crafts, Legos, & block stations are available in the children's room throughout the week.



This program is generously funded by The Bingham Foundation supporting healthy outcomes from positive experiences for youth in our communities.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY 4/30/245!



TAX PAYMENTS FOR THE SECOND HALF of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 taxes are due by April 30th, 2025.

*Interest charges at 8.5% annum will be applied after the April 30th deadline on balances due. Please contact the Tax Collector with any questions at 207-655-4742 x 122



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:
www.raymondmaine.org/content/property-tax-exemptions

Applications due NO LATER THAN April 1st, 2025

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.



We've MOVED to Raymond Village Community Church at 27 Main Street!

NEW PROGRAM ALERT! Introducing Our New Futsal Program!

GET READY FOR FAST FOOTWORK, QUICK DECISION-MAKING, AND NONSTOP ACTION!
Futsal is a small-sided indoor soccer game played on a hard court with a smaller, low-bounce ball—perfect for improving ball control, agility, & teamwork in a fun, fast-paced environment.

YOUTH PROGRAM DETAILS:
Who: 1st - 8th Grade (Broken into different time slots, see below)
Where: Jordan Small Middle School
When: Tuesdays & Every Other Thursday
April 8th - May 15th (No program during school vacation week)
Format: Skill development, drills, and every other Thursday is all gameplay!

SCHEDULE:
1st & 2nd Grade: 5:00 - 5:45 PM
3rd & 4th Grade: 5:45 - 6:30 PM
5th - 8th Grade: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

FUTSAL FOR ADULTS - PROGRAM DETAILS:
Who: Ages 20+
Where: Jordan Small Middle School
When: Tuesdays, April 8 - May 15 (Following the school schedule)
Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Grab your sneakers, bring your A-game, and get ready for some high-energy, small-sided soccer!



To register for any programs/ events or to see a list of all open registrations, please visit:
Raymond.recdesk.com



Gray-New Gloucester-Raymond
SPRING 2025

Little League Registration is Open!

T-BALL (\$80) CO-ED FOR PLAYERS AGES 4-6.

Games & practices last about 1 hour running from approx. April 29 - June 10.

COACH PITCH A (\$80) CO-ED FOR PLAYERS AGES 5-6

Games & practices last about 1 hour running from approx. April 29 - June 10.

PLAYER PITCH AA (\$140)

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL DIVISIONS FOR PLAYERS AGES 7-8.

Games & practices last about 1.5-2 hours running from approx. April 24 - June 14.

MINORS AAA (\$140)

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL DIVISIONS FOR PLAYERS AGES 9-10.

Games & practices last about 1.5-2 hours running from approx. April 24 - June 14.

MAJORS (\$140)

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL DIVISIONS FOR PLAYERS AGES 11-12.

Games & practices last about 1.5-2.5 hours running from approx. April 24 - June 14.

JUNIORS & SENIORS (\$150)

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL DIVISIONS FOR PLAYERS 13-16.

Games & practices usually start in June after the school season ends.

*Our league offers Scholarship Assistance for players in need.

Visit www.gngrll.org for more information, to register or to become a sponsor!

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.

UPDATE:

The Assessing Office is currently, **NOT** scheduling appointments for site visits. In these early phases, KRT will be going door to door with street lists. If the property owner is unavailable a note will be left with instructions on the next follow-up attempts.

FMI on the revaluation project or questions 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



KRT Appraisal