



# HAPPY RETIREMENT



**to our HR Director Rita Theriault!**

**OUR BELOVED HR DIRECTOR, RITA THERIAULT RETIRES FROM THE TOWN OF RAYMOND AFTER 19 YEARS!**

**The town staff wishes her a very happy and well-deserved retirement!**

*A NOTE FROM RITA:  
I am retiring after 19 years! It is hard to believe that it has been that long. I remember back to 2003 when I began this journey and how I thought "I will never learn all of this." However, it has been a great ride. Along the way I have grown professionally and learned more than I could have ever imagined. I will forever be grateful for all the opportunities given to me over the years. I have made some lasting friendships and met so many wonderful people who have touched my life. I have been blessed with wonderful coworkers who mean the world to me. I will miss you all. I appreciate all the well wishes and celebrations. I look forward to seeing what the next phase of my life brings! Thank you Town of Raymond!*

# RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND – SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



## Main Street Sidewalk Project Complete!

The long-awaited Main Street Sidewalk Project has finally completed! Sebago Technics designed the project back in 2013 and after many unforeseen circumstances the Town of Raymond was able to put it out to bid in late 2021.

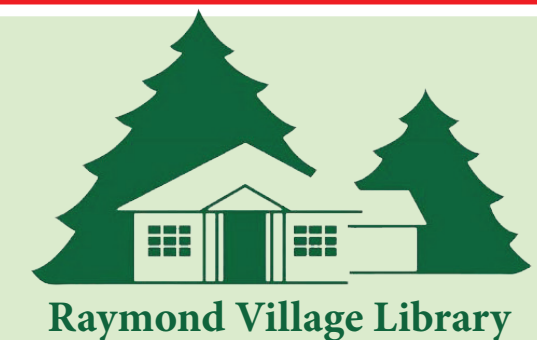
Glidden Excavating and Paving Inc was awarded the project and construction began early this past summer. The project was a 50/50 partnership between the Town and Maine DOT.

The first day of construction they did have some traffic control issues and were forced to close the road during daytime hours and change the traffic control route for safety reasons. All in all, we are very pleased with the outcome of this project. It was completed on time and within budget.

# A BIG Thank You

**to the Glidden Excavating Crew who did an outstanding job.**  
*The Town also wants to thank Q-Team, Maine Hydrovac, and the Maine DOT for their involvement.*

**THANK YOU TO THE GLIDDEN CREW MEMBERS:**  
Steven Piela, Construction Manager • Troy Morse, Project Manager  
Gregory Nichols, Construction Forement • Greg Porter • Dominic Villacci  
Kobe Bernard • Zander Bean • And the entire paving crew!



## NEWS AND EVENTS

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Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9am-6pm;  
Tues. 9am-12pm (Seniors only); Sat. 9am-4pm

**BOOK GROUP MEETING**  
**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.**  
Join us for a literary discussion of *Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan.  
*This month's meeting can be attended in person at the library or remotely via Zoom. FMI, or to request Zoom passcode, please contact Melanie, RVL book group facilitator.*

*"In 1967, Bashir Al-Khayri, a Palestinian 25-year-old, journeyed to Israel, with the goal of seeing the beloved old stone house, with the lemon tree behind it, that he and his family had fled nineteen years earlier. To his surprise, he was greeted by Dalia Ashkenazi Landau, a 19-year-old Israeli college student, whose family fled Europe for Israel following the Holocaust. Dalia and Bashir begin a rare friendship, forged in the aftermath of war and tested over the next thirty-five years in ways that neither could imagine." (Goodreads)*

**CHILDREN'S FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a.m.**  
Presentation by our very own Raymond Fire Department

**FREE REIKI SESSIONS**  
**FRIDAYS 6:00-7:00 P.M.**  
with Natasha Lougee on the following dates  
**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> • Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> • Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**FREE LIVE MUSIC**  
**Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.**  
with South African reedman McCoy Mrubata and Guitarist Gary Wittner

**MAINE AUTHOR ELIZABETH MACALASTER**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.**  
with Natasha Lougee on the following dates

*Join us for a program about winged veterans based on her book, War Pigeons: Winged Couriers in the U.S. Military, 1878-1957. Elizabeth's presentation traces the remarkable service of homing pigeons in the U.S. Military, from its beginnings after the Civil War to the birds' invaluable communications role in every branch of the military.*

**Holiday Event Donations Needed!**  
*In preparation for our upcoming Holiday events and fundraisers, the library is currently seeking donations for the following items:*

**Halloween Candy:**  
RVL will once again be collecting donations of Halloween candy to distribute to households along Main Street for this year's Halloween trick-or-treating event. Donations of unopened Halloween candy will be collected in September & October.

**Holiday Basket Sale Items:**  
Donations for our annual holiday basket sale can be dropped off during any open library hours. Any and all items that would fit into holiday baskets, or donations of completed baskets will be gratefully accepted throughout the Fall season.

**Coming this Fall! Times TBA**  
**October** – Maine Author, Kathryn Miles. "Trailed: One woman's Quest to Solve the Senandoah Murders"  
**November** – Beginner Wine Tasting Class w/Rachel



The Maine State Library has officially launched the **new learning platform Bendable Maine!**

Bendable Maine is a lifelong learning tool that allows Maine residents of all ages to easily access content on a wide variety of subjects through online courses and local, in-person learning opportunities.

Bendable content is curated & tailored to meet the interests of, and in many cases created by, Maine residents and includes resources for a wide variety of topics.

**Bendable**  
A universe of learning at your fingertips

Free from the Maine State Library



Explore a specific interest or browse through popular topics at: [maine.bendable.com](http://maine.bendable.com) or scan this code with your camera phone to take you there!

**Raymond Schools PTO**  
**Raymond Schools PTO welcomes you all back to school!**  
We hope all your students have had a smooth transition and are excited for all the things fall brings.

**About the PTO**  
We are a nonprofit whose mission is to support the education of children in Raymond Schools by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers.  
**DID YOU KNOW our budget for 2021-2022 was \$12,000!**

**Join the PTO Board**  
*Have you been looking for a way to get more involved with the school & supporting educators and students? We welcome new members to join this important non-profit serving the Raymond schools.*  
Email: [raymondschoolspto@gmail.com](mailto:raymondschoolspto@gmail.com) for more information or fill out form online at: [raymondschoolspto.org/member-registration-form](http://raymondschoolspto.org/member-registration-form).  
Your \$15 membership helps us meet our fundraising goals!  
You will also see volunteer opportunities posted on our website.  
**If you can't join the PTO, we would appreciate your consideration of making a tax-deductible donation in any amount!**  
Donations can be made through our website or If you prefer to send us a check or cash our address is PO Box 654, Raymond, ME 04071

**Each year the PTO provides:**

- 100% of the funding for year-end field trips for Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- Scholarships to graduating seniors from Raymond
- Resources for specials within schools & enrichment experiences for students
- Community events including our fall movie event, winter carnival & school dances.

Contact us at: [raymondschoolspto@gmail.com](mailto:raymondschoolspto@gmail.com) with any inquiries.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**RAYMOND PARKS & RECREATION**

**Open Registrations:**  
**ADULT PICKLEBALL**  
Raymond Elementary Gym  
Mondays 6-8pm:  
Intermediate/Advanced Play  
Wednesdays 6-8pm:  
Beginner/Leisurely Play  
**Sign up today at**  
[Raymond.recdesk.com](http://Raymond.recdesk.com)

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT!**  
Watch our Facebook page for upcoming details.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!** **FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT'S**

We are seeking highly qualified applicants to fill the position of Firefighter EMT working 12 hour shifts with the goal of becoming part of our rotating 24-hour shifts next year. The qualified applicant must be experienced with an excellent work history, self-motivated and hold a valid Maine Driver's license free from major violations. The position requires a current Maine EMT B License and a minimum of a FFI Certification. All candidates must successfully pass the initial fitness assessment, and a complete background check including criminal and driving records.

The Town of Raymond Fire Rescue Department staff is represented by IAFC Local 4095. We offer competitive wages under the current Union agreement starting pay is \$20/HR, health, and dental insurance, ICMA match retirement program as well as vacation, sick and holiday pay.

**For application and job description go to: [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org) or for more info call 207-655-4742 ext 123**

**SEND RESUME, APPLICATION, AND COVER LETTER TO:**  
Rita M Theriault, Human Resource Officer  
401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond  
[rita.theriault@raymondmaine.org](mailto:rita.theriault@raymondmaine.org) • 207-655-3024 - Fax  
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