

# Village of Raymond

## Village Budget Hearing 7:30 PM

The Village of Raymond will hold their budget hearing on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 7:30 PM, at the Raymond Village Hall located at 2255 76th Street, Franksville, WI 53126. Look inside for the Village's 2021 proposed budget as well as the Storm Water Utility District Budget and Cemetery Budget. An itemized copy of the 2021 budget is available upon request at the Village Clerk's office.

### Village Board

***Village President	Gary Kastenson
***Trustee #1	Tim Geszvain
***Trustee #2	Paul Ryan
Trustee #3	Keith Kastenson
Trustee #4	Doug Schwartz

\*\*These positions are up for re-election in April of 2021.

### Planning Commission

The Village of Raymond Planning Commission members consist of 7 Commissioners. We would like to thank Harold Strohmeier, Gary Boldt, Steve Daily, Art Binhack, Joe Strueder, Kevin Cantwell, and Scott Brenton for all their time and commitment on behalf of the Village of Raymond. Three terms will be expiring on May 1, 2021. The Village Board will be advertising the openings in early spring at three posting sites as well as the Village website.

### Storm Water Utility District

The Village of Raymond Storm Water Utility district consists of 5 Commissioners. We would like to thank Scott Brenton, James Phillips, John Strueder, Brent Kultgen and Doug Schwartz, for their time and commitment on behalf of the Village of Raymond. There will be two terms that will be expiring in September, 2021. The openings will be advertised.

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**Village Clerk:** Linda M. Terry

**Village Treasurer:** Barbara Hill

Hours: Wednesdays: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Fridays: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Building Inspector:** Lee Greivell (262)835-4819

Office Hours: 8:30a.m. to 10:00a.m. Tues. & Thurs.

**Village Board:** Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30p.m.

**Planning Commission:** Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30p.m.

**Village Zoning Administrator:** Tim Barbeau 262-317-3307

**Storm Water Utility District:** Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.

**Municipal Court:** Judge Joseph M. Purpero

Court Clerk—Jeni Schroepfer (262)835-1651

Court Convenes the first Thursday of each Month at 9:00 am

**Assessor:** Magnan Assessment Service (262)542-3332

**Village Hall Office Hours:** 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Monday thru Friday

**Phone:** (262) 835-4426 **Fax:** (262)835-4449

**Email:** [Clerk@raymondwi.com](mailto:Clerk@raymondwi.com)

**Website:** [www.raymondwi.com](http://www.raymondwi.com)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Village Board of Raymond will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2021 Budget of the Village of Raymond on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:30 PM, at the Raymond Village Hall, 2255 – 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Franksville, WI. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Village Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, or on the Village's Website: [www.raymondwi.com](http://www.raymondwi.com)

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that on Monday, November 23, 2020, immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the Budget, the Village Board will have their regular monthly meeting. During that meeting, the Board will take action on the proposed 2021 Village of Raymond Village Budget; Storm Water Utility District Budget and Cemetery Budget.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

Linda M. Terry  
Village Clerk  
Village of Raymond

	Actual thru Sept. 30, 2020	ESTIMATED Jan - Dec. 2020	Budgeted 2020	Proposed 2021	20 vs 21
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes	1,103,508.08	1,103,508.08	1,076,822.00	1,084,000.00	1%
Taxes (all other)	3,735.02	3,735.02	100.00	100.00	0
Total Charges for Services	271,296.14	298,011.31	286,590.04	321,390.00	0.121427667
Total Fines & Forfeitures	17,960.64	20,000.00	26,040.00	25,000.00	-0.039938556
Total Intergovernmental Revenue	168,031.35	252,218.10	249,904.12	262,667.92	0.051074788
Investment Revenues	8,195.14	9,000.00	34,000.00	10,000.00	-0.705882353
Debt/Loan Proceeds					
Total Licenses, Permits & Fees	222,826.35	228,515.00	206,450.00	228,700.00	0.107774279
Transfer from Reserve Accts.	-			-	
Miscellaneous Revenues (including sale of equipment)	25,225.00	25,225.00	7,800.00	5,900.00	-0.243589744
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,820,777.72</b>	<b>1,940,212.51</b>	<b>1,887,706.16</b>	<b>1,937,757.92</b>	<b>0.026514593</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Government	357,833.03	446,248.02	403,018.84	529,686.70	0.314297614
Public Safety	264,796.26	339,519.66	378,614.15	406,016.14	0.072374448
Public Works	643,295.79	805,967.81	808,267.50	808,992.50	0%
Health & Human Services	31,232.00	32,382.00	32,760.00	34,150.00	0.042429792
Culture, Recreation, Education	3,113.42	3,450.00	4,300.00	3,800.00	-0.11627907
Conservation & Development	(12,059.45)	3,200.00	3,445.00	3,445.00	0
Contingency			20,480.56	32,881.01	0.605474167
Debt Service	118,786.57	118,786.57	118,786.57	118,786.57	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,406,997.62</b>	<b>1,749,554.06</b>	<b>1,769,672.62</b>	<b>1,937,757.92</b>	<b>0.094981014</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>413,780.10</b>	<b>190,658.45</b>	<b>118,033.54</b>	<b>-</b>	

ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS COMBINED	Fund Balance	Est. Total	Est. Total		Est. Fund Bal.	Property Tax
		Revenues	Expenses	Transfers	December 31st	Contribution
General Fund	751,952.00	1,861,084.64	1,615,736.33	(\$25,000.00)	972,301.31	\$ 1,084,000.00
Unassigned for Cemeteries	(6,764.00)	14,646.43	7,792.24	-	90.19	
Non spendable for Cemeteries	30,050.00	-	-	-	30,050.00	
Stormwater Utility-net position	842,751.00	117,275.00	71,158.08		888,867.92	
Reserved for Equipment/Other	112,173.00	-	-	25,000.00	137,173.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,730,162.00</b>	<b>1,993,006.07</b>	<b>1,735,165.83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,028,481.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,084,000.00</b>

**RAYMOND STORM WATER UTILITY DISTRICT**

	ESTIMATED		
	2020 BUDGET	2020 FINAL	PROPOSED 2021
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	117,500.00	117,000.00	117,500.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	-		
Licenses & Permits	-		
Public Chares for Services	-		
Misc. Revenue/Interest earned	500.00	275.00	250.00
<b>Total - All Revenue</b>	<b>118,000.00</b>	<b>117,275.00</b>	<b>117,750.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Operating & Administrative	148,750.00	71,158.08	96,850.00
Debt Service	0	0	-
Reserve Fund	-		
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Reserve</b>	<b>148,750.00</b>	<b>71,158.08</b>	<b>96,850.00</b>

**RAYMOND CEMETERY FUND BUDGET**

	2020 Budget	Estimated 2020	Proposed 2021
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Lot Sales	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Tower Rent	10,647.36	10,647.36	10,647.36
Interest	349.92	399.07	400.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>14,597.28</b>	<b>14,646.43</b>	<b>14,647.36</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance	15,819.96	7,092.00	11,000.00
Postage	5.00		
Supplies/Utilities	394.92	340.24	400.00
Reserve for Perpetual Care	360.00	360.00	360.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>16,579.88</b>	<b>7,792.24</b>	<b>11,760.00</b>

## Property Tax Payment Methods

### **Property Tax Payment Methods:**

#### **By Mail:**

Village of Raymond  
Attn: Treasurer-Taxes  
2255-76<sup>th</sup> Street  
Franksville, WI 53126

#### **Village Hall Drop Box**

There is a mail slot located on the north side of the Village Hall to the left of the side door.

**Treasurer Hours: Wednesdays 12:30-3:30 pm and Fridays 11:00 a.m.-2:00 pm**  
**Tax Payments will be accepted in person Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and as follows:**  
**Saturday hours: Saturday, December 19 & January 21, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 pm**  
**Evening hours: Wednesday, December 30, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, January 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

**PLEASE** make checks payable to **VILLAGE OF RAYMOND** and enclose the appropriate stub from the bottom portion of the bill. **DO NOT** send CASH in the mail.

**PLEASE** include a **SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** if not paying in person and you would like a receipt.

**No paperwork will be mailed without a stamped self-addressed envelope.**

**OVERPAYMENTS:** NO refunds will be issued at the time of payment. Refunds will be sent in the mail by check after the payment has cleared the bank (approximately 10 days).

**Pay in FULL by January 31, 2021 OR**

**Elect Installments: 1<sup>st</sup> Installment due Jan. 31, 2021; 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment due July 31, 2021 (payable to Racine County)**

**DO NOT send your July payment (if electing installments) to the Village.** Send it to Racine County Treasurer by July 31, 2021. **We cannot accept tax payments for the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment.** If using Official Payments, enter "Racine County" as the entity and "Real Estate Taxes" for payment type for the July installment to Racine County.

**CREDIT CARDS:** Credit Card payments can be made using the link on the village website:

[raymondwi.com/village-offices/#treasurer](http://raymondwi.com/village-offices/#treasurer).

The fee, added to the transaction, is currently 2.75%.

### **2020 Dog Licensing**

Neutered/Spayed Fee \$10.00

Unaltered Fee \$15.00

A Proof of Rabies Vaccine is **REQUIRED**. A Dog License will not be issued without updated vaccines. **PLEASE** make out a separate check for dog licenses. Do not include the license fee on your real estate tax payment check.

Be sure to include a stamped self-addressed envelope for the license, tag and paperwork.

Make checks payable to Village of Raymond. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed after March 31, 2020

# Election Information

The following Village Board positions will appear on the ballot in the Spring of 2021. The positions are a two-year term.

Village President – Gary Kastenson  
Trustee #1 - Tim Geszvain  
Trustee #2 - Paul Ryan

The first day nomination papers can be circulated is December 1, 2021.  
The candidate packets can be picked up in the Village Clerk's Office.



## **2021 ELECTION DATES**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021 – Primary (if necessary)**

**APRIL 6, 2021 – Spring Election**

**If you live in the Village of Raymond, we have one polling place, the Village Hall.**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

You can register to vote in the Clerk's office during regular business hours, Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, or go to the MyVote Wisconsin Website at

**[www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)**

At this site you can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see what's on your ballot, request an absentee ballot and check provisional ballot status.

### **VOTER ID IS REQUIRED**

Learn more about photo ID and voting at [www.bringit.wi.gov](http://www.bringit.wi.gov)

Visit the Voter Information Center at: [www.elections.wi.gov/voters](http://www.elections.wi.gov/voters)

Find answers to questions about how to register, where to vote, when to vote absentee and much more.

### **REMINDER FROM SHERIFF'S DEPT.**

**Please remember to take your keys from your vehicle. Also, do not leave valuables in your vehicle and remember to lock up your sheds, garages and vehicles.**

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### **Thank You Poll Workers!!!**

The year 2020 was quite a year for elections! I'd like to give a special shout out to the wonderful poll workers that the Village has – you did an awesome job – especially for the Presidential Election. Thank you also to the last-minute people that stepped up to the plate to help out – your work on election day was very much appreciated.

If anyone is interested in becoming a poll worker, please contact the Village Clerk at 262-835-4426; or, send an email to: [Clerk@raymondwi.com](mailto:Clerk@raymondwi.com).

### **VILLAGE OF RAYMOND WEBSITE**

What has the Village Board been working on? When are the next meeting dates? Where can I learn more about what's going on in the Village? This information and more can be found on the Village's official website: [www.raymondwi.com](http://www.raymondwi.com).

The website is one of the best places to go if you have a question about the Village. If you have any input as to other items that you think would be beneficial to have included on the website, please contact the Clerk's office at 262-835-4426 or send an e-mail to:

[Clerk@raymondwi.com](mailto:Clerk@raymondwi.com)

### **VILLAGE ORDINANCES CAN BE FOUND UNDER THE "VILLAGE BOARD" TAB ON THE WEBSITE**

### **Hall Rental Available**

The Village Hall and Recreation Facility are available to rent. For further information and cost, contact the Village Clerk's office.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Snow in the Right of Way**

There is a Village ordinance that restricts plowing any snow into the ditches by your property.

**"No snow may be pushed, plowed, deposited, left or piled in Village rights of way or ditches."**

Any questions, contact DPW at 262-835-2426.

### **Secure Those Mailboxes!**

Winter will be here soon. Please check your mailbox to make sure it is **SECURELY** attached to your posts and that your posts are **SECURELY** in the ground. During times of very wet, heavy snow, some mailboxes have been knocked down. This is **NOT** because the plow hit them, but rather the force of the slush coming off the blade hits the mailboxes. Please take time this fall and throughout the winter to check your mailbox **AND** post. Thank you.

### **Culverts**

Falling leaves have a way of collecting and eventually clogging driveway culverts. Please clean out your culverts this fall to help eliminate culvert freeze this winter.

### **Address Signs**

Please be sure your address sign is visible from both directions. If your sign is tipping, please straighten it out. If your sign is missing or damaged, please call 262-835-4426 for a replacement. Having your sign visible allows emergency personnel to find your home quickly.

**THANK YOU TO: JOHN, ALBERT, BRAD AND RANDY** for the wonderful jobs that you do on the Village Roads and other Village Properties.

### **WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT NECESSARY?**

Below are the required permits for improvements you may be making to your home or business in the future. If any improvement is done without the required permit, you may be subject to a penalty and be required to remove the improvement. To obtain a permit, please contact the Village building inspector Lee Greivell at 262-835-4819.

- All new residential dwellings or commercial buildings
- All additions and alterations (incl. roof replacement)
- Moving of buildings
- Swimming Pools
- Sheds, Garages, Pole Barns
- Decks
- Razing a structure
- Heating, air conditioning and fireplaces
- Plumbing & Electrical
- Any other permits as required by governing municipalities

Building permit application forms can be found on-line on the Village's website:

[www.raymondwi.com](http://www.raymondwi.com) under the "Village Offices" tab – scroll down to Building Inspector and you will find all building permit forms.

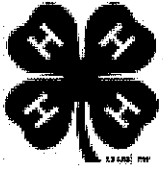
### **Soil Disturbance Ordinance**

Please remember to follow the Village of Raymond ordinance regulating soil disturbance. The ordinance can be viewed on the Village website. Any person conducting a land disturbing construction activity involving excavating, filling or a combination thereof is required to obtain a permit from the Village of Raymond. A permit application and packet can be picked up from the Village Clerk's office. Anyone in violation of this ordinance is subject to strict penalties and fines by the Village.

**MAKE SURE TO  
LICENSE YOUR DOG!**



The paperwork is with your tax bill or see the bottom of page 4 in this newsletter for more information regarding the licensing of your dog(s).



## Raymond 4-H

Raymond 4-H is comprised of over 200 members, club officer, Junior Leaders and Adult Leaders. We offer many opportunities to our members, from club events, learning lifelong leadership skills, to offering many project opportunities. Raymond 4-H focuses on numerous community service projects through out the 4-H year. We strive to make 4-H fun, rewarding and educational. Let us partner with you to get the most out of your 4-H experience.

We meet the first Monday of every month (except Nov, June, July & Aug) at Raymond School.

For more information visit us on Facebook or [www.raymond4h.org](http://www.raymond4h.org)

## Raymond Youth Baseball, Inc.

Registration begins Mid-January through February  
Visit the website at: [www.raymondyouthbaseball.org](http://www.raymondyouthbaseball.org)

- Co-Ed Coach Pitch (4K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)
- Girls Fastpitch Softball
  - Pintos – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Juniors – 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Seniors – 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Boys Baseball
  - Minors – 8 to 10 years old
  - Majors – 11 to 12 years old
  - Ponies – 13 to 15 years old

## Raymond Community and Business Organization (RCBO)

We are a non-profit group of volunteers that organize the RCBO 4<sup>th</sup> Festival, the Easter Eggstravaganza, Santa Sunday, and Provide scholarships to local High School Seniors. We are always looking for more volunteers. We meet Quarterly. Visit our website

For more information about events and how to become involved.

[www.RCBO.club](http://www.RCBO.club), join our Facebook Page: "Raymond Community and Business Organization, Inc. (RCBO)"

**MODIFIED SANTA SUNDAY:** Santa and Mrs. Claus will not be able to attend Santa Sunday due to Covid, we need to keep them safe in the North Pole. Please plan to stop at Raymond Village Hall on Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> between 1-2:30 pm to drop off your Letter to Santa, pick up some Reindeer Food, and drop off much needed Non-Perishable Food items for the Union Grove Food Bank.

Sorry there will not be pictures, crafts or refreshments this year.

## **Central Racine County Health Department**

**10005-Northwestern Avenue  
262-898-4460**

As we write this article, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a rapidly evolving and unprecedented public health crisis. Central Racine County Health Department (CRCHD) set up its Incident Command System (ICS) early in the pandemic and continues in this structure today. For Operations, as of October 20, 2020, CRCHD staff have reviewed 42,778 negative tests as well as investigated 3,128 confirmed and 346 probable cases. There were more cases reported in September than any prior month, accounting for 26% of all reported cases. CRCHD has also performed contact tracing for 6,452 close contacts to cases. To date, the death rate for Racine County is nearly double that for Wisconsin, an entirely unacceptable situation. For Planning and Logistics, staff have been busy coordinating ongoing National Guard testing missions, providing support for long-term care facilities, providing communications with partners and the public, and beginning planning for a mass vaccination campaign. The Finance

section continues work to support all the sections through administration of grant funds to address the pandemic. We thank the public for your help in slowing the spread of the disease. Wearing face coverings outside your home, maintaining physical distance, not holding or attending gatherings, staying home if sick or quarantined, and practicing good hygiene will help us continue to make strides to mitigate the virus.

Protecting our fellow community members, including our most vulnerable populations as well as our frontline workers, first responders, and healthcare providers is paramount. Everyone is part of the solution to addressing this unprecedented pandemic. For more local information, go to the CRCHD website at <https://crchd.com/covid-19>

**Thank you Sharon Korponai for being the Village's liaison with the Health Department.**

### Hunters' Safety Courses

Classes will be held at the Raymond Village Hall. They will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, with February 7<sup>th</sup> as an alternate snow day, if needed, from 9:00 am—4:30 pm. All registrations must be done through "gowildwi.gov". If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact David Lecus at (262)412-5275 or Gary Boldt at (262)412-3553.

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### **VILLAGE HALL HOLIDAY HOURS**

#### **THE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED :**

**Thanksgiving – November 26<sup>TH</sup> and 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**Christmas – December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**New Year's – December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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### Posting Places

There are three posting places in the Village of Raymond where various Village notices are posted including agendas. They are at the Village Hall, Raymond Grade School and X-Treme Fireworks at 2720-W. 5 Mile Road.

### Drop Box

The Clerk's office has a drop box at the Village Hall. It is located on the north side of the building. Look for the "Drop Box" sign.

### TRASH & RECYCLING NEWS



#### ITEMS TO RECYCLE

Magazines, office paper, brown paper bags, newspapers, paperboard, junk mail, phone books, paper, cardboard, dairy and juice containers, aluminum cans, tin or steel cans, glass, bottles and jars, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers #1—#7.

### Garbage Pickup

The Village of Raymond does not have weekly home garbage collection. If you would like home garbage collection, please contact Waste Management at 262-878-3818 or Veolia Environment Muskego location at 262-679-0860 to find out about their contract services and prices.

If residents do not want to contract for garbage collection, they are allowed to take their waste to the Metro Landfill, which is located on Highway 45 and 8 Mile Road (the entrance is one block east of Highway 45 on 8-Mile Road). Their hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call Metro Landfill at 1-414-529-6180.

\*Residents arriving at the facility shall show proof of residency. Driver's License, utility bill or rental agreement are acceptable forms of residency.

\*The maximum waste volume accepted shall not exceed 2 cubic yards per visit.

\*Large loads from cleanouts or construction debris, boats, and hot tubs will not be accepted at the residential area and are subject to the standard gate rate.

\*Appliances/white goods are not accepted at the residential area and must be recycled. This includes microwaves, refrigerators, washer and dryers,



dehumidifiers, humidifiers and water heaters.

\*Four automobile tires per year will be accepted per resident at the residential area. No large tires such as agricultural tires and semi tires will be allowed and are subject to gate rate.

\*No plastic bags in the composting area. Bags must be emptied and put in the trash.

\*The gate attendant reserves the right to reject any item self hauled by a resident or charge the resident the standard gate rate to accept the items.

## THANK YOU, Stan Bugnacki!

Stan has volunteered his services as the liaison for the Village regarding the Landfill Siting Committee Matters.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Locations

### MUSKEGO

Jensen Environmental Management  
W144 S6347 College Court

- 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon  
CLOSED DECEMBER AND JANUARY

### FRANKLIN

Veolia Environmental Services  
10518 South 124th Street

- 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2:00 pm  
CLOSED DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Both of these sites are closed during the months of January and February and also on holidays. Check the holiday closing schedule at

[www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste)  
or call 262-896-8300

## Racine Re-Store Habitat for Humanity

Re-Store accepts donated new and gently used goods from retailers, contractors and homeowners. These goods are then sold at reduced prices to the public.

The store operation generates funds that go directly to supporting Habitat for Humanity's home building program in Racine, while reducing the amount of material that would otherwise go into overflowing landfills.

The Re-Store is located at 2302 DeKoven Ave. Racine on the northwest corner of the Kranz building. Store hours are Tuesday & Thursday 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. and Saturday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Any questions can be directed to 262-898-2929

## Electronics Disposal Ban It's the Law!

State Statute 287-07 (5) - As of September 1, 2010 it's illegal to put these electronics in the trash in Wisconsin: cell phones, computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals, desktop printers, fax machines, televisions and video recorders/players. To learn more go to [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) (search "recycling") or call 1-888-960-0008.

LEGACY RECYCLING in Sturtevant will take old TV's. They charge \$20.00 for up to 27" tube type TV; more for larger sets. Also, Best Buy takes electronics and flat screen TV's for a charge.

<http://www.legacy-recycling.com>

## School That Serve Our Community

Raymond School District  
2659-76<sup>th</sup> Street, Franksville, WI  
262-835-2929

Yorkville School District  
18621 Washington Avenue, Union Grove, WI  
878-3759

North Cape School District  
11926 Hwy. K, Franksville, WI  
835-4069

Norway-Drought School District  
21016 W. 7 Mile Road, Franksville, WI  
895-7778

Student in the Raymond and Yorkville School Districts attend

Union Grove Union High School  
3433 S. Colony Ave. (Hwy. 45), Union Grove, WI  
878-2434

Students in the North Cape & Drought School Districts attend

Waterford Union High School  
507 W. Main Street, Waterford, WI  
534-3189

## Contact your local library to find out about their programs.

**Graham Public Library**  
1215 Main Street  
Union Grove, WI 53182  
262-878-2910  
[www.uniongrove.lib.wi.us](http://www.uniongrove.lib.wi.us)

**Waterford Public Library**  
101 N. River Street  
Waterford, WI 53185  
262-534-3988  
[www.waterford.lib.wi.us](http://www.waterford.lib.wi.us)

# News from Raymond Fire & Rescue

## A Challenging 2020

So much has changed the last few months and it is still evolving. Hopefully everyone has been healthy and safe and practicing the recommendations of staying at home if you are sick, social distancing, hand washing and the wearing of face coverings.

We continue to take every precaution on our department to ensure your safety as well as that of our members by disinfecting our apparatus, station and self-monitoring the health of our members. Unfortunately, we had to alter or cancel our fire prevention week activities, our annual open house and pancake breakfast, and our CPR/AED classes.

Our call volume in 2020 has been variable. We experienced a significant drop in calls for service during the stay at home order. Since then we have returned to our typical numbers, and we are preparing for a likely increase in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter due to virus spread, and people traveling more. We expect our call volume will end the year similar to 2019.

Earlier this year Raymond was awarded a FEMA grant which allowed the department to place into service 25 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The grant total for the grant was \$167,000, which significantly reduced the financial impact on the fire departments budget. The new SCBA's replace our nearly 18 year old SCBA providing our firefighters with the newest and most advanced technology increasing firefighter safety and performance.

We continue to work with the village to map out a plan for our future; including the need for station upgrades and new apparatus. We are thankful for the trustee's understanding and support.

## Fire & Rescue Staffing & Recruitment

Raymond is now the only fire & rescue department in Racine county that remains a paid per call fire department that does not pay for FF/EMT staffing at the fire station. Our members respond to the station from home or work when alerted by Racine County Dispatch. This allows the fire department budget to remain small compared to our neighbors who have been forced to pay for staffing a station. Our neighbors who pay for staffing at their station were forced to make this change when their membership dropped so low that they were unable to cover calls appropriately. Village taxes would

dramatically increase if we had to transition to a staffed fire department. To try to prevent this change, the village board increased the hourly compensation for fire department members significantly. This wage increase aligns us well with our neighbors so we now compensate our members appropriately for responding to calls and training. Although Raymond is no longer a true volunteer fire department, our membership volunteers many hours at community events like fundraisers, recruitment drives, open houses, fire prevention week activities, and many other community, school, and church events.

Our membership remains a professional group of diverse students, retirees, business professionals, and busy parents. Our membership once was near 50, but now has shrunk to 30 dedicated hard working men and women. We always welcome new members, and offer competitive compensation, paid training and uniforms. State certification classes in firefighting and emergency medical services (EMS) are paid for by the village. We have some members certified in firefighting, some in EMS, and many that hold both certifications. We continue to explore other incentives and options including retirement accounts, tax benefits, and childcare. We are flexible and have single parents, business owners, international travelers, and college students in our ranks. Our most active members are compensated hundreds of dollars each month for the time they give helping our community. Let us show you how rewarding joining our department can be. Contact us today for an application at 262-835-1687.

## COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 is real, and has significantly impacted our fire and rescue operations. We have transported multiple extremely ill COVID patients. This virus continues to challenge us in many ways. It impacts our staffing, membership, and families. Thank you to our dedicated members and leadership for all the countless hours spent preparing and training to keep everyone safe.

- We are taking every precaution to ensure the safety of our residents, businesses, and visitors and our members to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

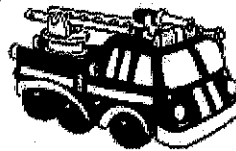
- All non-department activities have been cancelled and only members are allowed in the building. To follow social distancing guidelines, essential personnel are limiting their time at the station and/or working remotely. We have transitioned many meetings and trainings virtually. We have been diligent about keeping common surfaces cleaned and disinfected, handwashing and monitoring our members.
- We routinely use a Halo Fogging System; this process decontaminates our ambulances and prevents the spread of virus' and bacteria.
- Supplies and PPE are limited so we are constantly monitoring various sources. We are a collection site for donation items such as N95 masks, disposable gloves, safety goggles, and gowns, etc.
- If you call 911, the dispatchers will be screening callers for possible symptoms so we can properly use our PPE to keep you and our members safe. They may ask you to meet us outside/at your door, if possible. If we need to come into your home, we may send only one responder to perform an assessment.
- For people who have COVID-19 symptoms but are not critically ill with symptoms and distress, we may advise you to stay at home and seek medical care by calling your doctor instead of being transported to the emergency room. This is to decrease the exposure to yourself, medical staff and other patients.
- Family members will not be allowed to ride along with you if we need to transport. Hospital emergency rooms are also limiting and/or restricting visitors.

What you can do to help:

- Practice social distancing. Put at yourself at least 6' from others.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Avoid touching your face.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
  - Remember – you are safer at home!
- Here are some helpful sites to find more information about the virus, local resources, tips, prevention, etc:

- Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>
- Racine County Coronavirus Response Hub: <https://coronavirus-response-racinecounty.hub.arcgis.com/>



**Burning Hours**



The Village of Raymond burning hours are from 12:00pm (noon) to 7:00pm, seven days a week. You are allowed to burn organic materials such as brush, grass, leaves, and small tree branches. You must attend the fire at all times and have one means of extinguishment. All burning, this includes agricultural burns, brush fires, and recreational bonfires, are to be called into the Racine County Communications Center at (262) 886-2300 AND the Raymond Fire and Rescue Department at (262) 835-1687. Please provide your name, the date, time, and address of the burn.

**Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors**



Be sure to change the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors semi-annually. A good rule of thumb is to change them when you change your clocks (daylight savings). Remember that detectors only last up to 10 years.

Wisconsin law states that all residential buildings have a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector on every floor.

