

Village of Raymond

News & Notes

2024



Raymond Village Hall

2255 76th St, Franksville 53126

Phone: 262-835-4426 / Fax: 262-546-5226

Website: raymondwi.com

Email: clerk@raymondwi.com

Hours: 9-4 Monday-Friday

Village Elected Officials

Village President: Kari Morgan

(Village Staff and Zoning liaison, and Plan Commission chair)

Village Trustees #1-4:

Bill Wilson *(Public Works liaison)*

Mike Thelen *(Building Inspection liaison)*

Keith Kastenson *(School liaison)*

Doug Schwartz *(Fire & Rescue liaison and SWUD chair)*

Municipal Judge: Joseph Purpero

Village Staff

Clerk/Administrator: Barbara Hill

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk: Jeni Schroepfer

Public Works Foreman: Todd Kastenson

Public Works: Brad Guentzel, Jason Siegel

Fire Chief: Adam Smith

Fire Asst. Chiefs: Kevan Leedle, Jake Dinauer

Fire Clerk: Cheryl Bayer

Court Clerk: Jeni Schroepfer

Custodian: Marilyn Marquardt

Monthly Meetings

Village Board: 4th Monday at 7:30 pm

Plan Commission: 4th Monday at 6:30 pm

Stormwater (SWUD): 3rd Monday at 7 pm

Municipal Court: 1st Thursday at 9 am

MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I cannot believe that another year is almost finished, and we are coming upon the holiday season. As we celebrate what is important to us and our families, we must also remember to celebrate the beautiful community we are all blessed to live in and give thanks for the lives we are allowed to live each and every day in this little piece of heaven we call Raymond.

We have had a very busy year with Village business. As I serve on the Plan Commission, Village Board and Zoning Committee, I have witnessed many changes and opportunities for our community. This year the Board has been working towards updating the Zoning code ordinances, which had not been done since we became a village. We are also finalizing our sewer service plans to serve the I-94 corridor, which will give our community a greater tax base for long term success as a rural village. Along with that, we are in the process of acquiring water service for our I-94 corridor and updating the entire I-94 corridor development plan.

The Village Board approved a new roof on village hall and a new parking lot, both of which were in dire need of repair and can now withstand the next 50+ years. We are also in the process of a facilities needs assessment of Village Hall to plan for the next 20+ years and are working closely with our DPW to focus on the repairs needed to our roads while keeping the taxes to a minimal, if any, increase. So much has been accomplished this year and I wish I had the space to list it all!

2023 has also brought us 14 new homes which means we have that many more families to welcome! If you live near any of these new neighbors, make sure you stop by and welcome them. That's the Raymond way!

I want to thank all of the community members that have served this year on our Plan Commission, Zoning Committee, I-94 Planning Committee, Fire Commission, Board of Appeals and Stormwater Drainage Commission. I also want to thank our Fire and Rescue Department, DPW and Clerk's and Treasurer's office employees. Without all of you, we wouldn't be able to live comfortably in this amazing community that we all call home!

*Sincerely,
Your Village President,
Kari Morgan*

2024 ELECTIONS

- **Tuesday, February 20** - Spring Primary (if necessary)
- **Tuesday, April 2** - Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary
- **Tuesday, August 13** - Partisan Primary
- **Tuesday, November 5** - General Election & Presidential Election

If you live in the Village of Raymond, we have one polling place – Raymond Village Hall, 2255 76th St.

Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day.

Voter ID is required. Learn more at bringit.wi.gov.

The following Village Board positions will appear on the ballot in the Spring of 2024:

Trustee #3 – Keith Kastenson (2-year term)

Trustee #4 – Doug Schwartz (2-year term)

The first day nomination papers can be circulated is December 1, 2023. Candidate packets can be picked up in the Village Clerk's office.

Voter Information - MyVote

The State's voter website [MyVote](http://myvote.wi.gov) (myvote.wi.gov) is the best place to check your voter status, register to vote, request an absentee ballot and see what's on your upcoming ballot OR you may contact the Village Clerk's office for assistance.

Pollworkers

Thank you to our wonderful Village of Raymond pollworkers. We couldn't do it without you!

Our pollworkers for the 2024-25 election cycle have already been selected, but alternates are always welcome. Visit the Clerk's office or the Clerk page of the Village website for an application.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Many thanks to Todd Kastenson, Brad Guentzel, Jason Siegel and Mike Moser for their dedicated work on the Village roads and other public areas!!

Public Works Reminders

No snow in the right of way! Per Village ordinance: "No snow may be pushed, plowed, deposited, left or piled in Village rights of way or ditches." Thank you for your cooperation, and contact DPW with any questions at 262-835-2426.

Secure your mailbox! Winter is coming. Please check your mailbox to make sure it is SECURELY attached to the

post and the post is SECURELY in the ground. During times of wet, heavy snow mailboxes can be knocked down from the force of the heavy snow being pushed by the plow blades.

Clear your culverts! Falling leaves have a way of collecting and clogging driveway culverts. Please clean out your culverts this fall to help eliminate culverts freezing this winter.

Address signs should be visible! Please be sure your address sign is visible from both directions. If your sign is tipping, please straighten it. If it is damaged or missing, call the Clerk's office at 262-835-4426 for a replacement. Having your sign visible allows emergency personnel to find your home quickly.

Due to a generous donation by the Dawson Family and the Lannon Stone Foundation, the Oak Grove cemetery road was re-paved in November of 2023. Many thanks for your gift to the Village!!

BUILDING/ZONING

Visit the Building and Zoning pages of the Village website for applications, fee sheets, deadlines, and more information.

When is a building permit necessary? 262-424-6957

- All new residential or commercial buildings
- Additions and alterations (including roof replacement)
- Accessory buildings (garages, sheds, etc.)
- Decks / Swimming pools
- Razing/demolition
- Heating, AC and fireplaces
- Plumbing and electrical
- Moving of buildings
- Other permits as required by the governing municipality – if in doubt, ask the inspector

When is a zoning permit necessary? 414-386-7171

- All new residential or commercial buildings
- Accessory buildings (garages, sheds, etc.)
- Business occupancy
- Soil disturbance
- Signage
- Decks / Swimming pools
- Pergolas

The zoning administrator also works with development concept reviews, site plans and conditional use permits, as well as rezoning/land use amendments, certified survey maps (land splits), and zoning waivers.

NEWS FROM RAYMOND FIRE & RESCUE



Year in Review

Our call volume in 2023 remains steady compared to the previous two years. We are on track to respond to over 500 calls for service in 2023, which is a 20% increase from 2020. In the last 10 years, we have seen an increase in our call volume by 34%. During this same time period, we have seen a 37% decrease in our membership.

We are the last Racine County community that provides both Ambulance and Fire response with an unstaffed fire station. Our dedicated members respond to the fire station when alerted for a call for service, and make a competitive hourly wage when performing Fire and EMS duties. 63% of our calls occur 6:00am-6:00pm, when most of our members are at their full time jobs outside the village.

We continue to recruit new members so please consider joining our team! Our department is a diverse group of members including college students, teachers, business owners, retirees, RNs, parents, and a variety of other dedicated men and women. We always welcome new members! No experience is necessary, and we are flexible. State certification classes in firefighting and emergency medical services are provided at no cost. Our most active members earn \$700-\$1000 a month helping their community! **Please call 262-835-1687 for more information.**

We no longer have the large numbers we once did, and have become accustomed to doing more with less. Additionally, we continue to have strong collaborative relationships with our neighboring fire departments and work closely together to keep our village residents, firefighters, and EMTs safe. We strive to continue to provide the most professional, well-trained, compassionate service to the community that we can with the resources available to us.

We continue to work with the village to map out a plan for our future including the necessities for station upgrades and apparatus replacement. We hope to utilize grant funding to assist with required village hall and fire station upgrades including the

addition of much needed shower and locker room space. Our members lack the ability to shower after a call and must return to their home and family with an increased risk of exposure to contaminants.

Burning Hours

Village of Raymond burning hours are from 12:00 pm (noon) to 7:00 pm, 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, and 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.

Village Roadway Names

The Racine County Communications Center (Dispatch) has had some recent challenges with outdated street names being used. We have had both life-threatening medical emergencies and structure fires **on 8 Mile Road, where residents incorrectly indicated the emergencies were on County Line Road.** This information caused Racine County Communications to incorrectly dispatch emergency services to the south county line road (Hwy KR) in Yorkville or Mount Pleasant which caused a large delay. **Additionally, Hwy 45, or Raynor Avenue, should be correctly referred to as 124th Street in the Village of Raymond.** Raynor Avenue is the Town of Norway (west) side of Hwy 45. With most fire & rescue calls coming in from cell phones, using the correct street name saves precious time in an emergency, when every second counts.

TRASH AND RECYCLING

The Village of Raymond does not have weekly home garbage or recycling collection. Residents may contract directly with Waste Management 262-878-3818, wm.com, or Veolia 262-679-0860.

OR take your trash and recycling to the Metro Landfill on 8 Mile Rd (County Line Rd) just east of Hwy 45. Hours are M, W, F from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
One trip per week, and ID/residency is required. Visit the Our Community page of the Village of Raymond website for a map and more details.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Collection site address: W124 S10391 S 124th St
1st and 3rd Saturdays from 8:00 am to noon
Closed December and January
Stay in your car at all times. Show proof of residency. All items should be in the trunk of your vehicle in a box or container for easy collection.
Waukesha Business Office: 262-896-8300
Visit the Our Community page of the Village of Raymond website for a map and more details.

VILLAGE HALL RENTAL

The Hall and Pavilion may be rented for gatherings. Contact the Clerk's office for info, 262-835-4426.

RAYMOND COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATION (RCBO)

We are a nonprofit group of volunteers who organize: **4th Fest • Easter Eggstravaganza • Santa Sunday** and provide scholarships to local High School Seniors continuing their education. We meet quarterly and invite you to come and see what we are all about! Visit our website at www.RCBO.club and our Facebook Page "Raymond Community and Business Organization (RCBO) for the latest news.

RAYMOND 4-H

Raymond 4-H is comprised of over 200 members, club officer, and Junior/Adult Leaders. We offer many opportunities to our members, and focus on community service projects throughout the year. Our goal is to make 4-H fun, rewarding and educational.

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

For more information visit us on Facebook or [sites.google.com/view/raymond4h/](https://www.google.com/view/raymond4h/)

RAYMOND YOUTH BASEBALL

Since 1984, the all-volunteer organization, Raymond Youth Baseball, has been instructing local children in baseball, softball and sportsmanship. Visit the website at raymondyouthbaseball.org. Registration begins Jan/Feb, and programs include: Co-ed T-ball/coach pitch (4k to 1st grade)
Girls fastpitch softball (2nd-4th, 5th-7th, 8th-10th)
Boys baseball (1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, 7th-9th)

RAYMOND SCHOOLS

Raymond School District
2659 76th St, Franksville, 262-835-2929
Yorkville School District
18621 Washington Ave, Union Grove, 262-878-3759
North Cape School District
11926 Hwy K, Franksville, 262-835-4069
Norway J7 School District
21016 W 7 Mile Rd, Franksville, 262-895-7778
High school for Raymond/Yorkville districts:
Union Grove Union High School
3433 S Colony Ave, Union Grove, 262-878-2434
High school for North Cape/Norway J7 districts:
Waterford Union High School
507 W Main St, Waterford, 262-534-3189

LOCAL LIBRARIES

Graham Public Library
1215 Main St, Union grove, 262-878-2910
uniongrove.lib.wi.us
Waterford Public Library
101 N River St, Waterford, 262-534-3988
waterford.lib.wi.us

AMERICAN LEGION

HARVEY FUNK POST 494

4226 Michel Ct, Franksville
Check our Facebook page for events throughout the year, or contact us at 262-835-2042 or crystalspres@gmail.com.
Our post Commander is currently Candace Rothering: rothering.candace@yahoo.com