

# Village of Raymond

## News & Notes

### 2025

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#### **Raymond Village Hall**

2255 76<sup>th</sup> St, Franksville 53126

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

Website: raymondwi.com

Email: clerk@raymondwi.com

Hours: 9-4 Monday-Friday

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#### **Village Elected Officials**

**Village President: Kari Morgan**

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

**Village Trustees #1-4:**

**Bill Wilson** *(Code Enforcement liaison)*

**Mike Thelen** *(DPW and Building liaison)*

**Keith Kastenson** *(School liaison)*

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

**Municipal Judge: Joseph Purpero**

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#### **Village Staff**

Clerk/Administrator: Barbara Hill

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk: Jeni Schroepfer

Public Works Foreman: Jacob Epping

Public Works: Brad Guentzel, Jason Neubecker

Fire Chief: Adam Smith

Fire Asst. Chiefs: Kevan Leedle, Jake Dinauer

Fire Clerk: Cheryl Bayer

Court Clerk: Jeni Schroepfer

Custodian: Marilyn Marquardt

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#### **Monthly Meetings**

Village Board: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 pm

Plan Commission: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm

Stormwater (SWUD): 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7 pm

Municipal Court: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9 am

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

*Dear Neighbors and Friends,*

*We have once again had a year with full agendas bringing some struggles as well as great positives. This year the board completed our Zoning Code ordinance updates which had not been done since we became a village; pushing us out of the County zoning codes and completely on our own. We approved an updated I-94 Corridor plan and reviewed multiple options for funding the sewer/water projects along the corridor with the mindset that the majority of the business growth will be kept in that area for our tax base growth while keeping the remainder of our community as rural as we can.*

*We completed over 1.5 miles of road repair this year. The board realizes the need for more road replacement and increased the road budget by over 15% in the proposed 2025 budget.*

*As you may know, our Fire & Rescue Department has been struggling to staff emergency calls that come in throughout the daytime hours due to lack of membership. The board was able to include two part-time employees to cover the necessary hours in the proposed budget while decreasing our tax mill rate from last year.*

*I believe it is our responsibility as elected officials to the taxpayers of Raymond to provide the best possible services in a cost-effective manner that allows all of us to enjoy this great community without taking on any further financial burdens from the Village budget. The board along with our Clerk/Administrator's office is continuously looking for ways to save money and cut costs and that gets passed on to all of us which is so helpful with the rising costs with everything!*

*2024 brought us 12 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 to this wonderful little place we love to call home! 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, Fire Commission, Board of Appeals and Stormwater Drainage Commission. I also want to thank our Fire and Rescue Department, DPW, Municipal Court and Clerk/Administrator 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*

## 2025 ELECTIONS

- **Tuesday, February 18** - Spring Primary (if necessary)
- **Tuesday, April 1** - Spring Election

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

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

Voter ID is required. Learn more at [bringit.wi.gov](http://bringit.wi.gov).

The following Village Board positions will appear on the ballot in the Spring of 2025:

Village President – Kari Morgan, incumbent (2-year term)

Trustee #1 – William Wilson, incumbent (2-year term)

Trustee #2 – Mike Thelen, incumbent (2-year term)

Nomination papers can be circulated between

December 1, 2024 and January 7, 2025. Candidate

packets can be picked up in the Village Clerk's office.

### **Voter Information - MyVote**

The State's voter website **MyVote** ([myvote.wi.gov](http://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.

### **Poll Workers**

Thank you to our amazing Village of Raymond poll workers – seven elections in 2024!! We couldn't have done it without you!

Our poll workers for the 2024-25 election cycle have already been selected, but alternates are always welcome. Visit the Clerk's office for an application.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Many thanks to Jacob Epping, Brad Guentzel and Jason Neubecker, as well as our former and seasonal employees, 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.

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## 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](http://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 more details.

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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Temporary Collection site address:  
1500 University Drive, Waukesha  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 for more details.

### **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

**NOTE: Collection area will be closed for the winter, December through February, but items can still be taken to the Durand Ave warehouse location.**

This free service for Raymond residents will continue in 2025 and includes a collection area in the North parking lot of Village Hall (near the tennis courts). NO freon-containing items, although residents can take those to the Legacy warehouse free of charge.

**Legacy Recycling, 9825 Durand Ave, Sturtevant  
262-930-4228, [www.legacy-recycling.com](http://www.legacy-recycling.com)**

# NEWS FROM RAYMOND FIRE & RESCUE



## Fire / Rescue Station Staffing

In the last 10 years, we have seen an increase in our call volume by 34%, and a corresponding 37% decrease in our membership. We are the last Racine County community that provides both Ambulance (EMS) and Fire response with an unstaffed fire station. Our dedicated members respond to the fire station when alerted for a call for service. 63% of our calls occur 6:00am-6:00pm, when most of our members are unavailable at their full time jobs outside the village.

Due to this trend, we have continued to work with the village board to address our staffing shortfalls. A few years ago, the fire department leadership proposed a daytime staffing model with two paid part-time FF/EMTs at the fire station. At that time, the village board utilized a consultant who felt this model was insufficient to meet our needs in the long term, and a staffing plan was presented in an advisory referendum, which included some full-time staff, part-time staff, and a full-time fire chief.

Although the referendum failed, the work to find a solution has continued and the village board was able to work into the 2025 budget something similar to RFRD's original proposal of two paid part-time FF/EMTs for daytime staffing. This was made possible in part by increased village fees, including EMS fees, and was done without raising village taxes. Part-time staffing will begin in 2025 and is a good first step for the department.

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. When needed, we ask for assistance from a neighboring fire department, and we often help them, as well. 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 recruit new members so please consider joining our team!**

## NEW IN 2024 – Registered Nurse (RN) Equivalency

Registered Nurses may utilize their education and license and apply for a local EMS credential. The RN may take the place of an EMT if the RN is trained and competent in all EMT skills, medicines, and equipment, with medical director approval. We have multiple RNs on our team, who previously needed to take an EMT class. A formal EMT class is no longer required for RNs in 2024. If you are a RN, please consider joining our team! It has never been easier to help your community and neighbors.

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. No experience is necessary, and we are flexible. State certification classes in firefighting and EMT are provided at no cost. Our most active members earn \$700-\$1000 a month helping their community, as they are paid a competitive wage while performing Fire/EMS duties! **Please call 262-835-1687 for more information.**

We continue to work with the village board to map out a plan for our future including the necessities for station upgrades and apparatus replacement.

## Captain Maxwell Bayer

With profound sadness, we mourn the sudden death of Captain Maxwell Bayer. Max was involved in a tragic motorcycle accident near East Troy, and passed away on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Our brother Max was one of our most active members, serving for 13 years, while promoting to the rank of captain. Max's family are long time Raymond residents, and his mother Cheryl is our fire department clerk. Max leaves behind his pregnant wife Caitlin Bayer, a first grade teacher at Raymond Elementary School. The Bayer family, and his family at Raymond Fire & Rescue, honor Max and miss him every day.

## New Command Car 440

A new Chevrolet Tahoe was purchased with state grant funding and donations, and replaced a 2003 Tahoe that was donated to the village DPW. This new SUV provides first response fire and EMS capabilities for our command staff. It also allows us to communicate effectively with mutual aid partners from multiple counties during large emergencies by patching radio frequencies together.

## 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. For all burning, including agricultural burns, brush fires, and recreational bonfires, call **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 (CO) 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 must have a working smoke and CO detector on every floor.

## **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
- 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.

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## **VILLAGE HALL RENTAL**

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

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## **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](http://www.RCBO.club) and our Facebook Page "Raymond Community and Business Organization (RCBO) for the latest news.

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## **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://sites.google.com/view/raymond4h/)

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## **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](http://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)

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## **RAYMOND SCHOOLS**

Raymond School District

2659 76<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **LOCAL LIBRARIES**

**Graham Public Library**

1215 Main St, Union Grove, 262-878-2910  
[uniongrove.lib.wi.us](http://uniongrove.lib.wi.us)

**Waterford Public Library**

101 N River St, Waterford, 262-534-3988  
[waterford.lib.wi.us](http://waterford.lib.wi.us)

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## **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.

Our post Commander is currently Candace Rothering: [rothering.candace@yahoo.com](mailto:rothering.candace@yahoo.com)