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# RAYMOND TIMES

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## Elections – November 4

There are two council seats and the mayor seat open for elections this Fall. Residents interested in running for any of these offices should contact Nancy at Raymond City Hall to take out election papers. Election papers must be filled out and returned to City Hall by 3pm on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



## Local Option Sales Tax

This November, residents will have the opportunity to vote on renewing the Local Option Sales Tax in Black Hawk County. We encourage all residents to vote “YES”. Funds received will be used to fund infrastructure improvements (roads, water, sewer) as well as park improvements. The City of Raymond receives approximately \$60,000 each year in local option sales tax. If the City does not pass the vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will lose out on receiving \$60,000 each year. So vote “YES” to Local Option Sales Tax.

## Farewell Connie

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Connie Frost for her years of service to the City of Raymond. Connie retired from her position on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We would like to wish her and her family the best.

## Welcome Nancy

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Nancy Miebach as our new City Clerk. Please be sure to stop by and welcome Nancy to our community.

## City Hall Hours

Monday	Noon – 5 pm
Tuesday	8 am – 1 pm
Wednesday	8 am – noon, 1 pm – 3 pm
Thursday	closed
Friday	8 am – noon, 1 pm – 3 pm

## We Need YOU!

Did you know that Raymond Fire Department depends on volunteers like you? Have you ever wondered how you could help out your community? The Raymond Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders are always looking for new members. No previous experience is required and training is available. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please contact Fire Chief John Freese at (319) 240-0939.

## Code Red

Black Hawk County recently signed up for an emergency notification system. Please see the attached memo for additional information. If you have not already signed up, we encourage you to go online @ [www.raymondia.us](http://www.raymondia.us) and click on Code Red Registration to sign up.



The Raymond Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders will host a Fish Fry on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and show your support for our volunteers.

## Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1 and enjoy an extra hour of rest!



## Mowing

Persons who have received a notice to mow within the last twenty-four months may be issued a municipal infraction in accordance with Chapter 142 of the Code of Ordinances if they fail to maintain their yards. The Ordinance states that the maximum vegetation height is 12” for all residential areas and 36” for unplatted and agriculture zoned property. Please help keep our town looking nice by keeping your lawns mowed.

## Yard Waste - Quarry

It is illegal to burn leaves and other yard waste in Raymond. Leaves and branches may be hauled to the quarry for disposal – appointments are required. Contact City Hall at 232-6153 to schedule a time to get into the quarry.

We would like to thank BMC for allowing residents to dispose of their yard waste at the quarry.

We would also like to thank Bruce Harris for volunteering his time to let people into the quarry.

## Finishing Your Basement?

*Building Permits are required*

Sometimes new homeowners leave their basements unfinished when building their new homes. However, when you do decide to finish off your basement, you need a permit. You also need to get a permit to build a garage or add an accessory building. Our current ordinances require homeowners to obtain a permit prior to beginning any new construction, renovation, or remodeling project. So before you pick up your hammer, pick up the phone and get a building permit. Permit information is available at Raymond City Hall.

## Garage Sales

The Raymond City Fall Garage Sales are coming up. If you are interested in participating in this event, contact Diane Drilling at 235-9242.



## Dubuque Road

The City of Raymond was recently awarded \$750,000 in economic stimulus funds for the resurfacing of Dubuque Road. Construction is scheduled to begin September 8<sup>th</sup> and last 25 working days.

## Outdoor Warning Siren

The City is accepting proposals to replace the existing siren in town. We have been told that there might be Emergency Mitigation Funds available to pay for the replacement, but no funds have surfaced to date. The state will not know if funds will be available for 6-7 more months. The City Council and Fire Department have agreed that it is necessary to proceed with the purchase of a new siren.

## City Wide Cleanup

The City will be holding a city-wide cleanup day this fall. Watch for notices in the Post Office and at City Hall for more information.

## Soliciting

Recently, we have received a number of complaints regarding suspicious solicitations in town. Residents are urged to use caution when a solicitors come knocking on their door. Solicitors are required to obtain a permit to solicit within Raymond City limits. If you have any concerns, please contact Raymond City Hall.

## Town Hall Meeting

The Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office has begun discussions about acquiring a large portion of the property adjacent to the Raymond/Pint's Quarry to use for a training facility. If you are interested in learning more about the proposed training facility, you are encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Sheriff Tony Thompson will be present.

## Complete Count Committee

The City of Raymond is looking for a few volunteers to serve on the Census Complete Count Committee for Raymond. The purpose of the committee is to help bring awareness of the importance and benefits of the census and encourage all residents to return their census surveys. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact City Hall.

## Census 2010

Did you know that many of the funds the city receives are based upon our census figures? Local Option Sales Tax and Road Use Tax are just two examples of funds apportioned to cities based on their census data. According to the census data from 1990, the population of Raymond was 619. In 2000, that number dropped to 537. This drop in population resulted in a lower percentage of funds being allocated to the City. We estimate that the current population is closer to 800, but in order for that to materialize into increased revenues for our town, it is important for every person to be counted. Watch the city website ([www.raymondia.us](http://www.raymondia.us)) for more information in the coming months.

## YOUR GOVERNMENT

Karen Paulsen, Mayor ([mayorofraymondia@mchsi.com](mailto:mayorofraymondia@mchsi.com))

Nancy Miebach, City Clerk ([cityofraymond@mchsi.com](mailto:cityofraymond@mchsi.com))

Monte Johnson, Council & Mayor Pro-tem

Duane Briggeman, Council

Tom McGowan, Council

Eric Morgan, Council

Lori Seals, Council

Janan Weber, Treasurer

## FIRE DEPARTMENT (911)

John Freese, Chief

Justin Freese, Assistant Chief

Teresa Weston, Secretary/Treasurer

Joe Conrad                      Heather Dolf

Jason Dolf                      Russ Frisch

Craig Hansen                  Bruce Harris

Jack Knipp                      Vic Paulsen

Patty Steils                      Pete Weber

## FIRST RESPONDERS (911)

Heather Dolf

Jason Dolf

Linda Kayser

Craig Hansen

Jack Knipp

Patty Steils