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Photo by Kevin Myers

## From the Town Hall

Submitted by Janice Boudreau

### Budget FY22 Preparations

A big part of the winter involves town budget preparation and this year we continued to meet by way of video conferencing, often twice a week. Please thank members of the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen for all their hard work and countless hours of meeting required to put together a fiscally responsible and balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

### MVP meeting

On March 22nd we met with Megan Rhodes and Allison Gage of Franklin Regional Council of Governments as part of a grant they are managing through the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to work on Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness. The concerns expressed about the increase of extreme weather events involved discussion of heavy precipitation, windstorms, drought and the potential impact on our community. Chair Maggie Rice of the Board of Health said she thought it was one of the best meetings she ever went to. Interestingly enough, a week later we experienced a severe windstorm that knocks out some sections of the town power and an area internet outage for many hours.

The discussion started with an introduction from Megan Rhodes who said that there is an increase in heavy precipitation, especially in the Northeast, and between 1958 and 2012 it has increased by 71%. Temperatures are rising which is having impact on health requiring more medical attention as well as influencing mental health. So, the impact takes its toll not only on the town's infrastructure, but on us human beings, plant and animal life as well.

Participants included: Selectman Joanne Semanie, Principal Bill Knittle, Superintendent Lance Larned, Director Ben Werner of Rowe Camp and Conference Center, Park Commissioner Laurie Pike, Park Manager Sean Loomis, Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau, Board of Health Chair Maggie Rice, Administrative Assistant Paul McLatchy III, and Kevin Shea of Yankee Rowe. We thank you so much for your time and effort.

### New Employee

We are happy to welcome Christine Bailey to the Town Hall Staff as Assessors Administrative Assistant. Her hours will be on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by appointment. She grew up in Rowe and has returned here to live full time. Christine has an extensive administrative background and brings a great deal of energy and enthusiasm; we are happy to have her join the Town Hall Staff.

**The Annual 2020 Town Report** is available for pick-up at Rowe Town Hall. Starting May 1, 2021 reports will be left at the Post Office and outside the Town Hall side entrance.

Should you want a copy mailed directly to you, please contact Janice Boudreau at Town Hall at 339-5520 ext. 100 or [townadmin@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:townadmin@rowe-ma.gov)

We will also have copies available at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 a.m.



## Town Clerk

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III

The annual town election is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 15th at the Rowe Elementary School from 1-5 PM. Voters need to enter and exit through the rear, with masks and social distancing protocols in place. If you prefer to vote by mail, early ballots are available and must be requested in writing. Applications are available on the website and outside town hall. The following offices and candidates appear on the ballot, and terms are for three years unless otherwise noted:

- Board of Assessors  
Ellen Miller (I)
- Board of Health  
Herbert Butzke (I)
- Board of Selectmen  
Charles Sokol (I)
- Cemetery Commission  
Jay Williams (I)
- Cemetery Commission – 2 Years  
Joanne Semanie
- Finance Committee – 2 Positions, 3 Years Each  
Christopher “Selmi” Hyytinen (I)  
NONE (Seat #2)
- Finance Committee – 2 Years  
NONE
- Library Trustees  
Catherine Snyder (I)  
Lauren Werner
- Park Commission  
Hannah Poplawski
- Planning Board – 5 Years  
Paul McLatchy III
- Planning Board – 3 Years  
Benjamin Werner
- Planning Board – 1 Year  
Charles Sokol

- School Committee  
Matthew Crowningshield (I)  
(I) Incumbent

Town meeting will also be held on Saturday, May 15th outdoors at the Elementary School at 10:00 in the morning, with a rain date of the 16th. Protocols will be similar to last year, with mask requirements and social distancing in place. Remember to bring a comfortable chair!



The new replacement sign recently installed. Posts were difficult to come by during the pandemic.

Photo by Janice Boudreau

## Assessor's News

Submitted by Rick Williams

### Projected FY22 Tax Rates and Average Single-Family Tax Bill

Projected tax rates and resulting average single-family tax bill—should all articles pass at the FY22 Annual Town Meeting—are provided below. Prior years' figures are also listed for comparison. These projections are based on last year's (FY21) total town property valuation of \$516,129,500.

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22 (est.)
Tax Rate - Residential	\$ 5.01	\$ 5.33	\$5.33	\$5.58
Tax Rate - Com/Ind/PP	\$ 8.02	\$ 8.53	\$8.64	\$9.04
Avg Single-Family Tax Bill	\$ 1,062	1,162	\$1,166	\$1,220

Note: To calculate your estimated FY22 tax bill, divide your property's total valuation by 1000, then multiply by \$5.58 (projected FY22 residential tax rate). Your property valuation can be found on your FY21 tax bill or from the FY21 property value listing on the Assessor's page on the town website ([rowe-ma.gov](http://rowe-ma.gov)).

### Comparison of Rowe to Other Towns

The following table compares last year's (FY21) residential tax rates, average single-family home values, and average single-family tax bills for some of our neighboring towns, and for Weston—the highest town in MA. [Data source: MA DOR Municipal Databank]

Residential Town	Tax Rate	Average Single Family Home Value	Average Single Family Tax Bill
Hancock	\$ 2.98	\$ 256,432	\$ 764 (lowest in MA)
<b>Rowe</b>	<b>\$ 5.33</b>	<b>\$ 218,683</b>	<b>\$ 1,166 (2nd lowest)</b>
Florida	\$ 8.51	\$ 168,427	\$ 1,433 (3rd lowest)
Monroe	\$ 13.91	\$ 112,654	\$ 1,567 (4th lowest)
Erving	\$ 7.59	\$ 211,125	\$ 1,602 (5th lowest)
Colrain	\$ 21.16	\$ 187,826	\$ 3,974
Hawley	\$ 17.88	\$ 226,891	\$ 4,057
Heath	\$ 22.52	\$ 181,996	\$ 4,099
Shelburne	\$ 14.47	\$ 292,082	\$ 4,226
Buckland	\$ 17.84	\$ 245,174	\$ 4,374
Ashfield	\$ 16.55	\$ 267,850	\$ 4,433
Charlemont	\$ 20.48	\$ 219,760	\$ 4,501
Greenfield	\$ 23.22	\$ 203,915	\$ 4,735
Weston	\$ 12.98	\$1,667,828	\$ 21,648 (highest in MA)



## Assessor's Administrative Assistant

Colleen Avallone resigned at the end of 2020 to pursue other work opportunities. We thank Colleen for her work in the Assessors' Office this past year while learning the job and dealing with the restrictions and challenges imposed due to COVID-19.

In late-March **Christine Bailey** of Brittingham Hill Rd was appointed as our new Assessors' Administrative Assistant. Chris comes to us with a wealth of office management experience including running her own massage therapy/wellness center business. Along with becoming familiar with the routines of the Assessors' Office business—with assistance from Board Chair Rick Williams—Chris is working on attaining DOR Course 101 certification (Introduction to Assessment Administration: Law, Procedures and Valuation).

Chris's posted office hours are **Wednesdays from 8am to 1pm**. As the Town Hall is still closed to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic most Assessors' business is being handled by phone, email or fax. If you require an in-person visit, please call ahead to schedule an appointment (mask and hand sanitizer required). Chris can be reached in the Assessors' Office at 339-5520 x104, via fax at 413-339-8585 or via email at [assessor@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov)

## Fire Department News

Submitted by Dennis Annear, Fire Chief

Help the firefighters earn money for their association and clean out your yards at the same time. The Firefighter's Association will be collecting old or not used 20 and 30 lb propane tanks at the Fire Station on May 8 and 15th from 10:00 until 2:00. They are asking for a donation of \$5.00 for a 20 lb cylinder and \$10.00 for a 30 lb cylinder. They do not need to be empty.

If you just want to stop by at the station and meet your Firefighters they will be glad to greet you and show off some of their new equipment that was received in the last few months.

The Department received notification that it has received an \$8500.00 Firefighter Equipment and Safety Grant from the Department of Fire Services. This grant will be used to purchase the remaining equipment required to safely and efficiently conduct water and ice rescues. The contract has been signed by the Town and returned to the Commonwealth. When all of the equipment is obtained we will be having a training session at Lake and another one next fall when the ice starts to form.

The members of the department have been training at the house on Middletown Hill Road. This last month we have practiced Search & Rescue, Hose Deployment, Victim Extrication over a ladder, Firefighter Self Rescue over a ladder and kitchen Fires. The donation of the use of this property has provided the members of the department with training opportunities that could not have been experienced without it. During May we will be using this facility to train with members of other departments so we know what equipment they have and have a chance to work with others.



## Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

NEW HOURS!! May 1st starts new “normal” hours at the library. Please still be respectful of one household at a time.

**Tuesday 10-5 Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7 and Saturday 10-3**

The library is continuing to offer curbside pick-up and will provide home delivery upon request. Please look at our catalog online to see what items we have available and call or email us with your requests.

The library is open to the public for browsing by appointment. We know not everyone knows what book they are looking for and browsing on a computer screen just isn't the same. Call, email or Facebook message us to book your appointment.

\*\*\*New hours include Thursday evening. So far it is under appreciated and Donna would love the company from 2:45-6:15 every Thursday.

### Programs:

This month's Take and Make....Button craft. Keep an eye on your emails for the date they become available. If you aren't on our email list, email Rowelibrary@gmail.com and let us know you would like to be.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PLANT SWAP:** Saturday May 15th starting at 10 am until plants are gone. Drop off plants Thursday and Friday (May 13 & 14), Shop on Saturday.

On the desk we have two “book group” books to add variety to your reading list, *The Winemaker's Wife* by Kristin Harmel “a remarkable and moving story of forbidden love, shocking secrets and devastating betrayal ...during WWII”

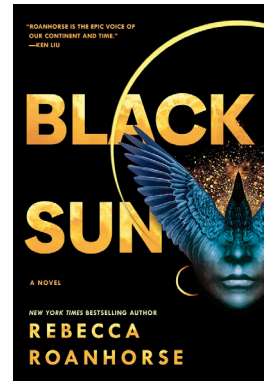
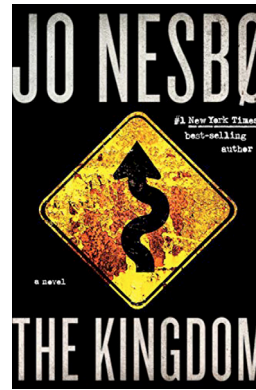
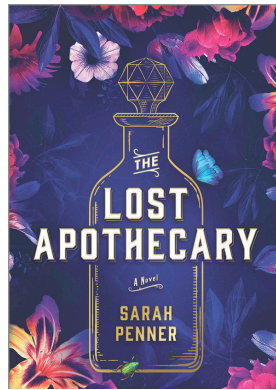
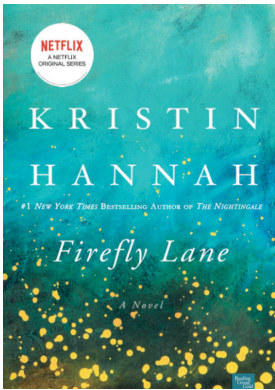
Also, *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel which is provided curtesy of NEA Big Read: Pocumtuck Valley. “A superb novel... leaves us not fearful for the end of the world but appreciative of the grace of everyday existence “ – San Francisco Chronicle

Contact the library if you would like to be put on our email notifications for programs Rowelibrary@gmail.com

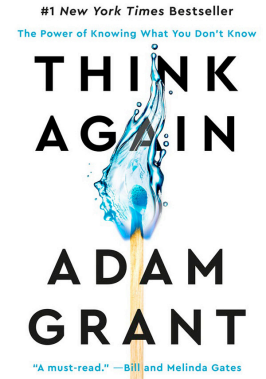
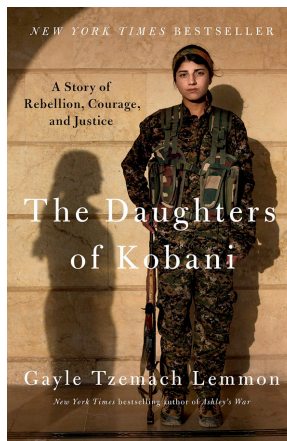
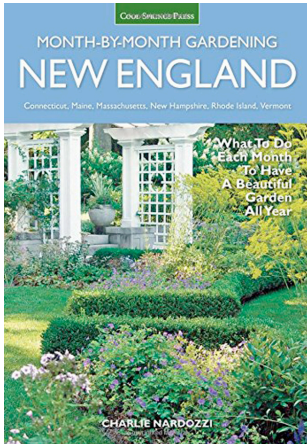


Some New Items This Month

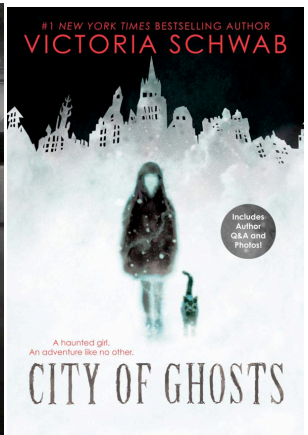
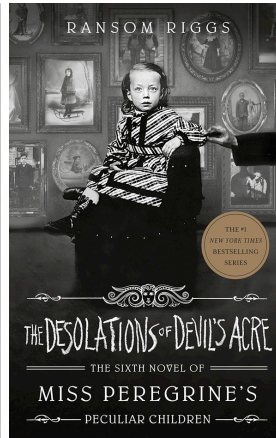
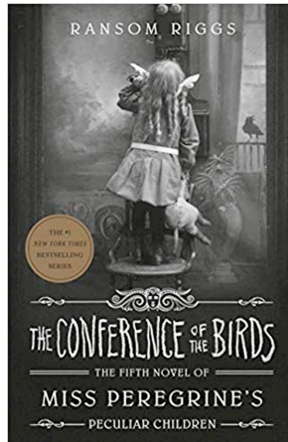
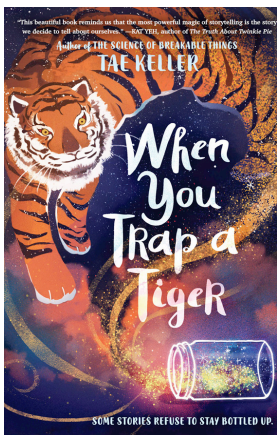
Adult Fiction:



Adult Non-Fiction:



Juvenile Fiction:







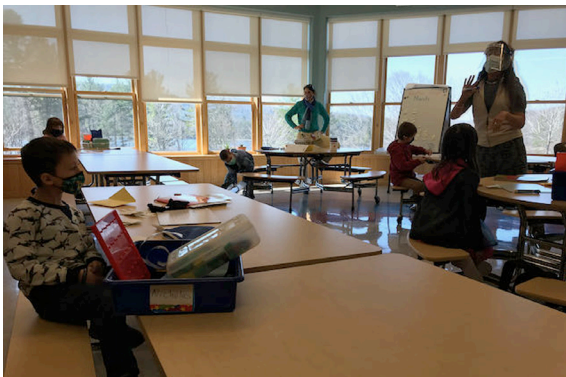
April at the Rowe School meant three things: Family conferences, lots of work in the classrooms, and vacation. Conferences were either virtual (most) or held outside the school (a few). And most of the conferences in the 3/4 and 5/6 classes were student-led, where the students share their progress and interests. All the classes have been working on a variety of academic and artistic projects, I encourage you to check out the Rowe School Community Facebook page for so many great pictures of the students and their work. The classes are getting outside as much as possible, especially the 3/4 class in their outdoor classroom at the top of the hill behind the school. Vacation was extended by a day due to the snowstorm on the Friday before. April also meant vaccinations for most of the school staff, so we're heading into the last eight weeks of school as protected as possible, but still counting on staff, students, and families to stay safe and follow the guidelines to keep us learning in-person.

May will mean more schoolwork, inside and outside the school. Both the 3/4 and 5/6 classes will take the MCAS ELA and Math tests in May. The 5th grade will also take the Science MCAS. Every year we appreciate the support shown by the Town of Rowe for the school at Town Meeting, allowing us to offer a high quality academic, social, emotional, and physical education to the Rowe students. If you have questions on the budget before Town Meeting, please call me at the school.


























Before you know it, June will be here. Due to COVID, we will miss Field Day, Author's Tea, and the Primary Class play again this year, but are planning for Graduation. Graduation is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 16.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 413-512-5100. You can also email me at [wknittle@roweschool.org](mailto:wknittle@roweschool.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle



# Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		<b>Indoor</b>	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

## Get a COVID-19 vaccine



**Prevention measures not needed**



**Take prevention measures**

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask  
Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

## Weaving Rag Carpet

Submitted by Joanne Semanie

We recognize the work that women were doing during the 19th century in feeding and caring for household members and making a home for family. In Rowe there were also industrious women who were making rugs to augment the household income. The museum is in possession of balls made of strips of torn rags that were once woven into rugs on large looms.

Rag carpeting was the ordinary type carpeting used in many of the houses in Rowe. This type of carpet was woven by women who had looms in their homes. This is verified in a diary of Mrs. Caroline Kendrick Stone kept in 1871 and 1872. Diaries and some letters of Royal Stone and his wife, Caroline, were donated to the Rowe Historical Society by their grandson, Royal Davenport. Caroline was married to Royal in 1855. Royal ran a sawmill in Rowe until he went to fight in the Civil War. He lost his health in the war and returned to Rowe where he died in 1871. His widow, at age 39, lived in the Amidon-Browning house on Zoar Road. She was a very busy woman, in her diary she wrote of being called upon in time of illness, birth and death.

In her diary for 1872, Caroline summarized her carpet making activities for the year as follows –

Jan. 14 – Miss Crozier – 24 yards	\$ 5.04
Mar. 23 – Mrs. Browning – 41 yards	\$ 7.90
May 13 – Mrs. J. Streeter – 35 yards	\$ 6.82
May 27 – Julia Amidon - 37 ½ yards	\$ 7.50
June 8 – Mrs. William Hicks – 22 yards	\$ 6.09
July 5 – Mrs Christie – 23 ½ yards	\$ 5.32
July 22 – Mrs. Frank Kingsley - ..... yards, 60” wide	\$ 7.56
Sept. 23 – Mrs. Peter Sibley – 15 yards, 42” wide	\$ 3.42
Oct. 2 – Mrs. Knowlton – 25 yards	\$ 5.00

Weaving rugs is a strenuous job using the beater to make a tight, sturdy weave. She was probably weaving 4 or 5 yards a day with all of the other work she needed to do. Much preparation was needed before the actual weaving began. Worn out cotton clothing and discarded household items were saved and torn into strips. Sewing carpet rags was almost a daily chore for the housewife and young women of a household. The rags were securely sewn together and wound into large balls until enough was accumulated to make the carpet. In this “hit or miss” style carpeting was generally made, no dyeing was required. Caroline was probably weaving rags that had been prepared by the person purchasing the carpet so her only material costs was her warp.

Dressing the loom was a complicated job and most looms were limited in width so for the wider carpets strips of woven carpet were sewn together with a center seam. For example, the 60” wide carpet woven for Mrs. Frank Kingsley above was more than likely woven in 30” strips. Unless specifically made most looms were capable of a 42” width but more than likely the average was 36”. When Caroline warped her loom she more than likely put on 100 or more yards of warp at a time. This would allow her to weaved carpets to order, take a particular job off of her loom and not have to go through whole process of rewarping her loom.



The loom was threaded with cotton carpet warp that was purchased at the village store. In her book, *When Antiques Were Young*, Marion Rawson quotes a diary of a farmer's wife in the late 1700's, "Bought 12 lbs. of carpet warp, 56c a lb. Put the butter-nut bark to stewing to color the warp to the carpet. We boiled out the bark in suds. Have reeled carpet rags colored with sumac and copperas."

Beginning in June Joanne Semanie will be setting up a barn frame loom on the third floor of the Bench Tool Factory building. This barn frame loom dates to the mid 19th century and is the type of loom that Mrs. Stone would have been weaving her rag rugs on. Feel free to stop by while this is happening, the scheduling will be hit or miss but a sign will be out when it is open. Joanne has been weaving for over a decade and has a special love for looms of this era.

Once the loom has been put together and dressed anyone wishing to weave their own rag rug can learn to do so on this loom. There will be a small fee for materials if you do not have rags of your own. Anything can be used for weaving, old bedsheets are the most efficient way to get a large quantity of strips in a hurry. Stop in when the building is open or email Joanne at [dogmom256@gmail.com](mailto:dogmom256@gmail.com) for more information.





## PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS

-Submitted by Sean Loomis, Park Manager

### Summer Youth Employment

The Park will be accepting all applications for summer youth employment this year, that includes applications for grasshoppers. Due to Covid 19 restrictions and transportation issues the selectmen decided to transfer \$21500.00 to the park to hire applicants that would have applied for the grasshoppers. Positions that are available are as followed:

AR 1 (+18yrs), AR 2 (+18yrs), AR 3 (+16yrs), AR 4 (+14yrs), PT Ranger (+18yrs), Lifeguards (+18yrs and lifeguard certification). The application deadline is May 7.

**FREE YOGA CLASSES** on Zoom sponsored by the Rowe Park Department will be offered weekly on Tuesdays from 9-10 AM through the winter. New: If you are unable to attend the Tuesday morning class Kate is now recording the class on Zoom for residents of Rowe who wish to take yoga classes but are unavailable Tuesday mornings. If interested please e-mail Kate and she will send you the link so you may do yoga at your convenience. Instructor Kate Peppard can be reached at [kate@highlandyoga.studio](mailto:kate@highlandyoga.studio) for Zoom login information or the link for recorded classes. Join us for a stress relieving workout focused on breathing, balance, flexibility, and strength to improve your mental and physical well-being. It's a great way to start your day!

### Spring Events at the Park

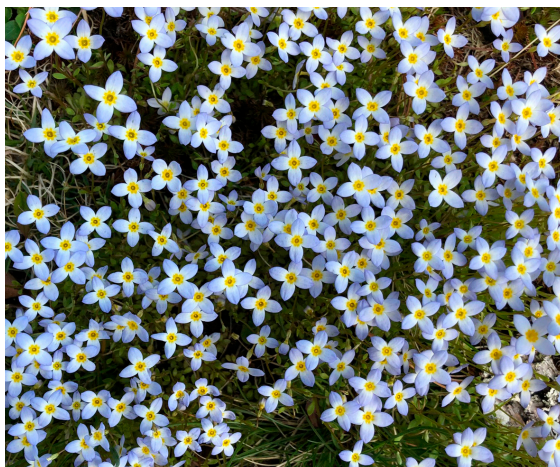
The Park will be conducting two free nature programs this spring generously funded by the Rowe Cultural Council.

**Adult Bird Watching** will be presented by John Green who is a freelance naturalist and photographer with years of experience leading birding programs for organizations such as The Massachusetts Audubon Society and The Hitchcock Center for the Environment. The program will take place on Saturday, May 15 from 7:30 until 10:30 AM with a rain date the following Saturday, May 22nd. Program size will be limited to 10 adults 18 years or older. Please sign-up in advance by calling the park at 339-8554 and leaving a message.



**Pond Creatures Exploration for Families** will be presented by Helen Ann Sephton the School Programs Coordinator and an Environmental Educator at The Hitchcock Center for the Environment in Amherst. Helen has been teaching children and families for over 25 years. Here is a description of the program. A pond is much more than frogs and fish! It is a unique ecosystem where many fascinating plants and animals interact. Come explore the pond using nets and other simple tools. We will collect, observe, and learn about the animals that live in the pond habitat, as well as the cool adaptations they have that help them to survive in the water! The program will take place on a Saturday morning May 22, 2021 from 10:00 until 11:30 AM. Program size may be limited so please sign-up in advance by calling the park at 339-8554 and leaving a message.

All programs may be subject to Covid-19 protocols such as mask wearing and social distancing when possible.



bluets



trout lily



fiddleheads



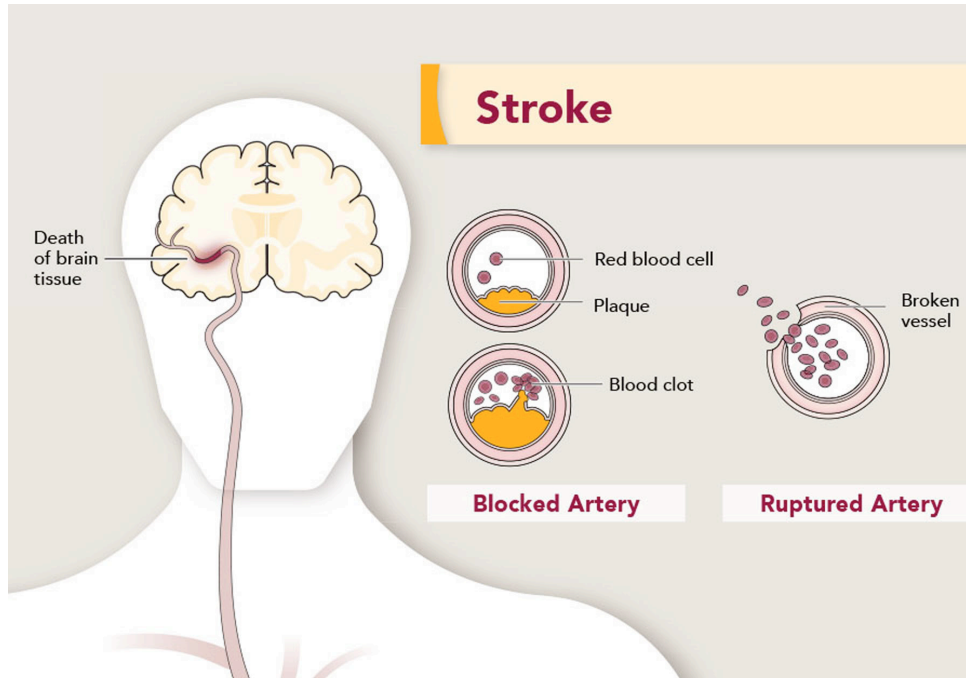
wild ginger



## May is Stroke Awareness Month

Submitted by Chelsea Betsold, Town Nurse

Stroke is the 5th leading cause of death in the United States and leads the country in being the #1 cause long-term disability. There are two types of stroke: ischemic or hemorrhagic. Ischemic stroke occurs when the supply of blood to the brain is blocked and hemorrhagic stroke occurs when there is a blood vessel within the brain that bursts. In either case of stroke, brain tissue dies because of inadequate blood supply.



Roughly 80% of strokes are preventable! Lifestyle changes such as keeping your blood pressure under control, cholesterol levels in good standing, as well as adopting a healthy diet and exercise can all help your body to prevent a stroke from occurring.

The CDC (2020) lists the following as signs of stroke in men and women:

- Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding speech.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or lack of coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.



# Is it a stroke?

## Act **F.A.S.T.**



**FACE**  
droops



**ARM**  
weakness



**SPEECH**  
difficulty



**TIME**  
is critical.

Acting F.A.S.T. could save a life if someone is experiencing symptoms of a stroke:

**F:** Face. Does one side of the face droop when you ask the person to smile?

**A:** Arms. Does one arm slowly lower when asked to raise both arms out in front of them?

**S:** Speech. Does the person slur their speech or talk garbled when you ask them?

**T:** Time. Call 911 right away if a person is experiencing any of these warning signs!

After contacting 911, make a note of the time the person first started experiencing symptoms. The treatments for stroke only work most efficiently if they administered within a certain time frame so providing this information can help healthcare professionals ensure the patient receives the best treatment.

### References

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## Community Herb Garden

Submitted by Cyndie Stetson

The Rowe Beautification committee is coordinating with the Rowe Library to provide our residents with a community herb garden. Plans are underway to construct two raised beds behind the library where herbs plants will flourish. In order to begin our herb garden, we encourage folks to bring some of their own herb plants to the annual plant swap which will be held on May 15th. Labeling the herbs will be very helpful.

As the summer progresses, we hope our herb plants do well so that Rowe community members may help themselves to herbs for their culinary recipes. Speaking of recipes, we also wish folks to share their herbal specialties with everyone as part of this community effort. Recipes may be dropped off at the library.

As Spring continues and the threat of frost is gone, we will add annual herbs to the donated perennial herbs. If anyone would like to assist with this project, please call Molly at the library or Cyndie (339-4231) of the Rowe Beautification committee.



**The Rowe Cultural Council** is happy to announce that Kate Peppard's yoga series will be offered twice in 2021. Due to Covid-19 cancellations for the 2020 funding period, the Massachusetts Cultural Council decided to roll over the money from last year in addition to additional funding for 2021. Kate Peppard has been teaching yoga classes in Rowe for several years. They have been well received by people of all ages and abilities. Kate has recently begun video taping her classes for Rowe residents to watch at their leisure if they are unable to attend the classes.

In addition, the RCC also plans to have storyteller and musician, John Porcino in Rowe this year at a time to be announced at a future date.

If interested in yoga videos, please visit the link at <https://www.rowe-ma.gov/g/51/Cultural-Council> OR <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-mnngZ11Lw> If you wish to subscribe to the YouTube channel, simply click on subscribe to be notified of future episodes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rowe Cultural Council



## SMALL GRANTS TO WEATHER THE COVID STORM FOR BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, ARTISTS & FARMERS

Four Franklin County institutions are pleased to announce that businesses, nonprofits, artists, and farmers in the Village of Shelburne Falls and the hilltowns in Franklin and Hampshire Counties may apply for small grants of \$2,500 to \$15,000.

The grants are being made to help qualified entities and individuals (see grant criteria) to survive the pandemic, enabling them to cover expenses such as payroll, rent, inventory, equipment, working capital and COVID related losses. Grant applications and criteria can be accessed on the internet at <https://forms.gle/rTkBbZXQsKtRxYGS8> or be sent to you via email.

The small grants are for businesses, nonprofits, artists, and farmers in Western Franklin County and Hampshire County. In “West County,” a total of \$145,000 is available to those in the 10 towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Rowe, and Shelburne. In Hampshire County \$150,000 is available in 15 towns: Blandford, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Granville, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Peru, Plainfield, Russell, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington.

Before you contact anyone about the grants, please read the application criteria. Then, Whit Sanford at [info@shelburnefalls.com](mailto:info@shelburnefalls.com) or 413-522-9329 or David Christopolis at [info@hilltownCDC.org](mailto:info@hilltownCDC.org) or 413-296-4536 will be glad to answer questions you might have.

### Board of Health News

Keep an eye open for a mailing from the Board of Health concerning renewal of tags for the Refuse Gardens. New tags will be required beginning July 1st. Tags will be red this year and if it is not visible hanging from your vehicle mirror you will not be able to dump. 52 stickers will be included with every tag. The tags will again be \$25. If you haven't received your letter by the end of May please call the BOH office at 339-5520 ext. 105 and request this information be mailed to you or call with any other questions.

Thank you.



Photo by Sue Williams

## Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Plan Public Listening Session

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III

As the final step in the MVP Planning process, the town will be holding a public listening session to review a draft MVP Plan as put together by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). The listening session will take place at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 10th. It will be held via remote participation.

Once this session is completed, changes will be made and submitted to the state. After being designated a MVP community, Rowe will be eligible for grants to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

This session is open to all, and anyone interested in participating can register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/mskps9dh>. Remote participation instructions will be sent upon registration.

## Rowe Community Church

Submitted by Ros Mullette

May	2	Worship & Praise Service & Observance of The Lord's Supper
	9	Observance of Mother's Day
	16	Worship & Praise Service
	23	Worship & Praise Service
	30	Observance of Memorial Day

Bible studies are held on Wednesdays and will be held on May 5, 12 19, and 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 6 - National Day of Prayer Observed

## May Birthdays

- 2 - Eliakim Simpson
- 4 - Evelyn Dandeneau
- 4 - Jennifer Rice
- 4 - Kelley Prendiville
- 6 - Caitlyn Semanie
- 6 - Kelle Quist
- 6 - Thomas Danek
- 7 - Jocelyn Brown-Hall
- 7 - Morghan Jolly
- 7 - Morgan Roccio
- 8 - Lisa Miller
- 9 - Hailey Larned
- 10 - Joseph Thane
- 14 - Timothy Bjork
- 14 - David Dvore
- 16 - Diane Cowie
- 18 - Jessica Albrecht
- 18 - Enid Gallagher
- 19 - Janet Cowie
- 20 - Deborah Lively
- 22 - Julie Shippee
- 23 - Richard Grieco
- 23 - William Lamore
- 25 - JeanClaude Vanitallie
- 25 - John Packard
- 25 - Geoffrey Cirinna
- 25 - Thomas Houghtaling
- 26 - Edwin May
- 26 - Barbara Gottesman
- 26 - Bill Baker
- 27 - Jennie Sutherland
- 27 - Benjamin Sherman
- 30 - Robert Tanner
- 31 - Michael Laffond
- 31 - Abigail Lively

If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, please contact me at:

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Hearing Room #1	150	339-5520			
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