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photo by Claudine Poplawski

From the Town Hall

Submitted by Janice Boudreau

Thoughts on the Meaning of Volunteering

I was thinking the meaning of volunteering, following our Board of Selectmen meeting on Thursday, as the Board have been in discussions about appointments to various Boards, Committees and positions for the next fiscal year starting on July 1st. Volunteers that will serve for one, three or five year terms. It will involve commitment and resolve.

Some volunteer contributions can be seen. I, for one, enjoy the work recently done by the volunteers of the Beautification Committee. The gazebo, town planters and various areas are brighter and offer some cheer and love. They show that someone cares. Someone took the time to do something that does not necessarily change lives, but perhaps someday when someone passes by, they will notice that care and will feel better for it. Better that they live in a town where people still care about each other.

Other volunteers do the difficult work that needs to be done, work that may not make everyone happy or that will necessarily be easily seen or identified. Difficult decisions that the Conservation Commission, Zoning Boards, Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Assessors make to preserve lands and rights for current and future citizens may not make friends or neighbors happy. Yet, making these important decisions, however large or small, they recognize as vital to the present and future.

It is particularly poignant to me to write this, as I have just learned the news that Maggie Rice, a longtime Rowe resident and volunteer passed away this morning. While I did not know Maggie all that well, and I did not always agree with her, I have come to respect

and admire her greatly. Throughout the pandemic she remained the stalwart Chair of the Board of Health leading the way, attending so many meetings, making policy and keeping citizens calm and informed. What struck me was her optimism, when we felt overwhelmed, she helped us to see the positive aspect in the darkest clouds. Ten years older than me, I commented to her on many occasions, "if I have half of your energy when I am your age, I will be very fortunate". Her family and friends suffer her loss, and we collectively will feel her loss as her contributions to the town in recent years and in the past were many. I will miss her smile and ready laugh. Others can acknowledge her many contributions over the course of many years, for today, I will simply say, I feel a profound loss.

In honor of Maggie and all of you that give up your precious time to make a difference to the present and the future of Rowe. There are many of you, like Maggie, who step in and do what needs to be done. For that and many other things, to each and every one of you that contributes in whatever way you can, thank you.

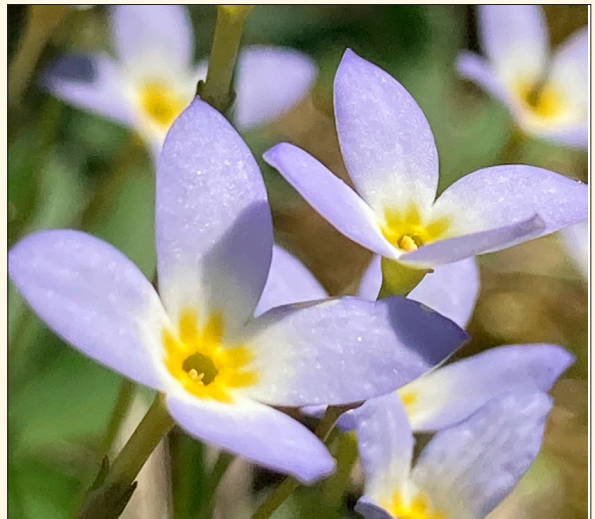


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Town Clerk

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III

Office hours continue to be on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 and by appointment. Town officials who were elected in May or will soon be appointed to various positions need to be sworn in, even if you were the incumbent. I still have two elected officials from 2021 that have not been sworn in!

At the time of writing this article, the temporary changes to the state's Open Meeting Laws will expire July 15th. The relaxations included eliminating the requirement of an in-person quorum, allowing meetings to be held entirely through remote means (like Zoom or by phone). Many committees have opted to meet via hybrid methods- having both an in-person meeting while simultaneously streaming by Zoom. While these rule changes have an expiration date in the near future, there is legislation pending before the state that would extend these rules to December 2023. More information will be provided as it is known. Recently the legislature passed, and the governor signed, a new law centered around elections in the Commonwealth. While information on this is still being provided to local clerks, some of the changes "appear" to include:

The registration deadline for town meetings and elections is now a flat 10 days rather than dependent on whether it's a regularly scheduled meeting/election.

Voters will now be able to vote by mail permanently, similar to 2020 where postcards were sent to everyone in the state. This does not seem to include local elections. In-person elections will still be held for those seeking to cast their ballot in person.

Gives greater power to the town clerk to appoint election workers if there is a shortage of local volunteers.

Makes early voting permanent for all state elections. More details for the two elections this Fall will be available in the coming months. Local elections have this option, but with our limited turnout and minimal number of contests, I do not envision this being used in Rowe.

People eligible to vote will automatically be enrolled when conducting certain transactions at the RMV. Those who are not eligible to vote (underage, non-citizens, etc.) will not be able to enroll.

Summaries and explanations were received the same day this article was due, so there has not been adequate time to fully read and comprehend the fine details. Like the open meeting law changes, more information will be provided when it is known.



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From the Board of Health

A Reminder from the Board of Health

New tags and stickers for the Refuse Gardens are now available. The start date for the new FY23 tags is July 1, 2022. If you have not received a letter and order form for your FY23 tag, please contact Christine at the Board of Health office 339-5520 ext 105 and she will mail one to you.

Forms and payment (\$25.00) can be placed into the drop box at the Town Hall or delivered in person to the BOH office. If you have any questions, please contact Christine at the above number or at the Town Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

WIN A COMPOST BIN!

Are you in need of a compost bin? The Board of Health has purchased 10 bins to be raffled off at our July 20th meeting. To enter, please call the office or fill out the raffle ticket and place in the drop box at the Town Hall. One ticket per resident home please. The winners will be posted in the August Goal Post issue. GOOD LUCK!



Fill out this raffle ticket and place in the drop box at the Town Hall!

Compost Bin Raffle Ticket:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Grab your chair and come to the park for the next Movie Night - July 9th



photo by Rowe Library



Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

NEW HOURS!!

Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7

Saturday 10-3

Have you been in to see Donnas' picks? Every couple weeks Donna picks a few books to order multiple copies of books she has researched and found to be highly recommended. Stop in for a quick read.

The library will be putting out a table for all to drop off or collect local overflow produce, plants seeds or other garden related items. Hope you will consider sharing any extras by dropping them on our outdoor table.

We are working with local departments, Rowe Camp and Conference Center and many residents to coordinate the upcoming Saturday Night at the Movies Series. We are excited to work with everyone in creating more social activities/events for our community.

Programs:

Adults:

Shell/Beach Treasures Workshop -Thursday July 14th at 5:30PM. Please call to reserve your spot. This will be run by local resident Cyndie Stetson.

Book Chat - "Finding Dorothy"-Wednesday July 20th at 3:30 pm

Come chat about this month's book or just come and chat about books you have read recently. A fun group to sit with and find your next great read.

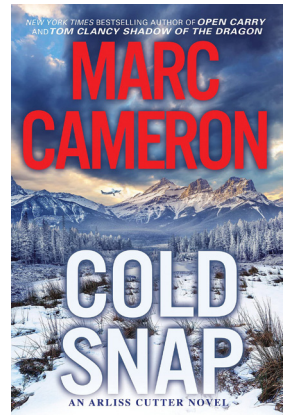
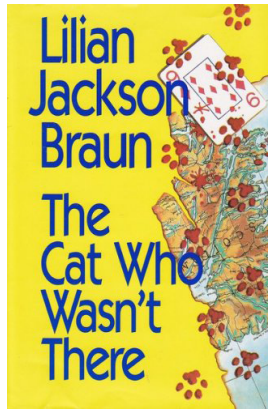
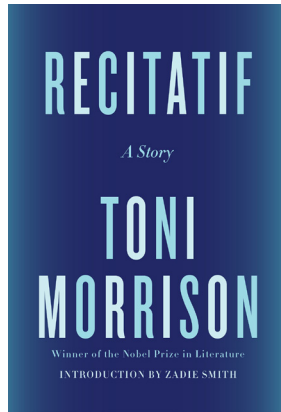
Kids:

Toddler Group - Tuesday July 12 th and and July 26th 10:30 a.m

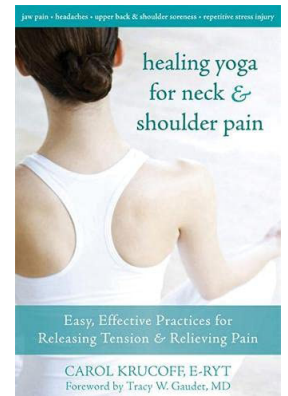
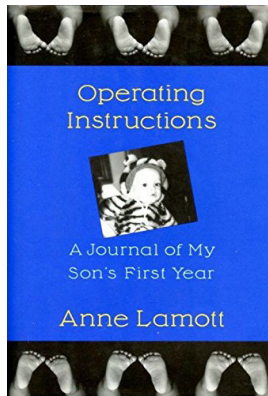
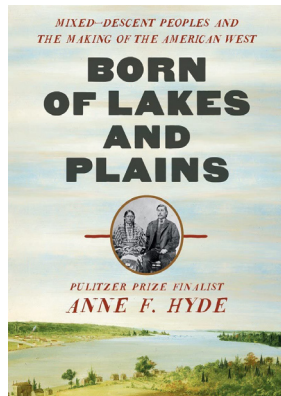
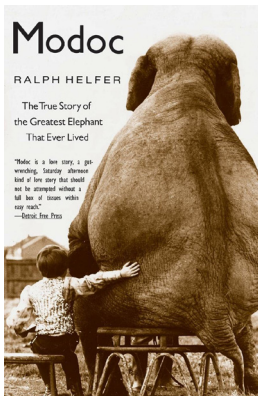
Summer Reading Program - 6 weeks of weekly workshops/activities for students of Elementary School Age. Program starts Wednesday June 29 th at 2:30 and runs weekly through August 3 rd .

Some New Items This Month

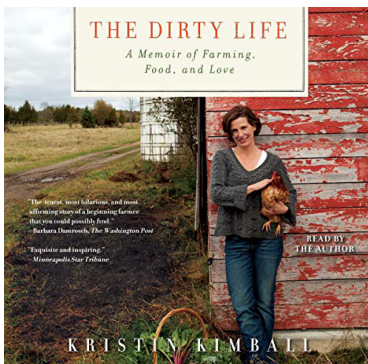
Adult Fiction:



Nonfiction:



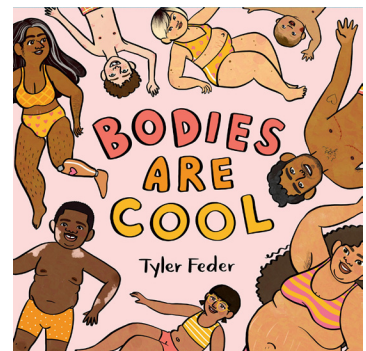
Audiobook:



Kids DVD:



Kids:



ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



It's hard to believe that this year marked our eighth year in the “new” Rowe Elementary School. From August 25th when we began the school year to a beautiful graduation ceremony for our five graduates, it has been another year like none other. Here are some of the highlights that stand out to me:

The first day of school, as the students. They were excited to see their friends again, even though they had to be wearing masks, eager to get going.

Observing in all the classrooms, seeing how well all the staff worked to support the students' learning despite COVID restrictions.

Our outdoor Open House in September, seeing so many parents, guardians and other family members join us for the first time in almost a year.

Also in October, as we hiked around the lake and up Adams Mountain, how hard everyone worked, and how well the staff, along with parent and guardian volunteers organized this day, and how it went so smoothly.

Virtual family conferences, many of them student-led

The amazing amount of work that the PTP put into Tailgate Trick or Treating, in addition to the ongoing support they provide the school.

Report Cards – the amount of time and care the teachers put into the comments and narratives that accompany our report cards show how deeply the teachers knew the students and how they cared enough to communicate that knowledge to the families.

MCAS: Students and teachers have worked so hard all year on reading, writing and math, the results will certainly reflect the work they've done. Rather than teach to the test, we work to help our students become thoughtful readers, solid mathematicians and critical thinkers, so they will be prepared to deal with any test or challenge they face.

Talent Show, Field Day, 6th Grade Send-Off and Graduation – what a final week!

I know I've said it before, but it bears repeating. Thank you to all the school staff, school families, School Committee, North Berkshire School Union Central Office, and especially the Rowe Board of Health who helped make this year a supportive and positive one.

Though the summer is definitely a quieter time for our school, there is still a lot happening. Summer School is happening at the Rowe School again. The school is being made ready for the next school year, there is professional development going on for teachers as well as time to relax and recharge so they'll be ready to get the most out of their new students in the fall, and plans are being made to make next year a great one at the Rowe School.

We are hopefully looking for parent and/or community volunteers to help out at the school again next year. I'm excited about the upcoming school year, so many great things coming, I'll be sharing them with you. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 413-512-5200. You can also email me at wknittle@roweschool.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle



6th Grade Graduates - l-r: Briana Vega, Brayden Brisson, Isabela Bohmer, Naomi DenOuden, Carsyn Bauer



On July 9, 2022, the Rowe Historical Society (RHS) will hold its 54th Annual Meeting at the Kemp-McCarthy Memorial Museum. On July 7, 1958, RHS received its Charter of Incorporation. The original incorporators included the following: Lucy J. Avery, Wendell W. Bjork, Anne G. Bond, Edward C. Henderson, Edith M. Kloetzle, Arvon G. Palmer, J. Henry Stanford, Dorothy N. Stevens, Alice V. Truesdell, John H. Williams, Jr. and Nancy N. Williams.

According to the bylaws the purposes of the Rowe Historical Society are as follows:

To collect and preserve historical records and data of persons, places and events in and associated with Rowe, Massachusetts.

To collect, preserve and maintain an historical library and a museum of historical relics and articles of historical interest.

To awaken and maintain public interest in all matters relating to the history of the Town of Rowe.

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, or lease or rent real and personal property not in excess of the amount permitted by law as may be necessary or convenient as incidental to the purposes of the corporation, and to sell and dispose of the same.

Over the years the RHS has adhered to its bylaws by purchasing property including the Fort Pelham site as well as the Village School and its additions that currently house the archives and artifacts currently in the society's collection.

Most of the collection was put together by volunteers with Helen McCarthy who researched and collected materials, especially from the old timers. At the time of her death in 1977 the museum had 13,000 artifacts of historical interest to Rowe.



Village School around 1910



Kemp-McCarthy Museum (Village School) first building on the right. Foliated Talc Mill on the left.

Currently things still come to the museum from members and friends that are considered to have historic interest. The Board of Trustees strives to create programming of interest to members, residents, schools and visitors. After being closed for 2 years they have opened with a new enthusiasm for bringing the history of the town to those who are interested. This has included hikes to areas of historic interest that have been quite popular.



RHS trustees on an outing



Indian Chimney around 1920 – off of Leshure Rd.

The Society recently sent out a newsletter with the dates of all upcoming events. Please join in and find out how amazing our little town is.



Summer is now in full swing down at Pelham Lake Park. Students now out of school are soaking up the sunshine kayaking, paddleboarding and swimming while the students who chose to work at the park all summer are helping with multiple operations to ensure the parks cleanliness and beauty all summer long.

The workers have been working on putting in new kiosks at every trail head on the edges of the park borders. The kiosks were constructed by Hilltown Demolition back in September and now it's time for the summer staff to install them. They have been busy sanding, digging the holes and putting the kiosks together and in the ground for summer use. At the beginning of July we have ones up by the Sabrina Rice trailhead off Davis Mine Rd., by the dam off Pond Rd., at the Lakeview Trail trailhead, by the Soule Barn at the Williams Trail trailhead and by the park headquarters heading out on the Beach Trail. We still have 9 more to install, so stay tuned for those later this summer.

As for what goes on the kiosks, this past spring we have been working with Longview Forest to create a new interactive trail map. Interactive meaning there will be a barcode on the map that you can scan using the camera feature on your phone, or by downloading the app "Avanza," and scanning it on there, and once you do so, the map will appear on your hand-held device. This will allow you to track your location on your phone while you're in the woods at the park eliminating your chances to get lost. The new maps will be going on all the new kiosks as well as being available at park headquarters.

The summer workers have also been working on the upkeep of the park by starting with weed-whacking and pruning all the trails in the park. This ensures the trails will be clear and looking pristine for hikers to pass through. The workers are also going to be weedwhacking the town common regularly around all the trees, stumps, and even the buildings to keep the town looking sharp for those driving by.

The Rec program is also starting this July. The starting date is July 18th and will be run by one of our own, Emma Poplawski. Emma is a former summer worker at Pelham Lake Park and has recently graduated Worcester State University for childhood education. This will be Emma's first year at the park Rec Program and we are very excited for her to start. Rec forms are available for pick up and drop off at park headquarters. The forms are available for pick up at the park headquarters from 7-6 on weekdays and 10-6 on weekends. Please have the forms in by July 15.

The park was also gifted two stone benches by Judy Slowinski in memory of Diane Veber, Deric Nugent, and Florence Veber. One bench is located to the right of the beach by the flagpole at the park and the other one is in the town common.

The annual senior picnics will be held again this year, one in July and one in August. This month's will be held July 14th and food will be prepared at the park and available for pick up. Please call 413-339-8554 or email roweparkdept@hotmail.com no later then July 13th to make your food reservation.

Last but not least, beach stickers. The park is continuing to have summer workers checking stickers every day. The stickers this year will be the same as last year, they say 2021 on them and those are the stickers the workers will be checking for. If you do not have a 2021 sticker and a guest pass, please come down to the park and pick one up. Workers will check your name off a list to make sure you didn't get one last year. If you have a guest pass from last year, we ask you locate it and use the same one this year. If you need a guest pass you can come down to the park to pick one up.

We're hoping for a summer full of sunshine and great memories down at the Pelham Lake Park!

Submitted by Sean Loomis

Kemp-McCarthy Museum and Browning Bench Farming Museum open

July 9th and 23rd, 10 am – 2 pm

Come join us for a free grilled lunch at 12 pm on July 23rd.

Annual Meeting of the Rowe Historical Society

July 9th, 10 am

All are welcome. Come learn about the current Historical Society projects, treasurer's report, presidents report and comments from members from the past year.

A Trustees meeting with election of officers will follow the meeting.

Rowe History Hikes: Rowe Village Center

When: July 23rd, 9 am

Where: Rowe Town Hall

Come explore the history of our town center. We will be delving into the stories behind our familiar buildings: The Town Hall, Gracy House, Stone Church and the Library as well as the former Satinet Factory and see what "downtown" Rowe has looked like through time. Meet at the Town Hall. We will be walking a little over a mile, mostly on paved roads.



The village, 1897, showing Union Hall, the store, the town hall, the satinet factory, and the hearse house in the center distance.

Litter Picker Poem

There was a man in Rowe
who, no matter where he'd go,
picked up whatever others
would throw away.

Refuse on the town road,
litter in the dirt, water, bush
garbage at the treeline
and the dump.

Never in a rush was he
plodding along his daily route
wearing a kind of suit
with whistle and rag and
homemade walking stick
a tool for ticks
and sturdy bags
stuck in his pants.

He just can't stand all that tossed discard
for he holds Nature in high regard
and his town in high esteem too
so if you see him, give a wave,
and maybe a thumbs-up
as you slow down in your car or truck
to see just who this neighbor is
and say
'thank you'

submitted by Linda Moye

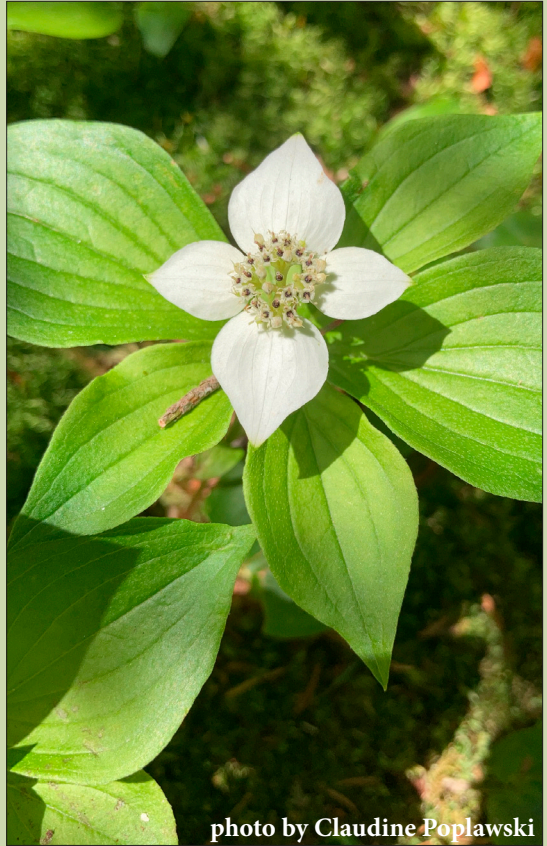


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VERY MUCH NEEDED: Individual(s) who are able to stand on a step ladder who can reach overhead to install some hooks in our low ceiling and on our porch beams. Also a qualified carpenter, familiar with any building codes necessary, to replace our porch decking which has greatly deteriorated. Lastly, someone with ability to cut brush that is overgrowing. Obviously, all will be compensated. Prefer local Rowe folk, but recommendations from nearby towns also welcome. Please call Susan at 339-5325.

Susan Tomlinson



The Rowe Center is pleased to offer residents and those who work for the town the opportunity to experience one of our weekend workshops, either online or on-site, once a year free of charge. For more information about programs, or to register, please go to our website rowe.center/programs/ or call our registrar at 339-4954.

JULY

ONLINE:

Third Saturday of the Month:

Couples' Date Night: Come Play with Your Lover FREE
Thomas and Sara Stout

Last Tuesday of the Month:

A Gathering of Warriors During Global Crisis
FREE
Charlie Pacello and Chuck Blocher

Every Other Monday:

Gathering of Grandparents FREE
Jane Isay

-Submitted by Arthur Samuelson

Youth Camps

Rowe Youth Camps are a place where campers grow, have fun, connect with others, and feel accepted and valued. We make a space where young people can be all of themselves: the part that wants to play and the part that wants to think seriously about the world. Residents of Rowe and those who attend Rowe Elementary attend for half price. Read more and register online at rowe.center/camps

Junior High Camp (ages 13-15): June 26 – July 15

Young People's Camp 1 (ages 8-10): July 17 – 22

Young People's Camp 2 (ages 9-11): July 24 – 29

Young People's Camp 3 (ages 11-13): July 17 – 29

Senior High Camp (ages 16-19): July 31 – Aug 19



photo by Cait Semanie

The Tick Challenge

Submitted by Rachel Lewis, RN, Town Nurse

Do you happen to find yourself outside during the spring, summer, or fall months? Of course, you do because you live in the beautiful town of Rowe! What better to spoil your fun than finding a tick!!??

I distinctly remember the very first time that I found a tick on myself and how utterly disgusted I was-it literally made my skin crawl! As the years pass, what was once shock and disgust, has turned to annoyance and attention (to prevent tick-related disease). Although we can all take precautions to deter ticks, it is not possible to avoid them altogether when we are outside in the woods, gardens, fields, or any outdoor space for that matter. Over the years we have seen the tick population increase, and with that increase, we have seen an increase in tick-borne disease.

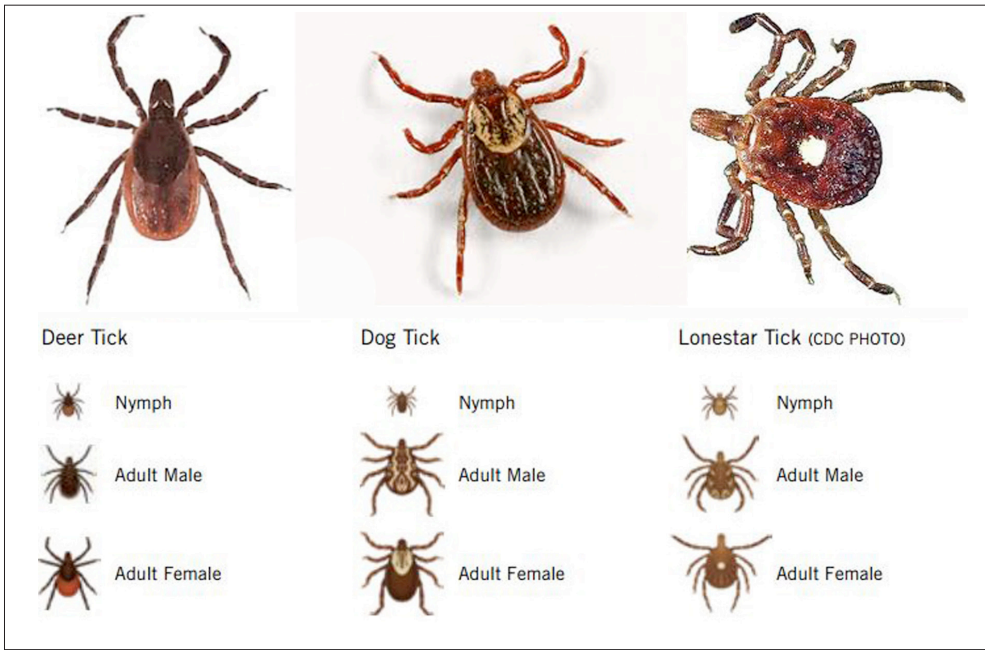
Tick activity and tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, *Borrelia miyamotoi*, and Powassan virus, occur year-round in Massachusetts, but are most prominent in the Spring, Summer and Fall months. Although tick activity is weather-dependent, there are two peaks during the year; the first begins in March/April and lasts through August, and the second occurs in October-November. The vast majority of cases of tick-borne disease occur in June through August. Deer Ticks, also known as 'black legged ticks' are responsible for most of the tick-related diseases we see here in Massachusetts.

While, tick-borne diseases are most frequently diagnosed in children and older adults and although not every tick is carrying a disease, it is important to take steps to avoid ALL tick bites.

To prevent tick bites:

- Use insect repellents that contain an EPA-registered active ingredient like permethrin or DEET
- wear light-colored clothing to more easily spot ticks,
- do daily tick checks- ticks are tiny so look for new 'freckles'
- promptly and properly removing any attached ticks by using a pair of fine point tweezers to grip the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull straight out with steady pressure.
- If you do have a tick that is attached and you need to remove it, please mark the date on the calendar and lookout for symptoms of tick-related diseases, such as, a 'bullseye' mark around the tick bite, fever, fatigue, muscle or joint pain. If you experience any of these symptoms or you know the tick was attached longer than 36 hours, please call your provider immediately as you may need treatment.

Please continue to take care and stay alert during the upcoming months!



Actual size of Deer tick on a finger
from nymph to adult

References taken from and for more info: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/tick-borne-disease-prevention>

Side notes: 1) Please call me for any needle boxes that need to be discarded and/or replaced. 2) We currently have an electric recliner sit/stand chair in very good condition looking for a new home- if you are interested, please call and if there is enough interest we will do a drawing by the end of the summer. 3) There is a menagerie of other medical and home equipment ready to be used. If you are in need, please call and enquire. 4) As always, if possible, call prior to coming into the office as my hours do change and need to be flexible to accommodate house calls, meetings, etc. Thank you!




Saturday Night At the MOVIES

 ★ Dog

June 11, 2022
(Rain date June 18)

 ★ Grease

July 9, 2022
(Rain date July 16)

 ★ The
Greatest
Showman

Aug 13, 2022
(Rain date Aug 20)

Pelham Lake Park, Rowe. Movies start at 8:30 pm

Bring your lawn chairs/ blankets and bring the whole family,
for a fun evening under the stars. **FREE popcorn and water**

Rowe Community Church

Submitted by Ros Mullette

July	3	Observance for July 4 & The Lord's Supper
	10	Worship & Praise Service
	17	Worship & Praise Service
	24	Worship & Praise Service
	31	Worship & Praise Service

Have a blessed Independence Day

July Birthdays

- 3 - Emma Poplawski
- 6 - Chuck Sokol
- 7 - William Reardon
- 8 - Sara Paige
- 9 - Terry Veber
- 9 - Aaron Morceau
- 10 - Claudine Poplawski
- 15 - Robert Markert
- 15 - Rosemary Gordon
- 17 - Sandra Donovan
- 19 - Matthew Demarey
- 20 - Brad Rice
- 21 - Bob Dykeman
- 21 - Teddy Palmer
- 21 - Rachel Holbrook
- 21 - Willian Parent
- 23 - Clayton Miller
- 23 - Dean Coulombe
- 23 - Ashalyn Duval
- 24 - Jason Lively
- 24 - Marguerite Frederickson
- 26 - MaryJo Williams
- 26 - Maeve Gallagher
- 27 - Will Booth
- 27 - David Lenth
- 27 - Ed Daviau
- 28 - Lynne Shulda
- 28 - Kerri Mclatchy
- 29 - Chris Brown
- 29 - Kelly Zavotka
- 29 - Colleen Avallone
- 30 - Rebecca Richardson
- 30 - Kurt Shippee

If you would like to add or remove a
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Town Main Line at 413-339-5520

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<u>Admin Assistant</u>	<u>101</u>		
<u>Assessors Office</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>assessor@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Wed 8-1 or by Appt</u>
<u>Board of Health</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>boh@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon 8-1 Clerk</u>
<u>DPW</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>dwphighway@rowe-ma.gov (339-5588)</u>	
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon-Thurs 9:30-5:00</u>
<u>Fire Dept</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>firechief@rowe-ma.gov (339-4001)</u>	
<u>Fitness Room</u>	<u>149</u>		
<u>Library</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>rowelibrary@gmail.com</u>	<u>Tues: 10-5 Wed: 12-8 Thu: 3-7 Sat: 10-3</u>
<u>Park</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov (339-8554)</u>	
<u>Police</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>policechief@rowe-ma.gov (339-8340)</u>	
<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>collector@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon-Wed: 9:00-5:00</u>
<u>Town Accountant</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>accountant@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>By Appt.</u>
<u>Town Clerk</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Thurs: 6-8:00pm or by Appt.</u>
<u>Town Nurse</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>nurse@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon: 8-4, Wed: 10-6, and Thurs: 8-4</u>
<u>Transfer Station</u>			<u>Sat: 8- 2:00pm, Sun: 8- Noon, Wed: 7 -10am & 4 - 7pm</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>treasurer@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>By Appt.</u>
<u>School</u>	<u>(413) 512-5100</u>		

Town Hall is open for normal business hours 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

MASKS REQUIRED TO BE WORN IN ALL INDOOR TOWN PUBLIC SPACES - Per Board of Health as of 09/08/21

Please contact Executive Secretary at: (413)339-5520 ext. 100 for appointments whenever possible.

Seasonal resident MUST notify the Executive Secretary of any change in address.

The Rowe Goal Post
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