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photo by Claudine Poplawski

From the Town Hall

Submitted by Brooke Shulda

Happy October Rowe Residents!

Have you visited the Town Hall lately? Stop by to meet and welcome new faces and visit familiar ones! In August, the Town Hall welcomed Donna Butzke as the new Administrative Assistant. Since Donna and her husband, Herb, moved to Rowe in 2017 they have both been committed members of the community and have shown their love for the town in so many ways. We are so pleased to have Donna as part of the Town Hall team!

Town Directory – Help us update the Town Directory! Admin Assistant, Donna Butzke, is working hard on updating the Town Directory. Please reach out to Donna if you need to report any of the following updates or changes: phone numbers (landline or cell), addresses, email addresses and birthdays (posted on the last page of the monthly Goal Post). She can be reached at the Town Hall, Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm. Please call (413) 339-5520 x101. With your permission this information will be used for the Town's phone directory, the town wide notification list (events, emergencies, town mailings, etc.). We encourage all residents (full-time and part-time) to participate in updating your information even if you choose not to have your information listed in the Directory or on the Town-wide notification list. Suggestions are welcome! **CONTACT THE TOWN HALL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPT OUT OF HAVING YOUR INFORMATION IN THE DIRECTORY.**

Planning Board - The Planning board is seeking two individuals interested in joining the Board. Right now, 2 of the 5 seats are vacant. This makes it extremely difficult for the Planning Board to properly proceed with business should one member be unavailable to attend a meeting. At a previous Board of Selectmen's meeting, Selectmen discussed the possibility of appointing two or the three Selectmen (one of which is already a planning board member) to the board, should a request be submitted or something of urgency come up. This is a last resort option should no interest be shown by any residents.

Gracy House Update – Part-time resident, Paul Graziano of Pond Road is a Historic Preservation/Land use Professional who has offered to Chair the Gracy House Committee. He has completed an initial investigation of the Gracy House and Deverall House (also known as the Gracy House Barn) and will be putting together a brief investigation report. Mr. Graziano will be setting up a meeting with those interested in joining the committee. Mr. Graziano can be reached by email: paulgraziano2013@gmail.com or by phone: (718) 309-7522.



photo by Meredith Sokol

Town of Rowe
INVITATION TO BID
Surplus Equipment

The Town of Rowe is accepting bids for the 2008 Polaris Ranger Sport Utility Vehicle with 1329.9 hours. ALL BIDS must be sealed and appropriately marked, "2008 Polaris Ranger" and are to be in the hands of the Select Board on or before October 14th at 6:00pm, at which time they will be opened and read. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept/reject any and/or all bids they deem to be in the best interest of the Town. For additional information contact Town Administrator at (413) 339-5520 x100.

Town of Rowe
INVITATION TO BID
Surplus Equipment

The Town of Rowe is accepting bids for the Lowe 1988 Pontoon Boat with a Yamaha Out-board Motor and Boat Trailer. ALL BIDS must be sealed and appropriately marked, "Pontoon Boat" and are to be in the hands of the Select Board on or before October 14th at 6:00pm, which time they will be opened and read. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept/reject any and/or all bids they deem to be in the best interest of the Town. For additional information contact Town Administrator at (413) 339-5520 x100.



photo by Selmi Hyytinen

Assessor's News

Submitted by Rick Williams

FY24 Property Values: FY24 is an interim update year (the next town revaluation will be in FY28). Based on DOR-mandated annual real estate sales analysis, adjustments were made to *building lot* values (**adjusted up ~10%**). No valuation changes were made to *homes, yard items/out buildings or excess land*. This resulted in an average increase of ~2.3% for residential parcel (LUC 101) valuations. Total town valuation increased by ~0.9% to **\$496.831 million**.

FY24 Tax Rates/Tax Bills: A Tax Classification Hearing was held with the Board of Selectmen on September 28. An MRF (Minimum Residential Factor) of **.5272** was adopted representing the tax burden shift from Residential (R) to Commercial-Industrial-Personal (CIP). The resulting FY24 split tax rates are **R/\$5.01** and **CIP/\$10.18** compared to last year's rates of R/\$5.18 and CIP/\$9.48. Following DOR approval of the tax rates, the Assessors expect to sign the FY24 real estate and personal property tax warrants during the first week of October. The first half tax bills should be mailed out shortly thereafter. Payments are due within 30 days of tax bill postmark.

Power Company ATB Appeals: For FY23, a negotiated tax settlement and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement was signed with Bear Swamp to resolve their past appeals cases before the ATB. Appeals by Great River Hydro for FY19 thru FY23 and appeals by New England Power and Mass Electric for FY19 thru FY22 are still pending. Settlement negotiations with these entities are continuing. The Board of Assessors are maintaining adequate funding in the Overlay account to deal with any potential abatement liabilities resulting from the eventual resolution of these appeals cases.

Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Applications for abatement for FY24 real estate and personal property taxes are available online or from the Assessor's Office. Abatements must also be submitted to the Assessor's Office within 30 days after the 1st half tax bills are mailed. The filing of an Abatement Application does not stay the collection of your taxes. The Assessors have three (3) months from the date an application is filed to act on it.

Real Estate Tax Relief:

Tax Exemptions: The following Mass General Laws (MGL) Chapter 59, Section 5 property tax exemptions are currently available to eligible Rowe taxpayers who satisfy eligibility requirements:

- ☐ **Clause 17D** – Surviving Spouse, Minor Child, Seniors (Exemption amount: **\$195**)
- ☐ **Clause 22, 22A-E, Paraplegic** – Qualifying Veterans (Exemption amount: **varies**)
- ☐ **Clause 37A** – Blind Persons (Exemption amount: **\$500**)
- ☐ **Clause 41C** – Seniors (Exemption amount: up to **\$1000**)

Tax Deferrals:

- ☐ **Clause 41A** – Seniors who meet certain ownership, age, and domiciliary requirements and whose annual gross receipts are within certain limits may be eligible to defer payment of their taxes. Deferred taxes, with interest, must be repaid when the property is sold or the taxpayer dies.

Notes on Exemptions/Deferrals:

- ☐ Certain Clauses (17D, 41A, 41C) require full disclosure of personal financial information.
- ☐ Applications-and any supporting documentation-are kept confidential (not open to the public).
- ☐ Applications are available on the Assessors page of the Town Website or at the Assessor's Office.
- ☐ Applications may be submitted before tax bills come out.
- ☐ Applications must be submitted by April 1 or three months after the first tax bills are mailed, whichever is later.
- ☐ Following submittal, the Assessors have three months in which to act upon your application.
- ☐ The filing of an application does not stay the collection of your taxes.

Personal Property Exemption: Per MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 the Town previously voted to establish an exemption from taxation on personal property valued $\leq \$10,000$. This automatic exemption is applicable to residents, businesses, or second homeowners. Taxpayers with personal property assessed at $> \$10,000$ will receive a personal property tax bill based on the full assessed value of their personal property (i.e., no exemption for the first \$10,000 in value.)

Recent Property Transfers (Sept 2023): There were no property transfers in Rowe for the past month. Further details may be obtained by researching the specific deeds at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds website at masslandrecords.com/franklin

How to Contact the Assessors Office: Assessor's Administrative Assistant Christine Bailey has posted office hours on **Wednesdays from 8A-1P**. She can be available other times by appointment. Christine can be reached at the Assessor's Office at **413-339-5520 x-104** or via email at assessor@rowe-ma.gov.



Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

HOURS:

Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7

Saturday 10-3

Did you know the library has a library of things? We currently have a carpet cleaner, cricut, pressure cooker, metal detector, yard tools, electronics, fun yard games like giant jenga and cornhole, and a pressure washer.

Programs:

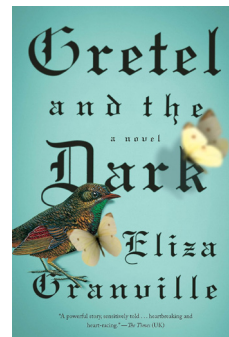
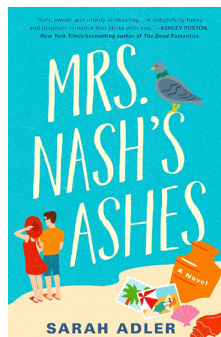
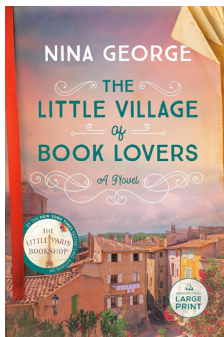
October Library Programs-

Wednesday October 18 th @ 6pm Collage with Becky Bradley.

Join us for an evening of fun learning how to make beautiful collages in the style of Eric Carle.
Please call/email to register

Library Trustee meetings are held @ 10am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All town residents are welcome to attend.

Some New Books:



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



2ND ANNUAL

FALL

OCTOBER 28, 2022

A-PALOOZA

**FUN ACTIVITIES
ALL MORNING!**

CHOWDER CAN BE DROPPED OFF AFTER
10AM AT THE CHAPEL

**10 AM
HISTORY TALK**

EAST CEMETERY
CYRUS STAGE RD
ROWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**12 PM
CHOWDER COOK-OFF
AND FALL PHOTOS**

PRESERVED SMITH CHAPEL
ACROSS FROM TOWN HALL
THE ROWE CENTER

**SCARECROW
CONTEST**

THE ROWE TOWN LIBRARY
318 ZOAR RD., ROWE

**PUMPKIN
CARVING AND
FALL FUN**

MORE DETAILS ON
THE ROWE TOWN LIBRARY
FACBOOK PAGE



It's been a busy month at the Rowe School since we started school on August 30th. We've been getting reacquainted with friends from last year, and gotten to know our new friends. Students have spent time exploring our school library and its great collection of books, have enjoyed P.E. outside and in the gym, had music, Spanish, and art instruction, worked hard in their core courses of Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies, and Science, as well as building community in our classrooms where everyone feels welcome. We've had an All-School meeting every other Wednesday morning and sang together at All-School Chorus every other Monday. We've been having fun together and working to become a community. We also had our Open House, with great participation from Rowe School families.

September also saw the beginning of our After School Activities program, with a group of students hiking with Mrs. P and Nurse Lydia, and a separate group playing cooperative, role-playing games. More after-school activities are coming later in the Fall.

We held our first Fire Drill in September as well, the students (and staff) did a great job exiting the building quietly and quickly. We have lockdown drills and fire drills scheduled throughout the year. Our first Community Lunch, where Rowe residents and Rowe School family members can join us for lunch once a month was Wednesday, September 27th, and we had 18 guests. Our next one will be Wednesday, October 25. I hope you can join us. Just let us know the day before if you're planning to come.

October should be busy as well. In addition to the ongoing work in the classrooms, grades 1-6 will be hiking Savoy Mountain State Forest on Thursday, October 5th. There is no school Monday, October 9th to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day. The School Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 11 at 4:00 at the school. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 27 in the school parking lot. Thank you to the PTP for help with the organization.

We have volunteer opportunities in the school on a regular basis. If you feel you could commit to regular, weekly volunteer time, just want to help out occasionally, or know someone who can, please let me know.

I hope to see you around the school soon, if you would like a tour, please get in touch. Whether for a tour, a question or any other reason, you can contact me at the school at 512-5100, in the evenings at 413-446-4949, or by email at wknittle@roweschool.org.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle

Congratulations to Carol Lively

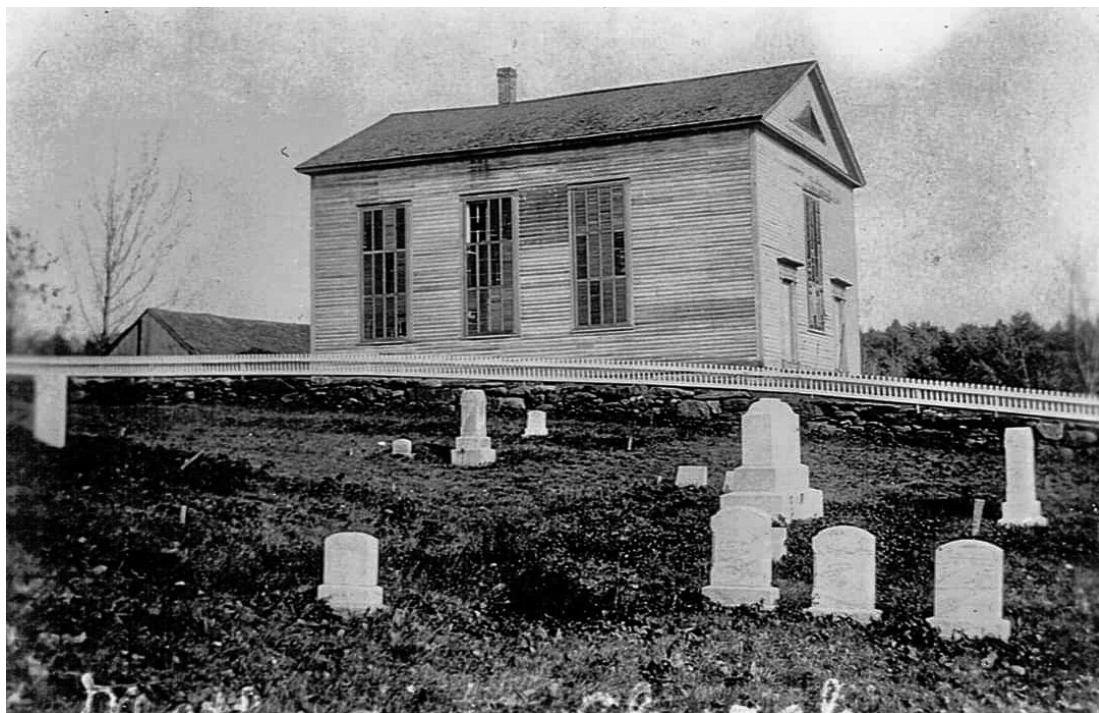
At Franklin County Fair this year, Carol won best of show for her large vegetable basket, best of show for her canning gift basket, first for her farm family display that was themed as German Family Traditions, first for her Large Market Basket, first for her small vegetable basket, and first for the Franklin County Homemaker of the Year display.

It was also her first time entering the Big E. Her entry in the Organic Home Garden class in the Native Produce Category scored a 98.5 of 100, which was highest score of all the entries. She got blues for her Cranberry Sauce, Dill pickles spears, Black Raspberry-rhubarb, Raspberry and Red Currant Jams, and her Nasturtium vinegar, recieved a second. Well done!



Cemeteries in Rowe - The East Cemetery

Submitted by Joanne Semanie

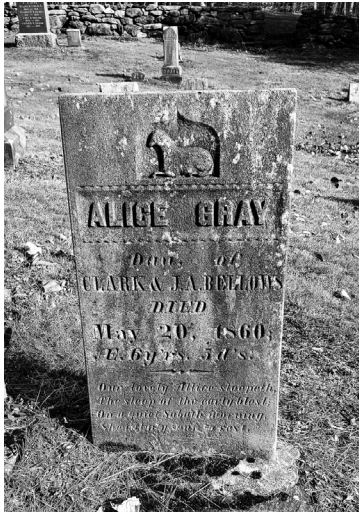


The oldest grave in this cemetery is that of Henry Babbitt dated November 1828 but there was an article in the town warrant dated March 1820 “to hear the report of the committee for repairing the East burying ground . . .” Joseph Chapin was the first sexton for the East Yard in 1829. It’s unclear when ownership of the cemetery transferred from the town to the Methodist Episcopal Society to the East Cemetery Association but a deed dated May 11, 1880 indicates that a parcel of land of approximately 1 acre changed hands between the two groups for a dollar.

The East Cemetery remained a private association until the town voted to take it over in May of 1978. In 1986 another acre was cleared and added to the cemetery. The old portion of the cemetery has a stone wall that was once topped with a white fence but after decaying beyond repair it was removed. In 2005 the stone wall was rebuilt.

I walked around the cemetery a couple of times before writing this article. This is the second cemetery in this series that has a distinct old and new section. The old section contains the graves of some of the more prominent people in Rowe’s history. These are the people featured in so many of the articles and deeds that are read in the museum’s collections. The Reeds, Amidons, and Browns. There are photographs of them, there are deeds to houses and businesses that concerned them. There are stories and diaries about and from them. There are extensive artifacts from their lives including beautiful clothing, household goods and farm equipment. If you’ve read *The History of Rowe* you will feel like you’re meeting old friends when you walk through.

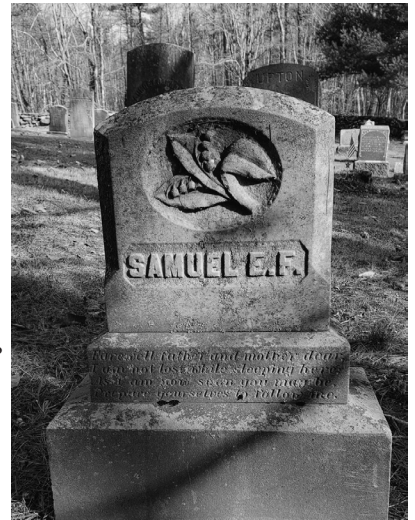
There are some interesting headstones here and unlike the North Yard some of the epitaphs are still quite legible. Some are sweet in their sentiment.



Our lovely Alice sleepeth,
The sleep of early blest;
On a quiet Sabbath morning,
She calmly came to rest.

Farewell Mother and Father dear,
I am not lost while sleeping here.
As I am now soon you may be,
Prepare yourselves to follow me.

Others not so much.



Then there is one where there is confidence in where they are going.



Sadly there are also many stones that have eroded to the point of barely being legible and will take some genealogical research to piece together who they are and where they fit in with the stones around them. There are maps but, with me, as is often the case, I want to know who they were, where they lived and how they fit into the fabric of everyday life in the town of Rowe. I want to know why they are here.

Having walked and written about two of the cemeteries in town I have to tell you that they are all beautiful in their own way. I'm old enough to remember the people in the new cemetery plots. I remember them well. Today when I was walking I thought about the children buried in these places and realized that they are surrounded by really good people, kind people. I thought about town meetings long past and a childhood spent in a town where everyone knew who you were and what you were doing. People have always had their differences but there's something about a place like this where you know

in the worst case scenario there will always be neighbors to help and in the end all of them are gathered together in three small properties in Rowe.

On October 28th Dana Williams with the Rowe Historical Society will be conducting a cemetery tour of East Cemetery. Join us there for more information on the cemetery and its history.



PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS

Public Forum for the Climate-Resilient Open Space and Recreation Plan for Rowe

The Town of Rowe's Open Space and Recreation Committee has completed a draft of the Climate-Resilient Open Space and Recreation Plan for Rowe and needs your input to ensure that the plan has captured the community's vision and needs. We have worked with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to create Rowe's first Open Space and Recreation Plan—a tool through which Rowe plans for the future of its conservation and recreation resources and becomes eligible for certain Massachusetts conservation and recreation grants.

You are invited to attend the hybrid in-person and virtual Open Space and Recreation Public Forum to discuss the highlights of the plan, the survey results, and draft goals, objectives, and actions that were shaped by the survey.

Wednesday, November 1st 6 – 7:30 p.m.*
Town Hall or via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/RoweNov1>
Refreshments provided

*Followed immediately at 7:30 p.m. by a Public Meeting for Rowe's Proposed Climate-Smart Forestry Demonstration Project, Town Hall and same Zoom link

Your input is an essential part of the Town's ongoing work to identify, prioritize, and develop projects that 1) meet the recreation needs of its residents, 2) protect our natural, scenic, historic, and recreation resources, 3) plan future land use, and 4) help make our community more resilient to a changing climate. Once approved by the state, the plan also makes the community eligible for MA Department of Conservation Services grant funds for conservation and recreation projects for up to seven years. Your participation will help us make sure our goals and priorities align with the community's vision and needs for the future of open space, recreation, and climate resilience.

A draft copy of the plan will be posted to the Town website on November 1st and the public comment period will remain open through December 1st.

**Public Meeting: Climate Smart Forestry at Pelham Lake Park
Rowe's Proposed Climate-Smart Forestry Demonstration Project**

Hybrid Meeting #1: October 23rd 6:30 PM; Town Hall & Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 288 065 7034

Phone: (312) 626-6799

Web: www.zoom.us/join

Hybrid Meeting #2: November 1st 7:30 PM; Town Hall & Zoom

*This meeting will start immediately following the Rowe's Open Space Plan Public Meeting and will use the same link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87275455775?pwd=MDFndlVkcFc4T1ZEZWVvLy9XTklCQT09>

Dial by your location +1 305 224 1968 US

Meeting ID: 872 7545 5775

Passcode: 965267

Join us to learn about and discuss the proposed forest resilience project at Pelham Lake Park. The Rowe Park Commission, in partnership with Mass Audubon, the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts, and the town's forester Alex Barrett, are proposing a small resilience harvest that will focus on removing trees that are unhealthy or at risk to climate change to promote the establishment of young trees. A lack of establishing young trees (regeneration) is one of Pelham Lake Park's primary vulnerabilities to climate change, as laid out in the Park's Forest Stewardship Climate Plan established in 2022. This resilience harvest will be partnered with the use of a slash wall (the use of sections of harvested trees to prevent deer from entering the harvested area) to address the impact that deer are having on our forest's ability to adapt to climate change while demonstrating innovative solutions to these challenges.

On the Town website, residents can find a more detailed discussion of the proposed project. Residents will also receive a letter and factsheet explaining the project along with a questionnaire to gather feedback. Each public meeting will include a presentation on the project and time for questions and discussion. We hope you will join us for one or both events.

HEALTH INFORMATION

As Covid-19 cases have begun to rise and as we edge closer to 'Flu Season', it is important to stay up-to-date on our vaccinations and boosters!

- **The 2023 FLU/New COVID BOOSTER clinic is ON! October 12th from 11am-3pm at the Rowe Elementary School Gym.** Pre-registration is requested (but not required). Please find the link on the Rowe Town Webpage as the date gets closer, or through the FRCOG website at <https://frcog.org/project/covid-19/> (and then click on the 'Vaccine Information' tab). For further information contact the Town Nurse!
- If you are unable to attend the Flu/Covid clinic here in Rowe, there will also be Flu/Covid Vax clinic at Hawlemont Elementary School on October 18th from 3:30pm-6:30pm.
- If you are unable to attend a clinic, find it difficult to get to a pharmacy, or are a homebound resident, please contact the Town Nurse to obtain your Flu/Covid Vaccine!

The supply of Covid-19 antigen tests has diminished here in the nursing office, but there are many options for residents to continue to test for Covid-19.

- ❑ On September 25th, 2023 the Government has released another round of FREE At-Home Covid-tests. Please visit <https://www.covid.gov/tests> to order your 4 free tests (per household) and be sure to check the expiry extension date on the Covid tests you may have at home, prior to discarding them.
- ❑ For free in-person PCR test, please follow this link to find your nearest location (many are Walgreens and CVS) <https://testinglocator.cdc.gov/>
- ❑ Please check with your local pharmacy if your insurance covers At-Home Covid-19 testing kits!

The Opioid Epidemic has been a hot topic in recent years. Our local communities have been battling this epidemic, which goes hand in hand with the mental health crisis. If you or someone you know takes prescription OR non-prescription opioids it may be a good idea to have NARCAN available for you or your loved one in case of an overdose. Please contact the Town Nurse if this is something you could use at home or for more information.

As the summer winds down, please be mindful to continue to wear bug spray and long sleeves/pants, avoid going out at dusk and dawn and empty any standing water near your property to prevent mosquito bites and the diseases they may carry!

Submitted by the Town Nurse



What makes a community healthy & strong?

Your voice.

When you take the MA Community Health Survey, you're sharing valuable experience that can help build a healthier community. The survey is helping the Massachusetts Department of Public Health learn what people in different parts of Massachusetts need. The information will be used to decide what kind of help to make available where.

It is available in 11 languages, easy to take, and anonymous. It takes about 15 minutes to complete.

Take the survey now at:
www.Mass.gov/Healthsurvey or scan this code
with your smart phone:



**Let's make sure the state hears from us about what we need in
Franklin County and the North Quabbin!**



The Council on Aging meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Rowe Town Library. If you have ideas related to aging in Rowe, or you'd like to get involved, please stop by. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming events, news items and stories of interest: We're listed as the Town of Rowe Council on Aging.

The Rowe Council on Aging is part of the Northern Franklin County Digital Discovery Grant, recently awarded to eight local COA's by the Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The grant is designed to bridge the digital divide in Northern Franklin County. We will be providing seniors through a lottery process access to a Claris Companion tablet. These tablets have many features like messaging, video calling, games, and many other apps. Each tablet will come with in person instruction and access to Cyber Seniors, a web-based learning platform that has one-on-one tech help, daily webinars, cyber-security classes and much more. We'll be providing more information about this program in coming months.

Our goals for the next few months include:

Developing recommendations for a response protocol for seniors in weather-related emergencies or natural disasters. In October, we'll discuss this with Emergency Director Dennis Annear and Police Chief Julie Shippee to determine what steps we need to take to move forward. More events to connect seniors with the community and each other, including author readings, art workshops and technology training.

Evaluating local services and determining what's needed to help seniors age in place in Rowe.

Upcoming and ongoing events

Foot clinics: Because of the popularity of the foot clinics, we are funding four more days each year. Please contact Town Nurse Rachel Lewis at Town Hall to sign up. (And get your blood pressure checked while you're there!)

Third Thursday Coffee Hour: Join us on October 19 from 10 a.m. til 12 noon, upstairs at town hall. Come for a yack and piece of cake. We hope to have available the Claris Companion tablets, six of which we've been awarded, so you can take a look. These tablets are easy to use and can help seniors with a multitude of tasks, including communicating with family and health care providers. Training will be provided and users have the tablets for free for one year. After that, the service costs \$30 per month. If you are interested, or you know of a senior who could benefit, please come to the coffee hour, or email BJ Roche roche.bj@gmail.com and she will get you the information. Users must have an internet connection.

Lunch at the Rowe Elementary School: What could be more fun than lunch with the kids? Join students and staff, the fourth Wednesday of each month, through May. You must sign up in advance at Town Hall, or call Rachel Lewis or Brooke Shulda to add you to the list @ 413-339-5520.

Lunch out at the Readsboro Inn: Take a ride up to the Readsboro Inn for lunch on December 6, before the holiday madness sets in, December 6. See details in next month's Goal Post.

Free rides (or nearly free): If driving is becoming a problem for you, transport to Greenfield is available through the FRTA Transportation Program Demand Response Service. It's a curb-to-curb van transportation service for residents 60-plus for non-emergency medical rides and food shopping. Fares range from .75 to 2.25 each way. Big Y shopping on Tuesdays is FREE. You must apply with a photo ID to be pre-approved. Stop by the Town Nurse's office or get the application online at frta.org/getting-around/demand-response/

Once your application is approved, you can call the center at (413) 625-2502 to make an appointment for your ride at least 48 hours in advance.

For more information, visit the Buckland, Shelburne & Ashfield Senior Center page, under the Transportation tab, or call the center at (413) 625-2502.

-Submitted by B.J. Roche



photo by Claudine Poplawski



First Meeting: October 3

SOUP AND GAME NIGHT

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

AT THE KEMP-MCCARTHY MUSEUM



Bring your favorite games
and food to share!



October Birthdays

- 1 - Sean Loomis
- 3 - Faith Travis
- 4 - Clifford Page
- 5 - Arlene Andognini
- 6 - Daniel Pallotta
- 6 - Otto Boyd
- 7 - Rebecca Boutwell
- 8 - Dave Arney
- 10 - Kirsten Foberg
- 11 - Nancy Plante
- 11 - Lawrence Lesure
- 11 - Wayne Zavotka
- 12 - Addy Loomis
- 12 - Chris Tower
- 13 - Bob Rice
- 13 - Jenn Morse
- 15 - Oral Jackson
- 15 - Tabitha Hyytinen
- 15 - Courtenay Brines
- 16 - Jasmyne Ostrowski
- 18 - Ken Fensky
- 19 - Arthur Corarito
- 19 - Russ Jolly
- 20 - Peter Columbus
- 20 - Rachel Richardson
- 22 - Roman Kichorowsky
- 23 - Brandon Emerson
- 23 - Darline Upton
- 23 - Edward Silva
- 24 - Mark Duval Jr.
- 26 - Shirley Veber
- 28 - Rob Williams
- 28 - Mary Veber
- 28 - Buster Reed
- 28 - Leslie Bauer
- 28 - Susan White
- 31 - Erin Laffond



photo by Stephen Provost

Town Services

Town Main Line at 413-339-5520

<u>Position/Dept.</u>	<u>Ext #</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<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>Tues 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>Post Office</u>	<u>(413) 339-5390</u>	<u>Mon-Fri: 12:15-4:15, Sat: 8:30-11:30</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>Tues: 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>
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