

photo by Dave Stephenson

From the Town Hall Submitted by Brooke Shulda

Deerfield River Wild and Scenic River Study – Seeking a Rowe Representative

The Town of Rowe has agreed to partner with the Deerfield River Watershed Association (DRWA) on its grant application to the Woodlands Partnership Program to support its project to develop a National Wild and Scenic River Feasibility Study and Stewardship Plan for the Deerfield River. The DRWA was recently awarded the Woodlands Partnership grant for this project and expects to begin work in October.

One of the DRWA's first steps is to create a Deerfield Wild and Scenic River Study Committee, consisting of community representatives, regional and business entities, and others.

The Deerfield River Watershed Association (DRWA) is seeking a Rowe resident who is interested in and knowledgeable about the river and who can represent our community's interest in the river to serve as a representative on behalf of the Town of Rowe to help guide the plan's development, provide community knowledge and insight, and report to the community on progress made throughout the project.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Brooke Shulda at the Town Hall at (413) 339-5520.

Town Clerk Submitted by Kevin Balawick

The Presidential Election will be held at Rowe Elementary School on Tuesday, November 5th from 7am to 8pm. The school will be closed to students that day. Please look for the signs outside and enter the building near the gymnasium.

In-Person Early Voting for the Presidential Election will be held at the Town Hall at the following dates and times:

Saturday October 19th, 9 am to 1 pm Monday October 21st, 9 am to 11 am Tuesday October 22nd, 9 am to 11 am Wednesday October 23rd, 9 am to 11 am Thursday October 24th, 9 am to 11 am Saturday October 26th, 9 am to 1 pm Monday October 28th, 9 am to 11 am Tuesday October 29th, 9 am to 11 am Wednesday October 30th, 9 am to 11 am

Important Deadlines for the Presidential Election:

Vote by Mail applications are due on October 29th, 2024, to allow enough time to mail ballots to voters.

Last minute vote by mail ballots need to be delivered to the drop box at the entrance to town hall by 7:30 pm to leave enough time to get them to the polls before the polls close at 8pm.

The last day to register to vote for this election is October 26, 2024.

I look forward to seeing a big turnout of Rowe residents on Election Day!

Board of Health Submitted by Christine Bailey

If you have not purchased your FY25 dump tag for use at the Refuse Gardens, I am in the offce every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may pay by check or cash.

Also, you can purchase your tag via a debit or credit card on the Rowe website. I will mail you your packet as soon as I receive payment notice.

As of September 1, 2024 the price is **<u>\$50.00</u>** unless you are a new resident relocating to town.

Thank you, Christine Bailey, BOH



photo by Claudine Poplawski

Rowe Cultural Council Seeking Grant Proposals

The Rowe Cultural Council is seeking proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs. The deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community is October 16th.

These activities can include exhibits, festivals, field trips, performances, workshops or lectures. If you are interested in offering something at one of the town's institutions such as the school, library, council-on-aging, museum etc., you must contact someone in that department for sponsorship before applying for the grant.

The **Rowe Cultural Council** is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the **Rowe Cultural Council** will distribute about **\$5,500** in grants. Last year, fourteen grants were funded with awards ranging from \$100 - \$500 each.

Grant Application are completed online at <u>www.</u> <u>massculturalcouncil.org</u>.

For more information on applying for a grant or serving on the **Rowe Cultural Council**, contact **Sue Tomlinson** at <u>susan.in.rowe@gmail.com</u>.

Recent Property Transfers (August/September 2024)

Further details may be obtained by researching the specific deeds at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds website at *masslandrecords. com/franklin*

FENSKY, KENNETH & DORIS of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to FENSKY, KENNETH & DORIS, TRUSTEES OF THE FENSKY LIVING TRUST of Rowe, MA, property located at 93 Brittingham Hill Road (Map 407 Lot 040) Deed Bk 8366 Pg 325

NADEAU, DAVID of Allenton, Wisconsin and VINSON, ILA E. of Dade City, FL, for consideration of \$15,000.00, grant to BAILEY, JEFFREY A. & CHRISTINE A. of Rowe, MA, land located on Brittingham Hill Road and County Road, (Map 407 Lot 44) (Bk 8375 Pg 317)

Assessor's Meetings and Office Hours

Assessor's meetings are held in person on a roughly monthly basis (as posted) at the Town Hall. Christine Bailey (Assessor's Administrative Assistant) has posted office hours on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays (8am to 1pm)**. She can be reached in the Assessors' Office at **413-339-5520 x104**, via fax at 413-339-8585 or via email at <u>assessor@rowe-ma.gov</u>. For additional information please also refer to the Assessor's page on the Town website at rowe-ma.gov

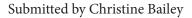






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-Vitamin Joy-

For I'm not there, I do not sleep I am a thousand Winds that 6100 I am the diamonds ghirt on snow I am the sunsight on ripened grain I am the gentie autumn's rair. When you awaken in morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet dirds in circle flight I am the soft stars that shine at nig Do not stand at my grave and cry I am not there. I did not die.

submitted by Jerry Ferguson

The Man in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self And the world makes you king for a day. Just go to a mirror and look at yourself, And see what THAT man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife Who judgment upon you must pass; The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you a straightshootin' chum And call you a wonderful guy, But the man in the glass says you're only a bum if you can't look thim straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest For he's with you clear up to the end, And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test if the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years And get pats on the back as you pass, But your final reward will be heartaches and tears if you've cheated the man in the glass.

Love Unlimited

One of the most important goals in life should be feeling and expressing joy. I propose a column devoted to raising joy in ourselves, our family, town and further. We welcome all stories you would like to share that inspire joy and kindness that you have experienced.

Please submit your stories, ideas, lists, recipes, or memories to: adminasst@rowe-ma.gov



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Rowe Town Library News Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

> HOURS: Tuesday 10-5 Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7 Saturday 10-3

The Rowe library is developing a Strategic Plan to identify priorities for services and programs over the next 5 years. We would like to find out what your needs and interests are. We will use this information to guide decisions for specific library goals and activities. This survey is voluntary and all

ages are welcome to fill it out. Please feel free to skip any questions you prefer not to answer. Whether you use the library or not, your input is valued. Please find the Survey online at the town website under the library tab, on our Facebook page or you can pick up a hard copy at the town hall or the Library.

Programs:

Adults -

Book Club October 17th - Thursday (3rd Thursday every month) 5:30 pm- Pick up your copy of "James" and join in the discussion

Horror Film Presentation with Patrick Gonder October 23rd @ 5:30 pm

Kids-

Kids Crafternoon- Wednesday 16th @ 4pm

Kids Crafternoon -Wednesday 24th @ 4 pm - Pumpkin carving and decorating (pumpkins will be provided)

Family -

Puzzle Swap Saturday 19th @ 1030 am-1230pm Come and pick up some new puzzle for the colder weather.

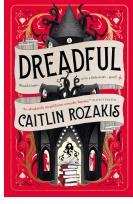
Drop off puzzles for the swap any day we are open leading up to the swap or the day of. You do not need to bring puzzles to be able to take puzzles

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

Some New Books:

Adult Fiction:





NonFiction:







Graphic Novel:

A Question of Belief

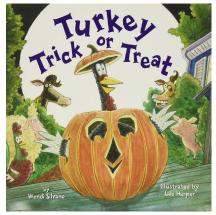


Kids:











It's been a busy month at the Rowe School, since we started school on August 28th. 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. 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 will be Wednesday, November 20th, and we hope you can join us for a turkey dinner with all the fixins. We hope to resume them monthly from there.

October should be busy as well. In addition to the ongoing work in the classrooms, we will be hiking Mohawk State Forest on Thursday, October 10th. There is no school Monday, October 14th to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day. The School Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 10th at 3:30 at the school. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 25 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





Halloween has grown into an industry in the past few decades with decorations galore available to everyone. Costumes are complex and expensive, and it made me think about how it was for us as kids growing up here in town.

When we were in grammar school, we had molded plastic masks with the elastic around your head and a cape or rudimentary form of dress. It allowed our imaginations to take wing. While trick or treating door to door you had to repeat with every house the description of who you were. It seemed to grow as the night wore on and by the end you could almost believe you were a caped crusader (unless your siblings were dressed in something wildly different). It was easier to cross the line into imagination if you had partners in the story.

Celebrating Halloween with your friends was the best. The photo on the following page was taken at the old Town Hall. As I said, costumes required some imagination, but ring toss was always a winner. It was a simpler time.

Trick or treating in Rowe required a dedicated parent to drive door to door, as you all know walking just was not going to happen if you wanted to fill your bag with treats. I always held some pride in the fact that I had been in the houses of almost every resident in town – most of that happened while trick or treating.



vited us in, served us cider and donuts (yes, donuts) and gave us treats for our bags as well. Each year I felt like we were embraced as family members by our neighbors.

As we got into our teen years, we were much more interested in the trick part than the treats and made some mischief one year in the center of town. Something involving toilet paper and soap. I remember the library getting hit pretty hard. The next day we were all expected to go clean up our mess which was almost as much fun as making it.

Fall A Palooza is rapidly approaching on Sunday, October 20. It is an opportunity to spend time with your neighbors, check out the mac & cheese cookoff and celebrate the change of seasons. There will be a cemetery tour at the West Cemetery as well. Check it out

When talking with the people we grew up with we all have remarkably similar memories of where we stopped and what they gave us. Aunt Ada Knapp always made donuts to drop into our bags. I'm not sure when she made those donuts because they were unusually dry and heavy. She did break out her animal cookie cutters for the occasion to add a little whimsy. My sister remembers stopping at Alton Davenports place on Hazelton Road and getting a can of orange soda. My fondest memories are of stopping at the homes of the elders in town. Henry Sifton and Nelly Veber had a party for us when we got to the door. They in-



**Council on Aging Welcomes the Start of Fall **

In September, the COA held its monthly *Third Thursday Coffee Morning* back in the Town Hall with National Grid representatives on hand to answer questions about residents' bills and provide information on how to save money. It was very informative, and we would like to thank them for coming! Also, a huge THANKS to BJ, the Stine's who donated a delicious peach pie, and the Jacksonville Bakery (and Brooke for picking up the buns) for making such delicious goodies for us to share!

- Walking Club will run each Monday in October starting October 7th at 10am. The walk will be 1-1.5 hours of moderate intensity so make sure to bring good walking shoes. We have done some spectacular walks in Rowe so far- come join us and see what this beautiful town has to offer! Don't forget bug spray/bug net and a water bottle. MEET AT THE TOWN HALL! No need to sign up- just show up!
- October's Third Thursday Coffee Morning will take place Thursday, October 17th from 10am- 12 noon. This month we will continue our educational streak and host Donna Dusell, the coordinator of the 'Cyber Seniors Program' at Greenfield Community College. Donna will talk about how to keep your information safe online, and answer any questions you may have, related to computers, smartphones and tablets. If you have an app you like, be prepared to share it! Of course there will also be coffee, tea, baked goods, and friendly chatter.
- FALL-A-PALOOZA event coordinators are seeking help from our wonderful seniors! Baked goods (finger foods- brownies, cookies, cupcakes, etc.) are needed on the day of the event and can be dropped off at the Chapel (across the road from the Town Hall) prior to 12 o'clock on October 20th. There is also a need for Autumnal Décor. If you have any autumn decorations that are able to be loaned for the day, please drop to Donna at the Town Hall or at the library during open hours (all labeled with your name)- THANK YOU!
- November's Third Thursday Coffee Morning will take place on November 21st and will bring back our holiday hit from last year—<u>WREATH MAKING!!</u> This will be a required sign-up, so we make sure to have enough wreaths for everyone to decorate. Please pre-register with Rachel or Donna at the Town Hall prior to November 7th to save your spot.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: December 13th from 12-2 at the Ashfield Lake House- RSVP is required with Donna at the Town Hall by December 3rd. Please let us know of any food allergies, whether you may need a ride or are willing to give a ride to others

submitted by Rachel Lewis



3rd Thursday coffee morning with National Grid



photo by Claudine Poplawski



Walking club - 'Rainbow Hill'



Updates From the Open Space and Recreation Committee (OSRC)

Should Rowe be part of an expanded long-distance trail network? How about adding accessible parking and pathways at Pelham Lake Park? Should we add a 1,500-foot lollipop boardwalk in the beaver meadow complex?

These are just some of the topics under discussion by Rowe's Open Space and Recreation Committee (OSRC). The OSRC has been working to prioritize the goals and proposed actions set forth in the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Using a numerical decision-making approach, the OSRC is in the process of ranking the Plan's goals/actions based on feasibility, visibility, complementarity to other existing town plans (Forest Stewardship, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness, or Multi-Hazard Mitigation), cost, time to achieve, and sustainability (i.e., is the initiative a one-time event or will it need to be sustained over time). Once this work is done, the committee will have a clear list of near- and longer-term to-dos to benefit our community. It's an exciting time to get involved with the OSRC, and we are looking for new members. If you have a connection to Rowe and want to see our community remain a unique and special place for outdoor recreation, join us! Curious but not sure you have the time? Send Laurie Pike an email at ljeanpike@gmail.com to learn more!

Submitted by Amy Trevvett

THANK YOU!!

As we say goodbye to summer, I'd like to thank Nick Baker, Rowe Park Supervisor, and his summer crew for keeping the trails and beach in pristine condition! It didn't go unnoticed and all of your hard work was very much appreciated. Thank you also to the Rowe Park Committee for their diligence in hiring this excellent crew!

Kathy Atwood

Save the Dates

Dates-Dec. 6th and 8th

Dec. 6th @ 10am help us **DECORATE THE** TOWN to prepare for the winter holiday season.

@Rowe Town Hall Center and Library and Chapel

Dec. 8th @ 4pm TREE LIGHTING AND CELEBRATION

@Rowe Town Hall Center and Chapel More Details to follow...





Come learn to make soap with Jazzmyn Tulloch! Fun for ages 3+!! (Young children must be accompanied by an adult)

October 9. 2024 at 4:30-6pm

Pre-register now with the Rowe Town Library!

Do I need a Flu Vaccine?

The yearly conundrum many folks ask themselves- 'Do I really need a flu shot?'

Well...the answer to that question is based upon many contributing factors, but the broad answer for most people is **YES**- you SHOULD get a flu vaccine! The CDC recommends everyone over the age of 6 months old receives an annual flu vaccination and here's why:

- ☐ Flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick.
- ☐ Flu vaccination can help reduce the severity of the illness in people who do get sick with the flu.
- ☐ Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of becoming hospitalized with the flu.
- Flu vaccination is a very important preventative tool for those with chronic conditions such as cardiac conditions, chronic lung disease or diabetes.
- ☐ Flu vaccination during pregnancy can help prevent pregnant people from getting the flu during and after pregnancy and can help prevent infants from getting the flu for the first few months of their lives.
- ☐ Flu vaccine can be lifesaving for children-reducing the risk of severe life-threatening illness by up to 75%.
- Flu vaccination can help protect those around you who may be more vulnerable to the severe health consequences of the Flu.

Flu vaccinations come with the risk of common side effects, just like many other vaccines. Some common side effects from a flu shot include soreness, redness, and/or swelling where the shot was given, headache, fever, nausea, muscle aches, and fatigue. Very rarely can a serious allergic reaction occur, if they do some symptoms may include breathing problems, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heartbeat, or dizziness. Most times, people who have these allergic reactions have an allergy to the vaccine ingredient (such as egg-protein). You should contact your doctor if you ever have had an allergic reaction to a vaccination or to a vaccination ingredient previously.

** I am sorry to report that due to logistics and the inability to find a mutually agreeable date with a vaccine vendor there will NOT be a Flu/Covid clinic this year- that being said, I have a supply of Flu vaccine in my office, but I would encourage all residents to get a Flu (and Covid booster) vaccine while they are out shopping at Big Y or Walmart, at their doctor's office, or at any pharmacy as these vaccines are readily available for walk-in clients or those with appointments. There is also the ability to do a home visit with Flu and/or Covid vaccines for those who have limited mobility/ability to get out.

** See below for vaccine clinic information for local towns (Charlemont and Buckland)**

October 22nd from 3:30-7pm at the Hawlemont Elementary School in Charlemont

October 30th from 3:30-7pm at the Mohawk High School in Buckland

Both local clinics will be offering FLU AND COVID vaccine- contact me for more information, type in the below link to your browser, or go to the Town of Rowe webpage (homepage) and follow the links for sign-up information!

https://frcog.org/project/vaccine-information/

submitted by Rachel Lewis



photo by Claudine Poplawski

Song for Autumn

Don't you imagine the leaves dream now how comfortable it will be to touch the earth instead of the nothingness of the air and the endless freshets of wind? And don't you think the trees, especially those with mossy hollows, are beginning to look for

the birds that will come — six, a dozen — to sleep inside their bodies? And don't you hear the goldenrod whispering goodbye, the everlasting being crowned with the first tuffets of snow? The pond stiffens and the white field over which the fox runs so quickly brings out its long blue shadows. The wind wags its many tails. And in the evening the piled firewood shifts a little, longing to be on its way. - Mary Oliver



photo by Claudine Poplawski



Town Departments

The Town Hall is Open Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm (413) 339-5520

Position/Dept.	Ext #	Email Address	Hours
Town Administrator	100	townadmin@rowe-ma.gov	Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Admin Assistant	101	adminasst@rowe-ma.gov	Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Town Accountant	102	accountant@rowe-ma.gov	By Appointment Only
Town Clerk	103	townclerk@rowe-ma.gov	Tuesday's 6:00pm-8:00pm
Board of Assessors	104	assessor@rowe-ma.gov	Tues-Thurs 8am-1pm
Board of Health	105	boh@rowe-ma.gov	Tues-Thurs 8am-1pm
Treasurer	106	treasurer@rowe-ma.gov	Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-4pm
Tax Collector	106	collector@rowe-ma.gov	Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-4pm
Town Nurse	107	nurse@rowe-ma.gov	Mon, Wed, Thurs 8am-4pm
DPW	111	dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov	Monday – Friday 6:30a-2:30p
Fitness Center	149		Mon,Wed 9am-11am/4pm-6pm

Emergency Services

Position/Dept.	Ext #	Email Address	Hours
Fire Chief	112	firechief@rowe-ma.gov	Thursday's 2pm-8pm
EMD	112	firechief@rowe-ma.gov	Thursday's 2pm-8pm
Police Chief	113	policechief@rowe-ma.gov	Wednesday's 5pm-8pm
Public Safety Adm	115	publicsafetyadmin@rowe-ma.gov	Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30-3:30

Town Library (413) 339-4761 rowelibrary@gmail.com

Days	Hours		
Tuesday	10am-5pm		
Wednesday	12pm-8pm		
Thursday	3pm-7pm		
Saturday	10am-3pm		

Transfer Station (413) 339-0216

boh@rowe-ma.gov

Days	Hours	
Wednesday	7am-10am & 4pm-7pm	
Saturday	8am-2pm	
Sunday	8am-Noon	

Elementary School (413) 512-5100

Name/Position	Ext. #	Email
Principal, Bill Knittle	1	wknittle@roweschool.org
Secretary, Laurie Laffond	2	llaffond@roweschool.org
Nurse, Lydia Brisson	3	lbrisson@roweschool.org

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