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photo by Joanne Semanie

Assessor's News

Submitted by Christine Bailey

Recent Property Transfers (October/November 2024)

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

DVORE, DAVID of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$5,000.00, grant to **CHIOFALO, THOMAS** of ROWE, MA, property located off Potter Road (Portion of Map 403 Lot 008) (Bk 8390 Pg 234, Plan 155 Pg 13)

REISMAN, ALEXANDRA R. of Chicago, IL for consideration of \$10.00, grant to **JAYNOS, LLC** of ROWE, MA, property located at 112 Ford Hill Road (Map 202 Lot 061) (Bk 8400 Pg 16)

TAKING - Collector of Taxes for Rowe, MA acting under General Laws, Chapter 60, Sections 53 and 54 for non-payment of taxes takes from **BASSETT, EMMETT D. et.al.** property located off Hazelton Road (Map 203 Lot 33) (Bk 8401 Pg 71)

TAKING - Collector of Taxes for Rowe, MA acting under General Laws, Chapter 60, Sections 53 and 54 for non-payment of taxes takes from **BASSETT, EMMETT D. et.al.** property located off Hazelton Road (Map 203 Lot 34) (Bk 8401 Pg 72)

TAKING - Collector of Taxes for Rowe, MA acting under General Laws, Chapter 60, Sections 53 and 54 for non-payment of taxes takes from **KRATKY, NANCY L.** property located off Potter Road (Map 402 Lot 26) (Bk 8401 Pg 73)

TAKING - Collector of Taxes for Rowe, MA acting under General Laws, Chapter 60, Sections 53 and 54 for non-payment of taxes takes from **KIM, SON K. & KIM, YOUNG N.** property located off Davis Mine Road (Map 408 Lot 15) (Bk 8401 Pg 74)

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 assessor@rowe-ma.gov. For additional information please also refer to the Assessor's page on the Town website at rowe-ma.gov

****Council on Aging-Fall Frenzy ****

In November the COA held its monthly *Third Thursday Coffee Morning* at the Town Hall with our annual wreath making event! Wow, those wreaths turned out amazing – each one unique and a compliment to their creators' authenticity. A huge thank you to Carol Lively for providing us with the most fantastic homemade wreaths that we were able to decorate with our own personal touch. Our town will be even more picturesque with all those divine wreaths hanging on the doors of Rowe resident's homes. Thank you to Donna Butzke for going to Jacksonville Bakery for those delicious buns and thank you to Diane Parrington, Margie Morse, Kathy Atwood, and Kelle Quist for their delightful homemade goodies- we could tell they were made with love!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES (most require registration)

- ❖ **Walking Club** will run each Monday in December starting December 2nd 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 a water bottle. MEET AT THE TOWN HALL! No need to sign up- just show up! ** In the case of inclement weather, the walking club MAY be cancelled. Use your best judgement for your own safety**
- ❖ **December's HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: December 13th from 12-2 at the Ashfield Lake House- RSVP is required with Donna at the Town Hall by December 3rd (so hurry!)** Please let us know of any food allergies and whether you may need a ride or are willing to give a ride to others. (The holiday luncheon is in lieu of the third Thursday coffee morning, which will NOT take place in December.)
- ❖ **BOWLING-** Come bowl away your winter blues! The Council on Aging will host **free** bowling for seniors at the Shelburne Falls Bowling Alley (self-transportation or transportation with a friend required).

Starting on Thursdays, December 5 and December 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. If enough people are interested, we'll throw in some pizza and we will keep the program going through the winter. Although there was a Required sign up by November 30 for the above dates- please call Assistant Town Administrator Donna Butzke at Town Hall, or email BJ Roche at roweroche.bj@gmail.com with any interest in future bowling dates!

- ❖ **Be on the Lookout in January!** Our January Third Thursday coffee morning will bring in the new year with a vision board project and ALSO in January we have our very own Justine Krumm heading a workshop about cyber security, google calendar and google docs, which will take place on January 29th- learn more in next months goal post!

submitted by Rachel Lewis



Lesley (Les) McLatchy

Lesley Kristine (Durie) McLatchy of Rowe passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 9, 2024 after a brief battle with pneumonia.

Lesley (Les) was born on January 14, 1950 in Everett, Massachusetts to William and Shirley (Huggins) Durie. She grew up in North Reading, MA and attended North Reading schools, graduating High School in 1968. After graduation, Lesley went to work for MITRE Corporation. Later in life she worked at the Post Office as a clerk.

Lesley married Paul McLatchy Jr. on a snowy winter day on January 12, 1980. Over the next ten years they welcomed their four children Kerri, Meghan, Wendy, and Paul III. Family was the most important thing to Lesley. She was a stay at home mom for all of her children. When her girls were younger, she was a Girl Scout leader. She also loved chaperoning her kid's trips so she could enjoy the fun opportunities with them.

Les was a devoted fan at all of her children's events, whether volleyball, track, cheerleading, or music department. This extended to her grandkids. She was an avid fan of their hockey and baseball teams.

From a young age, Lesley was a lover of animals. She was often found curled up with one of her cats.

Les loved to travel and always jumped at the opportunity- whether Europe with her parents, a girls' trip to Jamaica, a road trip to Nova Scotia, or a couples cruise to Bermuda. Each year the family had a tradition of taking a Fall Foliage road trip together. It was the highlight of the season.

For fun, Lesley enjoyed playing games, especially cards. She enjoyed how it brought family together, whether or not she was winning. This also extended to her weekly bowling league and bingo nights. A lover of music, Lesley would always have music on. It was no surprise her favorite movie, *Mama Mia*, was a musical.

Les spent most of her summers as an adult at her and Paul's summer house at the Cape where she loved to go deep sea fishing, entertain, and spend time with her family.

Lesley was the hostess with the mostest, with plenty of food and love to go around when it came to her family and friends. She loved to cook and bake. Shortbread cookies and turkey dinner were her favorites. Her love for entertaining extended to the holidays and there was always an extra chair at the table for dinner because she felt nobody should spend the holidays alone. Christmas Eve was always spent with her closest friends and family- a tradition that happened every year in the McLatchy household.

Lesley was predeceased by her parents William and Shirley Durie, her sister Susan Dingle, Nephew William Richardson, and her in-laws Paul and Betty McLatchy.

Les is survived by her husband of 44 years, Paul McLatchy Jr., her four children- Kerri McLatchy (Carl), Meghan Wells (Steve), Wendy Norcross (Dave), and Paul McLatchy III. She is known as Grammy to her five beloved grandchildren- Jesse, Parker, Ryan, Emma, and Blake. Not a day went by that she didn't feel lucky to see them as much as she did. She is also survived by her sister Pamela Richardson (Tom), brother Eric Durie (Laurinda), brother-in-law Norman Dingle, sister-in-law Christine Murray (Brian), and nieces and nephews- Tommy, Erik, Nikki, Brian, Erica, Jennifer, Heather, Billy, Michael, Kathryn, Elizabeth, and Danny. Considered the family you choose, she is survived by her best friends Jackie and Dick Howe, and their kids Adam (Kelly) Matt (Jenny) Sam (Tam), and Ed and Rita Carlson and their family Nick (Julia) and Hunter.

Calling Hours and a short service were held on Friday October 18th at Smith-Kelleher Funeral Home in Shelburne Falls with a celebration of life following at the Eagles. The Burial was held Saturday October 19th at West Cemetery. In memory of Les, please consider making a donation to the Dementia Society of America or a local animal shelter.

The McLatchy Family would like to express our gratitude to our friends and family in Rowe for their love and support as we said goodbye to our wife and mother, Lesley McLatchy. We were very moved by the number of people who sent cards, food, checked in on us, and paid their respects at Les' service and burial. We feel blessed to live in a community like Rowe.

Paul McLatchy Jr., Kerri & Carl McLatchy, Meghan & Steve Wells, Wendy & David Norcross, Paul McLatchy III.

"Happiness Doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give..." (Ben Carson)

Donate Non-Perishable Items for the Good Neighbors Food Pantry.

Drop off sites at town hall and the library...

Help if you're able



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...





Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

HOURS:

Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7

Saturday 10-3

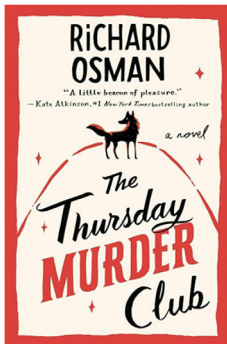
As we welcome the cooler, darker months, remember that the library is your warm and inviting refuge. Enjoy free coffee and tea during our open hours while you chat, craft, read, or solve puzzles.

We're eager to find more ways to bring our community together through shared interests. One idea we're considering is a game

time—perhaps a game or 2 of Scrabble! If you're interested, please reach out and let us know what day and time would work for you. We'll schedule a time for neighbors to come together and enjoy some fun!

Programs:

Come join us for our Book Chat! In December we will be reading "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

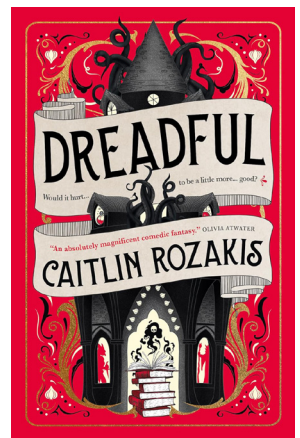


Next month we meet on
December 20th at 5:30pm

The Anti-Social Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

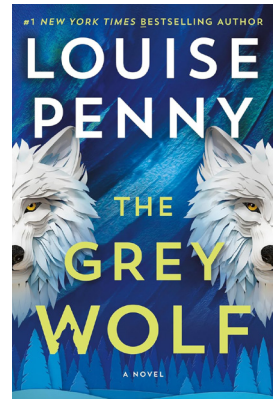
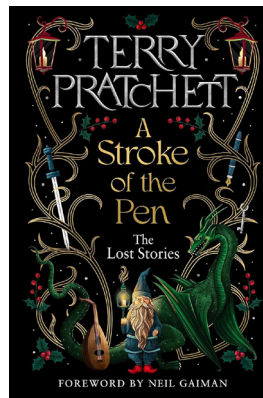
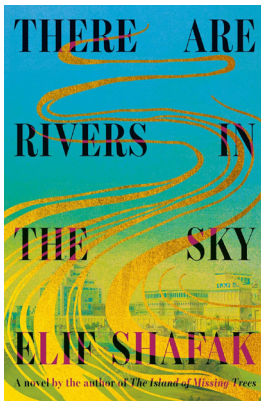
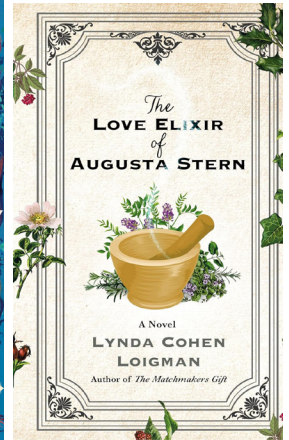
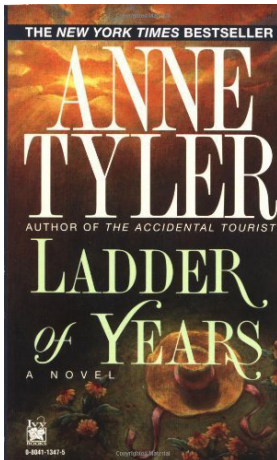
No meetings, no commitments. Send us your recommendations and we will post them for other sci-fi and/or fantasy readers to find their next great read!

November
recommendation:
Dreadful
by Caitlin Rozakis

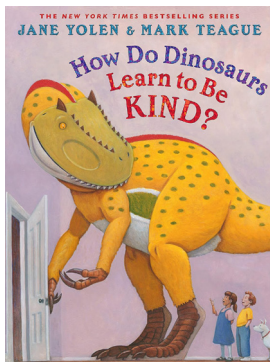


Some New Books:

Adult Fiction:



Kids:



ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



November in Rowe means Family Conferences, most in-person, and many student-led. They are a valuable tool to help families learn more about their child as a learner and to help the teachers learn more about their students. As always, the teaching staff is finding creative ways to engage the students in new and different ways. Some news that was exciting to share at conferences was how well our students in grades 3-6 performed on the MCAS tests last Spring. Although it is no longer a high school graduation requirement, our students will continue to take it, and we will continue to use it as a data point, along with our online iReady assessments of reading and math, our Benchmark Assessment reading evaluations of all students, the formative and summative assessments we use to help assess what our students need to be successful. This is in addition to the constant observation and conversation we have with each student, getting to know them as a learner.

With Thanksgiving just past, I want to reflect on some of the things I am thankful for. I am thankful to be a part of the Rowe School staff. I've never known a more dedicated, talented, and caring group of educators. I'm thankful to be part of the Rowe School Community, whose engaged and caring parents, guardians, and families help support the work we do in the school. I'm also thankful for students and staff who take their learning, both academic and social-emotional learning, seriously and who care about their classmates, the beautiful setting where we work, perfect for so much outdoor learning, and finally, for our silly, sweet, and creative group of students who make me laugh every day. I am also thankful for the years of caring and support that Melanie Gokey gave to the school as a substitute and as a Teaching Assistant. She has moved on to another opportunity, and we will miss her.

We will plan to have a Community Lunch in December, it will be nice to see community members and families joining the students in the cafeteria. Our December Community Lunch is tentatively planned for Wednesday, December 18th at noon. I hope you can join us. If anything changes, we'll send word.

If you have thoughts, questions, or comments, please call me at 413-512-5101. You can also email me at wknittle@roweschool.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

submitted by Bill Knittle



PreK/K PE fun crossing the midline to help build writing and reading skills

nationalgrid

Stay Weather-Ready This Winter



New England winters can bring anything from heavy snow, ice and sleet to rain, wind and extreme cold. To ensure safe, reliable energy delivery, we stay prepared by strengthening our infrastructure and adding crews when needed to respond to outages and damage from weather extremes.

We want to help you and your household be ready for winter weather, too. Here are some tips that can keep you stay safe and be prepared.

Support for those who need it

- People who depend on electric-powered life support equipment, such as a respirator, should let us know. For information on requesting designation as a life support customer, call our Customer Service Center at **1-800-322-3223**.
- In an outage, check on elderly family members, neighbors and others who may need assistance.

Here to help

With energy prices increasing for the upcoming winter, we're here to help with our **Winter Customer Savings Initiative**, offering ways to manage your energy bill, control your energy use and find assistance to pay your bill when you need it.

Please visit ngrid.com/heretohelp or call **1-800-233-5325** to learn more.

Prepare your home for winter

- Keep extra drinking water, a manual can opener and a supply of canned and dried foods on hand in case an outage lasts more than a few days.
- If applicable, schedule a tune-up of your home's furnace to ensure it is in proper working order, and ensure your furnace and water heater are properly vented.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries every year.
- Remove dead or rotting branches on trees; if branches threaten power lines near your home, contact National Grid to request service.
- Schedule a free home energy assessment with Mass Save to learn ways you can reduce your energy use during the winter.

An energy specialist will provide low-cost recommendations on ways to reduce energy use. Significant discounts and rebates are available for customers who take advantage of opportunities such as installing insulation and energy- efficient cooling and water heating equipment.

▶ Call **1-888-774-3167** to schedule an appointment.

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Keep an emergency kit

Prepare a winter emergency kit to stay ready in the event of a major storm. Include the following items:

- **Water** – the American Red Cross recommends one gallon of water per person per day
- **Food** – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, plus a manual can opener
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Extra cash
- Cell phone with chargers
- Emergency contact numbers



When a storm hits, stay connected

- Report power outages online or by calling **1-800-465-1212**.
- Track outages and estimated restoration times at **ngrid.com/outage-central**.
- To receive outage alerts by text message, text* **REG** to **64743 (NGRID)**. Once you're registered, text **OUT** to **64743** to report an outage or **STAT** to check the status of your outage.
**Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to cancel.*
- Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram; we post all the latest storm and restoration updates.

Stay safe in a storm



Never touch downed power lines, and always assume that any fallen lines are live electric wires. If you see one, report it immediately to National Grid or your local emergency response organization.

Electric Safety

- If you use a generator to supply power during an outage, be sure to operate it outdoors. Before operating your generator, disconnect from National Grid's system by shutting off the main breaker located in the electric service panel. Failure to do this could jeopardize the safety of line crews and the public.
- If you lose power, turn off any appliances that were on when the power went off, but leave one light on so you will know when power is restored.

Gas Safety

If you suspect a natural gas leak:

- **Get Out** – All occupants should leave the house immediately. Do not use the telephone or light switches for any reason.
- **Call Us** – After leaving the house and reaching a safe environment, call 911 or the National Grid 24-hour gas emergency number: **1-800-233-5325**
- **Stay Out** – Do not return to your home until National Grid tells you it is safe.

Find more tips at **ngrid.com/stormsafety**

How to Search a Deed

Submitted by Joanne Semanie

I was recently at a meeting where an attendee spoke about restrictions on her property that were in place when she purchased it. She was unclear what that was about and I told her that it should be in her deed. She said she had no idea how to find that.

When we purchase property, there is always a mound of paperwork to sign and I think most people trust their lawyers and sign away never having time to really read the deed to the property you're purchasing.

I have been researching deeds for many years, especially in the town of Rowe. What I've noticed is that there are many properties where rights are transferred to their neighbors for various things like water or a right of way. I had heard we had rights to a spring that was on our neighbor's property but did not really know until I looked up the deed to their property. While looking at that water right I came upon an easement that was granted in 1930 to the power company for installation of telegraph and electricity poles on Ford Hill Rd.

Anyone can look up their deed(s) through the Franklin County Registry of Deeds – www.franklindeeds.com. This will walk you through it. Once you have arrived at their home page scroll to the bottom and click on [Search](#) for your deed here.

masslandrecords.com
Franklin District Recorded/Registered Land

* Business/Last Name: First Name: Party Type: Both

The search page will open and there will be a place to type in the owners last name, then their first name. For this purpose I used my father's name.

masslandrecords.com
Franklin District Recorded/Registered Land

* Business/Last Name: First Name: Party Type: Both

Recorded Land Name Search (Dates Available: 01/01/1650-Current) Business/Last Name: alix First Name: richard Party Type: Both Party Type 2: Both Document Types: S

Type	Name/Corporation	Book	Page	Type Desc.	Rec. Date	Street #	Property Desc.	Town
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Doc. #	Rec Date	Rec Time	Type Desc.
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Street # Street Name

Grantor/Grantee-4

[BARTLETT JOSEPH T EXR](#)
[NEAL FLORENCE E EST](#)
[ALIX RICHARD E](#)
[ALIX SALLY ANN](#)

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[02453/158](#) CERTIFI

On the left will be a list of all property transfers, mortgages, easements, and any other legal actions that have taken place concerning this property. I clicked on the deed I was interested in viewing and the right side shows the details of the deed – the grantor and grantee. If you click on [View Images](#) a new window will open and you will be able to read the deed.

270 I, Joseph T. Bartlett, of Greenfield in the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, EXECUTOR under the WILL of ~~CHARLES FAIRHURST~~ Florence E. Neal, late of Rowe in said County of Franklin,

by power conferred by license of the Probate Court in and for the County of Franklin and by power conferred under the will of said Florence E. Neal,

and every other power, for ----- Nineteen Thousand ----- Dollars paid, grant to Richard E. Aitx and Sally Ann Aitx, both of said Rowe, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety,

Metes and bounds
Certain real estate situated in Rowe in the County of Franklin, bounded and described as follows:

Bounded on the west by Middletown Hill Road; on the north by land of Cornelio A. Franceschetti, et ux, and again on the west by land of said Cornelio A. Franceschetti, et ux again on the north by Ford Hill Road; on the east by land of Rowe Historical Society, Inc.; and on the south by land of Richard P. Stickney, et ux. Containing 28.2 acres, more or less.

Being a portion of the land conveyed to Florence E. Neal by deed of Henry D. and Emily D. Wright dated December 9, 1942, recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 866, Page 49.



Witness my hand and seal this 6th day of April 19 67.
Edward J. Shea Joseph T. Bartlett

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Franklin ss. April 6, 1967

Then personally appeared the above named Joseph T. Bartlett, Executor as aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me
Edward J. Shea
EDWARD J. SHEA Notary Public
My commission expires July 27 1975

Enrolled as Deed for record / 8675 Mass P M April 7, 1967

On this deed it tells me that the record of the previous sale of this property can be found in Book 866, Page 49. Now if you want to do a little history on your property you can search the Book and Page by using the drop down at the top of the search page that says [Search Criteria](#) and click on [Book Search](#).

When I did this on mine I found something I had never seen before:

Being the first tract described in deed from Charles Fairhurst, administrator of the Estate of Edward Wright to Henry D. and Emily D. Wright, dated May 25, 1923, recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 818, page 375, to which deed and the references therein contained reference is hereby made for further description of the premises hereby conveyed. The grantors convey to the grantees all wood in the shed, one kitchen range, and one old-fashioned stove in the attic. Said premises are conveyed subject to the right of way granted by the grantors to the Deerfield Valley Electric Company by deed dated May 17, 1933, recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 788, page 201. The grantors reserve to themselves and to their heirs and assigns the right to enter upon said premises for the purpose of removing wood out & now lying on the wood lot on said premises; and the right to enter and remove the hay from the barn before April 1st next, other personal property in the barn, slabs in the yard, and the personal property in the house before March 1st next.

The transfer of property also included personal property they were leaving but also a clause that gave them some time after the closing to remove things of value to them. It also tells of the right of way granted to the power company.

I have always been fascinated by the details of deeds. They don't all have this much, some will not have a book and page mentioned but the names are always there to search. It is a great way to find out if any restrictions have been placed on your property but also it can give a much fuller picture of the life your home had before you arrived.

PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS



photo by Bill Knittle

It has been a wonderful few weeks getting to know Pelham Lake Park and meeting so many of you who care deeply about our outdoor spaces here in Rowe. I want to thank everyone who has stopped by the park to introduce themselves and welcome me to town.

As I've shared with many of you already, I feel my role here is not to enhance the park for my own enjoyment, but for yours. I truly believe that the success of this work depends on your input and support. Please continue to share your ideas—I'm always open to hearing from the community.

As we move through the fall season, much of my focus has been on cleanup efforts around the park and its trails. This includes removing downed trees, clearing leaf litter, and preparing the park for the colder months ahead. The goal is to keep our outdoor spaces safe, accessible, and inviting for everyone to enjoy.

submitted by Briel Gibson

Park Department Boat Rack

Use of the Park's boat rack at the Pelham Lake Dam is by lottery and is available for use in the late spring. A date for submitting your request to the lottery will be announced in the March Goal Post. The Park Department requests that all boats currently on the boat rack be removed and taken home for the winter. We would like the boats to be removed by November 30, 2024. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

submitted by Laurie Pike

Rowe Fitness Center

A request has been made to have the Rowe Fitness Center open until 7 PM on Monday and Wednesday nights. We would like to hear from other Rowe residents (asap) who would also utilize the Fitness Center during that hour on Monday and Wednesday evenings to help us determine the need for this change. You can reply to this request by emailing parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov or by leaving a message at 413-339-8554. Thank you in advance for your responses.

submitted by Laurie Pike

Open Space and Recreation Committee Update

This fall, the Open Space and Recreation Committee (OSRC) prioritized the community and environmental improvement proposals in the Open Space and Recreation Plan using a numerical ranking system, creating a list of near- and longer-term actions to benefit our community. In January, the OSRC will circulate to residents and property owners a survey of the committee's top 10 priorities. Survey responses will help the committee home in on those initiatives that our community is most interested in and would like addressed first. Keep an eye out for more information about the survey in January's Goal Post.

At the November meeting, the OSRC approved a motion by Laurie Pike to name Justine Krumm Chair of the committee, reflecting Justine's increasingly active role in the OSRC since joining in June. We appreciate Justine's leadership as the OSRC begins the implementation phase of the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

- Submitted by Amy Trevvett



photo by Justine Krumm

Heating your home

Staying warm in the winter is important and with high costs, heating your home can be stressful. Both homeowners and renters can use fuel assistance, which pays for *part* of heating costs. As it can take 6-8 weeks to process a no-cost application, it's best to start as soon as possible.

You are eligible for fuel assistance if your household income is not more than 60% of the [estimated state median income](#). For example, that's an income of \$49,196 for a one-person household, \$64,333 for a two-person household- Income eligibility increases with household size. If your income exceeds these income guidelines, the [Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund](#) could still help you heat your home this winter.

Locally, Community Action is the agency that processes fuel assistance applications; more information is available on their website: www.communityaction.us/program/fuel-assistance. You can apply between October 1st and April 30th in person, on the phone (413-774-2310), or online.

Community Action wants people to know:

- Fuel assistance can only pay for deliveries/heat usage from Nov 1 to April 30
- This is an assistance program; you are still responsible for your bills
- Utility companies are not allowed to shut off your gas or electric service (if it heats your home) from Nov 15 – March 15

Community Action has other programs for renters and homeowners, including free energy-efficient and weatherization assessments, as well as programs to fund repairs/replacements of heating systems.

****In other news...** The Town Hall has a freshly installed **Narcan (Naloxone) box** (which is administered into the nostrils) located by the public restrooms near the post office. Anyone can take a box of Narcan to use in the case of a suspected opioid overdose. Due to Rowe being a highly rural area, with longer waits for emergency assistance, it may be a good idea to have a box of Narcan on-hand if the risk of opioid overdose for a friend, a loved one, or yourself is substantial. Please come see the Town Nurse for more information regarding the administration of Narcan, how to identify an opioid overdose, or any other questions surrounding the use of Narcan. ******

Vitamin Joy!

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

Although Thanksgiving 2024 has come and gone, I continue to be so grateful and fortunate for where I live - Rowe. The beautiful scenery at every turn, incredible cloud formations, and calm serenity as well as the moonlit skies, ever changing landscape, and numerous rainbows are all spectacular. The howling of the coyotes, hooting of the owls, fox preying for mice, colorful birds singing throughout the day, and the many deer grazing in my field all add to my thankfulness of living here. I am forever grateful to have incredible, helpful, fabulous neighbors and wonderful friends who are all like family. They make every day truly special. Each day brings new, unbelievable, and extraordinary visions, sounds, and beauty that resonate all year long.

This is my JOY. Thank you Rowe.

submitted by Cyndie Stetson



Wreath making



COA Walking Club at site of Fort Pelham



DECEMBER 8, 2024
4PM - 6PM



FROST & FLANNEL



Rowe Town Social

Tree lighting with a holiday sing-a-long at the Town Hall. Then warm up with refreshments, games and crafts for all ages to follow in the chapel.



Rowe Town Community Dinner

We are excited to offer a **free dinner** for residents of the Town of Rowe and families of students and staff at Rowe Elementary. Come enjoy a delicious meal and connect with your neighbors!

Reservations are required and must be made by 5 PM on Wednesday, December 4th.

413.339.4954 22 Kings Highway, Rowe, MA 01367

<https://rowecenter.org/programs/rowe-community-dinner/>



December Birthdays

- 4 - Cameron Compo
- 7 - Amy Hicks
- 9 - Laurie Ash
- 11 - Kristen Johnson
- 11 - Jonathan Lively
- 12 - Nancy Williams
- 12 - Jim Lively
- 12 - Danette Reynolds
- 13 - Michael Denson
- 13 - Seth Lively
- 14 - Barbara Roche
- 15 - Leonard Brown
- 15 - Craig Brown
- 16 - Walter Quist
- 17 - Connie Sherman
- 20 - Lisa Lamore
- 20 - Johnathon Boyd
- 20 - Barbara Fisher
- 22 - Carol Lively
- 22 - Glenn White
- 23 - Susan Gleason
- 23 - Seamus Stine
- 23 - Richard Vega
- 24 - James Mckee
- 24 - Kevin Myers
- 24 - Anne Besgen
- 25 - Melissa Houghtaling
- 26 - Joyce Boutwell
- 27 - Julie Sprague
- 28 - Bill Loomis
- 28 - Ellen Miller
- 29 - Danielle Beaumier
- 30 - Deborah Miller

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

Transfer Station (413) 339-0216
boh@rowe-ma.gov

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

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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