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photo by Claudine Poplawski

Assessor's News

Submitted by Rick Williams

Annual Permit Inspections

The Board of Assessors will be conducting a review of **open building permits** for the purpose of updating property cards prior to establishing property valuations for FY26. An individual from **Catalis Tax & CAMA, Inc** (Assessor's appraisal consultant) will drive around town to inspect properties with open building permits. The Assessor's Office will be making phone calls to inquire about the status of your open building permits. To the extent practicable site visits will be pre-arranged and coordinated with the homeowner. A member of the Board of Assessors may participate in these inspections.

Cyclical / Full Measure & List Inspections

This summer the Board of Assessors will also begin the state-mandated **10-yr cyclical reinspection program** of all properties within the community. The purpose of this program is to collect information to update our property card database on which assessments, in part, are based. The final goal is to have a uniform, fair market value of all properties in Rowe. In other words, a fair assessment of your property.

What?

The Department of Revenue (DOR) and Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) require the Board of Assessors to maintain a reinspection program of the properties within the community. The program consists of an inspection of all properties in Rowe every ten (10) years; i.e., Cyclical Reinspection. The inspection consists of measuring the outside of the property as well as conducting an interior inspection of the property. The Board of Assessors cannot force a property owner to allow such an inspection; however, a refusal of inspection can and will result in a denial of any local assessment appeal.

Why?

The Board of Assessors is responsible to maintain a full and fair market value of all properties in Rowe. This can only be accomplished if the data we have is accurate. The collection and maintenance of current and accurate property inventory data is a critical element in determining uniform, fair market value.

How and When?

These inspections will be completed on all properties in the town during this summer (2025) and next summer (2026). The plan is to inspect ~120 properties each summer. As with the annual per-

mit inspections, the Assessor's Office will be making phone calls to schedule the inspections. To the extent practicable site visits will be pre-arranged and coordinated with the homeowner.

Who?

The Board of Assessors has contracted with **Catalis Tax & CAMA, Inc** to conduct these inspections. All contracted inspectors will wear an identification card. A member of the Board of Assessors may participate in these inspections.

As always, your cooperation during these inspections is greatly appreciated.

Recent Property Transfers (June 2025)

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

MAY, DENNIS F. & GAIL of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to VEGA, RICHARD of Rowe, MA, SHULDA-MERRIGAN, LORI of Charlemont, MA and VEGA, SCOTT D. of Durham, NC, property located at 14 Potter Road (Map 403 Lot 003) (Bk 8484 Pg 194)

WILLIAMS, JAMES H. of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$20,000.00, grant to the TOWN OF ROWE of Rowe, MA, land located at North Cemetery Road (Portion of Map 403 Lot 002) (Bk 8483 Pg 130) (Plan Bk 153 Pg 88)

Survey Plans Recorded:

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****Exciting Opportunity: Join the Finance Committee!****

We are looking for one individual to fill a one-year term vacancy on the Finance Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with your community and contribute to important financial decisions. If you're passionate about budgeting, financial planning, or simply want to make a difference, we encourage you to reach out to our Town Administrator, Brooke Shulda, for more information, or to express your interest.

Dan Pallotta, Finance Committee Chair

-FREE- SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Franklin County Solid Waste District manages a program for the collection and disposal of residential needles and lancets.

Two sizes of sharps box are available at the sites listed below: 1 gallon and 1 quart. The District office also carries a travel size.

Sharps boxes may be picked up and dropped off at:

- Franklin County Waste District, 117 Main St., Greenfield. Hours vary 772-2438
- Deerfield Board of Health, 8 Conway St., So. Deerfield Monday 9-1
- Greenfield Health Department, 20 Sanderson St., Greenfield. M-F 9-4
- Heath Town Nurse, 1 East Main St., Heath. Tues. 12:15-1:15 & Thurs. 11-1
- Montague Board of Health, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls. Wed. 10:30-12:30
- Call first 413-863-3200 ext. 205
- New Salem Board of Health, 19 So. Main St., New Salem. By appt: 978-544-9673
- Orange Board of Health, 62 Cheney St., Orange. M-Th 8-1
- Rowe Town Nurse, 321 Zoar Rd., Rowe. Monday 12-4 & Thursday 8-4
- Shelburne Falls Fire District, 121 State St. Monday-Thursday 8-12
- Whately Health Center - Dr. Jones, 181 State Rd, Whately. Tuesday 9-12

Did you know that 600,000 to 800,000 needlestick injuries occur in the U.S. annually? Healthcare workers, recycling and sanitation workers all suffer when needles are disposed of improperly. This free program allows residential users of needles and lancets to dispose of them safely and legally. In Massachusetts, it is against the law to throw sharps in the trash.

FREE

For more information, contact the Solid Waste District office: 413-772-2438.

Submitted by Christine Bailey

Rowe Historical Society

I touched the butter mold and..

..felt her presence. I was on the third floor of the Browning Bench Tool Factory, dusting for opening day. I saw a silver butter mold and picked it up. And, in the moment, the person who made butter for their family was connected to me. I became aware that I wasn't holding some old "thing", but a part of a neighbor's life, long passed from our presence.

The museum isn't a collection of old stuff. These are part of another's life; touched, labored with, danced with and laughed over. If you haven't been to your museums for a while, come touch. Be connected with your neighbors of yesterday and today.

Open Houses, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10-2

July 13. Summer Social 2:00

Come See if you can Guess Implements of Old

Contest for Adults and Children

Annual Meeting of Members

July 13, 10 am. Kemp/McCarthy Museum

Election of Trustees ByLaw Change review of the Year

Submitted by Wayne Zavotka





Rowe Town Library News
Submitted by Molly Lane,
Library Director

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

The AC will be on all summer.
Come cool off with us

Upcoming Summer Events:

Kids Summer Reading Craft Series @ 4pm each day: Tuesdays July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

Author Talks-

- July 10th @ 5:30pm Matt Heagerty " Dyslexic Graphic Novelist" - informative fun and engaging talk for all ages.

- July 24 @ 5:30 pm Local Rowe Author Aaron Poulin will discuss his brand new debut novel with us.

Adult programs-

Tuesday July 8th @ 6pm (after library is closed). - "Reliable Recall: How to get Your Dog to Come When Called" - Presented by local trainer L.Johnson of Western Mass Dog Training

- Learn why your dog might not be coming when called
- Simple steps to start building reliable recall at home
- Real-world tips to keep your dog safe and responsive off leash
- Please leave your pups at home for this info session

Third Thursday (July 17th) @ 5:30 pm -Book Chat - every welcome

Everyone Join us at the Rowe Summer Social on July 13th from 2-6pm

Pick up schedules and Garden tour maps at the library

-Garden tour scheduled for Saturday. July 12th

Rowe Community Yard Sale & Craft Expo Recap

On June 7th, despite some rainy showers, the Community Yard Sale and Craft Expo at Rowe Town Hall was a fantastic success! Residents from all around town and neighboring communities came together to share treasures, crafts, and good vibes.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who stopped by, participated, and made the day so special! Because of the great turnout and community spirit, we're excited to announce the event will return on **October 26th** as part of **Fall-a-palooza** from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**.

Join us again for a day full of local vendors, unique finds, antiques, artisan displays, and live music — a perfect chance to discover amazing local treasures!

For more info, contact Justine at: tor9feb1978@gmail.com

#RoweCommunity #LocalTreasures #Fallapalooza #SupportLocal #CraftExpo



submitted by Justine Krumm

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From the beginning of the school year to a beautiful graduation ceremony, it has been another year like none other. It's hard to believe that this year marked the end of our eleventh year in the "new" Rowe Elementary School since it opened in August 2014. Here are some of the highlights that stand out to me:

- The first day of school for the students. They were excited to see their friends and teachers again, and eager to get going.
- Observing in all the classrooms, and seeing how well all the staff worked to support the students' learning.
- Our Open House in September, seeing so many parents, guardians and other family members join us at the school.
- In October, as we set out on our All School hike, how hard everyone worked, and how well the staff, along with parent and guardian volunteers organized this day, and how it went so smoothly.
- 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. 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.
- The 5th and 6th Grade trip to Washington, D.C., so many memories made.
- So much fun at the end of the year: Talent Show, Author's Tea, Art and Music Show, Field Day, 6th Grade Send-Off, and Graduation!

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 who helped make this year a supportive and positive one.

It has been the honor of my life to support the Rowe School community for fourteen years, through a fire, rebuilding, pandemic, and more. I can't imagine a better school and a better staff, and I know they will be in good hand with the new principal, Jon Friedman.

Though the summer is a quieter time for our school, there is still a lot happening. 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 help the students get the most out of their education in the fall. Plans are in the works to make next year a great one at the Rowe School.

If you have questions or concerns, please call Jon at 413-512-5100. You can also email him at jfriedman@roweschool.org. Thank you again for your support of the school.

submitted by Bill Knittle

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Refuse Gardens will be closed on WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 for the repaving of the parking lot. The Gardens will reopen on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. **Please mark your calendars!**

Below are some tips/options to help with unwanted smells, etc.

Tip #1: Separate your trash: Separating trash not only works for recycling but also diminishes the smells of your garbage. If you separate perishables—like food and other organic waste—you can easily take them out right before or as soon as it starts to smell.

PS: See Rob our Attendant for a free composter (kitchen or outside).

Tip #2: Keep the trash can covered or double bag it! Sometimes, the solution might be as simple as covering up the trash can or sealing the bag closed. Two kitchen bags tied can be put into a large black bag, which eliminates or cuts down on smells. Use left over plastic bags from your box stores to double bag those little lethal diapers!

Deodorizers can be a great option:

Place the deodorizer of your choice at the bottom of your trash can:

Option 1. Baking soda: Sprinkled baking soda neutralizes the more acidic things that smell bad in your trash.

Option 2. Cat litter: Kitty litter is designed to absorb leaks and stop bad smells, which makes a perfect deodorizer.

Option 3. Essential Oils: Simply place a few of drops of your chosen oil unto a cotton ball and place in your trash can.

Option 4. Vanilla extract: Place a few drops unto a cotton ball and place in your trash can.

Option 5. Dryer sheets: One dryer sheet placed at bottom of the trash can neutrilizes those unwanted odors.

Option 6. Citrus peels: Citrus peels (oranges or lemons) absorb smells, so saving them for your trash can be a great way to recycle them!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, ROWE BOARD OF HEALTH

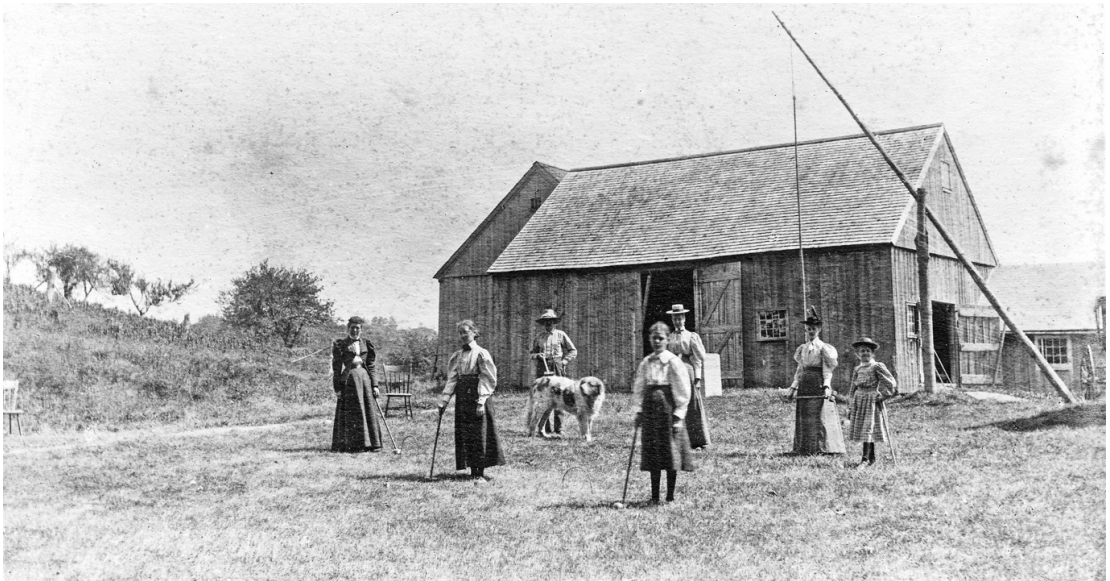
Lazy Summer Days

Submitted by Joanne Semanie

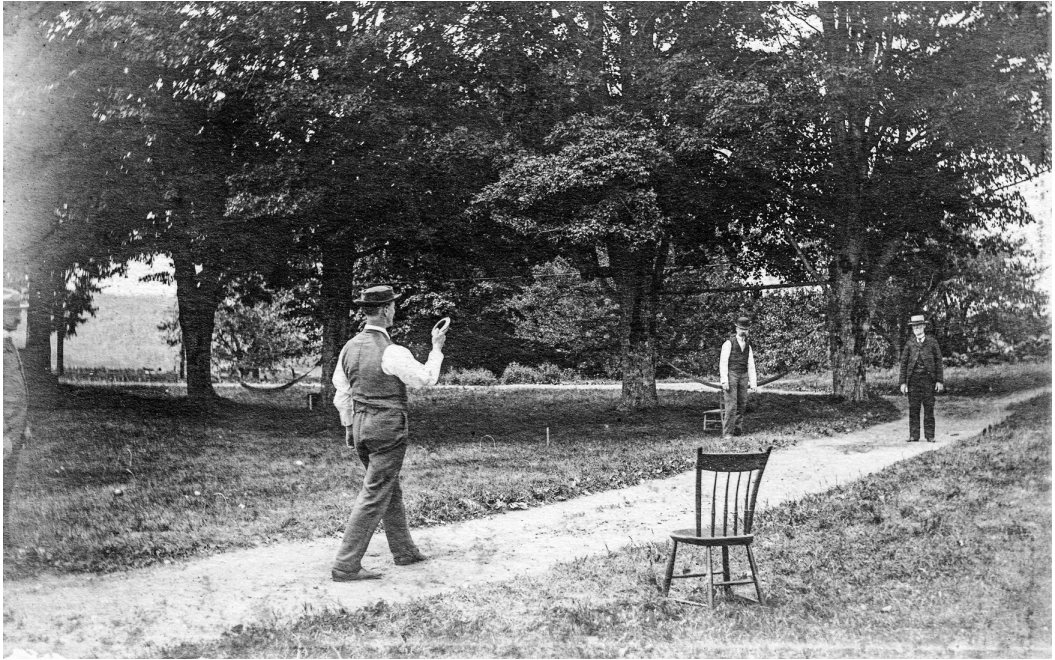
Coming off an extremely hot week in June I started thinking about how may have dealt with this type of weather 100 years ago. I have a trove of photos of Fort Pelham Farm (home of Bill & Joanne Semanie on Middletown Hill Rd.) depicting what I would think was a perfect way to spend to lazy, summer day.



The Wrights had a tennis court on the north side of the house for the use of family, friends and lodgers.



Croquet was another way to pass the time.



The north lawn and driveway was the hub of activity on any given day. I love how the household chairs are brought into the yard. Lawn furniture didn't appear until later in the century.



Just relaxing in the shade of the huge maple trees and visiting seems like it might have been the way to go on a hot summer day. It was probably the coolest spot on the property. Swinging in a hammock, reading a book, drinking iced tea, soaking up every ounce of sunshine the summer had to offer.

SUMMER SOCIAL JULY 13TH BBQ VOUCHER FOR SENIORS

Are you age 60 or older? Come down to the Town Hall to register for your free BBQ dinner from Cliffs Backyard BBQ- paid for by the Council on Aging. Pre-registration **REQUIRED** with Donna at the Town Hall from June 30th - July 10th



Summer Social July 13th Cake Picnic

Bring your favorite cake to share with other town folk! (Reach out to BJ or Donna at the town hall for more information)



TANGLEWOOD



WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

**PICK UP BY BUS FROM TOWN HALL AT NOON-
DROP BACK OFF AT TOWN HALL AROUND 7PM.**

WHERE: LENOX, MA- LAWN SEATS WITH SHED

WHO: YO-YO MA, FAMED CELLIST (FEATURED
PERFORMER)

TRANSPORTATION: BUS TRANSPORT INCLUDED
FROM TOWN HALL

COST: \$50-- ONLY 12 TICKETS AVAILABLE!

HOW TO: PAY BY CHECK TO DONNA BUTZKE AT
TOWN HALL- FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!

Hosted by the Rowe COA



**** Council on Aging is Splashing into Summer****

The COA did not hold a coffee morning in June, as it fell on 'Juneteenth' holiday, but we look forward to seeing you in July for the summer social AND for the summer picnics at the lake, held in combination with the Rowe Park.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

WALKING CLUB: will run each Monday in July starting Monday, July 7th at 10am. The walk will be 1-1.5 hours of moderate intensity so make sure to bring good walking shoes, bug spray and water. MEET AT THE TOWN HALL! No need to sign up- just show up! It is getting warmer and buggy- so don't forget your water and bug spray ** In the case of inclement weather, the walking club MAY be cancelled. Use your best judgement for your own safety**

BOWLING- Bowling has been paused for the summer season and will resume in the fall

TANGLEWOOD!- The Council on Aging, with support from the Rowe Cultural Council, will host its first-ever senior trip to Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony, in Lenox, on *Sunday, August 3*. The featured performer is famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma. We have some tickets left, with priority given to seniors, including a bus from Town Hall, which will leave around noon, for a 2:30 performance. We will arrive back in Rowe around 7 p.m.

If you have never been to Tanglewood, this is a great opportunity to visit without the stress of driving or parking. Attendees will be let off at the gate.

These seats are dubbed "lawn plus," because they enable you to enjoy a picnic on the lawn, but also have shed seats in section 11 in case of rain, or if shade is needed.

You may bring a picnic lunch, or there is a cafeteria and snack bar at the venue.

The tickets are \$50, including transportation. Tickets will be sold first come first served. If you are interested, please bring a check for \$50 to Donna at the town hall- made out to 'The Town of Rowe'. No cash will be accepted.

Lifepath Grant: The Council on Aging recently received a \$3,000 grant from Lifepath, a Greenfield-based non-profit that provides services for the aging and their families. This grant funded the purchase of a new smart tv for the fitness center, which will enable us to host online workshops and movies, along with a beach wheelchair for Pelham Lake Park, which will enable those with physical limitations to get into the water.

Memory Café and Caregivers Support Group: The Shelburne Senior Center is offering two helpful resources for residents who are caring for seniors. The Memory Café is held on the third Friday of each month, (July 18th) from 12 to 2, and offers a healthy lunch, a speaker or entertainment, and camaraderie for seniors and their caregivers. Also, the center offers a Caregiver Support Group on the first Monday of the Month, (July 7th) at 2 p.m. Both these resources are offered for free, and the center requests that you sign up a day or two ahead of time by calling 625-2502.



SUMMER SOCIAL & CAKE PICNIC: At Pelham Lake Park, Sunday, July 13 from 2-6pm. This year, the Council on Aging is hosting a “Cake Picnic,” at the summer social and asking residents to bring a cake to share- Please contact Donna at the town hall for more info. *****Seniors age 60 and over *** get your FREE Cliff’s Backyard BBQ voucher for a free meal from 3-6pm. Pre-registration is REQUIRED with Donna at the town hall from June 30th- July 10th.** Please call for more info or to register and receive your voucher.

SAVE THE DATE for 2 Summer Picnics hosted by Rowe Park and COA. **July 24th and August 21st** from 11am-1pm- there will be a BBQ with desserts at the Pelham Lake Park gazebo. Please save the date and come join us for lunch, social, and beautiful views!

Monday morning walkers
along Nate Flynn Rd.



Wildfires and Air Quality

Did you know that wildfires in Canada can affect your health in Franklin County? Wildfires create tiny particles of air pollution that travel hundreds of miles. We inhale the tiny pollution particles, which can go deep into our respiratory system. These pollution particles are so small that the width of the average human hair is at least 30 times larger!

Short-term health effects could include irritation of eyes, nose, throat and lungs, and this can worsen existing respiratory and cardiac conditions. Areas with long-term exposure to higher levels of these pollution particles have higher cardiovascular and respiratory hospital admissions and deaths.

Knowing local air quality can empower people to make informed health decisions. An Air Quality Index (AQI) reading between 101-150 suggests moderate pollution, so you may choose to reduce outdoor activities or wear an N95 mask. When the Air Quality Index exceeds 150, conditions become unhealthy, and outdoor activities should be avoided.

Over twenty air quality sensors have been installed across Franklin County, thanks to funding from MA's Department of Environmental Protection. The data from these air quality sensors is included in local weather and air quality monitoring. See a map of local sensors on purpleair.com. Rowe's air quality sensor is in the Rowe Elementary School- check out the 'purpleair' website to stay up-to-date with the air quality in the town!



submitted by Rachel Lewis, Town Nurse



Congratulations to Nick Baker on your incredible achievement in graduating Magna Cum Laude from Saint Lawrence University with a triple major in environmental studies, biology and business administration. Your perseverance and determination through Eaglebrook, Deerfield Academy, and St. Lawrence have truly paid off. As you step into the world with dreams to chase and a heart full of pride, remember the strength in your leadership. What a race it has been so buckle up and let it rip and let's see where life brings you.



submitted by Bill Baker

PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS



photo by Nan Williams

NEW 2025 RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

If you are planning to spend time at the beach/picnic area this summer please pick up your new 2025 Resident Parking Permit and Guest Pass. These passes are required for use of the beach/picnic area which is for town residents and their guests. Stop by the Park Office 10-6 pm or see Donna at the Town Hall to get yours. A guest pass allows one car load to enter the park a day and must be displayed on the dashboard of the car.

PARK REQUEST

TO HELP US PREPARE FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL, THE PARK DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT YOU MAKE ADVANCE RESERVATIONS WITH THE PARK STAFF FOR GROUPS OF 15 OR MORE PEOPLE TO USE THE BEACH/PICNIC AREA.

FTINESS CENTER

The fitness center at the town hall is open 9-4 pm Monday -Thursday for the summer season. Please review the rules and sign the waiver if you haven't already.

submitted by Laurie Pike



photo by Claudine Poplawski

The Rowe Cultural Council is seeking new members. With one member going on to other volunteer opportunities and one moving from Rowe, it is an excellent opportunity to expand the diversity of our Council. The Rowe Cultural Council (funded solely by the Massachusetts Cultural Council) helps to bring artists, musicians, workshops to Rowe. It also makes donations with other Local Cultural Councils to area events that benefit Rowe citizens such as the Heath Agricultural Fair and the Charlemont Forum for example. The members generally meet four times a year to review what proposals are submitted, which proposals would bring the kind of entertainment and workshops the Rowe Community might enjoy. Collectively, the RCC chooses which proposals to fund (or partially fund) and notifies the submitters so that date can be worked out. (There is a LOT of paperwork after that!)

To ascertain what the Rowe Community has attended in the past and/or would like to attend in the future, a Rowe Cultural Council survey has been developed and is now available in the lobby of the Town Hall and in the Rowe Library. One of the goals of the RCC is to offer a more diverse number of options that address the types of cultural events the towns people would enjoy and to benefit different demographics such as youth, teens, seniors with an expansion of opportunities not seen/heard in Rowe before. Some of the programs funded or partially funded recently are the Rowe Community Mural Project; transportation to Tanglewood in Lenox for a concert featuring Yo-Yo Ma, a writers' workshop lead locally, the Indigenous programming at the Rowe Elementary School. In the past there have been programs at the Rowe Historical Society featuring a speaker on the collapse of the Hoosac Tunnel, educational programs at the town park, and music on the beach.

Our current members are Susan Tomlinson, Chair; Felicity Pickett (Goddess of all Numbers) Treasurer; Jane Kaufman, secretary, Barbara Gottesman and our newest recruit, Thom Chiofalo. We would love to have younger adults, college or high school aged people consider serving on the Rowe Cultural Council,

Please don't forget to fill out the community survey....your opinions have value and will be considered without prejudice.

submitted by Susan Tomlinson

It is that time of year to purchase your dump tag and stickers for use at the Refuse Gardens. The new FY26 tags will go into effect on July 1, 2025. The yearly price remains at \$25.00! This includes your FY26 hang tag and 52 bag stickers. Please note the following:

All tags purchased after September 1, 2025, will be \$50.00.

Lost or replacement tags are an additional \$25.00. This does not include additional stickers.

Additional stickers can be purchased throughout the year for \$1 ea or a lot of 28 stickers for \$25.00.

There are various options to pay for your FY26 tag and stickers:

- **Online:** Please visit The Town of Rowe Website home page and scroll down to "pay other bills".
- **Mail or Drop Box:** Personal check or money order made out to the Town of Rowe. When payment is received stickers will be mailed to you.
- **In-Person:** CASH, personal check or money order made out to Town of Rowe. The BOH office is open every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Vitamin Joy!

Magical Rowe

submitted by Teresa Aguinaldo

Last August when my husband and I moved to Rowe from Chicago, I thought, “How lucky we are to live in this magical place!” POOF! Gone are the strip malls and chain restaurants—just woods and streams. Come nightfall, artificial light and traffic sounds vanish, leaving total darkness and the call of spring peepers lulling me to sleep. I am enchanted by the history, atmosphere and people of this town. The historical society and library offer echoes of Rowe’s origins. In winter, my favorite season, the town is a snow-filled sensation for all to enjoy. Year round, dedicated citizens work wonders to make Rowe special.

Turns out, magic was exactly what I was looking for. I write speculative fiction based on Philippine myth and my father’s stories of growing up in a farm province, bordered by the West Philippine Sea and the Cordillera Mountain Range. While I grew up in the Midwest, I was born on the islands, my family emigrating to the US in the late 1960s.

Somehow, Rowe has the power to transport me to my birthplace. On a sunny day at Pelham Park, I envision the lake stretching into ocean and its backdrop piercing the clouds, like Mt. Palemlem, one of the highest peaks back home. In my own backyard, I conjure up jungle animals—a tarsier scaling a branch, a wild boar charging, a water buffalo grazing.

It’s dusk that has the most allure... when the mythical creatures stir. The wide-eyed baby* tugging at my pant leg becomes a writhing demon. I soothe her with a jar of fireflies, and off she toddles into the afterlife. Under the growing moonlight, a half-bodied winged-woman** bemoans her plight of being bound to the home until dark. I listen, sharing my dreams of flight, and invite her in. She is hungry and says she must go, thankful to have found a friend. At the top of the largest tree sits a cigar-smoking, loin-cloth-wearing giant*** waiting to be noticed. As I pass him, he tries to get me turned around so I’m helpless in the woods, but I see my chimney through the leaves. I know where I am.

Most days, I sit at my desk with a view of the trees and imagine what it would be like to write my stories in a nipa grass hut looking onto a tropical landscape. The Philippines is on the other side of the world. But Rowe has put a spell on me.

*The tiyanak (pronounced cha-nak)

**The manananggal

***The kapre

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

Community Mosaic Update

The Community Mosaic has been designed, and all the materials have been ordered. We hope to have the mosaic available to be worked on at the Beautification Committees Garden Tour at Becky Bradley's house. We also hope to have a table set up at the summer social for anyone interested in working on it. We will post dates and times for residents to work on this project at the library and at town hall. If you are interested in more information reach out to Donna at the Town Hall.

July Birthdays

3 - Emma Poplawski
7 - William Reardon
8 - Maggie Danek
9 - Terry Veber
9 - Aaron Morceau
10 - Claudine Poplawski
14 - Charles Fisher
15 - Robert Markert
15 - Rosemary Gordon
16 - Savana Sonntag
16 - Naomi Denouden
18 - Kendelle Crowningshield
19 - Matthew Demarey
20 - Alannis Riveria
20 - Brad Rice
21 - Bob Dykeman
21 - Teddy Palmer
21 - Willian Parent
23 - Clayton Miller
23 - Dean Coulombe
23 - Ashalyn Duval
24 - Jason Lively
24 - Marguerite Frederickson
26 - MaryJo Williams
27 - Will Booth
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 name from this list, please contact me at: GoalPostEditor@gmail.com

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	Fri - 12:30pm-3:00pm, & by Appt
Board of Assessors	104	assessor@rowe-ma.gov	Wed-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	by Appointment Only
Public Safety Adm	115	publicsafetyadmin@rowe-ma.gov	M&W 9-12, 4:30-7:30; Fri 7:30-3:30

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

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