

# Roxbury Newsy

*Your community newsletter*

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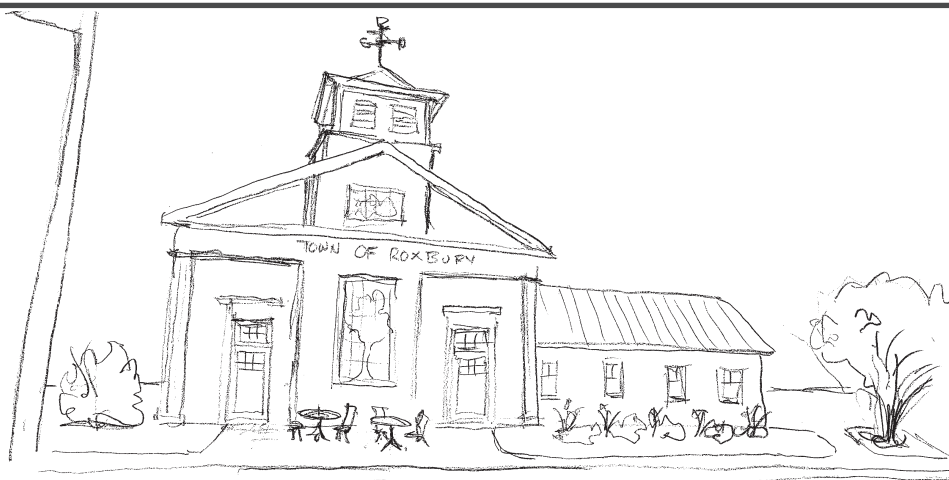
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## Revitalize Roxbury!

*by Roxbury Community Trust*

The old Catholic church in Roxbury (at the corner of Rt-12A and Warren Mountain Rd) has recently been purchased by a group of Roxbury residents. We have formed a non-profit organization, the Roxbury Community Trust, for the purpose of safeguarding this important historic landmark in town, restoring and developing it for community use.

We are seeking input from any interested parties on its possible utilization. All ideas are welcome! We have heard from many already, with suggestions ranging from a meeting house for use by community groups, an art gallery and possible music venue, indoor/outdoor farmer's market, coffeehouse/cafe, or even a potential station for an Amtrak or commuter rail stop. You can send ideas to [roxburycommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:roxburycommunitytrust@gmail.com).

No 'absolute' decisions about its function have yet been made, as we are seeking community input on what type of community use YOU would like to see in the Village. We are developing a survey to be distributed throughout town in order to gauge interest and solicit ideas. An open house to tour the facility and brainstorm with board members of the non-profit will be scheduled soon.

We will be pursuing state and private grants as well as individual donations once we establish a plan for its use. In the meantime, a local woodworker, Todd Sirak, will be leasing the building while we continue gathering information and begin applying for grants for planning development and future renovations.

We are excited to take a positive step forward in re-purposing a great building that will contribute to healthy growth in town. Keep an eye out on Front Porch Forum for updates and more information on our open house and survey!

We hope to see and hear from you soon. 🏠

Do you have upcoming newsletter submissions, suggestions, or corrections to the mailing list?

Please contact the RFL at [librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org](mailto:librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org) or 802-485-6860

Thanks to Ryan Zajac, Courtney B. Jenkins, Jane Pincus, and Heidi Albright for compiling, editing, and designing this issue of the Newsy!

We hope you enjoy it.

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# From the Town Clerk's Office

## ELECTION

The General Election is on November 8th. All active voters will be sent an absentee ballot. They are being mailed by the State and not the Town Clerk. If you registered after the cut-off date of September 9th, the Town Clerk will need to mail you a ballot, if necessary.

The Primary Election was held on August 9th. 81 votes were cast at the office and 63 were voted by absentee, for a total of 144 votes. At the 2020 Primary, 57 votes were cast at the polls and 138 voted by absentee, for a total of 187. And at the 2018 Primary, 122 votes were cast at the polls and 21 voted by absentee for a total of 143.

## TAXES

The next installment of taxes is due on November 11, 2022.

The Town Office will be open until 5pm on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the week that taxes are due.

Normal office hours are Tuesday – Friday, 9am – noon/1pm – 4pm. Summer hours end October 1st.

## TOWN OFFICE

At the annual Vermont Municipal Clerks & Treasurers Association Conference on September 20th and 21st, Roxbury's very own Assistant Town Clerk, Britney Pombar, received the Assistant Town Clerk of the Year Award. I am so proud of her. She works very hard for our Town. She does whatever is asked of her and volunteers to help other Town Officials. We are lucky to have her.

If you have not licensed your dog(s), please do so. The law requires that all dogs be licensed with the Town every year. Contact the Town Clerk for more information.

## SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

Shane Ryan resigned his position on the Selectboard this summer. Thank you, Shane, for your time on the Board.

Shane's replacement is Ryan Johns. Ryan is learning his duties on the Board and, I am sure, will be a big asset to the Town.

Selectboard meetings are being held at the Community Hall. Schedule, agendas, and minutes are posted on the Roxbury website.

The Selectboard chose to appoint a new committee to receive feedback from the community on what the ARPA funds could

be used on. At the suggestion of the committee to give CVFiber some funds, and discussing with the committee and members of the public, the Board voted to give CVFiber \$20,000 with stipulations. There are many worthwhile things to spend the limited amount of funds on, and the committee is doing a great job at getting feedback from the community. The decision on what the funds are spent on will be made by the Selectboard.

The Selectboard will once again take up the issue of adopting a Draft Ordinance Regulating the Disposal of Solid Waste and the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles. This was put on hold due to COVID. More info will be coming on what action, if any, the Board takes. Minutes that are posted on the website will report any actions taken.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Selectboard hired a new employee to replace Elwin Chambers, who resigned last spring. Nick Delary received his Commercial Drivers License after taking the necessary training and passing the driver's test. This winter please be patient with Nick as he learns his new snow plow route.

The new Backhoe has arrived. The highway crew is busy working on roads and completing projects.

## HEALTH OFFICER

Roxbury's Deputy Health Officer, Duane Natvig, resigned his position. Duane has helped for the last several years on various health issues. The Selectboard appreciates the work Duane has done. Anyone interested in replacing Duane or would like information on what the position is, please contact the Town Office or Roxbury's Health Officer, Craig Sullivan. Craig and Duane have been an invaluable asset to our community. Thank you, Duane and Craig. 🏠

# Roxbury Craft Group

by Mary Bouchard

## Come In Out of the Cold

The Select Board has approved the use of our Community Center to host craft days throughout the cold winter months, and I'm hoping there is enough interest to make this happen. Possible ideas might include chair caning, dry felting, beading/jewelry making, and basically any project that could be attended by and/or mentored by those of us in the community.

If this sounds interesting to you or someone you know, please contact Mary Bouchard at 802-485-5585. Updates will be posted on FPF and on our local bulletin boards.

Hopefully we can make a long cold winter a bit more enjoyable! 🏠

## ARPA Committee

*Roxbury American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee*

The purpose of the ARPA Committee shall be to assist the Town of Roxbury's Selectboard in determining appropriate uses for the \$211,938.56 ARPA award. The ARPA Committee shall make a prioritized list of recommendations to the Selectboard for spending. Final decision on spending will be made by the Selectboard.

With public input, a list of potential projects was compiled by September 30th, 2022. Additionally, the public weighed in on how potential projects are to be consistently scored according to the values and needs of Roxbury's taxpayers. Thank you to all who took time out of their days to participate in the public forums and take our first survey.

To date, when this article to the Roxbury Newsy was submitted, an allocation of \$20,000 of our Town's ARPA funds has been approved by the Selectboard to leverage a one-to-one match with CV Fiber.

Moving forward, ARPA committee Members will be working to score, rank, and fully scope potential projects to deliver to the Selectboard at their first 2023 meeting on January 9, 2023.

To keep up to date with all things ARPA, including meeting times and minutes, proposed projects, contacts, and other status updates please visit the Town's ARPA Committee website: <https://roxburyvt.org/roxbury-arpa-committee/>. 🏠

## 4th of July Parade, 2023!

*by Mary Bouchard*

### It's Never Too Soon to Start Planning...

The Roxbury Parade of 2022 seemed to be a huge success, and we are very much looking forward to 2023! We have received wonderful feedback and extremely helpful suggestions, and we will be looking into all that and more over the coming months.

Anyone wanting to help on committees or volunteer to help out before, during, or after, add your thoughts, or just keep in touch, please send a note and you will be contacted.

Something we all agree on is that entertainment is a wonderful thing. Hilary and her Clogging dancers were fabulous, and we are hoping to have them back, along with music and other forms of entertainment and delight.

If you or someone you know would like to be a part of the entertainment, please get in touch. We are hoping for a small budget to help entice entertainers, and we will be sure to let

## Roxbury Website

*by Tatiana Govoni*

We are looking for photos of Roxbury's buildings and the new Fish Hatchery! Are you a good photographer? Have good images of the buildings in town, or town views of the main street? I need some to format for the website banner images. If you have any, email the images to [webmaster.roxbury@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.roxbury@gmail.com). They should be horizontal not vertical, and in color. I can put the photo credit on the image, but it'll be very small once posted.

We have a number of Committees and Boards in town. When you have meetings and take Minutes, please submit them to Tammy so she can get them to me for posting. I have several Boards without recent Minutes posted to the website.

Has your business changed? Have a new business located in Roxbury/E. Roxbury? We have an Our Businesses page on the website. I'd love to add you to it, or make any updates to your current listing.

Town Committee and Board meetings are posted to the Homepage of the website as well as the Board/Committee's own page. I also add them to the Calendar when I get the information. As a courtesy, I also add the Selectboard Agenda to Front Porch Forum. Any last-minute changes are posted as I receive them.

Have a great autumn and Holiday Season!

*Your Webmaster,*

*Tatiana/Nina Govoni* 🏠

## Roxbury Food Shelf



We are asking individuals in need of food to please contact Claire Chomentowski at 485-7779. She will let you know how food may be picked up or, if necessary, delivered.

*Parade, continued...*

everyone know when and if that can happen.

**Looking forward to another amazing Parade Event in 2023!**

*Mary Bouchard*

[marybouchard@outlook.com](mailto:marybouchard@outlook.com)

802-485-5585 🏠



# MRPS

## *(Montpelier-Roxbury Public Schools)*

*Kristen Getler and Rhett Williams*

### **Greetings, Roxbury!**

We hope this update finds you well and in full Fall swing. The MRPS School Board continues to provide us with a rich, full plate of work as we navigate COVID repercussions and work to understand new education legislation, while continuously pushing the district forward.

If you would like to receive periodic special updates and community meeting invites between Newsies, via email, please share your name and email with Kristen at [kristengetler@mrpsvt.org](mailto:kristengetler@mrpsvt.org). We will continue to use Front Porch Forum to post information about monthly School Board meetings. We will also host a community input meeting at the Roxbury Community Room on Sunday, October 16th, at 4 p.m. Here are our quarterly highlights to keep you in the know:

### **District Vision Work**

The MRPS Vision Committee got a lot of feedback from the community. Roxbury folks represented our community well. Thanks to those of you who participated. The committee got thousands of responses altogether, including input during in-person meetings. Board members are working with the data to produce a vision, values, and goals reflective of what we heard. The results of those efforts will be shared over the next few weeks.

### **MRPS Late Bus**

At our 6/15/22 meeting, the school board unanimously passed an expenditure of \$24,275.00 to offer an after-school activities late bus in the current school year. The purpose of the bus is to reduce transportation barriers for students who would like to participate in after-school extracurricular clubs and athletics. The late bus route currently serves Montpelier High School (6:15 p.m.), Main Street Middle School (6:20 p.m.), Shaws/Main St., Montelior Rt 12 shortly after, with a final stop at Northfield's South Village Mobil (6:40 p.m.).

The thought behind the Northfield end stop is that it's central to those living in Roxbury and E. Roxbury. However, depending on ridership, the district may extend the route to go into Roxbury village. The Board and Superintendent Bonesteel would love to hear feedback from families and students intending to utilize this bus. Superintendent Bonesteel can be reached at [libbyb@mpsvt.org](mailto:libbyb@mpsvt.org) or (802)223-9796. Our contact information is shared below.

### **Act 127**

A critical piece of new legislation we will be wrapping our heads around is Act 127, which aims to improve student equity by adjusting the school funding formula. Essentially, additional funds will flow into districts that have students who are of economically deprived backgrounds, English learners, low population density districts, and attend small schools. We anticipate hearing from the new MRPS Business Manager, Christina Kimball, soon about forecasted impacts to MRPS. The Joint Fiscal Office did issue an estimate that Homestead tax rates in the MRPS could theoretically increase by 11% as a result of the education funding changes.

Related, the Lincoln School District recently contacted MRPS expressing interest in joining our school district. Superintendent Bonesteel and MRPS Board Chair Jim Murphy issued a letter to the Board of Education naming many reasons why this would not be a successful addition to our district, including the strain on district resources that will likely result from Act 127. We are told there may be difficult decisions ahead as we figure out how to operate the district on a decreased tax capacity. The State Board of Education will decide which supervisory union Lincoln joins. We will be actively involved in these discussions in the coming months, and will keep you updated along the way.

The merger between Roxbury and Montpelier in 2018 prevented the State Board of Education from forcing Roxbury or Montpelier to merge with larger schools or into larger supervisory unions against our will, and continues to act as a shield that protects us from being forced into any arrangement we don't desire.

### **MRPS SEL and Wellness**

The MRPS Board of Directors heard difficult stories from students and families about challenges experienced over the last two years. Learning loss and the social emotional well-being of our students is at the front of our minds. The district used American Rescue Plan Act - Elementary and Secondary Education Relief (ARPA-ESSER) funds to create a new administrator role, called the Director of Social and Emotional Learning and Wellness. Jessica Murray is in this role and currently focused on creating resources to help all of us understand complicated Hazing Harassment & Bullying Policies and Procedures mandated by the state. Check them out at <https://www.mrpsvt.org/hhb>.

Ms. Murray and her team are also responsible for systems that help classroom teachers communicate how things are going with administrators in their buildings and in the central office. This will help the district provide behavioral support to our teachers when and where it is needed. "Our goal at MRPS is to support student success—not just academically, but also socially, behaviorally, and emotionally." See what efforts to

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# Roxbury Village School PTO

## Roxbury Village School's Parent Teacher Organization (RVS PTO) is excited for the new school year!

We will be funding a field trip to Liberty Orchard in Brookfield at the end of the month. We are exploring what types of fund-raising efforts we should hold this year. We are also considering renaming our group to be more inclusive of all families--something like RVS Caregivers Group. This would acknowledge the truth that, as a group, we welcome all members of families and school staff that care for Roxbury students.

PTO is also helping to promote and organize volunteers for the school's Forest Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEAF29A0F4C61-forest>.

### More information about volunteering at the school:

The district requires simple background checks for any adult who will have interaction with our students.

There are 3 levels of clearance:

**LEVEL I** for work that does NOT involve direct contact with students. (example: preparing food for an event or collecting forms) For this level, simply fill out the Volunteer Application and mail it to MRPS, 5 High School Drive, Unit 1, Montpelier, VT 05602. Or email it to [annahipko@mpsvt.org](mailto:annahipko@mpsvt.org).

**LEVEL II** for work that involves contact with students under the supervision of a teacher or other school professional. (example: taking part in a classroom activity or school dance). For this level, you need to meet briefly with at the High School for a basic background check. You need to appear in person with a photo ID and you will fill out 3 forms on site. To make an appointment, email Anna Hipko [annahipko@mpsvt.org](mailto:annahipko@mpsvt.org), or call 802-225-8684.

**LEVEL III** for work that involves extensive unsupervised supervision of students (example: field trip chaperone, volunteer coach or advisor, substitute teacher)

### This is a 2-part process:

1. Contact Anna Hipko - 802-225-8684 or email [annahipko@mpsvt.org](mailto:annahipko@mpsvt.org) to make an appointment. Her office is at the High School. You can fill out the paperwork there, or bring it home and return it later, but it must be submitted in person with a photo ID - it takes about 20 minutes. You can specify what grade levels you are interested in, or apply for all grades PreK-12. Once the application is complete, you will get a Fingerprint Authorization Sheet.

2. Get your fingerprints taken: Call the Washington County

Sheriff's Dept. 802-223-3001 to make an appointment - they can usually fit you in the same week that you call. Bring your Fingerprint Authorization Sheet, 2 forms of ID (at least one with photo) and \$25 cash or check to the Sheriff's office at 10 Elm St (the Red Brick Building behind the County Courthouse). NOTE: If the cost is prohibitive, please email us at [roxburyppto@gmail.com](mailto:roxburyppto@gmail.com) - we may be able to reimburse you for this cost.

Once you are approved, you will be contacted by email. This authorization lasts for 2 years.

We encourage all that are interested in getting involved in PTO to let us know by emailing [roxburyppto@gmail.com](mailto:roxburyppto@gmail.com).

There are so many ways you can contribute. We will be holding meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 5-6pm in the school library. Look for updates in the school newsletter (The Buzz) and on our Facebook page (search for Roxbury Village School PTO). 🏠

## Red Cross Shelter

The Roxbury Village School is an American Red Cross Emergency Shelter. The school now has a generator which makes the building a great resource in case of an emergency. We have cots, blankets, and dried food stored at the shelter.

Tina Young is the coordinator and can be reached at [tinayoung@mpsvt.org](mailto:tinayoung@mpsvt.org) or 262-1506. Please contact her if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers. 🏠

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support and promote wellness look like at <https://www.mpsvt.org/health-wellness>.

Discussions at near-future meetings will center on the student literacy/math data, FY24 budget priorities, annual Facilities update, and more.

We would love to see folks at meetings. If you can't make meetings, please feel encouraged to reach out to us at any time with your thoughts and feedback on our school district ([kristengetler@mpsvt.org](mailto:kristengetler@mpsvt.org), [rhetwilliams@mpsvt.org](mailto:rhetwilliams@mpsvt.org)). 🏠

### Calling all Roxbury Kids !

Tell us what you did this year! Got a story to share? We want your artwork, poetry, photos, and writing to publish in the next Newsy.  
Send it to [librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org](mailto:librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org)

## Roxbury Park Development Committee

### Good News about the Roxbury Village Park!

As many of you have noticed, as you have walked by or driven past the park, there are changes happening every day. So many in the community have donated their time and energy to working on the planting and mulching of smaller plants and shrubs. When many work together, good things happen. So many have offered their talents and equipment in preparation of the site for free. Many merchants have offered discounted prices and free items. We are especially grateful for the family whose teenage son was able to sort out the bricks which arrived with no directions, and figure out the puzzle. He then completed the circle with the help of his family. So many have offered to help with the assembly of benches, the gazebo, and planting of larger shrubs and two trees later in the fall.

We want to offer our sincere thanks to our volunteers. If you would like to help us finish the remaining stages of the park project before winter, we would love your help.

If you are not eager to do the physical work, we are still seeking donations for the picnic tables, ping pong table, and bike rack. Donations can be made to the Roxbury Village Park Fund through the town office.

In the spring we will be creating a sign for the new park.

Around Thanksgiving we would like to have a get together in the park to celebrate everyone's hard work to make the park happen. THANK YOU, ROXBURY!

*The Roxbury Park Development Committee: Ed Carney, Elizabeth Carney, Dotti Guiffre, James Rogler, and Craig Sullivan* 🏠



*Let's meet at the Park!*

## Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department

### A Message of Thanks from the RVFD

The Roxbury Volunteer Fire Fighters Association is a non-profit organization that supports the efforts of the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) through annual fundraising activities. Funds have enabled the RVFD to make improvements such as a new well at the fire department, purchase of a used back-up tanker truck donated to our town, and recent addition of crushed stone under the pavillion. We sincerely thank all who volunteered at the July 3rd chicken barbecue for setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup, and to all who enjoyed the dinner. A special note of thanks is extended to Mary Bouchard for her coordination of the day's wonderful events!

### Major Upgrades to the Capital Region Communications System

Roxbury is one of twenty-seven central Vermont towns that will soon have significantly improved radio communication capability for fire fighters and emergency responders. A recent study reported "Public safety radio communications supporting fire fighters are woefully inadequate..." and which "Communications gaps require immediate attention, this is an issue of [fire fighter and] first responder safety."

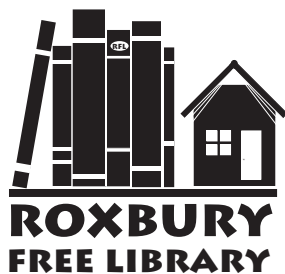
Improvements will include an upgrade of regional radio system infrastructure, tower upgrades, and purchase of portable radios. State grants of 3.2 million dollars that will fund these improvements require a sustainability plan. The twenty-seven member-towns will contribute to a sustainability fund over the next ten years in anticipation of future upgrades. These central Vermont improvements are part of an 11-million-dollar state project for building infrastructure that supports regional dispatching, as the state Public Safety Authority is offloading this function to emergency services by region. 🏠

## Planning Commission

The Roxbury Planning Commission's application for Village Center Designation was approved on June 27, 2022. Plans are now being made to inform each entity and individual within the Village Center regarding grant opportunities that are available and likely to receive priority consideration as a result of Village Center Designation. The designated Village Center is from, and including, the Fire Station to the entrance of the Windridge at Teelawooket Camp.

The Roxbury Planning Commission will also focus on projects that were delineated for the planning commission in the new town plan. Meetings, which are currently held in the Community Center, will be posted on the Roxbury Website. 🏠





## Roxbury Free Library Notes

### Happy Fall, Roxbury!

Fall 2022 is the perfect season to start spending more time at the Roxbury Free Library. Here are some of the highlights that are coming down the line in terms of programs and happenings at the RFL.

#### Upcoming event announcements:

- On Oct 8 or Oct 15th (still tentative) we will be hosting an artist from the **Center for Cartoon Studies** who will lead our community's youth in a comic making workshop. No RSVP required, but it would be helpful to know roughly how many participants we will have.
- On Oct. 25th, **The Roxbury book club** will kick off their fall meeting by discussing *The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven*. The evening's discussion will benefit from the attendance of the book's author, Nathaniel Ian Miller. Please note, the time and location of the gathering will be finalized as the event gets closer. No RSVP required. Let us know if you'd like a copy of the book.
- Here we go, everyone— **the 8th annual Roxbury Trunk or Treat** is scheduled for 10/31, with a tentative start time of 4:00 at RVS. Like every year, we will be accepting donations of canned goods to support the Roxbury Food Shelf. Unlike most RFL events, pre-registration is required for T&T participants. Please contact the RFL to register for this year's event (802-485-6860 or [librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org](mailto:librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org)).
- A big congratulations to all the winners and participants of the **summer reading Bingo challenge!**

#### RFL News:

The pandemic has changed how and what volunteers could do at the RFL. Again, we are in the early stages of reinvigorating and growing our volunteer base. If you have any interest in getting involved with helping the RFL achieve its mission in any capacity, please let us know. We look forward to talking about how your skills can help support the RFL and all we do. A wide range of ages and talents will benefit the work of

the RFL. Believe it or not, there are things you could do to help without even leaving your house. Please be in touch with any questions or thoughts on getting involved. Thank you for considering!

When we reopened to the public in July 2020, one of the first things visitors noticed were the changes to seating inside the RFL. When you visit this fall, you will again see changes to seating arrangements at the RFL. New chairs across the building will be awaiting visitors. This facilities improvement was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the VT Department of Libraries. We are excited how the new interior furniture will benefit everyone. Now, we just have to hope it all arrives sooner rather than later!

A reminder note to our existing users, and an announcement to those not-yet-registered users who might be losing money by paying for electronic entertainment. Over the next month or two you will see some changes to the digital side of RFL's services. We will be unveiling both the Palace and Aspen Apps over this fall. The Aspen App is going to change how we search all of our RFL collections. That's right, from one stop you will now be able to search our RFL physical collection, all the digital platforms we offer content through, and even some of the Gale research databases. Plus, you can manage all that content and your account from the same place. We are excited about how the streamlining of content will make it easier for all of our patrons to find what they want when they want it. We are working with the VT Department of Libraries to roll out the Palace App. The Palace App will consolidate and compile all the ebook and e-audiobook offerings available through the RFL. The big gain with this new service is that it will also automatically search e-content available through the VT Department of Libraries. So that means the number of offerings will grow substantially, as will the ease of access to all those materials. Never before have we had so many resources to provide the community, so now is a great time to be using the Roxbury Free Library. RFL hours of operation this fall are:

Tues. 10:00 – 6:00  
Wed. 8:00 – 11:00  
Thur. 2:00 – 5:00  
Sat. 10:00 – 3:00

Stay in touch and happy fall from the RFL crew,  
*Lisa, Caitlyn, and Ryan* 🏠

The Newsy always welcomes new contributors. Please let us know if you have anything you'd like to share with the community, and we can get it into the next issue. Send questions and content to [librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org](mailto:librarian@roxburyfreelibrary.org).

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## Banana Upside Down Cake

*Contributed by Lise Cloutier, kitchen manager of the East Warren Market, borrowed from omgchocolatedesserts.com  
25 minutes prep time, 60 minutes to bake*

2/3 c. packed brown sugar  
4.5 T butter, cut into pieces  
3 bananas, sliced into rounds

### FOR THE BATTER:

1/3 c. butter-softened  
3/4 c. sugar  
1 1/2 t. vanilla  
1/3 c. plain yogurt or sour cream  
2 lg eggs  
2 overripe bananas-mashed (about 1 cup)  
1 c. all-purpose flour  
3/4 c. whole wheat flour  
1 1/2 t. baking powder  
1 t. baking soda  
dash of salt  
1/2 t. cinnamon

### FOR CARAMEL GLAZE:

1/4 c. brown sugar  
1/4 c. heavy cream  
4 T butter  
1/4 t. salt

1. Preheat oven to 350. Grease 8x8x2" (or 9x2" round) cake pan.
2. Spread 2/3 c. brown sugar on bottom of pan, and scatter butter pieces (4.5 Tbsp). Place pan in oven for 5-7 min. (until butter melted). Remove from oven, stir butter and sugar to spread evenly. Arrange sliced bananas to cover the bottom. Set aside.
3. In a bowl, stir together dry ingredients (flours, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt).
4. In a separate large bowl, cream 1/3 c. butter and 3/4 c. sugar. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Mix in yogurt (or sour cream) and mashed bananas. Add dry ingredients till just combined.
5. Pour batter over bananas, smoothing the top. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 F, then reduce heat to 325, and bake for 25-35 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean.
6. Let cool in the pan completely before inverting on a plate.

### TO MAKE CARAMEL GLAZE:

1. In a saucepan combine butter, brown sugar, heavy cream, and salt. Bring to a boil over med. heat, stirring constantly. Simmer for 2-3 min., remove from heat, and let it sit for 1-2 min. Pour 2/3 of glaze over the banana layer. Reserve the rest for serving.
2. When serving, reheat the leftover glaze and drizzle on each slice. Sprinkle with toasted chopped pecans or top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. 🏠

