

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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January 3, 2014



PUBLIC BOND HEARING

For the Proposed New Library Community Center
6:00 P.M. January 6, 2014
2nd Fl. Public Safety Complex

**WE CONGRATULATE SCOTT NEMET
ON BECOMING LEE'S NEW FIRE CHIEF**



FIRST OFFICIAL ACT AS FIRE CHIEF

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

As the newly appointed, full time Fire Chief, I would like to introduce myself to those of you whom I have not had an opportunity to meet. In 1987 my family moved to the Town of Lee, where I was enrolled in the Mast Way Elementary School. I joined the Lee Fire & Rescue Department in 1998 and graduated from Oyster River High School in 1999. While serving as a member of the department I received training through the New Hampshire Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy, earning certifications in Firefighter Level I and II, Emergency Medical Technician, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Operations, Hazardous Materials Decontamination, Hazardous Materials Technician, Certified Career Firefighter, Incident Command Systems, Fire Inspector Level I, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist Level I, and a host of other training programs.

In 2004 I was hired as a full time firefighter for the Town of Lee in order to provide better coverage for the residents Monday through Friday, a time when most of our volunteers are committed to their full time jobs. In 2007 I was promoted to Lieutenant and in 2010 to the rank of Captain. In my nine years working for the department full time I have served on the Town of Lee Safety Committee, Emergency Action Plan Committee, and Hazardous Mitigation Committee.

The Lee Fire and Rescue Department is comprised of a very proud group of dedicated people who take the time from their busy schedules and families to aid the residents of Lee, as well as other communities. I would like to begin by thanking them for all of their hard work and continued efforts to make this department and community the safest it can be. I stand by my conviction that the future of this department lies in its membership. I sincerely appreciate the trust placed upon me by the Board of Selectmen.

As chief of the department I will work tirelessly to continually improve our ability to provide aid to those in need, while focusing on safe and effective measures to mitigate the broad range of incidents our members respond to. Part of this process will include the development of a comprehensive Strategic Plan, which will help ensure that our residents are receiving appropriate and cost effective services. If you would like to learn more about the department please feel free to visit me at the Public Safety Complex.

ADOPT A HYDRANT

The Lee Fire and Rescue Department is asking residents to "adopt" a fire hydrant in their neighborhood during this snowy winter season. In our town we have dry hydrants which are located near ponds or on cisterns in many roads and developments in town.



The snow and cold can be a challenge for the fire department, causing delayed responses for ambulances and fire engines. Winter is a busy time with car accidents, medical emergencies, fire alarms and fires. Fires are especially difficult to fight, with extreme cold and heavy snows that can make access to fire hydrants challenging.

When responding to a fire, crews spot the closest fire hydrant as they approach the location of an emergency. Finding the closest hydrant and connecting hoses to a hydrant quickly is critical because a fire can double in size every minute. If a hydrant can't be located and accessed quickly, lives can be lost and property damage can be extensive.

Fire officials are asking residents to adopt a hydrant in your neighborhood and remove snow from at least five feet away from the hydrant to the street to help make it visible and accessible for firefighters to connect hoses.

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Philip & Gail Sanborn's mighty steer
Lee Hook Road



VISIT the LEE FARMERS MARKET FB PAGE YEAR
ROUND for AGRICULTURAL and COMMUNITY
EDUCATION and EVENTS

www.facebook.com/LeeFarmersMarket

The SUPERVISORS of the CHECKLIST
will meet on JANUARY 21, 2014 at
LEE TOWN HALL from 7:00 - 7:30 PM
to make corrections and additions to the checklist
for the town election on MARCH 11, 2014.

STRAFFORD COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS PRESENTS
“COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS”

Wednesdays, January 8th – February 5th 6 – 8:00 pm
AND Saturday January 18th 8:30am – 4:00 pm
Somersworth High School, Somersworth, NH
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

COOKING FOR GROUPS: A VOLUNTEER'S
GUIDE TO FOOD SAFETY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 25, 2014 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Snow date February 1, 2014
The River Church 2600 East Main St Conway, NH

UNH Cooperative Extension will be presenting a free, three-hour program on Cooking for Groups: A Volunteer's Guide to Food Safety. This training opportunity is for groups or churches that offer meals to the public, whether the meal is free or as part of a fundraiser. Topics covered include review of safe food handling techniques; reminders of personal hygiene practices; prevention of cross-contamination; safe time & temperature controls; and food donations. Certificates of attendance will be issued. The workshop will be presented by Field Specialist, Ann Hamilton. Hamilton is a certified ServSafe® instructor.

For more information call the Carroll County office of UNH Cooperative Ext at 447-3834 or 1-800-322-4166.

Pre-registration is requested by January 23rd by calling Betty Lou Canty at 447-3834, 1-800-322-4166 or email bettylou.canty@unh.edu.

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WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE A VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM IN LEE?

An investigative committee has been formed to explore the possibility of instituting a Volunteer Driver program in Lee. This program would provide free door-to-door transportation to medical appointments for our over 55 and disabled residents. Committee members are needed now and drivers will be needed if we get this program started. If you have an interest in serving in either capacity, please contact Diane Clapp at 603-583-0776.

The next investigative committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9th at 1:00 - 2:00 pm at the Lee Congregational Church. All residents are welcome to attend.



RFL: REQUEST FOR LOGO

1766 - 2016 250th CELEBRATION FOR LEE

With plans underway to celebrate the Town of Lee's Incorporation in 2016, the planning committee for the 250th Celebration has the need for a distinguishing design or logo to be the graphic identity for this event. Our town has many talented artists, writers, photographers and designers and the committee is putting out a RFL - Request for Logo.

This is a great opportunity to take part in the history of our town.

All ideas are welcome and can be submitted by email to Clara Kustra at: Lee250@lee.nh.org

Please remember to include your contact information with your submissions.

LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

The Building Committee continues to work on details for the plans to build a space to meet the needs of our community with both a new library and community center! Dennis Mires, the architect, has developed floor plans with dimensions of the rooms and a great 3-D computer model which are available on our website and in the library: http://www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH_BComm/Building/index.

Bond Hearing at the Board of Selectman's Meeting
January 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm (Storm Date January 7, 2014 at 6:00pm)

Public Safety Complex
Information Session on January 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm

LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

You like us at the library, now like us on Facebook!



LIBRARY REGULAR HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, January 20th - CLOSED

BOOK SALE

Saturday, January 4th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Check out the books at 6/\$1.00 or \$0.20/each. Such a deal!

BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, January 13th 7:00 pm

Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian. “An unforgettable exposition of the still too-little-known facts of the Armenian genocide and its multigenerational consequences.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

SNOWMAN PIN DROP-IN CRAFT

Saturday, January 18th & 25th

Make a snowman pin to add pizzazz to a winter coat, hat, or scarf!



MEDICARE INFO SESSION

Wednesday, January 22nd 2:00 pm

Public Safety Complex

Harvey Epstein, SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) counselor will explain some of the aspects of Medicare. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end. Presented by the Senior Advisory Committee and the Lee Public Library.

DEVICE ADVICE

Wednesday, January 22nd 7:00 pm

Wondering what you can do with the new e-reader or tablet you received. Call 659-2626 or email leelibrary@comcast.net. Let us know what kind you have and then stop by for a tailored session. Library staff will help you figure out how to use the device as well as how to access NH Downloadable books and audios.

LIVING HEALTHY WITH LIVING THINGS

Monday, January 27th 7:00 pm

Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall

The first presentation of the series focuses on “Healthy Digestive System for Us and Our Animals” and will paint a broad picture of how microbes in nature provide the necessary function in our sustainable ecology. The panel discussion will feature a chef, farmer, nutritionist and other experts as the topics dictate. Presented by the Lee Agricultural Commission and the Lee Public Library.

RUG BRAIDING WORKSHOP

Beginning Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00 pm

Learn the rug braiding techniques for creating a traditional wool rug in this three week class, with one follow up for those who require it. Questions about the workshop may be directed to Annie Gasowski at 659-5273. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.



ONGOING PROGRAMS

STORY TIME

Thursdays & Fridays 10:30 am

Stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board & a craft. Registration is not required. All ages welcome.

ROCKIN' READERS

First Thursday of the Month 3:00 - 4:00 pm

In this book club for 5th and 6th graders, participants will read and discuss a different book each month. PIZZA will be served! Students may take bus 8 directly to the library. Sign up by calling 659-2626!



KNITTING GET TOGETHER

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Come and join other knitters for an evening of knitting and socializing. Make some new friends, while finishing up a project. For experienced knitters, no instructors available!

DOG DAYS AT THE LIBRARY (K-4th students)

3rd Monday of every month 4:00 pm

Come read to a French Bulldog named Izzy. Registration is required.
Call 659-2626 to sign up.



KNITTING CLASS FOR 50 & OLDER

Alternate Wednesdays, 9:00 am Call for January dates

Join a drop-in group that meets (mostly) every other Wednesday at the library. Instructor Donna Kay will help with your projects! All levels welcome. Program is being offered by the Senior Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Lee Public Library.



FRIENDS OF THE LEE LIBRARY

The Friends of Lee Library is a non-profit organization that supports Lee Library activities through memberships and fundraising. Activities include museum passes, children's vacation and summer programs, and adult educational programs. Thanks to your funding, the Friends of Lee Library will continue to support the wonderful activities! Not a member yet? It's easy - [CLICK HERE](#) !

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DID YOU ATTEND A SCHOOL IN LEE?

Phyllis White is resuming her research on the history of education in Lee. If you attended a One Room Schoolhouse, the Town Hall, or Mast Way Schools, or if you are a former teacher or the owner of one of the town's Day Care/Nursery Schools, Phyllis would like to hear from you. She can be reached at 659-2883.

JOIN THE LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPT.

The Department is always looking for new members!

Please stop by the Safety Complex Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or during one of our training meetings, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.





EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Town of Lee Police, Fire & Emergency Management will now utilize the emergency notification system known as CODE RED. [CLICK HERE](#) for instructions. Please visit leenh.org to sign up!

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Lamprey Health Care's Senior Transportation program provides rides to essential services for individuals over the age of 60 and/or with disabilities. Our handicap-accessible buses take seniors and adults with disabilities to the grocery store, pharmacy, doctor, or bank! The service is door-to-door. For reservations call 1-800-582-7214 or 659-2424 Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Lee residents are welcome to join us for our weekly shopping run to the Fox Run Mall, Wal-Mart and many other stops. The bus currently picks up at Lee Town Hall at 8:50 a.m. on Thursdays.

CHANNEL 13

Check your local TV channel 13 to view Selectmen's meetings aired daily at 7:00 am; 2:00 pm; 7:00 pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to view meetings and videos online through the media site at leenh.org.

MEETING CALENDAR

To view the meeting calendar on leenh.org [CLICK HERE](#)

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Location: Lee Church Congregational 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any family in the Town of Lee. The pantry is open the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency need please feel free to contact the Church office 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

STRAFFORD COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS HEALTH & SAFETY COUNCIL OF STRAFFORD COUNTY

The below web page link to the NHHS has some good information about Influenza - click on the "Senior" web page link for more information.

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/influenza/index.htm>



DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A drop-off box is available at the Public Safety Complex for unused and unwanted prescriptions.



Community Action Partnership
Pregnant? New Baby? CAP Can Help!

If you are pregnant, know someone who is, or just had a baby, Community Action can help. We have a free Home Visiting program for teens and women age 25 and under. Call CAP's Home Visiting at 603-516-8108 to talk to one of our staff and learn more. For more information, visit www.straffordcap.org.



BITS of HISTORY from The NEWMARKET ADVERTISER December 5, 1902

The free delivery of mail from Durham commenced December 1st, and accommodates a few Lee people.

News is scarcer than hens' brains.

DB McGregor expects to have the machinery set up in his new Henniker mill in three weeks. There is a greater demand for the leather board made here now than ever before, but though the drying facilities were increased recently they cannot begin to dry the board fast enough for their customers.

Excerpts submitted by Road Agent Randy Stevens, who has been researching Lee's history in his spare time. Thanks Randy!