

Comcast Opens Free Xfinity WiFi Service to Aid Residents and Emergency Personnel in New England

To help residents and emergency personnel stay connected as post-storm clean-up and power recovery continues, Comcast is opening nearly 127,000 Xfinity WiFi hotspots throughout its New England footprint in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to anyone who needs them, including non-Xfinity customers, for free.

For a map of the Xfinity WiFi hotspots, which are located primarily throughout busy shopping districts and businesses, residents can visit <u>www.Xfinity.com/wifi.</u> Once in range of a hotspot, they should select the "xfinitywifi" network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser.

Xfinity internet customers can sign in with their usernames and passwords, and they will be automatically connected to Xfinity WiFi hotspots in the future.

Non-Xfinity internet subscribers should visit the "Not an Xfinity Internet Customer" section on the sign-in page to get started. Non-customers will be able to renew their complimentary sessions every two hours through January 8, 2018.

ATTENTION!

THE LEE TRANSFER STATION SWAP SHOP IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE WINTER

Residents with Bulky Items Please Report Inside Transfer Station

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY REOPEN JANUARY 16th TO NORMAL

BUSINESS HOURS

JANUARY SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 16th starting at 6:30 pm Mondays, January 22nd & 29th starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on



at <u>www.media.leenh.org</u>

THE TOWN CENTER VISION COMMITTEE

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to view the TCVC Charge <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Committee website

> JANUARY MEETINGS Tuesday, January 9th Wednesday, January 17th Tuesday, January 23rd



MEMOIR WRITING WORKSHOP EXTENDED

Got a Story to Write or Tell? 3RD Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm Lee Library Downstairs Meeting Room

The participants in the recent Memoir Writing Workshop held at the Lee Library are going to continue with monthly meetings on their own. If you want someone to listen to you read or tell your stories – or part thereof – and perhaps provide feedback, join us! For more information call David Meeker at 603-659-5441.

LEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

It's time to think about going camping this summer!

Once again the Lee Conservation Commission will sponsor a campership to Barry Conservation Camp, at the fish hatchery in Berlin, NH. We hear enthusiastic reports from the Lee young people who have been able to enjoy a week at the Camp. The 4-H camp is operated in conjunction with the NH Department of Fish & Game. "Barry Conservation Camp emphasizes environmental awareness, responsible use of firearms, safe hunting practices, conservation principles and ethics." There is swimming and canoeing, as well as group activities that encourage teamwork.

Lee youngsters, ages 10 & up, are eligible for this campership. (<u>The Hunter Safety and Certification</u> <u>Program requires that they be 12 years and older</u>.)*There is a time limit*. Space for sponsored camperships must be saved by February 12th (prior to opening registration up to the general public). For further information, please call Laura Gund, 659-2044, or e-mail @ <u>walgrove@comcast.net</u>. To learn more about the camp, please go to <u>http://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Youth-Family/Barry-</u> Conservation-4-H.



BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE 2018 Home Garden Series Mondays, January – May 7:00 pm Jeremiah Smith Grange Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH

January 29th What can you do in your yard? Presented by Jill Nooney, Matt Rowell What are your goals for your garden? Should you plant vegetables, fruit, herbs or flowers? How to grow with sustainability in mind.

February 26th What to put in your garden. Presented by John Forti, Tom Lee How much do I plant? How to select and obtain seeds, start seeds, care for seedlings and choose plants.

March 26th Where to put your garden. Presented by Annie & Paul Gasowski, Chris Scogland Should I use buckets or other containers for my gardens, and what about raised beds or cold frames? Where are the best sites for your garden?

April 23th How to care for your garden. Presented by Wendy Fogg, Dick Wolmar Care and maintenance of your garden, before, during and after harvest. Talk about composting, mulching, fertilizing, and weeding.

May 21st When to harvest. Presented by Kristin Cisneros

How long is the growing season, planning for a continual harvest. Help my harvest is great! What do I do with it? Harvesting, preserving, freezing and fermentation and keeping root cellars.

Series presented by members of the Lee Community and moderated by Chuck Cox.

Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, Lee Sustainability Committee and the Lee Public Library. For information about this series, contact the Lee Library, 659-2626 or <u>leelibrary@comcast.net</u>.



Do You Know Where This Is?

Over the upcoming weeks, the Town Center Vision Committee will be telling you about the conditions of the town center buildings and the plans to address those conditions. We will also present some information regarding the proposed purchase of some property from the Lee Church Congregational located between the Church and the town center. For more information, please read the Town's E-Crier for the next few weeks.



LEE TOWN COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AGRICULTURAL, CONSERVATION, & RECREATION COMMISSIONS; ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEES CLICK HERE for Application

Hand deliver to Town Hall or email application to the Town Secretary at <u>dduval@leenh.org.</u>

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR Go to www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH MeetingsCal/?formid=158 LIBRARY CALENDAR Go to http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH LibraryCal/?formid=158



DOWNSTREAM NEWS FROM PREP <u>CLICK HERE</u> January 2018: Modernizing Exeter's Wastewater Treatment Facility FROM THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Lee Hill Cemetery gates are now closed for the season. Walk in access is still available. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS CLICK HERE for more information

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for Safety Educator

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE The Select Board recently approved a new Fee Schedule for the Lee Fire Department. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Fee Schedule Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide



<u>CLICK HERE</u> for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATONS GO TO <u>www.nhfirepermit.com</u> to obtain a fire permit online



THIS WEEK'S NEW LEE TRIVIA QUESTION!! (Answer will be given in next week's Lee E-Crier):

When did the Lee USA Speedway first open in Lee, NH?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

Q - Who was the minister of the Lee Church Congregational when the Parsonage, on Mast Road next to the church, was built in 1873?

A – The Rev. John W. Lees was the pastor of the Lee Church Congregational from November 16, 1870 – March 31, 1880, thus making him the minister at the church when the parsonage was built in 1873.

Source: Old Home Week, Lee, New Hampshire, August 23, 1916. By John Scales. This book, republished by the Lee Heritage Commission, can be purchased at the Lee Town Hall. (With thanks to Scott Bugbee for supplying the latest batch of trivia Q's & Q's!!)

If you have suggestions for Lee Trivia Q's & A's, please email Anne Jennison: (jennison.anne@gmail.com)



2018 Lee Wall Calendars are here!

You can buy your 2018 calendars at the Town Hall and Library! They are \$10.00 each.

The photos were all taken by Lee residents and Liz McCaffrey did the layout & design.

Perfect as mementos for family and friends who have visited or lived in Lee!

CALENDAR COVER PHOTO BY GERALD SEDOR

<u>Lee Town Center</u> - The Lee Heritage Commission has submitted applications to the NH Division of Historical Resources, requesting that the Lee Town Hall, the Lee Town Shed with Tramp Room, and the Lee Historical Society Museum buildings be considered for addition to the NH State Register of Historic Places.

The completed applications were submitted to the NHDHR in early December by Laurel Cox, and have been accepted for consideration. Megan Rupnik at the NHDHR has told Laurel that Lee applications will likely be considered for the Determination of Eligibility (DOE) letter at their January meeting. According to Laurel, Megan sounded confident that they would all receive that DOE. Then the eligible applications would be considered for the final placement on the NH State Register of Historic Places at their April meeting.

Our thanks to Laurel Cox, John Tappan, and Anne Jennison for their work on this project.



WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY Lee Church Congregational 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.



HUNTING

Please note it is Hunting Season again! Please be safe and take precautions. Go to <u>http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/hunt-</u> <u>dates.html</u> for details.

POLICE REMINDER

Please do not become a victim. WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GIVE IT OUT.

The scammers are still working to obtain your information. Do NOT click on any links in emails or provide any personal or banking information either on the telephone or on the internet, unless you initiated the contact. Also, remember the IRS will NEVER call you! They will always send mail!



READY RIDES offer free rides to medical appointments for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email <u>info@readyrides.org</u> for more details about how to help your neighbor. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**



DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A drop-off is available at the Public Safety Complex to the left of the front entrance for unused and unwanted prescriptions.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm CLOSED: Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King's Day



Don't forget—you can Scan, Fax, Email and Copy at the library. There is no charge for scanning and emailing documents; however, we do charge \$.10 for b&w copies \$.25 for full color copies and \$1 per page for faxing.



The Library Wireless connection can be accessed from the library parking lot. Just look for "LPL Public" in your Wi-Fi listings.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION Monday, January 8th 7:00 pm "Emma" by Jane Austen

Emma, when first published in 1816, was written when Jane Austen was at the height of her powers. In it, we have her two greatest comic creations -- the eccentric Mr. Woodhouse and that quintissential bore, Miss Bates. In it, too, we have her most profound characterization: the witty, imaginative, self-deluded Emma, a heroine the author declared "no one but myself will much like," but who has been much loved by generations of readers. --*From the Publisher*

SNOW PEOPLE DROP-IN CRAFT Saturday, January 20th

Drop in and make some snow people.

LIBRARY LEGOS Fridays, January 5th - February 9th 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Kids in grades K-4 can have fun at the library building cool stuff with Legos. A building theme will be suggested each week. Registration is not required. Mast Way students may arrange to ride bus 6 directly to the library.

ONGOING PROGRAMS



STORY TREKKERS Tuesday Afternoons 3:30 – 4:30pm

This program for **grades K-4** will introduce children to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft are also included. Mast Way students may arrange to ride **bus 6** directly to the library after school. Please **register** by calling 659-2626.



ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB 1ST Thursday of each Month 3:30 – 4:30 pm Grades 5-6

Participants will read & discuss a different book each month. Pizza will be served. Students may arrange to take **bus 6** directly to the library after school. If interested, **sign up** by calling 659-2626.





These fun 30-40 minute programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. **Registration not required.**



TINY TOTS LAPSIT Children up to 2 years of age Fridays at 10:30am

Join us for a baby/toddler lapsit. This 20 minute program offers songs, stories and movement with relaxed time afterwards for play and socializing. **Registration is not required.**



NO FOOLIN, JUST FUN ADULT GAME DAY Tuesdays 9:30am All are welcome! Open to all adults 18 and older.



KNITTING FOR 50+ 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9:00am January 17th

Help is available from instructor Donna Kay. All levels welcome.



OYSTER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

http://orcsd.org/school board/board appointed committees/facility committee/

ARTICLE BY OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR THOMAS NEWKIRK REGARDING CURRENT MIDDLE SCHOOL



To receive the E-CRIER via email EVERY WEEK go to, click on Subscribe to E-Alerts and follow the directions to subscribe. It's that easy!

ATTENTION!

We heard that there may be Lee residents who wish to see the E-Crier but do not have the internet!! If you have contact with these people kindly direct them to Town Hall for a **printed copy** or to the Library to view it there. If they cannot leave their home please have them call Denise Duval, Town Secretary, at 659-5414 to have it mailed!