

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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January 18, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

LEE TOWN OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST



FILING PERIOD FOR LEE ELECTED OFFICES FOR MARCH 12, 2019 TOWN ELECTION **Wednesday, January 23, 2019 through 5:00 pm Friday, February 1, 2018**

There is no filing fee required. The Elections will take place on Tuesday, March 12th at the Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road, Lee, NH from 7am – 7pm.

Citizens that would like to become involved in Lee Town government must file for one of the positions listed **below** at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office during the filing period noted above. Questions may also be directed to that office by calling 603-659-2964 or emailing the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Reinhold at lreinhold@leenh.org. Residents interested in learning more about any of these positions are invited to contact the Administrator's Office at 603-659-5414 or write to dduval@leenh.org.

Selectman – 3 year position (1 available)
Town Treasurer – 2 year position (1 available)
Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 year position (1 available)
Library Trustee – 3 year position (2 available)
Cemetery Trustee – 3 year position (1 available)
Advisory Budget Committee – 3 year position (2 available)

JANUARY SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, **January 22nd** Public Budget Hearing & Monday, **January 28th** Both starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on  at www.media.leenh.org

LEE TOWN CENTER PROJECT Important Dates to Remember

- TCVC Public Presentation**

January 29, 2019 at 7:00pm

Lee Public Safety Complex

- Deliberative Session**

February 2, 2019 at 9:00am

Mast Way School

- TCVC Public Presentation**

March 6, 2019 at 7:00pm

Lee Public Safety Complex

- Town Vote / Election Day**

March 12, 2019 from 7:00am to 7:00pm

Lee Public Safety Complex

You can find more information about the Town Center Project on the web site: <http://leetowncenter.org/> and on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LEETCVC/>. As information about the Town Center Project becomes finalized, it will be posted on both sites.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST – JANUARY PUBLIC SESSIONS

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in public session on **Tuesday, January 22nd from 7:00-7:30pm** and on **Saturday, January 26th from 11:00-11:30am** at the Lee Public Library. This is in preparation for the Town of Lee Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 2nd and the Oyster River Cooperative School District Deliberative Session on Tuesday, February 5th. Additions and corrections to the checklist may be made at these public sessions. Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register (driver's license, passport, birth certificate, mail, etc.). Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications. Lee citizens may also register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours: Monday 8am-6pm, Wednesday and Friday 8am-4pm.

TRANSFER STATION HIRING PART-TIME SOLID WASTE OPERATOR

INQUIRE IN PERSON AT THE TRANSFER STATION OR CALL TOWN HALL 659-5414

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS

Current market conditions make it advantageous to put magazines in the newspaper bin, so be on the lookout for a change in signs at the Transfer Station. As always, save the Town money by getting your food waste out of the trash by composting at home. The Committee is looking for new members! Please call Town Hall at 659-5414 to find out more!

NEXT SWAC MEETING **MOVED TO
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018 6:30pm**

Public Safety Complex

Topics to discuss: Pay per Bag and Swap Shop

SWAP SHOP UPDATE & RULES REMINDER

Due to the weather and lack of volunteers the swap shop will be open on Saturdays only from 7am – 4pm until further notice. If you would like to volunteer please contact Shirley McKeon at 603-659-8163 or smckeon123@aol.com.

SUMMARY OF RULES

- **There's a 15 minute time limit.**
- If you cannot use it then do not take it.
- Do not try to avoid bulky fees. If an item has a bulky fee then it must be paid. [CLICK HERE](#) for Bulky Fees.
- Large items such as furniture or mattresses & broken or hazardous items are **not** accepted.
- Dumping is prohibited. Security cameras are installed. Do not be the first to get charged.

2019 BACK YARD FARMING INITIATIVE

Mondays, January 28th, February 25th, March 25th, April 22nd and May 20th

Jeremiah Smith Grange, Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH 7:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for schedule

Series moderated by Chuck Cox. Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, Backyard Farming Initiative, Lee Sustainability Committee and the Lee Public Library.

Baked goods by Ruth Eifert, Lee Library Director.

First Session, Monday, January 28th

Don Quigley, Retired UNH Forestry, Thompson School, talks about the forests around us and the animal habitats that survive and thrive there.

Paul Gasowski, Lee Sustainability Committee, will speak on the Lee's Trees project.



NEW LED LIGHTS AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX AND THE TRANSFER STATION

Thank you to the Energy Committee for getting the ball rolling on the Town's recent LED project. The Select Board contracted with LED Conversions, Inc. to complete the conversion to LED's both at the Public Safety Complex and Transfer Station. The difference is amazing. No more fluorescent lights! Half of the total project costs were covered by an incentive from the NH Electric Coop and we anticipate saving over \$6,000 per year on our electrical bills.

TOWN OF LEE RIGHT OF WAY POLICY (Including Mailbox Guidelines) - [CLICK HERE](#)
APPROVED BY THE LEE SELECT BOARD DECEMBER 17, 2018



REMEMBER THAT LEE HAS A SNOW CASTING ORDINANCE!

This means that you cannot throw, "cast," place or deposit snow or ice onto any plowed street or public way. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more. The fine for this violation can be up to \$100.00. The Lee Police will also be strictly enforcing RSA 265:79-b Negligent Driving or otherwise known as "Jessica's Law" for drivers who do not clear the snow off of their vehicles. The fines are \$250-\$500 for the first offense and \$500-\$1000 for subsequent offenses.

Please be sure that no vehicles are parked on a roadway during snow removal. Let's help our new Highway Supervisor Steve Bullek, Warren, Peter and the rest of the people who plow this season.

JUST A REMINDER:



WINTER SAND/SALT MIX

The Highway Garage has winter sand/salt mix available free for Lee residents.

Note: This is NOT FOR COMMERCIAL USE.



FROZEN PIPES WARNING

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about a few reminders
when it comes to preventing frozen pipes
during very cold weather



The Lee's Trees Contest

*A Celebration of Lee's Trees and the Arts
Awards Presentation!*

Please join us for a celebration of all the entries at the "Backyard Farming Initiative's" first session on Monday, January 28th at 7pm at the Jeremiah Smith Grange. The Lee's Trees Awards will be followed by Don Quigley presenting "Forestry: Care and Feeding".



This week's featured entry is "The Umbilical Tree," an illustrated book by Heather Buswell's fourth grade class at Mast Way School. Please take a trek into the Lee Town Forest and learn the story behind "The Umbilical Tree"!

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



**Lee Energy
Committee**

ENERGIZE 360'S SUCCESS IN LEE HELPS BRING SOLAR ARRAY TO DOVER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

An energy efficiency and renewable energy initiative launched in 2017 continues to pay dividends for families in our region. Fifteen municipalities, including Lee, participated in the Energize 360 campaign aimed at reducing energy use and transitioning to renewable energy. Lee's successful campaign earned 13 "bonus" solar panels that were part of the 15-town panel donation to the Dover Children's Museum. Sponsors ReVision Energy and Yankee Thermal Imaging also contributed. A public ribbon cutting is planned in February.

GOVERNOR SUNUNU REQUESTS OFFSHORE WIND POWER STUDY

Governor Chris Sununu has joined other coastal governors in seeking a federal study of offshore wind power's potential value for energy needs. In 2018 Lee and other towns voted to urge the Governor to request such an investigation for NH. The Lee Energy Committee sponsored the petition to vote on the issue.

The Governor's January 2nd letter asks the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to establish a federal task force to study "renewable energy commercial leasing proposals in federal waters" off NH. According to The Concord Monitor, a recent report concluded that large offshore wind farms could go a long way toward lowering electricity costs and guaranteeing electricity supply in New England during cold winter months. NH spends \$3 billion per year to import energy generated by coal, oil, natural gas and other fossil fuels.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

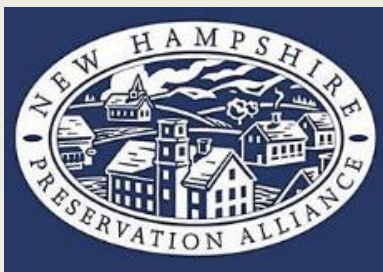
The Solid Waste Advisory, Energy, LRAC and Sustainability Committees AND Recreation Commission have immediate openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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



Here are some New Year's suggestions from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance January 2, 2019 newsletter:

"Share your enthusiasm for old buildings. Show your kids where you went to school, or where you got married. Support your local farm, and thank a neighbor who has fixed up his or her barn. Are there places you can't imagine your community without? Start a conversation with other interested citizens to consider planning tools like easements and tax incentives to turn a challenge into an opportunity."

Advocate and educate. Offer a long-time or new legislator a tour of important historic sites in your town. Talk to them about the benefits of the [Land and Community Heritage Investment Program \(LCHIP\)](#), New Hampshire's popular and effective matching grants program for historic preservation and land conservation projects. Volunteer to serve on your local planning board, library board, cemetery commission, or downtown organization. Help with one of our [Seven to Saves](#) or another local preservation project."



One of this year's "Seven to Save" buildings is the Former Lee Church Congregational Parish House

When the Town of Lee purchased the land in between the town office complex and the Lee Church Congregational in 2018, both parties had reason to celebrate. The church did not need the property anymore and the town needed room to expand. The only problem was that not everyone in town wanted the parish house that came with the land, due to the expenses that would be involved in repairing and renovating the building.

This "comfortable parsonage and outbuilding" was built in 1872 at a cost of \$1,523.81, according to church records. The Italianate vernacular dwelling was not ostentatious, but it did include large rooms and a front entrance with etched glass double doors and a small bracketed porch roof. Compared to the much earlier houses in Lee's village, the parish house was modern.

The parish house served as the minister's house until tastes changed and it made more sense to rent the house. By 2018, though, the building had sat vacant for several years and by the time the church and town started negotiations to transfer the property, the building had fallen into serious disrepair.

The 2018 town meeting warrant article called for the parish house to be removed from site by July 2019. But the Lee Historical Society and Lee Heritage Commission are instead hoping to find a way to repair and re-purpose the building on site in a way that serves the needs of Lee's residents, while retaining its presence in the town. The Lee Heritage Commission would like to invite members of the community to help brainstorm, research ideas, and help to find a way to possibly save and repurpose the old parish house.

The Town of Lee is not new to preservation. In 2009, the Town of Lee received a [Plan NH Charrette](#) which yielded public feedback like "preserve the historical buildings," "maintain architectural integrity of the village," and "blend the church and parsonage into the village concept." The information gleaned from the Charrette has provided the Lee Heritage Commission with guidance as to how Lee residents envision the preservation and future development of our town center, along with ongoing input from the current Town Center Vision Committee as well as the Lee Historical Society. Toward this end, in 2018 the Lee Heritage Commission successfully worked to add several buildings located on the town-owned land next door to the old Parish House to the State Register of Historic Places; the 1846 Town Hall, 1915 tool shed with tramp room, and the 1874 historical society building (former South Lee freight house). Also on site is the former 1897 schoolhouse-turned library. Clearly, the idea of preserving town buildings, while re-developing an identifiable "Town Center" is a goal that has been shared by many Lee residents for quite a few years now. HOW YOU CAN HELP: Offer your assistance to the [Heritage Commission](#) or [Historical Society](#). Lee Heritage Commission member Denis Hambucken is the point person on this project. You can email Denis at dhambucken@comcast.net for more information about how to help.

TOWN OF LEE T-SHIRTS & POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Town of Lee T-shirts (M, L, XL)	\$12.00
Town of Lee T-shirts (XXL, XXXL)	\$15.00
Town of Lee Polo Shirts (M, L, XL)	\$16.00
Town of Lee Polo Shirts (XXL)	\$20.00
(Available in Green, Navy Blue or Red)	



If you'd like to order a shirt, contact heritage@leenh.org. We accept cash or checks made out to "Town of Lee, NH". If we don't have the shirt in the size and color you want, we'd be happy to include your request in our next re-order.



Also Available –

Copies of the [2019 Historic Lee, New Hampshire Wall Calendar](#) are still on sale at the Lee Town Hall and also at the Lee Library. \$10.00 each.



LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[2018 YEAR END INCIDENT REPORT](#)

[FIRE PERMIT FLYER](#)

[CATEGORY I & II FIRE SPECIFICATIONS](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for January/February Educator

[CLICK HERE](#) for January/February One Stop Educator

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fee Schedule

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

20 George Bennett Road
Lee, New Hampshire 03861
(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



Joseph P. Lombardo
Assistant Chief

Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief

TIMELY TOPICS FOR WINTER

- If you burn wood in your home, have chimneys inspected and cleaned yearly to prevent chimney fires. When burning wood do not burn wood that is green or unseasoned. [CLICK HERE](#) for more Heating Safety Tips
- Have furnace cleaned and serviced yearly especially if it burns oil, Kerosene or a blend.
- Clear snow from all outside vents and gas meters.
- Carbon Monoxide detectors are recommended on each floor of the residence especially in the hallway outside any bedroom areas. Test them weekly and make sure they have good batteries in them. [CLICK HERE](#) for more on CO Safety
- Clear snow from all exterior exits to allow for quick evacuation in the event of an emergency.

WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm?

Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has started a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$30.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY
[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request form



POLICE NOTICE

In a follow up to the request that residents properly number their homes, [CLICK HERE](#) for the Ordinance that applies. The Lee Police will be compiling a list of homes that are not complying with this ordinance and make contact with the homeowners in hopes of getting everyone in compliance which will make it easier to locate a residence in times of an emergency.

SCAM! SCAM! SCAM!

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

An old scam has resurfaced. Residents are being contacted by "Publisher's Clearing House" about having won the jackpot. The stipulation is that the resident must pay \$7,500 in advance. This is a scam. You will never have to pre-pay the "FDIC" for your winnings.

IMPERSONATION OF A SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE

We sometimes receive reports where individuals have been contacted by someone pretending to be an SSA employee. The intent of this type of call is to steal your identity and/or money from your bank accounts. The caller generally asks you for personal information such as your Social Security number, date of birth, your mother's maiden name, or your bank or financial account information. The impersonator may state that "the SSA computers are down" or may refer to enrollment in the Medicare prescription drug program. It is possible that an SSA employee may contact you to follow-up on a previous application for SSA/Medicare Part D benefits or to follow-up on other business you initiated with SSA. If you are unsure as to the authenticity of someone who claims to be an SSA employee, please call SSA's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to verify the reason for the contact and the person's identity prior to providing any information to the caller.

If you wish to report a call from someone you suspect is impersonating an SSA employee, please provide us with the following details:

Caller's alleged name, telephone number, time and date the call was made, information requested by the caller and any other identifying information or details about the content of the call. Please note that there are also "robocalls" from people claiming to be from the Social Security Administration.



The Lee Hill Cemetery is closed for the winter.
The cemetery may be accessed by foot
through the open gate.
LEE CEMETERY RULES
[CLICK HERE](#) for Rules



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 info@readyrides.org with question or go to <https://readyrides.org/> for more details. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**



FOOD PANTRY

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY
Lee Church Congregational
17 Mast Rd

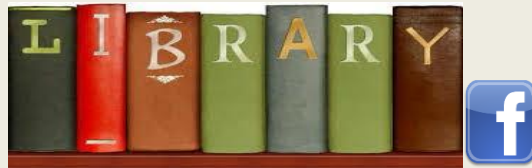
The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.



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.

Lee Public Library



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

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10am – 3pm



LEGO CLUB

Beginning Friday, January 18th

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Back by popular demand, Lego Club will meet on Fridays to build with the library's large Lego collection. Students may take the bus 31 from Mast Way School. **Those riding the bus need to register for this program. Space is limited to 10 on the bus and up to 20 in the program.**



Pajama Story Time

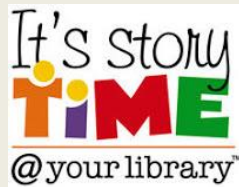
Tuesday, January 22nd 6:30 pm

Come in pajamas, bring a stuffed animal & enjoy some stories, songs and family fun before bed.



BOOKS ALIVE
Tuesdays 3:30 pm

Join our interactive after school story program that joins reading, movement, hands-on learning and creativity to bring books to life. There will be snacks. This program is geared for grades K-4 and meets after school on Tuesdays. All children ages 5-10 are welcome. **Call to Register.**



STORY TIME
Thursdays @ 10 am
Fridays @ 11 am

Reading, crafts, puppets, music and more. Who knows where next week's adventures may take us? Large groups and families welcome.



BABY LAPSIT
Fridays @ 10 am

Silliness, songs, scarves, rhymes and of course...reading. This baby story time is full of age appropriate activities to facilitate learning and bonding. Give it a **GO**.



ADULT GAMES
Tuesdays 9:30 am



Knitting for 50+
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am
February 6th & 20th
Help is available from instructor Donna Kay. All levels welcome.



RUG BRAIDING WORKSHOP
Tuesdays, January 22nd 6:00pm
Tuesdays, February 5th & 12th 6:00pm

Learn the rug braiding techniques for creating a traditional wool rug. **Basic sewing experience needed.** Questions about the workshop may be directed to Annie Gasowski at 659-5273. **Registration is required. Call the library at 659-2626 to sign up.**

Regional & State News & Events



[CLICK HERE](#) for Your Estuaries Partnership News for January 2019



[CLICK HERE](#) for Great Places NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

ORCSD CANDIDATES' NIGHT

Tuesday, February 12th, 7:00 pm

Snow date Wednesday, February 13th

Oyster River High School, C-120

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet, listen to and ask questions of participating district moderator and School Board candidates.

Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Mast Way School PTO.

Please submit your questions by noon on 2/8/2019 by calling Wendy at 603-389-3286 or email wdifruscio@orcscsd.org.

[CLICK HERE](#) for ORCSD New Middle School Building Site and Proposed Cost



University of New Hampshire
Cooperative Extension

TRAINING FOR PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATORS

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

TRAINING FOR MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

UNH is no longer taking applications for the Spring 2019 training starting in February at NH Audubon's McLane Center, Concord. If you would like to be considered for future Master Gardener training sessions, please contact the Master Gardener Coordinator, Ruth Smith at ruth.smith@UNH.edu.

NH FARM & FOREST EXPO



Friday, February 1st 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 2nd 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Double Tree Manchester Downtown Hotel,
700 Elm Street, Manchester

The 36th annual NH Farm & Forest Expo, NH's Greatest Winter Fair, will be held at the Double Tree (formerly the Radisson Hotel). This event, open to the public, features a tradeshow with over 100 exhibitors, free educational workshops, demonstrations, and farm animals. "For thirty-six years, our agricultural and forestry exhibitors have demonstrated how these vital industries continue to help our state's economy to grow while educating our residents on relevant industry topics," states AJ Dupere, Chair of the NH Farm & Forest Expo Board of Directors. Admission price is \$7 per person; age 16 & under free. Attendees may save \$1 off admission by bringing at least 1 non-perishable food item to benefit the NH Food Bank. In addition, admission is reduced Friday, February 1st from 5-8 pm to \$5. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

McGregor EMS is currently seeking both Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers. Those interested may email membership@mcgregorems.org. To learn more about this great service [CLICK HERE](#)!

CHECK OUT MAPGEO [HERE](#)

A GIS Collaboration between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Lee bringing basic GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to your fingertips. GIS map data is now displayed on the MapGeo website. The site allows residents to search for tax map info, as well as view several different overlay layers.



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ATTENTION!

If you do not have the internet please come to Town Hall for a **printed copy** or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!