TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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TOWN OF LEE DELIBERATIVE SESSION February 4, 2017 9:00 a.m. Mast Way School <u>CLICK HERE</u> for Proposed Budget CLICK HERE for Draft Warrant

JANUARY SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday January 23rd, January 30th now starting at 6:30 pm Go to <u>www.leenh.org</u> for more Town meeting dates Go to <u>http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH_LibraryCal/?formid=158</u> for the Library Calendar

FROM THE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting in public session for additions and corrections to the checklist on Tuesday, January 24th from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at the Lee Library. In order to register to vote, residents must be 18 years of age by Election Day, an American citizen and domiciled in the Town of Lee. A driver's license, passport, birth certificate, or mail are all useful things to bring as proof of these requirements. Note: In the State of NH, a resident may now register as a Libertarian.

FINAL BELL RINGING



Chairman Bugbee rings the 250th Celebratory Bell to officially close all ceremonies for Lee's 250th Quincentennial Celebration at the Select Board Meeting on January 17, 2017.

FILING PERIOD FOR LEE ELECTED OFFICES FOR MARCH 14, 2017 TOWN ELECTION Wednesday, January 25, 2017 through 5:00 pm Friday, February 3, 2017

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

Citizens that might choose to become involved in Lee Town government may file for one of the positions 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 <u>lreinhold@leenh.org.</u>

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 townadministrator@leenh.org.

Selectman – 3 year position (1 available) Town Clerk/Tax Collector – 3 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) Advisory Budget Committee – 2 year position (1 available)





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. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to read more



DAVID & SHARON MEEKER DONATE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



PHOTOS BY DENISE DUVAL

The Conservation Commission wishes to express a sincere thank you to Dave and Sharon Meeker for placing a conservation easement on approximately 15 acres of their land along the Lamprey River just downstream of Wadleigh Falls. The easement will ensure in perpetuity that the land will not be developed and will be used by any future owners consistent with conservation practices. The Southeast Land Trust of NH (SELT) as owner of the easement will monitor the property yearly to ensure that it is being managed in accordance with the legal requirements of the easement.

LEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Once again the Lee Conservation Commission will sponsor a campership, as we do most years, to Barry Conservation Camp, which is located in Berlin, NH at the Fish Hatchery. 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>) For further information, please call Laura Gund, 659-2044, or e-mail <u>walgrove@comcast.net</u>. It's important to apply as soon as possible as spaces fill up fast. To learn more about the camp, please go to <u>http://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Youth-Family/Barry-Conservation-4-H</u> Don't delay – call as soon as possible in order to reserve a space!



WINTER SAND/SALT MIX The Highway Garage has winter sand/salt mix available free for Lee residents. Note: This is <u>NOT FOR COMMERCIAL USE</u>.

UPDATE FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Storms – It has been a weird winter this year so far. There have been a lot of storms and a lot of ice. Although the biggest snowfall so far this winter was 7-1/2 inches there have been many smaller storms with less than an inch accumulation. As of last week the Department has had to plow and/or treat 14 storm events with a snow total of 23-1/2 inches. Last year's total for the entire winter was 30 inches with 15 storms. Many of the storms have come at commute time which makes it a bit more difficult to deal with. The sun is getting higher and the days are getting longer so hopefully we are over the worst of winter.

Signs – Driving the back roads of Lee one might notice that there are many signs that have been replaced and quite a few new ones added. This is a result of new federal sign regulations. Part of these regulations require larger street signs and that all signs be a prismatic reflective material so that they can be seen better at night. The Department has also been installing chevron signs in some locations to provide awareness for all travelers of the upcoming corners.

Plow Trucks – The Board of Selectmen seem a bit concerned that the average age of our plow trucks is 22 years old this coming year. The last new plow dump truck purchased was in 1995. Although the old trucks are still performing well it may be time to look at purchasing a new truck. Most likely there will be a warrant article for a new plow/sander/dump truck on this year's warrant to be voted on in March. The Department is researching costs and options at this time. There is enough funding in the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund to purchase a new fully equipped plow/sand/dump truck.

Little River Park –The Department spent quite a bit of time this past fall hauling off waste fill, organizing piles, screening loam and cleaning up the remaining unfinished area of the park (where all of the unsightly piles are). It is the Department's intention to level off the remaining area and to loam and seed the area this coming spring. Doing that will also use up most of the remaining piles and hopefully leave a nice additional grass area.



LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION

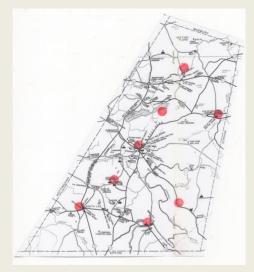


Copies of this year's beautiful 2017 Lee Heritage Commission wall calendar are still available at the Library & the Lee Town Hall for \$10 each. This year's wall calendar was created by Heritage Commission member, Liz McCaffrey. Cover photo taken by Gerald Sedor

The answer to last week's trivia questions is: The Lee Heritage Commission has placed historic markers at **8** interesting locations around town. There are historic markers for: Wadley Falls Village, the South Lee Depot, Cartland Road, the Lee Hook, Lee Town Center, Wheelwright Pond, the First Meeting House and New Town Plains. To learn more about the stories behind each of these markers, go to the Lee Heritage Commission web pages on the Town of Lee website by clicking on the following web address:

http://www.leenh.org/Pages/Lee%20Historic%20Sites.pdf

This map shows the locations of the historic markers in Lee:



This week's Lee Trivia Question: In 2012, The Jeremiah Smith Grange's roof was damaged by a hurricane. What was the name of the hurricane?

A Reminder - When you're on Facebook, check out the Lee Heritage Commission's Facebook Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/LeeHeritageCommission</u>

YOU MAY STILL PURCHASE A 250th LICENSE PLATE AT THE PD for \$10

The 250th Celebration Committee has reduced the prices on our 250th logo items again! We are holding our "Snow Sale" with even lower prices to reduce our inventory. Our new pricing appears below. All of our items are on sale now at the Library.

Tote Bags, \$10; Mugs, \$5; Adult T-Shirts, \$8; Adult Organic T-Shirts, \$5; Hats, \$10; Apron, \$15; Long Sleeve Adult T-Shirts, \$10; Kids T-Shirts, \$8; Kids Tie-Dye Long Sleeve T's, \$8; Coins, \$8; Wooden Nickels, \$0.25; Bells, \$2 and Mast Tree Project DVD, \$11

2017 BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE PROGRAMS



LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD: A PERSPECTIVE OF FARMING IN LEE 4TH Monday of the Month 7:00 pm JEREMIAH SMITH GRANGE, MODERATOR DON QUIGLEY

> LEE CEMETERY RULES CLICK HERE for Rules

> > **ATTENTION:**

CEMETERY GATES ARE CLOSED FOR THE SEASON WALK-IN ACCESS STILL AVAILABLE

OPENINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING APPOINTED TOWN COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURAL, CONSERVATION, & RECREATION COMMISSIONS; ENERGY, LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY, SUSTAINABILITY & FACILITY COMMITTEES

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



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS ONE LARGER SIZE FOOD PROCESSOR AND COOKING UTENSILS

If you have these items to donate to the Ag Commission please either bring them to the Town Hall or call Erick Sawtelle at 603-234-7907. Thank you!



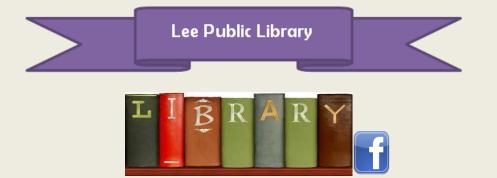
The Lee Police Department has a free "app" that can be downloaded through the Google App Store or the iPhone App Store. It is used to post emergency information about road closures or other emergency events. <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app_leepd.layout</u>

The Lee Police Department would like to remind everyone about scams that are still being used. **Please do not become a victim. WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GIVE IT OUT.** For more information, please check out the FBI's website https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes



BURN PERMIT

CLICK HERE for BURN PERMIT CHECKLIST <u>CLICK HERE</u> for ONLINE FIRE PERMIT PRESS RELEASE GO TO <u>www.nhfirepermit.com</u> to obtain a fire permit online



WINTER HOURS

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 - 8:00 pm Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

ALERT

Nook magazines on Overdrive will be phased out by March 31st due to the fact that Barnes & Noble is no longer collaborating with Overdrive. If you are an avid borrower of these digital magazines, you will notice that many of them are already gone. When you are in the Overdrive site, click on the gray tab above the books that says: Digital Magazines will be discontinued this winter "Read more here" to find out which magazines have been removed. Check out what remains while you still can!



The library now offers the **Boston Aquarium pass** for Lee library patrons. The pass will admit up to 4 adults for \$10 each. Children under 3 are free. Regular admission price is \$26.95 for adults, \$18.95 for children 3-11 and \$24.95 for seniors.

GET AREA MUSEUM PASSES HERE!

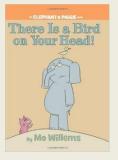
Thank you to the Friends of the Lee Library who make it possible for Lee residents to visit area museums at a reduced charge. Stop by or call the library at 659-2626 to reserve your pass.

Strawbery Banke: FREE ADMISSIONSeacoast Science Center: 50% admissionMuseum of Fine Arts, Boston: 50% admissionBoston Museum of Science: 50% admissionCurrier Gallery of Art: FREE ADMISSIONChildren's Museum of NH: 50% admissionPeabody Essex Museum: 50% admission, weekdays.Discount weekend & holidaysBoston Children's Museum (available at Durham library): 50% admissionIsocount admission



LIBRARY LEGOS Fridays, January 20th – February 24th 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 30** directly to the library. **No Program on Friday, January 13**th.



ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE WEEK Saturday, January 21st – 28th

Drop by and read *There Is a Bird On Your Head*! Then make elephant and piggy puppets and a "bird on the head" hat!



LOOKING BACK: HISTORY OF LAND USE IN LEE 1700-1850 Monday, January 23rd 7:00 pm Jeremiah Smith Grange

Join Mark Foynes, NH Farm Museum, Dave Baker, Lee Historical Society, and John Carroll, Dept. of Natural Resources, UNH as they discuss the following: How the land was used and worked; the human and animal impact on the land and how the industrial age changed the way farming was done. They will also discuss the necessity of being both farmer and tradesman.

Sponsored by the Backyard Farming Initiative of the Lee Agricultural Commission and the Lee Public Library.



(NOT SO) ELEMENTARY MY DEAR WATSON: THE POPULARITY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES Tuesday, January 31st 6:30 pm Public Safety Complex

Ann McClellan's presentation explores the origins of Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective and tracks his incarnations in literature, film, advertising, and modern media in order to crack the case of the most popular detective.

Hosted by the Lee Public Library and the Lee Historical Society. Made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities Council.



COMING IN MARCH: WRITING WORKSHOP Thursdays, March 9^{th} , 16^{th} , $23^{rd} \& 30^{th}$ 3:00 - 4:00 pm $5^{th} - 8^{th} \text{ grade}$

Do you love to write stories? Then you won't want to miss this series of 4 workshops led by Lee resident, Ginger Johnson whose first middle grade novel entitled *Spectrum* will be released in Spring 2018. The workshops will include segments on creating the things that make up a good story: character, setting and plot. Revision and what goes into the making of a book will also be discussed. Students may ride **bus 30** to the library. Please **register** by calling 659-2626.

TINY TOTS LAPSIT

Friday mornings 10:30 am Children up to 2 years of age

This 20 minute program offers songs, stories, music and movement with relaxed time afterwards for play and socializing. Registration is not required.

ON - GOING LIBRARY PROGRAMS



NO FOOLIN, JUST FUN ADULT GAME DAY Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Come join the fun, make new friends and learn some new games. All are welcome! Open to all adults 18 and older.



KNITTING GET TOGETHER Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Come and join other knitters for an evening of knitting and socializing.



Children will be introduced to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft will be included. Mast Way students may arrange to ride **Bus 30** directly to the library after school. Please **register** by calling 659-2626. **This program is currently filled but we will add names to a waiting list. No program on Tuesday, January 17th.**



KNITTING FOR 50+ 1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS February 1st & 15th 9:00 am

A drop-in group will meet at the library. Help is available from instructor, Donna Kay. All levels welcome.



Thursdays 10:30am Ages 2-6

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



ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB 1st Thursday of the Month 3:00 – 4:00 pm

For 5th and 6th graders, participants will read and discuss a different book each month. And—pizza will be served. Students may arrange to take **bus 22** directly to the library after school. If interested, **sign up** by calling 659-2626.



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. Not a member yet? It's easy – <u>CLICK HERE</u>!

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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MEETING CALENDAR

To view the meeting calendar on leenh.org CLICK HERE



DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING RECAP FROM JANUARY 18, 2017

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the RECAP Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting Wednesday, February 1, 2017 10:00 am Executive Council Chamber, State House, Concord, NH.

SEACOAST RELIABILITY PROJECT

This project will extend Eversource's transmission system approximately 13 miles between two existing substations (Madbury and Portsmouth.) A map of the proposed route can be seen here: https://www.eversource.com/Content/images/default-source/default-album/seacoast-map.jpg?sfvrsn=0

A calendar of other upcoming meetings can be viewed on the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee's calendar at <u>http://www.nhsec.nh.gov/</u>

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! Call 1-800-582-7214 or 659-2424 Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm or go to <u>lampreyhealth.org/index.php/patient-services/transportation program</u>



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!**



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 first and third 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.

Are you concerned about your child's use of alcohol or other drugs?

Parents' Support Group Thursdays 7 - 8:30pm Wentworth Douglass Hospital, Central Avenue, Dover Walk-ins welcome CLICK HERE for flyer

Supported by a contract with N.H. Department of Health and Human Services

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

ATTENTION!

If you know someone who wants to see the e-crier but does not have the internet please direct them to Town Hall for a printed copy or to the Library to view it there. If they cannot leave their home please call Denise Duval, Town Secretary, at 659-5414 to have it mailed!