

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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February 12, 2016



February 5th Snowstorm

TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON



Red Cross Blood Drive

**February 19, 2016 from 1-6 pm
Lee Church, 17 Mast Rd.**

There's a critical need for O+ O- and B- blood types
Appointments are recommended and can be scheduled online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Blood donor card or valid ID is required to donate. NEW! Use RAPIDPASS to streamline your donation: redcrossblood.org/RapidPass
Complimentary pizza from Pizza Spinners in Lee available for all donors.

250th CELEBRATION EVENTS BEGIN

“TAR” AND FEATHERING EVENT

The **Mast Tree Programs** got off to a great start last Saturday when a King’s Agent was caught in the Church Forest, identifying a tree with the “King’s Broad Arrow Mark”, and was subsequently stripped to the waist, tarred and feathered. Although the historic accounts were anything but fun for the King’s agent and towns-people, the re-enactment, aided by the Dearborn's Company (NH Colonial Brigade,) was great fun.

If you haven’t seen it yet, here is the link to the article in Foster’s regarding the Tar and Feathering Event which took place on Saturday, February 6th behind the Lee Church.

[Read the Feb. 8th Foster's Daily Democrat article about the Mast Tree Tar and Feathering Event and see article photos.](#)

NEW DATE & LOCATION FOR THE 250TH CEREMONY

Saturday, February 13th 1:00 – 3:00 Mast Way School

This is a reminder that our kick-off event, **The Proclamation Ceremony**, has been rescheduled for **Saturday, February 13 at 1 PM**. The event, featuring musical selections by the Oyster River Middle School Band and Stage Orchestra, readings of Lee History by Scout groups and Lee citizens, and proclamations by our Town and State Representatives, will take place in the **Gym and Café of the Mast Way Elementary School**.

250th Memorabilia and souvenirs will be sold prior to and following the ceremonies, and refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you there.

Please note that in case of bad weather and resulting slippery roads, this event may be cancelled at the last minute. Notification will be via those TV and Radio stations used to announce school closings.

HAULING OF THE TREE

Friday, February 19th 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Forest Behind LeeChurch

The huge tree, stripped of its branches, will be loaded onto a cart and hauled by oxen a short distance to its resting place in front of the school. Witness this exciting piece of history and marvel at the close relationship between man and beast, as the well-trained oxen re-enact their part in Lee's history.

If you are interested in learning more about the history of the "King's Trees", [click here to open and read.](#)

CHECK OUT THE PASSPORT TO LEE PROGRAM [CLICK HERE](#)

The first passports have been handed out. The Mast Way students will have them soon. Anyone interested can pick them up at any of our events or at the Lee Library. Through a variety of activities, the passport encourages you to explore our town, past and present, in unique ways. At the end of our Semiquincentennial year, participation will be rewarded. Especially of note to all of our artistic folks is the "Image-In-Lee" program which calls for art of any kind which will be exhibited during our closing ceremony and beyond.

March Programs: Save the Dates

Breakfast at the Grange

Sunday March 13th, beginning at 8 AM, the Lee Agricultural Commission will sponsor a breakfast at the Grange. The 250th Committee Members will join other groups, serving the meals. All profits from the breakfast will go to local charities.

The 250th Committee will have a table with Semiquincentennial Souvenirs available as well. Profits from these sales go towards supporting our events.

Lee Remembers: An Evening of Photos, Videos and Stories

Friday, March 18th, 7 PM at the Safety Complex, the 250th Committee will host "**Lee Remembers" An Evening of Photos, Videos and Stories,** sure to bring back memories of the recent past in Lee. Paul Gasowski promises to start the evening off with local documentaries about Lee from the 1980's that were created by Oyster River High School Students in his video production course. He is also seeking photos, films, and videos in any format to include in the program. So look through those old tapes and reels, to find your gems. Paul will transfer submitted media into a more usable format. If you have media that you would like to share, please contact Paul 659-5271 or by emailing lee250@leenh.org.

**A Parade is Coming
And We Need You**

July seems far away, but it is really just under the snow!

As part of our Semiquincentennial Weekend extravaganza, July 16-17, we are planning a huge town parade. We are hoping that every business, organization, team, troop, neighborhood, and family pet shows up to march or ride a float! Information and applications are available on our website.

As you can see, there is a lot happening in town this year. We hope everyone gets involved. For more information on these and other programs, please go to our website: WWW.lee250.com



LICENSE PLATES ON SALE AT THE **PD & THE LIBRARY** FOR \$20!
ANY NH REGISTERED VEHICLE MAY DISPLAY THIS PLATE.
YOU **DO NOT** HAVE TO BE A LEE RESIDENT.

250th COMMEMORATIVE MEMORABILIA ON SALE AT THE LIBRARY

**IMPORTANT OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER**



February 16th 7:00 pm ORHS

March 8th Annual Meeting Session II – Voting Day

Durham, Oyster River High School, 7am-7pm

Lee, Public Safety Complex, 7am-7pm

Madbury, Madbury Town Hall, 11am-7:30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.ORCS.D.ORG

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

Parents' Support Group

Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wentworth Douglas Hospital, Central Ave. Dover

Walk-ins welcome

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

The last day to register to vote [in the Town Clerk's office] for the
Town Election on Tuesday, March 8th will be Friday, February 26th.
If Lee residents miss the deadline they may also register to vote at
the polls.

2015
International
Year of Soils



HEALTHY SOIL, HEALTHY LEE: BUILDING SOIL HEALTH

Every 4th Monday, January thru May 2016

7:00 – 8:30 pm with 'soil' related desserts

Jeremiah Smith Grange, Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH

February 22, 2016 – Soil Fertility: the birds and bees – Eric Sideman, Organic Crop Specialist, MOGFA

March 28, 2016 – Causes of soil degradation – Kim McCracken, State Soil Scientist, NRCS, USDA

April 25, 2016 – Repairing soil – Dorn Cox, Director of Green Start; Daimon Meeh, Field Specialist, UNH

May 23, 2016 – Healthy Soil, Healthy Lee – Steve Haendler, Drumlin Farm; John Hutton, Coppal House Farm

Sponsored by the Backyard Farming Initiative of the Lee Agricultural Commission and the Lee Public Library. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details

MARCH 8, 2016 TOWN ELECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

[CLICK HERE](#) for TOWN WARRANT

[CLICK HERE](#) FY17 BUDGET

ARTICLE #2 - POWDER MAJOR FARM AND FOREST

A remarkable property in Lee, Madbury and Durham is planned for protection by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Working with the three towns, the Forest Society is planning to purchase and conserve 195 acres of forest lands as a new Forest Society Reservation and further to protect an abutting 32 acres of farmland with a conservation easement. The Powder Major property has an extensive trail system for a wide variety of public recreation activities. Conservation will also protect the Oyster River, a drinking water source for UNH and Durham, which travels for more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile through the property. There are also a variety of important wildlife habitats and historical features. The Town is proposing to help the project by acquiring a conservation easement on the 46 acres in Lee. Although the purchase will cost \$150,000, the money will come from existing conservation funds, so no new taxes will be required. The Select Board and the Conservation Commission have unanimously endorsed this project.

ARTICLE #10 - POLICE CRUISER

Warrant Article 10 on this year's ballot asks for funding for a new police cruiser. Since the funding will be coming from "surplus" no new funds are needed through general taxation. The Police Department reduced its fleet in 2014/15 by eliminating three vehicles. There were no cruiser purchases approved for FY2016. The Department currently operates with five (5) cruisers, three of which each have over 100,000 miles. The oldest vehicle, a 2006 with 173,000 miles, is not suitable for regular use. Each of the other cruisers puts on an average of 25,000 miles each year. By July of 2016, 4 of the 5 cruisers will be out of warranty. If this Warrant Article passes, the 2006 will be replaced with the new cruiser; therefore it will not add to the number of vehicles in the fleet. Having aging, high mileage emergency response vehicles is a real concern. The safety of our officers and the public while responding to emergency calls is paramount.

ARTICLE #13 - POLICE FINGER PRINT SCANNER

Warrant Article #13 is proposing to purchase an inkless finger print scanner and printer system for the Police Department. The current system was purchased in 2007 with funding from Drug Forfeiture, the Lee Police Association, and help from some local businesses and no funds from the town. This system is out of warranty and has become outdated and expensive to repair. The proposed new system enables officers to finger print arrest subjects in a much more efficient manner. The Department also uses the system to provide a service to Lee residents and businesses for employment background checks and to create "Child Identification Kits," at no charge. This warrant article will also use "surplus" funds and therefore no funds need to be raised from general taxation.

OPEN POSITIONS ON TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:

RECREATION COMMISSION, SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ENERGY COMMITTEE, LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION, HERITAGE COMMISSION, CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD

[CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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

ORCSD KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE REGISTRATION

[CLICK HERE](#) for ORCSD Kindergarten Registration Requirements

[CLICK HERE](#) for Kindergarten & New Student Registration

Parents may start the registration process by visiting their assigned school during *Registration Week* **March 7th – 11th**.

The structure for assignment to schools is as follows: 1. Families enroll students at their neighborhood schools according to School

Board designations. If unsure of designated school this can be checked at <http://www.infofinderi.com/tfi/address.aspx?cid=ORC-S557JPE2A1>

2. There will be 54 seats available at each school. If classes fill to the recommended school board levels, (18 per class) at a school, then families will be assigned to their sister school. This will be a first come first served process so parents are urged to register early.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Inside the January 2016 issue of the [Safety Educator Newsletter](#) readers will find the following topics: New Year for Home Fire Safety Awareness, Home Fire Sprinklers, Pet Safety, Fire Safety for Older Adults and Wood/Pellet Stove Safety

The January 2016 [One Stop Educator Newsletter](#) supports and provides fire and life safety educators with teaching information and links discussed from this month's edition of the Safety Educator Newsletter.

Finally, the January 2016 [In the News Newsletter](#) will provide Fire & Life Safety Educators with information that may assist them in educating their community and to provide educational and networking opportunities.

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for BURN PERMIT CHECKLIST

[CLICK HERE](#) for ONLINE FIRE PERMIT PRESS RELEASE

GO TO www.nhfirepermit.com to obtain a fire permit online.

[CLICK HERE](#) for CodeRED Brochure

POLICE UPDATES

THE LEE PD IS LOOKING FOR A HIGHLY SELF-MOTIVATED PROFESSIONAL TO JOIN OUR AGENCY AS A POLICE OFFICER

The Lee Police Department is currently hiring for the position of Police Officer. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma or equivalent and have a valid driver's license. Applicants must also be able to pass the NH Police Standards and Training physical agility requirements, a polygraph examination, extensive background check and a psychological examination. The position requires shift work including nights, weekends and holidays. Please send your resume with a cover letter to the Lee Police Department, 20 George Bennett Road, Lee, NH 03861 or via email: mail@leenhpolice.org. Resumes are to be received no later than Friday, February 12, 2016 at 3:00pm. Salary dependent on qualifications. The Town of Lee is an equal opportunity employer.



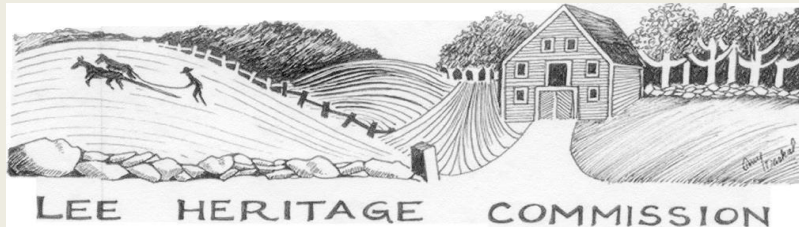
SAND & WATER AVAILABLE for RESIDENTS

The Fire Station has a 24 hour water fill station on the east side of the building. There is sand available for residents at the Highway Garage. Water is also available to residents at the Transfer Station on days that they are open on the lower back side of the office. Containers may be available along the wall on the right side as you enter the transfer station building.



CONSERVE YOUR LAND

Like the Lee Conservation Commission on Facebook at [page](#) or go to: www.facebook.com/LeeConservationCommission/



LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK and SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

Lee Heritage Commission – Publications and Price List Available at the Lee Town Hall and Library

- Lee in Four Centuries edited by Mrs. Ursula Baier - \$5.00
- Lee, NH by John Scales [reprint, 1916] - 4.00
- Oliver Cromwell Gilbert A Life by Jody Fernald & Stephanie Gilbert - \$10.00
- The Early Mills and Industry of Lee, NH by Richard Wellington with Randy Stevens and Susan Wellington - \$20.00
- The Early Roads and Settlers of Lee, NH by Melvin E. Jenkins - \$15.00
- The History of the Jeremiah Smith Grange by Donna F. Eisenhard - \$20.00
- The Railroad That Passed Through Lee, NH - 1874-1934 by Randy Stevens - \$12.00
- 2016 Historic Lee NH Wall Calendar - \$10.00

The Newmarket Advertiser

Bits of History from Saturday, February 12, 1898



It was our pleasure to visit the greenhouses of our energetic, enterprising young townsman, George Dudley, this week. He has quite a variety of plants, all looking healthy and strong, and is about to commence propagating for his spring trade.

The eighteenth gathering of the whist players was with Mr. and Mrs. John Webb last Friday evening. The roads were just opened and very soft, as we passed along through the gorges cut through the huge snowdrifts, with the snow piled in great blocks higher than the horses heads, shining in the bright moonlight like pure, white marble, with not a cloud in the sky, we fully realized how much beauty there was at all times, and under all circumstances, if one would only look for it. Arriving, we found about forty present. We played whist three hours, then after partaking of a fine collation and indulging in the usual social chat, we separated, feeling it had been a pleasure to be there. Miss Mattie Mathes and Mrs. Harry Hardy made same number of points, and a game was played to decide who should have first prize; Mattie Mathes won. Gentleman who won first prize, Master F. Carl York; Miss Clara Hardy and Master Albert Dudley got consolation prizes.

SUBMITTED BY THE LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION



READY RIDES NEEDS DRIVERS from LEE!

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. You will need to complete a volunteer application that includes a motor vehicle and criminal background check. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email info@readyrides.org for more details about how to help your neighbor.



HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START APPLICATION DAY

March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd from 9am – 2pm

Farmington, Dover, Milton & Rochester Head Start Centers

Head Start is a half-day program open to children ages 3-5 (children do not have to be potty trained) at no cost to families. It includes an inclusive program with individualized curriculum on a school-year schedule. There are also meals, health and family services included. Early Head Start is a home-based program for pregnant woman and families with children under the age of 3. The program includes infant-toddler activities, comprehensive health care, nutrition, education and social services for the children and their families. Call 603-652-0990 or email headstart@straffordcap.org. Visit www.straffordcap.org for more information.




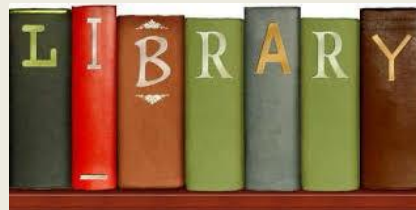
**[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2015 - 2040 Metropolitan
Transportation Plan Survey**



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee
2016 Winter Newsletter



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



**LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH IN
OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY**

REGULAR HOURS

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

****NEW** Online Access to Newmarket Advertiser articles. Go to**

<http://lee.advantage-preservation.com/>

See articles from 1891-1932. Years 1912-1913 are missing.

Heritage Commission sponsored.

Online Access to Town Reports and Early Town Records

Town Records 1766-1815 link from www.familysearch.org

Town Reports 1863-2007 from UNH's Digital Archive

<http://leelibrarynh.org/index.php/lee-town-reports/>



250th COMMEMORATIVE MEMORABILIA ON SALE AT THE LIBRARY
WOODEN NICKELS, LICENSE PLATES, COFFEE MUGS, TOTES, HATS,
LONG & SHORT SLEEVED T-SHIRTS & ZIP-UP HOODED SWEATSHIRTS

*******Calling all artists/crafts people.** The library is looking for artists and crafts people to display their artwork in the upcoming months at the library. Please call us at 659-2626 if you are interested in gracing our walls with your projects.



LIBRARY LEGOS

Our first session of Library Legos was so popular that we will be offering another one! Kids in **grades 1-4** can have fun at the library building cool stuff with Legos! This program will run for 10 consecutive Fridays from 3:30-4:30 pm beginning **January 8TH** and **ending March 11TH**. 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.



LOONS IN NH: DOING QUITE WELL, THANK YOU!
Tuesday, February 16th 7:00 pm
Lee Safety Complex

This talk will focus on the last 25 years of information about the survival and distribution of the common loon throughout New Hampshire. Maps, generated using GIS (Geographical Information System), will be used to show population growth and spread over time. Data collection methods will be reviewed. Trends in the loon population, loon habitat, nesting habits, hatchling survival and dispersion patterns will be presented. Dr. Congalton's talk will conclude with the current status of loons in New Hampshire.

Healthy Soil, Healthy Lee - Soil Fertility: The Birds and Beets
7 p.m. Monday, February 22nd - Jeremiah Smith Grange

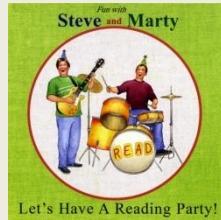
Eric Sideman, Organic Crop specialist, MOGFA will present a program about what makes soil fertile, soil structure, the chemical and microbial makeup of healthy soil and how to monitor and test soil conditions.

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



**Penguin Fun – Drop-In Craft
Vacation Week February 20th – 27th**

Some penguins live where it's snowy and cold. Drop by during school vacation week when it's snowy and cold here and make a cute penguin. It will feel right at home in Lee!



**Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley
Thursday, February 25th 10:30 am
Durham Public Library**

Join us as musician Steve Blunt and author/illustrator Marty Kelley present a rollicking mix of songs and stories. This show is cosponsored by the Friends of the Lee Public Library and the Durham and Madbury public libraries.



Essential Oils 101 Tuesday, March 1st 7 p.m.

Join us for an informational/educational presentation presented by Kelly Roy Williams

The Art of Psyanky Saturday, March 5 10:30 a.m.

Psyanky is an ancient art form of decorating eggs that originated in Ukraine. It involves a wax resist, layering method. Join Christina Pasicznyk Vogel for a demonstration and workshop to learn about this beautiful art form and try your hand at creating a one-of-a kind piece of artwork. **Class size limited to 15 participants age 15 and up. Please register.**



ON - GOING 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 FOR 50+ ALTERNATE WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17th 9:00 am

A drop-in group will meet at the library. Help is available from instructor, Donna Kay. All levels welcome. Offered by the Senior Advisory Committee and the Lee Library.



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

Come and join other knitters for an evening of knitting and socializing. Bring that project you've been meaning to finish and make some new friends. Sorry, no instructors.



Thursdays & Fridays 10:30 am

These fun 30-40 minute programs for children **ages 2-6** include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. Registration is not required.



BOOK CLUB 1ST Thursday of month 3-4 pm 5 & 6 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. Please **register** by calling 659-2626.



STORY TREKKERS
Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm Ages 6-10

Children will be introduced to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft will also be included. Mast Way students may arrange to ride **bus 6** directly to the library after school. Please **register** by calling 659-2626.

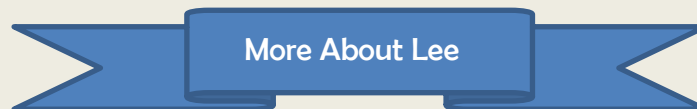


This is a new library program that encourages families to read 1000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Just register and keep track of how many books you've read on a reading log. We'll help you celebrate the first 100 books milestone with the gift of a canvas book bag. And at each 100 books mark, you'll get a 100 books sticker. Reach 1000 and you'll receive a copy of Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten! Registration is ongoing.



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 – [CLICK HERE!](#)



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 lampreyhealth.org/index.php/patient-services/transportation_program



JOIN THE LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPT.

Please stop by the Safety Complex Monday - Friday 8am- 4pm.



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Town of Lee Police, Fire & Emergency Management utilizes the emergency notification system **CODE RED**. Visit leenh.org to sign up!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

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.



WILKINSONS FOOD PANTRY

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 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

To receive the E-CRIER via email EVERY WEEK
go to www.leenh.org, 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!