TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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February 19, 2016



Friday, February 19th, 1-6pm Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Road There's a critical need for 0+ 0- 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: www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

Complimentary pizza from Spinners in Lee available for all donors.

250th CELEBRATION EVENT

HAULING OF THE TREE

Friday, February 19th 1:00 – 2:30 pm Forest Behind Lee Church

The felled tree, stripped of its branches, will be hauled by oxen a short distance to its final resting place in front of the school. Witness this exciting piece of history and learn about the industry that gave its name to our main road and school.

If you are interested in learning more about the history of the "King's Trees", <u>click here to open and read</u>.

All of the programs are being filmed by Breakaway Media, who will create a short documentary video for our town. Be part of the fun.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Supervisors of the Checklist of Lee will be in public session on Saturday, February 27th, 11:00 - 11:30am at the Lee Library for correction of checklist for 2nd session of annual town meeting. No corrections or additions may be made after this session until Election Day (March 8).



Thursday, March 3rd 5:30 - 6:30pm Lee Public Library

All candidates that have filed for any office for the town have been invited to meet the voters and share their background, qualifications and reasons for running for office. Hosted by the Board of Trustees, light refreshments will be served.



3rd ANNUAL FARM STYLE BREAKFAST Sunday, March 13th 7:30am – 12 Noon Jeremiah Smith Grange, Lee, NH

Join us for lots of hearty, good tasting food to benefit the Strafford County Farm Bureau's "Youth in Agriculture" Grant Program. The event this year is also part of Lee's 250th Anniversary Celebration. The Strafford County Farm Bureau is co-sponsoring the event again this year with the Lee and Durham Agricultural Commissions and they are also celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the NH Farm Bureau. The menu will include: scrambled eggs, French toast, plain and blueberry pancakes, home fries, homemade bake beans, bacon, sausage, local maple syrup, rhubarb sauce, beverages and you never know what else may get whipped up by the well-seasoned cooks in the kitchen! (Surely some yummy surprises again this year like Strata!) We prefer that you reserve your tickets ahead of time so that we can have a good idea of how many to cook for. Suggested donation is \$10 for Adults and \$7 for Kids 14 and under.

If you would like to reserve tickets (or even help out!) we can be reached at <u>esawtelles@aol.com</u>, 603-234-7907 or 603-659-8106, Laura Gund at <u>walgrove@comcast.net</u> or 603-659-2044 or tickets may be purchased at the Lee Town Hall Selectmen's Office or the Lee Public Library. If you are not sure whether or not you can make it, you can still call or email right up until Saturday night or just show up on Sunday. But remember it is first come first serve til the food runs out! Hope to see you there. You know you will not go away hungry and it's or a great cause! Thank you and feel free to spread the word!

MORE 250TH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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.

LEE REMEMBERS: AN EVENING OF PHOTOS, VIDEOS & STORIES Friday, March 18th 7:00pm Public Safety Complex

This event is 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 <u>lee250@leenh.org</u>.

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: <u>www.lee250.com</u>



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

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.



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 beets – 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 Intiative of the Lee Agricultural Commission and the Lee Public Library. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more details

MARCH 8, 2016 TOWN ELECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM <u>CLICK HERE</u> for TOWN WARRANT <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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 34 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, AGRICULTURAL & CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS SENIOR ADVISORY, ENERGY & LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEES PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

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

ORCSD KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE REGISTRATION

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for ORCSD Kindergarten Registration Requirements <u>CLICK HERE</u> for Kindergarten & New Student Registration

Parents may start the registration process by visiting their assigned school during *Registration Week* March $7^{th} - 11^{th}$.

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-5557JPE2A1

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 February/March 2016 issue of the <u>Safety Educator</u> <u>Newsletter</u> will find the following topics: It Can Happen in a Flash with a Splash: Liquid and Steam Burn Like Fire, Fall Prevention for Older Adults, Keep Loved Ones Safe with Clean Smoke Alarms and Poison Prevention.

The February/March 2016 <u>One Stop Educator Newsletter</u> supports and provides fire and life safety educators with teaching information and links discussed from this month's edition of the Safety Educator Newsletter. It will also support students wishing to participate in the 3rd grade Annual Fire & Life Safety Calendar Contest.

Finally, the January 2016 <u>In the News Newsletter</u> 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

LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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.



Like the Lee Conservation Commission on Facebook at <u>page</u> or go to: <u>www.facebook.com/LeeConservationCommission/</u>





The Newmarket Advertiser Bits of History from Saturday, February 18, 1899

A Life-Threatening Whooping Cough Epidemic Sweeps Lee and a Life-Threatening Blizzard Saves Lives By Causing a 2-Day Quarantine.

LEE.

Whooping cough is quite prevalent. S. F. Claffin of Manchester was in town Friday,

Business is quite lively at Wadley's Falls shoe shop.

Thomas Hull, a brakeman on train 66, fell from the top of a car to the ground, injuring himself severely. He was removed to his home in Barrington.

Mrs. E. J. D. Glidden is quite ill. Miss Rose Bartlett is the guest of Mrs. Fitts, in Haverhill, Mass., for a short time.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. George Dudley is very sick with whooping cough.

Mrs. Charles Hardy, with Master Herbert and little Helen, are restricted to the house.

Miss Nellie Wiggin, who has been in Providence, R. L. several weeks, is at home for the present.

Mr. Timothy G. Davis, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, is scriously ill with grip.

The family of Daniel-W. Burleigh, consisting of himself, wife, son and three grandchildren, who have all been sick with the grip and whooping cough, are convaly seing.

Lee, like all other towns, has felt the effects of the blizzard. John Currier and wife, who are employed in the shoe shep at Wadley's Falls, tound the snowdrifts so formidable Monday night when returning home, that they were obliged to stable their horse and spend the night at John Webb's, finishing their journey on snow shoes Tuesday morning. We were snowed in two days, but if, as we hope, the mantle that so beautifully covers "Mother Earth," is sufficiently heavy to crush the grip that has afflicted so many families in town, we shall feel compensated for our enforced, temporary isolation.



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 <u>info@readyrides.org</u> for more details about how to help your neighbor.



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 <u>CLICK HERE</u> for flyer

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.

SEACOAST VETERANS CONFERENCE Saturday, April 9th, 8:00am – 2:00pm Service Credit Union, 3003 Lafayette Rd, Portsmouth, NH <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information



<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the 2015 - 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Survey



<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee 2016 Winter Newsletter



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 & WINE GLASSES!

********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.



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 6:00 pm

Join us for an informational/educational presentation presented by Kelly Roy Williams about how you can use essential oils in your daily life.



The Art of Psyanky Saturday, March 5th 10:30 am

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+ 1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS 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.



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 awardwinning 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 – <u>CLICK HERE</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 lampreyhealth.org/index.php/patientservices/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 <u>leenh.org</u> to sign up!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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.



WILKINSON 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 <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!