TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

7 Mast Road Lee, New Hampshire 03861 (603) 659-5414 March 6, 2015

TOWN ELECTION/BALLOT SESSION

MARCH 10, 2015 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

LEE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

TO VIEW A SAMPLE ELECTION BALLOT FOR
TOWN OFFICERS CLICK HERE
TO VIEW A SAMPLE BALLOT FOR TOWN
WARRANT ARTICLES 1-21 CLICK HERE

Estimated Tax Rate Impact for the 2015 Lee Town Warrant CLICK HERE

LEE 2014 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Electronic Copy Available on the Town Website CLICK HERE

A limited number of printed copies are available at Town Hall, Lee Library, and the Transfer Station

VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

NOW AVAILABLE

CLICK HERE FOR A COPY

Watch the entire Deliberative Session held on January 31st for views expressed by the Select Board and Lee Citizens on each of the Warrant Articles by viewing the video available on the Town Website

Go to www.leenh.org > Quicklinks > View Meetings/Media Site > Town Meetings & Deliberative Sessions

2015 OPEN APPOINTED POSITIONS CLICK HERE FOR LIST, APPLICATION, POLICIES, RULES AND RSA: 91-A

If you are interested in serving on a Board,
Committee or Commissions, applications
should be submitted to Town Hall no later
than March 16th.

MARCH SELECT BOARD MEETINGS
Mondays, March 16th, 30th at 6:00 pm
Go to www.leenh.org for more Town meeting dates
Go to

http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH_LibraryCal/?formid=158 for the Library Calendar



FAMILY NATURE WALK AT LEE TOWN FOREST SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 9:30 AM

After being hammered with seemingly endless snowstorms and bitterly cold days, Spring has seemed a very distant hope; but the days have steadily been getting longer, and on nature walk day we'll be enjoying 11.4 hours of daylight - nearly to the equinox when the night's long reign will finally have ended for another year. Bird species that remained with us throughout the long winter have been responding to the increasing day length. Chickadees, titmice, nuthatches and cardinals are singing their love songs each morning now: presaging the dawn chorus that will really heat up in a few more months. Celebrate the soon-to-be-over winter with a walk in the town forest. We'll keep an eye out for animal tracks in the snow, look at a few frozen avians (including a pileated woodpecker and a barred owl) and search for signs of Spring's return.

We meet behind the backstop of the baseball field adjacent to Mast Way School. All ages are welcome! Monthly family nature walks are sponsored by the Lee conservation Commission and the Senior Advisory Committee.

2nd ANNUAL FARM STYLE BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH 8:00AM - 12:00 PM JEREMIAH SMITH GRANGE HALL, LEE NH CLICK HERE for flier

This event is co-sponsored by the Strafford County Farm Bureau and the Lee and Durham Agricultural Commissions. Funds raised will help support the new Youth-In-Agriculture Grant Program. You may reserve tickets and pay at the door. Reserved tickets are \$8 for adults & \$5 for kids under 12. The price at the door will be \$10 for adults & \$7 for kids under 12. Please email bcilley@nhfarmbureau.org, esawtelles@aol.com or walgrove@comcast.net to reserve or volunteer OR call Erick Sawtelle at 603-234-7907 or 603-659-8106 or Laura Gund at 603-659-2044. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next SAC meeting will be held 9:00am Monday, March 9th & March 23rd at the Public Safety Complex. We will continue to discuss senior housing. If you would like to share your opinion please contact Nancy at NancyAliceR@cs.com. We also welcome other topics of conversation. SAC and the Lee Library sponsor the Knitting Gathering held twice monthly on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 am at the library.

KINDERGARTEN & NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION for ORCSD

Mast Way & Moharimet Elementary Schools

Student Registration Week March 9th – 13th 9:00 – 4:00

If your child turns 5 on or before 9/30/15, he/she will be eligible for our Kindergarten program. Please contact your assigned school to provide preliminary information about your child. If you are unsure of your child's assigned school, feel free to call either Mast Way Elementary, 659-3001, or Moharimet Elementary, 742-2900, for further information. You will need to have a copy of your child's birth certificate, health & immunization records and proof of residency in the Oyster River School District such as a current, dated, utility or Comcast bill or a lease with your name and address listed. Please have these with you when you come to register.



Grow It Yourself

March 21, 2015
Plymouth State University
Plymouth, NH







A Garden Symposium

Open to both Master Gardeners and the public, the daylong Welcome Spring Symposium offers topics for beginners and advanced gardeners.

Register TODAY









BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE SERIES 2015
PRESENTS FIVE NIGHTS, 10 FARMS: EXPLORE YOUR
FARMING DREAMS

NEXT DISCUSSION Monday, March 23rd 7:00 pm Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee Hook Road, Lee CLICK HERE for entire series schedule

Farm to Institution SUMMIT 2015



APRIL 7-9 UMASS AMHERST

Registration is now open for the Farm to Institution Summit taking place in Amherst, Massachusetts! The Summit is a first-year conference that will bring together at least 800 leaders from the Northeast who are working to get more local and regional food into schools, colleges, health care and other institutions. With over 50 workshops offered in the Farm to School, Farm to College and Farm to Health Care sectors, this is a landmark event not to be missed!

Please make note: the early bird deadline to save on registration is March 2, 2015. After March 2nd, registration fees will increase by at least \$20/day. Online registration will close March 30th and walk-in registration is not quaranteed.

Register Now at

www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1673184
Additionally, if you are in need of a financial scholarship, please go to http://www.farmtoinstitution.org/summit#scholarships
Scholarship applications will be accepted until March 2nd.

Please visit the Conference Website for more information about the programming -- keynotes, workshop descriptions and more: www.farmtoinstitution.org/summit.



CLICK HERE for MCGREGOR MEMORIAL'S 2014 RESPONSE STATISTICS for the TOWN of LEE



LEE was named 4th Safest in NH!
GO TO http://www.safewise.com/blog/30-safest-cities-new-hampshire/ to find out more!



WARNING

As we approach tax season, please beware of IRS scams! You can also go to www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts to learn about more about scams using the IRS.

CLICK HERE for NH Department of Safety
News Release on Risks to Propane & Heating Systems
Caused by Snow and Ice

http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/news/2 0150217-propane-risks.html

RISK MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

Reduce the Risk of Roof Collapse from Snow and Ice
Buildup
CLICK HERE for more information





CLICK HERE for Voluntary Recall to Replace certain Kidde plastic **Zytel**® **nylon valve** disposable fire extinguishers

CHILD CARE WEATHER WATCH

Below a Child Care Weather Watch recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics. Although it refers to child care providers it works as a great guide for moms and dads. http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/common/pdf/weatherwatch.pd



LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION

WANTED

HISTORIC PHOTOS OF LEE CLICK HERE for more information

READY RIDES NEEDS DRIVERS from LEE!

READY RIDES offer free rides to medical appointment for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Drivers receive 25 cents per mile and can pick what rides they want to do. Drivers must be at least 25 years old, have a valid driver's license and a favorable driving record with a legally registered, inspected and insured vehicle. 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 information about how to help your neighbor.

IMPORTANT POLLING PLACE RULES

NH 659:43 Distributing Campaign Materials at Polling Place

- I. No person who is a candidate for office or who is representing or working for a candidate shall distribute or post at a polling place any campaign material in the form of a poster, card, handbill, placard, picture, or circular which is intended to influence the action of the voter within the building where the election is being held.
- II. No person who is a candidate for office or who is representing or working for a candidate shall distribute any campaign materials or perform any electioneering activities or any activity which affects the safety, welfare and rights of voters within a corridor 10 feet wide and extending a distance from the entrance door of the building as determined by the moderator where the election is being held.
- III. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.
- IV. (a) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.
- (b) The court, upon petition of the attorney general, may levy upon any person who violates the provisions of RSA 659:43 a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per violation. All penalties assessed under this paragraph shall be paid to the secretary of state for deposit into the general fund.
- (c) The attorney general shall have authority to notify suspected violators of this section of the state's intention to seek a civil penalty, to negotiate, and to settle with such suspected violators without court action, provided any civil

penalty paid as settlement shall be paid to the secretary of state for deposit into the general fund

The highlighted section of the above-captioned NH state law was determined at the March 1983 Town Meeting where the voters adopted the following:

"No person who is a candidate for office or who is representing or working for a candidate shall distribute or post at a polling place any campaign material in the form of a poster, card, handbill, placard, picture, or circular which is intended to influence the action of the voter within the building where the election is being held or within a radius of 100 feet of the entrance door of the building where the election is being held."

TOWN OF LEE NOW OFFERS ONLINE SERVICES









for car registration renewals, dog licenses, vital records and property taxes. To access the new online services, please visit the Town of Lee's website at www.leenh.org. Credit/debit cards and ACH payments (bank-to-bank transfers) will be accepted for all online transactions. Credit/debit card and internet processing fees will apply.









The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office now accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover credit cards; debit cards that display these logos are also accepted. *Please note*: There are additional fees to cover the cost of using a credit or debit card – 2.95% of the total transaction with \$1.50 minimum. These convenience fees go directly to the Town of Lee's third party credit/debit card processor and are not retained by the Town of Lee. Convenience fees cannot be refunded. Cash and checks are still accepted forms of payment and do not require additional fees.



LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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



LIBRARY REGULAR HOURS

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

ON - GOING PROGRAMS



Thursday & Friday at 10:30 am

These fun 30 – 40 minute programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. Registration is not required. **There will be no story time on Thursday, March 5**th.



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.



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

Read a variety of authors and award-winning books. Snack, games and a craft included. Mast way students ride bus 23. Please register. This program is currently filled and has a waiting list.



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, there are no instructors.



KNITTING FOR 50+ ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS, NEXT MARCH 18th 9AM

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 in conjunction with the Lee Library.**



ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00 pm 5th & 6th Graders

Read/discuss a different book per month. Take bus 21. **Please register.**

BOOK SALE Saturday, March 7th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Lots of books and DVDs for sale.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Monday, March 9th 7:00 pm

"In The Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson "Larson has meticulously researched the Dodds' intimate witness to Hitler's ascendancy and created an edifying narrative of this historical byway that has all the pleasures of a political thriller...a fresh picture of these terrible events"—New York Times Book Review

THE LIBRARY HAS THE FOLLOWING MUSEUM PASSES!

Boston Children's Museum
Boston Museum of Science
Currier Museum of Art
Museum

Strawbery Banke
Children's Museum of NH
Isabella Stewart Gardner
Museum

Museum of Fine Arts Boston Seacoast Science Center Mariposa Museum & World Culture Center in Peterborough, NH

Check out their websites to see what is happening and then get a pass from the library that offers free or reduced admission.



MARIPOSA MUSEUM AND WORLD CULTURE CENTER Peterborough, NH

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Lee Public Library, we now have a membership to the Mariposa Museum and World Culture Center. The pass admits 2 adults & 2 children for free. Check out their website www.mariposamuseum.org.



CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART Manchester, NH

Our pass to the Currier courtesy of the Friends of the Lee Public Library, admits up to 2 adults for free. Children under 18 are also free. Upcoming exhibits include, Still Life: 1970's Photorealism, Audubon's Wild Animals of North America, Witness to History: James Nachtwey Photography, and Killer Heels: The Art of the High Heeled Shoe. Check out their website for all their programs: www.currier.org.





Did you know the library has a Kindle and a Nook available for checkout? Great opportunity to explore whether or not you like reading on an electronic device!

BOOKWORM DIGEST

Sign up for the Bookworm Digest: A monthly newsletter all about everything going on at Lee Public Library. Send an email to leelibrary@comcast.net to get the Bookworm Digest sent once a month.



Please visit the following link to view all the library's programs: leenh.org/pages/LeeNH LibraryCal/?formid=158



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. Thanks to your funding, the Friends of Lee Library will continue to support the wonderful activities! 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! For reservations or more information call 1-800-582-7214 or 659-2424 Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm or go to lampreyhealth.org/index.php/patient-services/transportation_program



JOIN THE LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPT.

The Department is always looking for new members! Please stop by the Safety Complex Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or during one of our training meetings, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.



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!



CHANNEL 13

Check your local TV channel 13 to view Selectmen's meetings aired daily at 7:00 am; 2:00 pm; 7:00 pm. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more details on Channel 13. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view town meetings and videos online through the media site at leenh.org.



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.

STRAFFORD COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS HEALTH & SAFETY COUNCIL OF STRAFFORD COUNTY

Click on the "Sr" web page link for more information abou Influenza.

dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/influenza/index.htm



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.



Community Action Partnership Pregnant? New Baby? CAP Can Help!

If you are pregnant, know someone who is, or just had a baby, Community Action can help. We have a free Home Visiting program for teens and women age 25 and under. Call CAP's Home Visiting at 603-516-8108 to learn more or visit www.straffordcap.org.



FUEL & ELECTRICAL ASSISTANCE

CAP employees are now taking appointments for fuel and electrical assistance. Last year, we served nearly 3,900 households. Income-eligible households can get help paying their winter heating bills by applying for fuel assistance now through April 30, 2015. Electrical assistance is available year round. We have flexible hours and locations for appointments. Call today at 603-516-8126 or 603-516-8191. Visit www.straffordcap.org



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRIES

We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items, grocery store gift cards and financial donations to help stock our food pantries in Dover, Farmington and Milton. Supplies are critically low yet demand remains very high. To donate, visit www.straffordcap.org/donate today! Our food pantries serve individuals and families from all over Strafford County.

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