TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

7 Mast Road Lee, New Hampshire 03861 (603) 659-5414 March 7, 2014





TOWN OF LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH 11:00 AM PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Lee Police Association you are cordially invited to the swearing in ceremony for the newly appointed Chief of Police, Thomas C. Dronsfield, Jr. Immediately following the ceremony, there will be a "Meet and Greet" until 1:00 pm.

Come and offer your congratulations!!

I would like to introduce myself to those of you in town who do not know me. I am married to an amazing woman, I have three beautiful daughters and 5 wonderful grandchildren. I will have my Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration in April. I moved to Lee originally in 1983 and worked as a mechanic at what was Steve's Garage on George Bennett Rd. Chief Brian Burke gave me my start in Law Enforcement with the Lee Police Department in 1990. I worked my way up to the rank of sergeant before moving on to what I thought was going to be "bigger and better" things, a decision that I regretted for many years. In 2005 I received a call from Chief Murch asking if I wanted to come back to Lee and without hesitation I accepted. I was surprised when I saw all of the positive changes that Chief Murch had made. It was not much longer that we became a Nationally Recognized Police Department. I have always wanted to be a police officer and have aspired to one day be the Lee Police Chief. I have always felt that Lee is an amazing community full of people who truly want to help their fellow resident and who also have a great sense of community. I am blessed to have a truly professional department with members who care about the town and the people that they serve. My door will always be open to anyone who has any questions or concerns regarding the department. I look forward to a long career serving this fine community. Sincerely, Chief Tom Dronsfield

MAUD JONES FOREST TIMBER HARVEST TOUR

March 8th 9:00 am

Meet at tree farm sign on Rt. 155

Don Quigley will conduct a second tour of the operation for anyone interested in seeing the progression of the timber harvest. An added attraction will be a demonstration of horse, and possibly oxen logging. As announced previously, the harvesting that is occurring is consistent with the forest management plan that was approved. The Maud Jones Forest is a Certified Tree Farm; as such, it is being managed according to this plan. The operation involves tree removal in three small patches in the northwest portion of the forest, close to Rte. 155 (Turtle Pond Road). The intention is to improve wildlife habitat by providing temporary early successional conditions while presenting an opportunity for forest tree reproduction in the openings.

Parking will be available at the log landing along Turtle Pond Road, a short distance south of the Garrity Road intersection. For additional details (weather delays or special conditions) call Don Quigley at 868-1466.





FARM STYLE BREAKFAST



If additional funds are raised, support may also go to Ag In The Classroom (AITC) and local 4-H programs.

This event is co-sponsored by the Strafford County Farm Bureau and the Lee and Durham Agricultural Commissions and will feature mostly locally sourced foods from producers in the area.

The menu will include: scrambled eggs, french toast, a number of different pancake choices (pumpkin, whole wheat, blueberry and Parker House...all yummy!) home fries, baked beans, bacon, sausage, beverages (still looking for local orange juice!), local maple syrup and you never know what else may get whipped up by the (well-seasoned) cooks in the kitchen!

We prefer to have people reserve tickets ahead of time so that we have a better idea of how many to cook for. You may reserve tickets and pay at the door. Reserved tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. If you decide at the last minute, you can still call or email us up to Saturday night. If come Sunday without reserved tickets, the price at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids under 12.

If you would like to reserve tickets (or even help out!) we can be reached at esawtelles@aol.com, 603-234-7907 or 603-659-8106, or you may contact Laura Gund at walgrove@comcast.net or 603-659-2044.

Thank you for your consideration, feel free to spread the word and we hope to see you there! Erick and Tina Sawtelle



TOWN ELECTION/BALLOT SESSION

MARCH 11, 2014 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

LEE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

SAMPLE BALLOTS NOW POSTED

AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

NOW AVAILABLE

<u>CLICK HERE</u> FOR A COPY

2014 OPEN APPOINTED POSITIONS

<u>CLICK HERE</u> FOR LIST, APPLICATION,
POLICIES, RULES AND RSA: 91-A

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LAURA GUND'S "PETE"
WILL THERE BE MORE OF THIS?

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE ORCSD

Superintendent's Update for Voting Day CLICK HERE for letter

March 11, 2014, Annual Meeting Session II - Voting Day

Durham Oyster River High School 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Lee Lee Public Safety Complex 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Madbury Madbury Town Hall 11:00 am - 7:30 pm

March 24 – 28, 2014 9:00 – 4:00 pm, Kindergarten Registration Mast Way or Moharimet Elementary Schools CLICK HERE for more details

> School Board Candidates Questionaire CLICK HERE

OYSTER RIVER SCHOOLS

SEEK COMMUNITY GARDENERS TO HELP WITH SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN PROJECTS

Oyster River Schools are seeking community members to help out with the program establishing school production gardens located at each of the four schools. The main purpose of the gardens is to provide produce for the school cafeteria meals year round while supporting teacher curriculums. This effort supplements the purchase of locally grown fresh food from area farmers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Principal Dennis Harrington at dharrington@orcsd.org

ATTENTION KNITTERS, CROCHETERS & WEAVERS!

This is an opportunity to become involved in the Boston Marathon Scarf Project. Old South Church in Boston is gathering knitted, crocheted or woven scarves to present to each of the 35,000 runners this year. The purpose is simply to celebrate resilience and honor the runners. Anyone interested can create a scarf in royal blue and yellow. The dimensions are 4-6" for width and 60" for length. Completed scarves can be dropped at the Town Hall, Library, Transfer Station, Swap Shop, or the Lee Church. Deadline for completion is April 1, 2014. For additional information or questions, please call 659-2861 or email at leechurchucc@comcast.net. Let's make this a great effort!

RECREATION COMMISSION SEEKING:

Thoughtful, community-minded individuals of all ages to boost recreational, cultural and fitness opportunities offered by the Town of Lee. Come create programs you think would benefit Lee residents. All ideas welcome. Three vacant seats mean lots of opportunity to guide the direction of programs. Step up. Join in. Give back. To view the most recent Recreation Commission update <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP

Each year the Lee Conservation Commission sponsors a campership at the Barry Conservation Camp. This camp is located at the Fish Hatchery in Berlin, NH. 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 also swimming and canoeing, as well as group activities that encourage teamwork. Lee youngsters, ages 10 and up, are eligible for this campership. (The Hunter Safety & Certification Program requires ages 12 and up.) For further information, or to apply for the campership, please call Laura Gund at 659-2044 or walgrove@comcast.net.

VISIT the LEE FARMERS MARKET FB PAGE YEAR ROUND for AGRICULTURAL and COMMUNITY EDUCATION and EVENTS

www.facebook.com/LeeFarmersMarket



LEE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION UPCOMING EVENTS

February - May: Backyard Farming Series. See below. Sunday, March 9th: Farm Style Breakfast 8am - Noon at the

Jeremiah Smith Grange

June – Sept: Lee Farmer's Market. Thursdays from 3 – 6pm. Saturday, Sept 6th: Lee Fair. Chicken BBQ, Pig Roast & Farm Games

BACKYARD FARMING INITIATION PRESENTS: "LIVING HEALTHY WITH LIVING THINGS. THE BENEFICIAL ROLE OF MICROBES IN OUR FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT."

Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission & Public Library <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information

ROCKINGHAM BIOMASS TOUR



On November 8, 2013 the Lee Energy Committee, along with representatives from the Oyster River Cooperative School District and the Oyster River Sustainability Committee, toured the Rockingham County Complex Biomass Heating Facility in Brentwood. Using wood chips as the fuel source, the Rockingham County facility provides 90% of the heat and hot water for the Long Term Care Campus and the House of Corrections. According to project representatives, "The facility is projected to displace approximately 245,000 gallons of fuel oil consumption with 4,000 tons of wood chips. The savings to Rockingham County will be in excess of approximately \$400,000 per year, fluctuating with the price of oil." A slide show is available at http://www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH BComm/Energy/Lee Biomass Facility Study November 2013.pdf and a copy of the facility's fact sheet can be found at

http://www.wilsonengineeringservices.com/Rockingham Fact Sheet.pdf. The Lee Energy Committee has completed an energy audit of Lee's major municipal buildings, along with a feasibility study for a biomass heating facility. These documents can be viewed at the Lee Public Library and will soon be available online.

READY RIDES: VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The town of Lee now has a curb-to-curb Volunteer Transportation Assistance Program for our 55+ residents and residents with a disability that prevents them from driving. But we need drivers to make this program work. Drivers may choose when they'll provide rides. Drivers use their own vehicles, with a mileage stipend offered by READY RIDES. Drivers must be at least 25 years old, hold a valid driver's license with a favorable driving record and have a legally registered, inspected and insured vehicle. Applicants must complete a motor vehicle and criminal background check. Driver Orientation meetings are held frequently to begin this process.

Riders must complete a one-time Registration Form to be approved for eligibility to the program. Once approved, riders need to call at least one (1) week in advance of appointment to request a ride.

We hope you will volunteer to become a driver for our eligible residents in need. Please call 244-8719 now to learn more about becoming a driver or to request a Rider Registration form.



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

TICKETS FOR THE MARTH 9th FARMERS' BREAKFAST (SUPPORTING FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA) MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE LIBRARY!



EBSCOHOST

NoveList on Ebscohost allows you to search for your favorite author's books and then find read-alike authors and titles as well as books in a series. Visit the library's website by clicking on the link below, choosing **Reference Databases** and then **EBSCOHOST** to find **NoveList**. Call the library at 659-2626 for the User ID and Password. http://www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH_Library/index.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Lee Public Library is helping Mast Way Elementary's PTO by collecting box tops for the "Box Tops for Education" Program. Since 1996, the program has helped schools across America earn cash for the things they need. Box tops come from a wide variety of sources including paper towels, flour and more! To see other box top possibilities visit: http://www.boxtops4education.com/products/participating-products
Drop your box tops off at the library and help our school out!

OPEN STUDIO ART NIGHT FOR ADULTS 50+

Tuesdays beginning in March 5:15 - 7:30 pm

Come join a lively group of creative adults 50 +, who will be working on individual or group projects such as painting on slate, barrel staves, floor cloths or furniture; drawing or clay work and making greeting cards. Instruction for all projects is offered by the library's resident artist, Caroline West. Donations for adult open studio programs are greatly appreciated.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, March 10th 7:00 pm

"The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern. Get ready to be won over. . . Part love story, part fable, and a knockout debut. . . . So sparklingly alive, you'll swear the pages are breathing in your hands. . . . The Night Circus defies both genres and expectations." —The Boston Globe



GREAT BAY TIME BANK Monday, March 17th 7:00 pm

Do you need help with something? Can you offer services to help others? The Great Bay Time Bank is looking for new members. Come to the library to learn more about how a time bank works!



LIGHTHOUSES OF THE NH SEACOAST & SOUTHERN ME Tuesday, March 18th 7:00 pm Lee Safety Complex

Join author and lighthouse historian, Jeremy D'Entremont, as he presents an overview of the history of five local lighthouses; Boon Island Light, Cape Neddick "Nubble" Light, White Island Light at the Isles of Shoals, Whaleback Light, and Portsmouth Harbor Light. Each of these locations has rich human history, with tales of hardship and heroism—and even ghosts. Thank you to the Friends of Lee Public Library.



BIRDS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Saturday, March 22nd 10:30 am Lee Safety Complex

What makes birds different from other animals? Using mounted birds, feathers, wings, feet, beaks, nests and eggs, children K-4 and their families will learn about bird habitat and basic biology in this interactive program offered by the NH Audubon Society. A REAL redtailed hawk and peregrine falcon will be sure to steal the show!

Please register by calling the library at 659-2626. Thank you to the Friends of Lee Public Library.



BREWING, MEAD AND WINE MAKING – ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION

Monday, March 24th 7 pm Jeremiah Smith Grange

Come and learn about what goes into the process of brewing and wine making from experts: vintner Brian Ferguson, Annette Lee of Throwback Brewery in N. Hampton, Chuck Cox, nutritionist Julie McElhaney and a chef from Street Restaurant in Portsmouth.



PENQUIN PUPPET DROP-IN-CRAFT

Saturday, March 29th

Drop by and make a cute penguin puppet.

NH HUMANITIES PROGRAM "If I am Not for Myself, Who Will Be For Me?" George Washington's Runaway Slave Wednesday, April 2nd 7:00 pm Public Safety Complex

Oney Judge Staines, according to the Constitution, was only three-fifths of a person. To her masters, George and Martha Washington, she was merely "the girl." All she wanted was the freedom to control her own actions, but her account of escaping the Executive Mansion in Philadelphia, fleeing north and establishing a life in Portsmouth & Greenland NH is not a typical runaway story. Portrayed by Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, Oney's tale provides an alternative perspective on the new nation's social, political and economic development, from one whose personal experience so contradicted the promise of the principles embodied in the nation's founding documents. A living history presentation.

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

LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY: 24/7 LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

The library offers **FREE** and unlimited access to computer and Internet basics tutorials as well as popular software tutorials through **Learning Express Library**. These self-paced interactive tutorials offer beginners to advanced users the ability to track their progress and can be accessed anytime, from anywhere with an Internet connection. To find out more about how you can access Learning Express Library, call 659-2626 or stop by and ask one of the staff for more information. You can also visit the Learning Express Library link on the Lee Library website: http://www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH Library/index.

Please visit the following link to view the library's ongoing programs: http://www.leenh.org/pages/LeeNH LibraryCal/!formid=158

BOOKWORM DIGEST

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



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 – <u>CLICK HERE</u>!



LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DID YOU ATTEND A SCHOOL IN LEE?

Phyllis White is resuming her research on the history of education in Lee. If you attended a One Room Schoolhouse, the Town Hall, or Mast Way Schools, or if you are a former teacher or the owner of one of the town's Day Care/Nursery Schools, Phyllis would like to hear from you. She can be reached at 659-2883.

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 will now utilize the emergency notification system known as CODE RED. CLICK HERE for instructions. Please visit <u>leenh.org</u> to sign up!

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! The service is door-to-door. For reservations call 1-800-582-7214 or 659-2424 Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Lee residents are welcome to join us for our weekly shopping run to the Fox Run Mall, Wal-Mart and many other stops. The bus currently picks up at Lee Town Hall at 8:50 a.m. on Thursdays.

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**

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Location: 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 6:00 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency need please feel free to contact the Church office 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

STRAFFORD COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS HEALTH & SAFETY COUNCIL OF STRAFFORD COUNTY

The below web page link to the NHHS has some good information about Influenza - click on the "Senior" web page link for more information.

http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/influenza/index.htm



DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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



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 talk to one of our staff and learn more. For more information, visit www.straffordcap.org.



BITS of HISTORY from The NEWMARKET ADVERTISER

March 10, 1894 (Saturday)

The warm weather which prevailed this week has totally destroyed the sleighing. Up to March 5, we had 91 days of sleighing. Last Tuesday was the warmest day of the year; the thermometer registered 67 degrees in the shade. This is exceedingly warm weather for so early in the year.