TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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March 25, 2016

Lee News & Upcoming Events



SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH TOWN FIELD

Arrive at 8:45 am / Event starts at 9:00 am SHARP
Free to All Children of Lee
For more information call Larry Kindberg at 603-292-5790 or email larrykindberg@comcast.net

HOSTED BY THE RECREATION COMMISSION



ORHS & RELAY FOR LIFE PRESENTS BORN IN THE USA FASHION SHOW Friday, April 1st 6:30pm ORHS Auditorium

Come watch Oyster River High School students strut their stuff for a cure! Born in the USA Fashion Show will feature a prom collection from Club Boutique and Men's Wearhouse, and musical performances by the ORHS Studio Orchestra. Tickets are available at the door: \$10 for adult and \$7 for students/child. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Come help us finally finish the fight!

OPENINGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:

RECREATION, AGRICULTURAL and CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS
ADVISORY BUDGET, ENERGY, LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY, SENIOR ADVISORY,
and SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEES
PLANNING and ZONING BOARDS

CLICK HERE for Application

Hand deliver to Town Hall or email application to the

Town Secretary at dduval@leenh.org



New Sustainability Advisory Committee Seeking Applicants

With the successful passage of Lee Warrant Article #3: The Formation of a Sustainability Advisory Committee, the Lee Select Board is inviting interested residents to apply for membership on this new committee. Under the direction of the Lee Select Board, the committee will study cost-effective practices to create a sustainable, energy-efficient and resilient Town. The Committee shall be appointed by the Select Board by April 30, 2016 and shall be composed of 5-9 members, each serving for a term of 3 years. Working with other Town committees, commissions and personnel, the committee will establish a baseline measure of functions and services, such as facilities, procurement, transportation, fuel use and waste management; sharing results through community outreach and education programs. CLICK HERE for Application. Questions please call the Town Administrator Julie Glover at 659-5414 or Paul Gasowski at 659-5273.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES UPDATE



The Lee Hill Cemetery gates are now open for vehicle entry.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Lee Cemeteries Rules and Regulations
If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call Marianne
Banks, Cemetery Trustee Chair at 659-2792.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION WALK



Photo by Mike Marchand

THEY'RE BACK!!!

Twilight Frog Walk, Friday, April 1st 6:30pm Rain Date: Sunday, April 3rd 6:30pm Morning Frog Walk, Saturday, April 2nd 9:30am Rain Date: Sunday, April 3rd 9:30am Everyone meets at the Library. All ages welcome!

In vernal pools throughout Lee, wood frogs are out and quacking. Having spent the winter under leaf litter in the forests where they live, these small, cryptically marked, terrestrial frogs have emerged from hibernation and are making their way to vernal pools to breed. The only North American amphibian able to live above the Arctic Circle, the wood frog has mastered cryogenics - that is, it is able to withstand the freezing of 45-60% of its body during hibernation. During the winter each frog becomes, in effect, a frogcicle, lying quiescent, without respiration or heartbeat, until spring. With the return of warm temperatures, the frogs thaw and soon after begin migrating to the pools where they were born. Their breeding season is briefusually little more than a week or two to mate and lay several hundred eggs before returning to their woodland habitat. Anyone interested in learning more about wood frogs and vernal pools is invited to participate in one of our annual Frog Walks in the Town Forest.



GET YOUR COPY of the ANNUAL TOWN REPORT AT TOWN HALL, LIBRARY or TRANSFER STATION

It is also available at www.leenh.org under News & Events

250TH PROGRAMS & EVENTS CHECK OUT THE PASSPORT TO LEE PROGRAM CLICK HERE

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. The 250th Committee is co-sponsoring a series of events in March, April and May with several town organizations:

- →Saturday, March 26th is the Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Field at 9:00am.
- →Wednesday, April 6th is the "Lee in the 17th Century" presentation at the Safety Complex at 7:00pm.
- → Wednesday, May 4th is the "Mast Industry in Lee" presentation at the Safety Complex at 7:00pm.
- →Saturday, May 14th is the Annual Fishing Derby at Steven's Field
- → Monday, May 30th is the Memorial Day Parade

Our popular Lee 250 souvenirs will be sold at all events. They are also available at the Lee Library during all their open hours. In addition to the shirts, hats, bags, mugs, wine glasses, coins and wooden nickels there is locally made soap in a special Lee fragrance! Check out our website Lee250.com for more information on these events, the big anniversary weekend in July and our town history. We invite you to get involved. There's a lot to do!

A PARADE IS COMING!

July seems far away, but it is really just around the corner! 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.



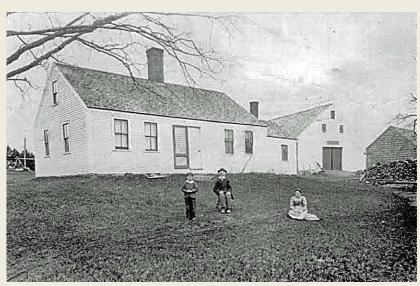
Lee Bicentennial Parade: Team with Mast Tree (1966)



The Lee Heritage Commission is building a digital photo repository for the benefit of the town's current and future generations.

As we celebrate Lee's Semiquincentennial year, the Lee Heritage Commission and the Lee 250th Committee are actively seeking photos that document Lee's social, architectural, and cultural heritage. In other words, old photos of people, places, events, activities, businesses, etc. If you have photos to share, please email us at heritage@leenh.org. We'll help you make digital copies of your photos, so you can keep your originals - unless you actually want to donate those photos to the town archives, in which case we'll gladly accept them!

This photo (below) has just been donated by Bob Munger and Jill Nooney of Bedrock Farm on High Road, one of Lee's six designated scenic roads. This shows their house in the late 1890's when it was owned by Benjamin Young Piper. Pictured in the photo (L-R) are Charles Amos Piper (Mr. Piper's grandson), Benjamin Young Piper, and a woman who might be Mr. Piper's housekeeper. Our thanks to Bob and Jill for sharing this photo!!



SUBMITTED BY THE LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

It's Spring! That means the Lee Historical Society will once more open its doors and begin offering programs. Our museum re-opens on Saturday, April 16^{th} from 10 am -2 pm and will be open every 3^{rd} Saturday through November. Please visit and explore the town exhibits, located in the Town Center, next to the Library. This year we welcome Grace, our junior docent, who will be joining us in the upstairs children's exhibits.

Our first program, in partnership with the Lee Library, will be our own David Meeker speaking about Lee in the 17th Century on Wednesday, April 6th at 7pm at the Safety Complex. With all the excitement of the Lee 250th Anniversary, this couldn't come at a better time. The talk promises to be interesting and there will be refreshments.

Whether you are a member or not, please join the Society at the Grange for our annual meeting and potluck dinner on Friday, April 15th, 6pm. You can get to know our current members, learn a little history, enjoy the ambience of a great old building and have a delicious meal. We will of course welcome new members and have several openings for board officers and directors.

Have you noticed the huge log sitting in front of Mast Way School? It's almost big enough to be one of those old masts that caused so much trouble in our town history. As the children of Mast Way know, that is exactly what it is! Come learn the history and about the 250th re-enactment that took place this past winter. Don Quigley will speak about the Mast Trade in Lee and the project video will be shown for our 2nd Historical Society/Library Program on Wednesday, May 4th, 7pm at the Safety Complex.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF LEE!!



PURCHASE AT PD FOR \$20 CASH OR CHECK



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7:00 – 8:30 pm with 'soil' related desserts Jeremiah Smith Grange, Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH

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

"ROBERT WADLEIGH, WADLEIGH FALLS AND THE ROYAL PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE" BY DAVID MEEKER

Wednesday, April 6th, 7:00 pm Public Safety Complex

David Meeker is a retired UNH professor of mathematics who moved to Wadleigh Falls in Lee in 1977. Dr. Meeker has developed a keen interest in 17th century New Hampshire history. NH became an independent English royal province in the 17th century at a time of great political instability in the English world: civil war, the execution of Charles I, Puritan government and the restoration of Charles II. Despite the distance and difficulties in travel and communication across the N. Atlantic, the events in England stimulated and were stimulated by events in New England. It is this 2-way interaction and the connections it had with Robert Wadleigh, his family and friends and his enemies that are the focus of this talk. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at the end of the program. Sponsored by the Lee Historical Society and the Lee Library.

THE FARM BREAKFAST HELD ON MARCH 13TH AT THE GRANGE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!







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A GREAT TIME WAS HAD AT "LEE REMEMBERS" ON MARCH 18TH AS WELL



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FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

For Residential Stationary Generator Installation & Safety go to: https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/bulletins/documents/2016-03-StationaryGeneratorSafety.pdf

For Portable Generator Safety Guidelines go to:

https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/bulletins/documents/2016-02-PortableGeneratorSafety.pdf

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

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.



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.

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2016

CLICK HERE for the minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting was

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH.

CLICK HERE for the FARM TO SCHOOL CENSUS PRESS RELEASE

GO TO https://farmtoschoolcensus.fns.usda.gov/find-your-school-district TO SEE HOW YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS DOING

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

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START APPLICATION DAY 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.



Strafford County Backyard Grower Programs

CLICK HERE for a list of upcoming programs All programs are open to the public and FREE

APPLE PRUNING DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday, April 6th 3:30 – 5:30pm Apple Annie's 66 Rowell Road East, Brentwood, NH

Anyone is invited. Suggested donation \$5. Dress for outdoor weather. The pruning demonstration has been approved by the Division of Pesticide Control for 1.5 pesticide recertification credits for private/commercial applicator. Contact Nada Haddad, Food and Agriculture Field Specialist at 679-5616 or <a href="mailto:e



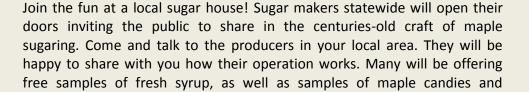
FRUIT PRUNING: APPLES, PEACHES, PEARS AND PLUMS WORKSHOP
FOR HOME GARDENERS
Saturday, April 9th, 10:00am – Noon
Gauthier Residence, 442 Teneriffe Road, Milton, NH
CLICK HERE for more information

NH Maple Sugaring Month

confections, coffee and doughnuts.



The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association will be hosting Maple Sugaring Month from March 12- April 3, 2016 and the 21ST Annual Maple Weekend on March 19TH – 20TH, 2016.





Massabesic Audubon Center Spring 2016 Garden Workshop Series with Ron Christie

March 16 - May 7, 2016 Massabesic Audubon Center 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, NH 9 Workshops in March & April



Improve the function of your garden while increasing yields, lowering costs and reducing your workload. We will talk about garden location & layout, seeds, plants, equipment & supplies, harvest, storage, and so much more. Instructor Ron Christie is passionate about teaching people how to grow their own nutritious organic food for better health and well-being. He is an avid four-season grower and loves sharing his experiences as a gardener and farmer. Ron is the Rockingham County Master Gardener Program Coordinator for UNH Cooperative Extension. He also runs Living Earth Farm, a certified organic vegetable and fruit farm in Brookline, NH. Click here for a flyer of all 9 workshops.

UNH Macfarlane Research Greenhouse Open House

Friday & Saturday, April 1st & 2nd UNH, Durham, NH



Ready to get out and start planting? Come welcome spring with a visit to the University of New Hampshire Macfarlane Research Greenhouses during the annual spring open house. Learn about creating pollinator gardens, natural pest control, permaculture, and incorporating more greens into your diet. A facility of the NH Agricultural Experiment Station, the UNH Macfarlane Research Greenhouses provide a venue for UNH faculty, staff and students to present colorful displays and educational lectures of interest to home gardeners and landscapers. Learn about creating pollinator gardens, natural pest control, permaculture, and incorporating more greens into your diet. Garden show-quality displays will showcase the landscape of Winnie the Pooh. Poster displays will detail the latest in UNH research on vegetable and fruit breeding, aquaponics and more. Click here for more information.



Saturday, April 9th from 8:00 am - 3:45 pm Prospect Mountain High School, Alton, NH

Workshop Tracks Include: Agriculture, Working with Communities, Outreach & Communication, Wildlife, Funding, Conservation Innovation and more!

Click here for more information about the conference and to register.



BACKYARD CHICKEN BASICS FREE WORKSHOP
Thursday, April 14th 6:30 – 8:30pm Rochester Public Library
CLICK HERE for flier



PASTURE & HAYFIELD REJUVENATION FREE WORKSHOP Friday, April 22nd 2:00 – 4:00pm The Clarke Farm, Epping, NH CLICK HERE for flier



SEACOAST VETERANS CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 9th, 8:00am – 2:00pm Service Credit Union, 3003 Lafayette Rd, Portsmouth, NH CLICK HERE for more information

LEARN THE SKILLS YOU NEED AT THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASS

Friday, May 6th at 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Saturday, May 7th & Sunday, May 8th at 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Dept of Environmental Services, 222 Intern'l Dr. Ste 175, Portsmouth
CLICK HERE for more information



FOR THE LATEST DATA CLICK HERE

http://nhkidscount.org/new-hampshire-kids-count-2015-data-book



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



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



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



Universal Class

Over 500 courses covering subjects including:

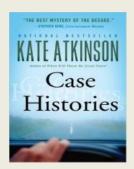
- *Computer Training
- *Personal Finance
- *Business
- *Pet and Animal Care
- *Professional Development
- *Health Services Training
- *Music and Painting and much more

The program features remote 24/7 access via the internet. Call your librarian for course listing and availability details at **659-2626**.



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



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm

"Case Histories" by Kate Atkinson

The novel is not your typical crime genre fare; it's also a series of family sagas with strong moral frameworks. Atkinson delineates each character with great empathy and depth, revealing his or her motivations, flaws, and healing. Copies of the book are available at the library. All are welcome to participate.



HEALTHY SOIL – REPAIRING SOIL Monday, April 25th at 7:00 pm Jeremiah Smith Grange

Dorn Cox, Director of Green Start and Daimon Meeh, Field Specialist, UNH are our featured speakers for the evening. Can crop rotation, cover and companion crops, using mixed agriculture help to repair our soil? What about no-till, strip-till or sub-soiling? Do soil amendments help? Join us for the evening to learn the answers.

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



IKEBANA: THE ART OF JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING Tuesday, April 26TH at 7:00 pm Lee Safety Complex

Holly O. Harris' formal training in the 330 year tradition of Japanese Flower Arranging began 15 years ago when she started lessons with Ritsuko Chojin in the Kittery Point Ikebana Ikenobo chapter. She has been an active member ever since. Ms. Harris will give a brief description of the philosophy and history of Ikebana. The presentation will feature her demonstration of an Ikebana arrangement.



BABYSITTING CLASS
Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 am

This course is designed to certify kids who are looking to, or already babysit. They will get a CPR and First Aid certification, learn about safety, how to handle emergencies, care and feeding of infants and children, the business aspects of being a babysitter, and more. All students will receive a Babysitting certification. Fee is \$35. Please bring lunch, drink and snack to class.

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 April 6th & April 20th 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.



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/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 <u>leenh.org</u> to sign up!



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 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!