TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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April 1, 2016

Lee News & Upcoming Events

BIG SNOW THIS WEEKEND!!!



→HA HA APRIL FOOLS!



ORHS & RELAY FOR LIFE PRESENTS BORN IN THE USA FASHION SHOW

Friday, April 1st 6:30pm ORHS Auditorium

Come watch ORHS 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 available at the door: \$10 for adult & \$7 for students/child. All proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society. Come help finish the fight!



PUBLIC DOCK AT DURGIN PERSERVE OPENS TODAY

Durgin Preserve, located on Rita Lane, is accessed from Clement Way off of Calef Highway. Please be advised that swimming is at your own risk and boating access is limited to carry in canoes, kayaks, or rowboats only.

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



Applicants Needed: Sustainability Advisory Committee

The new Sustainability Advisory Committee (Warrant Article #3) is accepting applications for prospective members; however, the application period will be closing soon. Interested residents are invited to apply for membership on this committee. Applications are available online or at the Town Hall. Working together, the Select Board, Town Administrator Julie Glover and Paul Gasowski, a signatory to Warrant Article #3 (Sustainability Committee), have developed a schedule for organizing and starting the Sustainability Committee by April 30th. Under the direction of the Lee Select Board, the committee will study cost-effective practices to create a sustainable, energyefficient and resilient Town. In collaboration 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 and share results through community outreach and education programs. CLICK HERE for an Application. Questions please call the Town Secretary Denise Duval 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

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.



ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 5th 7-8:00 pm Public Safety Complex Guest Speaker – Venu Rao, Hollis Energy Committee Chair



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 April & May:

- → Wednesday, April 6th is the "Lee in the 17th Century" presentation by Dave Meeker at the Safety Complex at 7:00pm.
- →Wednesday, May 4th is the "Mast Industry in Lee" presentation by Don Quigley 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 and 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 www.Lee250.com.

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.

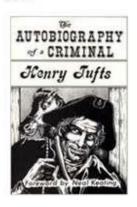


Books That Made Lee Famous . . . Or . . . Infamous! Just a (Really Short) Recommended Reading List for Our 250th Year!

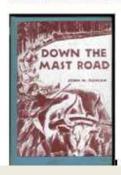
The Autobiography of a Criminal: Henry Tufts There's an entertaining article by J. Dennis Robinson (in SeacoastNH.com.) that gives the gist of this book:

http://www.seacoastnh.com/History/History-Matters/henry-tufts-wrote-first-americancriminal-autobiography/?start=1

Said to be the first autobiography of an American Criminal, this very enlightening book – first published in 1807 – would probably have made career criminal Henry Tufts of Lee, NH very happy were he alive today. I found a copy of the 1807 imprint for sale on ABE Books for \$5,500.00. The average used 1930 reprint still sells for about \$15.00 each!



Down the Mast Road - A Novel by John Duncan (1956) Yup, that would be our Mast Road! There's a plot summary available in Kirkus Reviews: "A story of New England in 1775 bravely and stoutly portrays a boy's part in an incident which had its bearing on the beginning of the U.S. Navy. Obje Merritt, whose father has already gone to sea, is asked by Major Twombly to take his oxen and help drag a huge tree from: one of the Major's New Hampshire properties down to Durham where the tree will be used for a mast, Obje is fourteen and anxious to work and prove himself. His own self confidence, a bit too big as is Obje himself for his age, trips him up during the haul, but he learns from his stumbles and is able to shoulder the responsibility for an accident and, along with the mast he has helped carry to the sea, the new United States Navy under John Paul Jones". https://www.kirkusreviews.com/bookreviews/john-duncan/down-the-mast-road/



And for the children, there's <u>The Story of Peter Little Bear</u> (2005) by David Allen and Leslie Hamilton

If you have other "Lee-centric" books to recommend, please post them on the Lee Heritage Commission

Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/LeeHeritageCommission

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LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE



Mark your calendar for the Annual Lee Historical Society Meeting. We will meet at the Grange on Friday, April 15th at 6:00pm. You don't have to be a member to come enjoy the Oyster River High School Guitar Class presenting several selections. Bring a dish to share in our Pot-Luck dinner. A short meeting will follow to update everyone on the past year and future plans of the Society. No reservations are necessary and it's free.

We will also co-host two spring programs with the Lee Library. On Wednesday, April 6th Dave Meeker will present a program about 17th Century Lee and on May 4th, Don Quigley will present the video of our recent Mast Tree Project and speak about the colonial mast trade. More information about these programs is available at www.Lee250.com.

The Lee Historical Society Museum will be open on Saturday April 16th from 10-2. Come learn about Lee and meet our newest docent, Grace, who will be available for information in the upstairs children's area. Our regular open hours are every 3rd Saturday from April to November.

As always we are looking forward to welcoming new members. We have lots of ideas, but sometimes not enough people to carry them out. Please consider joining us and donating your time in a fun way. You don't have to know the town's history to get involved. We have tasks for many skills and interests.

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

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. CLICK HERE 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.



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



CLICK HERE for BURN PERMIT CHECKLIST CLICK HERE for ONLINE FIRE PERMIT PRESS RELEASE

GO TO <u>www.nhfirepermit.com</u> to obtain a fire permit online. <u>CLICK</u>

HERE for <u>CodeRED</u> 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.



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

HANNAFORD HELPS REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM SUPPORT MCGREGOR MEMORIAL EMS



McGregor Memorial EMS has been selected to be a part of the exciting and innovative *Hannaford Helps* Reusable Bag Program, designed to support local nonprofits like McGregor. For every blue *Hannaford Helps* Reusable Bag with the good karma messaging purchased at the Hannaford Durham store during the month of April, \$1 is donated to our cause in order to help us continue to serve the local communities. We continually appreciate all the support you give, which has allowed McGregor to maintain the outstanding work we do. The *Hannaford Helps* Reusable Bag Program provides an opportunity for a simple and fun way to continue this support! Imagine if every one of our supporters purchases just ONE bag! What if everyone bought TWO! AND, purchasing these beautiful blue *Hannaford Helps* Reusable Bags will support us while also helping to eliminate paper/plastic use!

Please pass this exciting news on to your friends and family. Let them know that the blue *Hannaford Helps* Reusable Bags with the good karma message are located on the reusable bag rack and at various registers. Thank you so much for your continued support.

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

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.



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 email with questions.



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

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.



Join the fun at a local sugar house! Sugar makers statewide will open their doors inviting the public to share in the centuries-old craft of maple sugaring. Come and talk to the producers in your local area. They will be happy to share with you how their operation works. Many will be offering free samples of fresh syrup, as well as samples of maple candies and confections, coffee and doughnuts.



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

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



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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:

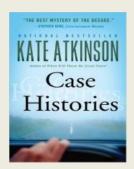
- *Computer Training
- *Personal Finance
- *Business
- *Pet and Animal Care
- *Professional Development
- *Health Services Training
- *Music and Painting and much more

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 — 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 <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!