TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Lee News & Upcoming Events



Watch Courting Woodcocks on Earth Day at the Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary Friday, April 22nd 7:00 PM – Earth Day Saturday, April 23rd 7:00 PM

What better way to celebrate Earth Day and springtime than an evening spent viewing sky dancing woodcock at the beautiful Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary. With moonrise occurring at 8:05, we'll be able to enjoy a view of the sanctuary bathed in the ethereal light of the full, Sprouting Grass Moon, whose bright light may entice the woodcock to extend their spectacular courtship performance well past twilight time. We'll also keep an ear out for barred owl duets, the gorgeous song of the hermit thrush and cardinal pairs calling to each other as color drains from the world.

Join us for an evening at the Joe Ford Preserve on Garrity Road and experience some of the sights and sounds of early spring. The viewing area is a short walk along the field edge, which is somewhat rough and mounded; sturdy shoes are suggested. Spring evenings can still be quite cool, so check the forecast, and dress accordingly. Feel free to bring a folding chair and binoculars if you have them. This event is sponsored by the Lee Conservation Commission. All ages are very welcome, but children must be able to stand or sit quietly as noises and sudden motion may disrupt the woodcock and other critters.

Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary is located about 1/2 mile on the right from Mast Road. The entrance is through a white board fence. There will be an event sign posted. Parking permitted along roadside.



FINGERPRINTING EVENT

With the Lee Police Department and Billy the Bear Northeast Credit Union, 145 Calef Highway, Lee Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 am – 11:00 am CLICK HERE for flier



HEALTHY SOIL, HEALTHY LEE: BUILDING SOIL HEALTH

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



PUBLIC DOCK AT DURGIN PERSERVE NOW OPEN

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. Applications are available online or at 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. Under the direction of the Lee Select Board, the committee will study cost-effective practices to create a sustainable, energy-efficient 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.

APRIL SELECT BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 25th at 6:00 pm – Public Hearing & Meeting
Go to www.leenh.org for more Town meeting dates
Go to http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH LibraryCal/?formid=158
for the Library Calendar



COME WALK WITH THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO SEE CONSERVED LANDS IN LEE! EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

Residents are invited to join members of the Conservation Commission any Wednesday morning from now until early fall while they conduct site walks on the Town's conserved properties. Some of these lands are owned by the Town, but most of them are privately owned and protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement. If you'd like to participate, call the Town Secretary, Denise Duval, at 659-5414. We meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 8:45 am, dressed for walking in the woods. Standard precautions for ticks & mosquitoes are advised. Walks take 1½-2 hrs.



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.

COLONIAL CLOTHING PROGRAM

Saturday, April 30, 2016 1:00 pm Public Safety Complex Presented by Jennifer Roy

Have you heard about Settler's JubiLee? In August Flagg Hill Winery will play host to a unique town event. Including local foods and entertainment, we will have an old fashioned dinner dance. Period clothing is optional, but if you would like to get into the spirit of the evening wearing 1766 style clothing, we have a program for you to help put it together. Jennifer Roy is a member of the Dearborn Company, New Hampshire Militia. This is the re-enactment group which helped us with the Mast Tree Programs and will be encamping during our Parade Weekend in July. Whether you plan to join us at Settler's JubiLee or just have an interest in period clothing, please join us for this free program.

Mast Tree Program Wednesday, May 4, 2016 7:00 pm Public Safety Complex Presented by Don Quigley

First there was the "Tar and Feather Event", when a King's Agent was caught in the Church Forest, identifying a tree with the "King's Broad Arrow Mark", and was subsequently stripped to the waist, tarred and feathered. Although the historic accounts were anything but fun for the King's agent and towns-people, the re-enactment, aided by the Dearborn Company, (New Hampshire Colonial Brigade) was great fun. Then, Don Quigley led the Mast Way boys and girls on an adventure into town history. Using 18th century tools, an appropriate tree was chosen, marked and later felled in a tradition going back to New England's earliest history under the British Crown. The felled tree was chained to several pairs of oxen, and dragged to its permanent location in front of the school. Would you like to see the process and learn about the industry that gave its name to our main road and school? On May 4th you have that opportunity! Breakaway Media, created a short documentary video for our town.



Annual Fishing Derby Saturday May 14th



Memorial Day Parade May 30th

A Parade is Coming And We Need You

July is only 3 months away so you need to begin planning your float!

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 on a float! Information and applications are available on our website.

We've added several items to our inventory of Semiquincentennial Souvenirs. Commemorative coins in Gold, Silver and Bronze appearance are now available. Beautiful wine glasses, sporting our logo, have just arrived. Our coffee mugs are popular sellers, as are the many color and style shirts, including t's, long sleeve polos and hoodies. Hats and canvas bags continue to sell well. These are available at all of our events, as well as in the Lee Library.

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: www.lee250.com



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HISTORY SNIPPETS FROM THE NEWMARKET ADVERTISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1894.

LEE

Spring poets never mention the kind of weather we had Sunday, in their sonnets.

George Smith had a fur robe stolen from his wagon in Newmarket early Monday evening.

One young man predicts that even here in Lee there will be electric lights blooming along the highway in a not far-off future, he having observed its workings in other towns.

The Newmarket Advertiser was a weekly newspaper, published by F. H. Pinkham from 1880 – 1932. Every edition of the Newmarket Advertiser carried columns of news from Lee in addition to news columns from surrounding towns. These articles give us a sneak peek into the everyday lives of the people who lived in Lee during those years.

We invite you to share posts on our Facebook page. Every day "History" grows and stretches to include what happened just yesterday! https://www.facebook.com/LeeHeritageCommission/

SPONSORED BY THE LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE



ANNUAL LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER

Friday, April 15th 6:00 pm at the Grange Hall

Please join us at the Grange tonight! The ORHS Guitar class will be providing entertainment before dinner. 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. After the meal we will have a very brief meeting to let folks know about our past year and future plans. We welcome new members and have several openings for board officers and directors. Whether you are a member or not, please join us for a fun evening.

This Saturday, April 16th, the Lee Historical Society Museum will open its doors for the first time this year from 10 am - 2 pm. Our exhibits include artifacts from our earliest residents, kitchen gadgets through the ages, ice harvesting on our ponds and rivers, the Mast Tree Trade and the railroad which once ran through town where Route 125 is now. Kids will especially enjoy our upstairs exhibits including a replica one-room school, Great-Grandma's toy shelves, clothing to look at and some to try on and tools that helped create and care for them. Admission is free. This year we welcome Grace, our junior docent, who will be joining us in the upstairs children's exhibits. We will be open every 3rd Saturday from April through November.

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 through 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 premiered. Join us for our 2nd Historical Society/Library Program on Wednesday, May 4th, 7 pm at the Safety Complex.

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



PURCHASE AT THE LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR \$20 CASH OR CHECK



FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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



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

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START APPLICATION DAY

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.

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



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

PENNICHUCK CORPORATION

CLICK HERE for Letter Re: Annual Meeting
CLICK HERE for Annual Meeting Notice & Proxy Statement

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.



Strafford County Backyard Grower Programs

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a list of upcoming programs

All programs are open to the public and FREE

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.

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



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



BABYSITTING CLASS Saturday, April 16th at 10:30 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.



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.



FROGGIE FUN-VACATION WEEK CRAFT

We'll be hearing peepers again soon. Stop by the library (April 23-30) and make a frog friend to take home with you.



MUSICIAN KEITH MUNSLOW
Thursday, April 28th 10:30am Lee Safety Complex

Join us for musician Keith Munslow's rollicking, interactive show. You will be delighted with his unique mix of funny, original songs and stories.

This performance is cosponsored by the Friends of the Lee library and the Madbury and Durham public libraries.

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 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!