TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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MAST WAY LANDSCAPING PROJECT

The Mast Way School is redoing their front gardens and we'd love your help.

Here are some ways to get involved: Stop by our plant sale at the May Fair TODAY, Friday, May 3rd from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm or sign up to sponsor a new plant, http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084BACA729 A20-sponsor or stop by Pawtuckaway Nurseries at 301 Calef Highway to make a donation to the Mast Way account.

The goal of the new landscape plan is to highlight the beautiful mosaics created by the students of Mast Way (Thank you Mast Way Art Teacher Mrs. Hastings!) and have plants whose beauty is at their peak during the spring and fall when they can best be enjoyed by the school community. At the same time, we would like to simplify the gardens so that maintenance currently done by limited volunteers can be returned to the school district. The complete plan can be viewed on a bulletin board in the Mast Way lobby.

TECH RECYCLING FOR OYSTER RIVER ROBOTICS

Oyster River High School's FIRST robotics team, River's Edge Robotics, will be holding the 2nd annual tech-cycle event. After a very successful event last year, we have decided to hold the event again. It will take place in the senior parking lot at Oyster River High School on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. THIS WEEKEND!

If you have any electronics or appliances that you don't use anymore, bring it here! This includes TVs, phones, computers, DVD players, refrigerators, appliances, anything that beeps, and almost ANYTHING metal. We will look through the items to see if any would be useful for our team. All personal data will be removed, of course. Other items will be recycled and the components and raw materials will be used to keep them out of dumps and landfills. Although we would never require a fee, there is a suggested donation per item that will help benefit the team.

It is great for the Oyster River community because it takes electronics to a safe place, as well as benefiting one of the few STEM clubs/programs available for high-school students in the district. If you have any questions, please contact team advisor Nate Oxnard (noxnard@orcsd.org). Hope to see you there!



FISHING DERBY Saturday, May 11th Stevens Farm on Tuttle Road

Grab your fishing pole and come on down to the Stevens Farm for a fun morning of fishing. No license required if you are a youth participating in this event.

Prizes for the first fish caught, biggest fish, etc. Lines go in when the bell is rung at 9:00 am. Event ends at noon followed by a fish fry (hot dogs) at the Fire Station. Call 659-5414 to register.

SEACOAST BIKE/WALK TO WORK WEEK

May $13^{th} - 17^{th}$, 2013

Bike/Walk to Work Day - FRIDAY, MAY 17th!

Stop in on your ride or walk to work for a free breakfast donated by local businesses. Ten Locations: Dover City Hall; the Whittemore Center in Durham; the Bandstand in Exeter; **STEVENS FIELD in LEE**; the Bike Factory in Newmarket; Gus' in North Hampton; Grill 28 at Pease; Market Square in Portsmouth; the Public Library in Rye; Timberland in Stratham! <u>CLICK HERE</u> for all of the information about Bike/Walk events.



Do you have a BIG idea for a Small Grant?

The Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee is seeking creative, hard-working individuals or groups to apply for small grants that help to spread the word about the Lamprey River. The committee seeks projects whose goal is outreach that highlights protection of the river's outstanding wildlife & ecology, history, recreation, or other attributes.

Past projects: videos; town trail planning & mapping; land & soil conservation education; water conservation education and making rain barrels; mapping historic mill sites; on-site septic system reviews for landowners; Lamprey River Curriculum revision; creation of a lending library of tools to remove invasive plants.

Projects need to address an issue identified in the Lamprey River Management Plan. Visit lampreyriver.org/about-us-2007-mgmt-plan-revision. Grants up to \$5000 will be considered for the best proposals. Please note that not more than 10% of the grant budget can go toward overhead costs.

The deadline for applications is **May 17, 2013**. Details for the Small Grants Program can be found at http://www.lampreyriver.org/about-us-2013-small-grants-program or contact Sharon Meeker at s-meeker@comcast.net or 659-5441. We are happy to discuss potential projects.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT LEE CHURCH

Friday, May 24th 1:00-6:00 pm Please donate if you are able. For more info call 659-2861.

FROM COMMANDER DALE HARDY VFW POST 10676

The Post will again be coordinating the Memorial Day parade. Any groups who wish to participate should form at the town hall at 12:45 pm on Monday, May 27th.

We are always looking for new members so bring your DD214 to any of our meetings at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of each month at the Flag Hill Winery.

The Post is still collecting old, unserviceable flags to be disposed of. They may be dropped off at Flag Hill Winery during their business hours. We will have a flag burning this fall to properly retire them.

SALE OF TAX DEEDED LAND

The Town of Lee, NH is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following properties that were acquired by Tax Deed:

Map 35-3-1 Wadleigh Falls Road Map 35-3-6 Wadleigh Falls Road Map 5-9-11 Old Mill Road

There is **no** required minimum acceptable bid.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2013, in the Offices of the Selectmen, Town Hall 7 Mast Road, Lee, NH 03861 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a package with further information on the conditions of sale and property maps.

FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEE LEE'S HISTORY COME ALIVE

We are planning to reschedule a "Living-history event" for early June at Ye Old Parish Cemetery on the corner of Mast Road and Garrity Road. You will learn about the people of Lee during the 18th century.

CALLING ALL ACTORS and ACTRESSES: adults and college or high school students! Please contact Phyllis (659-2883) or Jan (292-6143), if you would like to take part in this exciting event.

FROM THE TRANSFER STATION

We have compost for your gardens! It is labeled as "soil" to prevent residents from leaving their incoming compostable material with our aged compost. Please note, incoming compostable material goes in the bunker marked "Leaves & Yard Waste". We also have wood chips that are donated by Orion Tree. The pile of wood chips is located to the right of our compost pile.

The Swap Shop has been a busy place with the weather being so nice. We bid a fond farewell to Swap Shop volunteer Bill Loizides. Bill and his wife are moving south! Nadean and new volunteer Roberta will be filling in.

Occasionally a resident has come to drop off a Bulky Fee item and did not have cash on hand. We allowed an "I.O.U." for a few days. **Effective May 1st can no longer make this accommodation.** All fees must be paid at the time of the transaction. Acceptable forms of payment are cash and checks. Thank You for your cooperation.

In the last two weeks the Transfer Station has shipped a half a trailer of our #1 and #2 plastic (sharing the trailer with the Town of Wolfeboro) this brought in \$5,525! We also shared a trailer with the Town of Nottingham and shipped a half a load of steel cans, bringing in \$1,781!

Thank You for Recycling! Roger, Chip, Gary and Scott.

MEMO FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Governor and Executive Council met on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House in Concord and considered and agenda of approximately 117 items.

CLICK HERE to view the memo.

TOWN FOREST TRAILS

In the past year, it has been noted that several trails in the Lee Town Forest have been altered or re-configured without approval from the Conservation Commission. Of particular concern are alterations and reconfigurations made to the Yellow Trail. Because most of the Town Forest trail system is on land protected by conservation easement, disturbance of topography, wetlands, soils, or natural habitat is largely prohibited. As changes to the trail system could easily involve such prohibited disturbances, prior approval by the Lee Conservation Commission is required before any such change is undertaken.

Various scouting groups and others have approached the Conservation Commission with proposals for projects such as clearing debris from established trails, rebuilding bridges, re-painting trail blazes, and, on occasion, rerouting a specific leg of a particular trail. In each instance the interested party has met with the Commission, walked the trail in question with members of the Commission, and carried out the project with members of the Commission present to provide oversight and assistance.

Anyone wishing to undertake such a project within the confines of the Town Forest or other lands under conservation easement is asked to first consult with, and receive approval from, the Conservation Commission.

Questions regarding the trails and the Town Forest may be directed to Catherine Fisher 659-2574 and Toni Hartgerink 659-2269.

JOIN THE LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Lee Fire & Rescue Department is always looking for new members. If you would like to join the Department please stop by the Safety Complex Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or during one of our training meetings, which are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you would like to: Make a difference in your community; Help others in a time of need; Establish lasting connections with your neighbors; Provide support to the Department, then becoming a Firefighter or Emergency Medical Technician could be the perfect way for you to get involved.

Being a member of the Lee Fire and Rescue Department has a number of benefits. There are multiple opportunities to grow within our organization. Your community recognizes that you play a vital role. With your successful participation, your experience can be used as a job reference and resume builder.

FIREFIGHTERS and EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHS

Expand your horizons, your sense of community, and your job skills. Experience is not required; we will provide you with all necessary training. Responders need not be available during the day, and all training is scheduled to accommodate the working person's schedule. Respond to a variety of emergency calls. Receive full training and all equipment at the Department's expense. We need people who are willing to make a long-term commitment to the Department and the community, whose hearts beat a little faster at the sound of a siren, and who desire to do something a bit out of the ordinary with their lives.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Time commitment? As much time as you can afford. The Department meets 3 Thursdays each month for training and activities. Firefighters and EMTs respond to emergencies as they are able.

Age limit? An individual can become a firefighter or EMT at the age of 18 and continue on as long as they wish to be an active member. Our longest standing active member joined the Lee Fire Department 30 years ago.

Training? Training is available for Firefighters and EMTs. Both classes are about 4 months long and based on adult continuing education principles. Training occurs after work (regular business hours) and weekends.

LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOK SALE THIS WEEKEND!!!

Saturday, May 4^{th} 9:00 am -2:00 pm

All books are 6 for \$1.00 or 20ϕ each, unless otherwise marked. Some DVDs now available. We are once again accepting books for our book sale. They must be in very good shape, no yellowed pages, musty smell or textbooks. Only two grocery bags at a time please.

HENNA BODY ART WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 11th 10:30 am - Noon Grades 7-12

Learn the history of henna body art as used in ceremony, ritual and medicine as well as the various designs used in different cultures. Learn how to mix henna and after choosing/creating a design, paint away! This workshop is taught by herbalist and henna tattoo artist Melissa Morrison.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain Monday, May 13th 7:00 pm

"Exquisitely evocative. This absorbing, illuminating book gives us an intimate view of a sympathetic and perceptive woman, the striving writer she married, the glittering and wounding Paris circle they were part of. . . . McLain reinvents the story of Hadley and Ernest's romance with the lucid grace of a practiced poet."—*The Seattle Times*

JOIN THE GREEN TEAM!

Tuesday, May 14th 6:00 pm

Become part of the global warming solution. Join other Lee families to form a Green Team! The team will meet for 4-5 sessions at the library to learn how to lower one's carbon footprint, save energy and money. Using the workbook, "Low Carbon Diet", participants will discover how to dramatically reduce energy use and how to calculate CO2 emissions. For further information call Noel Jost-Coq at 603-292-5667. To register, call the Lee Library at 659-2626. Sponsored by the Lee Public Library and the Lee Energy Committee.

BARBERSHOP QUARTET

Wednesday, May 15th 7:00 pm

"Whatever Four Barbershop Quartet" is composed of four members of the Dover Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, the Seacoast Men of Harmony. In addition to singing with the SMH they like to perform as a quartet and enjoy singing songs in the uniquely American genre of the barbershop style. Barbershop is as American as jazz and baseball and uses a four note chord which is what makes it sound so unique. Thank you to the Friends of the Lee Public Library for sponsoring this fun event!

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT: "Grains & Smart Shopping"

Monday, May 20th 7:00 pm

Jeremiah Smith Grange

Please join us for the very last session of this series!

Explore the growing and use of local grain, its nutritional value and how to use this food in cooking. Also look at ways to shop smart using local farmers markets, CSA's and grocery stores.

DEVICE ADVICE

Wednesday, May 22nd 7:00 pm

What kind of device do you have? Whether it is a Nook, an Ipad or a Kindle, come and share your questions and your answers! Please call the library at 659-2626 and let us know which device you will be bringing so we will be better prepared to answer questions!

MUSIC

If you would be interested in the ability to download music from your local library please respond by sending an email to Sharon Taylor, leelibrary@comcast.net
Thank you!

COMPUTER & INTERNET BASICS

If you are interested in learning computer basics...application basics, organizing data, social media (Facebook, etc.), web tools, protecting yourself online, please call 659-2626 and ask for Sharon. Or send an email to leelibrary@comcast.net

MAY ARTIST/ARTISAN OF THE MONTH

Jean Nelson lives in Lee with her family. She loves the outdoors and enjoys capturing wildlife and scenery in her photography. New Hampshire is such a captivating setting. Jean feels privileged to live in an area so rich in nature's beauty. Please stop by to see the newest artwork starting the first of May.

TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS...OH MY!

The library has two 10x10 pop-up tents you may borrow for your spring and summer events! Also 2 six foot banquet tables, two four foot banquet tables and ten chairs! Call 659-2626 to reserve.



DVDS COMING SOON!

Silver Lining Playbook The Guilt Trip Night of the Living Dead Jack Reacher

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 that the Friends of Lee Library support 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> to fill out the form and mail it or drop it off at the library.

LEE FARMER'S MARKET

June 6 through September Thursdays 3:00 – 6:00 pm Located at the Old Fire Station: corner of Mast Rd and Recycling Center Rd. Market Master Dick Babcock 659-9329

Items will include: vegetables, cheese, bakery, honey, pork, lamb, canola oil, beef, flowers, crafts, soaps, fudge, eggs, pesto, garlic, seasonal fruits and plants!

BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE

The Backvard Farming Initiative is an effort sponsored by the Town of Lee Agricultural Commission to foster a greater understanding and participation in, the Town's long history farming activities. The mission isto provide understanding of and appreciation the unique characteristics of Lee's existing working landscapes.

The Backyard Farming Initiative has hosted hands-on, neighbor-to-neighbor lectures, demonstrations, and round table discussions designed to provide easy to understand information.

The Backyard Farming Initiative wants to hear from you! Do you have a question that our panel of experts can assist you with? Do you have an idea for a workshop? Are you involved in Lee's long tradition of working landscapes and would be willing to share your experiences & knowledge? Please contact us at bfi@leenh.org.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FARM BROCHURE EAT LOCAL – LEE!

With the local growing season almost upon us, residents and visitors to our town now have a guide to Lee's farmers and food producers. The Town of Lee Agriculture and Farm brochure, a project of the Lee Agricultural Commission, is now available. Copies of the brochure are available at the Lee Public Library, the Town Hall and at the Lee Farmers Market, which begins Thursday afternoons in May.

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view the brochure.

KNOW YOUR FARMERS – KNOW YOUR FOOD!



Photo courtesy of http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=1901+shoe+factory

BITS of HISTORY from THE NEWMARKET ADVERTISER May 24, 1901

*At the second meeting of the stockholders of the shoe factory, Saturday, it was decided to neither convert it into a summer hotel or dump it into the river, but let it remain in status quo; and the one holding the most interest in it, to pay the taxes.

*The South Lee School is closed this week, on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Annie Lang.

*All danger of a water famine is averted.

*Irving Chesley is building an addition to his already spacious farm house.

*While assisting on the highway several days ago, Guy Glidden strained the ligaments, and otherwise injured a leg, so that he is obliged to use crutches. The doctor says it will be some time before he can walk without supports.

*Man cannot live by meat alone, but we guess the Newmarket butchers think we do, as three "meat chariots" from there graced our roads last week.

Submitted by Road Agent Randy Stevens, who has been researching Lee's history in his spare time. Thanks Randy!

DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A drop-off box for unused and unwanted prescription drugs provides Lee residents a safe way to dispose of medications. Unwanted and unused prescription drugs may be dropped off anytime at the Lee Public Safety Complex at 20 George Bennett Road.

MEETING CALENDAR

To view the meeting calendar on leenh.org **CLICK HERE**

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 6:00 - 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.

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. CLICK HERE to view meetings and videos online through the media site at leenh.org.



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.