

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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May 4, 2018

Lee News & Upcoming Events



ANNUAL FISHING DERBY
Saturday, May 12th 9:00am
Stevens Farm, 28 Tuttle Road

FISH FRY
Following Derby, 12:00 am
Little River Park

Both are **FREE and open to all Lee Residents**
Fishing licenses are not required

The Stevens family has once again generously offered the use of their farm on Tuttle Road for the 26th Annual Lee Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 12, 2018. The event, sponsored by the Lee Recreation Commission, is open to all children and grandchildren of Lee residents. Anglers do not need a fishing license, but must be under the age of 16. (Children as young as a 1 ½ have participated and, yes, even caught a fish or two.)

Those of you who have attended previous Derbies know that the Stevens' farm on the banks of the Little River is the perfect site for a sunny (or even rainy—the fish really bite in the rain) spring morning of dancing lines and leaping trout.

Hooks hit the water at precisely 9 am (but you may come any time before noon) and there will be an award for the 1st catch of the day. Prizes will also be awarded for biggest single fish as well as largest weight and length combined. New Hampshire Fish and Game rules apply - your limit is five fish.

It is requested, but not necessary, to register for the derby by calling the Town Hall at 659-5414 or Cynthia at 659-2046. Registration automatically enters your child in a drawing for the fishing pole, tackle box and other prizes. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a working farm so please remind your children to be respectful of fences, animals and equipment. Trash is carry-in, carry-out.

The Fish Fry will be held at Little River Park at noon. Bring your trout to the park and cook it on the grill. There will be free hot dogs and hamburgers for anyone whose fish got away. You don't need to participate in the derby to come to the Fish Fry, but we ask that you call to let us know you're coming. Bring your Frisbee, guitar, baseball glove or whiffle ball and enjoy the day.

NH DRA's ANNUAL LOW & MODERATE HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief provisions are designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain taxpayers. NH residents who own a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax, resided in the homestead as of April 1st of the year for which the claim for relief is being made, and have a total household income of \$20,000 or less if a single person (or \$40,000 or less if married or head of household) may apply for property tax relief during the filing period - **after May 1, 2018, but no later than June 30, 2018.** Find out more information by going to the Department of Revenue Administration's [website](#).

Form DP-8, Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief:
<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm>

MAY SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **May 7th & 21st** starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on **You Tube** at www.media.leenh.org



Low Carbon Diet - Group Meetings
Monday, May 14th, Tuesday, May 29th,
Monday, June 11th, Monday, June 25th
7:00 pm Public Safety Complex 2nd Floor



Would you like to lose 5000lbs of carbon emissions per year from your household?

How? One change at a time following the "Low Carbon Diet."

The "Low Carbon Diet" is a workbook written and published by the Empowerment Institute (<http://www.empowermentinstitute.net/>) that helps individuals and families reduce household carbon emissions from recycling to conserving water to changing to a renewable electricity supplier and more. The book is often studied in small groups that encourage and support – and empower – each other over the course of four group meetings. Workbooks are free to Lee households while supplies last!

Go to http://leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH_BComm/SustainabilityComm/index

CLICK on **LOW CARBON INFORMATION SESSION MOVIE** under **Additional Links** to view the 'Information Session' video.

For more information:

- ☐ LowCarbonDiet.SENH@gmail.com
- ☐ On Facebook at "Low Carbon Diet - Seacoast NH"

The Lee Sustainability Committee and Lee Energy Committee are co-sponsors of this series.

American Red Cross



This Spring, renew hope.
Donate blood or platelets.
Your donation can
help save lives.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Friday, May 18th 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Lee Church Congregational

Blood donor card or valid ID is required to donate. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code LEECONGREGATIONAL. **All presenting donors will be served free pizza from Pizza Spinners!**



**American
Red Cross**

KEEP
CALM
AND
GARDEN
ON

BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE
2018 Home Garden Series
Jeremiah Smith Grange Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH

Monday, May 21st When to harvest. Presented by Kristin Cisneros
How long is the growing season, planning for a continual harvest. Help my harvest is great! What do I do with it? Harvesting, preserving, freezing & fermentation and keeping root cellars.

Series presented by members of the Lee Community and moderated by Chuck Cox and Don Quigley. Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, Sustainability Committee and Public Library. For more information call the Library, 659-2626 or leelibrary@comcast.net.

2018 LITTLE RIVER PARK CONCERT SERIES
Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Starting in June

June 7 th	Brin Banta	July 26 th	Jerry Short
June 14 th	Soulation Station	August 2 nd	Ray Calabro
June 21 st	Bliss	August 9 th	Dan Walker
June 28 th	Dave of Gerard Truffle	August 16 th	TBA
July 5 th	No Concert	August 23 rd	TBA
July 12 th	Mike Morris	August 30 th	TBA
July 19 th	Kevin Burt		

Bring food to grill for a nice night out while enjoying music under the Pavilion.
Plenty of picnic tables available!



ATTENTION LEE RESIDENTS!

**CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT JOB RECYCLING!
BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE!**

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about what is happening in the Recycling Markets and how it affects Lee

NEEDED FOR THE LEE FAIR

The Lee Fair Committee is looking for a donation of one Horseshoe game to use for the Lee Fair this year. If you would like to donate this please contact Caren Rossi at crossi@leenh.org or call her at 603-659-6783. Thank you and mark your calendar for **September 8, 2018** for the Lee Fair and we hope to see you there!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

**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.

JOIN A DRONE CLUB!

The Lee Recreation Commission is interested in forming a drone club. If you are interested in joining please call Cary Brown at 603-828-9616 or email him at cbrown@leenh.org.

THE NEW SWAP SHOP IS WELL ON ITS WAY!

Good job so far Chip Belyea!



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Winter

- Remember all of the ice last winter and the March/April snow or is it a distant memory? The department treated and/or plowed 24 events last winter with approximately 98 inches of snow recorded. Salt use was slightly above average and sand use was quite a bit above average.

Planned Roadwork - (partial list - will be updated as things change)

- Replace 3 cross culverts on Lamprey Lane, hopefully next week (May 7-11) if conditions are dry enough. Road will be closed at culvert site while culvert is being replaced.
- Ditching on Pinkham Road - (east and west), sections of Garrity Road, and Packers Falls Road.
- Brushwork on Lamprey Lane, Pinkham, Snell, Packers Falls, Garrity Roads.
- Paver shim on Packers Falls Road, Garrity Road, Lamprey Lane, Pinkham Road East and West to be followed by a hot top finish coat later in the summer.

GOOD TURN OUT FOR THE LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WOODCOCK KIND, FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH

Dreich. That's the word the Scots have for the type of dreary, dank, grey and gloomy weather we had on Friday. Steady rain fell throughout most of the day, punctuated by occasional downpours. By sunset precipitation had tapered off to a barely perceptible mist. In short, it was pretty wet out there - not auspicious conditions for going out at dusk to watch courting woodcock. Fortune favors the bold, however, and the well-waterproofed group of sixteen who met at the Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary, were rewarded with a remarkable woodcock show.

At 7:30, participants gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary, which is located on Garrity Road on town-owned conservation land. There, Phil Brown of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire and Lee Conservation Commission members Anne Tappan and Catherine Fisher gave a brief talk on woodcocks - their food, life history, and habitat needs. Because displaying woodcock are often difficult to see, Phil Brown brought several enlarged photographs and Catherine Fisher brought a frozen male woodcock and a woodcock skull. By the conclusion of these, the sky had darkened. It was time to make our way into the sanctuary field where the woodcock singing grounds are located.

Anne Tappan led the group to a viewing location at an edge of the field, a place that she'd scouted out in the weeks leading up to Friday's event - preparatory work which reaped huge benefits for all who attended. Just as the group reached the viewing area, a male woodcock began making the vocalizations known as "peenting". He was located in the field directly in front of the group. Phil Brown had brought along his spotting scope and was able to get the bird in focus, enabling each participant to get a wonderful view of this bird standing among the grasses calling for females.

Within a few minutes of the onset of his song, the woodcock flew past our group and began to climb into the sky for his aerial display. As he began his upward spiral, the silhouette of his stout body and broad wings gave him a bat-like appearance. Wings whistling as he ascended, the woodcock's spiraling flight took him several hundred feet up - his flight apex occurring almost directly above the group. Musical chirping signaled his descent - a rapid, zig-zagging path that brought him almost exactly to the spot in the field where his sky dance began. Spectacular!

Soon other males, at least three, began to peent and sky dance, all competing for the attention of hen woodcocks. At one point two males were simultaneously at the apex of their sky dance. Throughout the hour there was seldom a moment without peenting and/or flying birds. That first male, whose performance we so much enjoyed, had a flight "runway" which, throughout the evening, took him right past our group. Again and again, we heard his whistling wings as he took to the air, passing us just before rising above the tree line.

Our hour in the sodden field passed quickly, with loss of light dictating the end of the evening's entertainment. Leaving the field, one couple, who recently moved from New Jersey to Durham, mentioned that over the years they'd attended several woodcock evenings in both states, but this was the first time they'd actually seen woodcock and been able to observe their aerial displays.

Spring is an upward time: new blades of grass push through the wet earth; plant embryos shrug off their seed coats and send their first leaves above the soil line and into the air; animals emerge from their winter dens; spring azure and mourning cloak butterflies, after spending the winter frozen nearly solid, thaw and take to the air; neotropical birds climb the arc of the planet heading for their breeding grounds. Friday evening's displaying woodcock, hurtling skyward in exuberant nuptial flight, seemed the perfect metaphor for the emerging season that, this year, was a long time coming.

Catherine Fisher, Lee Conservation Commission



CEMETERY GATES ARE **NOW OPEN** FOR THE SEASON

LEE CEMETERY RULES

[CLICK HERE](#) for Rules



LEE TOWN COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSIONS;
ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEES

[CLICK HERE](#) for Application

Hand deliver to Town Hall or email application to the Town Secretary at dduval@leenh.org.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Go to www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH_MeetingsCal/?formid=158

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH_LibraryCal/?formid=158



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM IS
NOW OPEN ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH FROM 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The museum is chock full of historical artifacts that focus on Lee. The one room school house display is of great interest to younger visitors.

POLICE REMINDER

Please do not become a victim. WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GIVE IT OUT.

The scammers are still working to obtain your information. Do NOT click on any links in emails or provide any personal or banking information either on the telephone or on the internet, unless you initiated the contact. Also, remember the IRS will NEVER call you! They will always send mail!



LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fee Schedule

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS



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. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email info@readyrides.org for more details about how to help your neighbor. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**



FOOD PANTRY

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Lee Church Congregational

17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd 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.

DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A drop-off is available at the Public Safety Complex to the left of the front entrance for unused and unwanted prescriptions.



New Trivia Question: The Town of Lee, NH tax rate is made up of four parts. What are they?

The answer will be given in next week's Lee E-Crier.

Answer to Last Week's Lee Trivia Question: *Did anyone from Lee, NH participate in the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775?*

A: Yes, at least one soldier from Lee fought at the Battle of Bunker's Hill. Private Gideon Glidden served in Dearborn's Company in General John Stark's Regiment. According to the National Park Service, The Battle of Bunker's Hill was the critical moment when the Patriot soldiers first engaged with the British Army in battle.

"On June 17, 1775, New England soldiers faced the British army for the first time in a pitched battle. Popularly known as "The Battle of Bunker Hill," bloody fighting took place throughout a hilly landscape of fenced pastures that were situated across the Charles River from Boston. Though the British forces claimed the field, the casualties inflicted by the Provincial soldiers from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire were staggering. Of the some 2,400 British Soldiers and Marines engaged, some 1,000 were wounded or killed."

Source:

Roster of New Hampshire Soldiers in the Battle of Bunker's Hill -
<https://home.nps.gov/bost/learn/historyculture/upload/bh%20roster.pdf>

If you have suggestions for Lee Trivia Q's & A's, please email Anne Jennison: (jennison.anne@gmail.com)



CALENDAR COVER PHOTO BY GERALD SEDOR

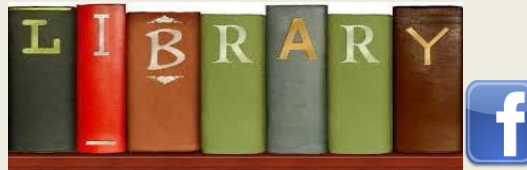
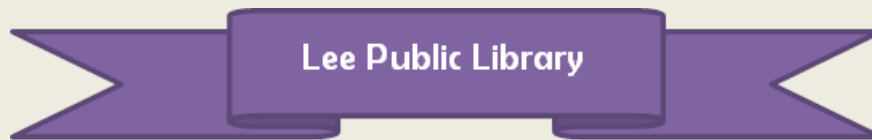
There's still 8 months left of 2018!

Get your Lee Wall Calendar at Town Hall or the Library **for only \$5.00 each.**

The photos were all taken by Lee residents and Liz McCaffrey did the layout & design.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE 2019 LEE CALENDAR!!

If you enjoy taking pictures of Lee, please share them with us. They may be featured in Lee's 2019 photo calendar. We're looking for recent photos of historic homes, barns, farms, landmarks, natural settings and other special features and events in Lee. We want to see all the seasons, too! Along with each photo, please send a brief description of the subject of the photo and when/where it was taken. If you didn't take the photo yourself, please list the photographer's name so we can get their permission to use the photo – and give them proper credit in the calendar. We're looking forward to seeing what comes in this year! **Send photos or questions to:** LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Universal Class Online Continuing Education Courses are available through the library's website. There are over 500 classes to choose from including: computer training, personal finance, pet and animal care, health services training, music and painting and much more. The program features 24/7 remote access, expert instructors and continuing education units on selected courses. Ask a librarian for more details.



**Madagascar
Wednesday
May 9th 7 pm
Lee Safety Complex**

Join us for a tour of Madagascar and learn about the lemurs, chameleons, birds and more that live there. This presentation will be given by Barb Wauchope & Bill Humm.



MEMOIR WRITING GROUP
3RD Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 pm
Next Meeting: May 15th

Interested in writing your own memoirs? If you want someone to listen to you read or tell your stories, or perhaps provide feedback, come join us.

STOP THE BLEED

Saturday, May 19th 1:00 – 3:00 pm

In conjunction with National EMS Week and celebration of McGregor Memorial EMS's 50th Anniversary, McGregor will be offering bleeding control education courses in Durham, Lee, and Madbury. "Nationally, the purpose of the campaign is to build national resilience by better preparing the public to save lives by raising awareness of basic actions to stop life threatening bleeding following every day emergencies."

ONGOING PROGRAMS



STORY TREKKERS
Tuesday Afternoons 3:30 – 4:30pm

This program for **grades K-4** will introduce children to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft are also included. Mast Way students may arrange to ride **bus 6** directly to the library after school. Please **register** by calling 659-2626 or email childrenservices@comcast.net. **This program will end the week ending June 9th for the summer and resume in the fall.**



ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB
1ST Thursday of each Month
3:30 – 4:30 pm Grades 5-6

Read a great book and discuss over pizza. Students may arrange to take **bus 6** directly to the library after school. Please **register** by calling 659-2626 or email childrenservices@comcast.net. **This program will end the week ending June 9th for the summer and resume in the fall.**



STORY TIME
Thursdays 10:30 am Children ages 2-6

Read, sing, move and make art. Stories, puppet shows, flannel boards and activities that will be sure to delight. **Registration not required. This program will end the week ending June 9th for the summer and resume in the fall.**



TINY TOTS LAPSIT
Fridays at 10:30am

What better way could there be to say "I love you" to your little one? Meet other babies and parents in a group setting of music, movement, play and of course, interactive stories. **Registration is not required. This program will continue throughout the summer.**



NO FOOLIN, JUST FUN
ADULT GAME DAY
Tuesdays 9:30am

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 9:00am

May 16th

Help is available from instructor
Donna Kay. All levels welcome.

**Regional & State
News & Events**

ANNUAL RIVER HERRING RUN

Saturday, May 12th 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Macallen Dam, Newmarket, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



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ATTENTION!

If you do not have the internet please come to Town Hall for a **printed copy** or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secetay Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!