

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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May 11, 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
Remember to bring your own fishing poles & bait

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 21st** starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on  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!

To view the 'Information Session' video [CLICK HERE](#)

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.



Open Office Hours

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road, Lee

Wednesday, May 23rd 8:30 – 10:30 am

Congresswoman Shea-Porter is committed to hearing from and addressing the needs of all constituents in the First Congressional District. One of the Congresswoman's staffers, Sharon Nichols, will be available to assist constituents with issues they may be facing with a federal agency or with local concerns. *Sharon Nichols* at (603) 285-4300 or Sharon.Nichols@mail.house.gov

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 28th 1:00 pm

Organized and Led by the Lee VFW Post 10676

The parade will form up at 12:45 pm at the Town Hall and step off at 1:00 pm led by the VFW color guard. It will move down Mast Road to the Town Park by Mast Way School where a ceremony and wreath laying will occur. Civic groups including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts veterans, fire, police and other interested groups are invited to join the parade. Patriotic songs, reading and a speaker will highlight the ceremony followed by the Dearborne Company firing a salute with muskets and cannon. The sounding of taps will conclude the event.

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!

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.



**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.

**AFTER A WEEK OF UNEXPECTED DIVERSIONS
THE NEW SWAP SHOP WILL BACK ON A BUILDING SCHEDULE THIS WEEK!
BE SURE TO CHECK BACK!**





12" diameter culvert

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

This week the Department replaced two defective culverts (12" x 60" and 24" x 60") on Lamprey Lane. Replacement of a third culvert (24"x 60') was planned; however, conditions were too wet to do it. Hopefully, next week the ground will dry up and the 3rd culvert can be installed.



24" diameter culvert

The Department is mowing all of the parks, fields, and cemeteries on a weekly basis now which takes a considerable amount of time, in addition to spring burials at the cemetery.

Next week if the weather is good the Department will do some ditching on Pinkham Road and pothole patching.

THEY SAWED UP A STORM

BOOK PRESENTATION BY AUTHOR SARAH SHEA SMITH – MAY 2ND



SPONSORED BY THE LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION FOR DICK WEYRICK

On April 22nd, Earth Day, a large group of family, friends, neighbors, former students, and conservation colleagues assembled on the hill behind the Public Safety Complex to honor Dick Weyrick, one of Lee's foremost conservationists. Equipped with wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and trowels, they gathered to plant trees in his memory; five American chestnuts and one white pine - a species that Dick was especially partial to.

Conservation Commission Chair, Bill Humm, began the event by speaking about Dick's lifelong commitment to conservation and the decades of work he did to protect and preserve Lee's open spaces. Following a brief history of the American chestnut, its important place in forest habitats east of the Mississippi, and its almost total obliteration by a blight carried by imported chestnut trees, he pointed out the small stand of young American chestnuts growing on the hilltop and described how these trees had been planted by Dick after having been grown to sapling stage by Lee resident Kevin Shenefiel from nuts produced by a surviving American chestnut in the Town Forest. A decade later, those chestnuts are healthy and robust with the biggest, affectionately known as ""The Queen", producing her 1st crop of chestnuts last fall. Four of the new chestnut saplings came from the same town forest chestnut as those that Dick planted; the 5th came from a similarly productive chestnut from Plymouth, NH and was selected to add some genetic diversity to the grove.

Following brief planting instructions, folks got ready to plant. Their work was greatly facilitated by the work of Randy Stevens, who two days before the event brought a load of compost and using a small backhoe opened six planting holes. Mixing soil, compost and a mycorrhizal inoculant, folks of every age worked together to plant the trees, carry wheelbarrows full of compost, remove large stones from the soil, and rake up the surrounding lawn. Don Quigley hooked up several lengths of hose to a PSC spigot and gave each newly planted tree a good drenching. With much laughter and good spirits the work went quickly and soon five new chestnut trees were added to Dick's grove with his white pine standing sentry nearby.

After the planting everyone repaired to the Grange, where four generations of the Weyrick family had put out a tremendous spread of delicious food and cold drinks. The good vibrations continued as people ate, rested and chatted. Once folks had had time to relax, Don Quigley got people's attention with a short environmental trivia quiz and then encouraged folks to share their memories of Dick. Kris Weyrick-Scott read a lovely and moving poem she'd written about her Dad. Family members, former students, colleagues and neighbors entertained everyone with fond recollections and funny stories. It was the perfect way to end the memorial celebration.

Events like this don't occur without a lot of planning and effort and thanks go out to the many people who worked to make this celebration happen. Deserving special mention are Bill Humm, who planned the logistics, marked the planting sites for the new trees, drove to Concord to pick up the 5th chestnut sapling, and helped with the preparation of the planting holes; Randy Stevens, who "crowbar-tested" each site to make sure there was no ledge, brought compost and plywood sheets for soil piles, and opened the planting holes; David Meeker, who collected the saplings from Kevin Shenefiel, kept everyone informed, and whose weather mojo gave us, as promised, a brilliant Earth Day; and Don Quigley, whose efforts to make this memorial happen were a constant source of help and support and whose gentle encouragement helped inspire folks to share their memories at the Grange gathering. Finally, huge thanks go out to the Weyrick family for creating this way to honor Dick and sharing the event with the whole community. Everyone agrees that Dick would have hated all the attention; but it was a wonderful way for those who cared about and were inspired by him, to get outside, plant some trees, and honor the memory of this truly beautiful human being.

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

PICTURES OF THE WEYRICK TREE PLANTING CELEBRATION
PHOTOS BY KRIS WEYRICK-SCOTT



DICK'S GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER KIRA



GRANDSON LIAM



GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER CAYLEE



GRANDSON ETHAN



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.



Answer to Last Week's Lee Trivia Question: *The Town of Lee, NH tax rate is made up of four parts. What are they?*

The four parts of Lee, New Hampshire's tax rate are: school, county, town, and state education. For more information, take a look at the following page on the Lee Town website: http://www.leenh.org/pages/LeeNH_WebDocs/2017%20Tax%20Rate%20Chart.pdf

There will be a new Lee Trivia Question in a couple of weeks. If you're looking for some interesting reading about the history of Lee in the meantime, check out this page on the Lee Library website (<http://leelibrarynh.org/index.php/lee-town-reports/>). It will take you to copies of Lee Town Reports dating back to the early 1800's!

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 7 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

Lee Public Library



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.



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.



GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 10:00 am

Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH

ANNUAL RIVER HERRING RUN

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

Macallen Dam, Newmarket, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

CHECK OUT MAPGEO

A GIS Collaboration between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Lee bringing basic GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to your fingertips. GIS map data is now displayed on the MapGeo website. This website can be found by clicking [HERE](#). The site allows residents to search for tax map info, as well as view several different overlay layers.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Downstream News from PREP,
Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership



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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 Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!