

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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May 17, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events



TRAIL CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 18th - Little River Park 9:00 am - Noon
Meet at upper trail entrance on Lee Hill Road

NEW EXHIBIT AT THE LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Saturday, May 18th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Plumers of Lee: featuring clothing worn by George Washington and Eleanor Plumer in the 1890's, and a history of the family, house and insights into the Town of Lee through George's diary excerpts.

FUNDRAISER FOR LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Create and Take Craft Activity: Paint May flowers on our old roof slates. Take home a piece of Lee History. All ages welcome. Cost is \$10. All proceeds will be used for maintaining our collection and supporting programming.



2019 BACK YARD FARMING INITIATIVE

Monday, **May 20th** (Fowl)

Jeremiah Smith Grange, Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH 7:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for schedule

Anne Tappan and Bambi Miller talk about ducks, geese, turkey and guinea fowl. Ruth Sample, UNH, discusses keeping chickens and vegetable gardening.

Series moderated by Chuck Cox. Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, Backyard Farming Initiative, Lee Sustainability Committee and the Lee Public Library. Series videotaped and edited by Jeremy Gasowski. Refreshments by Ruth Eifert, Director, Lee Public Library.

MAY SELECT BOARD MEETINGS
Monday, May 20th Starting at 6:30 pm
Public Hearing to discuss new Cemetery fees

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



"TALES OF NEW ENGLAND LIFE, The Stories of Alice Brown"

Wednesday, May 22nd 7:00 pm

Public Safety Complex

Co-hosted by Lee Public Library and Pontine Theater

Performance

Photo credit Pontine Theatre

"Pontine Theatre premieres an original stage adaptation of the short stories of Alice Brown. Brown was born in 1857 on a farm in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, a community that later acted as a template for the villages depicted in her stories. She attended Robinson Female Seminary in Exeter, where she displayed a talent for writing at a young age. It was during her early years in Boston that Brown published her first novel *Stratford by the Sea* (1884), set in a small coastal community; it was this novel, with her rich descriptions and candid characters, that established Brown as a regional color writer. Brown was best known for her popular New England tales, mostly published from 1895 to 1910. Collected into volumes, her stories of idyllic New England life portray the traditional simplicity and bounteous goodness of country life: *Tiverton Tales* (1899), *The Country Road* (1906), *Meadow Grass* (1886), and *Country Neighbors* (1910)". – www.pontine.org

DON'T MISS THE FIRST FARMERS MARKET – THURSDAY MAY 30TH !

Celebrating 12 years!

LEE



FARMERS MARKET



3 - 6 Thursdays

May 30 to September 26, 2019

Find Us
at the Corner of
Mast Rd (Rt155)
& Recycle Center Rd
Lee NH





RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**LEE CHURCH, 17 MAST ROAD
FRIDAY, MAY 31st 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

All presenting donors will receive free pizza from Pizza Spinners! The Red Cross has informed us that there is an URGENT NEED for donors - patients need you! Come support trauma patients and a major online retailer is giving blood donors a \$5 eCard via email. 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.



Thank you Take Five Dogcare, LLC for installing and sponsoring 3 new Pet Waste stations on the trails in Lee

For those who haven't see them yet, one is located at the trail head off Steven's Field, another is located at the trail head near the ball park next to Recycling Road and the last one is at the end of the trail that leads from the Library just before the trail hooks onto the power line ROW.

Hopefully these will help address the issue of dog waste being left behind throughout Town. Remember you may be cited for Littering (RSA 163) for not cleaning up after your pets.

Have you seen it??? The NEW SWAP SHOP!!!

It has more shelves, more lights, more outlets!!!
Would you like to join a great group of volunteers????

The Swap Shop is in need of volunteers on Thursday, noon – 3pm & Saturday, noon – 3pm.
You may come for 1, 2 or all 3 hours!

Stop by....we'll sign you up!
or you may email Shirley McKeon at smckeon123@aol.com or call her at 659-8163

Swap Shop Hours: Thursdays 7 am - 5:30 pm
Saturdays 7 am - 5:30 pm



On Your Mark, Get Set...

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

Reducing your solid waste, one bin at a time, begins with marking your current state and getting set for future habits.

Make note of how many gallons of solid waste you currently take to the Transfer Station (and how often). This will let you track your personal waste reduction as you add new habits.

Now get set to start (or amp up) your recycling game. If you're not currently composting or recycling, you might (nervously) wonder how many bins you're going to need. And where will you put them all?

These are good questions. Start with where you'll put them. It might make sense to put your recycling bins near your current trash bin, but each household will be unique.

Now decide how many bins you have room for. If you wanted to sort all of your recyclables at home into their own bins, then add compost buckets and the trash can(s) you already have, you could have a dozen or more bins! But that's probably overkill.

You're more likely to combine similar items in one bin and sort them out when you're at the Transfer Station. Try a few configurations to come up with a system that works for your household – what's easy to sort out at the Transfer Station, and what's better to sort at home so you can just dump out a bin all at once?



Here is one example, from left to right:


- 30 gal gray bin for bulky non-recyclable items
- Corrugated cardboard, egg containers (top tray)
- Newsprint (bottom tray)
- Mixed paper (top tray)
- Steel cans, aluminum foil/pie plates (middle tray)
- Aluminum beverage cans (bottom tray)
- Purple bin for all recyclable glass and plastic containers

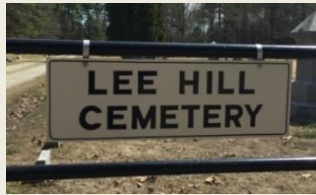


Compost bucket for plant-based food waste and a 13 gal regular trash can are in the kitchen.

Still overwhelmed? Try starting with these things: food waste, yard waste and aluminum beverage cans. These are the topics for our next articles.

Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Repurpose • Recycle • Rot

 • Lee NH Sustainability Committee • Low Carbon Diet - Seacoast NH • "Zero Waste" groups



**CEMETERY GATES ARE NOW OPEN
FOR THE SEASON**
[CLICK HERE](#) for LEE CEMETERY RULES



**CONSERVATION MONITORING HAS BEGUN AGAIN!
COME 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. Meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 8:45 a.m., dressed for walking in the woods. Standard precautions for ticks & mosquitoes are advised. Walks take 1½-2 hrs.



NEW LEE TRIVIA QUESTION!

(No prizes – just the satisfaction of confirming how much you know about your town!)

This Week's New Trivia Question: There are many places in Lee with interesting names and history. One of these is Peter's Oven? Where is it and how did it get its name?

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

Answer to last week's Lee trivia question: The First NH Turnpike Road (now Route 4) had toll gates along its route. The toll gate in Lee, NH was at the bridge that crossed the Oyster River at Newtown in North Lee.



LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE](#) [CATEGORY I & II FIRE SPECIFICATIONS](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for May Safety Educator

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

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

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



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

20 George Bennett Road
Lee, New Hampshire 03861
(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE SPRING SEASON

With spring approaching your fire department would like to remind everyone to consider these recommended safety practices.

- The Fire Department recommends that you change the batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. There should be at least one smoke and carbon monoxide detector on each level of your residence. If you would like suggestions on where to place smoke detectors you may call us here at the fire station and we would be glad to come to your home to help.
- Check your fire extinguishers to make sure they are fully charged and ready for use.
- Clean out your dryer vents to prevent dryer fires.
- Keep your outdoor grill clean and maintain the burners and gas lines to prevent grill fires. Keep your grill away from your house and out from under overhangs and decks when in use to prevent grill fires from spreading to your home. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby in the case of grill fires.
- If you have severe allergies especially to bees, wasps and hornets make sure your epi pen is up to date and available for immediate use in time of need. As the weather becomes warmer bees, wasps and hornets will become more active.

BURN PERMIT

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

WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm?

Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has started a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$30.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY
[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request form



POLICE NOTICE

In a follow up to the request that residents properly number their homes, [CLICK HERE](#) for the Ordinance that applies. The Lee Police will be compiling a list of homes that are not complying with this ordinance and make contact with the homeowners in hopes of getting everyone in compliance which will make it easier to locate a residence in times of an emergency.

SCAM! SCAM! SCAM!

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

An old scam has resurfaced. Residents are being contacted by "Publisher's Clearing House" about having won the jackpot. The stipulation is that the resident must pay \$7,500 in advance. This is a scam. You will never have to pre-pay the "FDIC" for your winnings.

IMPERSONATION OF A SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE

There have been reports of individuals being contacted by someone pretending to be an SSA employee. The caller generally asks you for personal information such as Social Security number, date of birth, your mother's maiden name, or your bank or financial account information. The impersonator may state that "the SSA computers are down" or may refer to enrollment in the Medicare prescription drug program. If you are unsure as to the authenticity of someone who claims to be an SSA employee, please call SSA's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to verify the reason for the contact and the person's identity prior to providing any information to the caller.

If you wish to report a call from someone you suspect is impersonating an SSA employee, please provide us with the following details: Caller's alleged name, phone number, time and date the call was made, information requested by the caller and any other identifying information or details about the content of the call. Please note that there are also "robocalls" from people claiming to be from the Social Security Administration.

Eversource Energy and NH Public Utilities Commission News Release
[CLICK HERE](#) To Read About How to Avoid Becoming a Victim in 2019



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 with questions or go to <https://readyrides.org/> for details. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**



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.



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

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Planning Board, Solid Waste Advisory, Energy, and Sustainability Committees have immediate openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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

Lee Public Library



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

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10am – 3pm

LIBRARY CLOSED:

Monday, May 27th in Observance of Memorial Day



Wow. What a hidden gem I found last week in Dover...the **Woodman Museum**! Anyone interested in the history, art or science of Dover and southeastern NH can find a lot to marvel about at the museum. This gem of an institution gives visitors a detailed sense of what it was like to live in the area 100, 200, 300 or more years ago. Highlights include a garrison house that helped some area residents survive the 1689 Indian attacks along the Cocheco, extensive mineral and taxidermy displays, exhibits dedicated to area

veterans of all our nation's conflicts going back to the French and Indian War, and extensive displays on the lives of those who toiled in the linen mills that were once the mainstay of the local economy. For more information visit www.woodmanmuseum.org or come to the library and get a discounted pass provided by the Friends of the Lee Library, and discover for yourself the treasures that the Woodman Museum holds!

The library has many discounted museum passes provided by the Friends of the library including: Boston Children's Museum, Museum of Science, Children's Museum of NH, Currier Museum of Art, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Seacoast Science Center, Strawberry Banke, Peabody Essex Museum and the New England Aquarium.



DROP-IN CRAFT

Monday, May 20th – Saturday, May 25th

Drop in to make a Festive Tulip craft!



BOOKS ALIVE

Tuesdays 3:30 pm

Join our interactive after school story program that joins reading, movement, hands-on learning and creativity to bring books to life. There will be snacks. This program is geared for grades K-4 and meets after school on Tuesdays. All children ages 5-10 are welcome. **Call to Register 659-2626.**



DROP-IN TECH HELP

Wednesdays 4 - 6pm

We offer a range of services to help you become tech savvy. Come to a free drop-in tech help session! Drop-In Tech Help sessions are

held at the library on Wednesday afternoons from 4 pm - 6 pm. No appointment is required. All you need to bring are your technology questions/problems and any relevant devices.

You can get started with these [online tutorials](#) provided by Universal Class to get comfortable using basic technology and digital resources. You can also get help with online job searches, resumes, cover letters, completing forms, learning basic computer skills, and more [here](#).

*Please note that Drop-In Tech Help is meant to provide basic technology help. Please bring any devices that you have questions about. Please bring any relevant login information (e.g. usernames and passwords) for any accounts related to your questions. This is a drop in session and multiple people may show up. Sessions may be limited to 15 minutes per patron when demand is high.



STORY TIME
Thursdays @ 10 am

Reading, crafts, puppets, music and more. Who knows where next week's adventures may take us? Large groups and families welcome.



Knitting for 50+
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am
June 5th & 19th

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

**Regional & State
News & Events**

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:00 am

Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH

NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Meeting of the Strafford County Executive Committee of the Delegation has been scheduled for Friday, May 24th at 9:00 am in the Café Conference Room, Lower Level of the Strafford County William A. Grimes Justice and Administration Building, 259 County Farm Road, Dover, NH.



[CLICK HERE](#) FOR SPRING NEWSLETTER

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, 2019, but no later than June 30, 2019.**

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>

**DO YOU WANT TO SHARPEN YOUR CONSERVATION FIELD SKILLS?
THEN SIGN UP FOR ANY ONE OF THESE CONSERVATION TRAINING SERIES PUT ON BY THE
NHACC AND UNH EXTENSION.**

CONSERVATION TRAINING SERIES



IMPROVING WILDLIFE HABITAT ON YOUR LAND

Saturday, **March 23, 2019** • 10am – 12pm • Rindge, NH

EASEMENT MONITORING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Friday, **April 26, 2019** • 9am – 2pm • Canterbury, NH

Saturday, **May 18, 2019** • 9am – 2pm • New Durham, NH

MANAGING TOWN FORESTS: Timber, Wildlife, Recreation

Friday, **May 3, 2019** • 1pm – 4pm • Gilmanton, NH

Friday, **May 10, 2019** • 1pm – 4pm • North Conway, NH

Friday, **June 7, 2019** • 1pm – 4pm • Fremont, NH

MAP & COMPASS SKILLS

Friday, **May 24, 2019** • 1pm – 4pm • Concord, NH

INVENTORYING & MONITORING GRASSLAND BIRDS

Friday, **May 24, 2019** • 7:45am – 12pm • Amherst, NH

HOW TO LEAD A NATURE WALK

Friday, **June 28, 2019** • 1:30pm – 4:30pm • Holderness, NH

For more information and to register, visit:

bit.ly/2019ConservationSeries

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, NH Division of Forests and Lands, US Department of Agriculture and NH counties cooperating.



[For more Information and to Register](#)

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION / STRAFFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSN.

PLANT SALE

Sunday, May 19th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

Durham Town Hall Parking Lot

8 Newmarket Road (Route 108)

[CLICK HERE](#) for flier

If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue then the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact Andy Corrow, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at 603-397-9267 or vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.



WELL WATER TESTING BROCHURE FOR RESIDENTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for NHDES Brochure

[CLICK HERE](#) for NHDES Letter

Oyster River Cooperative School Board News from May 15th Meeting

Proposed middle school sustainability - Latest concepts for the proposed middle school include all-electric heat and light and geothermal (ground source heat pump) heat and hot water as the most energy efficient and flexible options. This combined with compact design minimizing hallway space and selecting walls, windows, and insulation to minimize heat loss reduce the overall energy need for the building. The target right now is for the building to require 25 kBtu per square foot per year, about half the national average for school buildings and about half the current middle school's energy usage. The building could generate as much electricity as it uses over a year by adding a photovoltaic solar array of at least 60,000 sq. ft. over the building and parts of the parking. This would be one of the first net zero energy consumption school buildings in New England.

REACH summer camp for students entering grades 1-8 runs through May 31. Students have signed up for over 300 weeks of camp so far!

The **1:1 laptop program** for current ORMS students will be extended to include 9th grade next year.

With 114 students enrolled in Kindergarten for Fall 2019 so far, an additional **kindergarten** class will be added, making 4 classes at Mast Way and 3 at Moharimet.

Principal Carrie Vaich has decided to leave Mast Way at the end of the school year. The district will look for an **interim principal** for the 2019-2020 school year, to allow for a full principal search to be completed in Spring 2020.

The board also approved the **2019-2024 strategic plan**, but left finalization of the long term goal around reviewing the high school grading system for further discussion at the next meeting.

McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

McGregor EMS is currently seeking both Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers. Those interested may email membership@mcgregorems.org. To learn more about this great service [CLICK HERE](#)!

CHECK OUT MAPGEO [HERE](#)

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. The site allows residents to search for tax map info, as well as view several different overlay layers.



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ATTENTION!

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