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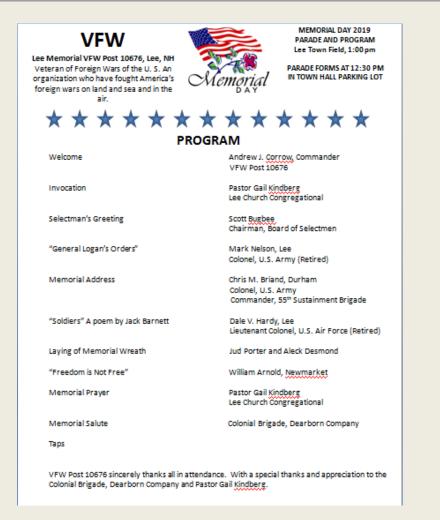
#### May 24, 2019





Thank you for your service.... You will always be remembered!

## Town Offices Closed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> In Observance of Memorial Day





## DON'T MISS THE 1<sup>st</sup> FARMERS MARKET NEXT THURSDAY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> !

#### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** LEE CHURCH, 17 MAST ROAD FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



#### **NEW CEMETERY FEES EFFECTIVE 4/1/2019 CLICK HERE for FEES CLICK HERE** for RULES

JUNE SELECT BOARD MEETINGS Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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

PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 pm Public Safety Complex Proposed Policy to Prohibit the Use of Tobacco Products at Lee Recreational Fields **CLICK HERE** for Draft Policy

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

It has more shelves, more lights, and 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



#### SIGN UP FOR THE FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PILOT PROGRAM

#### mrfoxcomposting.com

Provided there is enough interest, a food waste composting pilot program is scheduled to begin at the Lee Transfer Station within the next two months. The Select Board and Solid Waste Committee are seeking up to 200 interested residents to participate in this exciting six month program. The Town will provide special compostable bags to bring the food waste to the Transfer Station. Mr. Fox, a company specializing in food waste composting, will then transport the food waste to their facility in Eliot, Maine where it will be composted into a soil like material. <u>Acceptable items</u> are all food scraps and bones, eggshells, bread, seafood, wooden stirrers, sugar packets, wax muffin wrappers, tea bags, coffee grounds/filters, waxed paper liners, fruits and vegetables. Do NOT miss your chance to participate in this important program to keep food waste out of the landfill and make a useful product out of it. Sign up soon! We are limited to 200 residents!

Interested residents should e-mail the Transfer station Manager Toby Van Aken at tvanaken@leenh.org or call 603-659-2239 to sign up.

# Transfer Station Pop Quiz

## The Question:

Before our current transfer station and at the very beginning of recycling in Lee, where was the trash dumped? What is the history behind recycling in Lee? Watch the Video for the Answer: The video "Recycling in Lee" was produced in @1984 by Tracie Peek and Tom Willey, students in Paul Gasowski's Videotape Production course at ORHS. Dick Weyrick and Randy Stevens are featured in the story. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to watch!

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## 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



## NOTE FROM THE STRAFFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Spring has sprung and the Strafford County Master Gardeners are back at work in the Native Garden of NH Plants at the Lee Transfer Station.

Did you notice an area with a tarp over it? The area has been reworked to become a butterfly garden utilizing native perennials and some annuals in order to bring more color to the garden and attract native pollinators. Once it is planted, we will apply for Monarch Waystation status.

Thinking about a butterfly garden yourself? Want a list of the plants we used? Head over to our page <u>scmga.wordpress.com/nativegarden/</u> and you can find the list towards the bottom of the article. Want to garden with us, need more information or just want to stay in touch? Head over to our website, <u>scmga.wordpress.com</u>, to find our contact info.



#### CONSERVATION MONITORING HAS BEGUN AGAIN! COME SEE CONSERVED LANDS IN LEE EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

From now until early fall join the Conservation Commission on Wednesday mornings 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: The railroad that ran through Lee was started by the Nashua and Rochester Railroad. When was the railroad chartered? The answer will be given in next week's Lee E-Crier.

# Answer to last week's Lee trivia question: There are many places in Lee with interesting names and history. One of these is Peter's Oven. Our question last week asked, "Where is "Peter's Oven" and how did it gets its name?"

Although no one knows the answer for sure, there are a couple of local traditions as to where the name "Peter's Oven" came from. One tradition says it came from an Indian named Peter who was wounded at the Battle of Wheelwright Pond in 1690, hid in the cave, and died there. Another tradition says the cave was used by an African American named Peter, who made it his hide-out. The word "oven" is often used to refer to a cave in Ireland, from the Irish word "Uamhain", pronounced "oovan".



#### LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS CLICK HERE for more information

## BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE CATEGORY I & II FIRE SPECIFICATIONS

## **<u>CLICK HERE</u>** for May Safety Educator

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Fee Schedule Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

## 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.

**BURN PERMIT** 

- 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.

#### **CLICK HERE** for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATONS

Scott M. Nemet

Scott M. Nemet Fire Chief

#### 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, <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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 <u>info@readyrides.org</u> with questions or go to <u>https://readyrides.org/</u> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="https://www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH">www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH</a> MeetingsCal/?formid=158

#### LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to <a href="http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH\_LibraryCal/?formid=158">http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH\_LibraryCal/?formid=158</a>



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday: 10am – 3pm

#### LIBRARY CLOSED:

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Memorial Day

#### **DISCOUNTED MUSEUM PASSES**

The library has many discounted museum passes provided by the Friends of the library including: Woodman Museum, 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, Strawbery Banke, Peabody Essex Museum and the New England Aquarium. **Stop by the library or call 659-2626 to reserve a pass.** 



DROP-IN CRAFT Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Drop in to make a Festive Tulip craft!



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm "Small Town, Big Oil" By David W. Moore

"Activists and organizers will find lots of ideas and inspirations in this book's detailed account of an epic battle. It's a very timely reminder that when we fight we often win." - Bill McKibben, author Radio Free Vermont.



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.** 



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



Knitting for 50+ 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9 am June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Help is available from instructor Donna Kay. All levels welcome.



**GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019** 

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Minutes Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:00 am Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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 • 1 pm – 4pm • Gilmanton, NH Friday, May 10, 2019 • 1 pm – 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

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For more Information and to Register

## 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 <u>vfwpost10676@yahoo.com</u> for assistance.



WELL WATER TESTING BROCHURE FOR RESIDENTS <u>CLICK HERE</u> for NHDES Brochure <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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 allelectric 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 <u>membership@mcgregorems.org</u>. To learn more about this great service <u>CLICK HERE</u>!

#### 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!**

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