

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Lee News & Upcoming
Events

**TOWN OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 28TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**



**THE FIRST 2018 PROPERTY TAX BILL HAS BEEN MAILED OUT
DUE JULY 2, 2018**

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](https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm).

Form DP-8, Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief:

<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm>



PHOTO BY DAVID MCCORMICK

TADPOLE STROLL at the TOWN FOREST

Saturday, May 26TH 10:00 am
(Rain date: Sunday, May 27TH 10:00 am)

In early April, wood frogs and spotted salamanders began their breeding season and made their way to vernal pools. It is there where egg masses they deposited over six weeks ago are hatching and a population explosion is taking place as a variety of amphibian species begin the larval stage of their life cycles. Abundant and varied forms of invertebrate larvae share these ephemeral wetlands. As is the case in any habitat on the planet, life in the vernal pool is not a peaceable kingdom. Amphibian larvae are a food source for a variety of predators, particularly some of the larger insect larvae such as dragonfly nymphs; predation by fellow amphibian larvae is an additional hazard. Time, too, can be a winnow of these larval amphibians. Already the vernal pools are shrinking as warm temperatures and windy days speed the rate of evaporation, and tadpoles must metamorphose before the pools are completely dry.

Anyone interested in learning more about the aquatic stage of wood frog and spotted salamander life cycles, is invited to participate in this year's Tadpole Stroll. We'll look at both wood frog and spotted salamander larvae, and see what sort of interesting larval invertebrates we can find. Sponsored by the Lee Conservation Commission and led by Catherine Fisher, this walk will likely last an hour or so - although, depending upon what we see, things could run a bit longer. All ages are welcome. We meet in front of the library.



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.



**NEW SWAP SHOP INFORMATIONAL
MEETING**
Tuesday, May 29th 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Lee Library

The new swap shop, which is getting closer to completion, is looking for new volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding position, please come to this meeting to find out all the details. For those that cannot make this meeting, but are interested please call Shirley McKeon at 603-659-8163 or email smckeon123@aol.com.



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION [CLICK HERE](#) FOR VIDEO

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

**The Lee Farmers Market
is Celebrating 11 years!**

May 31 through
Sept/Oct 2018

vegetables
fruits
bakery items
flowers
cheese
local meat
honey
syrup
plants
crafts
soaps
herbs
fudge
and more!!

Find us
at the Corner
of Mast Rd
(Rt155) and
Recycle Center
Road in
Lee, NH

Mark your calendar
for every Thursday afternoon!

GOAT MILK CHEESE
RIGATA

JUNE SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, June 4th and 18th starting at 6:30 pm

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

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST MEETING

Tuesday, June 5th 7:00 – 7:30 pm Public Library

June 5th is the last day to change your party affiliation before the September 11th State Primary according to NH election law. Now is the time to be sure you are registered in the party of your choice. If you are registered Undeclared, you must choose a party at the primary. You then remain in that party until you submit a request to return to Undeclared. This can easily be done as you leave the polls after voting on primary day. The easiest way to check how you are currently registered is to go online to <http://sos.nh.gov/VoteInforLook.aspx>. Or look at the checklist that is hung at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Lee Public Library. You may change your party affiliation up until Tuesday, June 5th at the clerk's office or at the above mentioned session.

If you have not yet registered to vote at all, you may do so up to 10 days before the election (at the clerk's office or at a supervisor session) or on Election Day. Applicants should bring proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile when they come to register (driver's license, passport, birth certificate, mail, etc.). Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship. More than 30 days before an election, applicants without proof of domicile will be asked to retrieve proof and return to register. Within 30 days of an election and on Election Day, applicants without proof of domicile may register to vote if they sign an affidavit attesting to their domicile and either agreeing to bring or send in proof or attesting that they are not aware of possessing proof of domicile.



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!**

A LEE FIRE & PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT REMINDER TO ALL HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN OF LEE

A Building Permit is required for all tents that are 400 square feet and over per the International Building Code adopted by NH and the Town of Lee. An Assembly Permit is required for all tents being occupied by more than 50 people per RSA 155:17-39. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or call Planning and Zoning at 603-659-6783 or the Fire Department at 603-659-5411.



RECYCLING NEWS!

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about what is happening in the
Recycling Markets

The Town still receives revenue from recycling these items:

- **Corrugated Cardboard** – Please remember to keep all cardboard clean and separate. This means pizza boxes! Please empty the boxes and discard pizza, paper and soiled cardboard.
- **Aluminum** –For a number of years, the Town has had to pay to dispose of glass but still receives revenue from aluminum, so if at all possible purchase items in Aluminum containers instead of glass!

ATTENTION LEE RESIDENTS!

On May 21, 2018 the Lee Select Board authorized the formation of a Solid Waste Advisory Committee to consist of 5 Lee residents to work with Town staff and outside agencies to consider the following: review the actual volume and handling, transportation, and disposal costs associated with bulky items and make recommendations to the Select Board regarding an appropriate fee structure; research new waste disposal technologies, new or changed governmental regulations, changes in the local and worldwide demand for recycled materials and make recommendations for possible new approaches for disposal and recycling markets based on the findings; and develop a program to educate the public on solid waste disposal costs and recycling.

Interested parties may either call Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or [CLICK HERE](#) to obtain an application and then email application to dduval@leenh.org.

WORLD CULTURES CLASS - OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

POWER OF ONE PROJECT BY SILAS FARWELL

My name is Silas Farwell and I'm a freshman at ORHS and for my World Cultures class final I am doing a Power of One project where I've chosen to research the benefits of composting. As part of my investigation, I reached out to the manager of the transfer station and researched numerous articles in science journals and other materials. I have come to the conclusion that composting is not only beneficial to homeowners but also saves the town money. Among the findings in my research, Lee currently spends around \$65-\$70 per ton to send trash to the landfill. It is estimated that 15% of garbage is compostable and any effort to encourage composting in our town will have positive benefits. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the benefits of composting in Lee as researched and investigated by Mr. Farwell.

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 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.

COMPOSTING AT HOME

By Dean Rubine, LSC



Composting is natural recycling in which organic matter is decomposed to yield soil rich in nutrients. Much of our trash is food waste which can be composted instead of discarded. If we do this, we can avoid tax increases since China no longer accepts recycling waste. Our family collects waste in a **compost bucket** in the kitchen. We line it with a sheet of newspaper which keeps it nicer. Egg shells, fruit rinds, old vegetables, coffee grounds (and paper filter), stale baked goods, lobster shells, napkins, etc. are collected. When full or smelly, the contents are transferred outside to the **compost pile**. In the eighties we looped chicken wire to hold our compost pile, but I recommend a sturdy, cubic-meter **compost bin** with a latching cover. Find a spot a bit out of sight or in the garden, away but not too far from the house.

To use:

- Layer brown matter, high in carbon (dried leaves, wood chips, newspaper...).
- Layer green matter, high in nitrogen (food, green clippings, chicken litter).
- More brown: the proper mix is 30 carbons for each nitrogen.
- Add water. (Not too much; if the pile is slimy add dry brown.)
- Aerate the pile (turn it a bit with a turner, mulching fork or pitchfork).
- Latch the cover.
- Repeat: Add food and yard waste as needed, turn and add brown weekly or so.
- When it's ready, remove finished compost from the sides if your bin affords this.
- If not, lift the bottomless bin off the full pile and start again next to it.
- Cooking compost is warm; finished compost is cool and looks like rich soil.

Use your finished compost in the garden, give it to your gardener friends, spread it on the ground or toss it in the woods. Feel good about all the trash you didn't throw away.

We run most of our food waste through our chickens so we get eggs and compost. A couple times per season we transfer the nitrogen laden wood shavings from the coop into the compost pile. The chickens like to turn the compost pile for us so we often leave it open.

The old advice is to avoid composting meat and oily stuff to avoid attracting rats and other vermin. We ignore that and compost everything now except bones and pet waste. Even with no meat raccoons will be interested so latch that cover. We don't have a problem because we feed the chickens anything a raccoon might like and chicken litter doesn't appeal to raccoons.

Do you compost a different way? Do you have a favorite bin or bucket? Email us your composting pictures at sustain@leenh.org and tell us your composting story.

Stay tuned for future installments about composting on the farm and on a municipal scale.



WATER IS ON IN THE LEE HILL CEMETERY
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
OPEN 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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!

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.



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.



LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION

There will be a new Lee Trivia Question in a week or two. 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 DURING ALL SEASONS of historic homes, barns, farms, landmarks, natural settings and other special features and events in Lee. 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

**LIBRARY CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 28TH
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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.

ONGOING PROGRAMS



MEMOIR WRITING GROUP
3RD Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 pm
Next Meeting: June 19th

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.



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 AND Fridays 11:30 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

June 6th & 20th

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

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 10:00 am

Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH

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!

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