

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Lee, New Hampshire 03861
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December 1, 2017

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

DON'T FORGET YOUR FINAL 2017 TAX PAYMENT IS DUE TODAY!



TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY CONCERT CELEBRATION!

Saturday, December 2nd

Town Triangle at 4:00 pm

Then to the Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall

4:30 – 7:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

DECEMBER SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, December 4th & 18th starting at 6:30 pm

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



Come hear a panel of energy experts discuss how you can improve energy efficiency now without spending a lot of money. Also learn where the energy future is headed. Bring your questions and ideas.

Rescheduled: **STATE OF ENERGY Panel**

Lee's James R. Banks, PE., hands-on electrical engineer
Dylan Lucas, solar design engineer at Revision Energy
Venu Rao, former Lockheed Martin project manager and
member of the Hollis NH Energy Committee
Bill Southworth, President, The Digital Microgrid Initiative

When: Friday, December 8, 2017, 7 – 8:30 pm

Where: Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Road, Lee NH.
There is ample parking on the church property.



Co-Sponsors: Lee Energy Committee, Lee Public Library,
Lee Sustainability Committee



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Superior Court's decision in the case Veterans Resort Chapel (VRC) vs. Zoning Board of Adjustment

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Lee Select Board's Statement on the decision



**Lee Police Department
Town of Lee
20 George Bennett Road
Lee, New Hampshire 03861-6567**



Thomas C. Dronsfield, Jr., Chief of Police

**603-659-5866 Business
603-659-6668 Fax**

November 28, 2017

**THE LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
IS LOOKING FOR A HIGHLY SELF-MOTIVATED
PROFESSIONAL TO JOIN OUR AGENCY
AS A POLICE OFFICER**

The Lee Police Department is currently hiring for the position of Police Officer. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, and have a valid driver's license. Applicants must also be able to pass the NH Police Standards and Training physical agility requirements, a polygraph examination, an extensive background check, and a psychological examination. The position requires shift work including nights, weekends, and holidays. Please send your resume with a cover letter to the Lee Police Department, 20 George Bennett Road, Lee, NH 03861 or via email: mail@leenhpolice.org. Resumes are to be received no later than Friday, December 15, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Salary dependent on qualifications. The Town of Lee is an equal opportunity employer.

FROM THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Cold weather is fast approaching. The cemeteries are being prepared for winter. At the Lee Hill Cemetery the water has been turned off and watering cans collected. When visiting your plots, please remove all potted plants and trim any planted perennials to the ground that have been planted by your stone. There are a few metal plant hangers for pick up by the cemetery shed. Please continue to check the E-Crier for cemetery closings. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

THE TOWN CENTER VISION COMMITTEE

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the TCVC Charge
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Committee website



Dave Meeker and Carl Winder use a weed puller to extract a glossy buckthorn sapling. Also, notice the pink leaves, foliage of burning bush, a non-native invasive shrub, scattered through the forest.

Photo by Anne Tappan

On Saturday, November 11, a dozen hardy Lee residents braved record cold temperatures to walk at the Winder property and learn about non-native invasive plants. Following a short introduction by Conservation Commission member Anne Tappan, in which she described how these plants have become so successful and their negative effects on native plants, animals and ecosystems, host Mimi Winder began with a brief history of her work to remove these plants from her property. Her efforts had their origins in the simple desire to remove a thick cluster of bittersweet and multiflora rose which was blocking her view of a neighboring field - a task more easily wished for than accomplished. By the time that section of her property had been reclaimed and the view to the field restored, Ms. Winder had become dedicated to the removal of non-native invasive plants from her property. In the intervening years, she has hauled away many truckloads of invasive plants; however, with sizable populations of oriental bittersweet, glossy and European buckthorn, multiflora rose and burning bush still remaining in forested areas of her property, Ms. Winder's task continues.

When removing invasive plants, Ms. Winder advised folks to keep an eye out for "donor plants" or "mother plants". These are mature plants whose prolific berry production both increases the invasive population in the immediate area and, when consumed by wildlife, can quickly spread to new areas. By keeping a roll of surveying tape handy during removal sessions, folks can tag these plants for removal or treatment with herbicide.

Relating the various methods used for removing these plants, Ms. Winder discussed hand-pulling smaller plants, using a weed puller (Weed Wrench) on medium-sized plants, and lopping or sawing larger plants then applying herbicide directly to the cut stump. Several participants discussed some of their own efforts, including Dave Meeker, whose method for removing large multiflora rose clumps involves crawling under the plant, wrapping a chain around the base, attaching the other end to his tractor, and driving slowly away, so that the entire plant is uprooted.

The question of what to do with all the brush generated by pulling and cutting was also discussed. As with removal, methods varied. Some folks haul plants to the Transfer Station (though it was noted that berry-bearing branches should not be transported), some chip branches and trunks, and others leave the cut material in the woods. If space is available, making large brush piles is a way to keep the material from underfoot and provide cover for wildlife such as birds, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

Even if you missed this great (but cold) outing, there will be other opportunities to learn about invasive and native plants. The Lee Conservation Commission plans to hold walks on this topic this spring. Watch the E-Crier for CC sponsored events.



**Lee Sustainability Committee
Education, Outreach, Advocacy, and Action
How do we accomplish this mission?**

By Brian Giles

An introduction to the Lee Sustainability Committee (LSC) Mission statement published earlier in the E-Crier contains an overarching goal that applies to seven basic principles. This goal is stated as follows: "... to foster an ethic or culture of sustainability among the citizens of Lee through education, outreach, advocacy, and action." The purpose of this article is to outline how we intend to honor this goal through E-Crier publications and other Town of Lee media.

Future E-Crier articles will be dedicated separately to each of the seven principles listed in our Mission Statement. In addition, there will be articles on current LSC projects and sponsorship. Each will be authored by a different member of the LSC. The articles on LSC projects and sponsorship will also show how these actions reflect the core mission. Each writing will be offered in the spirit of sustainability outreach, sustainability education and sustainability advocacy.

Here is a title list of the seven principles: (1) Stewardship, (2) The Natural World, (3) Interdependency, (4) Resource Preservation, (5) Quality of Life, (6) Resiliency and (7) Role as a Community Forum. Current projects to be highlighted include: Lee Well and Groundwater Awareness Program, LSC Sustainability Library, LSC Mentorship Program, and LSC Home Composting. In addition, we are a co-sponsor of the Lee Backyard Farming Initiative (Lee Agricultural Commission and Lee Public Library) and the Renewable Energy presentations (Lee Energy Commission and Lee Public Library).

As members of the LSC, we invite your comments and further ideas on each future E-Crier article. You are encouraged to contact the specific author at sustain@leenh.org or any member of the Lee Sustainability Committee. The current members include Leslie Adams, Chuck Cox, Paul Gasowski, Brian Giles, Matthew Rowell, and Dean Rubine.



LEE TOWN COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

**AGRICULTURAL, 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



THIS WEEK'S NEW LEE TRIVIA QUESTION!! (*Answer will be given in next week's Lee E-Crier*):

There are currently 5 properties in Lee that are listed on the New Hampshire State Register of historical places. Can you name them?

(With thanks to Scott Bugbee for sending me a whole list of trivia Q's & A's to keep me researching - and to keep you guessing!)

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: *What year did the Market Basket store, near the Lee Traffic Circle, open?*

And the answer is: 1993! Before the Lee Market Basket opened in 1993, the closest grocery stores for Lee residents were all about a ½ hour away (each way) in any given direction. It was a major undertaking just to get a week's grocery shopping done. And you couldn't just run up to the Lee Circle to pick up something if you'd forgotten to buy it when you grocery shopped! And it's not like you could drive to Hannaford in Northwood or drive to Market Basket in Epping or drive to Walmart in Epping - because there were NO grocery stores in any of those places yet! So you had to drive to Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, Exeter, or Raymond if you wanted to grocery shop. Ugh! Or maybe you could zip into the old Durham Marketplace for a few things, but they were geared more to specialty foods and dorm snacks than to families at that time. Almost 25 years later, we can see that the passage of time has brought some conveniences and some positive closer to our homes in Lee!

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

The Lee Heritage Commission is currently working on several projects, which we will be reporting on as developments occur, including: assembling and editing the 2018 Lee Wall Calendar, creating a Mission Statement and Collections Policy for the historic Lee Archives, researching and preparing applications for NH State historic recognition for the Lee Town Center buildings. The buildings include the Lee Town Hall, Lee Town Hall Annex, Lee Public Library, Lee Historical Society and the Lee Town Hobo Shed. Additionally, we are conducting, recording, and transcribing oral interviews with various town elders, to collect oral histories of Lee - as well as investigating the means to have some of the older documents and journals in our collections digitized to make them more accessible to the public.



HUNTING

Please note it is Hunting Season again! Please be safe and take precautions.
Go to <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/hunt-dates.html> for details.

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!



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!**



LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for Safety Educator

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Select Board recently approved a new Fee Schedule for the Lee Fire Department.

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
GO TO www.nhfirepermit.com to obtain a fire permit online



WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Lee Church Congregational 17 Mast Rd

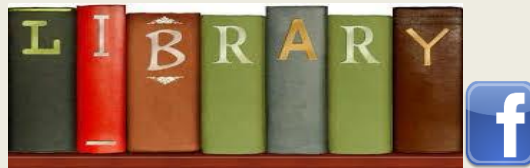
The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.



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 Public Library



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

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

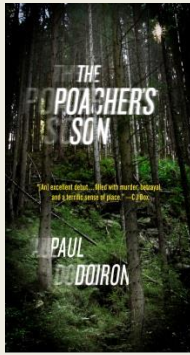
Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



The Trustees of the Lee Library and the Friends of the Lee Library invite you to the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Concert on **Saturday, December 2, 2017**.

4:00 pm - Tree Lighting Town Center Triangle

4:30 pm - Concert at the Jeremiah Smith Grange featuring members of the Oyster River High School Jazz Band. Refreshments will be served.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, December 11th 7:00 pm

“Poacher’s Son” by Paul Doiron

“[Doiron’s] first novel comes with stunning vistas of the dense forests and wild rivers that have impressed visitors to Maine ever since Benedict Arnold passed through on his march to Quebec in 1775. . . . The novel’s eye-popping scenes, idyllic and otherwise, are conveyed by Doiron’s narrator, Mike Boditch.” —*New York Times Book Review*



HOLIDAY GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE
Saturday, December 16th 10:30 am

Families are invited to come to the library to create a holiday graham cracker house. This edible treat makes for a great holiday centerpiece. Please talk to a librarian or call the library at **659-2626 to register.**



SNOWMAN PIN DROP-IN CRAFT
DECEMBER 26TH – 30TH
DROP BY THE LIBRARY TO MAKE A
SNOWMAN PIN!

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.



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

Participants will read & discuss a different book each month. Pizza will be served. Students may arrange to take **bus 6** directly to the library after school. If interested, **sign up** by calling 659-2626.



STORY TIME
Thursdays 10:30 am Children ages 2-6
December 7th, 14th & 21st

These fun 30-40 minute programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. **Registration not required.**



TINY TOTS LAPSIT
Children up to 2 years of age
Friday, Dec 1st & 15th at 10:30am

Join us for a baby/toddler lapsit. This 20 minute program offers songs, stories and movement with relaxed time afterwards for play and socializing. **Registration is not required.**



NO FOOLIN, JUST FUN
ADULT GAME DAY
Tuesdays 9:30am
All are welcome! Open to all adults 18 and older.



KNITTING FOR 50+
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9:30am
December 6th & 20th
Help is available from instructor Donna Kay. All levels welcome.

Regional & State News & Events

McGregor EMC Collecting Donations for The Homemakers Health Services

McGregor EMS is collecting donations on behalf of The Homemakers Health Services, thehomemakers.org, whose mission is to provide health care and supportive services to those in need so they can remain safely in their home. The Homemakers will be making gift baskets for senior citizens in Strafford County. Items needed include nonperishable food, new socks, new sheets or blankets, personal hygiene items and pet food. Items may be dropped off at Madbury Town Hall, Madbury Library, Lee Public Safety Building, Durham Town Hall or at McGregor EMS. If these locations are not convenient, a McGregor member will gladly come to you! Kindly call our station at 862-3674 between 7am and 5pm and ask for a pick-up.

**STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
& PUBLIC HEARING ON THE UPDATES TO
THE 2015-2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

[CLICK HERE](#) for Memo

[CLICK HERE](#) for Plan

STATE OF OUR ESTUARIES CONFERENCE – BEYOND BORDERS

Friday, December 8th 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Portsmouth Harbor Events Center, Portsmouth, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to Register



780 North Commercial St.
Manchester, New Hampshire 03101

NEWS RELEASE

**Eversource, 100+ Energy Companies, Retailers and Local Law Enforcement Urge
Customers to Beware of Scams**

New signs posted at retailer checkouts warn customers of prepaid card scam

MANCHESTER, N.H. (November 15, 2017) – Eversource business and residential customers continue to pick up their phones and open their doors to find individuals falsely claiming to be “representatives” or “employees” of Eversource on the other side. These individuals either threaten disconnection of energy service if an immediate payment isn’t made with a prepaid debit card, or they use deceptive marketing tactics to mine for customers’ personal account information. This week, as part of Utilities United Against Scams, a consortium of over 100 energy companies, Eversource is urging its customers to beware of scammers and to heed law enforcement’s warnings.

A common scam impacting New Hampshire energy customers – especially small businesses – involves a fraudster calling and stating that due to a customer’s “delinquent” account, a truck has been dispatched to disconnect their service unless a payment is made within a short time frame. Scammers usually demand immediate payment with a gift card or prepaid debit card, such as Green Dot MoneyPak, Vanilla or Reloadit purchased from a local retailer, in order to stop the disconnection of services. The scammers will provide the victim with a phone number to call back with their prepaid debit card information.

“The key to stopping these scammers is to stay calm - don’t panic and don’t pay,” said Penni Conner, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Eversource. “Together with our fellow energy companies, retailers and local law enforcement, we’re urging any of our customers who receive a suspicious phone call or home visit to call us at 1-800-662-7764 to verify ANY request for payment or personal information.”

To help combat the scams from continuing, Eversource has worked closely with local retailers who sell prepaid debit cards to post warning signs at store checkout counters, reminding people that energy companies will never request payment with a prepaid card.

Local law enforcement is also sounding the alarm on scammers. “You’re being targeted by a scammer if you receive a call demanding a hasty payment with a gift card,” said Londonderry Police Det. Chris Olson. “Another sign is a request for payment of a high amount, much more than a monthly bill. If you know your monthly bill isn’t that high, that should be a red flag. Contact your energy company to verify a representative is who they say they are. If something seems suspicious, call the police right away.”

Reminders:

- Eversource representatives never ask for instant payment in person or over the phone.
- Eversource representatives do not require the use of prepaid debit cards (such as Green Dot MoneyPak, Vanilla or Reloadit).
- Eversource representatives never request customers meet at a payment center, such as a department or grocery store, to make a payment.
- Eversource does not solicit door-to-door or on the phone on behalf of third-party energy suppliers.

Eversource urges anyone who believes they are a target of improper solicitation to please contact them directly at 1-800-662-7764. The company tracks these types of customer concerns and reports them to state regulators. Eversource.com and the Utilities United Against Scams websites provide more information on how to protect personal information and avoid becoming a victim of utility scams. Concerned customers can also report scams and fraudulent activity by calling the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 603-271-2431.

OYSTER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

http://orcsd.org/school_board/board_appointed_committees/facility_committee/

**ARTICLE BY OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR THOMAS NEWKIRK
REGARDING CURRENT MIDDLE SCHOOL**



NH FISH AND GAME LANDOWNER NEWSLETTER

<http://www.wildnh.com/landshare>



**To receive the E-CRIER via email EVERY WEEK go to, click on Subscribe to
E-Alerts and follow the directions to subscribe. It's that easy!**

ATTENTION!

We heard that there may be Lee residents who wish to see the E-Crier but do not have the internet!! If you have contact with these people kindly direct them to Town Hall for a **printed copy** or to the Library to view it there. If they cannot leave their home please have them call Denise Duval, Town Secretary, at 659-5414 to have it mailed!