

# Lee Town Crier

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## NOTICE from the SUPERVISORS of the CHECKLIST

In preparation for the Presidential Primary Election on January 10, 2012, the Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Lee Town Hall on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 from 7:00 – 7:30 pm to make corrections to the checklist.

This is the last day for the Town Clerk or the Supervisor of the Checklist to accept voter registration applications.

No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until Election Day.

Voters may register at the polls on Election Day.



## PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**  
Polls open 7:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Public Safety Complex  
20 George Bennett Rd



## DELIBERATIVE SESSION

**Saturday, February 4, 2012**  
Beginning at 9:00 am  
Mast Way School  
23 Mast Rd, Lee



## VOTING DAY

**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**  
Polls open 7:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Public Safety Complex  
20 George Bennett Rd

## TOWN OFFICES ARE CLOSED the FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day - *Monday, January 2nd*

Civil Rights Day - *Monday, January 16th*

President's Day - *Monday, February 20th*

## PUBLIC HEARING

To consider the 2012 application to operate a Race Track for Lee USA Speedway. Monday, January 9, 2012 at the Public Safety Complex at 6:00 pm.



## NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Lee welcomes a new Town Administrator, Julie Glover.

Ms. Glover was the former Administrative Services Director for the Town of Newmarket. She has previously held the position of Project Coordinator for Newmarket's \$6.5M Main Street Reconstruction Project. She has extensive experience in both the public and private sector including work in construction project management, human resources and purchasing for both municipal and private entities.

She was the top candidate out of a field of 65 applicants. Glover will begin her duties as Lee's Town Administrator January 3rd.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) is dedicated to the prevention of child sexual abuse, sexual assault and stalking, while supporting victims, survivors and others impacted by sexual violence.

The mission is accomplished by providing the following services:

- A confidential 24-hour sexual assault crisis hotline
- 24-hour advocacy and support at police stations, hospital emergency rooms, child advocacy centers and the courts
- Support groups for rape survivors, sexual abuse survivors, parents, and others affected by sexual violence
- Professional training and consultation to police departments, hospitals, schools and others in the community
- Sexual abuse and sexual assault prevention education in the schools for children, teens and parents
- Sexual harassment prevention workshops for teachers and children in schools, and managers and employees in the workplace

**Client Services:** During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, SASS responded to 13 Lee residents, providing service through hotline calls, accompaniments at hospitals, police departments and Child Advocacy Centers and the provision of support groups.

**Education Programs:** SASS Educators were able to present its range of age-based programs to a total of 338 students, and 49 teachers in the Lee schools system.



## LAMPREY HEALTH CARE Primary Care for the Whole Family

At Lamprey Health Care, we focus on prevention, health education and lifestyle management of the entire family. Our Board-Certified Medical Staff and team approach, combined with our comprehensive wrap-around services, are what make us different.

### Primary Care

- Prenatal & Obstetrical Care
- Pediatric & Adolescent Care
- Adult & Elderly Care

### Women's Health

- Gynecological Care
- Family Planning
- Childbirth
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Program

### Other Health-Related Services

- Chronic Disease Management
- Diabetes Education & Management
- Early Childhood Development
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Nutrition Education & Counseling
- School-Based Dental Program
- Medication Assistance
- Interpretation Services
- Transportation Services
- Lab Services
- Referrals to Specialists

### On-Site Services in Raymond & Newmarket

- X-Ray Services
- Mammography
- Physical and Occupational Therapy

**Newmarket Center** 603.659.3106  
207 S. Main Street, Newmarket, NH 03857

**Raymond Center** 603.895.3351  
128 State Route 27, Raymond, NH 03077

[www.lampreyhealth.org](http://www.lampreyhealth.org)



## LEE Bahá'í COMMUNITY:

Who Are the Lee Bahá'ís?

(by Anne Jennison)

We are residents in the Town of Lee, parents, grand-parents, and professionals; we are your friends and your neighbors. Our children have attended Mast Way School, Oyster River Middle and High Schools. The Town of Lee has had an active community of Bahá'ís for more than 25 years. The Bahá'í Faith is a recognized worldwide religion that was established over 160 years ago. In addition to taking part in our own Bahá'í-sponsored religious events in Lee over the years, the Bahá'ís of Lee – as a group and as individuals – have also participated in the annual Lee Country Fair for more than 20 years, operated a Bahá'í Sunday School in Lee for 10 years, helped to lead local Girl Scout troops for 10 years, have donated books to the Lee Public Library, have supported fund-raisers for the Lee Library and the Lee Historical Society, have participated in supporting the Lee Food Pantry and the Lee Farmers' Market, have supported local businesses, and have jointly sponsored a benefit concert for Haitian disaster relief with the Lee Church Congregational.

Bahá'ís believe there really is a God, that humanity is one family, women and men are equal, our families are important, it's all right to think for yourself, science & religion can agree, we were created to live in joy, our souls are immortal, economic & environmental problems can be solved by spiritual principles, world peace is dawning, and our individual as well as collective efforts matter. We also welcome the opportunity to work on joint service or charitable projects with other faith communities.

We invite you to learn more about who we are by attending any of the events listed in our Lee Bahá'í Community Calendar. *(All Bahá'í events are free to the public. Donations are not accepted.)*

### For more information:

<http://www.bahai.us>

<http://www.bahai.org/>

### Lee Bahá'í Community Calendar:

#### January 2012

- Bahá'í Devotional Gatherings\*
  - January 1: 11 am – noon
  - January 15: 11 am – noon

#### February 2012

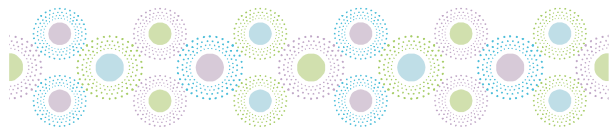
- Bahá'í Devotional Gatherings\*
  - February 5: 11 am – noon
  - February 19: 11 am – noon

#### March 2012

- Bahá'í Devotional Gatherings\*
  - March 4: 11 am – noon
  - March 18: 11 am – noon
- March 2 – 20: **The Bahá'í Fast** is observed by adult Bahá'ís, daily, from sunrise to sunset.
- March 20: **Naw Rúz** – At sunset, the Bahá'í Fast ends and Naw Rúz, the Bahá'í New Year, is celebrated.

**\*Bahá'í Devotional Gatherings:** *You are welcome to attend our Bahá'í devotional gatherings, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month. At these gatherings we share the sacred texts of the Bahá'í Faith and other world religions. We respect and honor each of the Founders of the world's religions. These meetings are hosted by Wendy and Marty Quinn at their home in Lee. Please call for directions: 659-5239.*





## **OYSTER RIVER *FIRST* ROBOTICS TEAM #3499**

The countdown has begun for the Oyster River High School *FIRST* Robotics Team. Kick-off for the 2012 competition is Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at Southern New Hampshire University. Working with adult mentors, Oyster River High School students have just six weeks to design, build, program and test their robots to meet this year's engineering challenge. To build their robot, the team will receive a Kit of Parts that includes motors, batteries, a control system, and a mix of automation components – but no instructions.

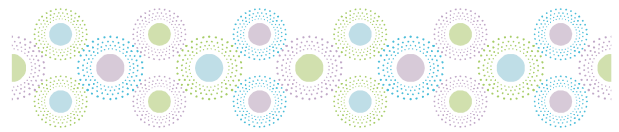
Last March, ORHS Team #3499 competed along side of 800 other high school students from Brazil, Great Britain, Hawaii, New York, and New England, at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) *FIRST* Robotics Regional Competition, In Worcester Massachusetts. At WPI, Oyster River students walked away with two awards, the Rookie Inspiration Award that recognizes a rookie team for outstanding effort as a *FIRST* team in community outreach and recruiting students to engineering; the Highest Rookie Seed Award and celebrates the highest-seeded rookie team at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds.

This year the team hopes to build on last year's successes, with the ultimate goal of establishing in our students a foundation of analytical, creative and collaborative skills that will carry them into future endeavors within the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) sectors of the technical workforce.

Team #3499 is sponsored by the Oyster River High School, JCPenney at the Fox Run Mall, the new Hampshire Space Grant Consortium, and the Dupont Group. The team is currently looking for donations of a drill press, scrap stock of ½" plywood (with one smooth surface) in the dimensions

of roughly 16" x 24" , electric hand drill, scrap stock of aluminum or steel, heavy duty extension cords, machine screws, hand tools: screw drivers, pliers, files, etc. Preparations for the upcoming season are well underway and donations of any of these materials would be appreciated as soon as possible. If you would like to be a sponsor for the team, please contact Nate Oxnard at [noxnard@orcsd.org](mailto:noxnard@orcsd.org)

Additional contacts for team information are Carolyn Singer and Mark Popecki (603) 868-3859.



## **LEE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

On January 17, 2012 the Lee Firemen's Association will hold their annual meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at the Safety Complex on George Bennett Rd, and is open to all interested members of the community.

Officers to be elected for 2012, goals to be set for 2012. Bring ideas to work on for the fire department and the community.

Monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, at the Lee Safety Complex. Come and join us meeting the needs of the fire department and community!

For more information, please call Barbara Gingras, 659-3919  
[barbging@comcast.net](mailto:barbging@comcast.net)

## LEE VFW POST 10676 HAPPENINGS

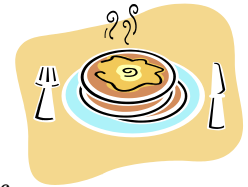
The Lee VFW Post honored Veterans Day by distributing Buddy Poppies at Lee Market Basket and Durham Marketplace. Thanks for all the donations that will help our veterans and their families in need.

We are looking for veterans who recently returned from Iraq or Afghanistan within the past year or more. The Post is planning a homecoming reception to welcome you home at the Flag Hill Winery on a date to be determined. Please contact Dale Hardy [dvh1938@comcast.net](mailto:dvh1938@comcast.net) or 531-6495 or stop by our meeting on the first Monday of the month at 1930hrs at the Flag Hill Winery so we can plan for the event.

The Post is again collecting old, unserviceable flags to be disposed of. We had a flag burning this fall and will have another flag burning ceremony in the spring to properly retire them. They may be dropped off at Flag Hill Winery during their business hours.

~Dale V. Hardy, Commander

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



Is held the 4th Sunday of the month at Lee Church Congregational - 17 Mast Road. Offering food, fellowship and programs of interest to the men of the church and the community.

Breakfast: 7:00 Presentation 7:15 – 8:00. This time of fellowship is open to folks from the church and wider community, and women are certainly welcome to attend.

Come and check us out. For more information call 659-2861.

## CHURCH SUPPERS at LEE CHURCH Congregational

17 Mast Road

Third Saturday of the month 5:00-7:00 pm  
(No Supper in January)

### Saturday, February 18 Spaghetti Supper 5-7 pm

### Saturday, March 17 Corned Beef and Cabbage 5-7 pm

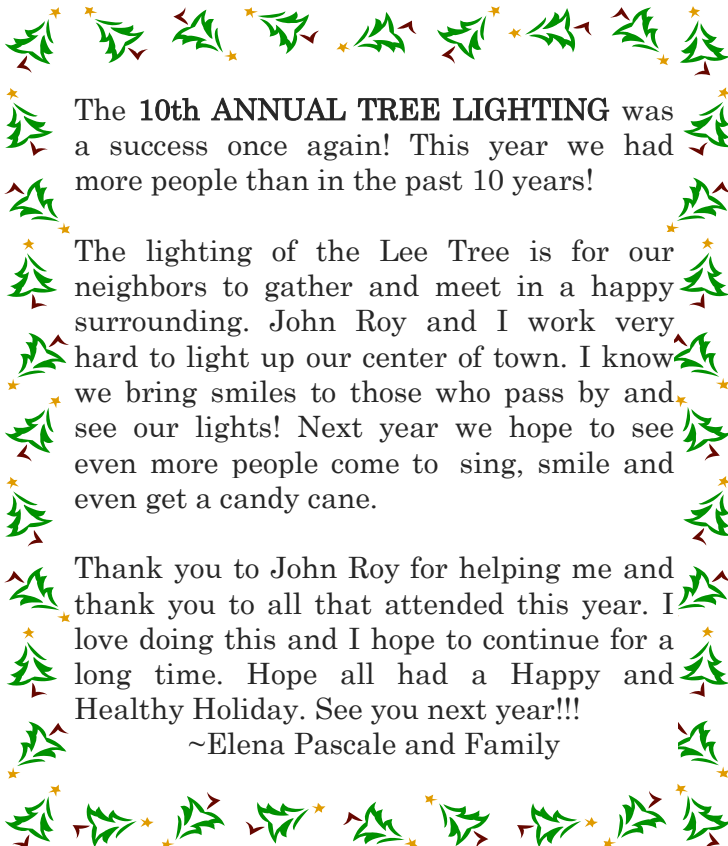
Our home-style menu varies but you will always find a delicious meal seasoned with good fellowship. Call 659-2861 for ticket prices or stop by the day of. Menu will be posted prior, watch for signs.



The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood:™

Red Cross Blood Drive at Lee Church  
Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00 -6:00 pm

Please donate if you are able. Bring your ID. Watch sign for more information or call 659-2861



The **10th ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING** was a success once again! This year we had more people than in the past 10 years!

The lighting of the Lee Tree is for our neighbors to gather and meet in a happy surrounding. John Roy and I work very hard to light up our center of town. I know we bring smiles to those who pass by and see our lights! Next year we hope to see even more people come to sing, smile and even get a candy cane.

Thank you to John Roy for helping me and thank you to all that attended this year. I love doing this and I hope to continue for a long time. Hope all had a Happy and Healthy Holiday. See you next year!!!

~Elena Pascale and Family



## FROM THE TRANSFER STATION

Our new two year dump stickers are out, they are good through 2013. Please have us replace your old purple sticker if you still have one. Volunteers led by Tina Thompson, issued new stickers to residents on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The volunteers were; Linda LaRoche, Nadeen Preston, Nancy Garhart, & Sandra Fortin, . A BIG Thank You to all the volunteers that got the first thousand stickers on the Lee vehicles. Thanks to ALL the volunteers and volunteer hours given to the Town of Lee every year!

In late November we had a ten day flurry of selling recyclables: our aluminum foil and pie plates - \$229, mixed paper - \$1,360, lt. iron - \$1,650, #1 and #2 plastic for \$10,745, old corrugated cardboard - \$2,415 and lead-acid batteries - \$750. The total is \$17,000+ and since the Market prices are starting to soften, it was a good time to sell.

Batteries! If they are lead-acid automotive type, we sell them. They go in the bin between the exit overhead doors. All rechargeable batteries are sent back to the RBRC (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation) including "button cell" and Lithium-Ion. Lithium has its own disposal. However, at this time all Alkaline and carbon-zinc (heavy duty) are sent to the landfill and can go in the trash.

Plastic! We are only able to recycle and get \$ for #1 and #2 bottle/jar/jug type. If the #1 or #2 is tub shape or not smaller at the top, then it was injected into the mold and not sellable at this time. The buyers of plastic *only want what was "blown into the mold"*.

Winter Sand & Salt! We have used 5 gallon buckets here and the Highway Dept. has one bin with sand and salt for Lee residents. It's good to have on hand to treat our walks and driveways at home.

With the winter season, some have their recycling outside, please keep barrels covered, as we need to remove ice and snow when it's mixed in with your recyclables.

Thank You residents for your recycling!

Thanks for Recycling, Chip, Colin, Gary, Roger and the Swap Shop volunteers; Georgia, Linda, Nancy, Shirley, Kat, Bucky, Bill and Paul.

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

### WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY at Lee Church Congregational



One of the many missions of the Lee Church is their food pantry, which is open to **any family** residing in the town of Lee. The pantry stocks non-perishable food, paper, and cleaning items for those in need. The pantry is open the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00 pm. If there is an emergency need please feel free to contact the Church office 659-2861. Anyone's visit to the pantry is strictly confidential.

### TAI CHI CLASSES

Gentle movements - Yoga without the difficult positions. Suitable for everyone (including Seniors).

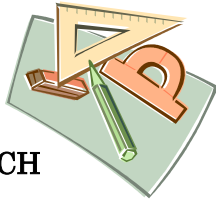


Beginner's class (or basics review)  
Starts Monday, Jan 9th at 9:00 am

Wednesday mornings 24 Form –  
Starts Wednesday, Jan 4th at 9:30 am  
1 hour classes

Held in the Fellowship Hall at Lee Church Congregational. Please contact the Church office for more info 659-2861.

**OYSTER RIVER IS SEEKING  
INTERESTED RESIDENTS  
to PARTICIPATE in  
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH  
SCREENING COMMITTEE**



The Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) School Board has engaged the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to assist them in the search process for a new Superintendent of Schools.

An integral part of the process involves parent, student, staff, and community participation. To date the district has conducted a series of focus groups to obtain participant input about the attributes, experience and knowledge that the new superintendent should possess. The groups also identified immediate tasks that the new superintendent should address. A detailed report of focus group findings may be found on the district website.

The ORCSD School Board now invites interested residents to apply to serve on the Superintendent Screening Committee. Residents interested in serving as one of two parents or two community representatives are asked to submit a brief letter detailing their interest, relevant qualifications and whether they have children currently enrolled in the school district. Letters should be sent to [wdifruscio@orcsd.org](mailto:wdifruscio@orcsd.org) or Oyster River Cooperative SAU #5 Attn: Wendy DiFruscio 55 Coe Drive Durham, NH 03824. Letters should be submitted no later than December 16, 2011.

The Screening Committee will be comprised of eleven members including: one student representative, two parents, two community members, three teachers, one administrator and two

school board members. The full Screening Committee will be established at the December 21, 2011 School Board Meeting.

The first Screening Committee meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2012 @ 6:30PM - 9:00PM in the ORHS Room C-120. A subsequent meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2012. The screening process is expected to be completed with candidate finalists presented to the School Board on January, 19, 2012.

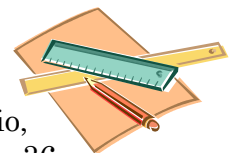
Please note that the selected representative should be prepared to make a significant time commitment during the two week screening period.

**The School Board and NESDEC encourage community members to apply.** For additional information about the Superintendent Search, please visit the ORCSD website: [www.orcsd.org](http://www.orcsd.org)

The Oyster River Cooperative School District serves the towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury, New Hampshire. Approximately 2,100 students attend the district's four schools: Mast Way Elementary, Moharimet Elementary, Oyster River Middle School and Oyster River High School. The Oyster River District mission, "Working Together to Engage Every Learner," supports each student to reach his or her potential.

**Visit:** the ORCSD website <http://www.orcsd.org>

**Contact:** ORCSD School Board c/o Wendy DiFruscio, ORCSD SAU District Office, 36 Coe Drive, Durham, NH 03824; 868-5100, [wdifruscio@orcsd.org](mailto:wdifruscio@orcsd.org)



## BUTTON UP LEE

### Weatherization Workshop Report



In December, the Lee Energy Committee and the Sustainable Development and Energy Systems Group (SDES Group) held a weatherization seminar and hands-on workshop to both educate Lee citizens about specific weatherization techniques and to do basic weatherization for the Town Hall and the Town Hall Annex. The event opened with a weatherization presentation by Mike Turcotte of Turncycle Solutions, where he demonstrated appropriate techniques, common mistakes, and tricks of the trade on a mocked up wall of several insulation and window designs. After the seminar, attendees broke up into teams and conducted weatherization measures on the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex. These included outlet sealing, window wraps, expanding foam air sealing, caulking around window sills, hot water pipe insulation, hot water tank insulation, and door sealing. Additional weatherization materials will be installed in the coming weeks, particularly in the Library.

These weatherization measures should help reduce the town building heating bills. This is a first step in the process of increasing our energy efficiency.

For those who missed the event, a video of the seminar will be available on the town website and the town cable channel.

## LEE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL

We invite you to join us at Worship Services *Praise Service* with contemporary Christian music and band at 8:30 am or

*Traditional Service* with a variety of choirs, traditional music at 10:30 am

**Sunday school and nursery care available at both services.**

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**Bible Study** begins January 24<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesdays 7:00 pm – Study focus is First Corinthians: One in Christ

All are welcome to attend. Program runs for 14 weeks. Call Lee Church Congregational at 659-2861 to sign-up.

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### SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

**Civil Rights Sunday** -

January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Mission Sunday** -

January 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Ash Wednesday** -

February 22 - at 7:00 pm

~ ~ ~ **EASTER WEEK** ~ ~ ~

### PALM SUNDAY

April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 & 10:30 am

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 am – Rt. 155  
("Bradbury Pasture")

Easter Breakfast at Lee Church to follow. Services: 9:30 am & 10:30 am



# LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Winter 2012

### CRAFT WORKSHOPS

**Rug Braiding –**  
**Tuesdays Beginning Jan 24<sup>th</sup> through**  
**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Learn the rug braiding techniques for creating a traditional wool rug. Basic sewing experience needed. A materials list will be available at the library. Depending on what supplies and fabric you may already have on hand, costs could range from \$20 for some basic supplies to \$90 for a complete beginner's kit. Presenter Annie Gasowski, will have a sampling of her rugs as well as some made by her students, on display at the library as the featured artist of the month for January. Questions about the workshop may be directed to Annie at: 659-5273. Registration for this workshop is limited to 8. Call to register - 659-2626.

**Goat Milk Soap Making –**  
**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am**  
**Hickory Nut Farm 21 York Lane, Lee**



Handmade soap is beneficial for the skin because it contains all natural ingredients. It has no harsh chemicals, alcohol or petroleum products as do many commercial brand soaps. Goat milk soap is even more beneficial because it contains natural emollients, vitamins and minerals. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Donna Lee Woods will demonstrate how to make goat milk soap. A simple explanation of the chemistry involved will dispel any fear of complexity. It is fun and anyone can do it. Limited to 5 people. Registration is required. Please call the library at 659-2626 or stop by to sign up. (Backyard Farming Initiative is Sponsored by the Lee Public Library and Lee Agriculture Commission)

### MAKE it and TAKE it CRAFTS

**Comic Book Illustration Workshop –**  
**Manga Style**

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am - Noon**

If you love comic books and or drawing, this is the workshop for you! Local illustrator, Ian Jones, will be here on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> to share his knowledge about comic book illustration, manga style. All drawing supplies will be provided and attendees will leave with a completed comic! **For ages 7-10.** Please call to register at 659-2626.

**Make a Snowman – Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm**

Stop by and make a cotton ball snowman!

### INFORMATIVE EVENTS

**Life in Paris - Pictures and Stories**  
**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

This event will take place at the Lee Public Library and will feature Henry Smith of the University of New Hampshire's College of Liberal Arts. Henry M. Smith is an emeritus professor of the University of New Hampshire where he was a lecturer in French from 1988-2005. He holds a Master's in French Language, Literature and Civilization. He travels to France every year to keep up with life in France - language, culture, and life on the streets.

This presentation is a collection of images and stories Professor Smith has collected over his many years of ongoing travel to French soil. Informative and entertaining, he shares his keen interest in life in France, social and political, past and present - the bouquinistes, art and graffiti, his personal encounters, the open air markets, cemeteries, and so much more! This program was made possible by the University of New Hampshire Speakers Bureau which connects faculty and staff speakers with non-profit organizations to share the research and knowledge of the

university with the people and communities of New Hampshire. For more information on this program contact Sharon Taylor at the Lee Public Library at 659-2626

### **First Aid Certification**

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

The McGregor Institute of EMS (an affiliate of the Durham Ambulance Corps) and the library are sponsoring an American Heart Association First Aid Certification Course on Monday, February 6 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The course teaches adult, child and infant first aid; participants will receive a 2-year certification card upon successful completion of the course. The program is free, but there is a \$20 materials fee. To register, call Natalie at the Durham Ambulance Corps at 862-3674 or email [cprregistration@mcgregorems.org](mailto:cprregistration@mcgregorems.org).



You can also register on their website: <http://www.mcgregorems.org/institute/cpr-local.html>

### **Meat Bird Butchering**

**Saturday, February, 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am**

**1790 Farm 40 Stepping Stones Rd**

If you are raising meat birds you will know how to butcher them upon completion of this session. (Backyard Farming Initiative: Sponsored by the Lee Public Library and Lee Agriculture Commission)

### **Getting Organized**

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Brenda Cartwright, professional Organizer, from Ellsworth, Maine will present a talk on "Getting Organized" at the Lee Public Library on Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m.. Brenda has been a professional Organizer for 25 years and her presentation is filled not only with great tips but funny anecdotes from her long career in helping people get organized. She prefers an informal talk where the audience brings

their questions, concerns, and wonderings so be thinking about what your stumbling blocks are around goal setting, prioritizing, and getting and staying organized! No shame, no judgment, just good clean organizing tips from a real expert.

### **Planting and Transferring Seedlings with Master Gardener Carl Deame**

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Find out all you need to know about the delicate art of planting and transferring seedlings at the Lee Library. (Backyard Farming Initiative: Sponsored by the Lee Public Library and Lee Agriculture Commission)

## **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

This group is open to all. We have lively, interesting discussions. Books are available for pick up at the library about a month before each discussion.

**Monday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**Let the Great World Spin**

**by Colum McCann**



In the dawning light of a late-summer morning, the people of lower Manhattan stand hushed, staring up in disbelief at the Twin Towers. It is August 1974, and a mysterious tightrope walker is running, dancing, leaping between the towers, suspended a quarter mile above the ground. In the streets below, a slew of ordinary lives become extraordinary in bestselling novelist Colum McCann's stunningly intricate portrait of a city and its people. (Book Description)

**Monday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**The Emperors of Chocolate: Inside the secret world of Hersey and Mars**



**by Joel Brenner**

Americans eat more than 10 pounds of chocolate per year. Two of the candy maker giants Milton Hershey and Forrest Mars built business empires out of one of the world's most consumed substances: chocolate. February is a great month to read about these two chocolate makers and how they came to be. One reviewer noted, "Both the Hershey family and the Mars family share qualities of obsessive-compulsive behavior, paranoia, secrecy, fancy and tyranny." That makes great reading!

**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**Half-Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls**

"Lily Casey Smith, this novel's feisty Texas protagonist, is a frontier teacher, a rancher, a rodeo rider, a poker player, and bootlegger. In *Half Broke Horses*, she survives droughts, tornados, floods, poverty, and whatever else fate can throw against her. Based on author Jeannette Walls's grandmother, Lily is a plausible character because she has a voice that synchronizes with her history. This novel lives up to the still gathering acclaim for Walls's novel *The Glass Castle*" (*Goodreads review*)

**Mystery Writer Visit**

Watch for a visit from NH mystery author Brendan Dubois in April! Use the months preceding his visit to catch up on his mysteries, all based in the seacoast area of New Hampshire.

**STORY TIME**

Preschool story time for ages 3-6 is held on **Thursday mornings** at 10:30 am. This is a 40 minute program. A 30 minute toddler story time for ages 2-3 meets **Friday mornings** at 10:30. Both programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. Registration is not required.

**Evening Story Time**

Stop by at **6:30 pm** on **Tuesday, March 13** for an evening of great stories and family fun! Look for this story time in upcoming months, as well!

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The after school program for ages 6-10 is held on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Children will be introduced to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft will also be included. Mast Way students may ride **bus 22** directly to the library. If interested, please call 659-2626. **Registration is required.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOOK CLUB**

For 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, this club meets the first Thursday of each month from 3-4 pm. Participants will read and discuss a different book each month. And – pizza will be served, courtesy of Pizza Spinners! Students may take **bus 8** directly to the library after school. **Sign up** by calling 659-2626!

**DOG DAYS AT THE LIBRARY**

Children in **grades K-4** can read with a 4 footed friend! We are pleased that three Lee residents will be participating this year in the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) Program which is dedicated to improving reading skills of children using registered Pet Partner teams as literacy mentors. Barb



Barb Brothwell and her pug Izzy will be here on the **first Monday of each month** at 3:30 pm. Carla Corey will be returning at 3:30 pm on the **second Thursday of each month** with her cocker spaniel, Joy. And kids can meet with Stacey Bender and her chocolate lab, Bailey, at 10:30 am on the **third Saturday of each month**. Call 659-2626 and **sign up!**

## SKUNK ZOO

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**

Local authors and illustrators Christopher Ouellette and daughter Eowyn will be here to read their story book entitled SKUNK ZOO! They will be accompanied by a **real skunk!**



## FEBRAURY VACATION EVENT

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am at Multi-purpose Room at Oyster River High School**

Liven up the vacation week by joining us on for an amazing and wacky performance by **Alex the Jester!** This event is co-sponsored by the Lee, Madbury and Durham public libraries. Suitable for ages 3 and above.

## READ TO RIDE at RYE AIRFIELD SKATE PARK

The library is participating in Rye Airfield's *Read to Ride* program. Readers have a chance to earn a FREE day pass to the park. All you need to do is read a book and do one of the following (depending on your age):

- \*Write a short (1-2) paragraph essay/review on the book
- \*Sit down with a librarian, discuss the book
- \*Draw a picture about the book

Participants will receive a bookmark for each book reviewed. Collect five bookmarks and redeem them at Rye Airfield for a free all day pass! Prior to starting the program, please speak with a librarian to determine which reporting method works best for you. Also, be sure to call ahead to make sure a librarian is available to meet with you to discuss/review your book.

## MUSEUM PASSES

Have you reserved a museum pass yet? It is easy, fun and saves you money!

Passes Available:

- Children's Museum of NH
- Currier Gallery of Art
- Isabelle Stewart Gardner Museum
- Boston Children's Museum
- Boston Museum of Science
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Seacoast Science Center

Passes may be reserved up to one month in advance. They are available thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Lee Public Library.

## FACEBOOK

According to Facebook, it is a "social utility that connects people with friends and others who work, study and live around them." Connect with what is happening at the library at this popular social network site and remember to "Like" us while visiting!



## E-READERS

Are you curious about e-readers? The Lee Public Library has both the Nook and the Kindle available to lend out! This gives you an opportunity to see whether or not you enjoy reading on an electronic device. You can place a request for the devices online just as you would for a book. Search in the online catalog for the Kindle or the Nook and reserve just as you would for other library materials. Your account will need to be in good standing. The e-readers may be checked out for one week with no renewals. We want as many patrons as possible to have a hands-on opportunity to learn about them. (Library patrons 18 years and older can borrow one of the library's e-reader devices.)



## TOWN CONSERVATION LAND

2011 has been a very active year on several of the parcels of town-owned conservation land. This might be expected, for 2010 was a good year for developing and approving stewardship/management plans on four parcels: Town Forest Complex, Maud Jones Memorial Forest, Five Corners Reserve, and Garrity Reserve. All the planning efforts included invitations for public participation in the process, through both informational meetings; letters to abutters. Although town conservation lands are open for public entry and enjoyment, some are not very well set up for access. This is a challenge being addressed by the Conservation Commission.

**Town Forest Complex** The largest of the town conservation areas at almost 200 acres, the forest complex has parking and access at several locations and a good system of walking trails. The “yellow trail”, which closely follows the perimeter of the original town forest, has been recently improved as a result of an Eagle Scout project, led by Tony Sergi. The trail has been cleared of brush and hazard trees, bridges have been repaired, a wet section of trail has been relocated, and the yellow trail blazes have been repainted.

**Maud Jones Memorial Forest** This parcel, about 75 acres in size with frontage along Garrity Rd and Turtle Pond Rd (Rt. 155), has a parking/access area along Garrity Rd, across from the small Hoitt–Piper–Cook cemetery. Walking trails are not well-developed, but the forest has a good mixture of streams and wooded hillsides. There is a dry “kettle hole” close to the UNH gravel pit along Garrity Rd. A boundary marking project is will be starting shortly, so abutting landowners will be alerted to the activities when they begin.

**Five Corners Reserve** This old gravel pit, about 21 acres in size, is currently being treated with an intensive habitat improvement project, designed to provide useful cover for the New England cottontail rabbit, which is a species of concern in New

Hampshire. This parcel is located along the extension of Old Concord Turnpike, west of the Five Corners intersection at Route 155. There is a parking area shortly before the gate for the service road to the Durham water supply well.

Work will include mechanical removal of pervasive autumn olive, an invasive shrub, mechanical and chemical treatment of Japanese knotweed, another invasive shrub, cutting of aspen trees to promote sprouting of root suckers, planting of preferred native plants, wetland improvement, and development of a walking trail through the site. The project is being managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with funding provided by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service. The project is expected to last through the summer of 2012.

**Old Mill Reserve** A Wetland Restoration Project on two old gravel pits along Old Mill Rd has been completed. In addition to substantial slope stabilization work, the project included development wetland areas, planted with Atlantic white-cedar. On upland portions there have been substantial plantings of upland shrubs, oaks, and pines, with the expectation that these will develop into a pine barren habitat. The Town Highway Department has recently completed the restoration of a rock-filled drainage way that had eroded as a result of summer storms.



The completed project may be viewed from Old Mill Rd; in addition, there is a gated entrance parking area at the northern end of the project area. Funding and project management was provided by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, with town coordination by Caren Rossi of the Lee Planning Office.

For additional information please contact the Conservation Commission at the Town Hall, 659-5414, leaving a message for Bill Humm, chair. Copies of management plans for town conservation land are available at the Lee Public Library.



## HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Lee Heritage Commission has several projects of interest.

\*The storage vault has been wired for lights and ventilation! The town's collections of old records, tax reports and other papers are being sorted, and catalogued for easy reference. It is good to have the Hobo Shed available for equipment storage; space for displays, as it was used on Lee Fair Day and the Button Up Workshop this year.

\*Collecting stories, pictures, and items relevant to Lee and its people continues. 2016 will be the town's Semiquincentennial or if you prefer its Bicenquingagenary Anniversary. However you say it, Lee will be 250 years old in January of 2016. What would you like included in the celebration? Do you have any facts on families, places or events to include in our written/oral history? Please don't hesitate to contribute! Heritage Commission wants it all! [grehie@comcast.net](mailto:grehie@comcast.net)

\*Denis Hambucken, new Commission member, was joined by Mel Jenkins and George Walker as he videoed an interview with Harold Ward of Lee Hook Rd. Mr. Ward, now 90, was at Pearl Harbor during the attack on December 7, 1941. More such interviews are planned. Whom do you feel should be included?

\*The efforts in saving Lee's UNH owned Burleigh-Demerrit farmhouse continue. Durham has 'lost' the O'Kane House. UNH sold it to be dismantled and moved. The UNH owned Kingman farmhouse in Madbury is also in jeopardy.

\*A proposed change to Lee's Building Regulation Ordinance would allow the Heritage Commission time to document any historic structure in town before a demolition permit would be issued. The history of Lee isn't centralized or concentrated in defined areas or buildings such as large mills. Lee has been an agricultural town where it is significant as a whole. It's buildings and

activities are interrelated but widespread. As these buildings are destroyed or seriously altered important pieces of our heritage are lost forever. Archival documentation is important to preserving our history.

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES' CORNER

What do YOU get for \$6 each month? That's right, based on this year's town budget, the average taxpayer in Lee is paying around \$6 each month support the Lee Public Library.

Access to the library's nearly 25,000 books, audio books, movies and magazines. Want a book the library doesn't own? Thanks to the downloadable audio book, e-book and inter-library loan programs, you have access to millions of titles in whatever format you choose. New this year: the library even has two pre-loaded E-readers – a Nook and a Kindle, available for check-out.

Think about the books, magazines and newspapers you've read or listened to this year, throw in the movies you've watched, the library programs your family has attended think about what it would have cost if you'd paid retail.

If you DID pay retail, think about what you could have saved if you had borrowed those items from the library or attended just one of the great programs sponsored by the library.

The estimated retail value of library services in Lee (based on patron usage and circulation figures) averages between \$60,000 and \$75,000 per month.

Want to find out how much you're already saving or how much more you could be saving? Check out the Library Use Value calculator at [nhlibrarians.org/calculator](http://nhlibrarians.org/calculator)



## LEE ENERGY COMMITTEE Finishing Energy Planning Grant



The \$40,000 four part Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the NH Department of Energy and Planning, using federal stimulus funding will be completed by the end of December.

Jeffery Taylor and Associates and the Lee Planning Board to put together a draft chapter on Energy for the Lee Master Plan and discussed possible building code changes to encourage wise use of energy in town.

The Sustainable Development and Energy Systems Group (SDES Group) worked on three portions of the grant:

1. Compilation of a Lee Energy Handbook. This will be available at the Town Hall, Library, Code Enforcement and Planning Office, and on the town website. It has many useful sections for town citizens to use, as they explore how to make energy efficiency decisions.

2. Energy Audits and Recommendations for each of the core town buildings. An Energy Capital Improvements Plan (ECIP) was compiled for the town buildings. The SDES Group also helped run the Lee Energy Fair, the Lee Country Fair LEC display and ran the Button Up Lee Weatherization Workshop in December, along with Mike Turcotte, of Turncycle Solutions.

3. Feasibility Study for a Biomass Heating Plant at the Transfer Station to supply heat to the town buildings, including school and church. This study was done by the SDES Group, and will be available at the Town Hall, Library, Code Enforcement and Planning Office, and on the town website.

In January, the Energy Committee will be exploring the next steps toward energy efficiency and local energy generation in order to work towards a more sustainable and resilient community. The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Lee Library, and all interested persons are welcome to attend.

## “ARE YOU READY FOR THE STORM?”

Suzanne Petersen, Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee

That was a central question at a gathering of scientists, municipal planners, engineers, and concerned citizens at two seminars held in early December on local climate and land-use change.

Speakers shared lots of local data and charts about how things have changed over the last few decades:

- The human population around Great Bay has increased.
- The amount of paved or otherwise developed land has increased.
- Average temperatures for both summer and winter have increased.
- Human water use has increased.
- The frequency and intensity of severe storms has increased and the financial cost to municipalities and individuals of cleaning up after these storms has increased.

We have all seen the damage caused by recent storms. We hope that we don't have any more, or we can assume that we will get more of these storms. If we accept that bad storms might happen, we can prepare. Individually, we can buy sump pumps and generators for our homes. We can reduce erosion on our property by planting trees or shrubs on unstable soil. On a municipal level, we can look for the most vulnerable areas that might be overwhelmed by fast water. Once these vulnerabilities are identified, we can plan for improvements or emergency response.



Predicting the next storm is tricky business. Are you ready for the storm? Are we ready for the storm? For more information, please visit <http://www.nh.gov/climate>

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