

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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January 10, 2020

Lee News & Upcoming
Events


JANUARY MEETINGS – Mondays Starting at 6:30 pm

Jan. 13th – 2nd Budget Public Hearing & Bond Hearing

Jan. 21st – Finalize Budget & Warrant

Jan. 27th – Select Board Meeting

[CLICK HERE](#) for Revised FY21 Proposed Budget, Draft Warrant

Meetings can now be seen on  at [CLICK HERE](#)



SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST January Public Sessions

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in public session on Tuesday, January 21st from 7:00-7:30pm and on Saturday, January 25th from 11:00-11:30am at the Lee Public Library. They will also have a work session on Tuesday morning, January 28th starting at 8:30am at the Town Hall. This is all in preparation for the Town of Lee Deliberative

Session on Saturday, February 1st, the Oyster River Cooperative School District deliberative session on Tuesday, February 4th, the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, February 11th and before the 1ST day of filing for town offices.

Additions and corrections to the checklist may be made at these sessions; however, party changes can no longer be accepted until after the primary (deadline for party changes was 10-25-2019). Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof 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, citizenship, or domicile.

Lee citizens may also register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday 8am-6pm, Wednesday and Friday 8am-4pm.



One Bin at a Time – Out Back

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

Think we're done now? Nope. There's more outside the Transfer Station building. Here's what you'll see as you leave the building and drive around back:

YES, please!	
<p>On the left:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used oil (motor or vegetable) Antifreeze 	
<p>On the right behind the building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used shoes, clothing and fabric Used books Concrete, brick, stone and other stone-like materials (no fee to drop stuff here) 	
<p>Around the corner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold ashes on the right Wood pallets on the left (drop or take) Scrap metal (no fee) Construction debris, appliances and other bulky items (ask an attendant about fees or see https://www.leenh.org/transfer-station/pages/bulky-waste-fees) <p>Note: The dumpster where the Swap Shop used to be is for overflow – staff use only.</p>	
<p>And the pièce de résistance... the Swap Shop.</p> <p>Drop off items that are in good condition and maybe pick up some new-to-you finds.</p>	

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

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

FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS!

BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Manager Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. [CLICK HERE for Flyer!](#) The Town will provide special compostable bags to bring the food waste to the Transfer Station.



LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief



LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the November/December Safety Educator
[CLICK HERE](#) for the November/December ONE STOP Educator

[BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE](#)
[DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS FIRE PERMIT BROCHURE](#)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fire Department Fee Schedule
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

BURN PERMIT

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

WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

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

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

The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has 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





READY RIDES offer free rides to medical appointments for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email info@readyrides.org with questions or go to <https://readyrides.org/> for details. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

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

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Planning Board, 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 <https://www.leenh.org/calendar>

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/node/14/events/month/2019-08>



Regular Hours:

Monday – Wednesday 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

CLOSED Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



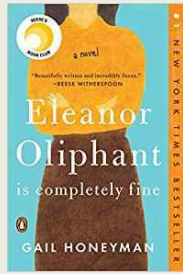
Knitting for 50+

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am

January 15th only this month

A drop-in group meets at the library. Help is available from instructor, Donna Kay.

All levels welcome.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Monday, January 13th 7:00 pm
"Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine"
Gail Honeyman

"Debut author Honeyman expertly captures a woman whose inner pain is excruciating and whose face and heart are scarred, but who still holds the capacity to love and be loved. Eleanor's story will move readers." --*Publishers Weekly*



A NEW HAMPSHIRE YANKEE IN A CONSUMER WORLD
CREATE A SUSTAINABLE LIFE
Monday, January 27th 7 pm
Victory at Home
Jeremiah Smith Grange

Tonight's program, presented by Ruth Eifert, Lee Library Director, will focus on a historical perspective of Lee during the First World War, home economics, liberty gardens and home industry efforts. Sarah Cox and others will discuss food security and gleanings.

Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, Backyard Farming Initiative, the Lee Public Library and the Lee Sustainability Committee.



STORY TIME
Thursdays & Fridays 10:30 - 11:30am
Jan. 9/10 – Numbers
Jan. 17 – Opposites **No Story Time on Jan. 16
Jan. 23/24 – Penguins Jan. 30/31 – What Begins w/Q?

These fun 45-60 minute programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. **Registration is not required.** This year we will be working our way through the alphabet (with a few breaks to celebrate the changing seasons).



STORY TREKKERS
Grade K-4
Tuesdays 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.



PAJAMA STORY TIME
Tuesday, January 14th
6:00 - 6:45 PM

This month our story time will be about hibernation.



MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT
January 11th – January 18th
Stop in and create a paper snow globe.



LEGO CLUB
Thursday Afternoons 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Currently this program is full. Please call 659-2626 if you want your child to be placed on a waiting list.

FRIDAY CRAFTING
2ND & 4TH Friday of the Month
3:30 – 4:30 pm

This fun time for crafting is geared toward YOUTH GRADE 3 AND UP. Please call 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15.



SENSORY TIME
2nd Monday of each Month
Beginning January 13th
12:15 – 1:00 pm

Each session will begin with a fun story and have 3-4 sensory bins or manipulatives available for the children to play in/with.



STEM STORY TIME
Last Tuesday of each Month
Beginning January 28th
1:00 – 2:00 pm

We will be offering a story time where we integrate stem activities.

Regional & State News & Events



NHDOT'S BUNKER CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON US ROUTE 4 WEEKLY TRAFFIC SCHEDULE

One lane alternating traffic schedule:

Monday – 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday – 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wednesday – 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday – 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday – 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

For project history or background information you can also visit the NHDOT's Webpage
at <https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/durham16236/index.htm>



**[CLICK HERE](#) FOR
LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WINTER NEWSLETTER**



GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 2020

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH

LETTER FROM DR. JIM MORSE, SUPERINTENDENT, ORCSD

Dear ORCSD Community Members,

It is budget season again. The school system has a number of critical dates in the coming weeks, one as soon as next week. The School Board has been reviewing and refining the 2020-21 budget for your review.

There are 2 public hearings next week on January 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium. The 1st hearing will be on the proposed middle school bond, and the 2nd will be on the operating budget. We hope you can find time to attend these important hearings.

After the public hearings the Board will take final action on the proposed budget. The next stage of the budget process is the Deliberative Session, set for February 4, 2020. Finally, residents will be asked to vote on March 10, 2020 on the proposed middle school bond, operating budget, and teacher contract.

The School Board goal was not to have the apportioned share of the budget exceed 3.5%. The ORCSD is proposing a 2.83% budget increase, inclusive of the operating budget, bond and teacher contract warrants, for the 2020-21 school year, which meets the Board's goal for 2020-21.

Article III requests the citizens of the district to decide on the Bond for the proposed new middle school. This article requires at least a 60% approval by the voters. It proposes a guaranteed maximum price of \$49,847,732 for the proposed school. The proposed budget includes the 1st payment of \$625,000 or 1.32%, of the total proposed budget on the new middle school, should it pass on March 10th.

Construction costs are soaring at 4%-6% a year, so the guaranteed maximum price for a brand-new school is very competitive and means the cost of the proposed school cannot be any higher. As a reference, recent construction in surrounding communities includes Dover High School at \$87 million and Newmarket renovation at \$39 million.

If the voters approve Article III, the Board will bond that amount over 25 years. The interest rates for municipal and school construction are at record lows, with the most recent issue coming in at 2.4%. On the other hand, demand related to construction is at record-highs, so achieving a guaranteed maximum price of \$49, 847,732 is an important milestone.

The proposed school provides for the academic space that is desperately needed, creates a safe and handicap-friendly environment, is sustainable, and saves taxpayer funds that would otherwise be needed to maintain the current school, which due to age, is becoming cost prohibitive. Details and images of the proposed school can be found at www.orcsd.org under the quick links ~ Proposed New Middle School.

Article IV is the Operating Budget, which is up \$91,979 or less than 1% at only .19%. The School Board adopted an operating budget that is as frugal as possible in order to keep the cost of the proposed new middle school affordable. The 2020-21 budget allows us to meet our academic mission and supports the adopted strategic plan. The requested budget does not include any new positions.

Article V is the Guild Contract which represents an unprecedented five-year agreement in order to predict future personnel costs, the district's largest cost center. The District will be able to more accurately predict personnel costs, as we absorb the bond for the proposed middle school. The new agreement allows for increases in salary but lowers benefit sections. The amount requested for teacher salaries is \$627,364 or 1.32% in 2020-21. The new contract calls for greater participation by

teachers in health insurance, provides a high deductible health insurance option, and lowers the buy-out for those who choose not to take insurance. The new contract made major changes in the evaluation of teachers.

Should you have any questions regarding the ORCSD proposed 2020-21 school budget please feel free to email me at jmorse@orcscd.org.

NHES Operation VET Connect

Operation VETS Connect is a challenge to connect those who served and those who are serving and their spouses to employment, training and services they need to return to employment or into training to assist them with obtaining employment. Additional goals are to build an employer's awareness of the benefits to hiring those who served along with the awareness for those who served of the skills they have or need to build on to return to employment.

Employers are asked to register for the challenge by completing the registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) The information from their registration form will be entered into a spreadsheet by Operations staff and made available to the offices. The employer name, industry, and town/city will also be listed on the website weekly. ESRs and LVERs should verify that the employer is registered in JMS and if appropriate, contact the employer to advise of the services available to them, including RTW and OJT.

Veterans, those currently serving and their spouses are also asked to complete a registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) Their information will be entered into a separate spreadsheet and distributed to the office nearest their homes.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Operation VET Connect Flyer

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

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

McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

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

CHECK OUT MAPGEO [HERE](#)

A GIS Collaboration between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Lee bringing basic GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to your fingertips. GIS map data is now displayed on the MapGeo website. The site allows residents to search for tax map info, as well as view several different overlay layers.

ATTENTION!

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