

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
January 21, 2022**

FILING PERIOD FOR LEE TOWN ELECTED POSITIONS JANUARY 19 - 28, 2022

The Town of Lee elections will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Lee Public Safety Complex. Polling hours will be from 7:00 am – 7:00pm. Apply at the Town Clerk's Office, 249 Calef Highway, Lee, NH. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm with Friday, January 28th staying open until 5pm per State Statute.

Any Lee resident who is a registered voter may apply for the following positions and will be placed on the ballot: One (1) **Selectperson** position with a 3-year term; One (1) **Moderator** position with a 2- year term; One (1) **Supervisor of the Checklist** position with a 6-year term; One (1) **Treasurer** position with a 3- year term; One (1) **Trustee of the Trust Funds** position with a 3-year term; Two (2) **Library Trustee** positions with a 3-year term; Two (2) **Advisory Budget Committee** positions with a 3-year term; and One (1) **Cemetery Trustee** position with a 3-year term.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

January 24th Select Board Meeting 6:00pm
Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

February 5th Deliberative Session, Mast Way School 9:00am
March 8th Ballot Session, Lee Public Safety Complex 7:00am – 7:00pm

Meetings can be seen on **You Tube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

ICE SKATING RINK AT TOWN FIELD

Check out the New Lighting for Night Skating!

GUIDELINES WHEN USING NEW ICE RINK

1. DAWN TO 8pm
2. PARKING OUT FRONT, AT MAST WAY OR AT HWY DEPT
3. HOCKEY MAY BE PLAYED IF NO ONE ELSE IS SKATING
4. HOCKEY ONLY HOURS: SAT & SUN 8-10am WED 6-8pm



CALLING ALL FARMERS IN DURHAM, LEE, AND MADBURY!

The Durham Agricultural Commission invites you all to join us for a fireside conversation on Tuesday, **January 25, 2022**, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at The Browne Center in Durham (snow date is February 1st). We're keen to learn what you are up to and your thoughts on how we can work together to strengthen our 3 Oyster River communities through agriculture. Please click [HERE](#) for the agenda and RSVP to Theresa Walker at theresawalker@comcast.net or call 603-534-3913.

LEE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSIONS

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a session for the purpose of accepting applications for new voter registration, as well as requests for corrections to the checklist and/or change of political party affiliation on **Saturday, January 29th** from 10:00-10:30am at the Lee Public Library, 9 Mast Road.

Lee citizens may also register to vote at the Town Clerk's office at 249 Calef Highway, Lee, NH: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am - 4pm.

Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 years of age), citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Driver's license and passport are helpful. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, citizenship, and/or domicile.

If you wish to vote at the Lee Deliberative Session on February 5th or at the Oyster River Cooperative School District Deliberative Session on February 8th, you must be registered by 1/29th.

The supervisors will hold a work session/meeting on Tuesday, February 1st at 9:00am at the Lee Town Offices to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee.

JOIN THE NEW COMMITTEE OF LEE GREETERS!

The Lee Select Board is interested in putting together a committee of approximately 6-7 members who will work together on greeting new residents to the Town of Lee. What, when and the logistics of how this will happen will be developed by this new committee and presented to the Board for final approval. If you are interested in being part of this, please call Caren at 603-659-6783.

LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION CALENDARS FOR SALE

The Lee Heritage Commission 2022 calendars are still available!! Calendars can be purchased in person at the Lee Library. They are \$10 each, payable by cash or check made out to the Town of Lee. If you would like to order copies online and have them shipped go to <https://www.ebay.com/itm/133965658009>. We hope you all enjoy the photos as much as we have! Here's to a happier and healthier 2022!



Sustainability Committee Announces 'Lee's Trees:Then and Now' Winners

The Lee Sustainability Committee(LSC) congratulates the winners of the 'Lee's Trees:Then and Now Contest.' First place was awarded to Marianne and Tom Smith for their 1992 Christmas tree.... then and now. Second place went to Emily Struve Woodall for her historic perspective of the stately trees shading her home. Please see photos below.

The first place prize was a gift certificate to Coppal House Farm and second place was a gift certificate to Flag Hill Winery and Distillery. The LSC would like to thank all the participants, the Lee Historical Society, the Lee Heritage Commission, and our two local farms/producers for their support of the contest.



LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDER

Please Do Not park any vehicles upon any roadway in Town during a snowstorm as it impedes the Highway Department from doing their job. Also, please clear the snow from your vehicle before hitting the road!

Jessica's Law has been the law of NH for about fifteen (15) years now. It is a law that **requires the clearing of ice and snow off the top of a vehicle prior to driving it**. The basis of the law was a tragic accident that claimed the life of Jessica Smith in 1999.

265:79-b Negligent Driving. – Whoever upon any way drives a vehicle negligently or causes a vehicle to be driven negligently, as defined in RSA 626:2, II(d), or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 for a first offense and not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

The Town of Lee also has a **Snow Casting Ordinance** which was adopted on 1/7/2008. [CLICK HERE.](#)

STUMPOLOGY PART 4 – HEMLOCKS: THE UNDEAD By Catherine Fisher

Stump-sprouting is the ability to produce new shoots from dormant buds on the stump of what was once a single-stemmed tree. Most deciduous trees have this ability, and Lee's Town Forest is filled with multi-trunked trees that began as stump sprouts. They are a testament to the remarkable regenerative ability of deciduous trees which provide a fast-track to reforestation after a wooded habitat has been devastated by fire, wind, ice or human activities.



Conifers, with very few exceptions (none of which live in our part of the planet), cannot stump sprout. Once a conifer has been felled its life as a photosynthesizing organism is over, and for most conifer species, that means the annihilation of the organism. For the eastern hemlock; however, being reduced to a stump isn't necessarily a death sentence. There are numerous hemlock stumps, like the one pictured here, that go right on living after their tree has been cut down.

How can you tell if a hemlock stump is still alive? Look for a raised circle of bark-like callus tissue growing over the cut. In the photograph, the flat, black surface where the hemlock was cut is gradually being covered by callus tissue which is produced by the stump's bark-producing cambium layer. That black wood in the center isn't rotten - remember, conifers rot from the outside in and have heartwood that is

dense and rot-resistant. If you were to try to press a fingernail into the center of this stump, you'd find it difficult to do, as the wood is quite hard. Our stump is still living, adding a new layer of callus each growing season. Slowly, the callus is enveloping the cut surface with the newest layer located nearest the stump's center.



Much in the way that the number of rings on a stump's cut surface can be used to determine the age of its tree when it was felled, callus rings can be counted to give an idea of how long ago a hemlock was cut down. A new ring of callus tissue is added each year, and these rings form parallel lines running from the outer edge of the bark to the place where the callus meets the stump's cut surface. As you can see in the close-up photograph, the callus gets a little gnarly about midway to the stump's black heart making it difficult to count the rings, but I was able to count 23 of them.

This stump and other undead hemlock stumps are kept alive because, long before they were cut down, their roots grafted with those of neighboring

trees. This root connectivity, aided by thousands of mycorrhizal fungi, occurs throughout any forest system. Known as "the wood wide web" it is a network through which trees share resources and information. It is this network that sends food, in the form of carbohydrates, to hemlock stumps, keeping them alive and growing. Sharing between trees can be interspecific. Though there are hemlock trees growing near this stump, its nearest neighbor is a white oak. Chances are the oak, too, is sharing sugars with this stump, keeping it alive and growing decade after decade.

Once you get an eye for these undead stumps, you'll find them in just about any forest where hemlocks are present. They are a wonderful reminder of the interconnected and mysterious relationships between organisms in any complex natural habitat.



SWAP SHOP NEWS – WINTER 2021/2022

Bulky Items: Large bulky items are not being accepted at the Swap Shop during the winter months.

Electronics: A reminder that there is a Disposal Fee that needs to be paid before drop off of electronics (Radios, Stereos VCR/DVD Players, Monitors, or TV's).

Smaller items: With limited space for the winter, please limit your drop off items to One (1) Tote per week.

If you have a large load, we suggest you use the Facebook page "Swap Shop Treasures ~ Lee, NH" or one of the local charitable groups (Goodwill, Re-Store, Salvation Army, etc.). Please note the "Swap Shop Treasures ~ Lee, NH" Facebook page is not maintained or controlled by the Transfer Station Swap Shop but provided by a private citizen. Please follow the rules associated with this page.

Hours: The Swap Shop is open for now but the number of Volunteers is reducing for the winter months. This open status may change in the future.

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.**

The Swap Shop will be Closed due to: High winds, rain or snow; Schools closing due to weather; Temperatures below 10°F wind chill; or the lack of volunteers.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to returning to better hours in the spring.

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH DHHS

[COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATES](#)

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any household in Lee, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, and Nottingham. Delivery is through a walk-up window service to minimize contact during this time. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from **5:30pm - 7:00pm**. If you have an emergency need for food outside of the normal hours, please call the Church office at 659-2861 or email at leechurchucc@comcast.net. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Various Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#)
[LIBRARY CALENDAR](#)

READY RIDES

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: **Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford** NH. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. **Accessible rides available.** To request information about registering as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver, please email info@readyrides.org or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) on this website. Email or mail it to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

WHEN SECONDS COUNT... Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.



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. 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 \$50.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association. [CLICK HERE for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form](#)

Lee Public Library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

FOR THE ADULTS

Winter Weather:

We want you to be safe this winter and take extra care when driving, especially during snowy and icy conditions! If there is extreme weather, please check our website www.leelibrarynh.org, our Facebook page or WMUR for library closures or delayed opening.



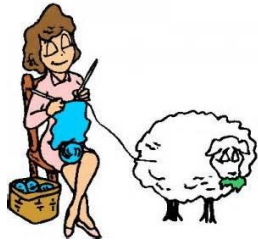
Upcoming Library Meetings

Tuesday, Feb 1st, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – **Friends Meeting**

Wednesday, Feb 9th, 5:30 – 6:30pm – **Library Trustee Meeting**

Lafayette and Human Rights, Virtual Program with the Lee Historical Society

Wednesday, Feb 2nd, 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Virtual Presentation by Alan Hoffman “Lafayette and Human Rights”: A monthly series of programs from the New Hampshire Humanities Council held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm through May 4, 2022. Sponsored by the Lee Public Library, the Lee Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities. Please call or email the library for your zoom link!



KNITTERS MEET HERE

Knitters are meeting on the 1ST AND 3RD Wednesday morning of the month at 10 AM. Their next meetings are Wednesday, February 2nd and 16th. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!



Adult Book Group

Monday, Feb 14th, 6:00pm – Book Discussion Group: Meets on the 2nd Monday at 6 pm. February's title is *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore, copies are available at the library!

Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group Coming in February!



Monday Feb 28, 6pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults! Join us on the fourth Monday of every month (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! February's craft is 'Spring Flower Candles'. Please call or email to sign up.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Grab and Go crafts

Make sure to like the *Lee Public Library (NH)* Facebook page to see our weekly updates, and watch for info on this month's grab and go crafts. Kits will be going out on January 4th and 18th.

Preschool Story-Times

Thursdays from 10:30am – 11:30am. Stop by for our traditional story time. We will read, sing, wiggle and craft.

Sensory/Station Story time

Fridays from 10:30am – 11:30am. This is our activity based program. We will listen to a story or two, get out our rhythm sticks/maracas/boomwhackers or scarves and then have fun with assorted stations including sensory, fine/gross motor, puzzles...

January Themes:

January 20/21 - Let's Get Cozy

January 27/28 - Feelings



Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday

Call the library at 603-659-2626 for information on registering for our next 8 week session.

Session 4 – March – April

Afterschool story time - Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Craft Club - Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, January 25th

Our middle school book club meets via ZOOM on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6-6:45 pm. Contact the library at 603-659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. We have a supply of the books available at the Library.

Middle School Crafters

This fun group meets on the 3rd Friday of each month. Our January crafts supplies will include items and ideas to create winter dream catchers and gods eye wall art. Call the library at 603-659-2626 for more information.



Regional & State News & Events

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS – 1-19-2022

The Oyster River School District wants to hear from residents of Durham, Lee, and Madbury about how the school district communicates with residents. Separate surveys were conducted with parents and staff; this survey is focused on residents and taxpayers who do not have students in school. The survey is being conducted by the UNH Survey Center and all responses will be kept confidential. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/orcsdsurvey> to participate.

The School District updated procedures and recommendations regarding responding to positive COVID test results, COVID exposure, and testing utilizing the latest guidance and resources from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. This detailed update was emailed to parents on January 20 and is posted online.

<https://www.orcsd.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=16974149>

About 65 people participated in the first Building Bridges event on January 13th. Part 2, a panel discussion will be held on Zoom on January 26th. Preregistration is required here: <https://unh.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qdO2pqjMjGdDQYJUzQFS7lyuWo0hhaQcG>.

ORCSD collaborated with MacGregor Memorial EMS to offer COVID-19 vaccination boosters to students aged 12 and up with parent permission on January 14th. 312 boosters were administered. The opening of the new Oyster River Middle School building is just over a month away. The current ORMS building, parts of which date to 1935, will host an open house and be open for public visits on Friday, February 11th, 4:00-6:00 pm and Saturday, February 12th, 10:00am-noon. Masks are required for these events. The current ORMS building will be removed starting in March.

The school board adopted the calendar for 2022-2023 school year. August 31, 2022 will be the 1st day of school. New Year's recess will be December 26, 2022 - January 2, 2023. Winter vacation is February 20-24, 2023, and Spring recess is April 24-28, 2023. If there are no snow days, the last day of school will be June 16, 2023.

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information.

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 1/12/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:00 am in Concord, NH

Grief, Healing, and Resilience: A Structured Program of Support for Adults Who Have Lost Children/Grandchildren, Nieces/Nephews, Spouses/Partners, or Siblings

Mondays; April 4, 11th, 18th and 25th 5-6:30pm

Chapel, Community Church of Durham, NH

At some point, most humans suffer grief, often defined as the process by which someone experiences loss. But losing a child/grandchild, niece/nephew, spouse/partner, or a sibling is an especially devastating form of seismic trauma. While grieving is very specific—based on the individual griever, the nature of the loss, and the relationship with the one who has been lost—there are many common elements to the journey. These include an emotional roller coaster at times triggered by passing comments such as “Oh, you’ll get over it” or “You’ll have another child,” or “Don’t be in denial,” or “She’s in a better place.” This program of four 90-minute meetings is NOT clinical therapy, but it is designed to offer information and some tools for engaging with grief and healing. While spiritual in orientation, the program is non-sectarian and non-denominational. Discussion is most welcome, but no one need participate if not comfortable doing so.

Facilitator: Steve Hardy earned a graduate-level Grief Support Specialist Certificate from the University of Wisconsin in 2017. More important, he has personal experience in grief—shared with his wife Donna—through the loss of two sons. He retired in 2014 as Professor of Kinesiology and Affiliate Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire, where he won awards for teaching excellence. This is the third time he has offered the structured program. Since 2018, he has also facilitated informal grief support groups. And he has written blogs on resilience at: <https://onesummit.org/what-we-do/profiles-in-resilience/>

Enrollment: This program is for grieving adults who have lost a child/grandchild, niece/nephew, spouse/partner, or a sibling. BYO writing material— tablet (paper or digital), pencil, pen. There is no cost, but enrollment is limited to 20 people. For information or registration please contact Steve Hardy at: stephen.hardy@unh.edu or 603-781-7194.

Comments from past participants:

A spouse: “It is really hard to express one's true feelings, but Steve made it comfortable to do. Some really helpful suggestions to help one get through the tough times.”

A parent: “The Grief Workshop provided me with information, insights and a safe and supportive environment to understand and deal with the grieving process. Steve’s s knowledge, personal experience and caring created a healing circle for the participants.”



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Winter Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter



**The Seacoast Village Project
(a nonprofit)**

Helping seniors age in their homes and community!

Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships

Membership Information

<https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/>

(603)-373-8429

**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 **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

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