

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
January 28, 2022

IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT



LEE TRANSFER STATION CLOSED SATURDAY, FEB 1ST DUE TO STORM

AND DON'T FORGET!

TOWN OF LEE DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Saturday, February 5TH 9am

Mast Way School

[CLICK HERE](#) for Warrant and [CLICK HERE](#) for FY23 Budget

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

February 7th & 22nd Select Board Meeting 6:00pm

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

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

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](#).

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>.



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.



STUMPOLOGY PART 5 – DINING PLATFORMS

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

When a tree is taken down - by humans, beavers, or weather, the stump that remains continues to benefit and enrich the surrounding forest, often for many decades. Nothing is wasted in nature, and until the process of decomposition deconstructs it entirely, a stump is useful to woodland denizens in a number of ways. One of the most common uses is as a dining platform.

Look at the surface of just about any stump and you'll find evidence of a meal, usually the inedible bits left behind by a feeding chipmunk or squirrel. Like most rodents, squirrels and chipmunks are foragers - their days are spent in a constant search for, and gathering of, cones, nuts, fruits, invertebrates and fungi. Much of what is foraged is set aside for winter in large stashes called larder hoards. Some foods, however, are scatter-hoarded - small stockpiles left here and there within the animal's territory for use throughout the season. Small, warm-blooded animals like squirrels and chipmunks have high metabolisms, so amid all that hunting and gathering snack breaks are necessary.

When you're on just about every predator's menu, foraging on the ground is a dangerous endeavor, and squirrels and chipmunks are constantly on guard. Each animal has a good inner map of nearby

escape routes such as trees, burrow holes and stone walls. When danger threatens, foraging is immediately abandoned for a mad dash to a safe haven. Snack breaks are a bit more problematic. Gnawing open a tough nut or dismantling a cone is a relatively noisy operation, one which requires some focus on the part of the animal, leaving it vulnerable to stealthy attacks from predators on the ground and in the air. That's where a stump comes in handy.

Carrying your snack to a stump and eating it there is worth the extra time and effort because it provides an elevated and panoramic view of the surrounding area. Stump-dining raises a six-inch tall chipmunk by a foot or more above ground level and makes it much more difficult for a fox, weasel or hawk to approach unobserved. For this reason, many of the stumps within a chipmunk or squirrel's territory are used as snacking platforms or even as locations of scatter hoards.



All manner of foods are carried to these dining platforms - cones of pines and hemlocks, acorns, hickory nuts, maple samaras, grubs, berries and fungi. The pine stump pictured to the left shows the remnants of a big acorn feed, but as the close-up shows, there's also the remains of a mushroom stem in the mix. Another stump below shows the woody stems of white pine cones with all the bract scales removed - squirrels, particularly red squirrels, peel each bract off the cone stem to get at the naked seeds hidden inside. Hemlock cones are another favorite of red squirrels and the below photograph shows yet another stump with three of a hemlock's much smaller cone stems running diagonally from the photo's upper left down to the

lower right. These petite cone stems are surrounded by bract scales of both white pine and hemlock cones.

Inevitably, when great numbers of cones are dismantled on a favorite dining stump, a few seeds will fall unnoticed onto the stump's surface. As is evident from the photograph, stumps have many crevices into which seeds can disappear. We'll come back to these in a later article, but keep this in mind as your woodland walks bring you past stumps. What remnants of meals can you identify? Cone seeds are small, but a close examination will often reveal an overlooked seed or two. Are some stumps "acorn platforms" and others "cone platforms"? Compare what you see on the stump with the tree species growing nearby. Children are especially enchanted by the idea of dining stumps, and a walk devoted to finding these natural dining platforms and identifying what was for dinner can transform a walk in the woods into a treasure hunt.



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](#)



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

Want to know what's happening next month?! [Click here for February's news letter](#)

Showcase your Works! We're looking for artwork to display in the library!

The Lee Public Library would like to showcase the talents of Lee! Do you have photographs, watercolors, sketches or paintings that you would like to share with our community? Then don't be shy and let us know, we'd love to display your art... Call us now to arrange showcase dates!

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Annalee Mack** for allowing us to display her wonderful works for the past few months, these beautiful pieces have been a joy to see in our library!

Upcoming Library Meetings

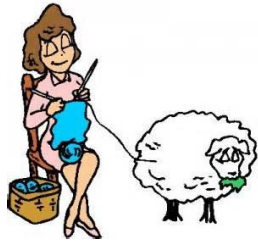
Tuesday, Feb 1st, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – **Friends Meeting**

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 NH 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 NH 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- Meets on the 2nd Monday of the Month

Monday, Feb 14th, 6:00pm – Discussion: *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore, copies are available at the library!

March 14, 2022 6:00pm - Discussion: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson

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.

Patron Picks!

What are you reading? Are you enjoying it? What have you read? We'd love your recommendations to share with the community! Tell us about a good book, audio book or movie and we'll spread the word by creating a PATRON PICKS display for all to see, along with your name and thoughts! Chat with the library staff or email us with your favorites!



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 February 1st and 15th.

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...

February Themes:

February 3/4 – **Mail**

February 10/11 – **Valentine's Day**

February 17/18 – **Kindness**

February 24/25 - **School Vacation week, see you next week**



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, February 2nd

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. In February we will review *Two roads* by Joseph Bruchac.

Middle School Crafters

This fun group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Call the library at 603-659-2626 for more information.



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>

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 26, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 1/26/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 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 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.

ATTENTION!

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