

**TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
October 1, 2021**

**COVID MAY HAVE SQUASHED THE ANNUAL STRAFFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU
BREAKFAST HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL **BUT** IT'S NOT STOPPING THE
AG COMMISSION FROM HOSTING A BREAKFAST AT LEE'S LITTLE RIVER PARK!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 7:30am – 11:00am**

End of the summer "Last Hurrah and Cabin Fever Reliever" - It might be a long winter!

The breakfast at the park will be sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission. Proceeds to benefit BOTH the "Youth in Agriculture Grant Program" which provides scholarships or grants to youth interested in pursuing further education in the field of agriculture or funding youth agricultural projects AND the Lee Agricultural Commission for agricultural outreach and community projects.

If you would like to donate specifically to the grant program in lieu of the attending the breakfast, please send checks to Strafford County Farm Bureau, c/o Ruth Scruton, 540 Meaderboro Rd, Farmington, NH 03835.

Come for a great breakfast (as usual!) and eat at the park under the pavilion, or take out. Please wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Adults \$12; Kids < 14 \$8. Cash or checks only.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding. If you can't make breakfast in the park we hope to see you again in the Spring of 2022 at the Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall!

Thanks for your support! Lee Agricultural Commission

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

October 13th & 18th 6:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for Budget Meetings Schedule

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

ATTENTION: THERE WILL NOT BE AN E-CRIER EDITION ON OCTOBER 8TH

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING
THE E-CRIER WILL RETURN ON OCTOBER 15TH**

THE LEE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ARE SEEKING A NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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



Lee's Trees: Then and Now

Dean Rubine, LSC

Happy autumn, everyone. We're kicking off the **Lee's Trees: Then and Now** contest today. We're asking folks to find an old photo of a tree in town and take a picture of the same spot. Or you can submit an old photo of where a tree used to be and another showing what that spot looks like today, or vice versa. The final category is Tree Art; use your imagination. The winners will get prizes created by local Lee artisans. You have until the end of the year to enter.

You may still participate even if you don't have any old pictures of Lee's Trees; we've gathered a few for you to use and we will continue to attempt to curate some more. You may also try to find a collaborator with an old tree photo. We're at the [Lee NH Sustainability Committee facebook page](#); please join us there to find old photos or a collaborator or to submit your entry. We're also accepting email (sustain@leenh.org) and regular mail submissions.

Our goal is to encourage community and to get folks outside in the beautiful New Hampshire fall. Please visit our Facebook page or see the [contest brochure](#) for further details and the entry form. Paper copies are available at Lee Town Offices and Lee Library.

Lee's Trees: Then and Now is sponsored by the Lee Sustainability Committee, Lee Historical Society, Lee Heritage Commission, Lee Conservation Commission and Lee Library in association with the Oyster River Elementary Schools.





NH BioBlitz 2021, Focus on Insects at Little River Park

The Lee Conservation Commission partnered with UNH Cooperative Extension and USDA Forest Service to host a program about insects at Little River Park and the Mills Reserve. The event was held as part of the *2021 NH BioBlitz*, to get community members out exploring species on town-owned lands all over New Hampshire during the month of September.

On Saturday, September 18, twenty enthusiastic participants gathered at the pavilion at Little River Park to learn about techniques for finding, collecting, and identifying insects. U.S. Forest Service Entomologist Marc DiGirolomo brought along many books about insects and several drawers of pinned insect specimens - two of which were filled with insects captured at Little River Park. He also brought and demonstrated the use of a variety of insect traps. For help in identifying insects, Marc recommended the website bugguide.net (<https://bugguide.net/>)

Following his presentation, Marc led the group on a search for insects that took them through woodlands, wetlands, and field habitats at Little River Park and the adjoining Mills Reserve. A highlight of the day was the opportunity to use nets in the field to sweep for insects and learn about the finds. The proximity of a variety of habitats at Little River Park and Mills Reserve contributes to a high diversity of insect life within a relatively small area. Collection activities both before and during the program found over 120 insect species on site.

By Anne Tappan and Catherine Fisher, Lee Conservation Commission



Conservation Commission Easement Monitoring Notes from 9-27-2021

Last Wednesday, my colleague, Dave Shay, and I monitored an easement located on the perimeter of a commercial park and bordering a manmade pond. In its past, the property had seen a lot of disturbance, with much of the topsoil removed resulting in an area resembling a moonscape. Nature abhors a vacuum however, and plant life soon began the relatively quick process of re-greening the property and the much slower process of building a layer of soil.

Non-native invasive plant species are often the first plants to move into an anthropogenically disturbed area, and this easement has had several of the usual suspects establish themselves. Autumn olive, multiflora rose, and Oriental bittersweet ring the pond making passage along the perimeter difficult. On this occasion, a pathway along the pond to the westernmost point of the easement had, after this rain-filled growing season, had become so tangled with vines and brambles as to be impassable.



Heading back from the pond, we passed the mound photographed here. We assumed it was a remnant from the topsoil-mining activity that had taken place decades ago. Just a few yards further down the path, we noticed a string of good-sized ant mounds each spaced four or five feet apart. As I was remarking on how assiduously the ants kept their mounds plant-free, I stopped in my tracks, suddenly realizing that the large mound we'd passed was itself almost entirely bare of plants. Was that massive pile an ant mound?

Turning back, we were amazed to find that it was indeed an ant mound, the largest either of us had ever seen. The entrances at the base of the mound were large and bustling with ants. In order to give some perspective, I asked Dave, who is 5'11", to stand beside the mound. We estimated it to be somewhere between three and a half to four feet tall with a base diameter of 10 to 12 feet!

This was the nest of a colony of Allegheny mound ants, a species native to northeastern North America. Allegheny ants belong to the genus *Formicidae*, and are related to carpenter ants, fire ants, leaf cutter ants, and army ants. Like all ants, this species is an asset to the surrounding environment, recycling dead plant and animal matter and increasing air, moisture, and organic matter in the soil.

Unlike most ant species, Allegheny mound ants are polygynous - each colony has more than one queen. With several egg-producers in a mound, the colony grows fast, and as the population grows, new mounds are built. Those smaller mounds that we'd noticed are, in effect, an ant suburbia, providing accommodation for the population boom in the "mother mound".

The mound we stopped to admire has a southeastern slope that is long and gradual, with its northwest slope steep and facing the adjacent forest. Mound-building ants almost always orient their hills this way. The southeastern slope acts as a solar collector, warming the mound on cool mornings and speeding the development of eggs and larvae. Because plants growing on the mound would block some of these warming rays, Allegheny mound ants work hard to keep their sun-facing slope plant-free. They do so by using chemical warfare: workers bite the stems of plants that take root on the mound and then squirt the wounds with formic acid from their abdomens. As the mound expands, Allegheny ants will even use this method to kill small trees - biting holes in the bark all along the circumference of the tree and applying formic acid to each cut - a longer process

than removing clumps of grass, but over time the tree is effectively girdled with acid. The same method is used in defending the nest. While the ants simply use their powerful mandibles to decapitate very small invaders such as beetles and other ant species, chemical warfare is employed against larger trespassers, such as skunks, bears, or unwitting humans. Using their mandibles to break the skin of an intruder, the ants then curl their abdomens to rub formic acid on the wound; the result is painful. Fortunately, in standing beside the mound for this picture, Dave was careful to keep well outside its edge. **By Catherine Fisher**

CONSERVATION MONITORING IN LEE

From now until early fall, join the Conservation Commission on Wednesday mornings as they conduct site walks on the Town's conserved properties. Some of these lands are owned by the Town, but most of them are privately owned and protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement. If you'd like to walk along, go to <https://www.leenh.org/conservation-commission> and email the Conservation Commission Chair Dawn Genes by clicking on her name. Monitoring begins at 9:00 am and generally takes 1½-2 hrs. Most outings require traversing through thick brush. Standard precautions for COVID, ticks & mosquitoes are advised.

2nd ANNUAL CORN MAZE & CORK PULL FUNDRAISER FOR THE FREEDOM CAFÉ **Saturday, October 16th 6-9 pm**

Live Music, Cork Pull Fundraiser, Snacks, Refreshments, Campfire S'mores and Corn Maze

The [Freedom Café](#) is a non-profit specialty café working to end human trafficking and the commercial exploitation of all people by providing consistent community engagement, education, and a simple way to fund the work necessary for a traffic-free world.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on tickets.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

The Lee Trails Committee will be hosting 2 trail work days at the
Lee Town Forest:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 9am - 1pm

Stay tuned for more information!!

If you are interested in helping out, contact Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com

Our motto is "Have fun and get things done!"



LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION HOSTING

TRUCK OR TREAT

Lee Safety Complex

October 31st 5-7pm

**No need to get out of the car. Just drive the kids
through the Lee Fire Station!**

THE LEE SWAP SHOP STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!
If you are interested, please email swapshopleenh@gmail.com.

Great NEWS!
The SWAP SHOP
is OPEN!



★ NOW OPEN! Tue/Thur/Sat 8-5 ★


LEE, NH

PLEASE... ONLY
1-large tote of donations
per week / per family
we have very limited space!
want to let everyone have a chance to
donate before we're too full!


& UNBROKEN ITEMS ONLY
Will be accepted
A volunteer will go through all your
donations with you when you drop off

TOYS & GAMES
must be in good
shape, no missing
pieces!

[sorry, no stuffed animals]

NEW PROCEDURE
For Large, Bulky
Upholstered items
1. First go to bulky area
at Transfer Station
2. Pay for items you wish
to donate (\$5 per couch/easy chair)
3. Receive **GREEN** Sticker.
4. **Bring to Swap Shop!**
(BEFORE NOON!)


LEE, NH

SORRY...
but that's
UNACCEPTABLE!



Lee Swap Shop is unable to accept the following
(a mandated list - not by us!)

NOT ACCEPTED WHERE/ALTERNATIVES?
Alkaline Batteries - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Large Appliances (Washer/Dryer etc.) - **METAL BIN UNLESS HAS FREON - HAVE TO PAY**
Batteries (rechargeable, Lead-Acid, Button cell) - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Car Batteries - **BULKY BUILDING**
Carpet/Rugs - **BULKY BUILDING (PAY)**
Cell Phones - **TABLE BY THE GLASS BIN**
Child car seats (they have expiration dates) - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Construction/Demolition debris (wood/plastic windows, doors, fence, boards, sheetrock, cabinets, non-metal toilets, sinks, etc.) - **BULKY BUILDING**
Cosmetics - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Clothing, shoes, bed linens & pillows - **PLACE IN DONATION BINS**
Explosives/Flares/Fireworks/Ammunition - **BIG NO!**
Food - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Futon Beds - **BULKY BUILDING**
Helium tanks, Fire Extinguishers, Metal Gas Cans (Even empty) - **BULKY BUILDING**
Helmets - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Household Hazardous Waste Materials (oil paints, varnishes, chemicals, fuels, poisons, etc.) - **SAVE FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
Lawnmowers, Snow blowers, motorized equipment, exercise equipment - **METAL DROP OFF**
Lightbulbs - **TABLE BY GLASS BIN** Fluorescent bulbs - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Liquids (soaps, chemicals, cosmetics, sprays, poisons, fuels etc.) **TRASH OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
Mattresses, Box springs - **BULKY BUILDING**
Medications/Needles/Sharps - **SEE TRANSFER STATION EMPLOYEE FOR DISPOSAL**
Mercury items (fluorescent bulbs & tubes, thermometers, thermostats, etc.) - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Pianos/Organs - **BULKY BUILDING**
Propane/Oxygen/Other gas tanks - **BULKY BUILDING**
Swing sets/ slides/ Structures - **BULKY BUILDING**
Trailers - **BULKY BUILDING**
Trophies - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Smoke/CO detectors - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Stuffed Toys - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Weapons - **BIG NO!**

PLEASE... ONLY
1-large tote* of donations
per week / per family
we have very limited space!
want to let everyone have a chance to
donate before we're too full!

*Or 1-LARGE CARDBOARD BOX!

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

Even though our building is closed, 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 Office Manager 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

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH DHHS HEALTH ALERT

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak, Update # 44
mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine 3rd Dose Recommendations – [CLICK HERE](#)

UNIVERSAL BEST PRACTICES

The Governor's Office released the "[Universal Best Practices](#)" guidance document which replaced the "Safer at Home Business Guidance" documents as of May 7th.

These "Universal Best Practices" are recommendations related to COVID-19 practices for all individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider and implement for the operation of their business. Nothing in this document or other guidance precludes any business, organization, or individual business operators from taking additional precautions for the health and safety of its employees and consumers. Additionally, a set of stand-alone guidance for "[Overnight Congregate Settings for Children](#)" has been released.

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

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR “SPARK JOY”



**“SPARK JOY”
A WEBINAR WITH SHANNON
HUNEYCUTT
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 7pm
via Zoom**



Learn the skills needed to maintain a tidy home for life. Through the KonMari method you will visualize and create the space you’ve always dreamed of as you learn what truly Sparks Joy. A shared program with the Lane Memorial Library, Hampton. Register at <http://hampton.lib.nh.us>.



**Yankee Ingenuity: Stories of Headstrong &
Resourceful People Webinar with Jo Radner
Wednesday, October 13th at 7pm via Zoom
Meeting ID 476 452 0503 Password 675752**



Jo Radner shares a selection of historical tales-humorous and thought-provoking-about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The stories are engaging and entertaining, but also may raise some profound questions about our admiration of ingenuity and about the ethics of pursuing discoveries without taking their potential outcomes into account. The performance will include discussion with the audience, and may introduce a brief folktale or a poem about inventiveness and problem-solving.

This is a joint program sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities, Lee Historical Society and Lee Public Library.

Sandwich and a Story – Wednesday October 6th

Wednesdays at 12:00pm, under the pop-ups – Pack a lunch and head to the library to listen to some stories, dance a little and do a simple craft.

Preschool Story-time - starts Thursday, October 7th – if the weather is nice, this program will be held outside under the tents.

Thursday mornings at 10:30 am – Join Miss Judy for stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft. This program is designed for children 24 months through 5 years and their caregivers.

Lap-sit story time – starts Friday, October 8th – if the weather is nice, this program will be held outside under the tents.

Friday mornings at 10:30 am – Join Miss Judy for some fun movement songs and stories. This program is designed for littles 24 months old and younger and their caregivers.

Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday and Thursday - FIRST SESSION FULL as of 8/25/21

If your child is NOT in the current session, you may register your child for Session 2 NOW.

Afterschool story time (Session 2) on Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Crafts (Session 2) on Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Session 1 September 7th through October 29th - FULL

Session 2 November 2nd through December 23rd – Tuesday story time, Thursday crafts

*** Attendance will be limited to 15. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.**

Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, October 26th

Our middle school book club meets via ZOOM on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6-6:45 pm. Contact the library at 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.

Pajama Story time – Wednesday, October 27th Facebook Live Event

Wednesday, October 27th at 6:00 pm is our monthly pajama story time on Facebook live. Put on your jammies a little early, bring along your blanket and favorite stuffy and listen to some bedtime stories.



OYSTER RIVER SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

OCTOBER 6, 2021 7:00 pm

OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Oyster River School Board will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to policy BEDH, public participation at board meetings. The proposed policy changes are intended to clarify the public comment process and ensure that public comment is focused on the concerns of Oyster River residents and Barrington tuition stakeholders. Proposed changes are included in the "Agenda and Backup" meeting materials posted online [here](https://orcsd.org/cms/One.aspx?pagelId=16294226&portalId=538093&objectId.466608=16632971&contextId.466608=16294227&parentId.466608=16294228): and the regular school board meeting will follow the public hearing. (Please refer to pages 3 - 6.)

(<https://orcsd.org/cms/One.aspx?pagelId=16294226&portalId=538093&objectId.466608=16632971&contextId.466608=16294227&parentId.466608=16294228>). The full agenda for the meeting is also Public Comments to be read at school board meetings are also being accepted via email from those who choose not to attend the board meeting. Comments may be sent to wdifruscio@orcsd.org by 3:00 pm the day before the meeting, must identify the sender's name and address, be from Oyster River or Barrington residents, clearly state they are for "Public Comment for the School Board Meeting" in the message subject line, and be no longer than 300 words per person per school board meeting. The first 10 emailed comments will be read aloud at the meeting. Even if your comment is not read aloud, it is shared with all School Board members, and placed in a communications notebook as part of the public record. Details are included in the "Agenda and Backup" posted [here](https://orcsd.org/cms/One.aspx?pagelId=16294226&portalId=538093&objectId.466608=16632971&contextId.466608=16294227&parentId.466608=16294228):

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REMINDER THAT 10-DIGIT DIALING STARTS **OCTOBER 24, 2021**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline. In order for 988 to work in your area code, **10-digit local dialing will be required starting October 24, 2021.** If your area code is in New Hampshire, Vermont, or in some areas of New York listed below, you will need to change how you dial local calls.

What will be the new dialing procedure?

To complete all local calls, you will now need to dial **area code + telephone number**. This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits.

Who will be affected?

Anyone with a telephone number in the following areas will need to adopt using this mandatory change from 7-digit local dialing to 10-digit local dialing:

- **All of New Hampshire (603 area code)**
- **All of Vermont (802 area code)**
- **The New York area codes of 516, 607, 716, 845, and 914.**

When will the change begin?

Beginning **October 24, 2021**, 10-digit dialing (area code + telephone number) will be mandatory for all local calls. Beginning on this date, local calls dialed with only 7-digits will not be completed. Instead the caller will hear a recording informing them that their call cannot be completed as dialed. The caller must hang up and dial using all 10 digits (**area code + 7-digit number**).

Beginning **July 16, 2022**, dialing “988” will route your call to the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

What will you need to do?

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples are life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and other similar functions. Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

What will remain the same?

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You will continue to dial 1+ area code + telephone number for all long distance calls.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).
- Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 services available in your community will still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255) until the new 3-digit number is active on July 16, 2022.

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!

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to www.leenh.org, click on the Subscribe button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.

If you do not have the internet please come to the Town Offices for a printed copy or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!