

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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October 11, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

Poetry Nature Walk in the Town Forest

Poems shared by Poets Marie Harris & Mimi White

Sunday, October 13th 10:30 am

A Barred Owl

The warping night air having brought the boom
Of an owl's voice into her darkened room,
We tell the wakened child that all she heard
Was an odd question from a forest bird,
Asking of us, if rightly listened to,
"Who cooks for you?" and then "Who cooks for you?"

Words, which can make our terrors bravely clear,
Can also thus domesticate a fear,
And send a small child back to sleep at night
Not listening for the sound of stealthy flight
Or dreaming of some small thing in a claw
Borne up to some dark branch and eaten raw.

Richard Wilbur
2000



Photo by Debra Powers

The connection between poetry and nature is a venerable one. For as long as humans have been making poetry, nature has been a creative wellspring. Both nature and poetry foster discovery, wonder, a sense of connection, introspection and creative thinking. For this reason, throughout my years of teaching nature studies with school children, I have often included poetry as part of our outdoor curriculum. It is a wonderful way to help children learn to examine things closely, to pay attention to what's going on around them, to see and experience nature in a new way. Plus, it's just plain enjoyable to listen to a poem being read in the woods - to hear its music and rhythms mixing with the sounds of the surrounding forest.

These outdoor nature walks/poetry readings with children have been so much fun, that I've long wanted to hold a similar walk for adults and the stars have finally aligned so that on Sunday, October 13, the first Poetry Nature Walk will take place in the Town Forest. Poets Marie Harris and Mimi White will accompany us and read from a selection of nature poems (their own and perhaps those of other poets) as we make our way along some of the trails. Participants who would like to share a favorite nature poem (their own or one written by someone else) are welcome to do so.

This will be a most leisurely walk. We'll pause often for readings and occasionally to admire or learn about a particular habitat or resident of the forest. Please dress warmly if the day is cool and meet in front of the Library.

Hope you'll be able to join us and enjoy a morning of poetry and nature. Special thanks to Deb Powers for sharing her barred owl photograph - it makes a beautiful companion to Richard Wilbur's poem.

Catherine Fisher, Lee Conservation Commission



**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
OPEN 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**Next One October 19th
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

OCTOBER SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **October 21st** Starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on **You Tube** at www.media.leenh.org

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

**LAST DAY REGISTERED VOTERS MAY CHANGE THEIR PARTY AFFILIATION
PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

New voters may continue to register as permitted by law.

HALLOWEEN BASH

Saturday, October 26th Lee Church 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Hosted by the Lee Recreation Commission



***TRICK OR TREAT IN LEE
OCTOBER 30TH 5-7 pm***

The 'Useless Contest'

'Where the Dollar Meets the Dumpster'

Living up to its name, the 'Useless Contest' appears to be quite useless; only five people have entered!



Perhaps it should have been for the most 'useful item' in one's household! However, we believe that knowing what is useless is useful, so we are adding a little more time to this contest. After all, the purpose is to raise awareness about our waste stream and the overall impact of consumer choices on the environment. Open to all Lee residents, contest participants are asked to submit what they view as the most useless item in their household; there will be judging and prizes. Details about the contest and an entry form may be found on the [Town's Web Site](#), at the *Lee NH Sustainability Committee Facebook* page or at <https://www.leenh.org/sustainability-committee>. Show us what you got!



Save the Date!

Saturday, November 2, 2019 1PM-4PM

'Fix It, Mend It, Repurpose It Workshop'

Mast Way School, Lee, NH

Exhibits and Demonstrations with Fabric, Wood, Metal, Basic Electronics, Tools and more...

Come browse, ask questions, learn, connect....maybe get inspired!

Free Admission

Part of Lee's 2019 Use Less Campaign

CONSERVATION MONITORING IN LEE! TOUR CONSERVED LANDS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

From now until early fall join the Conservation Commission on Wednesday mornings while 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 participate, call the Town Secretary, Denise Duval, at 659-5414. Meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 8:45 a.m., dressed for walking in the woods. Standard precautions for ticks & mosquitoes are advised. Walks take 1½-2 hrs.



One Bin at a Time – Corrugated Cardboard

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

In partnership with the Lee Solid Waste Committee

Paper. Paper board. Wet pack/wet strength. Card stock. Cardboard. Corrugated cardboard. Such an array of paper products! Clearly, paper is the flimsy stuff, but at what point does paper become cardboard, and what makes some cardboard corrugated?

It's all about the ripples. Corrugated cardboard can be thin (like fast-food boxes), super-thick (like some packing materials) or anywhere in between. It's the ripples in the middle that make corrugated cardboard "corrugated."



YES, please!

Examples:

- Cardboard boxes, flattened
- Brown "craft" paper and brown paper bags (it's not cardboard, but it's the same basic material)



Special notes about pizza boxes

- Remove greasy/cheesy inserts
- Remove waxed paper liners
- If half the box is clean and half greasy, tear the box in half, recycle the clean side and toss the greasy side
- Greasy boxes can be composted!



NOT HERE (but maybe in another bin)

- Office paper
- Cardboard without ripples
- Cardboard tubes
- Other kinds of paper

These go in mixed paper, for the most part.
We'll talk about that bin later.



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

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

SIGN UP FOR FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM!

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

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE FALL SEASON

With school starting up again and the season getting ready to change, the Lee Fire and Rescue Department would like to offer some friendly safety tips.

- Please be careful while driving through town now that school is back in session. Fully stop for all buses until the school bus operator turns off their signal lights and allows traffic to continue.
- Obey the speed limit in the school zones.
- Remember that a burn permit is required for all outside fires. Please come down to the fire department during business hours to get the appropriate permit.
- Have your home heating appliances serviced so that they are working properly and not emitting carbon monoxide.
- Be sure that you have working carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors should be located on each level of your residence including directly outside bedroom areas.
- For those who heat with wood, have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional chimney sweep to reduce the risk of chimney fires this season. Burn seasoned hardwood or kiln dried hardwood to reduce the build-up of creosote in your chimney.



**LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the September Safety Educator
[CLICK HERE](#) for the September 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 started 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

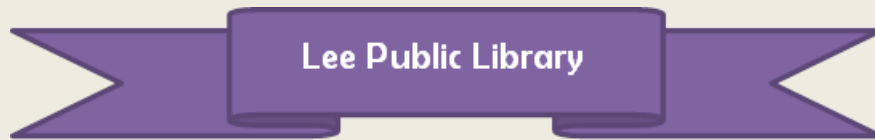
The Planning Board, Energy, and Sustainability Committees have immediate openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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>

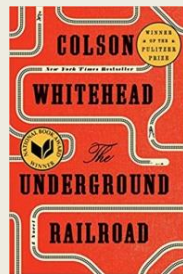


Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Regular Saturday Hours have resumed - 10am – 3pm

CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, October 21st 7:00 pm
"Underground Railroad" – Colson Whitehead

"Far and away the most anticipated literary novel of the year, *The Underground Railroad* marks a new triumph for Whitehead...[A] book that resonates with deep emotional timbre. *The Underground Railroad* reanimates the slave narrative, disrupts our settled sense of the past and stretches the ligaments of history right into our own era...The canon of essential novels about America's peculiar institution just grew by one." - **Ron Charles, *Washington Post***



ADULT GAME DAY
Tuesdays 9:30 am

Come join the fun, make new friends and learn some new games. Open to all adults 18 and older.



Knitting for 50+
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am
October 16th
A drop-in group meets at the library. Help is available from instructor, Donna Kay.
All levels welcome.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT
Tuesday, Oct 15th – Saturday, Oct 19th

Stop by the library and make a pumpkin, Frankenstein or monster of your choice.



STORY TIME
Thursdays & Fridays 10:30 – 11:30 am

These fun 30-40 minute programs for ages 2-6 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). **No Story Time Thursday, October 24th.**



STORY TREKKERS – GRADES 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. Students may arrange to take **Bus 73** directly to the library after school. **Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15.**



ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB
GRADES 5-8
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Participants will read and discuss a different book each month. Students may arrange to take **Bus 73** directly to the library after school. **Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15.**



LEGO CLUB
Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thru October 24th

Ride **Bus 73** to the library and play with our large selection of Legos. Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15. **This program is currently full. Please call the library if you want your child to be placed on a waiting list.**



FRIDAY CRAFTING FOR TEENS
3RD Friday of the Month
3:30 – 4:30 pm

This fun time for crafting is geared toward middle school students. Crafts include: mosaics, canister/game craft, string art and a wreath.



Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2, 2019

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 10:00 am at the State House in Concord, NH

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2ND

The 2020-2021 school district budget process is in full swing. On October 2nd, the school board set a budget target of a 3.5% increase in the amount apportioned to towns, inclusive of costs related to collective bargaining agreements and the 1st payment of the proposed middle school bond. The recently approved state budget included an increase of \$138 million for schools across NH. It is not clear yet what the impact of that will be for Oyster River.

The architect and construction manager for the proposed middle school project updated the board on the design and quoting process. The construction manager will deliver a guaranteed maximum project price on November 20th.

Over the 2018-2019 school year, middle school teacher Chris Hall had a year-long sabbatical to develop Action Research structures within the ORCSD to enable a wide array of teachers across all schools and grade levels to participate in research projects directly related to their teaching. Last year 17 teachers participated, and the foundations laid last year enabled the program to expand to 23 teachers this year even with Mr. Hall back in the classroom. A summary of last year's research questions is available online: <https://orcspdactionresearch.wordpress.com/>

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.

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If you do not have the internet please come to Town Hall 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!