

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



**AG COMMISSION BREAKFAST MOVED TO THE LEE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX!**

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 has been moved to the safety complex due to concerns with the weather. This breakfast is 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.

Come for a great breakfast (as usual!) and eat inside or take out. Adults \$12; Kids < 14 \$8. Cash or checks only. 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, 504 Meaderboro Rd, Farmington, NH 03835.

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



LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Saturday October 16th 10:00am – 2:00pm
Please come and see our new exhibits

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.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

October 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

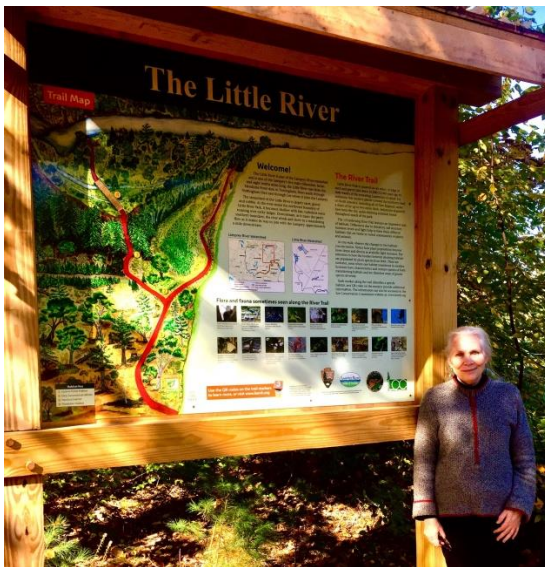
Meetings can be seen on **You Tube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT!

LITTLE RIVER PARK KIOSK IS COMPLETED!



Pictured left from right: Paul McComisky, Deb Sugerman, Catherine Fisher, Leslie Chinburg and Martin Thornton



The artwork, content development and design were all done by our own Catherine Fisher.

The educational panel is now on the kiosk by the Little River Trail. Stop by and check it out! The beautiful artwork was done by our own Catherine Fisher. The maps are designed to help you understand where you are in relation to the Little and Lamprey rivers. The many pictures will give you an idea of the breadth of animal and plant life in the area.

Next up: QR code markers on the trail to provide more detail about the habitats around you. Also look forward to two bridges and an Aldo Leopold bench on the trail by the river for better access and enjoyment. The project was funded by the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. Enjoy!

TRAIL RELOCATIONS IN THE TOWN FOREST

If you've hiked the trails in the Town Forest, you may have noticed sections that are wet or steep or eroded. The Lee Trails Committee is working on relocating three sections to improve trail conditions and protect the Town Forest resource. The goal of the Trails Committee is to make all town trails safe, accessible, and enjoyable for users. The trail relocations will help with erosion control, make certain sections safer, and help with year round access. Previous work crews have accomplished a lot and had a great time.

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

Work crews will be working on clearing, clipping, and blazing the new trails.

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

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

Conservation Commission Easement Monitoring Notes from October 4, 2021

With just a few walks remaining, we're nearing the end of this year's monitoring season. These October walks mirror those that occurred back in the earliest days of spring, when the year's first monitoring walks took place. Back in March, on the day of our first monitoring session, the sun rose at 6:37 am. Last Wednesday it rose at 6:40am. Just as in March, last week's monitoring session began with low temperatures, and participants arrived well bundled against the air's damp chill. And as often happens during our March monitoring walks, our gloves and hats came off as exercise warmed our bodies, and the sun climbed higher in the sky and warmed the land.

During our walk that took place two weeks ago, we were fortunate to have company. Sarah, whose parents own the property, walked the bounds of the easement with us, and it was a pleasure to enjoy this beautiful place with someone who is patently very fond of it. The property encompasses both forested areas and grasslands and is situated on rolling hills. Fields and farmlands border the property, and the vistas are remarkable.

In one part of the easement, swaths of lavender blue asters bordered low-lying wet woodlands where ferns. Elsewhere, rushes grew in lush profusion along pools and streambeds. Sarah spied a red-tailed hawk feasting on something from a trail-side tree; it took flight before the rest of us saw it, but later we enjoyed listening to its harsh vocalizations as it screamed from a nearby treetop. Our walk ended where the easement borders a roadside. In the space between the road and a field, magnificent ashes, shagbark hickories, and several smaller basswood trees grow in the space between the road and a field. It is always moving to see such venerable denizens of Lee during these walks.

During our walk we were struck, as we have been since July, by the profusion of mushrooms. One species, in particular, the painted bolete, or painted suillia (*Suillus spraguei*), particularly caught our attention. Found throughout the wooded parts of this easement, Painted bolete is a fairly common, edible mushroom. Its cap is covered with red scales, giving this species its striking, painted-looking appearance.

The painted bolete mushroom is the fruiting body of the *Suillus spraguei* fungus. Like all bolete mushrooms it releases spores, hundreds of millions of them, through pores rather than gills. The spores are the fungal equivalent of seeds and because of their minute size, are easily transported by air currents. Additionally, spores are consumed by animals, such as squirrels and mice that eat the mushrooms and later release spores in their excrement thus providing another means by which the fungus is able to disperse its spores.

Suillus spraguei is a mycorrhizal fungus. All mycorrhizal fungi form symbiotic, or mutual, relationships with particular tree species. Mycorrhizal fungi attach their filaments, or hyphae, to the trees' roots and help the roots absorb water and minerals. In return, the trees share carbohydrates, in the form of sugars, with the fungi. Many mycorrhizal fungi are symbiotic with several different tree species. *Suillus spraguei*, however, at least those found in the northeastern U.S., are only symbiotic with one tree species *Pinus strobus*, the eastern white pine. When you find painted boletes growing in a forest, you can be sure there are eastern white pines nearby.



Mycorrhizal fungi are an essential part of the web of life in the forest. Trees can't live without their mycorrhizal partners. Without painted boletes and other fungi that form symbiotic relationships with white pine, this majestic tree could not survive. As you walk in the woods and see mushrooms springing up under the trees, think about the hyphae filaments spread throughout the soil around you. They are created by countless fungal species and are connected to all the plants in the forest - shunting essential nutrients and water to each and every one. In the square foot of soil directly beneath your feet are an astounding 20,000 miles of hyphae doing the work of connecting the good things in the soil to the plants growing all around you.

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.



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.





TOWN OF LEE TRICK OR TREAT – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

5-7pm

IN ADDITION TO:

LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION IS 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** ★



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!

CLEAN & 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!)**



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.



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



Underground Airlines

by Ben H. Winters. Book Group Discussion, Monday October 18, 2021 6pm at the library or via Zoom

Meeting ID 476 452 0503 Password 675752



Knitters are meeting on the 1ST AND 3RD Wednesday morning at 10 AM. Their next meeting is this Wednesday, October 20th. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!



Sandwich and a Story – Wednesday October 20th

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 21st – 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 22nd – 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.



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

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 10/13/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH

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 Secretay Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!