

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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October 18, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
OPEN 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
Next Open 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
BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY in 2020 ACCORDING TO NH ELECTION LAW**

Now is the time to be sure you are registered in the party of your choice. If you are registered Undeclared, you will choose a party at the primary. You then remain in that party until you submit a request to return to Undeclared. This can easily be done as you leave the polls after voting on primary day, but sometimes people forget. The easiest way to check how you are currently registered is to go to <http://sos.nh.gov/VoteInforLook.aspx>. Or you may also have a look at the checklist that is hung at the Town Clerk's office and at the Lee Public Library (contains changes up to 10-15-2019).

You can change your party at the clerk's office any time they are open up to **Friday, October 25th**, and on that date, the Supervisors will hold a **public session** from **7:00 pm - 7:30 pm** at the **Lee Public Safety Complex** for anyone who has not been able to make the change up to that point.

If you have not yet registered to vote at all, that may be done any time up to 10 days before the election (at the clerk's office or at a supervisor session) or on election day. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 by the next election day), citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register (driver's license, passport, birth certificate, mail, etc.). Qualified applicants who do not possess proof may register if they sign an affidavit under oath attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile, and citizenship.

HALLOWEEN BASH

LEE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL /HOSTED BY THE RECREATION COMMISSION

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



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



Lee Fireman's Association
will be hosting
TRUCK OR TREAT
at the Lee Safety Complex
on October 30th
from 5-7pm

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

CHANGE TO LED LIGHTING LEADS TO SAVINGS

In 2018, the Lee Energy Committee invited the NH Electric Coop to perform an energy audit of the Public Safety Complex and the Transfer Station. The results of that led the Committee to research the cost savings and rebates available from the Coop associated with converting both buildings to LED lighting. The Committee presented their findings to the Select Board who agreed to move forward with the project. After issuing a Request for Proposals and analyzing the results, LED Conversions Inc. of Salem, NH was selected as the general contractor. Work began in late December and everything was wrapped up in mid-February.

After a 50% rebate from the NH Electric Coop, the net cost to the town was \$26,043. Since the Select Board approved utilizing funds from a capital reserve fund no additional tax dollars were spent. A 2018 vs 2019 comparison of electrical usage from January (when only some of the lights were converted) through September indicates a difference of 35,527kWh and a cost savings of \$6,076! Based on the reduced energy use so far we anticipate that the project will pay for itself in less than four years.


The 'Useless Contest'

'Where the Dollar Meets the Dumpster'

Contest deadline extended to October 31st!

Let's 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!



'Fix It, Mend It, Repurpose It Workshop'
Saturday, November 2, 2019 1-4 PM
Mast Way School, Lee, NH

Exhibits and Demonstrations by Local Individuals and Groups

**Working with Repurposed Fabric, Harvested and Salvaged Wood, Metal,
Basic Electronics, Tools, Bicycles and more...**

Come browse, ask questions, learn, connect....maybe get inspired!
Free Admission Part of Lee's Use Less Campaign

Sponsored by the Sustainability Committee, the Transfer Station, the Agricultural Commission and the Library

TRANSFER STATION METAL QUIZ

[CLICK HERE](#) to test your Transfer Station knowledge

HELPFUL INFORMATION BELOW

- A – Steel/Tin Bin
- B – Aluminum Can Bin
- C – Metal Lids
- D – Aluminum Foil Bin
- E – Municipal Solid Waste Trash Can

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.

A Beautiful Morning of Poetry and Nature

After a largely wet and gray week, on Sunday, October 13, the stars, fates, weather gods, and perhaps Erato herself allied to produce glorious weather for a morning spent enjoying both poetry and the sights and sounds of the Town Forest. With a brilliant sky providing the perfect backdrop for trees at peak color, eleven participants set out for a long, unhurried walk in the woods. Together with Barrington poet, Marie Harris, I led a group that included grandparents, parents and two children.

The Town Bog was our first port of call, where the blueberry bushes were fast turning crimson and the swamp maples created blazing pops of color around the bog's perimeter. The moat surrounding the bog had dried enough so that everyone was able to enjoy a close look at a cluster of pitcher plants, the seed heads of cotton grass and a spectacular banded argiope spider on her web (more about her next week).

EVERGREEN EPITHALAMIUM

The spruce stand in herds, tuning
the wind.
Cedars fence a horizon.
Rhododendron and laurel shine
like ornaments on whole cloth.
The fragrance of labrador tea and
bog rosemary
sieve through the hard air
and travelers pause,
remembering.

Above the white noise of winter,
the greens announce their
tidings.

If love began in the meager light
of December,
if love persists again another
December,
if anything survives this chill,
winter green loving will--
like the pitch pine still quick
after the rage of forest fire,
like the leather leaf, first to bloom
come spring.

- Marie Harris

We paused often. Keeping to the red triangle trail, we stopped to admire an area where large, lemon-colored leaves of moosewood saplings lit up the trailside. We paused to look at diminutive 20-year-old club mosses topped with spore-producing cones. There were tree-climbing pauses to give the children a chance to scramble up some young beech trees and, further on, explore the great boughs of the Dragon Pine. At one point, a wood thrush stopped us all in our tracks, with everyone calling out locations as the bird moved from tree to tree. Upon reaching the Wishing Oak, everyone paused to kiss its tremendous nose and make a wish.

Best of all, we paused for poetry. Marie Harris read two of her poems, "Evergreen Epithalamium" and "Nests". In reference to the former title, she explained that an *epithalamium* is a poem celebrating a marriage; "Evergreen Epithalamium" was written in celebration of her sister's marriage to a man who has spent his life studying forestry. Marie also read two additional poems, David Wagoner's "Lost" and Douglas Alexander Stewart's "B Flat". Jen Messeder recited her poem "At Dawns Like This" and described how the poem came to her after coming in from hanging clothes on the line early one chilly May morning.

It was an immensely enjoyable, leisurely, and enriching walk. It was also, as the accompanying pictures and poems illustrate, a beautiful one. At our journey's end there were several requests for future walks combining nature and poetry. Special thanks to Marie and Jen for sharing their wonderful poetry with us; and to Andrea LeBlanc and Katrinka and Michael Pellecchia for sharing such beautiful photographs of our outing.

Catherine Fisher, Lee Conservation Commission

AT DAWNS LIKE THIS

At dawns like this I am a
singing bird
That greets the shimmer of the
rising sun
With head thrown back and
melodies unfurled
With heart and soul and song
joined into one

- Jen Messeder

POETRY NATURE WALK IN TOWN FOREST – OCTOBER 13TH



Catherine Fisher with walkers
Photo by Katrinka Pellecchia



Moosewood
Photo by Andrea LeBlanc



Marie Harris reading
Photo by Andrea LeBlanc

BREWING IN NH BY GLENN KNOBLOCK

Wednesday, November 6th 7:00 pm Public Safety Complex

The program will explore the fascinating history of the state's beer and ale brewing industry from Colonial days to today's modern breweries. Glenn will present unusual and rare illustrations that document the state's earliest brewers, including its most famous brewer Frank Jones. A look at the craft-brewing business in NH will also be included. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at the end of the presentation. Hosted by the Lee Historical Society and Lee Library. Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.



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.



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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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>

Lee Public Library



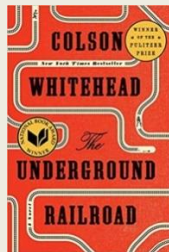
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Regular Saturday Hours have resumed - 10am – 3pm



Calling All Cake Pans! The library would like to begin a cake pan collection for our patrons to borrow, especially shaped pans. If you would like to donate your gently used but usable pans, we would be very grateful.



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

Open to all adults 18 and older.



Knitting for 50+

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am

November 6th & 20th

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
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://orcscdactionresearch.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.

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 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!