

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
October 23, 2020**

Absentee Ballot FAQ's
November 3, 2020 Election

I HAVE SUBMITTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

We have received the ballots from the State. If you requested an absentee ballot before September 28th, your ballots were mailed out either Monday, September 28th or Tuesday, September 29th. If you requested a ballot after the September 28th, your ballot is mailed the day of, or day after, we receive your application.

WHAT WARD AM I IN?

The Town of Lee does not have wards. You would enter "0".

HOW DO I OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST?

The Absentee Ballot Request is available on the Town of Lee website, Secretary of State website or at the Town Clerk's office. Once completed, you may mail, email, fax, leave in drop box by Town Hall entrance door, or deliver to the Town Clerk's office.

HOW DO I RETURN MY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You may return your completed Absentee Ballot the following ways:

- Mail using USPS or recognized courier service, or*
- Hand deliver in person by you to Town Clerk,*
- Hand deliver in person by delivery agent (see instructions included with Absentee Ballot for definition of delivery agent) to Town Clerk.*

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO RETURN MY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

On or before 5:00 pm, November 3, 2020.

-If you return your ballot by mail, we MUST receive in the mail by November 3rd. Any ballots received after that date will not be counted.

-If hand delivered, by you or your agent, the ballot must be received by 5:00 pm, November 3rd. It must be delivered to the Town Clerk, in person (by you or your agent), before the day of election, or on the day of election in the manned drop box outside of the polling area at Mast Way School, November 3rd before 5:00 pm.

Town Clerk (603) 659-2964

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:00am – 12:00 pm

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

reinhold@leenh.org, estone@leenh.org

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST MEETING NOTICE and UPDATE

The Supervisors appreciate those citizens new to Lee or those newly eligible to vote taking the time to register before the General Election on November 3rd. You can register to vote on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by appointment at the town clerk's walk-up window. Hours are 8am to 4pm (closed 12-1pm), and phone is 659-2964. **Wear a mask and bring your own pen.**

Supervisors are required by statute to hold a public session 6-13 days prior to the election. That session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th from 4:30-6:30pm at the Public Safety Complex on George Bennet Rd. **No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session (including at the Town Clerk's Office), until Election Day. Wear a mask and bring your own pen.**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting **Friday, October 30th from 1:15 to 1:35pm** to approve additions and/or removals from the official checklist for the town of Lee. Because the Town Hall is currently closed to the public, the call-in number to access this meeting is 701-802-5101 with access code 8767140.

Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 years of age by or on November 3rd), citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. 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, and citizenship, and/or domicile. Voter registration is also available at the polls (at Mast Way School) on Election Day, November 3rd.

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, November 2nd 6:00 pm

Meeting ID 892 7541 3158 & Password 124855

ABC/BOS Budget Meeting – Tuesday October 27th 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID 851 2991 6736 & Password 124855

Please check the website for Agendas and instructions on how to access Zoom meetings
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

The Advisory Budget Committee & Town Hall Renovation Committee have IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Please contact Denise at dduval@leenh.org or call her at 603-659-5414 for more information

NEWS FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Trail Maintenance for Volunteers Workshop

Sunday, October 25, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Maud Jones Memorial Forest

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Lee Trails Guidelines Adopted 9-21-2020

The public trails in Lee's conserved lands have gotten unprecedented use this year. While it is gratifying to have so many folks out enjoying these beautiful public spaces, the surge in usage has presented both maintenance and improvement challenges. To help address these issues, the Lee Conservation Commission and the UNH Extension's nature volunteer program, Nature Groupie, will be co-hosting a trail building workshop at Maud Jones Memorial Forest on October 25. Participants will learn techniques on how to keep the public trail system in Lee's conserved lands in good repair and learn the ABC's of trail maintenance. Rain or shine. Masks will be required. The participation fee will be waived for Lee residents (see below). To learn more and register, go to: <https://naturegroupie.org/experiences/training-trail-maintenance-volunteers-0>

Cost: \$10 (fee waived for Lee residents – use receive coupon code LEENH.) Space is limited to the first 12 who register.

TRANSFER STATION ANNOUNCEMENT
NEW CHANGES TO MIXED PAPER
STARTING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

Mixed paper should still be placed with Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) EXCEPT NOW please go back to separating your office paper and magazines from your mixed paper in order to start the Town's recycling revenue back up again. Acceptable paper items are copy paper, envelopes (windows ok), junk mail (no glossy mail), and any magazines.

ORCSD NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
BEAM SIGNING EVENT AND TOUR OF NEW CONSTRUCTION



UNH SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT
Road Safety Audit on the Lee Center Intersection
Jesse Jakubajtys, Project Manager
Dr. Kyle Kwiatkowski, Project Faculty Advisor
PLEASE HELP BY COMPLETING THE SURVEY!

The Project Team will be working under the supervision of the NHDOT to perform a Road Safety Audit on the complex intersection at Lee Center in hopes to generate alternatives to create a safer intersection for automotive and pedestrian traffic. They look forward to the community's feedback so they can do their best to evaluate and improve the safety of this intersection. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to take a survey and contact Jesse at jhj1009@wildcats.unh.edu or Dr. Kyle Kwiatkowski at kyle.kwiatkowski@unh.edu if you have any questions.

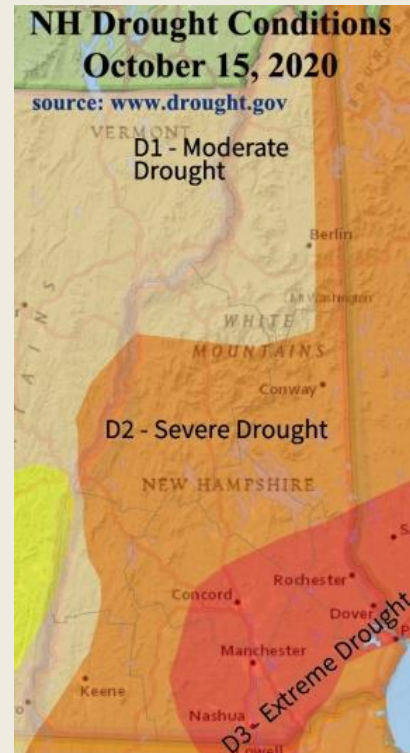


Extreme Drought -- Let's Conserve Water

Despite the recent rain New Hampshire continues to be engulfed in drought. Lee, along with 22% of the state, is rated D3, Extreme Drought, the second worst classification. Annual rainfall is about 12 inches below normal, a 25% shortfall.

Most Lee residents harvest groundwater using residential wells, so we all share the same water. Once the ground freezes the aquifers cannot recharge. In order to get through the winter, everyone should be conserving water now. Please practice these easy ways to conserve:

- Eliminate non-essential water use such as lawn watering, car washing, and other non-essential activities.
- Reduce shower times, do only full loads of laundry, and turn off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes, and washing hands.
- Fix any leaks or drips in your household water system, including outside fixtures and hoses.
- Replace harmful chemical cleaning products with safer, non-toxic and biodegradable alternatives. Polluted groundwater is groundwater lost.
- Never allow gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, or paint down your drains.
- Encourage your children to share and practice what they've been taught about conserving natural resources. Make conserving a family practice.



A few more ideas for water conservation, not quite as easy:

- Update fixtures and appliances to the newer water-saving models.
- Replace asphalt with naturally draining surfaces so rainwater is absorbed.
- Plant trees and other plants in your yard.
- Support and volunteer for environmental and conservation organizations.
- Join the Lee Sustainability Committee!

There's more information on Lee's water resources and how to monitor your own well and groundwater in the Lee Well and Groundwater Awareness Program document from the Lee Sustainability Committee: https://www.leenh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf776/f/uploads/reside_1.pdf

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION & DROUGHT GUIDANCE

TOWN OF LEE – NEIGHBORHOOD TRICK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30th 5-7pm

Please stay home if you are not feeling well

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when trick-or-treating and handing out treats. Halloween Masks are NOT substitutes for CDC recommended face coverings.
- Avoid large gatherings or parties and find ways to trick-or-treat while staying at least 6 feet away from others, including when handing out and accepting treats. Consider lining up individually wrapped goodie bags for kids to grab.
- Trick-or-Treaters (and others) should NOT congregate
- Practice frequent hand cleaning. Bring a bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you while trick-or-treating and use it often.

Homes who are participating in Trick or Treat should.....

- Only give out wrapped items
- Give out items outside, on a table, keeping 6 foot distance, or behind a storm door and replace treats before each visitor or group
- Not hand treats to children directly
- Put out hand sanitizer

Trick or Treaters who are participating should.....

- Trick or Treat in small groups, preferably with family members only, and within your own neighborhood.
- Avoid large groups and going inside any homes.
- Carry hand sanitizer, gloves are not recommended
- Wear protective masks (this may be a part of a costume if its cloth)

NH Department of Safety Halloween Safety Tips

The Costume

- Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls.
- Use make-up instead of a mask. Masks often obstruct a child's vision making tasks like crossing the street and going up and down stairs dangerous.
- Make sure children wear light colors, put reflective tape on their costumes, or carry flashlights and/or glow sticks.

The Trick or Treating

- Make sure older children trick-or-treat with friends, never alone. Parents should map out a safe route. Young children should be accompanied by adults.
- Instruct children to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- Remind children not to enter the homes or cars of strangers.
- Follow your communities trick-or-treating hours.
- A good alternative to "Trick or Treating" is for parents to organize parties at home, in schools, or in community centers.

The Treats

- Remind children not to eat any of their treats until they get home.
- Parents should check all treats at home in a well-lighted area and dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or is not wrapped.
- Remember to also inspect fruits for anything suspicious.

For COVID-19 Specific Information, please visit readynh.gov

Things to Do and See and Places to Go October 23rd – November 3rd Terrestrial

Anytime before November 11: Take part in the Cornell Ornithology Lab's Project FeederWatch - Cornell Lab has a bunch of citizen science programs, and Project FeederWatch, which began in 1987, is one of its oldest. By participating in this program, you can turn your interest in winter birds into useful scientific data. If your yard has habitat, plantings, or water that attracts birds, you don't even need a feeder. There is an \$18.00 participation fee (\$15.00 for Cornell Lab members). First time participants receive a research kit which includes instructions, a winter bird species poster, a calendar, and other swag. To find out more about the project and how to register visit the FeederWatch website here: <https://feederwatch.org/about/>



January 2016 Art Challenge Photo "Birds of a Feather" by COLORED PENCIL magazine is licensed under CC BY 2.0

Friday, October 30 and Saturday October 31, 4:00-4:45 p.m. and 5:00-5:45, York Center for Wildlife: Trick-or-Treating with the Ambassadors! - Due to Covid19, this annual event will be a bit different, but the folks at York Center for Wildlife have made wearing a protective mask part of the fun. Participants are encouraged to incorporate their face coverings into the Halloween costumes. There's a spooky scavenger hunt, and trick-or-treaters will have the opportunity to explore the Center's education facility and get to meet the animal ambassadors up close! To learn more go to the Center's calendar of events:

<https://www.thecenterforwildlife.org/events>

Masks required. Tickets \$10/person. Registration required:

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/7CXqkbUD-RPh2osq1GcsJg

Every day at 10:00 a.m., York Center for Wildlife Facebook: Live Animal Ambassador - Meet one of the 29 animal ambassadors who live at the Center. Learn about the habitats where these animals make their homes, how they live and what they eat. Questions are welcome! You can tune in here each morning:

<https://www.facebook.com/CenterForWildlife/>

Anytime: Help Children Learn about Birds: Feathered Friends Program, free from Cornell Labs - While this is described as being geared towards educators, anyone can take part. There are age-specific down-loadable lessons on learning how to identify birds, exploring habitats, and developing STEM skills. Lessons are organized by month, so sign up and get started with November's lessons! <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/feathered-friends/>

November 3, 4, and 6, 2:00 -3:30 pm, Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm, Wells, Me: Detectives of Disguise - This nature walk is offered on three different days and will focus on learning about why some animals stand out in their habitats and others blend in.

Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced during this walk.

There is a \$7 registration fee; \$15 family fee.

Registration is required, for more information and driving directions:

<https://www.wellsreserve.org/event/12830/detectives-of-disguise>

Winged Creature of the Week: Tiny Fluffy Ghost Bugs!

Appearing at just the right time of year, time spent outside lately is almost guaranteed to include an encounter with a wooly aphid. These are tiny flying insects and belong to the subfamily *Eriosomatinae*. There are several species, but all are covered with long, waxy, blue-white filaments that resemble fluffy hairs or feathers. Burdened by this heavy white coat, wooly aphids aren't fast fliers; indeed they seem, like tiny ghosts, to float past rather than fly. But they are flying as they drift along; in fact, they're females searching for a host plant on which to give birth to the year's last generation of wooly aphids.



"Wooly Aphid" by astro/nature guy is licensed under CC BY-NC 2.0

Aphids are very strange insects, with a dizzying life cycle. It begins in the spring, when the year's first aphids hatch from eggs laid on primary host plants the previous fall. Depending on the species, the primary host plant may be apple, hawthorn, elm, etc. These first aphids of the year are called fundatrices (singular, fundatrix) which is Latin for "foundress" or "she who founded/founds", a suitable name, because this first generation of aphids is all female and will be the great-great-great-great-great-grandmothers of all the generations produced in the season to come. These fundatrices are wingless and are both parthenogenetic (reproducing without fertilization from sperm) and viviparous (giving birth to live young rather than laying eggs).



"MN Wooly Aphids" by vastateparksstaff is licensed under CC BY 2.0

The nymphs that the fundatrices give birth to are called fundatrigeniae (born of the foundress) or virginoparae (produced by the virgin). Like their mother, they are wingless and are both parthenogenetic and, upon reaching adulthood, viviparous. The next several generations are produced in this same process - wingless parthenogenetic females giving birth to another generation of wingless parthenogenetic females, until sometime in late spring, a winged generation, the alatae, are produced.

The alatae, who are, like their foremothers, parthenogenetic and viviparous, fly off in search of a secondary host plant, a different species than that of the primary host plant. Wooly aphids belong to a subfamily whose members have life cycles requiring the use of two different host species. In the case of wooly aphids, the primary host is likely woody, while the secondary host is usually herbaceous. After finding a suitable plant, the alatae gives birth to another generation of wingless, viviparous, parthenogenetic females, and reproduction continues this way for several more generations until the fall, when the penultimate generation, the sexuparae are born.

The sexuparae are winged females, and as you may guess from their name, they are the generation that will produce both male and female, called the sexuales. The sexuparae are what we're seeing flying around in early- to mid-October. They are seeking their primary host plant - a tree or bush of the same species that nourished the fundatrices in early spring. Once she finds the correct tree or bush species, she gives birth, this time to the year's last generation, the sexuales. The sexuales are the year's only generation of wooly aphids that includes both male and female. As their name indicates, this generation of aphids goes old school when it comes to reproduction - with actual

mating in which the male's sperm fertilizes the female's eggs. Once mating is done, the females lay their eggs on the host plant, where they'll stay overwinter until spring. These eggs are, in winter an important source of fats and proteins to small bird species such as chickadees, titmice, nuthatches and likely golden-crowned kinglets - all species that glean food from tree twigs; in the spring, migrating warblers forage for these protein nuggets to help fuel their journey north. Not all are eaten, however. And come spring, when the temperature warms, those eggs that remain uneaten will hatch, releasing a new generation of fundatrices, who will start the whole strange and wonderful aphid life cycle once again.



"Hackberry Woolly Aphid" by erfan.vafaie is licensed under CC BY-NC-SA 2.0

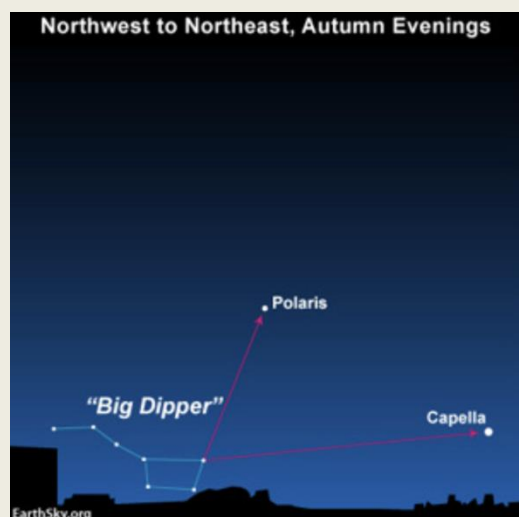
Celestial

Looking South/Southwest after dusk, October 21-23: Waxing Moon Moves up the Ecliptic Past Jupiter and Saturn - Three of the night-sky's brightest objects are arrayed on these three evenings, and it's a good time to compare the relative brightness of the two biggest gas giants in the solar system. Tonight (and every night), the moon, is the sky's brightest object. Jupiter is next, the biggest gas giant and the night sky's 3rd brightest object - only Venus is brighter than Jupiter. Yellow Saturn is the eighth brightest night sky object; Jupiter, which is larger and closer to our planet, is thirteen times brighter than its fellow gas giant.



Looking Northwest to Northeast, after 7:00 p.m., October-November: Use the Big Dipper to find the North Star and multicolored Capella - The Big Dipper is an asterism within Ursa Major, the Big Bear, and you can use it to find Polaris, the alpha star in Ursa Minor, the Little Bear. Polaris has been, for several millennia, located almost exactly at the north celestial pole. If you were standing on the North Pole, Polaris would be directly overhead. Because of its location, Polaris neither rises nor sets, but is always found in the same location in the night sky.

To find it, just keep extending an imaginary line connecting the two stars that form the outer edge of the Big Dipper's bowl: Polaris is the first star you'll come to.

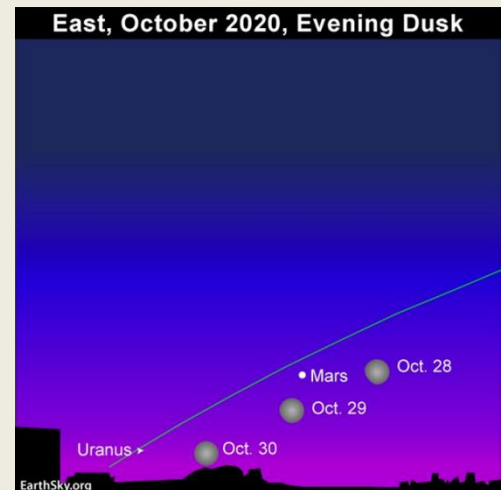


Capella will be located east (right) of both the Big Dipper and Polaris. It is a first magnitude star, and the 7th brightest in the night sky. Capella is the alpha star in the constellation Auriga, The Charioteer, and is actually two stars, both about the same temperature of our sun, but much larger. At this time of year, Capella appears to flash red and green. Capella is actually a golden star, but because it is currently appearing so low on our horizon, the Earth's atmosphere refracts the star's light, creating the reds and greens we see as we gaze at it from Earth.

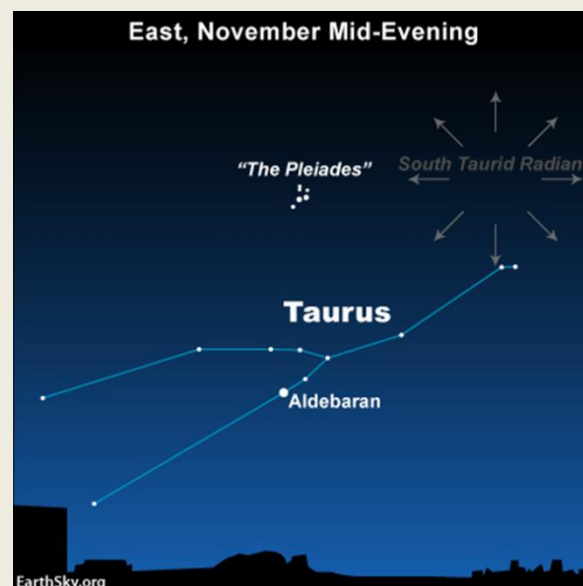
Looking East, after sunset, October 28-30: Waxing moon and bright Mars - The red planet has been putting on a beautiful show all this month, and during these three days you can watch as the ever-increasing moon drifts past along the ecliptic.



After sunset, October 30 and 31: Bats, Cats, Broomsticks and a Blue Moon - The nearly-full moon and Mars will light up trick-or-treat night. On the 31st, the moon will be full; as this is the second full moon of October, it is a blue moon - perfect for Halloween night!



Looking East, after 9:00 p.m., November 3-5: Taurid Fireballs - The Taurid meteor shower lasts for many weeks in autumn: from September to November. Stepping out to observe the night sky on any evening during this long stretch of time, may reward the observer with a "shooting star" to wish upon, but there are peak viewing periods predicted each year during Taurid time. Nov. 3-5 is one of those predicted times of peak activity. The Taurids are slow-moving meteors with fireballs included in the show, and unlike many meteor showers, you don't have to go out after midnight to get a chance of seeing some.



TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES RE-OPENING PLANS

On August 31st the Select Board approved a lease agreement between the Town of Lee and Daley Realty Trust for commercial office rental space for the new municipal offices. We are now waiting for the engineer's report on installing turn lanes in front of the entrance on Rte. 125, the cost of which is being borne by the landlord. Modifications have been made to the building in order to provide safe spaces for the public and employees to socially distance from each other. Each department will have its own entrance to the building (these entrances already exist) and each entrance has sufficient parking. The Department of Revenue has approved the Select Board's request for an emergency appropriation, with funds to come out of the unassigned fund balance so that no additional taxpayer dollars will be required for the modification costs and twelve months' lease payments. This move will not be scheduled to occur until after the General Election on November 3rd so as not to cause any unnecessary confusion or inconveniences. The Select Board has been meeting regularly via the Zoom platform and we invite all members of the public to join us as we continue to discuss this plan. Agendas, minutes and videos of the meetings can be found on the town's website www.leenh.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN IS NOT WIPING DOWN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, PICNIC BENCHES OR ANY OTHER SURFACES

The Town of Lee urges our residents and visitors to do their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you go to a park or trail to exercise, use extreme caution. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others when outside and wear a mask if you cannot maintain this distance. Cookouts are now permitted in Little River Park.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE

COVID-19 HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 8-4 (Closed 12-1)

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is currently experiencing a higher volume of calls than usual, so if your call is not immediately answered, please leave a message or email reinhold@leenh.org or estone@leenh.org. The office will try to respond to all messages on the same business day if left no later than 3 pm; any messages left after 3 pm will be answered on our next business day.

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE COVID-19 PROCEDURES

There is a walk-up service window located outside the Town Clerk's Office. This does not change the way the office is conducting business while the building is closed. If you cannot conduct your business online or by dropping it in the box outside then call 659-2864 to schedule an appointment.

RENEWING VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS:

- If you have a vehicle currently registered in Lee and it is not more than 6 months late, you can register online at www.leenh.org. The registrations and decals are then mailed to you;
- If you have your Lee renewal notice, you can renew by mail or drop it off at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lock Box along with a check made out in the correct amount to the Town of Lee. We will then mail you the registrations and decals.

Please note - We always try to send renewal notices. If you are unable to do one of the above options for any reason, please call our office at 659-2964.

NEW VEHICLE OR NEW TO LEE: If you are new to Lee, or if you have a NEW REGISTRATION, please call 659-2964 to make an appointment to come to Town Hall. Temporary plates issued on or after February 26, 2020 expired on May 31, 2020.

VITAL RECORDS REQUESTS: These can be done online at www.leenh.org. The directions will indicate that it is required to email your ID in order to complete this request. Please email your ID to estone@leenh.org.

DOG LICENSES:

- If your dog was registered for 2019-2020 and the rabies is still up-to-date, you can renew the registration online.
- If the rabies is not up-to-date, then we need proof from the vet. You can mail it, email it (estone@leenh.org) or fax it (603-659-7202) to us and then you can do it online or through the mail or drop box.
- NEW DOGS cannot be done online. We need owner's birthday, phone number, address, dog's name, breed, and color and proof of rabies from the vet. If they are spayed or neutered we need proof. Altered dogs are \$6.50 and unaltered dogs are \$9. Puppies under 1 year are \$6.50. You can send us via mail or drop box this information with a check in the correct amount to the Town of Lee and we will mail your license.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYING YOUR LEE PROPERTY TAX BILL

1. **TC/TC Lock Box** – This is labeled and located to the left of the entrance to the Town Hall building. Please leave payment in an envelope with the payment stub.
2. **Mail** - Mail it to our office at 7 Mast Road, Lee, NH 03861. Again, please include the payment stub with your check.
3. **Online** – Go to www.leenh.org. Click on the property taxes button under Town Resource Center. There you may pay via ACH or credit card. There are additional fees associated with this method.

If you want a receipt for any of the above transactions, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or include your email address. Thanks for understanding and stay safe!

FROM THE TRUSTEES: LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Library Trustees have been working with SMP Architects to develop a plan for remodeling the Lee Public Library and adding a small addition to the existing building. The discussion has included the future of the library footprint, which areas to renovate, where to expand and compliance issues. Community space, a dedicated and expanded children's area and integration of outdoor space with indoor space were also considered.

SMP developed several designs, working with the trustees to keep the project cost as low as possible. Considerations included phasing, where to start the project and opportunities to reduce the cost in selected areas while possibly increasing the costs in other areas in order to achieve a library and community space that the Town of Lee can be proud of for years to come.

The Trustees are now beginning the process of an RFP to select a construction manager to help finalize the budget before beginning the renovations. The renovations will include moving the children's area to the schoolhouse portion in the front of the library, relocating stacks to the basement (a lift will be added to make the space ADA-compliant), adding a 2nd bathroom, a small vestibule at the entrance and a small addition with a porch for outdoor use during mild weather.

TRANSFER STATION

HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

The Swap Shop will remain closed until further notice.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A TRANSFER STATION STICKER IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE
Stickers are only good for two years!



The easiest way to get your sticker is when you register your car. If you have already done so and still do not have a sticker, they are available at the Transfer Station or at Town Hall. Proof of residency, such as a recent utility bill, lease or rental agreement, or recent tax bill, and your car registration will be required. If you have any questions please call Town Hall or you may refer to the Solid Waste Ordinance, available [HERE](#).

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PLEASE CONTINUE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Both bays remain open as we have seen an improvement in the flow of traffic, but everyone has to maintain the recommended safe distance of 6' while inside. In order for our employees and residents to maintain a safe distance, employees will not be stationed on the wall during this time but will be available to answer questions.

PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN IN YOUR VEHICLE

PLEASE have your child(ren) stay in your vehicle while you are disposing of trash and recyclables. This is for their safety! If they have to be out of the vehicle please keep them next to you at all times and do not let them run through the Transfer Station, roadways or parking areas.

There are several important issues you must be aware of regarding your household trash and recycling disposal if you or anyone in your household has been quarantined for COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19. Your trash and recycling must be handled and disposed of under different rules. Please consult Caren Rossi, Lee's Health Officer to discuss the new steps that must be taken. Email is crossi@leenh.org or phone at 659-6783. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bulky items are accepted at the Transfer Station, HOWEVER, payment will be by check only – there will be a drop box available. Employees will **not** be able to assist with removing items from your vehicle but will be available to guide you, weigh items, and answer your questions.



[CLICK HERE](#) for Lee Farmers Market
Facebook Page

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Lee Farms and
Agricultural Brochure

**During this time of social distancing and no Farmer's Markets –
Please remember to shop your local farms online, by delivery or pickup**

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 6 - 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

The Planning Board, Energy, Advisory Budget, and Sustainability Committees have 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>

READY RIDES

Notice : Change in Services Due to Social Distancing Recommendation

Ready Rides is still operating during this time. We have adjusted our services to reflect the recommendations in place and to protect both our drivers and riders while still remaining available to those most vulnerable without taking them from their homes to incur possible contact with the virus. We are still providing rides to patients who require life sustaining services such as dialysis, blood transfusions, injections etc. We will take each request as they come in and assess the depth of the need. We are suspending all rides to counseling, physical therapy and general health and dental checkups. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors who you already have regular contact with to help provide rides during this short suspension.

A service we are adding to our registered riders is pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pickup these orders and bring them to your door with minimal contact.

If you are unable to order online and you are in desperate need of help with acquiring food or some necessity here are some resources. If you live in Durham call 868-2324 for assistance. If you live in the Newfields call 772-9010 and ask for Helping Hands for assistance.

Barrington, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford do not directly have things in place yet. Call us here at 244-8719 and we will do our best to find a way to get you the help you need.

What Ready Rides Offers During Normal Operation

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. 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 us at info@readyrides.org or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) can be printed from this website and emailed or mailed to Ready Rides PO Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT



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Deputy Chief



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

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS
[CLICK HERE](#) to get a Burn Permit Online

[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

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. 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 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 \$35.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

NH CARES ACT FUNDING

The State has published an online Transparency Map which is an interactive overview of awards made with New Hampshire's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds. To date, the Town of Lee, as well as other non-profit organizations and for profit businesses have received a total of **\$1,490,852**. Go to <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/> to see a complete list and the amount of funding provided.

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery has initiated a number of financial aid programs to assist residents such as Supporting Children In Care Program, NH Housing Relief Program, Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) Tuition Assistance Program and NH Agriculture Relief Program Expansion. Please go to <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/apply> for a description of each program and application deadlines.

MAIN STREET RELIEF FUND 2.0

The GOFERR has allocated \$100 million from the CARES Act State-Local Coronavirus Relief Fund towards a second round of funding for the Main Street Relief Program in order to continue providing economic support to New Hampshire small businesses suffering from business interruptions as a result of COVID-19. The application window for this funding opens on October 19th and the deadline to apply is 4pm on October 30th. More information about the program, including eligibility criteria and the application, can be found [here](#).

SAFER AT HOME GUIDELINES

The Stay at Home 2.0 order has been replaced by Safer at Home. Guidelines still must be followed and can be found at <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>

Town Offices remain closed to the public at this time but we are working on a plan to be able to reopen to the public. Town employees continue to work both remotely and on site and remain committed to ensuring the safety of both employees and the public.

EVERSOURCE

In these difficult times, we want you to know that help is available. Additional funds were recently allocated to The New Hampshire Housing Relief Program to help customers experiencing financial hardship during the pandemic.

- Even if you have never applied before, if you have been laid off or had your hours reduced because of the pandemic, you may be eligible now for a one-time grant of up to \$2,500 or assistance over the course of several months.
- These funds can be used to pay housing or utility costs and will be sent on your behalf direction to your landlord or utility company.
- There is no income limit to qualify.
- This is not a loan and does not need to be paid back.

Apply online, or through your local community action agency. To find an agency nearest you, call 211. Please have copies of your utility bill handy for reference. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

NH HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM

The GOFERR allocated \$35 million from the \$1.25 billion in federal funds that NH received from the CARES Act State-Local Coronavirus Relief Fund towards a new [Housing Relief Program](#) to assist families and individuals facing housing insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program has two components: 1) one-time grants for households that suffered a limited short-term loss of household income or increased expenses that threaten the family's ability to maintain its housing; and 2) short-term rental assistance program. The program is being administered by the state's five Community Action Program (CAP) agencies and more details, including how to apply to your local CAP, can be found [here](#).

NH DHHS Announces Online Purchasing Program for SNAP Recipients

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Economic and Housing Stability (DEHS) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a pilot program that allows recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase and pay for groceries online. The [SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot](#) program allows the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to purchase eligible food items through two authorized online retailers, Amazon and Walmart.

"From the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency, we have worked hard to ensure that our residents are able to safely access the things their families need when they need them the most," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Online purchasing provides additional flexibility for all Granite State SNAP recipients, allowing them more ways to use their SNAP benefits to make sure their families have access to healthy and nutritious food during the pandemic and beyond."

"Online purchasing is one more way New Hampshire residents can access good nutrition throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic," said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibinette. "Purchasing groceries online is safe, secure, and helps people maintain social distancing measures that help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

Participation in the pilot program is one of several measures DHHS has taken to reduce concerns around food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Others include the issuance of emergency SNAP benefits; the extension of certification periods for SNAP recipients; a temporary suspension of SNAP work requirements for eligible individuals; participation in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), which provides families with children enrolled in the National School Lunch Program additional SNAP benefits due to the loss of school meals during remote learning; and accepting applications by phone for the Women, Infants and Children program. SNAP recipients will be able to purchase eligible food items, but will not be able to use benefits for service or delivery charges.

The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot was established by the federal 2014 Farm Bill, which mandated a pilot to test the feasibility of allowing online transactions using SNAP benefits. In 2017, eight states were selected to be part of the pilot, which was launched in New York State in 2019, followed by Washington in January 2020. Additional states have joined the program as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program, please visit <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/foodstamps/index.htm>.

NH Department of Health and Human Services

Resource Guide and Warm Line to Support Families During COVID-19

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has developed two new resources to help children, youth, families and caregivers during the COVID-19 emergency.

The first is “[Supporting Child and Family Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Emergency](#),” a new resource guide with practical tips on how we can all support children and families during COVID-19. The guide also provides a list of resources available to families statewide. The second resource is the [Family Support Warm Line](#), a partnership between DHHS and Waypoint. The Family Support Warm Line is a no-cost, confidential phone support line focused on promoting family resiliency. Residents can call 800-640-6486 and speak with family support professionals and parent partners for help with managing family challenges, coping strategies, or emotional support during COVID-19. “Our data has shown a decline in the number of calls made to DCYF from those community helpers who regularly see kids face to face, but this is continues to be a stressful time for families and our focus has to remain on prevention,” said DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam. “Having resources readily available and a place where parents and caregivers can turn if they need to talk to someone can make a difference for our families and guide them to the services they need to stay strong and healthy, before they reach a tipping point that leads to abuse or neglect.”

The efforts stem from [Emergency Order #22](#), issued by Governor Chris Sununu on April 1, which authorizes emergency funding for critical child protection services to ensure that New Hampshire families continue to receive the right services at the right time during the COVID-19 emergency. In addition to the Family Support Warm Line, the funding will support domestic violence and substance use supports, expansion of the DCYF Strength to Succeed Program, and additional technology support for DCYF-involved families.

March data from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) shows a [decrease in referrals](#) to DCYF’s Central Intake, compared to the same time period over the past two years. New child abuse and neglect referrals are down nearly 50% each week overall. To learn more about recognizing the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit [Know and Tell](#), an education program offered through the Granite State Children’s Alliance, the Chapter Organization for the network of New Hampshire’s Child Advocacy Centers.

The Family Support Warm Line can be reached toll-free at 1-800-640-6486, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the DCYF Central Intake line at (603) 271-6562 or toll-free (in state) at (800) 894-5533.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, STATE JOINT INFORMATON CENTER, 603-223-6169 or jic@dos.nh.gov



NEW HOURS FOR THE LIBRARY

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11am -7pm
Thursday and Friday 10am – 5pm Saturday 9am – 12pm



Youth Programs September/October 2020

Story-time At The Library! (weather permitting)

We will have an outdoor/in person story time Thursday morning from 10:00-10:45 weather permitting. Bring a blanket and your mask. Watch the library Facebook page for updates/cancellations.

Grab and Go Crafts - Pick up on Tuesdays

We continue to put out new craft kits and activities every Tuesday at 2:00 pm. We also have fun worksheets to take.

October 27 *Spider web craft/Spider game*



Preschool Story-time – Thursdays - 11:00-11:45am

Come join our preschool story-time on **Facebook Live!** every Thursday.

October 29 – *Halloween stories/favorites*

Pajama Story-time - Wednesday - October 28 - 6:00-6:45pm

We will read some fun stories, do some activities and learn some fun facts. Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. A **Facebook Live!** Program.

Curbside Pickup

Contact-less curb-side pickup is available during regular open hours. If the weather is non-cooperative, the pickup will be just inside the library main entrance. You may request items via phone 659-2626, [email](#) or online through our [catalog](#). Your requested items will be checked out to you, placed in a bag, and tagged with your name. We will email or call you when your items are ready to be picked up.

Library to Library Loans are up and running

Yes, you may now make requests for items that might be in another NH library. We will not be able to get recently published items, but many other titles are available. Not all NH libraries will be participating, but as each community assesses their level of risk and response to our current situation, we should see more and more libraries coming back into the program.

There will be a longer wait time for getting materials due to ongoing COVID-19 mitigation/quarantine restrictions.



A VIRTUAL PROGRAM via [Zoom.us.join](https://zoom.us/join)

Meeting ID 476 452 0503 Password 675752

The Founding Fathers: What were they thinking?

Wednesday October 28, 2020 7:00pm

In 1787 delegates gathered in Philadelphia to address a wide variety of crises facing the young USA and produced a charter for a new government. In modern times, competing political and legal claims are frequently based on what those delegates intended. Mythology about the founders and their work at the 1787 Convention has obscured both fact and legitimate analysis of the events leading to the agreement called the Constitution. Richard Hesse explores the cast of characters called "founders," the problems they faced, and the solutions they fashioned.

Presented by [Richard Hesse](#), Professor Emeritus at the UNH School of Law. Professor Hesse has published on a variety of legal and ethical topics. He served as a community lawyer in Philadelphia, heading a police community relations project before moving to Boston to head a national project focused on the rights of consumers. His academic concentration is on state and federal constitutional law and international human rights. Hesse has been an advocate for civil and human rights for more than 50 years and was twice awarded the Bill of Rights Award by the NH Civil Liberties Union. New Hampshire Humanities to Go program sponsored by the Lee Library and the Lee Historical Society.



Regional & State News & Events



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

OYSTER RIVER SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – OCTOBER 21, 2020

The Oyster River School Board welcomed student representative Megan Deane, an ORHS senior following recent student leadership elections.

The Barrington student tuition rate for ORHS has been set at \$18,330 for the 2021-2022 school year based on the formula agreed in the Tuition Agreement, which is based on the actual change in spending at ORHS from year to year.

Over 1600 responses were received to the district's survey about preferences and satisfaction with certain aspects of school this fall. The school board appreciates the high response rate and continued thoughtful comments on all aspects of this fall's school models.

Mast Way and Moharimet Schools will continue to operate Hybrid (four half days per week at school, learning at home other days) and Remote models. Families who would prefer to switch models will be given that opportunity, provided space exists in class sizes. No action was taken regarding Middle School and High School models. MS and HS administrators will refine models presented this week for the November 4 school board meeting.

The slides presented for each school level and the survey results are posted on the ORCSD website under the [Agenda and Minutes for October 21ST](#).

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](#)!

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.

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