TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 249 Calef Highway Lee, New Hampshire 03861 (603) 659-5414

Lee News & Upcoming Events October 28, 2022



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th 5:00pm - 7:00 pm in Lee AND DON'T MISS THE

LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION TRUCK OR TREAT

Lee Safety Complex, Sunday, October 30th 5-7pm

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



SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

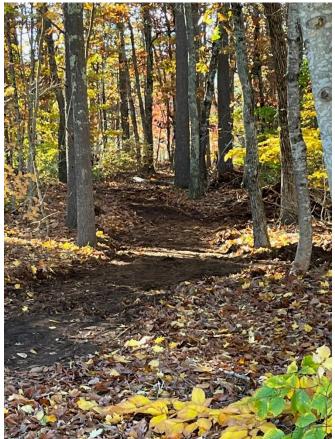
October 31st Select Board Meeting 6:00pm
November 14th & 28th Select Board Meetings 6:00pm
Select Board and ABC Budget Meetings:
11/3, 11/17, 11/29, 12/6 and 12/12
Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on YOU Tube at CLICK HERE

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT

RITA LANE GATE IS CLOSED AND LOCKED FOR THE SEASON

Thanks to Tom Dronsfield, Caren Rossi, Steve Bullek and Ben Lyons there is now a path from the Mast Way School to the Library for the children to use in order to get to their afterschool programs.









SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be holding a public session for the purpose of voter registration/changes on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm at the Lee Public Library, 9 Mast Road. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until Election Day. (You may register to vote on Election Day.)

Lee citizens may also register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office, 249 Calef Highway, through Monday, October 31st during normal business hours: Monday 8am-6pm, Wednesday and Friday 8am-4pm.

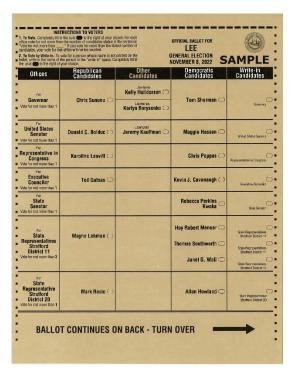
As always, applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 years of age), citizenship, and domicile in Lee should bring that proof when they come to register. Driver's license and passport or birth certificate are helpful. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, citizenship, and/or domicile.

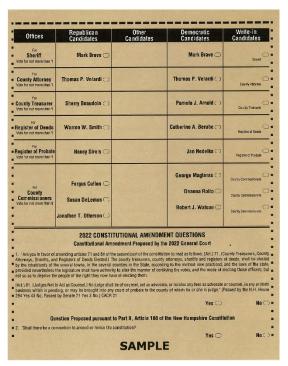
The supervisors will hold a meeting/work session on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 8:30am at the Lee Town Offices to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee and to prepare for Election Day.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

PLEASE VOTE!

Mast Way School, Polls open from 7am - 7pm





CLICK HERE for 2022 Voters' Guide from the NH Secretary of State's Office

ABSENTEE VOTING

Request for Absentee Ballot available at www.leenh.org under Elections or picked up at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Absentee Ballot Tracking at: www.sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot-status



From Guns to Gramophones: Civil War and the Technology that Shaped America

Presenter: Carrie Brown

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

Carrie Brown explores the technological triumph that helped save the Union and then transformed the nation. During the Civil War, northern industry produced a million and a half rifles, along with tens of thousands of pistols and carbines. How did the North produce all of those weapons? The answer lies in new machinery and methods for producing guns with interchangeable parts. Once the system of mass production had been tested and perfected, what happened after the war? In the period from 1870 to 1910 new factory technology and new print media fueled the development of mass consumerism. While this program tells a broad, national story, it focuses on the critical and somewhat surprising role of Vermont and New Hampshire in producing industrial technology that won the war and changed American life.



Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares

Presenter: Jennifer Carroll

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. She was a humane society agent in Keene from 1903-1936 and one of the first humane society agents to become a deputy sheriff in New Hampshire. Jennie was known across the country as "The Woman Who Dares" cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America. As a photographic activist, she used her camera to document animal cruelty, family violence, and widespread poverty in New Hampshire's Monadnock region and beyond. This one-hour illustrated presentation from Jenna Carroll introduces us to Jennie's life story, the work of humane societies at the turn of the twentieth century, and the politics of the Progressive Era (1890s-1920s) from a local perspective.

LEE FIRE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:



NATURE NOTES FOR THE SPOOKY SEASON PART 5: WITCHES' BROOMS

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission Photos by Catherine Fisher

A bent and twiggy witches'broom is emblematic of Halloween, but did you know that there are witches' brooms growing among us throughout the year? Botanically speaking, a witch's broom is a dense, gnarly mass of twigs and leaves emerging from a single point on a tree or shrub. Often looking like the untidy jumble of sticks that form the outer layer of a house wren's nest, witches' brooms are abnormal growths caused by disease, injury, or mutations in a growing tip of a plant.

The growth habit of these anomalies is such that they often resemble a besom - the twig broom that was, in the Middle Ages, a common household tool that many believed was the favored mode of transportation by practitioners of witchcraft. The similarity between these strange plant growths and besoms wasn't lost on witchcraft-phobic folk of medieval Europe: the term "witches' broom" has its origins in the Old High German word "hexenbesen" meaning a besom that had been bewitched. In those deeply superstitious



times, strange occurrences were often attributed to witchcraft, and a weirdly tangled witches' broom found growing atop a tree was believed to be the result of a broom-riding witch who had paused to rest, parking her besom high in the boughs.

Witches' brooms can occur on both coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs. Those that occur in conifers are especially sought after by horticulturalists. Many of the dwarf or slow-growing conifers prized by gardeners are the descendants of propagants taken from witches' broom shoots. These shoots are, by and large, quite weak and spindly, making propagation a difficult and painstaking process.

Witches' brooms aren't rare, but they are uncommon—with one notable exception. Though over the years I've found very few witches' brooms growing on trees, I often find them in highbush blueberries, *Vaccinium corymbosum*. Go to any highbush blueberry thicket, and chances are you'll find several bushes that have a branch sporting a witch's broom. The cause of this is attributed to a rust fungus, *Pucciniastrum goeppertianum*, a pathogen that infects both highbush blueberries and fir trees. To survive, the rust fungus must spend half of its life cycle in a



fir tree, notably balsam fir, *Abies balsamea*. Spores produced on needles of an infected fir are carried by the wind and infect highbush blueberry plants growing nearby. Once a *P. goeppertianum* spore has alighted on a blueberry twig, its hyphae grow and invade the bark, eventually infecting the entire bush. The fungus stimulates the production of one of the blueberry bush's growth

hormones, cytokinin, while it simultaneously suppresses hormones that regulate growth. As a result, the blueberry shrub produces, on one or more growing tips, a wild mass of twigs - the witches' broom. The rust fungus thrives inside its blueberry bush host, each year producing fruiting bodies that emerge from the witch's broom and release spores. These spores then infect nearby fir trees, beginning a new cycle of infection. Beyond the wasted energy being shunted into these non-productive, twiggy growths, being parasitized by *P. goeppertianum* does not seem to adversely affect the blueberry bush.

My problem with attributing this particular species of rust as the cause of witches' brooms found on local highbush blueberry plants, is that when I come across infected shrubs, I can find no evidence of firs growing nearby, and firs are a crucial piece of *P. goeppertianum*'s life cycle. Reportedly, the spores cannot remain viable if they have to travel much more than 500-1000 yards, yet there are blueberries with witches' brooms in the Town Forest and the Town Bog that are situated far from any fir species. This seems to hold true for areas outside of Lee where I've found blueberry bushes with witches' brooms. More than twenty years ago, my father gave me a witches' broom that he cut from a highbush blueberry growing on his property; to our knowledge, the surrounding acres are fir-free. Perhaps in the places where I find witches' brooms, there are firs present that I've not noticed; or it could be that *P. goeppertianum* spores are viable for distances greater than 1000 yards; alternatively it may be that there are other rust fungus species at play, ones that infect other conifer genera and then spread to blueberries.

The witches' broom my father gave me all those years ago hangs above the window in my workroom. With its long, somewhat twisty branch, it has a suitably eerie appearance. In spooky seasons past, I used to bring it to Mast Way School where it spent a week or two visiting various classrooms. Over the years, it became quite brittle, losing a few twigs each Halloween. Because it is so fragile, these days it no longer travels, but during the spooky season, I take it down from its perch and lean it against the living room wall, where it casts a wonderfully crooked shadow. It's not as twiggy as it once was, but Dad's old witches' broom still looks ready for lift off.





SAND & SALT NOTICE

Sand & salt will now be given out at the Transfer Station during their business hours. Please for personal use only; the cost for sand & salt has risen dramatically over the last year.

TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP

Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays 8am - 5pm

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed. The Swap Shop will <u>close</u> if a volunteer is not available. <u>Bulky Items:</u> The Swap Shop accepts large items.

We look forward to greeting our visitors at the Swap Shop. Seeing the free exchange of items between the folks in town brings a lot of satisfaction to the volunteers at the Swap Shop. If you would like to join in and volunteer, please let us know. Contact Forms are available at the Swap Shop or email us at swapshopleenh@gmail.com. You must be a residence of Lee and at least 18 years of age. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET, LEE DOES FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING! BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Director Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. The Town provides special compostable bags to bring your food waste in to the Transfer Station.

LEE TOWN OFFICES

Town Administrator's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am – 4:30pm

Friday 8am – 12:30pm

Town Clerk's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm / Wednesday 8am – 4pm / Friday 8am – 4pm

LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

If you are interested in volunteering for the Town, contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 or email dduval@leenh.org. CLICK HERE for Application.

E-CRIER PUBLISHING ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have a community event that you would like to publish in the E-Crier, please email Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at dduval@leenh.org by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

NH COVID-19 WEBSITE

NH Department of Health and Human Services

CLICK HERE for New DHHS Website!

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

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.

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

Lee Public Library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm Thursday & Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

NOVEMBER AT YOUR LEE LIBRARY!

NEW LIBRARY CARDS! We have already updated almost 500 patrons with their new 14 digit library cards. If you haven't been in for yours yet, please come on over as soon as possible so you can keep your current number! These new cards are more durable, help minimize circulation errors, give you access to a variety of state wide Lee Public Library



downloadable resources, and offer the option of a key tag as well as a library card for your convenience! If your current card number is 5000 or under, you will have the option of keeping that number, if your current number is over 5000, we will issue you a new number. Either way, your downloadable holds and past history will be transferred so you will not lose any past data or saved information! Come on over for your new card today!

Friday October 28, 4:30pm - 5:30pm - Spooky Scarecrow Walk: Join us on the library trail for some cookies, hot chocolate and a trail walk. We'll be taking a walk to check out the spooky scarecrows made by the Town of Lee! Miss Judy will also read the Halloween story that is up on the trail ©



Friday October 28, 5:30pm - 7:30pm - Family Movie Night: Join us in the library program space on the last Friday of every month for our family movie night! This month we will watch 'Spooky Buddies' (2011) after our walk. We'll provide the popcorn, snacks and drinks!

Tuesday November 1 & 15, 1:00pm - 5:00pm - Grab & Go Craft Kit Pick-Up: Come and pick up a kids craft kit while supplies last!

Tuesday November 1, 8, 15 & 22, 3:30pm - 4:45pm - Afterschool Creators Club: Students will be walked from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Program is full!



Tuesday November 1, 5:30pm - 6:30pm: Friends Meeting, New members always welcome, come on over!



Knitting Wednesday November 2 & 16, 10:00am - Knitters: Meet on the first and third Wednesday at 10:00am. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company! New knitters always welcomed.

Wednesday November 2, 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Guns to Gramophones -Virtual program in partnership with Lee Historical Society and NH Humanities: Join us via Zoom as Carrie Brown explores the technological triumph that helped save the Union and then transformed the nation. While this program tells a broad, national story, it focuses on the critical and somewhat surprising role of Vermont and New Hampshire in producing industrial technology that won the war and changed American life. Email leelibrary@comcast.net for Zoom link.





Wednesday November 2, 6:30pm - 8:00pm - Lee Gardeners Get Together: Come on over to the library program space and meet with other local gardeners to discuss ideas, successes, failures and share suggestions and gardening tips! This is

a wonderful opportunity for a community gathering... all welcome!

Thursday November 3, 10 & 17, 10:30am − 11:30am − Preschool Story Time: Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, games and fun! No sign up necessary ©

Thursday November 3, 10 & 17, 3:30pm – 4:45pm – After School Story Time & Craft: Join Miss Judy in the program space for a chapter book reading and fun craft. Students will be walked from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Program is full!

<u>Friday November 4 & 18, 10:30am – 11:30am – Sensory Station Story Time:</u> Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, movement/station/sensory activities and more! No sign up necessary.

<u>Friday November 4, 4:00pm – 7:00pm – Middle School Book Club:</u> This year we will be working our way through the Harry Potter Series. We will meet to discuss our reading and watch the related movie. A supply of books are available at the library, *Call the library at 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. Attendance will be capped at 15.*



<u>Monday November 7, 1:30pm – 3:30pm – Adult Crafting ~ Turkey's with Cheryl:</u> Come on over for some rainy day adult crafting fun with Cheryl. She will be making wooden Turkeys!

<u>Wednesday November 9, 5:30pm – 6:30pm:</u> Library Trustee Meeting. This is a public meeting, all welcome.

Friday November 11, Library Closed in Honor of Veterans Day: We thank all that served!

Saturday November 12, 10:00am - 11:00am - Marine Mammals with UNH Extension:

Bring the family along to this fun filled interactive program. A team of UNH docents will teach us about whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals, sea lions, walruses and more.



<u>Sunday November 13, 4:00pm – Oyster River Community Read Closing Event!</u> Community Musical Gathering, check with the library staff for more information!

Monday November 14, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Book Group: Our book group usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. November's title is *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. In this exquisite story of family, food, grief, and endurance, Michelle Zauner proves herself far more than a dazzling singer, songwriter, and guitarist. With humor and heart, she tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Eugene, Oregon; of struggling with her mother's particular, high expectations of her; of a painful adolescence; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond, late at night, over heaping plates of food. Copies are available at the library!





<u>Wednesday November 16, 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Soup Social!</u> Join us in the program space for some yummy homemade soup, tasty bread, music, games, company and fun. All ages welcome!

<u>Saturday November 19, 9:00am – 12:00pm – Friends of the Library Flower Bar and Book Give-Away:</u> Join us for the Friends of Lee Library Fall Flower Bar! Tina Sawtelle of Pinewoods Yankee Farm will bring her wonderful flowers to our autumn tables, so come on over and make your Thanksgiving bouquet! You might even find a good book to cozy up by the fire with! Donations greatly appreciated for our Library Programs.





Monday November 21, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults: Join us (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home or garden. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or

come in to the library and create in person! Please call or email to sign up. NOTE DATE CHANGE THIS MONTH... NOT THE FORTH MONDAY!

<u>Friday November 25, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Family Movie Night:</u> Join us in the library program space for our family movie night! This month we will watch 'Rumble' (2022). We'll provide the popcorn, snacks and drinks, you bring the blanky!





<u>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</u> On Wednesday November 23rd, the library will be closing at 1pm, and will be closed on November 24th & 25th in celebration of Thanksgiving!





CLICK HERE for the Fall Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

CLICK HERE for the 10/19/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:00 am, State House, Concord, NH

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD NEWS - October 19, 2022

ORHS Senior Sabrina Golden shared her experience at Girls State and as a Senator from New Hampshire to Girls Nation last summer. Girls State and Girls Nation are programs of the American Legion Auxiliary giving participants opportunities to develop leadership and a deeper understanding of American government. Among many other highlights, Sabrina Golden made Girls Nation history as coauthor of the first bill to pass unanimously in the history of Girls Nation.

Installation of the turf field at Oyster River Middle School is complete!

World language teachers Michele Pennelli and Heidi Sant along with Assistant Superintendent Suzanne Filippone presented the work of the committee studying K-4 World Language options. The committee is recommending a Foreign Language Exploratory program be phased in for grades K-4 over the next 2 years, becoming part of the Unified Arts rotation (along with Music, Art, and Physical Education) at Mast Way and Moharimet Schools.

Development of the 2023-2024 school budget has begun. The School Board will review and discuss the proposed budget at budget workshops and regular meetings over the next 2 months, beginning with a workshop on October 27th and the next regular meeting on November 2nd. The School Board is expected to adopt a proposed budget in December. After that a public hearing will be held in January, followed by the annual Deliberative Session in February where voters determine what will

appear on the ballot, and finally the March election where voters have final say on the school district budget. The new budget takes effect on July 1, 2023.

There is no school for students in Oyster River on November 8th due to the General Election, and no school on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information.

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 wfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

The Seacoast Village Project (a nonprofit)

Helping seniors age in their homes and community!

Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships

Membership Information

https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/

(603)-373-8429

ATTENTION!

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