

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
October 29, 2021

HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!!



PICTURE BY CATHERINE FISHER



TOWN OF LEE TRICK OR TREAT – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
5-7pm

IN ADDITION TO:

LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING

TRUCK OR TREAT

Lee Safety Complex

October 31st 5-7pm

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

DURGIN PRESERVE DOCK/RITA LANE – CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Dock is out and Gate is locked



A Halloween celebration for the whole family, sponsored by the Mast Way PTO and with the help of community volunteers!

When:

Friday, October 29 (*rain date, see below)

Where:

Mast Way School's bus driveway and parking lot

Time:

Car set up from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. *You must be set up by no later than 5:30.*

Trunk or Treating from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Costumes are encouraged!

****We need folks to host trunks! As of today, October 21, we have ten. ****

We are looking for volunteers to decorate their cars and distribute treats that will be provided by the PTO. If you are interested, please email Cathleen Harris at mwp10@orcsd.org. You do not have to have a child attending Mast Way to host a trunk.

Here are some ideas to get you

brainstorming: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/.../trunk-or-treat-ideas/>

*Rain Date: Sunday, October 31, set up from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and event from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

2021 TOWN OF LEE TAX RATE SET AT \$21.77

**Tax Bills will be mailed out soon
Due date is December 3, 2021**

The 2021 tax rate was set by the Select Board at their meeting on October 18th. The Board applied \$250,000 from the unassigned fund balance to reduce the Town tax rate by an additional \$0.34 over the preliminary rate. Overall, the tax rate decreased by \$10.09 or 31.67%.

School	County	Town	State	Total
13.65	2.04	4.56	1.52	21.77
63%	9%	21%	7%	

FALL COLOR-CHANGE IN NORTHERN PITCHER PLANTS

By Catherine Fisher

The Lee Hill Bog is a unique and beautiful habitat at any time of year, but it becomes truly glamorous in autumn, when the highbush blueberries turn red, providing a bright contrast to the dark green foliage of the black spruce growing among them. Brightening the bog from below, sphagnum moss is ubiquitous, carpeting the bog in brilliant autumnal tones of green, ochre, and garnet.

Nestled beneath the blueberry bushes and black spruce are clumps of northern pitcher plants. Though many of these plants do not undergo a color change in the fall, some of them do, and they do so because of a deficiency of phosphorus.

Bogs are nutrient-poor environments and plants that live here must have strategies for coping with this lack of nourishment. In the case of the pitcher plant, nutrients are gleaned by capturing and digesting insects. With bright green leaves that are modified to form its eponymous shape, pitcher plants capture rainwater. Their deep red veins, many of which are lined with floral nectaries, attract insects, and secretions along the lip of the pitcher make it a very slippery place. Ants, small flying insects, and even newly metamorphosed spotted salamanders perch on the lip of the pitcher and sometimes fall in. Stiff, downward-facing hairs line the mouth and interior of the plant make it difficult for the plant's prey to climb out, and an unlucky few drown. Their bodies sink down into the bottom of the pitcher, where its enzymes digest them, absorbing the nutrients necessary for the pitcher plant to survive.



Many pitcher plants retain their bright green pigment throughout the fall and winter. However, as the days shorten, some pitchers begin to lose their green pigment, and the burgundy of their veins often seems to bleed into the surrounding leaf structure, suffusing the entire plant. Studies have shown that this color change occurs in pitchers that did not receive enough phosphorus during the growing season. Phosphorus, a nutrient critical for the production of chlorophyll, is virtually nonexistent in the bog, and it is one of the nutrients pitcher plants obtain through the insects they capture. Pitchers that slowly turn deep burgundy in the fall are plants that weren't able to capture enough insects during the growing season. The color difference in the two pitchers in the photograph is likely due to differences in the number of

insects each was able to catch. The pitcher on the left is still bright green and likely had an ample number of captures. The pitcher on the right appears not to have been as fortunate, and is losing its chlorophyll. Without the phosphorus necessary to produce chlorophyll, the green pigment in their leaves breaks down, revealing the underlying red pigments; come winter, all the green will be gone, and the plant will be almost entirely burgundy-colored.

TRAIL RELOCATIONS IN THE TOWN FOREST

If you've hiked the trails in the Town Forest, you may have noticed sections that are wet or steep or eroded. The Lee Trails Committee is working on relocating 3 sections to improve trail conditions and protect the Town Forest resource. The goal is to make all town trails safe, accessible, and enjoyable for users. The trail relocations will help with erosion control, make certain sections safer, and help with year round access. Previous work crews have accomplished a lot and had a great time.

The Lee Trails Committee will be hosting 1 more trail work day at the Lee Town Forest:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 9am - 1pm

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

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

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

TRAILS COMMITTEE SUCCESSFUL TRAIL WORK DAY – OCTOBER 23, 2021

The LTC is relocating 3 trails to avoid steep sections that are extremely icy in the winter and muddy sections to make it easier to walk on. We completed 2 trails and will finish the 3rd on Nov. 6th. The LTC will also begin replacing bridges that are desperately in need of repair this coming week. Interested in helping out? Contact Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com. Happy hiking!!!



Pic 1 L to R: Betsy Weymouth, Becky Jacobs, Martin Thornton, Kent Kasper/Pic 2 Betsy W./Pic 3 Greg Ewing



Chris Regan



Kent Kasper



K. Kasper, Paul McComiskey, Dennis Regan, C. Regan, Deb Sugerman, Becky Jacobs, B. Weymouth, M. Thornton
Pictures by Deb Sugerman and Martin Thornton

REMINDER THAT 10-DIGIT DIALING STARTS **OCTOBER 24, 2021**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline. In order for 988 to work in your area code, **10-digit local dialing will be required starting October 24, 2021.** If your area code is in New Hampshire, Vermont, or in some areas of New York listed below, you will need to change how you dial local calls.

What will be the new dialing procedure?

To complete all local calls, you will now need to dial **area code + telephone number**. This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits.

Who will be affected?

Anyone with a telephone number in the following areas will need to adopt using this mandatory change from 7-digit local dialing to 10-digit local dialing:

- **All of New Hampshire (603 area code)**
- **All of Vermont (802 area code)**
- **The New York area codes of 516, 607, 716, 845, and 914.**

When will the change begin?

Beginning **October 24, 2021**, 10-digit dialing (area code + telephone number) will be mandatory for all local calls. Beginning on this date, local calls dialed with only 7-digits will not be completed. Instead the caller will hear a recording informing them that their call cannot be completed as dialed. The caller must hang up and dial using all 10 digits (**area code + 7-digit number**).

Beginning **July 16, 2022**, dialing “988” will route your call to the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

What will you need to do?

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples are life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and other similar functions. Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

What will remain the same?

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You will continue to dial 1+ area code + telephone number for all long distance calls.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).
- Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 services available in your community will still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes.
 - The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255) until the new 3-digit number is active on July 16, 2022.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

November 1st, 15th & 29th 6:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for Budget Meetings Schedule

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH DHHS HEALTH ALERT

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak, Update # 44
mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine 3rd Dose Recommendations – [CLICK HERE](#)

UNIVERSAL BEST PRACTICES

The Governor's Office released the "[Universal Best Practices](#)" guidance document which replaced the "Safer at Home Business Guidance" documents as of May 7th.

These "Universal Best Practices" are recommendations related to COVID-19 practices for all individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider and implement for the operation of their business. Nothing in this document or other guidance precludes any business, organization, or individual business operators from taking additional precautions for the health and safety of its employees and consumers. Additionally, a set of stand-alone guidance for "[Overnight Congregate Settings for Children](#)" has been released.

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.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Various Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Office Manager Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#) **[LIBRARY CALENDAR](#)**

READY RIDES

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: **Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford** NH. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. **Accessible rides available.** To request information about registering as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver, please email info@readyrides.org or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) on this website. Email or mail it to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

THE LEE SWAP SHOP STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!
If you are interested, please email swapshopleenh@gmail.com.

Great NEWS!
The SWAP SHOP is OPEN!

★ **NOW OPEN! Tue/Thur/Sat 8-5** ★

PLEASE... ONLY
1-large tote of donations
per week / per family
we have very limited space!
want to let everyone have a chance to donate before we're too full!

Swap Shop
LEE, NH

CLEAN
& UNBROKEN ITEMS ONLY
Will be accepted
A volunteer will go through all your donations with you when you drop off

TOYS & GAMES
must be in good shape, no missing pieces!

NEW PROCEDURE
For Large, Bulky Upholstered items

1. First go to bulky area at Transfer Station
2. Pay for items you wish to donate (\$5 per couch/easy chair)
3. Receive **GREEN** Sticker.
4. **Bring to Swap Shop! (BEFORE NOON!)**

[sorry, no stuffed animals]

Swap Shop
LEE, NH

SORRY... but that's UNACCEPTABLE!

Lee Swap Shop is unable to accept the following
(a mandated list - not by us!)

NOT ACCEPTED WHERE/ALTERNATIVES?

Alkaline Batteries - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Large Appliances (Washer/Dryer etc.) - **METAL BIN UNLESS HAS FREON - HAVE TO PAY**
Batteries (rechargeable, Lead-Acid, Button cell) - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Car Batteries - **BULKY BUILDING**
Carpet/Rugs - **BULKY BUILDING (PAY)**
Cell Phones - **TABLE BY THE GLASS BIN**
Child car seats (they have expiration dates) - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Construction/Demolition debris (wood/plastic windows, doors, fence, boards, sheetrock, cabinets, non-metal toilets, sinks, etc.) - **BULKY BUILDING**
Cosmetics - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Clothing, shoes, bed linens & pillows - **PLACE IN DONATION BINS**
Explosives/Flares/Fireworks/Ammunition - **BIG NO!**
Food - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Futon Beds - **BULKY BUILDING**
Helium tanks, Fire Extinguishers, Metal Gas Cans (Even empty) - **BULKY BUILDING**
Helmets - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Household Hazardous Waste Materials (oil paints, varnishes, chemicals, fuels, poisons, etc.) - **SAVE FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
Lawnmowers, Snow blowers, motorized equipment, exercise equipment - **METAL DROP OFF**
Lightbulbs - **TABLE BY GLASS BIN** Fluorescent bulbs - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Liquids (soaps, chemicals, cosmetics, sprays, poisons, fuels etc.) **TRASH OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
Mattresses, Box springs - **BULKY BUILDING**
Medications/Needles/Sharps - **SEE TRANSFER STATION EMPLOYEE FOR DISPOSAL**
Mercury items (fluorescent bulbs & tubes, thermometers, thermostats, etc.) - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Pianos/Organs - **BULKY BUILDING**
Propane/Oxygen/Other gas tanks - **BULKY BUILDING**
Swing sets/ slides/ Structures - **BULKY BUILDING**
Trailers - **BULKY BUILDING**
Trophies - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Smoke/CO detectors - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Stuffed Toys - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Weapons - **BIG NO!**

PLEASE... ONLY
1-large tote* of donations
per week / per family
we have very limited space!
want to let everyone have a chance to donate before we're too full!

*Or 1-LARGE CARDBOARD BOX!

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

Songs of Old New Hampshire

Presented by Jeff Warner. Wednesday, November 3rd, 7:00 pm via Zoom

[Register here](#) Drawing heavily on the repertoire of traditional singer Lena Bourne Fish (1873-1945) of Jaffrey and Temple, New Hampshire, Jeff Warner offers the songs and stories that, in the words of Carl Sandburg, tell us "where we came from and what brought us along." These ballads, love songs and comic pieces, reveal the experiences and emotions of daily life in the days before movies, sound recordings and, for some, books. Songs from the lumber camps, the decks of sailing ships, the textile mills, and the war between the sexes offer views of pre-industrial New England and a chance to hear living artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Sponsored by the Lee Public Library, Lee Historical Society and New Hampshire Humanities Council. This is part of a series of programs offered on the first Wednesday of the month, running through May 2022. [Register](#) here for the Zoom link to all the programs.



KNITTERS MEET HERE

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



Sandwich and a Story – Wednesday November 3rd – FINAL PROGRAM UNTIL SPRING

Wednesdays at 12:00pm, under the pop-ups – Pack a lunch and head to the library to listen to some stories, dance a little and do a simple craft.

Preschool Story-time - starts Thursday, November 4th – if the weather is nice, this program will be held outside under the tents.

Thursday mornings at 10:30 am – Join Miss Judy for stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft. This program is designed for children 24 months through 5 years and their caregivers.

Lap-sit story time – Friday, November 5th – if the weather is nice, this program will be held outside under the tents.

Friday mornings at 10:30 am – Join Miss Judy for some fun movement songs and stories. This program is designed for littles 24 months old and younger and their caregivers.

Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday

If your child is NOT in the current session, you may register your child for Session 2 NOW.

Afterschool story time Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:45.



Crafts Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Session 2 November 2nd through December 23rd

*** Attendance will be limited to 20. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.**

Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, November 23rd

Our middle school book club meets via ZOOM on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6-6:45 pm. Contact the library at 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. We have a supply of the books available at the Library.

Middle School Craft Club – Friday, November 19th

Meet at 3:15pm on the 2nd Friday of each month. There are still a few spaces open for this program. Call the library to register. 659-2626.

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**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



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

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

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

If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

ATTENTION!

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If you do not have the internet please come to the Town Offices for a **printed copy** or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!