

# TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Lee News & Upcoming  
Events

## Poetry Nature Walk in the Town Forest

Poems shared by Poets Marie Harris & Mimi White

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean-  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

The Summer Day  
Mary Oliver, 1992

The connection between poetry and nature is a venerable one. For as long as humans have been making poetry, nature has been a creative wellspring. Both nature and poetry foster discovery, wonder, a sense of connection, introspection and creative thinking. For this reason, throughout my years of teaching nature studies with school children, I have often included poetry as part of our outdoor curriculum. It is a wonderful way to help children learn to examine things closely, to pay attention to what's going on around them, to see and experience nature in a new way. Plus, it's just plain enjoyable to listen to a poem being read in the woods - to hear its music and rhythms mixing with the sounds of the surrounding forest.

These outdoor nature walks/poetry readings with children have been so much fun, that I've long wanted to hold a similar walk for adults, and the stars have finally aligned so that on October 13<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Poetry Nature Walk will take place with poets Marie Harris and Mimi White who will read from a selection of nature poems as we make our way along some of the trails. Participants who

would like to share a favorite nature poem of their own or one written by someone else are welcome to do so.

This will be a most leisurely walk. We'll pause often for readings and occasionally to admire or learn about a particular habitat or resident of the forest. Please dress warmly if the day is cool and meet us in front of the Library. We hope you will add your one wild and precious self to our walk, and help us celebrate a morning of poetry and nature. Sponsored by the Lee Conservation Commission

Catherine Fisher, Lee Conservation Commission

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### OCTOBER SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** Starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on **You Tube** at [www.media.leenh.org](http://www.media.leenh.org)

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**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM  
OPEN 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**Next One October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

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### CONSERVATION MONITORING IN LEE! TOUR CONSERVED LANDS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

From now until early fall join the Conservation Commission on Wednesday mornings while they conduct site walks on the Town's conserved properties. Some of these lands are owned by the Town, but most of them are privately owned and protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement. If you'd like to participate, call the Town Secretary, Denise Duval, at 659-5414. Meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 8:45 a.m., dressed for walking in the woods. Standard precautions for ticks & mosquitoes are advised. Walks take 1½-2 hrs.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**TRICK OR TREAT IN LEE**  
**OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 5-7 pm**

# The 'Useless Contest'

**'Where the Dollar Meets the Dumpster'**

***Living up to its name, the 'Useless Contest' appears to be quite useless; only five people have entered!***



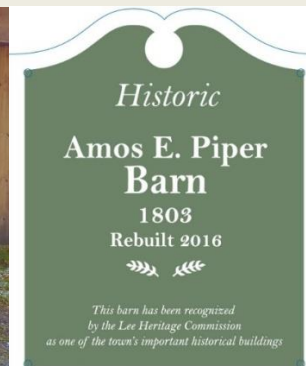
Perhaps it should have been for the most 'useful item' in one's household! However, we believe that knowing what is useless is useful, so we are adding a little more time to this contest. After all, the purpose is to raise awareness about our waste stream and the overall impact of consumer choices on the environment. Open to all Lee residents, contest participants are asked to submit what they view as the most useless item in their household; there will be judging and prizes. Details about the contest and an entry form may be found on the [Town's Web Site](#), at the [Lee NH Sustainability Committee Facebook](#) page or at <https://www.leenh.org/sustainability-committee>. Show us what you got!



The Lee Heritage Commission has created a series of historic marker plaques that are being awarded to the owners of historic barns in Lee who have successfully applied for Discretionary Preservation

Easements for their barns. The wording on each plaque states, *"This barn has been recognized by the Lee Heritage Commission as one of the town's important historical buildings"*.

Every time we share a photo of a barn plaque presentation, we will also try to share some of the history of that barn – and the families that have owned it. Last week the Heritage Commission presented a historic barn plaque to Jill Nooney and Bob Munger of Bedrock Farm for their "Benjamin Y. Piper" barn. The photo below shows Charlie and Anne Jennison of Hummingbird Farm on High Road in South Lee, accepting a historic barn plaque for their "Amos E. Piper Barn – Circa 1803 Rebuilt 2016" from the Lee Heritage Commission 9/22/2019. The history of the Piper barn at Bedrock Farm is related to the history of the Piper barn across the road at Hummingbird Farm, so we'll share their stories together this week.



(L-R Heritage Commission members: Scott Bugbee, Laura Gund, Donna Eisenhard, Chair Patricia Jenkins, Anne and Charlie Jennison

**Bedrock Farm and Benjamin Y. Piper Barn History:** Benjamin Y. Piper (4/25/1816 – 8/3/1901) was the first member of the Piper family to own a farm on High Road in Lee (now known as Bedrock Farm). Mr. Piper purchased his farm from William Page on 12/8/1845. He and his first wife, Hannah Evans, had 4 children – the oldest being Amos Evans Piper (1/12/1847-12/21/1912). After the death of his first wife (10/5/1856), Benjamin Piper married her sister, Sarah Evans (11/21/1828–5/14/1900), who bore him 2 sons, the youngest being John Hamilton Piper (4/19/1864-5/17/1956). Benjamin Piper raised his family on what is now called Bedrock Farm and – with their sons’ help – ran the property as a dairy farm. ***A historic note about Benjamin Piper’s barn: An eastern part of Ben and Sarah’s land was sold under eminent domain for a north-south railroad, which opened in November 1874. The proceeds from the sale was used to build the barn in 1875.***

**Ownership Timeline for Bedrock Farm:** The property was originally owned by William Page. Benjamin Piper bought it from Mr. Page in 1845, John H. Piper inherited it in 1901. Norman M. and Edith G. Marshall bought the property as part of an estate sale on October 18, 1957. They owned it for less than three years and sold it to Christopher and Grayce Moore on May 10, 1960. Mr. Moore’s wife died shortly after they bought the property. Charles and Annie Piper bought the farm in 1962 as a place to retire, (thus bringing it back into the Piper family), and Jill Nooney purchased the farm from Annie Piper in 1980. Together, Jill Nooney and Bob Munger have spent quite a few years creating many acres of beautiful gardens on this property.



**Hummingbird Farm and Amos E. Piper Barn History:** The farmhouse and original barn at what is now called Hummingbird Farm (34 High Road in South Lee) were originally built in 1803 and were both enlarged in 1849. Previous owners include Robert Pike (prior to 1877) and Samuel Cartland (1877 – 1888). Benjamin Piper’s oldest son, Amos Evans Piper purchased the farm in August of 1888 from a consortium of Samuel Cartland’s heirs. Amos Piper ran the property as a dairy farm. Amos never married or had children, so when he died in 1912, he left the farm to his nephew, Charles Amos Piper (his brother John H. Piper’s son). Charles rented the house out (including to the South Lee station agent) until 1919, when he returned from WW I, married Annie Bell Dame and moved back into the house. He restarted Amos Piper’s dairy farm, which he ran for 37 years, raised his family there, and retired in 1956. ***Both Charles A. Piper and (years later) his daughter Myra Piper Jennison were born in an upstairs bedroom in the old house. It is also well worth mentioning that Annie B. (Dame) Piper was the Town Clerk for Lee for 24 of the years that she lived at the property that is now owned by her grandson Charlie Jennison and his wife Anne (Hummingbird Farm). There are many stories about townspeople going in and out of Annie and Charles Piper’s home to see Annie Piper to take care of their town business. Charlie and Anne Jennison still have the old “Town Clerk” sign that hung outside their house.***

From 1962 until 1964, Charles and Annie Piper owned both pieces of Piper property on High Road (now called Bedrock Farm and Hummingbird Farm, respectively) and moved across the road to what is now Bedrock Farm.

Two years later, in the summer of 1964, Charles and Annie Piper sold the old house, barn, and land across the road (the Amos Piper farm aka Hummingbird Farm) to their daughter, Myra Susie Piper and her husband, Lewis Lester Jennison. In 1986, Myra and Lew sold the house, barn, outbuildings, and some of the land to their son Charlie and his wife Anne, who named the property “Hummingbird Farm”, raised their two daughters in that large house, and still live there. Their oldest daughter, her husband, and their two young daughters now live there as well. Charlie and Anne’s granddaughters are the 7<sup>th</sup> generation of the Piper family to live in the house. The Jennisons have chosen to honor Charlie’s great-great-uncle Amos Piper, who brought the property into the



family in 1888, by naming their barn for him. The Piper-Jennison family has now been the owners and caretakers of the house, barn, and land at “Hummingbird Farm” for 131 years!

As mentioned earlier, the barn was originally built in 1803 and enlarged to double its size in 1849. Unfortunately, the roof of the barn caved in under the weight of more than 3 feet of packed snow and ice during the historic blizzards that hit NH for three consecutive weekends during the winter of 2015. It wasn't until mid-May that the snow melted enough to access the barn to assess damage and consider repairs. After much documentation and negotiation with their insurance company, the Jenison's ended up with an insurance settlement on their damaged barn that allowed them to hire Aaron Sturgis of Preservation Timber Framing in Berwick to rebuild their barn. The barn was rebuilt using a combination of salvaged timber from their original barn and the frame of the 1803 Brock barn from South Berwick, combined with some new timber. ***An interesting note of trivia: if you go to the Rail Penny Tavern in Epping and look up at the ceiling in the main dining room, you'll see some beams that were salvaged from the original barn! When the barn was rebuilt in 2016, it was built to the smaller footprint of the original 1803 barn, rather than the larger 1849 dimensions, thus leaving some salvageable timbers up for grabs!***

Sources: Our thanks to Bob Munger, Myra Jennison, and Anne Jennison for contributing their research and/or personal knowledge to this article.



## One Bin at a Time – Newsprint



### Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member



In partnership with the Lee Solid Waste Committee

We now enter the realm of paper products – newsprint, corrugated cardboard and mixed paper. These are all made from wood pulp, so they are natural, biodegradable items. They are also recyclable, to a point. Once a paper product can no longer be recycled, it can be composted.


Newsprint includes all gray news-papery paper, even if it hasn't been printed on. (Can we call unprinted newsprint “news-UN-print?”) Sometimes, this unprinted newsprint paper is used for wrapping fragile items at a store, or as padding in shipping boxes.

Newsprint (printed or not) can go in with the mixed paper, but we'd have to pay a little bit to recycle it if it goes there. Put it in the newsprint bin, though, and we earn money to recycle it!

YES, please!	
Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newspapers – with inserts is fine</li><li>• Flyers and circulars printed on newsprint</li></ul>	
Unprinted newsprint	

NOT HERE (but maybe in another bin)	
Corrugated cardboard (the kind with a ripply middle); that has its own bin.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other kinds of paper and cardboard</li> <li>• Magazines</li> </ul> <p>These go in mixed paper. Maybe. Stay tuned for a future article on this topic.</p>	

**Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Repurpose • Recycle • Rot**

 • Lee NH Sustainability Committee • Low Carbon Diet - Seacoast NH • “Zero Waste” groups

**SIGN UP FOR FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM!**

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Manager Steve Bullek at [sbullek@leenh.org](mailto:sbullek@leenh.org), call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. [CLICK HERE](#) for **Flyer!** The Town will provide special compostable bags to bring the food waste to the Transfer Station.



Scott M. Nemet  
Fire Chief

**LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

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Lee, New Hampshire 03861  
(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



Jeffery S. Liporto  
Deputy Chief

**TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE FALL SEASON**

With school starting up again and the season getting ready to change, the Lee Fire and Rescue Department would like to offer some friendly safety tips.

- Please be careful while driving through town now that school is back in session. Fully stop for all buses until the school bus operator turns off their signal lights and allows traffic to continue.
- Obey the speed limit in the school zones.
- Remember that a burn permit is required for all outside fires. Please come down to the fire department during business hours to get the appropriate permit.
- Have your home heating appliances serviced so that they are working properly and not emitting carbon monoxide.
- Be sure that you have working carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors should be located on each level of your residence including directly outside bedroom areas.
- For those who heat with wood, have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional chimney sweep to reduce the risk of chimney fires this season. Burn seasoned hardwood or kiln dried hardwood to reduce the build-up of creosote in your chimney.



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

[CLICK HERE](#) for the September Safety Educator  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the September ONE STOP Educator

[BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE](#)  
[DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS FIRE PERMIT BROCHURE](#)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fire Department Fee Schedule  
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

**BURN PERMIT**

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

### WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm?

Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has started a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$30.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

**Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY**  
[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request form



**READY RIDES** offer free rides to medical appointments for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email [info@readyrides.org](mailto:info@readyrides.org) with questions or go to <https://readyrides.org/> for details. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**

## WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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## LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Planning Board, Solid Waste Advisory, Energy, and Sustainability Committees have immediate openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email [dduval@leenh.org](mailto:dduval@leenh.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

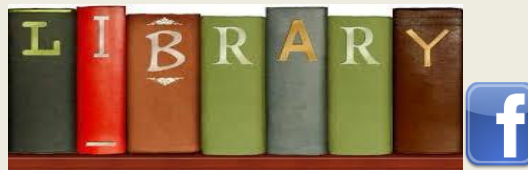
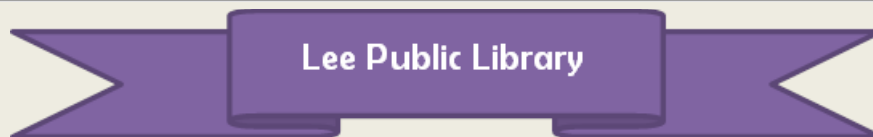
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## COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/calendar>

## LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/node/14/events/month/2019-08>

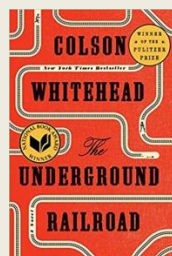


Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Regular Saturday Hours have resumed - 10am – 3pm

**CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY**



### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm

"Underground Railroad" – Colson Whitehead

"Far and away the most anticipated literary novel of the year, *The Underground Railroad* marks a new triumph for Whitehead...[A] book that resonates with deep emotional timbre. *The Underground Railroad* reanimates the slave narrative, disrupts our settled sense of the past and stretches the ligaments of history right into our own era...The canon of essential novels about America's peculiar institution just grew by one." - Ron Charles, *Washington Post*

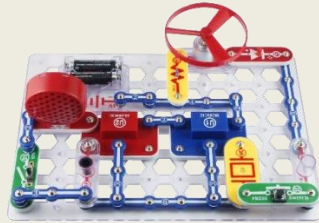


### ADULT GAME DAY

Tuesdays 9:30 am

Come join the fun, make new friends and learn some new games. Open to all adults 18 and older.





### SNAP CIRCUIT SATURDAY Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

We will pull out our collection of snap circuits so come in and make something cool and show the children's librarian how it works.



### MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT Tuesday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

Stop by the library and make a pumpkin, Frankenstein or monster of your choice.



### STORY TIME Thursdays & Fridays 10:30 – 11:30 am

These fun 30-40 minute programs for ages 2-6 include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. Registration is not required. This year we will be working our way through the alphabet (with a few breaks to celebrate the changing seasons). **No Story Time Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.**



### STORY TREKKERS – GRADES K-4 Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Children will be introduced to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft will also be included. Students may arrange to take **bus 73** directly to the library after school. **Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15.**



### ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB GRADES 5-8 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Participants will read and discuss a different book each month. Students may arrange to take **bus 73** directly to the library after school. **Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15.**



### LEGO CLUB Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm Thru October 24<sup>th</sup>

Ride bus 73 to the library and play with our large selection of Legos. Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15. **This program is currently full. Please call the library if you want your child to be placed on a waiting list.**



**FRIDAY CRAFTING FOR TEENS**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> Friday of the Month**  
**3:30 – 4:30 pm**

This fun time for crafting is geared toward middle school students. Crafts include: mosaics, canister/game craft, string art and a wreath.



**Knitting for 50+**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9 am**  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>**

A drop-in group meets at the library. Help is available from instructor, Donna Kay.  
All levels welcome.

**Regional & State  
News & Events**



**[CLICK HERE](#) for Your Estuaries Partnership News for September 2019**

**SCHOOL BOARD NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

The 2020-2021 school district budget process is in full swing. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the school board set a budget target of a 3.5% increase in the amount apportioned to towns, inclusive of costs related to collective bargaining agreements and the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of the proposed middle school bond. The recently approved state budget included an increase of \$138 million for schools across NH. It is not clear yet what the impact of that will be for Oyster River.

The architect and construction manager for the proposed middle school project updated the board on the design and quoting process. The construction manager will deliver a guaranteed maximum project price on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Over the 2018-2019 school year, middle school teacher Chris Hall had a year-long sabbatical to develop Action Research structures within the ORCSD to enable a wide array of teachers across all schools and grade levels to participate in research projects directly related to their teaching. Last year 17 teachers participated, and the foundations laid last year enabled the program to expand to 23 teachers this year even with Mr. Hall back in the classroom. A summary of last year's research questions is available online: <https://orcspdactionresearch.wordpress.com/>

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**If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue then 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](mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com) for assistance.

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**McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed**

McGregor EMS is currently seeking both Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers. Those interested may email [membership@mcgregorems.org](mailto:membership@mcgregorems.org). To learn more about this great service [CLICK HERE!](#)

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**CHECK OUT MAPGEO [HERE](#)**

**A GIS Collaboration between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Lee bringing basic GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to your fingertips.** GIS map data is now displayed on the MapGeo website. The site allows residents to search for tax map info, as well as view several different overlay layers.

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