

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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November 1, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

SOME GREAT PUMPKIN CARVINGS FROM THIS HALLOWEEN CREATED BY CATHERINE FISHER



2019 TAX RATE SET AT \$31.49

Tax bills have been mailed out and are due by December 2nd

The 2019 tax rate was set by the Select Board at their meeting on October 21st. The Board applied \$250,000 from the unassigned fund balance to reduce the Town tax rate by \$0.15. This represents the unexpended funds from the FY19 approved budget.

School	County	Town	State Ed	Total
20.19	2.99	5.92	2.39	31.49
64.12%	9.50%	18.80%	7.59%	



**BEER BREWING IN NH: AN INFORMAL
HISTORY by Glenn Knoblock**
Wednesday, November 6th 7:00 pm
Public Safety Complex

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

NOVEMBER SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays, **November 4th & 18th** Starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on **You Tube** at www.media.leenh.org



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, November 8th 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Lee Church

The Red Cross has informed us that there is a critical need for blood: give this month and be entered to win 1 of 5 \$500 gift cards. All presenting donors will receive free Pizza from Pizza Spinners! Blood donor card or valid ID is required to donate. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code LEECONGREGATIONAL.



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
OPEN 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Next Open November 16th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

DURGIN PRESERVE DOCK/RITA LANE – CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Dock is out and Gate is locked

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR DETAILS!!

It's Here!

'Fix It, Mend It, Repurpose It Workshop'

Saturday, November 2, 2019 1-4 PM

Mast Way School, Lee, NH

*Exhibits, demonstrations and several hands-on opportunities
with 2 Hearts Art Studio, Hermit Hill Studio, Braiders of the
Lost Art, Newmarket Boomerang Bags, The American Edge,*

Cary Brown and Rich Messeder

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

Free Admission

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



One Bin at a Time – Wet Pack

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

In partnership with the Lee Solid Waste Committee

What in the world is “wet pack”? Wet pack is also called “wet strength,” which might be a more apt name for it. It’s basically thin cardboard designed to hold together even if it gets a little wet. It holds together because it’s not a pure paper product – it contains some plastic or other material to help it resist moisture.

Think about the boxed products that you find in the refrigerated section of the store. You know how they “sweat” when they’re in your grocery bags or on the counter? But they don’t fall apart from being damp, right? That’s wet pack/wet strength.

Why do we care? Recently, the vendors who have been taking our mixed paper have started to refuse it if the bales contain wet pack. That’s because recycling paper involves soaking it and mashing it back down to pulp before making new paper products. And, as we’ve just seen, wet pack is designed not to soak and mash easily. So nobody wants it.

So, how do I know if my cardboard box is wet pack/wet strength? First, ask these two-questions:

- Did I get this product from the fridge or freezer at the store?
- Is the box designed to go in the fridge or freezer at home?

If either of these is yes, it’s wet pack. Then there’s a cute at-home test you can do – lab coat and goggles not required.

- Put a few drops of water on the inside of the cardboard and let it soak in for a few seconds.
- Now scratch the wet spot.

Did the water soak in quickly or stay beaded up? Is it easy to scratch up a little pile of paper pulp at the wet spot, or does the material stand up even to that abuse?


- Water soaks in and the cardboard pulps up fairly easily = recyclable.
- Water beads up and the cardboard stands up to the scratch test = wet pack.

EXAMPLES of wet pack

- Frozen and refrigerated food boxes
- Boxes that hold multiple beverage cans or bottles, especially if the box is designed to go in the fridge



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

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

SIGN UP FOR FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM!

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



PHOTO BY DAVID MCCORMICK

Autumn's Large Spiders – The Pumpkin Spider

What better spider to feature during Halloween week than *Araneus trifolium* - the pumpkin spider? Spiders top the list of all the organisms that, over the years, have been either brought to my door, described over the phone, or had their picture emailed to me, and the pumpkin spider weaver tops the “What IS this?” list of spider queries. With her long, hairy, black and white striped legs, and large, round, and strikingly patterned abdomen, this is a spider that gets folks’ attention. That patterned abdomen, with its

large white spots, roughly shaped like a 3 leaved-clover, is how this spider comes by its Latin binomial as well as its other folk name, “shamrock orb weaver”. Males have a cream-colored abdomen, but with females the color of the abdomen changes according to the colors of her habitat. Female pumpkin spiders can be cream-colored as in the photograph taken in late August, but they can also be green, purple, yellow, tan or red-orange. The latter color is most often observed in the fall when the oak leaves turn a russet red, and it is this autumnal color, combined with the female’s plump shape and the fact that she is often encountered in mid-to-late October, that accounts for how she comes by her “pumpkin” name.

As with last week’s banded argiope spider, the pumpkin/shamrock orb weaver belongs to the Family Araneidae and constructs the large, wheel-shaped web associated with this group of spiders. Like its argiope cousin, the pumpkin spider attaches its web to surrounding shrubs and tall grasses, but its web is usually more elevated. As a result, the pumpkin spider’s prey consists largely of flying insects, while jumping insects make up more of the banded orb weaver’s menu. Another difference in the webs of these two species is that the pumpkin spider does not add a web decoration, the stabilimentum, to its web. What it does add is a recess above and to the right or left of the web. Made by using silk to bind together a collection of leaves and stems, the recess area is a shelter where the spider sits while waiting for a flying insect to become entangled in its web. A single strand of silk, running between the web and the spider’s recess acts as a trigger - the struggles of the captured insect cause the trigger to vibrate, alerting the spider.

Mid fall finds female pumpkin spider fully mature and ready to mate. Suspended in her web, she releases silk-based pheromones to attract a male and then retreats to her recess area and waits. Reaching her, and then successfully breeding with her, is the daunting task of the much smaller male pumpkin spider. All orb weavers exhibit extreme sexual size dimorphism - the females are considerably larger than the males, with pumpkin spider females weighing in at 2-3 times the size of their mates. Being large brings reproductive advantages; it takes a great amount of energy to produce hundreds of eggs, and the female’s bulbous abdomen is an energy warehouse. The smaller size of the male has most frequently been explained by the hypothesis that, if you’re going to enter the web of a big huntress, it’s best to be light on your eight feet so as not to trigger her predatory responses. Recent research however, indicates that the males’ smaller size makes them much more adept at “bridging”.

When you’re less than an inch long, even crossing a large field is an arduous and harrowing journey. Bridging, traveling from stem to stem rather than along the ground is how the little male surmounts many of the problems and dangers inherent in long-distance travel. Picking up the female’s scent, he climbs to the end of a twig, points his abdomen in the direction from which the scent is emanating, and then releases a strand of silk. Even the merest breeze is enough to carry the strand off some distance until it lands on a leaf or twig. Once the far end of the strand has hooked onto something, the spider tightens and then anchors the silk at his end of the strand. He then hangs upside down and walks across the strand to a new location. Tirelessly the male will bridge himself from twig, to leaf, to stem, over and over until, finally, he reaches the female.

Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission



LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE FALL SEASON

With school in session and the heating season here, the Lee Fire and Rescue Department would like to offer some friendly safety tips.

- Please remember to 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

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

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



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

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

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

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

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

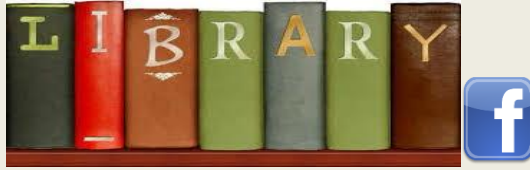
COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

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

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

Lee Public Library



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

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Regular Saturday Hours have resumed - 10am – 3pm

Library CLOSED Monday, November 11th in Observance of Veteran's Day

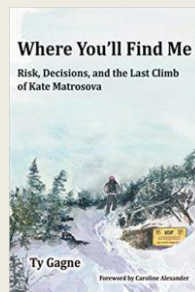
SILENT AUCTION

FRIENDS OF LEE LIBRARY - LEE ARTISTS' SILENT AUCTION

The library will be exhibiting the works of Lee artists for a silent auction beginning November 1ST. The silent auction is a fundraising event to **benefit the Friends of the Lee Library** whose mission it is to support Lee Library programs. Among the items being donated are a wreath, paintings, a braided rug and a quilted wall hanging. Bidding will take place at the library between **November 1st and December 7th**, ending at the Holiday Concert on December 7, 2019 at the Jeremiah Smith Grange. Winning bids will be announced at that time.



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



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, November 18th 7:00 pm
"Where You'll Find Me" – Ty Gagne

"In this gripping tale—told with both grim detail and deep sensitivity—Gagne takes us into risky terrain, where the smallest decision made by one individual can lead to life-changing events for many..... *Where You'll Find Me* is many things— adventure story, survival narrative, love story—and it contains an implicit promise that the spirit of Kate Matrosova will live forever among the footpaths of the Presidentials." Peter Kick, Author of *Desperate Steps: Life, Death, and Choices Made in the Mountains of the Northeast*



**BOUQUET BAR: BUILD YOUR OWN
COLOR SPRAY**
Saturday, November 23rd
10:00 am – Noon

This is one of our most popular annual library programs. Drop by any time between **10:00 am and Noon** and make a hand-tied bouquet. **Tina Sawtelle and Pinewoods Yankee Farm** will provide the flowers, and the flower arranging know how. If you wish you may bring your own container or just take the blooms home. **Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Lee Library and the Lee Public Library.**



Knitting for 50+
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am
November 6th & 20th

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



LEGO FUN DAY

Saturday, Nov 2nd 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Come in and play with our great selection of Legos!



PAJAMA STORY TIME

Tuesday, November 12th 6:30 pm

Come by the library dressed in your cozy jammies and listen to some fun bedtime stories, sing a song or two and do a simple craft.



MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT

November 16th – 23rd

Stop by the library and decorate a fall napkin holder



FRIDAY CRAFTING FOR TEENS
2ND & 4TH Friday of the Month
Beginning November 22nd
3:30 – 4:30 pm

This fun time for crafting is geared toward YOUTH GRADE 3 AND UP. Crafts include: mosaics, canister/game craft, string art and a wreath. **Please call to register as bus space is limited to 15.**



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).



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.**



LEGO CLUB
Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thru December 5th

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.**



Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23, 2019

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH

NHES Operation VET Connect

Operation VETS Connect is a challenge to connect those who served and those who are serving and their spouses to employment, training and services they need to return to employment or into training to assist them with obtaining employment. Additional goals are to build an employer's awareness of the benefits to hiring those who served along with the awareness for those who served of the skills they have or need to build on to return to employment.

Employers are asked to register for the challenge by completing the registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) The information from their registration form will be entered into a spreadsheet by Operations staff and made available to the offices. The employer name, industry, and town/city will also be listed on the website weekly. ESRs and LVERs should verify that the employer is registered in JMS and if appropriate, contact the employer to advise of the services available to them, including RTW and OJT.

Veterans, those currently serving and their spouses are also asked to complete a registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) Their information will be entered into a separate spreadsheet and distributed to the office nearest their homes.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Operation VET Connect Flyer

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

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact Andy Corrow, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at 603-397-9267 or vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.



McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

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

CHECK OUT MAPGEO [HERE](#)

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

ATTENTION!

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