

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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November 8, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

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 or 2.47%. This represents the unexpended funds from the FY19 approved budget.

The ORCSD rate went up by 5.38%; state ed by 4.37%; and the county rate was reduced by 1.97%. Overall, the tax rate increased by 3.01%

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



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.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY





THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
OPEN 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
Next Open November 16th
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

NOVEMBER SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **November 18th** Starting at 6:30 pm

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

Thanks and Photos: The Fix It, Mend It, Repurpose It Workshop

The Fix It, Mend It, Repurpose It Workshop would like to thank the following presenters and exhibitors for an outstanding afternoon at last Saturday's event: 2 Hearts Art Studio, the Braiders of the Lost Art, Hermit Hill Art Studio, the American Edge, Newmarket Boomerang Bags, the Lee Public Library, Cary Brown, Dean Rubine and Rich Messeder. It was quite unique to have this level of talent and skill together in one space; those who attended the event had a fine time. Even though the attendance was somewhat disappointing, we will learn and adjust. Also, a special thanks to the Oyster River Cooperative School District and the Town of Lee for their support of the project.





Autumn's Large Spiders Nursery Web Spider

Our final late autumn spider is the nursery web spider, *Pisaurina mira*. Unlike the two spider species featured in previous articles, the nursery web spider does not build a web to catch food. Instead it hunts down its prey. Being cryptically colored - having markings and colors that camouflage the spider helps it to avoid being preyed upon. This spider's colors so beautifully echo the various browns and whites of the milkweed it is perched upon, that I'm going to defer writing about it until next week, so as to allow for a larger photograph. Special thanks to Andrea LeBlanc - both capturing this wonderful image and for kindly sharing it.

Catherine Fisher
Conservation Commission

FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS! BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

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.



LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

20 George Bennett Road
Lee, New Hampshire 03861
(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



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

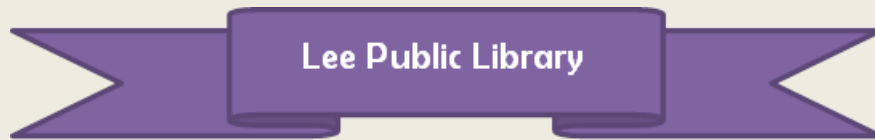
The Planning Board, Energy, and Sustainability Committees have immediate openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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>



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.



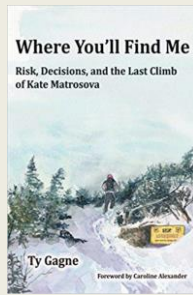
Calling All Cake Pans! The library would like to begin a cake pan collection for our patrons to borrow, especially shaped pans. Please donate your gently used but usable pans.



Free Online Continuing Education Courses with Universal Class

Universal Class is a free online learning center brought to you by the Lee Library. It provides video-based courses for patrons interested in professional or personal growth. Learn at your own pace and in your own time. Expert instructors provide continual feedback on over 500 subjects from personal finance to yoga 101. Sign up today to start your training.

www.leepublicnh.universalclass.com



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
Next day November 20th

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



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. **Registration is not required.**



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. This program is currently full. Please call the library if you want your child to be placed on a waiting list.**



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. The first session's theme will be creating the bedroom of your dreams – maybe a treehouse?? 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

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

November 6, 2019

The November 6th School Board meeting opened with a tour of the reconstructed Moharimet front entrance, along with comments from Denise Pouliot and Paul Pouliot of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People who have contributed to the design features and educating students on the legacy of Moharimet and the Abenaki. Words and symbols related to education in the Abenaki language have been fabricated and will be hung on the school.

A free community supper will be served on Thursday, November 14th, at Moharimet School from 5:15pm - 6:00pm, along with information and discussion on the proposed new middle school building. Child care is available.

Breathe NH will be presenting "Vaping Unveiled" in the High School auditorium on Friday, November 15th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. This event will cover details of the products and dangers of e-cigarettes / vapes, scale of e-cigarette use, Q&A, and other resources. This event is open to all.

Development of the 2020-2021 school budget is in process. State funding projections are expected by November 15th. Work on the budget will continue, with a public hearing in January and deliberative session in February. Public comments are welcome at any school board meeting and written input can be submitted anytime.

Graduation for the Oyster River High School class of 2020 will be on Friday, June 12, 2020!



Seacoast Village North Social Event

Come meet your neighbors interested in forming the Seacoast Village North which will help you to age in your home. Meet the Steering Committee and learn the status of our village.

Social connections form the fabric of villages and all the benefits eventually flow from a sense of community among its members.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 20th.

WHERE: Durham Public Library, Community Room (upstairs)

WHAT: If you wish, bring some finger food to share. Beverages provided.

TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

RSVP: dennis.chasteen@unh.edu by Sunday, November 17.

We hope to see you there!

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 Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!