

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
November 12, 2021



THANK YOU TO RUTH EIFERT FOR
6 ½ YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF LEE

WE APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION TO
BRING THE LIBRARY AND THIS COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

GOOD LUCK IN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF YOUR LIFE!

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

November 15th Bulky Fees Public Hearing 6:00pm

November 29th Racetrack License Public Hearing 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](#)

TRANSFER STATION **CLOSED** ON THURSDAY, 11/25TH FOR THANKSGIVING DAY
CHECK BACK HERE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE!

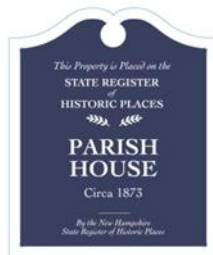
TOWN OFFICES **CLOSED** THURSDAY, 11/25TH AND FRIDAY, 11/26TH FOR
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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



The Lee Heritage Commission has created a series of historic marker plaques that are being awarded to the owners of historic properties in Lee who have successfully applied for New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places designation. The wording on each plaque states, *"This Property is Placed on the State Register of Historic Places by the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places"*.

Every time we share a photo of a historic property plaque presentation, we will also try to share some of the history of that property – and the families and/or organizations that have owned it. On October 30, 2021, the Heritage Commission placed a plaque on the Parish House that acknowledges the historic importance of the Parish House to the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Lee.



Laura Gund, Lee Heritage Commission (Left)
 Patricia Jenkins, Lee Heritage Commission Chair (Right)
 Photo by Scott Bugbee

Parish House History:

The Parish House was built in 1873 and was owned by Lee Church Congregational for use as a parsonage for their first pastor, Rev. John W. Lees. The Lee Church and the Parish House have both been centerpieces of the town of Lee for many years. The parsonage remained occupied by the Lee Church Congregational until the 2000s, when it was used as a private residence for needy church members. During all its existence, the Parish House supported the pastors of the Lee Church by providing a residence and social meeting place for their families and church membership. The building was an integral part of the life of the church and the community it served.

In 2018, the town voted to purchase the property. The Town of Lee applied to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and the building was chosen as one of the "Seven To Save" for 2018. Its future remains uncertain. The Parish House was placed on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places on January 27, 2020.

We'll publish more photos of owners of Lee Historic Plaque properties accepting their plaques in the coming months, along with historic notes about their properties and the people who owned them.

TURKEY TAILS, PART 1: FALSE TURKEY TAIL

By Catherine Fisher

As turkey time is drawing near, over the next two weeks we'll take a look at two mushroom species with "turkey" in their names: false turkey tail and turkey tail. During a walk in the forest, no matter the time of year, these species are the two most commonly seen.

Both false turkey tail and turkey tail are saprophytes - fungi that use acids and enzymes to break down and then feed on dead organic matter such as tree snags, logs, and fallen branches. Though false turkey tail and turkey tail fungi are not at all related, as their names suggest, the two mushrooms are confusingly similar in appearance. Once you know what to look for, however, it's fairly easy to tell one from the other. During a recent monitoring walk, we came across the gorgeous patch of fresh false turkey tails pictured, so that will be our leadoff species.

False Turkey tail, *Stereum ostrea*, is one of the loveliest forest mushrooms. Also called golden turkey tail, it is a crust, or parchment, fungus, and like all crust fungi, when it's ready to reproduce it forms large patches of fruiting bodies on dead, woody plant structures. Unlike many crust fungi which have no caps and form flat patches on their woody substrates, false turkey tail fungi form colonies of bracket-shaped fruiting bodies which are similar in both habit and appearance to the fruiting bodies of shelf mushrooms, particularly turkey tails. Resembling the stiff ruffs favored by wealthy Tudors, the false turkey tail mushrooms pictured here give a kinetic appearance to the trunk of this white oak snag.

Each false turkey tail cap forms a fluted semicircle, resembling the fanned tail of a displaying tom. A false turkey tail's cap has no stem but is instead attached directly to its woody substrate. The cap has a leathery feel, is somewhat pliable, and its top usually has a soft, velvety nap. Young false turkey tails, such as those pictured, have upper surfaces that are often bright orange which fades, as they age, into irregular, concentric zones of russet, brown, cream, and sometimes green. The underside of the cap is a pale, buffy brown, and unlike true bracket fungi, it is smooth and has no pores. This lack of pores and the absence of an attaching stem are diagnostic when differentiating false turkey tail from true turkey tail mushrooms.



The usefulness of saprophytic fungi such as false turkey tail cannot be overstated. They are nature's premier recyclers and play a crucial part in all the world's ecosystems. False turkey tails belong to the group of fungi known as white rot fungi - nature's most efficient lignin degraders. Lignins form the tough walls of tree cells, creating a protective barrier against pests and pathogens. In their role as white rot decomposers, false turkey tails are able to break down lignins, releasing essential nutrients into the soil where they can be absorbed by the plants in the forest.

Because their sturdy, leathery structure helps them persist despite freezing temperatures, turkey tails can be found year round. Next time you take a walk along one of Lee's trails, keep a lookout for these lovely fungi.

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPLACES BRIDGE IN THE TOWN FOREST!

The Trails Committee has developed a plan to replace all the bridges in the Town Forest within a five year span. Three bridges that are in the worst shape are slated to be replaced this fall. This week, the replacement of Bridge #2 on the yellow trail was completed.

The successful completion meant a lot of planning (what will the bridge look like, what materials do we need), organizing logistics (how will we cut the wood, how will we get all the wood and tools to the bridge site), carrying out the logistics (heavy loads!), completing the bridge plan and improvising on the spot when needed.

The result is a sturdy new bridge that will last many years! Thanks to all the Trails Committee members who helped and everyone who has been cheering us on!



Old Bridge Photo by Deb Sugerman



Moving materials
Photo by Deb Sugerman



Measuring for new bridge
Photo by Chris Regan



L to R - Chris Regan, Dennis Regan, Deb Sugerman, Martin Thornton, Paul McComiskey Photo by Leslie Chinburg

Sample Entry for 'Lee's Trees: Then and Now'

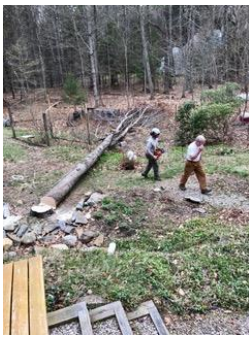
by Paul Gasowski, Lee Sustainability Committee

Please find below an example of a 'Lee's Trees: Then and Now Contest.' Entry. Find out more at:

https://www.leenh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf776/f/uploads/lees_trees_brochure_2021_0.pdf

You may also pickup entry forms at the library, the Clerk's Office or the Lee Town Offices.

My Sample Entry:



Name: Paul Gasowski

Name of Tree(s): Yellow Maple
Transplants

Tree Location: 46 Lamprey Lane

Deciduous or Conifer: Deciduous

Species: Yellow Maple

Owner: Paul and Annie Gasowski

Entry Category: Then and Now

Photos:

Upper Left: New Home 1985

Upper Right: Two Maples 2018

Lower Left: Blowdown Spring 2020

Lower Right: Felling Fall 2020

Comments: Our home was built in 1985 and the construction left no shade trees for the south side of the house. I transplanted two small yellow maples (@ 7 ft. each) in 1995 and they grew to become very nice shade trees. In the spring of 2020, a strong thunderstorm twisted off the whole side of one of the trees. In the fall of that year we had Jon Roy take down the rest of the tree. Since our vegetable garden is in that spot, it is unlikely that we will replace the tree that was lost; however, we still have the other one.

2021 TOWN OF LEE TAX RATE SET AT \$21.77

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%.

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

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL NH DHHS HEALTH ALERT

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DHHS.Health.Alert@dhhs.nh.gov
November 3, 2021, Time 1500 (3:00 PM EDT)
NH-HAN 20211103



COVID-19 Pandemic, Update # 48

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5-11 Years Old

Key Points and Recommendations:

- On October 29th, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized use of the [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) COVID-19 pediatric vaccine ("pediatric vaccine") in children 5-11 years of age.
 - The pediatric vaccine formulation and packaging is different from the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine authorized for vaccine recipients 12 years of age or older; this includes different instructions for storage, dilution/preparation, and administration.
 - Providers should review the new FDA [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#) to children 5-11 years old.
 - Use the new FDA [Vaccine Information Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#) when vaccinating persons 5-11 years old.
 - When screening for vaccine contraindications and precautions, note the ingredients in the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine have been modified (see updated FDA Fact Sheets & CDC's [Appendix C: Ingredients included in COVID-19 vaccines](#); update to Interim Clinical Considerations are pending).
- On November 2nd, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) unanimously voted to recommend the pediatric vaccine, and CDC has now [recommended](#) that children 5-11 years of age be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine.
 - The pediatric vaccine is authorized and recommended for use as a 2-dose primary series with each dose administered 21 days apart; each dose is 10 mcg (0.2 mL after appropriate dilution).
 - Additional 3rd doses for vaccine recipients who are moderately-severely immunocompromised are NOT authorized nor recommended for children 5-11 years old.
 - A 2-dose primary series using the lower 10 mcg vaccine dose has been shown to elicit similar neutralizing antibody titers in children 5-11 years of age when compared to vaccine recipients 16-25 years of age who were vaccinated with the higher 30 mcg dose.
 - Among 5-11 year olds, the vaccine efficacy in preventing laboratory-confirmed symptomatic COVID-19 after a 2-dose primary series was 90.7%.
 - No safety concerns were identified in the pharmaceutical clinical trial, and a lower proportion of vaccine recipients experienced systemic side effects (e.g., fatigue, headache, myalgia, arthralgia, fever) compared to older vaccine recipients who were given the higher 30 mcg dose.

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](#).

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](#)

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** ★



LEE, NH

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!



& 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!



[sorry, no stuffed animals]

★ 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...
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**

Heliun 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!



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



KNITTERS MEET HERE

Knitters are meeting on the 1ST AND 3RD Wednesday morning at 10 AM.
 Their next meeting is this Wednesday, November 17th. All skill levels invited,
 and there is instruction!



Preschool Story-time – Thursday, November 18th – 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 19th – 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 – Programs are Full!

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

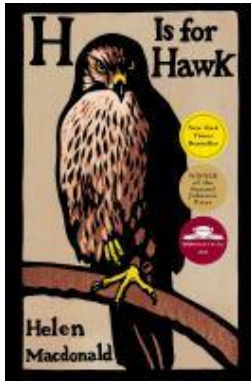
Meet at 3:15pm on the 2nd Friday of each month. There are still a few spaces open for this program. Call the library to register. 659-2626.

Poor Houses and Town Farms with Stephen Taylor



**Wednesday December 1, 2021
at 7PM via Zoom**

From its earliest settlements NH has struggled with issues surrounding the treatment of its poor. The early Northeastern colonies followed the lead of England's 1601 Poor Law, which imposed compulsory taxes for maintenance of the poor but made no distinction between the "vagrant, vicious poor" and the helpless, and honest poor. This confusion persisted for generations and led directly to establishment in most of the state's towns of alms houses and poor farms and, later, county institutions which would collectively come to form a dark chapter in New Hampshire history. Steve Taylor will examine how paupers were treated in these facilities and how reformers eventually succeeded in closing them down. [REGISTER HERE](#). Sponsored by the Lee Library and Lee Historical Society.



Adult Book Discussion
Monday, December 13, 6:00 pm
H is for Hawk by Helen MacDonald

"..... [a] story of adopting and raising one of nature's most vicious predators has soared into the hearts of millions of readers worldwide. Fierce and feral, her goshawk Mabel's temperament mirrors Helen's own state of grief after her father's death, and together raptor and human "discover the pain and beauty of being alive". ~*People Magazine*. Also available via Zoom. Meeting ID 476 452 0503 Password 675752.

Regional & State News & Events



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



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

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!

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to www.leenh.org, click on the Subscribe button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.

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