

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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November 15, 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%	



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



ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING
DECEMBER 7TH 4:30 PM
LEE TRIANGLE



Lee Holiday Community Concert!
Saturday, December 7th at 4:30 pm
Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall

The "FRIENDS OF THE LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY" and Lee Library Trustees invite you to attend the Community Concert at the Grange immediately following the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the triangle green at 4:00 pm with students from the ORCSD Jazz Band.



Following live music from the ORCSD Jazz Band at the Tree Lighting, everyone walks over to the Grange to hear more from these talented young musicians.

There will be yummy refreshments to enjoy while listening to the music!
(Donations always accepted and appreciated.)


Continue to place bids for the items on display at the Lee Library for the *Friends of Lee Library "Silent Artisan Auction"*.

Bids may be placed right up until intermission the night of the Concert!

The winners will be announced at the Holiday Concert!

Parking at the Library, the Grange, both sides of the side road leading to the Public Safety Complex and in front of the Public Safety Complex will be available.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR



OYSTER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

AT THE OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
55 Coe Drive, Durham, NH 03824

SATURDAY, DEC 7, 9am–2pm

Over 30 talented vendors and crafters will be present. Follow them on Facebook for a sneak preview of the vendors.



Autumn's Large Spiders - Nursery Web Spider

Unlike the spiders featured earlier, the nursery web spider, *Pisaurina mira*, is a streamlined creature. Although large (this spider can reach 3" across), the nursery web spider's body, when compared to a pumpkin orb weaver, is relatively slim and tapered. There's a reason for this. Orb weavers can sit, plump and sedate in their webs, waiting for a meal to become entangled; nursery web spiders, like their close relatives wolf spiders and fishing spiders, actively hunt for their food. Plump isn't an asset when you're chasing down a meal.

Another difference between this species and many of the orb weavers is coloring. While orb weavers are often brilliantly colored and patterned, nursery web spiders and their kin are cryptically colored with markings that help them to blend in. Orb weavers' bright colors are thought to be attractive to their prey, thus luring insects into their webs. Nursery web spiders and their kin use their camouflaging colors to avoid detection by approaching prey. Though they do wander and hunt, they also use concealment and surprise to capture prey. Their ability to blend in with their surroundings, combined with their excellent motion vision, extremely fast reflexes and long legs make them superb ambushers - enabling them to quickly grab a passing insect. This ability to disappear into the surroundings also helps them to avoid being preyed upon.

Of all terrestrial animals, spiders display some the most extreme examples of "female-biased sexual dimorphism", with females as much as 3 times the size of males and, in some cases, as much as 500 times heavier. The female nursery web spider is a larger and heavier creature than the male, and she can be cannibalistic; hence in mid-summer, when a male nursery spider's thoughts turn to mating, the dangers are formidable. Fortunately, he has 2 strategies enabling him to mate successfully while avoiding becoming lunch; both strategies involve silk.

He begins, like other males throughout the animal kingdom, by presenting the female with a nuptial gift. In this case, a silk-wrapped fly, moth, or other delicious tidbit. While the female is occupied with her gift, the male gets busy with strategy number two: tying her up. Though smaller than the female, the male nursery web spider has a longer leg length to body ratio. He uses these long, thin legs to delicately wrap a silken veil around the female's 1st and 2nd pairs of legs, rendering her temporarily immobile while he mates. The bonds aren't strong ones, and soon after breeding the female is able to free herself without much difficulty, but they do buy the male some precious time.

Clearly, successful mating requires considerable expenditures of time and energy on the part of the male nursery web spider. Occasionally, a male will try to limit his outlay by cheating. Instead of presenting the female with something tasty, he will come to her bearing a silk-wrapped "faux gift" such as a pebble, twig, or the dry, nutritionally-worthless, exoskeletal remains of a previously dined-upon insect. Being a stingy mate can have consequences: the female, discovering that the gift is without merit, may break her bonds and put an end to mating - at which point, the male often tries to ward off predation by playing dead. Sometimes this works; other times, he becomes a meal. A good nuptial gift keeps the female occupied, satisfies any hunger pangs she may be experiencing, and often results in plenty of time for mating.

Once the female's eggs have been fertilized she prepares an egg sac for them - building a sphere of silk, which looks much like a miniature golf ball, around her 200-500 eggs. Using her pedipalps (leg-like appendages near her jaws), she carries her egg sac with her everywhere. Two days before the eggs are ready to hatch, she finds a good place to hide the sac, usually atop a clump of high weeds or on the branch of a low shrub. Using silk, she secures the egg sac under a folded leaf. Once the egg sac is safely in place, she builds the tent-like web for which her species is named: a large,

roughly dome-shaped, silk structure that completely surrounds the egg sac. She is a devoted mother. Positioning herself nearby, she defends the egg sac against predation. In late August, hundreds of tiny spiderlings hatch and, guarded by their mother, roam about in the safety of their nursery web. She stays with them until their first molt, only leaving once her children have dispersed.

Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission



Metal Quiz Results



The official results are in, but you can still take the [Lee Transfer Station Metal Quiz](#). Of the 36 folks who took the quiz 20 got all five questions right, 5 got four right and 5 more got three right.

Question 1: B. 95% of us knew where to toss an aluminum can, bin B.

Question 2: D. Only 77% knew to recycle clean aluminum foil in the bin D. Dirty foil goes in the regular trash E, which 12% chose.

Question 3: E. 76% of us knew mylar car visors go in the regular trash, E, with 21% mistakenly thinking it's aluminum foil, D.

Question 4: A. 91% knew steel cans go in the metal can bin A.

Question 5: C. 76% knew there's a little yellow Tidy Cat bin C for steel lids; no need to toss them in the trash bin E like 11% thought. 9% chose the big metal can bin A, but the lids are too small for the machines we use.

Metal makes the most money for us so please keep recycling those cans. Stayed tuned for more Transfer Station Quizzes.










One Bin at a Time – Mixed Paper


Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

When we move to the mixed paper bin, we have to start paying to recycle. It's a lower fee than what we'd have to pay if we tossed the paper in the solid waste bin, though, so recycling is still a cost-reducer.

Recycling paper is pretty simple (not counting the wet pack issue), but it gets even easier if you can reduce the amount that comes into your life. Start by reducing junk mail. Register on the **National Do Not Mail List** site - https://www.directmail.com/mail_preference/.

YES, please!	
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office paper (this might be changing) • Envelopes (small plastic windows are okay) • Cardboard tubes • Cereal boxes and the like • Magazines; books (remove book covers) • Paper egg containers (though these can be reused by those who keep chickens) • Paperboard take-out containers (clean) 	 
NOT HERE (but maybe in another bin)	
<p>Newsprint; this has its own bin, which allows us to get paid when we recycle it.</p>	 
<p>Water-proof and water-resistant cardboard are trash:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream cartons, milk cartons • Coffee-to-go cups • Juice boxes • Wet pack/wet strength cartons 	 
<p>Gift-wrapping paper and tissue paper are trash.</p> <p>Consider other gift-wrapping options, to reduce the amount of paper you have to throw out during special events throughout the year.</p>	

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

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

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION STARTING NOW!

The Lee Conservation Commission is once again sponsoring a campership for a Lee youngster, at least 10 years old. The camper will go to Barry Conservation Camp, which is located in Berlin, NH in the White Mountain National Forest. The camp is operated by UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H in conjunction with the N.H. Fish and Game Department. As their brochure states, "Campers learn responsible use of firearms safe hunting practices, environmental awareness, conservation principles and an appreciation for the beautiful state we live in. There is swimming and canoeing, as well as group activities that encourage teamwork."

Lee youngsters, ages 10 and up, are eligible for this campership. (The Hunter Safety and Certification Program requires that they be 12 years and older.) For further information, please call Laura Gund, 659-2044, or e-mail at walgrove@comcast.net. It's important to apply as soon as possible as spaces fill up fast. The Conservation Commission must notify the camp by February 3, 2020 with the name, age and gender of the Lee camper we will be sponsoring, along with the session they wish to attend. No requests will be accepted after February 3rd.

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



**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

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.



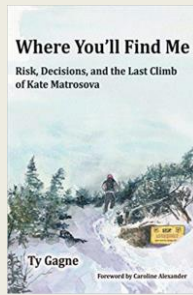
Calling All Cake Pans! The library would like to begin a cake pan collection for our patrons to borrow, especially shaped pans. Please donate your gently used but usable pans.



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

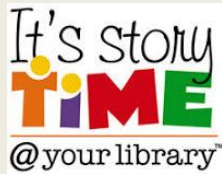


MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT
November 16th – 23rd
 Stop by the library and decorate a fall napkin holder



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**



STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND 9:00am

Justice and Administration Building, County Farm Road, Dover, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for meeting notice

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 17th.

We hope to see you there!

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, 2019

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Monday, November 25, 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 Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!