TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 249 Calef Highway Lee, New Hampshire 03861 (603) 659-5414

> Lee News & Upcoming Events November 18, 2022



FROM EVERYONE AT THE TOWN OF LEE Town Offices, Transfer Station and Library CLOSED 11/24th & 11/25th for the holiday

LEE FIRE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:



THE E-CRIER WILL BE TAKING NEXT WEEK OFF FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SEE YOU BACK HERE ON DECEMBER 2nd!

LAST DAY TO VISIT THE LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM UNTIL NEXT YEAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th 9:00am – 2:00pm

There have been several setbacks and advances this year, which created changes in our offerings. The good news is that we are able to open our 1st floor museum exhibit, which includes dynamic exhibits on Lee's early history, with varied topics like Native Americans, Sawmills, Food Processing and the introduction of shops, the Railroad, and Communication Through the Ages. The Bartlett Family is highlighted in our Family Focus area.

If you have difficulty choosing a holiday gift for someone, we might just have that unique gift in our little museum gift shop. We have Lee caps and tee shirts in many colors and sizes. Instead of the ordinary plastic toys, we have toys and crafts for children that their grandparents would have enjoyed. We have a wide collection of books about Lee, written by local authors. Our latest is about Lee schools with chapters about our seven one-room schools, the development of Oyster River Schools, and many fun stories about the "children" who attended.

We are preparing for an exciting new era in our museum in 2023. Come April we will have new and expanded exhibits in the museum and adjacent Annex building. We are also discussing an expansion in staff and hours. Ask us how you can become involved.

2022 TOWN OF LEE TAX RATE SET AT \$21.72

Tax Bills have been mailed out/Due date is December 19, 2022

The 2022 tax rate was set by the Select Board at their meeting on November 9th. The Board applied \$150,000 from the unassigned fund balance to reduce the Town tax rate by an additional \$0.21 over the preliminary rate. Overall, the tax rate decreased slightly below last year's rate of \$21.77.

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School	County	Town	Ed	Total	
13.97	2.03	4.61	1.11	21.72	
64%	9%	21%	5%		

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 20th 9:30am Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Road, Lee, NH

A production of the Life of Moses by the Lee Church Sunday school students and youth told through a play, skit, music, and puppet show. Not to be missed!

ATTENTION:

SAND & SALT NOTICE

Sand & salt will now be given out at the Transfer Station during their business hours. Please for personal use only; the cost for sand & salt has risen dramatically over the last year.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

November 28th Select Board Meeting 6:00pm Select Board and ABC Budget Meetings: 11/29, 12/6 and 12/12 Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar Meetings can be seen on YOU TUBE at CLICK HERE

GENERAL ELECTION DAY RESULTS

Vote November 8, 2022 a true copy attest: Mala Benhold Signature of Tøwn/City Clerk One copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State.				STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RETURN OF VOTES LEE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022	
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BALLOTS CAST

Regular Ballots Cast 2215

Absentee Ballots Cast

190

Total Number of Ballots Cast

2405

Number of Overvoted Ballots Cast

2022 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTIONS Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2022 General Court

1. 'Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attornays, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided newsrtheless the legislature shall have authority to atter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers, but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

[Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." (Passed by the N.H. House 294 Yes 43 No; Passed by Senate 21 Yes 3 No.) CACR 21

Yes 1325 No 677

Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution

2. 'Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?'

Yes 715 No 1283

TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY CONCERT

Saturday, December 3rd Lighting & Singing at the Lee Triangle 5:30pm Great Bay Sailor performing at the Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall 6:00pm Goodies and Hot Chocolate too! Sponsored by the Friends of the Lee Library



Great Bay Sailor is an eclectic folk band based in Portsmouth, NH. Casting a wide net, the band performs out of an extensive repertoire of maritime, Irish/Scottish, British, and old timey music. In the maritime tradition, they play and sing traditional and contemporary songs and tunes inspired by ships, sailors, oceans, and tall tales. Mike Blair and Steve Carrigan sing the songs, with Steve also on guitar and bodhran. Jim Prendergast, a thirty-year veteran of the Nashville music scene, plays guitar, mandolin, and banjo. Rounding out the mix is singer/songwriter Taylor Whiteside who tantalizes us with original songs, guitar, accordion, mandolin, and fiddle.



Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares

Presenter: <u>Jennifer Carroll</u> Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:00pm Location: ZOOM

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. She was a humane society agent in Keene from 1903-1936 and one of the first humane society agents to become a deputy sheriff in New Hampshire. Jennie was known across the country as "The Woman Who Dares" cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America. As a photographic activist, she used her camera to document animal cruelty, family violence, and widespread poverty in New Hampshire's Monadnock region and beyond. This one-hour illustrated presentation from Jenna Carroll introduces us to Jennie's life story, the work of humane societies at the turn of the twentieth century, and the politics of the Progressive Era (1890s-1920s) from a local perspective.

The New Community Power Committee Mission: To explore the benefits of community power

WHAT IS COMMUNITY POWER?

Under Community Power programs, local governments can procure and provide electricity to their residents and businesses on a competitive basis. By bypassing outdated regulations, Community Power programs can harness private-sector innovation to lower costs for customers and provide other energy services. Electric distribution utilities (e.g., Eversource, Liberty Utilities, NH Electric Cooperative and Unitil) will continue to deliver electricity to customers via their transmission distribution systems.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

By aggregating purchasing power across a community, and by having greater flexibility in energy contracting than regulated utilities, Community Power programs can harness private sector innovation to lower costs for their customers. Community Power programs may choose to purchase power based on other attributes such as renewable sources. Community Power programs can also be a vehicle to construct local renewable energy projects to be the source of power for the program.

Senate Bill 286, signed into law on August 2, 2019, enables local governments to develop Community Power programs. Rules for the program have been finalized in recent months. Municipal and county governments may implement Community Power programs. Multiple local governments may join together to implement a Community Power program.

Please take a moment to click on the link below and complete this survey so that we can serve you best. <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeeCP...</u>

TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP – WINTER 2022/2023

<u>Winter Hours of Operation</u>: Starting December 13th until spring, the Swap shop will be closed on Tuesdays and open Thursdays and Saturdays 8am - 5pm.

Bulky Items: Saturday, December 3rd will be the last day until spring that large bulky items can be accepted at the Swap Shop. This includes, but is not limited to, Furniture, Bicycles, Outdoor Equipment, Play Sets, Exercise Equipment, Golf Clubs, or Strollers.

<u>Smaller items</u>: We have limited space for the winter; please limit your drop off items to one tote.

If you have many items, try using the Facebook page "Swap Shop Treasures ~ Lee, NH" or one of the local charitable groups (Goodwill, Re-Store, Salvation Army, etc.). Please note the "Swap Shop Treasures ~ Lee, NH" Facebook page is not maintained or controlled by the Town of Lee but run by a private person. Please be sure to follow the rules for whichever group you choose to use.

If the Garage Door is open, then we are open.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANTHING WHEN THE SWAP SHOP GARAGE DOOR IS CLOSED.

THE SWAP SHOP WILL BE CLOSED IF:

- The schools close due to bad weather OR on Saturdays if the weather is such that the schools would have closed.
- If the Temperature is below 10°F wind chill.
- If we do not have volunteers available.
- If there is high winds, rain or snow.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to returning to normal operations in the spring.

STUMP THOUGHTS FOLLOWING ELECTION WEEK

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

Around this time last year, I began Stumpology a (thus far) nine-part series of articles on the nature of stumps and their importance in woodland ecology. As is almost always the case, writing about something begets ideas one hadn't even considered, and each time I jot down a stump-related thought or question, I am reminded that I'm not quite finished with stumps, or they're not quite finished with me.



One recurring idea is the way in which the word "stump" has made a place for itself in expressive language. Stumps not only enrich habitats, but they have also enriched human speech. Shakespeare used the word metaphorically in two of his plays, but it is likely that "stump," used either as a noun or as a verb, had become idiomatic long before the world's foremost playwright took up his pen. Think of the different stump sayings, metaphors, and similes that have been passed down through the ages. A "stump" may describe the part of a limb, mast, pencil, tooth, etc. that has been lost to a mishap, broken off, or worn down. To be "dumb as a stump" is a simile for being mute or ignorant. If you're short in stature, you might be described (say, for instance, by one of your daughters) as being "stumpy." Someone confused or lost may be said to be "stumped." Walking with a heavy, loud tread is "to stump." An oration given while campaigning for elected office is called a "stump speech," and someone running for office is often described as "on the stump."

A few hundred years ago, those latter two idioms were literal descriptions. In rural areas, candidates for public office would use stumps as raised places from which to address a crowd of voters. Being "on the stump" became synonymous with running for office, and a "stump speech" was the rote speech given as a candidate traveled from town to town and stump to stump. Though radio, television, and the internet have replaced the stump as platforms for getting one's message out, the idioms live on and are much in use as, with each new election cycle, hopefuls announce their candidacy.

David Wagoner, one of my favorite nature poets, wrote a poem whose title, "Stump Speech" is a play on this idea, and I think about it whenever a new election cycle rolls our way. It is a poem I often use when teaching children about the layers in a tree trunk. Because it is a cumulative poem, a form that children are well familiar with through stories, songs, and nursery rhymes such as "The Napping House, "I know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" and "This is the House that Jack Built," it is a fun way to help children remember the role of each layer of a tree trunk. On "Stump Speech Day" we walk to a suitably large stump and on a nearby limb, hang a slab of bark that has a copy of the poem written on it. After briefly talking about the meaning and origins of the term "Stump Speech", we recite the poem together, then spend some time talking about the poem. Though the title has a tongue-in-cheek quality, "Stump Speech" is a beautiful elegy, and the children never fail to pick up on the poem's inherent sadness.

On December 18, 2021, not very long after I began writing "Stumplogy," David Wagoner died. He was 95 years old and had a long and successful writing life, but his passing was one that made the world seem a bit emptier. As it has for several decades, the bark-inscribed copy of "Stump Speech" hangs beside my desk, and this week seemed like a good time to share it. Consider it a celebration of a number of things: the completion of another successful expression of the democratic process, the end of a long, well-lived, poetic life, and the wonderfulness of trees and their stumps.

DON'T FORGET, LEE DOES FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING!

BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Director Steve Bullek at <u>sbullek@leenh.org</u>, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. The Town provides special compostable bags to bring your food waste in to the Transfer Station.

LEE TOWN OFFICES

Town Administrator's Office Monday 8am – 6pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am – 4:30pm Friday 8am – 12:30pm Town Clerk's Office Monday 8am – 6pm / Wednesday 8am – 4pm / Friday 8am – 4pm

LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

If you are interested in volunteering for the Town, contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 or email <u>dduval@leenh.org</u>. **CLICK HERE** for Application.

E-CRIER PUBLISHING ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have a community event that you would like to publish in the E-Crier, please email Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at <u>dduval@leenh.org</u> by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD <u>MEETING CALENDAR</u> <u>NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE</u>

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION NH COVID-19 WEBSITE

NH Department of Health and Human Services <u>CLICK HERE</u> for New DHHS Website!

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 <u>leechurchucc@comcast.net</u>. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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 <u>Application</u> for riders and a <u>Volunteer</u> <u>Application</u> at www.readyrides.org. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's <u>Community Transportation Directory</u>.

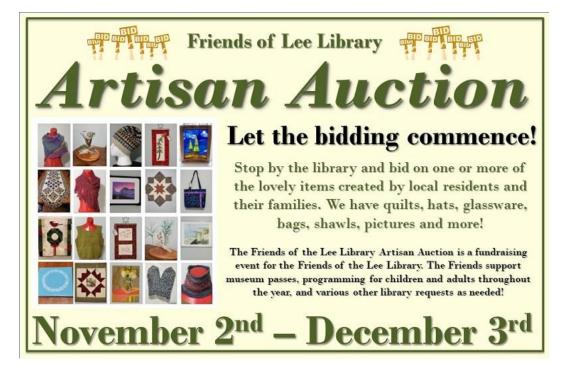
WHEN SECONDS COUNT... Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.



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. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form



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



NOVEMBER AT YOUR LEE LIBRARY!

Friends of Lee Library Artisan Auction: Let the bidding commence! Stop by the library and bid on one or more of the lovely items created by local residents and their families. We have guilts, hats, glassware, bags, shawls, pictures and more! The Friends of the Lee Library Artisan Auction is a fundraising event for the Friends of the Lee Library. The Friends support museum passes, programming for children and adults throughout the year, and various other library requests as needed!

Library Renovations... Have you heard the news? You may have heard some talk of the library renovations that are in the process of being developed. It's true! We are hoping to start work in the New Year and are excited to be able to bring you a more accessible and user-friendly library space. If you would like to learn more about the future plans, please stop by the display in the adult book room or pop on over and chat with a librarian!

Scarecrow Pick Up! If you haven't managed to get down to the library to pick up your scarecrow, please come on over, we have lined them up outside the library for you. Straw filling can be left by the tree beside the library, and stakes can be left by the stairs at the side of the building. Please pick up your scarecrow before Monday November 21st. Anything left after that date will be disposed of.

Tuesday November 22 & 29 3:30pm – 4:45pm – Afterschool Creators Club: Students will be walked from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Program is full!

Saturday November 19, 9:00am – 12:00pm – Friends of the Library Flower Bar and Book Give-Away: Join us for the Friends of Lee Library Fall Flower Bar! Tina Sawtelle of Pinewoods Yankee Farm will bring her wonderful flowers to our autumn tables, so come on over and make your Thanksgiving bouquet! You might even find a good book to cozy up by the fire with! Donations greatly appreciated for our Library Programs.

Monday November 21, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults: Join us (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home or garden. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! Please call or email to sign up. NOTE DATE CHANGE THIS MONTH... NOT THE FORTH MONDAY!

Friday November 18, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Family Movie Night: Join us in the library program space for our family movie night! This month we will watch 'Rumble' (2022). We'll provide the popcorn snacks and drinks, you bring the blanky!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! On Wednesday November 23rd, the library will be closing at 1pm, and will be closed on November 24th & 25th in celebration of Thanksgiving!

Friday December 2, 4:00pm – 7:00pm – Middle School Book Club: This year we will be working our way through the Harry Potter Series. We will meet to discuss our reading and watch the related movie. A supply of books are available at the library. *Call the library at* 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. Attendance capped at 15.

Saturday December 3, 5:30am – 7:30pm – Friends of the Library Tree Lighting, Holiday Concert & Auction Winner Anouncements! Join us and the Friends of The Lee Public Library for the Tree Lighting and Christmas Holiday Concert! The tree lights will be turned on at 5:30pm in the triangle, then it's off to the Grange for music with Great Bay Sailor and some yummy refreshments. The Friends will announce the winners of the auction items during the intermission!











OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT - Emergency Notification System

On November 1st, the ORCSD performed a district-wide test of its emergency notification system. Parents, guardians, staff and faculty should have received a phone call, email and text. If you have not received these notifications and would like to receive them in the future, please contact your child(ren)'s school(s) to have your contact information updated.

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – November 16, 2022

Congratulations to Oyster River HS Bobcat fall sports teams! The Volleyball team and Boys' Soccer won State Championships! The Unified Soccer and Girls Cross Country teams were state runners up, and both Girls and Boys Cross Country competed at the New England Championships, with the Girls team placing 20th in the region. Go Bobcats!

DEIJ Coordinator Rachael Blansett, senior Paige Burt, teachers Val Wolfson and Kyra Dulmage, and Assistant Superintendent Suzanne Filippone presented to the NH School Administrators Association about building capacity for diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice at the NHSAA Equity Conference. Several school districts across New Hampshire are in the process of adding DEIJ-specific roles.

State financial support through Adequate Education Aid for 2023-2024 was announced on November 15th. While Oyster River is a cooperative school district, state funding is computed on a town-by-town basis. Combined, Durham, Lee and Madbury are expected to receive about \$847,000 less in state aid than they are receiving for 2022-2023. The school board and administration are taking this into account in formulating a proposed budget for the next school year. The school board is expected to select a proposed budget on December 7th. A public budget hearing will be held January 11, 2023 (weather permitting). Then at the deliberative session in February, voters can accept or change the proposed budget leading to a vote to approve or reject the budget at local elections in March.

Middle School Principal Jay Richard and ORMS Digital Learning Specialist Janet Martel presented an update on middle school report card improvements put in place this fall. While ORMS first-quarter progress reports were sent home on paper this year, parents can also access progress reports and more detailed assignment and standards via the PowerSchool links for parents from www.orms.orcsd.org.



<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Fall Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information.

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.

The Seacoast Village Project (a nonprofit) Helping seniors age in their homes and community! Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships <u>Membership Information</u> <u>https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/</u> (603)-373-8429

ATTENTION!

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