

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
November 19, 2021**



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH 7:00 – 9:00 am
LEE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX
Hosted by the Lee Fire Association

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LAST DAY OPEN FOR 2021
Saturday, November 20th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

If you haven't visited yet this year, you are in for a surprise. There are many new exhibits, as well as some old favorites. Our volunteers will be glad to give you a tour, or you are welcome to explore on your own. There's a lot to see for all ages. Kids love the One Room School House replica, and there is even a hands-on little kids' area. They can type their names on a fifties style typewriter, or attempt to write with a dip-pen or quill. Or just check out the toys their grandparents played with.

If you are shopping for the perfect holiday gift, you might just find it in our gift shop. We have many interesting items; historic toys, Lee memorabilia, and a large collection of books about Lee, including our newest Lee Schools book.

The Library is doing a flower event, the Boy Scouts have a book sale, why not make a third plan to visit the museum while you're there in the Town Center parking area.

TOWN OFFICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CLOSED THURSDAY, 11/25/21 Thanksgiving Holiday

CLOSED FRIDAY, 11/26/21 Thanksgiving Holiday

CLOSED FRIDAY, 12/24/21 Christmas Eve

CLOSED FRIDAY, 12/31/21 New Year's Eve

TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CLOSED ON THURSDAY, 11/25/21 Thanksgiving Holiday

CLOSED SATURDAY, 12/25/21 Christmas Day

CLOSED SATURDDAY 1/1/22 New Year's Day

JOIN THE NEW COMMITTEE OF LEE GREETERS!

The Lee Select Board is interested in putting together a committee of approximately 6-7 members who will work together on greeting new residents to the Town of Lee. What, when and the logistics of how this will happen with be developed by this new committee and presented to the Board for final approval. If you are interested in being part of this, please call Caren at 603-659-6783.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

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](#)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 9:00 am

Lee Town Offices, 249 Calef Highway, Lee, NH

To approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee.

2021 TOWN OF LEE TAX RATE SET AT \$21.77

Due date is Friday, 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%	



TREE LIGHTING AT THE LEE TRIANGLE
Saturday, December 4th 4:00 pm (No snow date)
Portsmouth Brass Quintet Performing!

Jim Griswold, a Lee resident, plays the bass trombone along with Adam Gallant, trumpet; Greg Bechtold, trumpet; Orlando Pandolfi, horn; and Brandon Newbould tenor trombone. The Quintet will play a variety of Holiday music before the tree lighting and after as well!

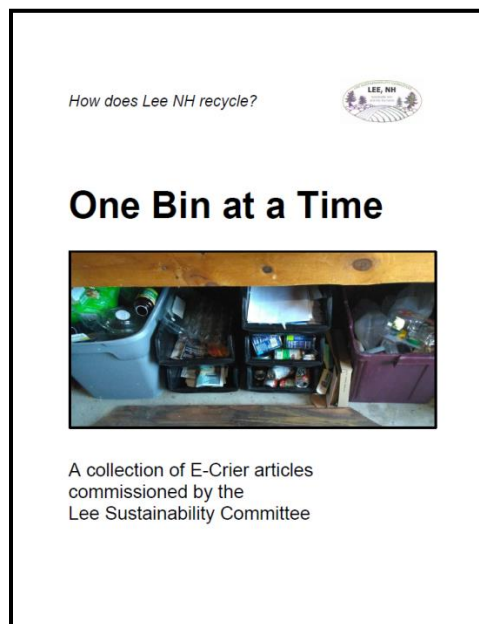
This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lee Library.



One Bin at a Time –
The Consolidated e-Book

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

Greetings, fellow recyclers! The Sustainability Committee has a couple of announcements this week. First, you've no doubt noticed some changes at the Transfer Station. The obvious change is that the divided bin (office paper and magazines) has been recombined back to mixed paper. A less obvious change is the financial information that is posted at the bins to let us know how much we earn (or pay) to recycle our recyclables. The pandemic has raised the demand for recycled material across the board and the paper market is especially hot. Now more than ever, it pays to recycle! The second announcement is that we've updated the One Bin electronic book to reflect these changes and posted it on the Sustainability Committee's page on the town's website in place of the old version – <https://www.leenh.org/sustainability-committee> (left side, One Bin at a Time button). We hope it will serve as an ongoing resource for the community and we will continue to keep it up to date as things change.



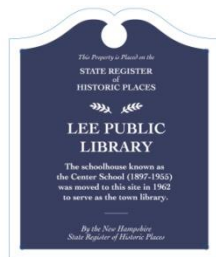
Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Repurpose • Recycle • Rot

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



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 had the honor of presenting the Lee Library trustees with a plaque that acknowledges the historic importance of the Lee Library to the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Lee.



(L-R): Tom Coakley (Lee Library Trustee) Katrinka Pellecchia (Lee Library Trustee), Annie Gasowski (Lee Library Trustee Chair), Patricia Jenkins (Lee Heritage Commission Chair) and Laura Gund (Lee Heritage Commission Member)

Photo by Scott Bugbee

Lee Library History:

The front part of the Lee Library started out as the Center School in Lee. It was built in 1897 on the Lee Hook Road and was moved to its current location in 1962. The structure has been added onto three times over the years to accommodate the increase use and services the library provides to the citizens of Lee. The Lee Library was placed on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places on January 25, 2021.

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 2: TRUE TURKEY TAILS

By Catherine Fisher

Turkey tails, *Trametes versicolor* are the snowflakes of the mushroom world - no two clusters of these fruiting bodies are alike, and every woodland seems to have its own native strain or ecotype. Though they all resemble the fanned tail of a turkey, the bands of color in each mushroom cluster differ in width and color. They are lovely organisms. Coming across the one pictured here, I was reminded of the lacy, swirling skirts of flamenco dancers.



With the possible exception of the oyster mushroom, turkey tail may be the most widely distributed fungus on the planet. It is found from boreal forests to tropical forests and every other forest in between. Like the false turkey tail discussed last week, it is a saprophyte, breaking down lignins in tree cells and releasing essential nutrients into the surrounding soil. Turkey tails are polypore mushrooms and have pores, or tubes, rather than gills to develop and then release their spores. Polypores form shelves or brackets on their wood substrates, and often, in the case of turkey tail, these brackets form rosettes. When fresh, the mushroom is flexible and leathery with a soft nap on its upper surface. Turn a turkey tail mushroom upside down, and you'll find that it is white and full of pores. You can find turkey tails growing on hardwood snags, logs, stumps and branches, though they will also colonize dead, coniferous wood.

Turkey tail has been used by native cultures in Asia, the Americas and Europe for hundreds, if not thousands, of years. Native American herbalists used it for treating pulmonary illnesses. In traditional Chinese medicine the fungus is called *yun zhi*, meaning "cloud mushroom", and has long been used to treat diseases of both lung and spleen. The pharmacological value of turkey tail has been borne out in recent decades by research indicating that this species has immune-boosting as well as cancer-fighting properties. Studies have shown it to be of significant benefit when combined with traditional treatments for certain cancers.

Beyond its medical value, turkey tail has long been valued for its beauty. Cultures the world over have incorporated these mushrooms into art and decorative works. The fruiting bodies can be used to create blue and green dye for paper and fabrics; its leathery fans have been used by artists in assemblages and by artisans to create earrings, necklaces, and to decorate clothing.

Trametes versicolor is a truly versatile fungus. Should you come across a patch, take a moment to appreciate a fungus that has had a very long association with humans the world over.

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

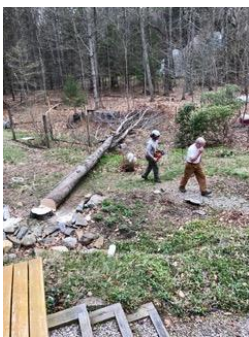
by Paul Gasowski, Lee Sustainability Committee

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.

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH DHHS

[COVID-19 PANDEMIC, UPDATE #48](#)

Vaccine for Children 5-11 Years Old

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 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS for 10am – Noon on Saturdays!!!

If you are interested, please email swapshopleenh@gmail.com.

Great NEWS!
The SWAP SHOP
is OPEN!

★ NOW OPEN! Tue/Thur/Sat 8-5 ★

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!

CLEAN & 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!

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, no stuffed animals]

Swap Shop
LEE, NH

**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
- Helium tanks, Fire Extinguishers, Metal Gas Cans (Even empty) - BULKY BUILDING
- Helmets - DISPOSE IN TRASH
- Household Hazardous Waste Materials (all 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
- Sawing tools / blades / 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!

Lee Public Library

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

CLOSED 5:00PM ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AND FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING



Stop by the library on Saturday, November 20th between 9:00-11:00 am to create a beautiful fall bouquet at our Fall Flower Bar. Tina Sawtelle will be bringing some of her beautiful blooms for you to choose from.



KNITTERS MEET HERE

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



Preschool Story-time – No program this week. Happy Thanksgiving.

Sensory/Station Story time – No program this week.

Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday

Call the library at 659-2626 for information on registering for our next 8 week session which begins in January.

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



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.

Lee Library Art Exhibit

Watercolorist Annalee Mack is a lifelong resident of NH. She grew up in Concord and lived for 30 years in Portsmouth with her husband and two sons. She now resides in Lee and enjoys painting landscapes, seascapes and florals along the New England coast. Painting "En Plein Air" with transparent washes, in a loose impressionistic style, is her preferred way to capture the essence of her subjects. Annalee is an exhibiting member of the Seacoast Artist Association and her work may be seen at the SAA Gallery in Exeter NH.

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

LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SEEKING 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TOWN OF LEE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE

If you are interested please complete a nominee form and forward it to
dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for form.

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

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS – 11-17-2021

The Oyster River School District recognized 8 school bus drivers who have served students for 5, 15, 30, and 40-year milestones with a combined 205 years of service. We celebrate Barb Evans, Janet Deon, and Lisa Huppe for 30 years of service each, and Marion Henry for a remarkable 40-year milestone! A sincere Thank You and Congratulations for your dedication!

A COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Oyster River and Barrington residents aged 5-11 will be offered Saturday, November 20 in the ORHS gym from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Details have been emailed to parents. The 2nd vaccination dose will be offered December 11. Weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing in Oyster River schools continues, with over 500 weekly participants.

The new Oyster River Middle School building will open to students on February 28, 2022. In order to accommodate the move, the middle school staff will utilize February 16, 17, and 18, 2022 as professional development days. There will be no school for middle school students on February 16-18. This is the last three school days before February school vacation. ORHS, Mast Way, and Moharimet will have school as normal on these days.

Congratulations to Oyster River High School Unified Soccer team for winning the state championship!

The School Board will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2021 regarding proposed changes to ORCSD policy BHE regarding school board use of email. The proposed revision will be posted with the backup materials for the December 1 meeting by November 26.

The New Hampshire Department of Education released projected 2022-2023 state education grant funding information. The School Board considered this input along with the budget work-in-progress at the November 17 school board meeting and a dedicated November 18 school board workshop meeting. No action will be taken before the December 1 regular meeting. After the School Board adopts a proposed budget, a budget hearing will be held in January, Deliberative Session in February, and final vote by Oyster River citizens in March.



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!

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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!