

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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November 22, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events



**DUE TO HOLIDAY THERE WILL NOT BE AN E-CRIER ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
ENJOY THE HOLIDAY!!**

Town Offices will be Closed Thursday & Friday

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%	

DECEMBER SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **December 2nd, 16th & 30th** Starting at 6:30 pm

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



ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING
Saturday, December 7TH 4:00 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.



CONGRESSMAN
CHRIS PAPPAS

PROUDLY SERVING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 1st DISTRICT

Open Office Hours - Lee Public Safety Complex

20 George Bennett Rd
Lee, NH 03861

December 18, 2019
10:00AM - 11:00AM

Congressman Pappas is committed to hearing from and addressing the needs of all constituents in the First Congressional District. One of the Congressman's Constituent Service Representatives, Christian Seasholtz, will be available to assist constituents with issues they may be facing with a federal agency. Examples may include:

- Veterans benefits
- Medicare
- Social security
- Passports and visa

Christian will be able to answer questions and/or open an inquiry with a federal agency.

Contact: Christian Seasholtz at (603) 918-1033 or
christian.seasholtz@mail.house.gov





LEE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES USELESS CONTEST WINNER!

The Lee Sustainability Committee is pleased to announce that Kristin Cisneros won *The Useless Contest* with her entry of the battery-operated electric fly swatter. Kristin's prize is a gift certificate to the Tuckaway Farm Store. Congratulations, Kristin!



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 a **Do Not Mail List** site, such as www.DMAChoice.org (there is a \$2 fee) or www.catalogchoice.org. Note: these are not federal government sites.

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.

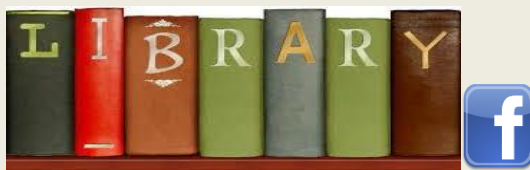
COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

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

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSING at 5:00 pm Wednesday, November 27th

CLOSED Thursday and Friday – November 28th and 29th

OPEN 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 30th

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.



**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
December 4th & 18th

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSES
Saturday, December 7th 12:00 – 2:00 pm
(limit 25 participants)
OR
Tuesday, December 10th 6:00 – 7:00 pm
(limit 15 participants)

This one is so popular we are offering it twice. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.

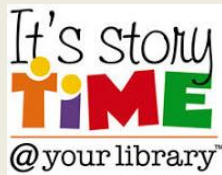


MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT
November 16th – 23rd
Stop by the library and decorate a fall napkin holder



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

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

**NEW PROGRAM OFFERED THROUGH COMCAST FOR QUALIFIED LOW INCOME
HOUSEHOLD OR INDIVIDUALS – INTERNET FOR \$9.95/MO + TAXES**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

November 20, 2019

Proposed Middle School Cost: Andre Kloetz of Bauen Corporation presented the guaranteed maximum price for the proposed middle school of \$49,847,732. This includes \$45.1 million of construction and demolition costs, and \$4.75 million of "soft costs" of internal finishings, furniture, etc. The school board will consider this as part of budget planning.

The elementary world language committee has been meeting throughout the year to review programs in other schools, study options, and recommend best practices for world language education. Many thanks to the parents and staff members who contributed to this work! The committee recommended approaches for adding world language teaching in the K-5 levels where it is not offered today. The committee's slides are included as part of the Nov 20th agenda packet on the school board web site.

Work on the 2020-2021 budget continues. We have received updated state grant estimates and the school board will be refining the proposed budget in December. Public input in the budget is always invited. Besides regular school board meetings, there will be a budget hearing January 15th, deliberative town meeting February 4th, and vote on the budget (along with the proposed middle school and other items) on March 10th.

The school board approved collaboration between ORHS and the UNH Prevention Innovations Research Center. Over the course of 2020, ORHS students (with parental consent) will have the opportunity to participate in development of High School Healthy Relationship App. If successful, the app will be made available to schools across New Hampshire.

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!

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 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!