

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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Lee News & Upcoming  
Events  
November 5, 2021



IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE **CLOSED**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
IN ADDITION, THERE WILL NOT BE AN E-CRIER EDITION ON FRIDAY, 11/12<sup>TH</sup>

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THE LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE IS HOSTING 1 MORE TRAIL WORK DAY  
IN THE LEE TOWN FOREST

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 9am - 1pm**

Work crews will be working on clearing, clipping, and blazing the new trails.

If you are interested in helping out, contact Deb Sugerman at [debsugerman@gmail.com](mailto:debsugerman@gmail.com).

*Our motto is "Have fun and get things done!"*

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
**DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT!**



**RECEPTION FOR RETIRING LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Lee Public Library

The Lee Public Library Trustees invite the residents of Lee to a reception in honor of Library Director Ruth Eifert who is retiring. Refreshments will be served.

## A BEAUTIFUL END TO THE YEAR'S MONITORING SEASON

By Catherine Fisher



Wednesday's monitoring session was the last of the season, ending eight months of weekly walks in Lee's conservation easements. Our final walk took place on a fifteen acre property that is largely open field and is bordered by waterways: the eastern border is formed by Oyster River, with two of its tributaries, Chesley Brook and a smaller, unnamed stream forming the north border and south borders, respectively. This is both a sun- and water-drenched property, and a restorative place to walk, particularly as temperature hovered around 40°F. After weeks of eerily warm fall temperatures, feeling chilly was invigorating.

November is a time of increasing darkness. As our hemisphere races toward the winter solstice, the sun rises later, drifts further south, and hangs lower in the sky with each passing day. As a result, the days grow shorter and colder as the light and warmth reaching us decreases. Not only are nights longer, but days are darker too; because the sun sits low in the sky, the shadows at this time of year become impressively long.

With its open grasslands bordered by huge old oaks, the property we monitored on Wednesday was the perfect place to observe November's elongated shadows. Trees growing along the field edges blocked sunlight, shadowing extensive areas of the field. In these shaded areas, grasses, forbes and fallen leaves, were furred with frost crystals. Those parts of the field not in shadow warmed enough to melt the ice crystals and in these places the field sparkled with rainbow colors as water droplets prismsed sunlight passing through them.

Add to this light show massive oaks at the peak of their autumnal yellows and russets, views of the river and its tributary, a dense thicket perfect for sheltering wildlife, and the occasional river of migrating blackbirds flowing across a brilliant blue sky, and you have the makings of an wonderful walk, a walk whose enjoyments were enhanced by the fact that the property owners accompanied us, showed us the location of each marker, and had cleared paths so that we were able to walk the bounds unhindered.

That the property owners are both accomplished ecologists with a deep love of the property made for lively discussions throughout our walk. Our conversations covered everything from haying the field, controlling invasive plant species, protecting some of the trees from beaver encroachment, allowing bobolinks to finish their breeding season before having the field mowed, how growing up surrounded by nature enriches children, and how climate change may affect our native flora and fauna.

This monitoring session, like the season itself, was over much too soon. Though there is satisfaction in having the monitoring season done and dusted, and there is a whole list of things I've been looking forward to doing now Wednesday mornings are free, I'll miss these weekly outings to Lee's beautiful wild places. Dropping me off at the end of our walk, my friend and colleague, Dave Shay, said, "I can't wait for next year." Same.



## 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](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.

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### SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

November 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

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### 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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%   |       |

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

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline. In order for 988 to work in your area code, **10-digit local dialing will be required starting October 24, 2021.** If your area code is in New Hampshire, Vermont, or in some areas of New York listed below, you will need to change how you dial local calls.

### ***What will be the new dialing procedure?***

To complete all local calls, you will now need to dial **area code + telephone number**. This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits.

### ***Who will be affected?***

Anyone with a telephone number in the following areas will need to adopt using this mandatory change from 7-digit local dialing to 10-digit local dialing:

- **All of New Hampshire (603 area code)**
- **All of Vermont (802 area code)**
- **The New York area codes of 516, 607, 716, 845, and 914.**

### ***When will the change begin?***

Beginning **October 24, 2021**, 10-digit dialing (area code + telephone number) will be mandatory for all local calls. Beginning on this date, local calls dialed with only 7-digits will not be completed. Instead the caller will hear a recording informing them that their call cannot be completed as dialed. The caller must hang up and dial using all 10 digits (**area code + 7-digit number**).

Beginning **July 16, 2022**, dialing “988” will route your call to the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

### ***What will you need to do?***

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples are life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and other similar functions. Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

### ***What will remain the same?***

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You will continue to dial 1+ area code + telephone number for all long distance calls.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).
- Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 services available in your community will still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes.
  - The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255) until the new 3-digit number is active on July 16, 2022.

# THIS IS AN OFFICIAL NH DHHS HEALTH ALERT

Distributed by the NH Health Alert Network  
[DHHS.Health.Alert@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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### RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

### NH DHHS HEALTH ALERT

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak, Update # 44  
mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine 3rd Dose Recommendations – [CLICK HERE](#)

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## UNIVERSAL BEST PRACTICES

The Governor's Office released the "[Universal Best Practices](#)" guidance document which replaced the "Safer at Home Business Guidance" documents as of May 7<sup>th</sup>.

These "Universal Best Practices" are recommendations related to COVID-19 practices for all individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider and implement for the operation of their business. Nothing in this document or other guidance precludes any business, organization, or individual business operators from taking additional precautions for the health and safety of its employees and consumers. Additionally, a set of stand-alone guidance for "[Overnight Congregate Settings for Children](#)" has been released.

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:leechurchucc@comcast.net). All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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## 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](mailto:dduval@leenh.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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## COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#) [LIBRARY CALENDAR](#)

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## 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](mailto: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](#).

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## 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](mailto: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**  
 Helium 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 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday morning at 10 AM.  
 Their next meeting is this Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. All skill levels invited,  
 and there is instruction!





Preschool Story-time - starts Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – 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 12<sup>th</sup> – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>

**\* Attendance will be limited to 20. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.**

**Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Our middle school book club meets via ZOOM on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

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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

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**SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

The new Oyster River Middle School is scheduled to open in 117 days (from November 3<sup>rd</sup>). ORMS students and staff had the opportunity to walk through the new building on October 29<sup>th</sup> to share in the excitement. Painting upper floors and installation of lockers, fixtures, and in some spaces floor coverings now give a clear sense of what the building will feel like.

Fall 2021 has been an outstanding season for Oyster River High School athletics! Multiple teams are still competing in playoffs, and the Girls' Cross-Country team won the state championship last Saturday! Go Bobcats!

Over 500 students and staff are now being tested for COVID-19 weekly as part of the NH SASS screening program.

Public comment at school board meetings is included in the beginning and end of each regular school board meeting. This time is for residents of Oyster River or Barrington to direct comments to the school board. Public Comment is not a time for discussion or deliberation with the school board. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and may be limited further depending on the number of commenters in attendance. Those who choose to not attend school board meetings in person may submit public comment to be read at board meetings may do so. Details are included in the Agenda/Backup available at [orcsd.org](http://orcsd.org) under school board agendas and minutes. Those who wish to attend school board meetings without masks are accommodated in a room adjacent to the meeting room dedicated for this purpose.

A significant portion of the next several school board meetings will be dedicated to the proposed 2022-2023 budget. The School Board normally approves a proposed budget in December, followed by a public hearing in January, Deliberative Session in February, and final decision on the budget by voters in March.

**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](mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com) for assistance.

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**ATTENTION!**

**To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to [www.leenh.org](http://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!