

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
December 10, 2021**

ARE YOU IN NEED OF ALITTLE HELP DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

Christmas is fast approaching, if you could use extra help with food or gifts we may be able to help you! If you have a child(ren) in the Oyster River School District, please reach out to either Katherine Moore or Erica Talbot at 659-3001. If your children are not in school, please reach out to Caren Rossi at 603-659-6783 or crossi@leenh.org. **Please don't delay, REACH OUT NOW!**



The TREE LIGHTING AT THE LEE TRIANGLE on Saturday, December 4th was a success! Even though the Grinch stole the fuses for the top of the tree, it did not stop the spirit of the holiday from rising! Everyone laughed and sang and had a great time. Thank you Portsmouth Brass Quintet for filling the air with wonderful music!

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 will 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.

LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW LEE REPRESENTATIVES

The LRAC needs 1 or 2 individuals interested in serving on the Committee to represent the Town of Lee. Currently, there are only two Lee representatives on the Committee, and up to four may represent each municipality. LRAC members must reside in NH and may represent a broad range of interests including local government, business, conservation interests, recreation, agriculture, and riparian landowners (those who own property adjacent to the river). Each member serves a term of 3 years. [CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form. Please contact Joe Foley, Chair at jmfoley48@comcast.net if you have any questions about LRAC, or Denise Duval, Assistant Town Administrator at dduval@leenh.org if have any questions about the nominating process.

LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Winter is soon upon us and the police department would like to remind everyone of the following:

Please Do Not park any vehicles upon any roadway in Town during a snowstorm as it impedes the Highway Department from doing their job. Also, please clear the snow from your vehicle before hitting the road!

Jessica's Law has been the law of NH for about fifteen (15) years now. It is a law that **requires the clearing of ice and snow off the top of a vehicle prior to driving it**. The basis of the law was a tragic accident that claimed the life of Jessica Smith in 1999.

265:79-b Negligent Driving. – Whoever upon any way drives a vehicle negligently or causes a vehicle to be driven negligently, as defined in RSA 626:2, II(d), or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 for a first offense and not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

The Town of Lee also has a **Snow Casting Ordinance** which was adopted on 1/7/2008. [CLICK HERE](#).

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

December 13th Select Board Meeting (ABC Budget Presentation)

December 15th Financial Planning Tool Meeting 5:00 pm

December 27th Select Board Meeting

[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](#)

HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES

CLOSED FRIDAY, 12/24/21 Christmas Eve

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

TRANSFER STATION

CLOSED SATURDAY, 12/25/21 Christmas Day

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

A LOOK AT A LICHEN

By Catherine Fisher

Absent the lush foliage and flowers of deciduous plants, winter is a wonderful time to become acquainted with some of the organisms that bring green to our world throughout the year. The soft, pale green branches of this *Ramalina* species of lichen, growing on a blueberry branch in the Lee Hill bog, is a lovely example.

Lichens are organisms formed by a fungus and photosynthetic partner - such as an alga or a cyanobacterium (and in some cases, both) living together symbiotically. The alga and/or cyanobacterium uses sunlight to photosynthesize carbohydrates, which it shares with the fungus, while the fungus protects the alga/cyanobacterium from the elements and provides it with nutrients harvested from the substrate where it grows.

Lichens come in three main forms: **crustose lichens**, which are crusty and grow flat against their substrate; **foliose lichens**, which have a definite top and bottom side, can be flat, but are often leafy and resemble loose heads of lettuce; and **fruticose lichens**, which are varied in form but which can be hair-like, shrubby, or cup-shaped. The *Ramalina* species pictured here is a type of fruticose lichen, with small outcrops of foliose lichens sharing its branch.



Lichens cover more of the Earth's surface than all the tropical rainforests combined. Found in some of the Earth's most extreme environments, they are tough organisms with a complex chemistry and have long been used in traditional medicines by cultures around the world. All lichens contain acids that help them dissolve nutrients from their substrates. One of these, usnic acid, is found in many lichens, including species in the genus *Ramalina*. Usnic acid gives lichens a bitter taste, which may deter herbivores. Research into usnic acid has shown it to have antioxidant, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, burn-healing, antiproliferative and preservative properties. It has also been shown to be antimicrobial and an effective antibiotic against streptococcus, tuberculosis, and pneumonia bacteria.

Next time you're out walking, take a moment to notice the many different lichens growing around you on tree trunks, fallen branches, roof tops, gravestones, glacial erratics, stone walls, and rocky soil. Their varied colors and gorgeous forms reward a closer look, and it's exhilarating to imagine the potent chemistry packed inside these organisms.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS IN THE TOWN FOREST

In December, the Trails Committee replaced three bridges that were in desperate need of repair in the Town Forest. Thank you to the Committee members who worked hard to make this happen: Leslie Chinburg, Dan Mayton, Paul McComiskey, Chris Regan, Dennis Regan, Deb Sugerman, and Martin Thornton. And thanks to the Lee community for your support of the Trails Committee and the updates to the town trails!



Bridge #2 Before



Bridge #2 After



Bridge #4 Before



Bridge #4 After



Bridge #6 Before

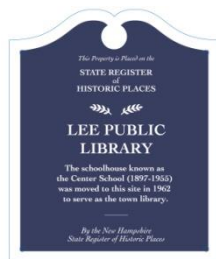


Bridge #6 After



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): Laura Gund (Lee Heritage Commission Member) Meredith Browne (Property Owner), Patricia Jenkins (Lee Heritage Commission Chair) and Morrigan Browne (Property Owner – not pictured)

Photo by Scott Bugbee

Glidden House History:

The Glidden House was built in 1760 and was added onto in 1820 in the Greek Revival style. The Gliddens were a leading family in Wadleigh Falls (The Falls) area during this time. The Falls was a center of commerce with many mills and businesses. The Drake Stage Coach Line made daily trips between Northwood and Newmarket with its yellow coach and had a stop at the Falls. Wadleigh Falls was the location of the post office until the railroad came in 1874 and it was moved to South Lee by the railroad tracks. The Glidden House passed out of the ownership of the Glidden family around 1940. The Glidden House was placed on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places on October 24, 2011.

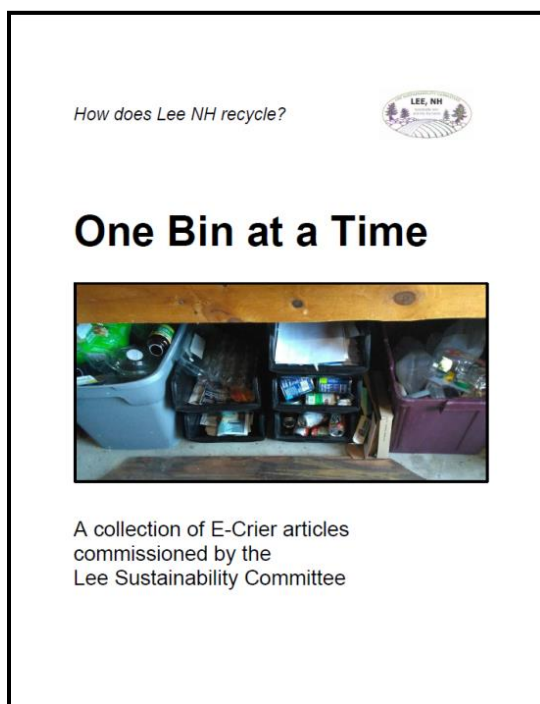
We'll publish more photos of owners of Lee Historic Plaque properties accepting their plaques in the coming months, along with historic notes about their properties and the people who owned them.



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

SWAP SHOP NEWS – WINTER 2021/2022

With winter approaching and the weather getting colder, the Transfer Station Swap Shop will need to change how it accepts items and its hours of operation.

Bulky Items: **Saturday, December 11** 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.

Electronics: A reminder that there is a Disposal Fee that needs to be paid before drop off of electronics (Radios, Stereos VCR/DVD Players, Monitors, or TV's).

Smaller items: With limited space for the winter, please limit your drop off items to One (1) Tote per week.

If you have a large load, we suggest you use 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 Transfer Station Swap Shop but provided by a private citizen. Please follow the rules associated with this page.



Hours: The Swap Shop is open for now but the number of Volunteers is reducing for the winter months. This open status may change in the future.

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.**

The Swap Shop will be Closed due to:

High winds, rain or snow;

Schools closing due to weather;

Temperatures below 10°F wind chill;

Or the lack of volunteers.

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

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/vyhlif776/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](#)



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

Holiday Hours at the Library

Friday, December 24, 2021 – 9 am – Noon
Saturday, December 25 – Closed
Friday, December 31- 9 am - Noon
Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Closed



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.



KNITTERS MEET HERE

Knitters are meeting on the 1ST AND 3RD Wednesday morning of the month at 10 AM. Their next meeting is Wednesday, December 15th. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!



WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2021 PROGRAMS

Preschool Story-time – Stop by for our traditional story time. We will read, sing, wiggle and craft.

Sensory/Station Story time – This is our activity based program. We will listen to a story or two, get out our rhythm sticks/maracas/boomwhackers or scarves and then have fun with assorted stations including sensory, fine/gross motor, puzzles...



Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday

Call the library at 659-2626 for information on registering for our next 8 week session which begins January 4/8.

Session 3 – January and February 2022

Afterschool story time - Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Lego Club - Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, December 28th

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.

Regional & State News & Events



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

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

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS – 12-01-2021

As NH experiences unprecedented rates of COVID-19 infections, Oyster River schools have also seen the highest numbers of students and staff of the whole pandemic who are staying home due to infection, symptoms, or possible exposure. Thank you to the many families who are working with school nurses to avoid potential exposure of others at school. If your student is symptomatic, even if you're sure it's not COVID-19, please contact the school before sending your student. Schools may be able to help with testing for families that are not able to obtain timely tests elsewhere.

Schools will continue to operate in-person as long as staffing levels allow it. Should circumstances require it, it is expected that one class or team may temporarily move remote, not an entire school.

Oyster River High School will be the site for a second vaccination clinic for ages 5-12 on December 11th in partnership with McGregor Ambulance and Strafford County Public Health Network. Details will be sent to families as they are finalized.

The School Board also advanced a proposed 2022-2023 budget to the public budget hearing. The proposed budget includes new positions supporting students and teachers in areas of elementary math and science, middle school academic tutoring, diversity and inclusion, and high school writing coaching. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for January 11, 2022.

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 Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!