

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

Lee News & Upcoming
Events
December 16, 2022

Happy



First Day of Winter

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

2022 TOWN OF LEE TAX RATE SET AT \$21.72

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.

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

CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, December 22nd 12:00pm – 2:00pm for Employee Holiday Celebration

Transfer Station Closing at 1pm on Saturday, December 23rd (Christmas Eve)

Town Offices & Library CLOSED Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2, 2023
in Observance of the Christmas & New Year's Holidays

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS
































Select Board Public Hearings and Meetings 12/29/2022 & 1/9 & 23/2023 6:00pm

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on  at [CLICK HERE](#)

★ **DECEMBER, 2022** ★

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				 1 Paper Products	 2 Ensure	 3 Gift Card
 4 Dental Products	 5 Ramen Noodles	 6 Crackers	 7 Shampoo	 8 Whole Milk, boxed	 9 Sugar	 10 Flour
 11 Ham/Chix (spread)	 12 Hamburger Helper	 13 Breakfast Bars	 14 Ketchup	 15 Ensure	 16 Detergents (dish/laundry)	 17 Scallop au Gratin Potato
 18 Pickles	 19 Body Gel	 20 Apple Juice	 21 Coffee Mate	 22 Salt/Pepper duo	 23 Olives	 24 Coffee (reg)
 25 Holiday Greetings	 26 Mayo	 27 Yellow Mustard	 28 Vinegar	 29 Disinfect. Wipes	 30 SOUP - chicken or tomato	 31 Cookies

Wilkinson Food Pantry Item of the Day

(donation bins at Lee Circle Market Basket and Lee Church)



**THANK YOU LONZA BIOLOGICS
FOR DONATING SALT TO THE LEE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT!
THE TOWN OF LEE GREATLY APPRECIATES IT!**

**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.

LEE 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. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeeCP>

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR:
JANUARY 9, 2023 5:30pm & JANUARY 17, 2023 10:30 am
Lee Public Safety Complex

[CLICK HERE](#) for Community Power Information and FAQ'S

[CLICK HERE](#) for Community Power Draft Plan

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

TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP – WINTER 2022/2023

Winter Hours of Operation: 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.

Smaller items: 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 ANYTHING 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.

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 sbullek@leenh.org, 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 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 dduval@leenh.org. [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 dduval@leenh.org by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

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

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH Department of Health and Human Services

[CLICK HERE](#) 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 leechurchucc@comcast.net. 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 [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) at www.readyrides.org. 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

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 – Monday, December 26th for the Holiday

DECEMBER AT YOUR LEE LIBRARY!

Lee Heritage Commission Calendars: Looking for a lovely Christmas gift? Then look no further! The Heritage Commission's calendars are here. Beautiful photos of Lee and a great size. Come on over and pick up yours today. Each calendar cost \$10 and would make an excellent gift for a loved one.



Thursday December 22 10:30am – 11:30am – Preschool Story Time: Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, games and fun! No sign up necessary ☺



Thursday December 22 3:30pm – 4:45pm – After School Story Time & Craft: Join Miss Judy in the program space for a chapter book reading and fun craft. Students will be walked from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Program is full!

Friday December 23 10:30am – 11:30am – Sensory Station Story Time: Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, movement/station/sensory activities and more! No sign up necessary

Tuesday December 20 1:00pm – 7:00pm – Grab & Go Craft Kit Pick-Up: Come and pick up a kids craft kit while supplies last!

Tuesday December 20 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!

Wednesday December 21 10:00am - Knitters: Meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10:00am. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company! New knitters always welcome.



Saturday December 17, 10:00am – 11:00am – Octopuses with UNH Extension: Bring the family along to this fun filled interactive program. This captivating program uses pictures, brief video clips, and props to teach kids the basics about octopuses (anatomy, size, diet, habitat, predators) and to explore their intelligence and wide range of defenses (methods of camouflage, squirting ink, and jet propulsion).



Monday December 19, 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 FOURTH MONDAY!



Friday December 21, 6:00pm – 7:00pm: Bring the family along to make a graham cracker gingerbread house to take home or eat!

Friday December 23, 5:30pm – 7:30pm – Family Movie Night: Join us in the library program space for our family movie night! This month we will watch the Christmas classic The Polar Express. We'll provide the popcorn, snacks and a **hot chocolate bar**. You just need to come in your PJ's and join the fun!



Monday December 26, Library closed in celebration of the Christmas holidays!



Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 12/7/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 10:00 am, State House, Concord, NH

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – DECEMBER 7, 2022

ORHS class of 2023 graduation is set for June 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm with a rain date of June 10th.

Friday, December 23, 2022 will be an early dismissal day for all students. Schools will be closed December 24, 2022 through January 2, 2023 with classes resuming on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

A food drive to support the local End 68 Hours of Hunger program is ongoing with donation opportunities at upcoming ORCSD music concerts and in high school Advisory teams. [Details on what End 68 Hours of Hunger does at their web site.](#)

ORHS Junior Landon Wolph presented to the School Board about his experience at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar this summer. Landon was nominated by teachers for this opportunity to develop individual, team, and community leadership skills and bring those back to the local community.

Students across all schools in Oyster River participated in Coding and Cocoa, part of the worldwide Hour of Code on December 7. Spearheaded by teachers and technology integrators and supported by volunteers from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Liberty Mutual, ORHS National Honor Society, and others this annual event gives all students a snapshot into software technology and potential careers. Thanks for the volunteer support that makes this possible!

The School Board reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 school year calendar. The proposed calendar is included in the [meeting materials here](#) and will be considered again at the school board's December 21 meeting.

The School Board approved a proposed 2023-2024 budget that represents a 1.5% increase in the operating budget (Fund 10) compared with the 2022-2023 school year. This budget will be presented in detail at a public hearing on January 11, 2023 in the Middle School Recital Hall, subsequently considered by voters at the February Deliberative Session, with final decision by voters at local elections in March.

School Board meetings are usually held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (summer varies) in the Oyster River Middle School Recital Hall at 7:00 pm. Details on the agenda for each meeting are typically posted about 5 days before the meeting [online](#).



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

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) 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 or if you would like to join the VFW they meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the American Legion's big meeting hall in Newmarket.

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

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 the Town Offices for a **printed copy** or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 659-5414 x301 to have it mailed!