

**TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**7 Mast Road**  
**Lee, New Hampshire 03861**  
**(603) 659-5414**

**Lee News & Upcoming  
Events  
December 18, 2020**



**FROM THE TOWN OF LEE!**

### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

**Town Hall – 8am – 12pm on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve**  
**Town Hall and Town Clerk – Closed on Christmas and New Year’s Day**

**Transfer Station – 7am – 12pm on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve**  
**Transfer Station – Open 7am – 7pm on Saturday 12/26/2020 and 1/2/2021**

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### **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

The Town will be collecting much needed supplies for the Wilkinson Food Pantry until the end of the year. Drop off is at the Transfer Station during their normal business hours (Tues, Thurs and Sat 7:00am - 6:00pm). Please bring donations to the side of the building where you would normally drop off bulky fee items and place them in the provided container. Below are examples of the items that are needed:

- Health Items - Band-Aids, ointments, ace bandages
- Hygiene items - deodorant, tooth brush, toothpaste, sanitary products, soap, shampoo, conditioner, brush, combs, hair ties , diapers, wipes
- Paper products - toilet paper, tissues, napkins, paper towels

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING!**

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED WITH THE  
HOLIDAY NEEDS COLLECTION!!**

## **TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES MOVING ON JANUARY 5, 2021**

Selectmen's Office, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and Building Department

**THESE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON 1/5 AND 1/6 IN ORDER TO MOVE OFFICES**

The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has approved the use of Buzzell Lane to enter and exit the new municipal office building located at 249 Calef Highway (across from Sunny's.) Buzzell Lane is located off of George Bennett Road. This means of egress is temporary while the building owner's engineer works with NHDOT to reconfigure Route 125 in front of the building. Signs will be installed to guide you. There is plenty of parking all around the building and each department will have its own entrance. While we anticipate a smooth transition we appreciate your patience as we make this significant change.

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**SELECT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**

Meeting ID 892 7541 3158 & Password 124855

Please check the website for Agendas and instructions on how to access Zoom meetings

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTICE**

**It appears as though winter is HERE!**

The Lee Police Department will be vigorously enforcing Jessica's Law:

265:79-b Negligent Driving. (Jessica's Law) – 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.

Source. 2001, 254:2. 2005, 267:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2006. 2015, 52:1, eff. June 2, 2015.

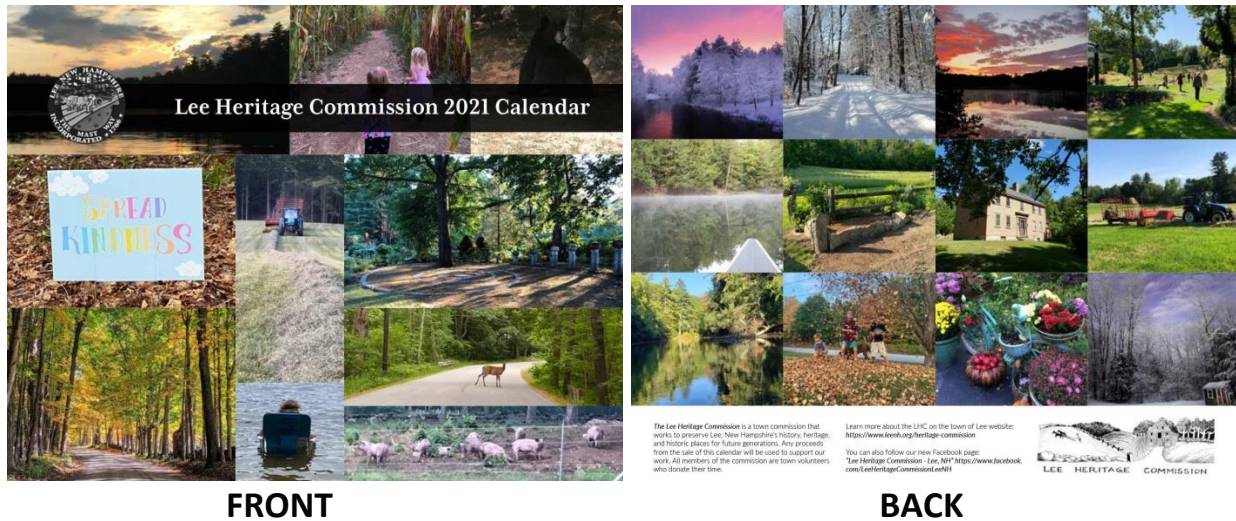


**REMEMBER THAT LEE HAS A SNOW  
CASTING ORDINANCE!**

This means that you cannot throw, "cast," place or deposit snow or ice onto any plowed street or public way. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more. The fine for this violation can be up to \$100.00.

**Please be sure that no vehicles are parked on a roadway during snow removal OR during a storm.**

## The Lee Heritage Commission 2021 Calendar is now available!!

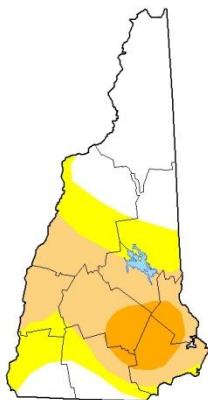


FRONT

BACK

Thank you again to everyone who submitted photos to make this year's calendar a very special tribute to our town. Calendars can be purchased in person or online. To purchase in person, please visit the Lee Library. Calendars are \$10 each, payable by cash or check. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Lee. To order online go to: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/133602797843>. They make great gifts! We hope you all enjoy the photos as much as we have! Here's to a happier and healthier 2021.

### U.S. Drought Monitor New Hampshire



December 15, 2020  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.79	62.21	40.04	9.66	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-08-2020	31.44	68.55	37.30	9.66	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-15-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	72.39	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.06	10.59	0.00
One Year Ago 12-17-2018	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:  
None D0 Abnormally Dry D1 Moderate Drought D2 Severe Drought D3 Extreme Drought D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

### DROUGHT UPDATE

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor map](#) released today, drought conditions have slightly expanded. There has been no change to the areas in the southeast experiencing "severe drought" (D2). An updated U.S. Seasonal Drought outlook indicates that the "severe drought" in this area is likely to improve, but persist through the end of March, and ameliorate in all other areas of the state. According to the NH Groundwater Monitoring network, groundwater levels have stopped dropping across the State, and are in fact rising in

most areas. However, all well levels remain below normal except for two, a dug well in New London and an overburden well in Barnstead, which have recovered. While conditions are trending in the right direction, it is advised to monitor conditions carefully and continue to promote [indoor water saving tips](#). Also, while precipitation deficits are the greatest in the southeast, long term precipitation deficits remain throughout the entire state.

**IMPORTANT!** Are residential well owners experiencing well shortage issues in your community? If so, they may qualify for the [Low-Income Residential Drought Assistance Program](#).

**NEW!** [New Hampshire Groundwater Level Monitoring Report](#) for November 2020 has been released.

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE

### COVID-19 HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 8-4 (Closed 12-1)

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is still experiencing a higher volume of calls than usual, so if your call is not immediately answered, please leave a message or email [lreinhold@leenh.org](mailto:lreinhold@leenh.org) or [estone@leenh.org](mailto:estone@leenh.org). The office will try to respond to all messages on the same business day if left no later than 3 pm; any messages left after 3 pm will be answered on our next business day.

### TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE COVID-19 PROCEDURES

There is a walk-up service window located outside the Town Clerk's Office. This does not change the way the office is conducting business while the building is closed. If you cannot conduct your business online or by dropping it in the box outside then call 659-2864 to schedule an appointment.

#### RENEWING VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS:

- If you have a vehicle currently registered in Lee and it is not more than 6 months late, you can register online at [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org). The registrations and decals are then mailed to you;
- If you have your Lee renewal notice, you can renew by mail or drop it off at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lock Box along with a check made out in the correct amount to the Town of Lee. We will then mail you the registrations and decals.

*Please note - We always try to send renewal notices. If you are unable to do one of the above options for any reason, please call our office at 659-2964.*

**NEW VEHICLE OR NEW TO LEE:** If you are new to Lee, or if you have a NEW REGISTRATION, please call 659-2964 to make an appointment to come to Town Hall. Temporary plates issued on or after February 26, 2020 expired on May 31, 2020.

**VITAL RECORDS REQUESTS:** These can be done online at [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org). The directions will indicate that it is required to email your ID in order to complete this request. Please email your ID to [estone@leenh.org](mailto:estone@leenh.org).

#### DOG LICENSES:

- If your dog was registered for 2019-2020 and the rabies is still up-to-date, you can renew the registration online.
- If the rabies is not up-to-date, then we need proof from the vet. You can mail it, email it ([estone@leenh.org](mailto:estone@leenh.org)) or fax it (603-659-7202) to us and then you can do it online or through the mail or drop box.
- NEW DOGS cannot be done online. We need owner's birthday, phone number, address, dog's name, breed, and color and proof of rabies from the vet. If they are spayed or neutered we need proof. Altered dogs are \$6.50 and unaltered dogs are \$9. Puppies under 1 year are \$6.50. You can send us via mail or drop box this information with a check in the correct amount to the Town of Lee and we will mail your license.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYING YOUR LEE PROPERTY TAX BILL

1. **TC/TC Lock Box** – This is labeled and located to the left of the entrance to the Town Hall building. Please leave payment in an envelope with the payment stub.
2. **Mail** - Mail it to our office at 7 Mast Road, Lee, NH 03861. Again, please include the payment stub with your check.
3. **Online** – Go to [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org). Click on the property taxes button under Town Resource Center. There you may pay via ACH or credit card. There are additional fees associated with this method.

If you want a receipt for any of the above transactions, please include a self- addressed, stamped envelope or include your email address. Thanks for understanding and stay safe!

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## TRANSFER STATION

### HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

**The Swap Shop will remain closed until further notice.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A TRANSFER STATION STICKER IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE**  
**Stickers are only good for two years!**



The easiest way to get your sticker is when you register your car. If you have already done so and still do not have a sticker, they are available at the Transfer Station. Proof of residency, such as a recent utility bill, lease or rental agreement, or recent tax bill, and your car registration will be required. Please call the Town Hall with question or refer to the Solid Waste Ordinance, available [HERE](#).

### \*MIXED PAPER\*

Mixed paper should still be placed with Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) EXCEPT please separate your office paper and magazines from your mixed paper in order to start the Town's recycling revenue back up again. Acceptable paper items are copy paper, envelopes (windows ok), junk mail (no glossy mail), any magazines.

### PLEASE CONTINUE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Both bays remain open as we have seen an improvement in the flow of traffic, but everyone has to maintain the recommended safe distance of 6' while inside. In order for our employees and residents to maintain a safe distance, employees will not be stationed on the wall during this time but will be available to answer questions.

### PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN IN YOUR VEHICLE

PLEASE have your child(ren) stay in your vehicle while you are disposing of trash and recyclables. This is for their safety! If they have to be out of the vehicle please keep them next to you at all times and do not let them run through the Transfer Station, roadways or parking areas.

**There are several important issues you must be aware of regarding your household trash and recycling disposal if you or anyone in your household has been quarantined for COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19.** Your trash and recycling must be handled and disposed of under different rules. Please consult Caren Rossi, Lee's Health Officer to discuss the new steps that must be taken. Email is [crossi@leenh.org](mailto:crossi@leenh.org) or phone at 659-6783. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Bulky items are accepted at the Transfer Station, HOWEVER, payment will be by check only – there will be a drop box available.** Employees will **not** be able to assist with removing items from your vehicle but will be available to guide you, weigh items, and answer your questions.



[CLICK HERE](#) for Lee Farmers Market  
Facebook Page  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Lee Farms and  
Agricultural Brochure

**During this time of social distancing and no Farmer's Markets –  
Please remember to shop your local farms online, by delivery or pickup**



### **WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd**

Even though our building is closed, 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 6 - 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**

The Planning Board, Energy, Advisory Budget, and Sustainability Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary 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**

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/calendar>

**LIBRARY CALENDAR** - Go to <https://www.leenh.org/node/14/events/month/2019-08>

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### **READY RIDES**

#### **Change in Services Due to Social Distancing Recommendation**

**Ready Rides is still** providing rides to patients. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors who you already have regular contact with to help provide rides if possible but we are here for you if you need us. **A service we are adding to our registered riders is pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pick up these orders and bring them to your door with minimal contact.** If you are unable to order online and you are in desperate need of help with acquiring food or some necessity here are some resources.

If you live in Barrington, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford towns call 244-8719 and we will do our best to find a way to get you the help you need.

#### **What Ready Rides does during normal operations**

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: **Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, 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](#).

# 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

The department remains fully staffed and operating during the Covid-19 pandemic to protect our community but must continue to modify the way we provide some of its services. The Safety Complex remains closed to all visitors for the foreseeable future, but business will continue to be conducted via phone or email. Go to <https://www.leenh.org/fire-department>.

Burn permits are still required for all outside burning and all State burning regulations are still in effect. Burning regulations and permits can be found [HERE](#). Please check to see what the fire class for the day is prior to lighting any outside fire. Class 3 day or higher, all outside burning is not allowed. You can find out what fire class day it is by visiting the NH Forest and Lands website or look at the road side board at the Public Safety Complex.

All station tours remain suspended as are all home visits for wood stove, burn permit and inspection purposes. Furnace installation inspections will be conducted on an emergency basis for emergency replacement only. All furnace replacement work shall be coordinated through the Fire Chief's office before any work is to be done. All Covid 19 related inquiries should be made to the Town's Health Officer, Caren Rossi.

Winter is closing in and we would like to pass on some friendly reminders for fire safety.

- Change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Have furnaces and water heaters (fuel burning) cleaned and inspected annually.
- Have woodstove and fireplace chimneys inspected and cleaned annually. Only burn seasoned hardwood to reduce creosote build-up. Burn your woodstoves at high temperatures occasionally to burn off creosote build-up in the chimney.
- During power outages practice generator safety and keep generators at least 10' from the house in a well-ventilated area. Never run them inside the house or a garage.
- Live Christmas trees should be kept watered and placed away from heat sources to prevent drying out. Remove from the home if they become dry and the needles readily fall off.
- Inspect all lighting used to decorate Christmas trees and do not use any lights that are defective.
- Keep all vents on your home free and clear of snow and ice.
- Keep all means of egress from your home shoveled and clear for easy escape in case of fire.
- When the ponds and rivers freeze over stay off of the ice until it has been deemed safe to walk on. Ice should be at least 4" thick before being considered safe to walk on. Stay away from areas where there is running water or current as they will not freeze enough to hold a person's weight.

We hope you all have a safe and happy winter season. Remember to please wear a mask in public, practice social distancing and wash your hands frequently to help prevent the spread of Covid 19.



**LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL  
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

**BURN PERMIT**

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS  
[CLICK HERE](#) to get a Burn Permit Online

[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

**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. 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 \$35.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

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## IRS

### Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery

**NH Housing Relief Program** – The GOFERR allocated \$35 million from the \$1.25 billion in federal funds that NH received from the CARES Act State-Local Coronavirus Relief Fund towards a new [Housing Relief Program](#) to assist families and individuals facing housing insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program has two components: 1) one-time grants for households that suffered a limited short-term loss of household income or increased expenses that threaten the family's ability to maintain its housing; and 2) short-term rental assistance program. The program is being administered by the state's five Community Action Program (CAP) agencies and more details, including how to apply to your local CAP, can be found [here](#).

## FEDERAL RESERVE

The Federal Reserve Board recently adjusted the terms of the Main Street Lending Program in two important ways to better target support to smaller businesses that employ millions of workers and are facing continued revenue shortfalls due to the pandemic. In particular, the minimum loan size for three Main Street facilities available to for-profit and non-profit borrowers has been reduced from \$250,000 to \$100,000 and the fees have been adjusted to encourage the provision of these smaller loans. The Board and Department of the Treasury also issued a new frequently asked question clarifying that Paycheck Protection Program loans of up to \$2 million may be excluded for purposes of determining the maximum loan size under the Main Street Lending Program, if certain requirements are met, which should also help smaller businesses access Main Street loans. More information can be found [here](#).



## FEDERAL FUNDING FOR NH

- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program** –New Hampshire is set to receive \$25,117,942 in assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). More information can be found [here](#).
  - **Funding to Support NH Outdoor Recreation & Forest Economies** –New Hampshire has been awarded \$467,410 from the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support the state's outdoor recreation and forest economies. These grants will be allocated through NBRC and USDA's State Economic & Infrastructure Development program and help create and retain jobs and promote economic growth in rural Granite State communities. More information can be found [here](#).
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## NH CARES ACT FUNDING

The State has published an online Transparency Map which is an interactive overview of awards made with New Hampshire's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds. To date, the Town of Lee, as well as other non-profit organizations and for profit businesses have received a total of **\$1,490,852**. Go to <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/> to see a complete list and the amount of funding provided.

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery has initiated a number of financial aid programs to assist residents such as Supporting Children In Care Program, NH Housing Relief Program, Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) Tuition Assistance Program and NH Agriculture Relief Program Expansion. Please go to <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/apply> for a description of each program and application deadlines.

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## SAFER AT HOME GUIDELINES

The Stay at Home 2.0 order has been replaced by Safer at Home. Guidelines still must be followed and can be found at <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>

Town Offices remain closed to the public at this time but we are working on a plan to be able to reopen to the public. Town employees continue to work both remotely and on site and remain committed to ensuring the safety of both employees and the public.

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## EVERSOURCE

In these difficult times, we want you to know that help is available. Additional funds were recently allocated to The New Hampshire Housing Relief Program to help customers experiencing financial hardship during the pandemic.

- Even if you have never applied before, if you have been laid off or had your hours reduced because of the pandemic, you may be eligible now for a one-time grant of up to \$2,500 or assistance over the course of several months.
- These funds can be used to pay housing or utility costs and will be sent on your behalf direction to your landlord or utility company.
- There is no income limit to qualify.
- This is not a loan and does not need to be paid back.

Apply online, or through your local community action agency. To find an agency nearest you, call 211. Please have copies of your utility bill handy for reference. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

## NH HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM

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## NH DHHS Announces Online Purchasing Program for SNAP Recipients

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Economic and Housing Stability (DEHS) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a pilot program that allows recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase and pay for groceries online. The [SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot](#) program allows the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to purchase eligible food items through two authorized online retailers, Amazon and Walmart.

"From the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency, we have worked hard to ensure that our residents are able to safely access the things their families need when they need them the most," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Online purchasing provides additional flexibility for all Granite State SNAP recipients, allowing them more ways to use their SNAP benefits to make sure their families have access to healthy and nutritious food during the pandemic and beyond."

"Online purchasing is one more way New Hampshire residents can access good nutrition throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic," said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibinette. "Purchasing groceries online is safe, secure, and helps people maintain social distancing measures that help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

Participation in the pilot program is one of several measures DHHS has taken to reduce concerns around food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Others include the issuance of emergency SNAP benefits; the extension of certification periods for SNAP recipients; a temporary suspension of SNAP work requirements for eligible individuals; participation in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), which provides families with children enrolled in the National School Lunch Program additional SNAP benefits due to the loss of school meals during remote learning; and accepting applications by phone for the Women, Infants and Children program. SNAP recipients will be able to purchase eligible food items, but will not be able to use benefits for service or delivery charges.

The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot was established by the federal 2014 Farm Bill, which mandated a pilot to test the feasibility of allowing online transactions using SNAP benefits. In 2017, eight states were selected to be part of the pilot, which was launched in New York State in 2019, followed by Washington in January 2020. Additional states have joined the program as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program, please visit <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/foodstamps/index.htm>.

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## NH Department of Health and Human Services

### Resource Guide and Warm Line to Support Families during COVID-19

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has developed two new resources to help children, youth, families and caregivers during the COVID-19 emergency.

The first is “[Supporting Child and Family Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Emergency](#),” a new resource guide with practical tips on how we can all support children and families during COVID-19. The guide also provides a list of resources available to families statewide. The second resource is the [Family Support Warm Line](#), a partnership between DHHS and Waypoint. The Family Support Warm Line is a no-cost, confidential phone support line focused on promoting family resiliency. Residents can call 800-640-6486 and speak with family support professionals and parent partners for help with managing family challenges, coping strategies, or emotional support during COVID-19.

“Our data has shown a decline in the number of calls made to DCYF from those community helpers who regularly see kids face to face, but this is continues to be a stressful time for families and our focus has to remain on prevention,” said DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam. “Having resources readily available and a place where parents and caregivers can turn if they need to talk to someone can make a difference for our families and guide them to the services they need to stay strong and healthy, before they reach a tipping point that leads to abuse or neglect.”

The efforts stem from [Emergency Order #22](#), issued by Governor Chris Sununu on April 1, which authorizes emergency funding for critical child protection services to ensure that New Hampshire families continue to receive the right services at the right time during the COVID-19 emergency. In addition to the Family Support Warm Line, the funding will support domestic violence and substance use supports, expansion of the DCYF Strength to Succeed Program, and additional technology support for DCYF-involved families.

March data from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) shows a [decrease in referrals](#) to DCYF’s Central Intake, compared to the same time period over the past two years. New child abuse and neglect referrals are down nearly 50% each week overall. To learn more about recognizing the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit [Know and Tell](#), an education program offered through the Granite State Children’s Alliance, the Chapter Organization for the network of New Hampshire’s Child Advocacy Centers.

The Family Support Warm Line can be reached toll-free at 1-800-640-6486, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the DCYF Central Intake line at (603) 271-6562 or toll-free (in state) at (800) 894-5533.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, STATE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER, 603-223-6169 or [jic@dos.nh.gov](mailto:jic@dos.nh.gov)**

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### SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available in New Hampshire Following Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Declaration for Drought

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and private nonprofit organizations as a result of drought. The loans are available in the following counties: Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford and Sullivan in **New Hampshire**. Loan applications can be downloaded from [sba.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster). Submit completed loan applications to SBA no later than **June 15, 2021**. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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## Lee Public Library



### Library Holiday Hours

December 24 10-2  
December 25 & 26 Closed  
December 31 10-2  
January 1 Closed  
January 2 9-12



### Youth Programs December 2020

#### Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesdays

We will put out new craft kits and activities every Tuesday at 2:00 pm.

**December 22** Tri-bead ornaments

**December 29** Glitter snowmen



#### Preschool Story-time—Thursdays—11:30 posted on Facebook

**December 24— NO STORY TIME**

**December 31— Snowmen**

#### Pajama Story-time — Wednesday December 23 6:00 pm

We will read some fun stories, do some activities and learn some fun facts. A **Facebook Live!** Program.



#### Curbside Pickup



Contact-less curb-side pickup is available during regular open hours. If the weather is non-cooperative, the pickup will be just inside the library main entrance. You may request items via phone 659-2626, [email](#) or online through our [catalog](#). Your requested items will be checked out to you, placed in a bag, and tagged with your name. We will email or call you when your items are ready to be picked up.

#### **New Program Series January – May 2021**



**January: Wit and Wisdom: Humor in 19th Century New England**  
(Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00pm)

Presenter: Jo Radner

**February: Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War**  
(Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7:00pm)

Presenter: Carrie Brown

**March: Votes for Women: A History of the Suffrage Movement**  
(Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00pm)

Presenter: Liz Tentarelli

**April: The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns**

**(Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00pm)**

Presenter: John C. Porter

**May: John Winant: New Hampshire Man of The World**

**(Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00pm)**

Presenter: Richard Hesse

A Virtual program series hosted by the Lee Historical Society, Lee Public Library and the New Hampshire Humanities to Go Grants. Held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to register for any or all of these programs.

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**OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS  
December 16, 2020**

The Oyster River School Board held its last meeting of 2020 on December 16.

The school board endorsed the superintendent's decision for all Oyster River schools to operate fully remotely from December 21<sup>st</sup> - January 8<sup>th</sup> due to the impact of students and staff who have had to quarantine and anticipated holiday travel and gathering related spread.

Oyster River Middle School is preparing plans to begin in-person instruction 1 day per week for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. A remote option with equal teacher contact time is included in this model. Students who select the hybrid model would be in school one day, remote synchronous for 2 days and remote asynchronous for 2 days. The school board will consider implementation timelines at its January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5th grades, with smaller teaching teams, will continue in their current model.

High school principal Suzanne Filippone will present a proposed high school hybrid model to the school board on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Also, on January 6<sup>th</sup> the school nurses will provide recommendations for how to use community incidence and spread data to make decisions about expansion of in-person learning.

The Budget Hearing for the proposed 2021-2022 budget will be held (weather-permitting) on January 13<sup>th</sup> in the High School auditorium.

Please note this summary is not exhaustive. Official notices of future meetings are posted at the SAU office and the ORCSD web site, and minutes and video links are posted on the district web site as they become available after meetings.

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**GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2020**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 12/2/2020 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Friday, December 18, 2020 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH**





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

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### **McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed**

McGregor EMS is currently seeking both Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers. Those interested may email [membership@mcgregorems.org](mailto:membership@mcgregorems.org). To learn more about this great service [CLICK HERE](#)!

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

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