

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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December 27, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

Happy New Year!

From the Town of Lee



**LEE TOWN OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS
(INCLUDING TRANSFER STATION)**

NEW YEAR'S EVE, TUESDAY, 12/31 – CLOSING AT 2PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, 1/1/20 – CLOSED


DECEMBER & JANUARY MEETINGS – Mondays Starting at 6:30 pm

Dec. 30 - 1st Budget Public Hearing

Jan. 13 – 2nd Budget & Bond Public Hearing

Jan. 21st – Finalize Budget & Warrant

Jan. 27th – Select Board Meeting

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

SNOW CASTING NOTICE

The Town has been experiencing more and more issues with snow casting. The road crews have been working very hard to keep our roads clear only to have some residents plow, snow blow or shovel snow back onto the roads. The Town has posted this numerous times on Facebook and in the E-Crier along with issuing warnings but to no avail! The Police Department will be issuing fines from this point forward. The Town of Lee Snow Casting Ordinance was adopted by the Lee Select Board on 1/7/2008 which states that no person shall throw or allow to be thrown, cast, placed or deposited any snow or ice into or upon the plowed portion of any street, sidewalk or public way in the Town of Lee, it being the intent and purpose of this ordinance to prohibit all persons from throwing , casting, placing or depositing snow and ice in such manner as to become a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic. In the event that a contractor is hired for snow removal and is not present at the time of the violation, the home owner, landlord or lessee shall be held responsible. Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of up to (\$100.00) one hundred dollars.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HEATING OIL TANK REPLACEMENTS

NHDES is looking to increase awareness of the [Safetank program](#) among NH cities and towns. This nearly 20-year-old program provides eligible homeowners assistance of up to \$2,250 for the replacement of an aboveground heating oil tank if they meet the definition of "low-income" by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Page 5 of the [Safetank application](#) contains the current income eligibility requirements. Please keep this program in mind for residents of your communities who may need the assistance. For more information please contact: Genevieve Al-Egaily at Genevieve.Al-Egaily@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-3577, or Erik Paddleford at Erik.Paddleford@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-3431.



Extension

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION STARTING NOW!

The Lee Conservation Commission is once again sponsoring a campership for a Lee youngster, who must be at least 10 years old. The camper will go to Barry Conservation Camp, which is located in Berlin, NH in the White Mountain National Forest. The camp is operated by UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H in conjunction with the N.H. Fish and Game Department. As their brochure states, "Campers learn responsible use of firearms safe hunting practices, environmental awareness, conservation principles and an appreciation for the beautiful state we live in. There is swimming and canoeing, as well as group activities that encourage teamwork."

Lee youngsters, ages 10 and up, are eligible for this campership. (The Hunter Safety and Certification Program requires that they be 12 years and older.) For further information, please call Laura Gund, 659-2044, or e-mail at walgrove@comcast.net. It's important to apply as soon as possible as spaces fill up fast. **All requests must be submitted by January 3rd.**



One Bin at a Time – Little Bins

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

We have now explored all of the big bins inside the Transfer Station – but wait! There's more!

We've already mentioned some of the little bins and barrels that are for things like tin foil, pie plates and metal lids. (These are near the steel and aluminum bins.)



Now let's explore the other little bins and barrels that are inside the Transfer Station building.

| YES, please! | |
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| <p>The tables by the office have spots for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell phones • Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs, the squiggly bulbs) • Rechargeable batteries • Eyeglasses • Clean egg containers (folks who keep chickens reuse them) | |
| <p>These barrels by the exit are for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shredded paper (though you can mix this into a home compost pile, too) • Plastic foam "packing peanuts" • Fluorescent tube light bulbs | |
| <p>And just outside the building is the Mr. Fox composting tote.</p> <p>We're running a composting pilot program now. If it goes well, it will become permanent.</p> <p>CLICK HERE for more information</p> | |

Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Repurpose • Recycle • Rot

• Lee NH Sustainability Committee • Low Carbon Diet - Seacoast NH • "Zero Waste" groups

FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS!
BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Manager Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. [CLICK HERE for Flyer!](#) The Town will provide special compostable bags to bring the food waste to the Transfer Station.



LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE WINTER SEASON

The Lee Fire and Rescue Department would like to remind you of a few winter safety tips.

- If using live Christmas trees in your homes keep them watered. If the tree dries out and needles begin to fall from your tree, promptly remove tree from your home to prevent fires. Do not place live trees in close proximity to heating appliances such as heaters, wood stoves, pellet stoves or fire places. Do not place tree over any floor heating vents as it will dry the tree out faster.
- Use caution while cooking holiday meals. Keep a charged dry chemical extinguisher on hand for any potential oven or stove fires. If using a deep fryer for your turkey make sure you remove all excess water from the turkey before placing in the heated oil. Use the deep fryer at a safe distance from all structures and have a dry chemical fire extinguisher on hand in case of fire.
- Keep all exits from your home and business clear of snow and ice. Clear paths from exits for easy egress in case of fire.
- Keep all heating vents and gas regulators clear of snow and ice.
- Make sure there is a carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your home and business especially in the area outside of sleeping areas.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Lee Fire & Rescue!



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

[CLICK HERE](#) for the November/December Safety Educator
[CLICK HERE](#) for the November/December ONE STOP Educator

[BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE](#)
[DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS FIRE PERMIT BROCHURE](#)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fire Department Fee Schedule
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm?

Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$30.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY

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



READY RIDES offer free rides to medical appointments for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email info@readyrides.org with questions or go to <https://readyrides.org/> for details. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Planning Board, Energy, and Sustainability Committees have immediate openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

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

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

Lee Public Library



Holiday Hours:

Tuesday, Dec. 31st 9:00 – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1st CLOSED

Regular Hours:

Monday – Wednesday 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Knitting for 50+

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am

January 15th Only this month

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

All levels welcome.

Regional & State News & Events

NHDOT'S BUNKER CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON US ROUTE 4 TRAFFIC SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Holiday week one lane alternating traffic schedule:

Monday, December 30th – 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday, December 31st – 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1st – NO WORK

Thursday, January 2nd – 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday, January 3rd – 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

For project history or background information you can also visit the NHDOT's Webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/durham16236/index.htm>

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 2019

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS - December 18, 2019

School Calendar News: February 11, 2020 will be a Staff Workshop Day with no school for students. Presidential Primary Voting will take place at the High School and Mast Way School that day. To make up for this, May 22, 2020 (formerly a teacher workday) will be a normal school day.

The School Board also adopted the 2020-2021 school year calendar. School will start August 27, 2020. There will be no school on September 4th or September 7th (Labor Day).

The proposed 2020-2021 school district budget will be set by the school board at the January 8, 2020 meeting. On January 15, 2020, in the High School auditorium, the community is asked to provide input on the budget and proposed middle school bond at the annual Budget and Bond Hearing.

The School District Deliberative Session, where any school district voter can again participate in discussing (and changing) the proposed budget or other items, will be February 4, 2020 in the High School auditorium (weather-permitting). Voting for 2 school board seats, the budget, teacher contract, and proposed middle school will take place on March 10, 2020.

The District is working with the UNH Survey Center to construct a survey about the middle school progress report. Input from parents, staff, and school board has contributed. The survey is expected to be conducted in February.

Schools are closed for vacation from December 23rd - January 1st. Happy New Year!

NHES Operation VET Connect

Operation VETS Connect is a challenge to connect those who served and those who are serving and their spouses to employment, training and services they need to return to employment or into training to assist them with obtaining employment. Additional goals are to build an employer's awareness of the benefits to hiring those who served along with the awareness for those who served of the skills they have or need to build on to return to employment.

Employers are asked to register for the challenge by completing the registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) The information from their registration form will be entered into a spreadsheet by Operations staff and made available to the offices. The employer name, industry, and town/city will also be listed on the website weekly. ESRs and LVERs should verify that the employer is registered in JMS and if appropriate, contact the employer to advise of the services available to them, including RTW and OJT.

Veterans, those currently serving and their spouses are also asked to complete a registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) Their information will be entered into a separate spreadsheet and distributed to the office nearest their homes.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Operation VET Connect Flyer

If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact Andy Corrow, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at 603-397-9267 or vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

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

CHECK OUT MAPGEO [HERE](#)

A GIS Collaboration between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Lee bringing basic GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to your fingertips. GIS map data is now displayed on the MapGeo website. The site allows residents to search for tax map info, as well as view several different overlay layers.

ATTENTION!

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to www.leenh.org, click on the Subscribe button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.

If you do not have the internet please come to Town Hall for a **printed copy** or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!