

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
December 30, 2022**



LEE CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transfer Station Closing at 3pm on Saturday 12/31/2022 for New Year's Eve

**Town Offices & Library CLOSED Monday, January 2, 2023
in Observance of the New Year Holiday**

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Select Board Public Hearings and Meetings 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](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX INSULATION RESULTS

Over the summer and early fall, contractors from Newell and Crathern spent several weeks insulating the Public Safety Complex roof. They also installed corrective venting and blocked off open spaces around the buildings soffits. The project was the result of collaboration between the Select Board and the Energy Committee and was funded by a combination of Federal ARPA funds and a rebate grant from the NH Electric Co-op. With a couple of months of winter behind us, the impact is becoming clear; between September 1st and December 28th of last year the PSC required 13 deliveries of heating oil totaling 2,475 gallons. For the same period this year, the PSC has required 6 deliveries of heating oil totaling 1,139 gallons! Weather and temperature fluctuations between last winter and now may come into play, but clearly, the building is operating much more efficiently, a real bonus given the cost heating oil!

TOWN OF LEE SEEKING A FULL-TIME BOOKKEEPER

[CLICK HERE](#) for link to job description

 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)						

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 5:30 pm & 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

TOWN OF LEE FINANCIAL PLANNING TOOL

[CLICK HERE](#) for link to document

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

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.

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, January 2nd for the Holiday

JANUARY AT YOUR LEE LIBRARY!

While Supplies Last! Lee Heritage Commission Calendars: Looking for a lovely 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.



Monday January 2, Library closed in celebration of New Year!

Tuesday January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 3:20pm – 4:45pm – Afterschool Creators Club: Students will stay at Mast Way and should be picked up from the school at 4:45pm.

Tuesday January 3, 5:30pm – 6:30pm: Friends Meeting, New members always welcome.

Tuesday January 3 & 17, 2:00pm – 7:00pm – Grab & Go Craft Kit Pick Up: Come and pick up a kids craft kit while supplies last!

Wednesday January 4 & 18, 10:00am - Knitters: Meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10:00am. Bring your knitting and enjoy some friendly company! New knitters welcome.



Thursday January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10:30am – 11:30am – Preschool Story Time: Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, games and fun! No sign up necessary ☺



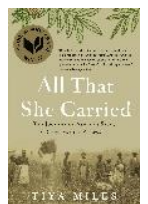
Thursday January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 3:20pm – 4:45pm – After School Story Time & Craft: Join Miss Judy in library of Mast Way School for a chapter book reading and fun craft. Students will stay at Mast Way and should be picked up from the school at 4:45pm.

Friday January 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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 ☺

Friday January 6, 4:00pm – 7:00pm – Middle School Book Club: We are working our way through the Harry Potter Series. We will meet to discuss our reading and watch the related movie. A supply of books are available at the library. ***Call the library at 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. Attendance will be capped at 15.***



Monday January 9, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Book Group: Our book group usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. January's title is *All That She Carried* by Tiya Miles. In 1850s South Carolina, an enslaved woman named Rose faced a crisis: the imminent sale of her daughter Ashley. Thinking quickly, she packed a cotton bag for her with a few items, and soon after, the nine-year-old girl was separated from her mother and sold. Decades later, Ashley's granddaughter Ruth embroidered this family history on the bag in spare, haunting language. Copies are available at the library!



Wednesday January 11, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Library Trustee Meeting. This is a public meeting, all welcome.

Monday January 16, Library Closed in Honor of Martin Luther King JR Day. We'll be back on Tuesday!



Tuesday January 17, 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Presentation and Skywatch with NH Astronomical Society: Join us in the library program space for a short space-themed presentation. Then it's off to Little River Park with telescopes and equipment to look at our night's sky during our Skywatch with NH Astronomical Society! Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lee Public Library ☺



Wednesday January 18, 12:00pm – 2:00pm - Soup Social! Our last soup social was so much fun, we're doing it again! Join us in the program space for some yummy homemade soup, tasty bread, music, company and fun. All ages welcome!



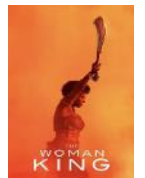
Saturday January 21, 10:00am – 11:00am – The Rocky Shore with UNH Extension: Bring the family along to this fun-filled interactive program. Spanning the area between the low and high tide lines, the intertidal zone of the rocky shore of the New England seacoast is an ecological treasure trove of organisms whose survival is challenged by a variety of extreme conditions including crashing waves, hours of exposure to air, temperature and salinity fluctuations, and predation from both land and sea. Yet even in these conditions, there is a rich variety of marine organisms that have adapted well to this ecosystem.

Monday January 23, 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! This month we'll be making a winter sock gnome display! Please call or email to sign up.



Wednesday January 25, 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Lee Backyard Farming Initiative at Misty Meadows: WE'RE BACK! Join us every 4th Wednesday until April for Backyard Farming Fun! This month we will meet Sarah Cox and Tyler Murray who will be talking about Grains! We will taste some delicious foods, share some recipes and have a lot of fun at Misty Meadows, 183 Wednesday Hill Road, Lee NH 03861!

Monday January 30, 2:00pm – 4:30pm – Monday Movie: Join us in the library program space for our Monday movie! This month we will watch The Woman King, PG13, 2022. We'll provide the hot chocolate and popcorn. You just need to come along!



Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 12/21/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 2023 3:30 pm, State House, Concord, NH

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – DECEMBER 21, 2022

The annual Public Hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 Oyster River Cooperative School District budget is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Oyster River Middle School Concert Hall (will be held the next day in case of inclement weather). Following the public hearing, voters will have the opportunity to debate and modify the budget at the Deliberative Session scheduled for February 7 at 7:00 pm and final decision by voters on March 14 at local elections.

School Board Member Yusi Turell announced her resignation from the school board effective in early March. This means that in addition to two at-large seats with 3-year terms which will be up for election, the school board seat representing Durham for a 1-year term will also be included on the ballot in March.

All Oyster River Schools are closed December 24 - January 2, with classes resuming on January 3, 2023. Happy New Year!

The first Community Dinner in over 3 years is planned for February 2, 2023. Programming will be focused on Sustainability and Environmental Justice.

DEIJ coordinator Rachael Blansett presented on her engagement with ORCSD students and staff over her first 4 months with the district including needs assessment. ORCSD Communications Specialist Gen Brown and Information Technology Director Josh Olstad presented on plans for a website overhaul with a new web-hosting vendor to be completed over the next 6 months.



[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

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