TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming Events
February 5, 2021

INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR APPROVING THE TOWN WARRANT AND FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

2nd SESSION VIA ZOOM – SATURDAY, February 6TH 9am

Meeting ID 869 0483 3577 Password 033847 Call in #1-646-558-8656.
Zoom instructions on www.leenh.org

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Town Moderator and Lee Select Board have determined that for the safety of the residents of the town and pursuant to the special legislation adopted by the NH Legislature (HB1129) they adopted Temporary Optional Town Meeting Procedures. The Moderator and Select Board held the first session on January 30th; there were 40 participants in total and many asked questions and engaged in discussion on the warrant and budget. Proposed amendments and comments have been submitted and will be read aloud during the second session.

The 2nd virtual session will be held via Zoom on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at 9:00 am. Residents may watch by logging in and using Meeting ID 869 0483 3577 Password 033847 or listen in by calling 1-646-558-8656. Zoom instructions can be found at www.leenh.org. During this session, the Select Board will review all comments submitted and deliberate any changes suggested by these comments. The Select Board will then vote to move each article to the ballot.

NOTE: After the election of officers, the 2nd article on the ballot will be to see if the voters approve of these optional town meeting procedures. If this question is not approved, no other article will pass.

On March 9, 2021, the Town will hold its regular municipal election at the LEE TRANSFER STATION, 11 Recycling Center Rd, Lee, NH from 7am – 7pm. Voting will be conducted by drive-through in order to allow people to vote from the safety of their own vehicle.

We encourage anyone who is not yet registered to vote to do so in advance. You may also file for an absentee ballot with the town clerk as soon as possible. Absentee ballot requests are available on www.leenh.org or at the Town Clerk's Office, 249 Calef Hwy. If you have questions please call that office at (603) 659-2964 ext. 307 or 308.

Thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented times. If you have any questions, please email townadministrator@leenh.org or call (603) 659- 5414 extension 312. Thank you.

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, February 8th 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 YouTube at CLICK HERE

Upcoming Supervisor of the Checklist Sessions

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting Tuesday, February 9th from 1:30 - 1:45 pm to approve additions and/or removals from the official checklist for the Town of Lee. The call-in number to access this meeting is 701-802-5101 with access code 8767140.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in public session on Saturday, February 27th from 9:30 - 10:00 am at the Lee Public Library, 9 Mast Road. **Wear a mask and bring your own pen. This will be the last opportunity to register to vote until Election Day, March 9th.**

Lee citizens may also register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office now at 249 Calef Highway (access from Buzzell Lane) during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am - 4pm through February 26th. **Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (at least 18 years of age on election day), citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register.** Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship, and/or domicile.

LEE TOWN OFFICES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MOVED

The Selectmen's Office, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and Planning & Zoning/Building Department are now located at 249 Calef Highway (aka Route 125.) The building is open to the public; however, all covid-safe practices, such as mask wearing, hand sanitizing and staying at least 6 feet apart will be in place. Please use Buzzell Lane off of George Bennett Road to enter and exit the new municipal office building. Signs have been installed to guide you. There is plenty of parking around the building and each department has its own entrance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us:

Please note: the Town Clerk/Tax Collector entrance is on the side of the building!

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Closed Tuesday & Thursday

Appointments are required for all transactions with the following exceptions:

- **4 or less registration renewals on vehicles currently registered in Lee**
- **Dog license renewals**
- **Property Tax payments**

Please call (603) 659-2964 Ext. 307 or 308 or
email lreinhold@leenh.org or estone@leenh.org for appointments and/or questions.
Registration renewals, dog license renewals, vital records and tax payments may be completed online at www.leenh.org

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NEW ICE SKATING RINK AT TOWN FIELD

Special Thanks to WARREN, PETE and STEVE for putting it all together and to Jake Farrell for donating the liner for the rink!

NORTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION (NRRA)

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	**Amount Recycled In 2020**	**Environmental Impact!** Here is only one benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Aluminum Cans	28,027 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 2,853,149 hours!
Paper	155 tons	Saved 2,646 trees!
Plastics	66,640 lbs.	Conserved 49,980 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	98.3 gross tons	Conserved 275,225 pounds of iron ore!
Steel Cans	14.6 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 851760 hours!
Tires	2.8 tons	Conserved 1.8 barrels of oil!

Avoided Emissions:

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere. By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about **1,188 tons** of carbon dioxide emission. This is the equivalent of removing **253 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year.

The Lee Public Library Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that the schoolhouse portion of the Lee Public Library has been placed on the NH State Register of Historic Places. The library was one of six buildings that were chosen. The trustees want to thank Tom Coakley for leading the effort and Scott Bugbee, Phyllis White and Kevin Shenefiel for their help and information. (*illustration by Allen Unrein*) https://www.dncr.nh.gov/news_events/2021_january_state_register/

POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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.

TRANSFER STATION

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
The Swap Shop will remain closed until further notice.

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE AT THE TRANSFER STATION

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A TRANSFER STATION STICKER IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE
Ask for a sticker when you register your car. Or get one 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 @ 659-5414 with questions or refer to the Solid Waste Ordinance **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 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

Please remember to shop your local farms online, by delivery or pickup

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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 1st & 3rd 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. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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. **CLICK HERE** for Application.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR
LIBRARY CALENDAR

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 with whom you already have regular contact to help provide rides if possible but we are here for you if you need us. **We have added pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups our registered riders. 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.

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.

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 659-6783 or crossi@leenh.org.

Winter is here 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.
- 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 REGULATONS

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. 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**

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. SBA is currently offering:

- First Draw PPP Loans for first time program participants
- Second Draw PPP Loans beginning January 13, 2021 for certain businesses that have previously received a PPP loan

SBA also offers additional Coronavirus relief. More information about PPP can be found here.

EVICTION CLINIC

NH Legal Assistance and the Legal Advice and Referral Center have started a new online Eviction Clinic for tenants who are facing eviction or are confused about the eviction process. During the Clinic, lawyers and paralegals from both organizations will explain the eviction process and answer general questions. They will not be able to provide legal advice for specific cases.

The first Clinic was held on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021. Clinics will continue each week. During January and February, there will be one weekly Clinic on Wednesdays at 7 pm. On every other Wednesday, there will be an additional afternoon Clinic at 2 pm. Pre-registration is **not required.** The links for each week's Clinic(s) will be on NHLA's Facebook page and website.

Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA):
The CDFA will be accepting applications for all its programs for the 2021 calendar year. The application deadlines for all programs can be found here. All applications must be received by CDFA through its online grants management system by 4pm for each deadline.

NH Food Bank – Upcoming Mobile Food Pantries:
The NH Food Bank will be hosting several mobile food pantries across the state this month using a drive-thru distribution model. Recipients will remain in their car and fresh produce, non-perishable items and more will be delivered right to them. These events are open to anyone in need. More information about upcoming mobile food pantries – including dates, times and locations – can be found here.

IRS

The Internal Revenue Service announced that the nation's tax season will start on Friday, February 12, 2021, when the tax agency will begin accepting and processing 2020 tax year returns.

The February 12 start date for individual tax return filers allows the IRS time to do additional programming and testing of IRS systems following the December 27 tax law changes that provided a second round of Economic Impact Payments and other benefits.

To speed refunds during the pandemic, the IRS urges taxpayers to file electronically with direct deposit as soon as they have the information they need. People can begin filing their tax returns immediately with tax software companies, including IRS Free File partners. These groups are starting to accept tax returns now, and the returns will be transmitted to the IRS starting February 12. More information can be found here.

FEDERAL RESERVE

The Federal Reserve Board adjusted the terms of the Main Street Lending Program in 2 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** – NH 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** – NH 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.

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.

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/

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 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.

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 INFORMATON CENTER, 603-223-6169 or jic@dos.nh.gov

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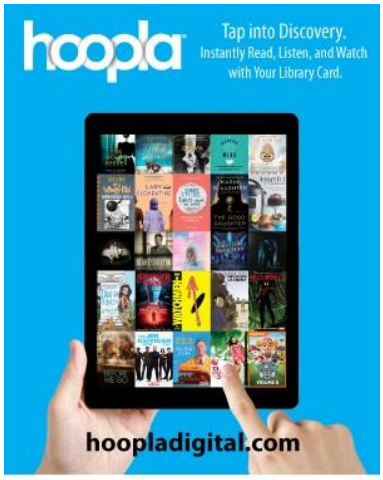
SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available in New Hampshire Following Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Declaration for Drought

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced 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. 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.

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



3-Step Sign-Up

1 Download the app or go to hoopladigital.com.

2 Log in with your library card.

3 Instantly Read, Listen, and Watch with Your Library Card.

HOOPLA is HERE!

Go to hoopladigital.com, create an account with your Lee Library Card and start watching free movies, listen to audiobooks, read eBooks and download music! You may download up to four items each month.

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You can also see what's available on Hoopla from our library catalog.

Go to www.leelibrarynh.org, click on catalog. Look up your item, then look for the tab that says "Hoopla".

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Ancestry Library Edition© is now available from Home!

Go to the library website www.leelibrarynh.org, then click on catalog. From the library catalog home screen there will be a link to Ancestry on the right under "Links". You will need to log in using your login details (instructions will be on the screen) then you will be directed to the Ancestry Library Edition© website! Stayed tuned for a zoom class on how to use this database and others to start your genealogy quest! Please email Ruth if you are interested attending this at leelibrary@comcast.net.

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.

Youth Programs February 2021

All of our winter programs can be found on our Facebook page.

Crafts—Pick up on Tuesday

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

February 9 Shrinky dinks
February 16 STEAM craft TBD
February 23 Pinecone crafts

Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

February 11 Valentine's Day
February 18 Librarian's Choice
February 25 Nature in winter

Lap Sit Story-time February 17 8:30 am

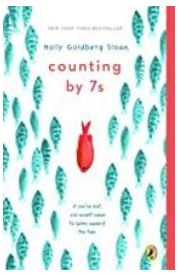
We will do some movement activities and read a story or two.
A **Facebook Live!** Program.

Music and movement Story-time February 17 2:30 pm

We will sing and move to some fun stories and songs.
A **Facebook Live!** Program.

Pajama Story-time — Wednesday February 24 6:00 pm

Put on your jammies a little early, bring along your blanket and favorite stuffy and listen to some bedtime stories.
A **Facebook Live!** Program.



Middle School Zoom Book Club

Tuesday February 16
6:00pm via Zoom

This month we will be finishing **Counting by 7s** and beginning **Star Girl** and **Tuck Everlasting**. If you are in grades 5-8 and interested in joining us please call the Library @ 659-2626 to register. We have a supply of the books for you to borrow.

New Program Series continues February – May 2021

March: Votes for Women: A History of the Suffrage Movement
(Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00pm)
Presenter: Liz Tentarelli
Suffragists stand on the steps of the New Hampshire Historical Society in 1915. The group includes a number of men who were a significant part of the movement. *Photo Courtesy of the New Hampshire Historical Society.*

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

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Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, January 22, 2021

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Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS
February 3, 2021

The Oyster River School Board met on February 3rd and hosted the annual Deliberative Session on February 4th. Oyster River Middle School started a 25% in-person hybrid model on January 26th. So far feedback has been positive.

Oyster River High School will begin a 50% in-person hybrid model by March 8th which will provide students the opportunity to be in the building 2 full days per week. The time between now and March 8th will involve families indicating whether they plan for students to attend the 50% in-person or fully remote option, for teachers to plan for the change, high school administrators to ensure staff and space plans, and transportation to develop new bus routes.

The school board approved installation of a grandstand at the High School track/turf field. The contractor has committed to having the grandstands in place to be used for outdoor graduation ceremonies for the class of 2021. The grandstand will be dedicated to the Oyster River Classes of 2020 and 2021.

Dr. Morse recognized the work of the transportation department, led by Lisa Huppe and an incredibly dedicated bus driver and support team. Because of the constantly changing school models and targeted learners in school buildings each day, virtually every day has a new and unique bus route. This team, along with many others, has demonstrated exceptional flexibility and commitment this school year.

Teacher workdays originally scheduled for March 19th and May 28, 2021 will be moved to the end of the school year. There will be school on March 19th and May 28th.

Moderator Richard Laughton presided over the ORCSD Deliberative Session on February 4th. The meeting had been postponed from February 2nd due to snow.

The ORMS Go Vote Committee was recognized at the ORCSD Deliberative Session as the Oyster River School District's Distinguished Service Award Recipients. This group including Mike Anderson, Krista Butts, Brian Cisneros, Kathy Collins, Denise Day, Mark DeTurk, Paul Gasowski, Martie Gooze, Debbie Harmon, Erik Ickes, Katrin Kasper, Julie Kelley, Richard Kelley, Anita Mathur, Thomas Newkirk, John Parsons, Julie Reece, Robert Sullivan, and Fred Wolff who worked tirelessly to educate and secure community support resulting in the approval of the new middle school project last year. A plaque recognizing this group will hang in the new middle school upon completion. THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS!

The Deliberative Session approved each item on the school district warrant, which will now go before voters of Durham, Lee, and Madbury on March 9th.

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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. To learn more about this great service CLICK HERE!

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.

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