

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

**Lee News & Upcoming  
Events  
February 4, 2022**



**TOWN OF LEE DELIBERATIVE SESSION**  
**Saturday, February 5<sup>TH</sup> 9am**

**Mast Way School**

or Stream it Live at [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org) under view meetings  
[CLICK HERE](#) for Warrant and [CLICK HERE](#) for FY23 Budget

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**SELECT BOARD MEETINGS**

February 7<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Select Board Meeting 6:00pm  
Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road  
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

March 8<sup>th</sup> Ballot Session, Lee Public Safety Complex 7:00am – 7:00pm

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

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**ICE SKATING RINK AT TOWN FIELD**

**Check out the New Lighting for Night Skating!**

**GUIDELINES WHEN USING NEW ICE RINK**

1. DAWN TO 8pm
2. PARKING OUT FRONT, AT MAST WAY OR AT HWY DEPT
3. HOCKEY MAY BE PLAYED IF NO ONE ELSE IS SKATING
4. HOCKEY ONLY HOURS: SAT & SUN 8-10am WED 6-8pm

## LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDER

Please Do Not park any vehicles upon any roadway in Town during a snowstorm as it impedes the Highway Department from doing their job. Also, please clear the snow from your vehicle before hitting the road!

Jessica's Law has been the law of NH for about fifteen (15) years now. It is a law that **requires the clearing of ice and snow off the top of a vehicle prior to driving it**. The basis of the law was a tragic accident that claimed the life of Jessica Smith in 1999.

**265:79-b Negligent Driving.** – 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.



The Town of Lee also has a **Snow Casting Ordinance** which was adopted on 1/7/2008. [CLICK HERE.](#)

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## LEE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSIONS

The supervisors will hold a work session/meeting on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am at the Lee Town Offices to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee.

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## JOIN THE NEW COMMITTEE OF LEE GREETERS!

The Lee Select Board is interested in putting together a committee of approximately 6-7 members who will work together on greeting new residents to the Town of Lee. What, when and the logistics of how this will happen will be developed by this new committee and presented to the Board for final approval. If you are interested in being part of this, please call Caren at 603-659-6783.

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## LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION CALENDARS FOR SALE

The Lee Heritage Commission 2022 calendars are still available!! Calendars can be purchased in person at the Lee Library. They are \$10 each, payable by cash or check made out to the Town of Lee. If you would like to order copies online and have them shipped go to <https://www.ebay.com/itm/133965658009>.

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## STUMPOLOGY PART 6 – SCENT POSTS By Catherine Fisher

One of the nice things about walking Lee's trails in winter is the opportunity to see evidence of who lives in the habitat you're walking through. Take a walk after a fresh snowfall, and it's likely there will be tracks showing that humans aren't the only animals using these paths.

Things get even more interesting in mid-to-late January. This marks the onset of the breeding season for coyotes, fox, and bobcat begins, and it's when these species begin scent marking their territories. Both urine and scat are used to mark places along both human and wildlife trails, providing information about an animal's health, status and availability. Objects that stand out in the landscape are particularly favored, and trailside stumps, with their elevated surfaces, fit the bill nicely.

Stumps have a number of attributes that make them attractive as scent posts. The flat surfaces of stumps made by humans hold scat and urine in place. Scat and urine left on a stump are raised up, so that any passing breeze will spread the aroma throughout the surrounding landscape. When temperatures aren't freezing, stumps are damp and humid places; perfect for both releasing odors and making them last longer. Think of stumps as giant reed diffusers - wicking up scent and wafting it through the habitat.



Both male and female canids and felines scent mark their territories, and will revisit scent posts regularly, both to keep the scent fresh and to provide new information. Some scent posts are used year after year. Pictured is a deciduous stump, the remnants of a tree downed in a storm. This stump was used as a bobcat scent post for several years, though in the past two years, I've found no further sign of marking.

Though scent markings are left by animals as messages to members of their own species, the leavings are of interest to other species as well, and form a type of communication network within a habitat. Sometimes several different species will use the same scent post. Passing animals, including prey animals, will investigate scent posts to keep track of, and avoid, potential predators. Other animals keep note of scent posts as a potential resource. I saw an example of this one early spring when I was walking up one of the ravine trails in the town forest. As I rounded a bend in the trail I saw, on a stump just up ahead, a chickadee tugging vigorously at something. Using binoculars, I could see that she had a beakful of grey fur. It was clear that she was gathering nesting materials, so I waited, and sure enough back she came for another beakful. After that she didn't return, and when I examined the stump, I found a large deposit of fox scat which was mostly made up of what looked like squirrel hair. Soft things are a valuable commodity during nesting season, and this chickadee knew where to look for a mass of fluffy, if redolent, fur to line her nesting cavity.

Keep this in mind these next few months if you're walking one of Lee's trails. Romance is in the air for some of our wild residents, and perhaps you'll find that they've posted on a stump along the trail.

## SWAP SHOP NEWS – WINTER 2021/2022

**Bulky Items:** Large bulky items are not being accepted at the Swap Shop during the winter months.

**Electronics:** A reminder that there is a Disposal Fee that needs to be paid before drop off of electronics (Radios, Stereos VCR/DVD Players, Monitors, or TV's).

**Smaller items:** With limited space for the winter, please limit your drop off items to One (1) Tote per week.

If you have a large load, we suggest you use 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 Transfer Station Swap Shop but provided by a private citizen. Please follow the rules associated with this page.

**Hours:** The Swap Shop is open for now but the number of Volunteers is reducing for the winter months. This open status may change in the future.

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.**

The Swap Shop will be Closed due to: High winds, rain or snow; Schools closing due to weather; Temperatures below 10°F wind chill; or the lack of volunteers.

*Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to returning to better hours in the spring.*

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### RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH DHHS

[COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATES](#)

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:leechurchucc@comcast.net). All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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### LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Various Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Assistant Town Administrator 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](#)  
[LIBRARY CALENDAR](#)

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## 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](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](#).

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### 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](#)

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## 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

### FOR THE ADULTS

Want to know what's happening next month?! Check out our website for more information [www.leelibrarynh.org/](http://www.leelibrarynh.org/)

**Showcase your Works!** We're looking for artwork to display in the library!

The Lee Public Library would like to showcase the talents of Lee! Do you have photographs, watercolors, sketches or paintings that you would like to share with our community? Then don't be shy and let us know, we'd love to display your art... Call us now to arrange showcase dates!

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Annalee Mack** for allowing us to display her wonderful works for the past few months, these beautiful pieces have been a joy to see in our library!

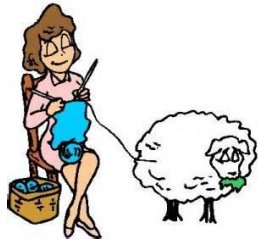
### Upcoming Library Meetings

Wednesday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30pm – **Library Trustee Meeting**

### Digging into Native History in NH, Virtual Program with the Lee Historical Society

**Wednesday March 2, 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Virtual Presentation by Robert Goodby "Digging into Native History in NH":** A monthly series of programs from the New Hampshire Humanities Council held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm through May 4, 2022. Sponsored by the Lee Public Library, the Lee Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities. Please call or email the library for your zoom link!





## KNITTERS MEET HERE

Knitters are meeting on the 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday morning of the month at 10 AM. Their next meetings is Wednesday, 2/16<sup>th</sup>. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!

### Adult Book Group- Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month

**Monday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – Discussion:** *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore, copies are available at the library!

**March 14, 2022 6:00pm - Discussion:** *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson

### Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group Coming in February!



**Monday Feb 28, 6pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults!** Join us on the fourth Monday of every month (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! February's craft is 'Spring Flower Candles'. Please call or email to sign up.

### Patron Picks!

What are you reading? Are you enjoying it? What have you read? We'd love your recommendations to share with the community! Tell us about a good book, audio book or movie and we'll spread the word by creating a PATRON PICKS display for all to see, along with your name and thoughts! Chat with the library staff or email us with your favorites!



## FOR THE CHILDREN

### Grab and Go crafts

**Make sure to like the *Lee Public Library (NH)* Facebook page to see our weekly updates, and watch for info on this month's grab and go crafts. Kits will be going out on February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### Preschool Story-Times

**Thursdays from 10:30am – 11:30am. Stop by for our traditional story time. We will read, sing, wiggle and craft.**

### Sensory/Station Story time

**Fridays from 10:30am – 11:30am. This is our activity based program. We will listen to a story or two, get out our rhythm sticks/maracas/boomwhackers or scarves and then have fun with assorted stations including sensory, fine/gross motor, puzzles...**

### February Themes:

**February 10/11 – Valentine's Day**

**February 17/18 – Kindness**

**February 24/25 - School Vacation week, see you next week**



### Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday

**Call the library at 603-659-2626 for information on registering for our next 8 week session.**

#### **Session 4 – March – April**

**Afterschool story time** - Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

**Craft Club** - Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

#### **Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our middle school book club meets via ZOOM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6-6:45 pm. Contact the library at 603-659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. We have a supply of the books available at the Library. In February we will review *Two roads* by Joseph Bruchac.

#### **Middle School Crafters**

This fun group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Call the library at 603-659-2626 for more information.



### **OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS – 1-19-2022**

The Oyster River Cooperative School District Annual Deliberative Session will be (weather-permitting) Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm, at Oyster River High School Auditorium. The deliberative session is voters' opportunity to review, amend, and approve the budget and other items which will be on the ballot for March 8, 2022 town and school elections.

Several school and community activities are planned as Oyster River Middle School transitions to the new building.

- Final public opportunities to visit existing ORMS building – Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 pm or Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am-noon.
- New ORMS building open for community viewing – Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am -noon and 4:00-6:00 pm. Masks required and the entrance to the new ORMS is off of Dennison Road. There is also public parking on Coe Drive and Dennison Road within short walking distance.
- First day of school in New ORMS Building – Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent open house for grades 5 and 8 – Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> (details provided later by team)
- Parent open house for grades 6 and 7 – Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (details provided later by team)

Middle school students and staff are excited for the move. Thanks to the entire Oyster River community for supporting the school district and the new middle school building!

A forum with candidates for Oyster River School Board is tentatively scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>. This event is not conducted by the School District directly and details will be forthcoming. The school board meeting for February 16<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. The next regular school board meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Oyster River High School Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony will be held Friday, June 10, 2022, with a rain date of the next day.

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### **GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 1/26/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:00 am in Concord, NH**

## 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

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### **Grief, Healing, and Resilience: A Structured Program of Support for Adults Who Have Lost Children/Grandchildren, Nieces/Nephews, Spouses/Partners, or Siblings**

Mondays; April 4, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30pm

Chapel, Community Church of Durham, NH

At some point, most humans suffer grief, often defined as the process by which someone experiences loss. But losing a child/grandchild, niece/nephew, spouse/partner, or a sibling is an especially devastating form of seismic trauma. While grieving is very specific—based on the individual griever, the nature of the loss, and the relationship with the one who has been lost—there are many common elements to the journey. These include an emotional roller coaster at times triggered by passing comments such as “Oh, you’ll get over it” or “You’ll have another child,” or “Don’t be in denial,” or “She’s in a better place.” This program of four 90-minute meetings is NOT clinical therapy, but it is designed to offer information and some tools for engaging with grief and healing. While spiritual in orientation, the program is non-sectarian and non-denominational. Discussion is most welcome, but no one need participate if not comfortable doing so.

**Facilitator:** Steve Hardy earned a graduate-level Grief Support Specialist Certificate from the University of Wisconsin in 2017. More important, he has personal experience in grief—shared with his wife Donna—through the loss of two sons. He retired in 2014 as Professor of Kinesiology and Affiliate Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire, where he won awards for teaching excellence. This is the third time he has offered the structured program. Since 2018, he has also facilitated informal grief support groups. And he has written blogs on resilience at: <https://onesummit.org/what-we-do/profiles-in-resilience/>

**Enrollment:** This program is for grieving adults who have lost a child/grandchild, niece/nephew, spouse/partner, or a sibling. BYO writing material— tablet (paper or digital), pencil, pen. There is no cost, but enrollment is limited to 20 people. For information or registration please contact Steve Hardy at: [stephen.hardy@unh.edu](mailto:stephen.hardy@unh.edu) or 603-781-7194.

#### **Comments from past participants:**

A spouse: “It is really hard to express one's true feelings, but Steve made it comfortable to do. Some really helpful suggestions to help one get through the tough times.”

A parent: “The Grief Workshop provided me with information, insights and a safe and supportive environment to understand and deal with the grieving process. Steve’s s knowledge, personal experience and caring created a healing circle for the participants.”

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

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

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