

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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March 6, 2020



Lee News & Upcoming
Events

LEE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ARE HOSTING A “MEET THE CANDIDATES” OPEN HOUSE

LEE LIBRARY, SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Confirmed Attendance:

Scott Bugbee – Select Board


John Tappan – Trustee of the Trust Funds

Patrick Hotaling – Advisory Budget Committee

Thomas Coakley – Library Trustee (Write-In)

MARCH SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays, March 9th & 23rd - Starting at 6:30 pm

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

TOWN CENTER VISION COMMITTEE PRESENTS PLANS FOR NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND TOWN HALL RENOVATION

[CLICK HERE](#) for 2020 Deliberative Session Presentation

Go to leetowncenter.org for more information

TOWN ELECTIONS

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Lee Public Safety Complex 7am-7pm.

[CLICK HERE](#) for FY21 Proposed Budget, [CLICK HERE](#) for 2020 Ballot Questions

[CLICK HERE](#) for Voters' Guide

Below are the local positions that will be on the ballot.

Selectman – 3 year position – Scott Bugbee

Town Clerk / Tax Collector – 3 year position – Linda Reinhold

Moderator – 2 year position – Don Quigley

Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 year position – Bambi Miller

Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 year position – John Tappan

Library Trustees – 3 year position – Deborah Schanda

3 year position – Open

Cemetery Trustees – 3 yr position – Donna Eisenhard

Advisory Budget Committee – 3 year position – Patrick Hotaling

3 year position – Cord Blomquist

[CLICK HERE](#) for link to NH Department of Health and Human Services and Information on the 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Emerald Ash Borer & What it Means for You

An Educational Program

Brought to you by the Town of Lee

March 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Town of Lee Public Safety Complex
1st Floor Meeting Room
20 George Bennett Road, Lee, NH



Emerald ash borer (EAB) was first found in New Hampshire in 2013. It has since been confirmed in 97 towns and is now found in every county in the state. This exotic insect is widely considered the most destructive forest pest in North America and has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees in the eastern United States. Join experts from the NH Department of Agriculture, the Division of Forests and Lands, and UNH Cooperative Extension to learn what this means for you. Topics will include how to respond to EAB's detection in your town, identifying infested trees, and EAB best management practices (BMPs).

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For more information contact:

Rebecca DiGirolomo at 603-749-2529 or rebecca.digirolomo@unh.edu



DIVISION OF
FORESTS AND LANDS



University of New Hampshire
Cooperative Extension

New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture and NH counties cooperating.

Strafford County Farm Bureau 7th Annual Farm Style Breakfast Fundraiser

Co-Sponsored by Lee & Durham Agricultural Commissions

**Sunday March 15th, 2020
7:30am to 12:00pm
Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, 1 Lee Hook Rd Lee NH
Adults \$10 / Children 14 and under \$7
Purchase tickets at the door**



(If major weather event, visit our Facebook Page. Snow date is 3/22)

This Breakfast Fundraiser Benefits Agricultural Outreach Programs and Youth Grants

For more information contact:

Matt Scruton 941-4956 or Laura Gund 659-2044 or Erick Sawtelle 659-8106





TOWN OF LEE
2019 ANNUAL REPORT
[CLICK HERE](#)

BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE
NEXT PRESENTATION MARCH 23rd 7pm
AT THE GRANGE

TOOLS THAT LAST, AND LAST, AND LAST
 Knife sharpening with Matt Rowell. Fixing, repairing and maintaining farm tools by Dwight Barney and Bryan Cassidy.
Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, Backyard Farming Initiative, the Lee Public Library and the Lee Sustainability Committee.



Lee Agricultural Commission, Backyard Farming Initiative, the Lee Public Library and Lee Sustainability Committee Present

A New Hampshire Yankee in a Consumer World: Create a Sustainable Life

Jeremiah Smith Grange
 Lee Hook Rd, Lee, NH
 7:00 p.m.

January 27, 2020 Victory At Home

A historical perspective of Lee during the First World War, home economics, liberty gardens and home industry efforts with Ruth Elfert, Lee Library Director. Food security and gleanings, Sarah Cox and others.

February 24, 2020 Fibre for the Future

Using fibre and reusing fabric in order to reduce waste. Tote bags from grain sacks, rug braiding with fabric scraps. Braiders of the Lost Art, Boomerang Bags.. Spinning with alternative fibers, Pat Jenkins

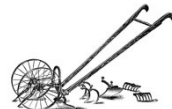
March 23, 2020 Tools that Last, and Last, and Last

Knife sharpening with Matt Rowell. Fixing, repairing and maintaining farm tools, Dwight Barney and Bryan Cassidy.

April 27, 2020 Adapt for Sustainability

Farm Recycling with Chuck Cox. Reusing household objects, Sheri Griffith. Jill Nooney garden sculptures.

How do you recycle/reuse? Bring an item for show and tell.
 Program moderated by Chuck Cox.
 Refreshments will be served.



One Bin at a Time – The Paradox
 Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

“No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.”

Stanisław Jerzy Lec (often misattributed to Voltaire)

If only one snowflake decides not to participate in the avalanche, the avalanche – and its resultant destruction – still happens. That one snowflake might be able to sleep well at night, but...

Now, let's say that that one snowflake is able to convince several others not to participate in the avalanche. Probably still not enough. But if each of those convinces others, who convince others... now, we're talking.

If enough snowflakes refuse to participate in the avalanche, there is no avalanche.

The Paradox is this – our individual efforts to reduce humanity's solid waste are, at the same time, both completely worthless and absolutely vital.



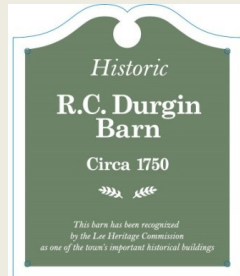
Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Repurpose • Recycle • Rot

f • Lee NH Sustainability Committee • Low Carbon Diet • Seacoast NH • “Zero Waste” groups



The Lee Heritage Commission has created a series of historic marker plaques that are being awarded to the owners of historic barns in Lee who have successfully applied for historic preservation easements for their barns. The wording on each plaque states, *"This barn has been recognized by the Lee Heritage Commission as one of the town's important historical buildings"*.

Every time we share a photo of a barn plaque presentation, we will also try to share some of the history of that barn – and the families that have owned it. Last weekend the Heritage Commission had the honor of presenting the Blomquist/McCaffrey family from 1 Lee Hill Road in Lee with a plaque that acknowledges the historic importance of the Durgin Barn to the Town of Lee. The Durgin barn is the current home of the Avenue Victor Hugo Bookshop.



(L-R: Patricia Jenkins (Chairperson of the Lee Heritage Commission), Frederic Blomquist (age 9 months), Elisabeth McCaffrey (Heritage Commission member), Andrew Blomquist (age 2.5), Laura Gund (Heritage Commission member) (Photos by Scott Bugbee)

Durgin Barn History: (from notes kindly provided by Elisabeth McCaffrey)

The Durgin barn is located on the farm previously owned by Jim Walker who raised cows and chicken and sold farming implements out of the barn. Mr. Walker resided in the current white house and ran his business from the barn from approximately 1925 to 1956. Prior to Mr. Walker, an R Caverly Durgin owned the property, including the barn, and a colonial era house that burnt down. The current white colonial-style house on the property was built on the site of the original house around 1919.

The barn began as a modest 20 foot x 30 foot hand-hewn, two-story barn built sometime around 1750. The barn's simple exterior masks a completely different story told by the interior and structure of the barn. By examining the interior, it becomes evident that the barn was added to twice over its lifetime.

The original footprint was extended by 12 feet when a rear bay was later added. The joining of this addition was post-and-beam with mortise and tenon connections tree-nailed together.

A second addition came much later, consisting of a combination of post-and-beam and stub framing. It also added 28 inches to the height and completely rebuilt the structure of the roof. The loft was raised at this point to allow for great overhead clearance.

Overall, the structure shows the New England tradition of adaptability in construction, showing the changes what happen to agricultural structures as needs change and building methods evolve. In this way, the barn can be seen as an historic record in itself.

We'll publish more photos of Lee historic barn owners accepting their plaques in the coming weeks, along with historic notes about the barns and the people who owned them.

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.



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

20 George Bennett Road
Lee, New Hampshire 03861
(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief



LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the January Safety Educator
[CLICK HERE](#) for the January 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



[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 \$35.00 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

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](#)!



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>



Regular Hours:

Monday – Wednesday 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



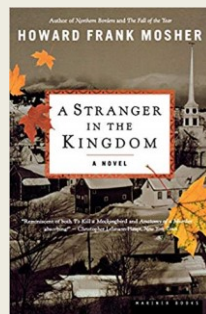
**Knitting for 50+
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am
Next date March 18th**

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



**OYSTER RIVER COMMUNITY READ
Part 1: Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm
Part 2: Thursday, March 12, 6:30 pm**

Not For Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. A film by Ken Burns and Paul Barnes to be shown at the Community Church of Durham. For more details about this program and future events, go to www.ORCread.org.



**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, March 9th 7 pm
"Stranger in the Kingdom"
By Howard Frank Mosher**

"Set in northern Vermont in 1952, Mosher's (Dis)appearances tale of racism and murder is powerful, viscerally affecting and totally contemporary in its exposure of deep-seated prejudice and intolerance."-- Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



**MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT
Saturday, March 14 - Saturday, March 21
Come in and create a spring fan.**



**PAJAMA STORY TIME
Tuesday, March 10th
6:00 - 6:45 pm**

This month our story time theme will be spring. We will read stories about spring and plant some seeds.



STORY TIME
Thursdays & Fridays 10:30 - 11:30am

These fun 45-60 minute programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. **Registration is not required.** This year we will be working our way through the alphabet (with a few breaks to celebrate the changing seasons).



STORY TREKKERS
Grade K-4
Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Children will be introduced to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft will also be included.



LEGO CLUB
Thursday Afternoons 3:30 – 4:30 pm

This session ENDS Thursday, Feb. 20th. Please call 659-2626 to register your child for the next session of Lego Club which runs March 5th - April 23rd.

FRIDAY CRAFTING
2ND & 4TH Friday of the Month
3:30 – 4:30 pm

This fun time for crafting is geared toward YOUTH GRADE 3 AND UP. **Please call 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15.**



SENSORY TIME
2ND & 4TH Wednesday of each month
March 11th & 25th
12:15 – 1:15 pm

We will begin each session with a fun story and have 3-4 sensory bins or manipulatives available for the children to play in/with.



STEM STORY TIME
Last Tuesday of each Month
1:00 – 2:00 pm

We will be offering a story time where we integrate stem activities.

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19, 2020

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2/19/2020 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH



10th ANNUAL SEACOAST VETERANS CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 9th 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Service Credit Union Corporate Office, Portsmouth, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details



LANDSCAPING FOR WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP

March 26th and 27th 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Derry Municipal Center, Derry NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED IN STRAFFORD COUNTY

Foster children come from your town, your neighborhood, and your school. They are friends of your child, members of your church, and kids on your little league team. They are babies, toddlers, school-aged kids, and teenagers. They are brothers and sisters who need to stay together. Due to a situation beyond their control, they have to be displaced from their homes and put into a temporary home. They need support, guidance and love. They need a safe place to call home while their family works to put itself back together. Are you able to make a difference in a child's life? Are you able to open your home to a child from your community – enabling them to remain in a familiar school, with familiar friends?

There is a real need for foster homes in the Merrimack and Strafford County areas for Children of all ages & sibling groups. If you've ever thought about becoming a foster parent, now is the time to call. You decide what you can handle.

If you'd like to learn more about the foster care program, please contact Dawn Ghiorzi, Recruitment and Licensing Specialist, with Ascentria Care Alliance at 603-931-9582 or at dghiorzi@ascentria.org. For more information on how you may help foster children in the Lee community please call Sally Cedarholm at the Lee Church 603-659-2861 or email her at leechurchucc@comcast.net.

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET & NOTICES

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR BUDGET

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR HEARING NOTICES



[CLICK HERE](#) FOR LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WINTER NEWSLETTER

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Oyster River School District elections are March 10th in Durham, Lee and Madbury. Voters will decide on the proposed new middle school, 2020-2021 budget, teachers' guild contract, 2 school board members and moderator. Please vote!

A Zero Waste Community Supper will be held April 22nd, sponsored by the ORHS Sustainability Club, ORCSD Sustainability Committee, Lee Sustainability Committee, and Oyster River Child Nutrition Department. Mark your calendars!

Candidates for Principal of Mast Way School will meet members of the public between 4:00 and 6:00 pm on Monday, March 9th, in the Mast Way gym. This is an opportunity for all to ask questions of the candidates and provide input to the selection committee.

The School District has been in frequent contact with the NH Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education regarding recommendations and response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and is following latest CDC and State guidance. Special thanks to the Facilities, Transportation, and Child Nutrition departments, which have stepped up disinfection and cleaning procedures.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Coronavirus Letter from Superintendent Morse

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the Proposed ORCSD New Middle School

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.

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.

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!