

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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March 20, 2020



Lee News & Upcoming
Events

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

The Select Board made the decision to close public access to Town Hall and the Planning & Zoning office, effective March 23rd. Most of our staff is still reporting to work with a few working remotely. Access is also limited at the Public Safety Complex and the Transfer Station has altered their operations in order to maintain safe social distancing. We are encouraging anyone who has questions or needs assistance to call us or utilize our online systems for access to assessing records, motor vehicle registration, etc. Governor Sununu authorized that all 20-day temporary plates issued after 3/1/20 for NEWLY ACQUIRED vehicles have been extended through April 30, 2020.

Police/Fire/ Ambulance Emergencies	911
Police Business Number	659-5866
Fire Business Number	659-5411
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	659-2964
Planning & Zoning/Building Inspector	659-6783
Selectmen/Assessing/Finance Office	659-5414

For more information please go the Town's website <https://Leenh.org>

New Hampshire residents who have concerns about COVID-19 can call 2-1-1. Information and referral specialists are on hand to direct people to the appropriate resources. NH 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Outside of New Hampshire, call 1-866-444-4211.

To immediately report any suspected cases of COVID-19 to the Division of Public Health Services call 603-271-4496 (M-F 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) or after hours at 603-271-5300. Callers should expect to leave a message and be patient while waiting for a return call.

If you are sick with symptoms such as fever, cough and/or shortness of breath call your own healthcare provider and follow their instructions.

Please stay safe and keep everyone else safe by following the CDC's guidelines – limit social contact – wash your hands – stay in if you are sick – clean and sanitize surfaces.

Any events listed in the E-Crier are subject to change without notice, although we will do our best to keep you informed in a timely manner

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISASTER DECLARATION FOR NH

Based on the request of Governor Sununu, the SBA has declared a disaster declaration for the entire state of New Hampshire based on economic injury due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

All the details including the joint press release, the loan application process, assistance for government contractors, and other resources can be found [here](#).

Small businesses looking for assistance should reach out to one of the following partners for help with things such as filling out paperwork, questions or even advice. These partners include SCORE, NH Small Business Development Center, and the Center for Women & Enterprise (NH's Women Business Center and Veterans Business Outreach Center). You will find links to these partners at www.sba.gov/nh.

Since this is a very rapidly developing situation, to keep up to date on all activities effecting NH small businesses, please join our mailing list [click here](#).

SWAP SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ideas for Things to Do and Places to See – March 20th - March 27th

Dear Lee Residents and Parents of Students in the Oyster River School District,

This is a stressful time, with old and young separated from friends, classmates, neighbors, and coworkers. Maintaining social distancing can be isolating, and families can begin to feel cooped up. Though we can't hang out with many of the folks whose company we enjoy, it is possible for families to get outside and enjoy some of our Town's beautiful open spaces. To provide some ideas that families might use as a resource, each week I will be putting together a nature newsletter followed by a list of things to do outside. In the newsletter I will describe the plants, animals, habitats and seasonal changes encountered on a particular trail in the Town Forest, with occasional forays along different trails or different conserved public lands. In addition, Don Quigley will put together activities for families to enjoy in the Maude Jones Memorial Forest. This week's nature newsletter wasn't quite ready in time to make the E-Crier deadline, but the "Things to Do..." section is. The newsletter will go out on Friday and will be sent to all families in the ORSD. It will also be posted on the Conservation Commission's Facebook page.

Stay well,

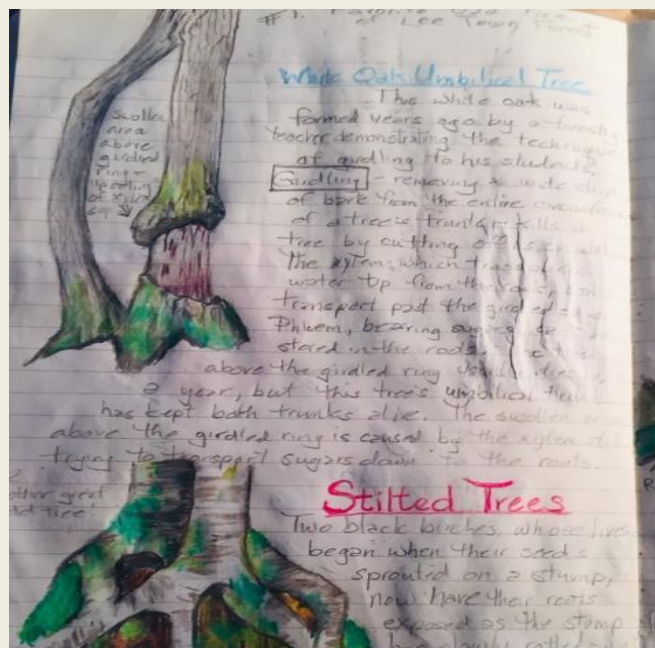
Catherine Fisher

Lee Conservation Commission

TERRESTRIAL

Anytime: Take a walk! As the days grow longer and the temperatures become milder, any time can be a great time for a walk. Early morning walks are wonderful for listening to birdsong. Already cardinals, purple finches, juncos, chickadees, mourning doves and titmice are singing up the Sun. One of the great things about this time of year is that early evening walks are equally wonderful for listening to frog song. Folks are beginning to report hearing single wood frogs quacking in the evening, which means more wood frogs will soon be joining in, and the sleigh bell calls of spring peepers won't be far behind. Another thing to listen for at night: courting woodcocks "peenting" and then taking to the sky on whistling wings. This YouTube link will give you an idea of what to listen for: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta1fxy0MR2c&t=21s>

Keep a Journal (or several): Make nature walks a regular family activity. Pay attention to what you see and hear as the season progresses and make a record of them. Record the weather and temperature each time you go out. This could be a single family journal that all members contribute to, or each member could have their own journal. The journal can be written as a computer document with photos uploaded from your cell or it can be a regular paper notebook with observations recorded and sketches of what you've seen. For such a journal, you can go totally old school and give your children disposable cameras to take pictures of what they see and then glue the prints in the journal. For Mast Way nature walks, we take a field journal with us and use it to make quick notes and sketches. Later we make more detailed notes and drawings in our finished journals, such as the one pictured here.



Create a Nature Display Area: Colorful pebbles, cones, bits of lichen, feathers - children are always finding treasures in the forest. Why not create a dedicated small surface, such a section of a shelf or a small table, for displaying these finds? What can you and your children find out about them - What's lichen, anyway? What kind of bird did this feather come from? Why is this little rock so sparkly? As you learn the answers, let your child label these treasures and be curator of the family's own pocket museum.

Anytime: Fire Tower Quest Challenge: This was in one of the first "Things to Do.." provided to Mast Way nature walk classes last fall, but it's such a great idea for a seasonal, or year-long, outside activity, that it deserves another mention. Spring is a great time to begin to explore some of NH's fire towers - especially as the days warm up, but the biting insects haven't yet emerged. Did you know that there are 16 fire towers managed by the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands? With at least one located in each county, these structures are staffed when danger of forest fires is high and are part of an early detection system to protect forests and communities from catastrophic wildfires. Visit 5 of these towers, document your visits, send in your information to NH Division of forests and lands, and your child will receive a Tower Quest patch, certificate and a letter in recognition of her/his accomplishment. Even better, the family gets to have adventures hiking up to some beautiful locations, with magnificent views at the end of the trail! Get more information about the program, as well as a printable brochure, at their website: <https://www.nh.gov/nhdf/natural-heritage/fire-towers/index.htm>

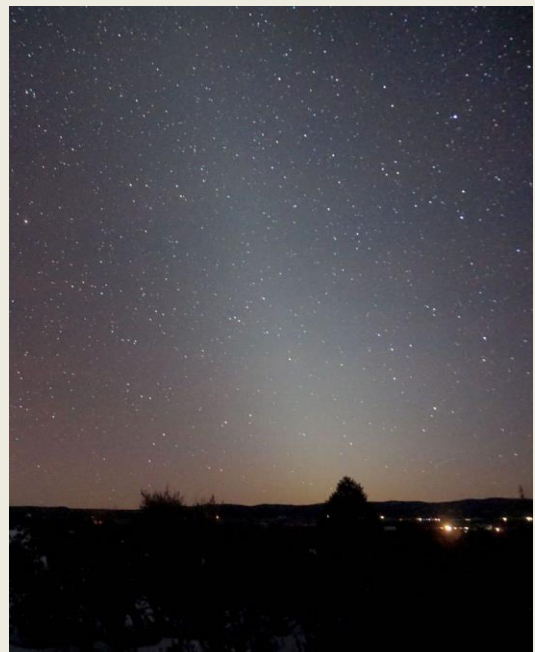
CELESTIAL

There are two very excellent online resources to help you and your family explore the night sky. One is EarthSky (<https://earthsky.org/>). The EarthSky website provides several weeks' worth of nightly write-ups about what's going on in the night sky along with a brief daily feature giving more detail about various aspects of the night sky. They've very generously given their permission to have their graphics used in this newsletter, and I encourage you and your children to visit their website. The other website is Star Atlas (<https://staratlas.com/>) which is an interactive map of the night sky. It will set itself to your location, and you can change the map's date and time for when you will be viewing; you can also scroll the map according to what portion of the sky you want to look at.

March, Looking West shortly after Sunset - Zodiacal Light

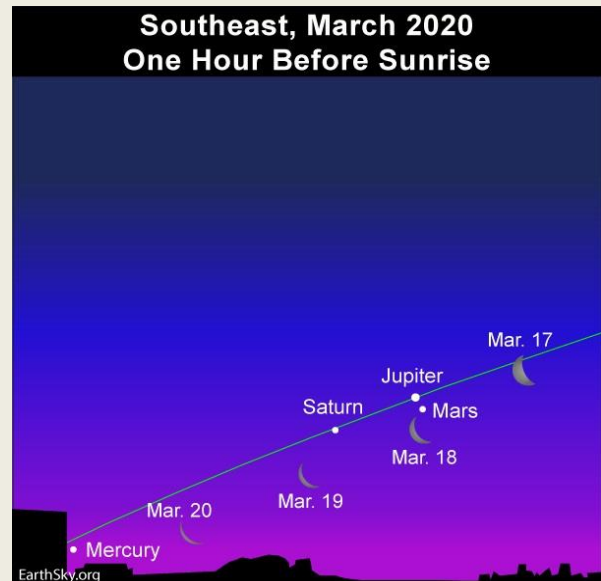
Light: Now that the moon is past full, it will start to disappear from the early evening sky. The time around the vernal equinox is the best time of year to try to see one of the most elusive sights in the night sky - the zodiacal light. Caused by the Sun's light reflecting off tiny bits of ice and interplanetary dust that circle the Sun in the inner solar system, the zodiacal light forms a ghostly, milky-white column or cone of light that rises above the horizon - in the area where the Sun disappears. These bits of dust and ice (remnants of asteroid collisions as well as particles that comets shed each time they approach the Sun) occupy the same orbital plane as the planets - think of it as a flat disc surrounding the Sun and stretching to the edges of the solar system. From our vantage point on Earth, this disc looks like a thin path across the sky: this is the **ecliptic**.

Even if you aren't able to see the zodiacal light (and you need to go to a place with really dark skies), you'll be able to see the ecliptic whenever two or more planets occupy the dark sky, because the planets, too, occupy the ecliptic. If you aren't able to get to a dark sky in the weeks leading up to, and just after, the equinox, you can have another go in the weeks leading up to, and just after, the autumnal equinox (September 22) - but you'll have to get up before sunrise, because at that time of year, the zodiacal light appears just before dawn.



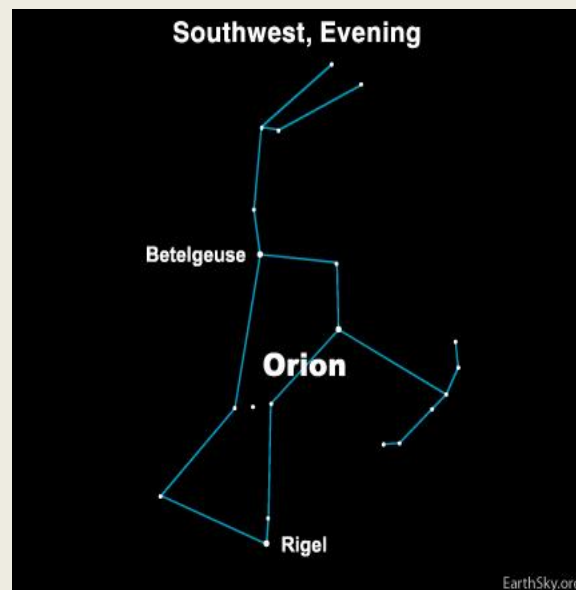
Picnic Breakfast: March 16-25, Looking Southeast, one hour before sunrise - Four Planets and a Quarter Moon:

21st is at 6:45; on Sunday, the 22, sunrise is two minutes earlier at 6:43. So we're talking about getting up in time to reach your viewing area by 5:50 (any place with a clear view of the east; along the coast is always my first choice for an unobstructed eastward view). Mercury is by far the trickiest of the quartet. It will rise the latest, with its light quickly washed out by the light of the rising Sun. You can use the curve of the Moon to locate all the planets on view: its curve points to Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and finally, whenever it peeps up above the horizon, Mercury. These planets and the Moon are all seen in their positions along the ecliptic (see above). Getting up so early to see these planets is a stretch, especially with kids, but it's not often you get a chance to look at four planets at once (five, if you count the one you're standing on), so I hope some of you are able to get out and see them. Make the event really special by bringing hot cocoa, cereal, granola bars and having a breakfast picnic while you enjoy the view of some of our fellow travelers in the solar system.





March 25-27, Looking west, about ten minutes after sunset - Venus: If you managed to see four planets in the morning, why not add a 5th to your sightings before the day is done? Venus has been gracing the western part of our night sky for weeks now, and she's easily visible as soon as the sun sets. After the Moon, Venus is the brightest night-sky object - so bright that folks occasionally mistake it for, and report it as, a UFO! On the evenings in question, Venus will be in a beautiful association with the very young crescent moon. Just above Venus, and to the southwest you'll find mighty Orion - seeming to aim his bow right at our Earth's sister planet! Orion is the dominant constellation of winter, and spring marks the end of his reign in the night sky. The bog behind the Lee Library is a lovely place to view the western sky, and it's where I usually get my last good looks at Orion, one of my favorite constellations.




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

APRIL SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays, April 6th & 20th - Starting at 6:30 pm

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar before each date

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



**'THE FOUNDING FATHERS: WHAT WERE
THEY THINKING?' BY RICHARD HESSE**
Wednesday, May 6th 7:00 pm
Lee Safety Complex

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
STRAFFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH AT THE GRANGE**



THANK GOD FOR FRENCHIE! HE NEVER MISSES A MEAL ❤️



NOT A BAD TURNOUT



**Present was the 2020 Miss NH
Agriculture USA, Faith Mariacher,
who represents the Town of Lee and
the State of NH.**



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 NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS
[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

HEN 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>



THE LIBRARY IS NOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

The Library is offering curbside service Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. During that time we will take phone calls and emails requesting materials which will be delivered to your car. The book drop is always open for returning materials.

Miss Judy will be preparing a weekly craft that they will be happy to add to your book bag. Just let her know how many you would like! See below for this week's craft.

Patrons can access the [online catalog](#) 24/7 to request materials from the Lee library. On this page patrons can also access the NH State Library Catalog to find books from other NH libraries.

To request materials from another library, [email Michelle](#). If you need to know your log-in details, please call the library @ 659-2626 Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am or leave a message on the phone. We will get back to you.

MISSING THE LIBRARY?

You can check out Overdrive, Novelist, EBSCOHost and Universal Class at leelibrarynh.org.



GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2020

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 3/11/2020 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH



Extension

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

MARINA'S MILES 5K RUN/WALK

Oyster River High School, Durham, NH

Saturday, April 18th 8:30am Registration 10:00am Start Time

Free lunch for all registrants! Free chances for door prizes! Free coffee! Free t-shirts to those who register by April 4th! Online pre-registration is \$25 until 6pm April 16th; race day registration is \$30.

The event raises money for a college scholarship in memory of Marina Slavin to be awarded to an Oyster River student. Marina was an Oyster River High School graduate, UNH student, NH state champion runner, and most importantly, a person who loved people from all walks of life and loved life. She died from a heart infection (her heart was too big) in 2013 at the age of 20. Trueworthy and Associates is our major sponsor. A fun, family-friendly, community event! Come remember a treasured member of our community, support education for our youth, and have fun!

To pre-register, visit www.racewire.com or www.marinasmiles.org by 6pm April 16th or register at Oyster River High School on April 18th. To donate to the scholarship fund, visit www.marinasmiles.org or mail a check made out to Marina's Miles to 10 Burnham Ave, Durham, NH 03824.



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

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.

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!

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