

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

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



**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 7 am- 7 pm**  
**LEE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX**

**Please wear masks**

Select Board	(1) 3-year position	Cary Brown Rebecca Hawthorne
Moderator	(1) 2-year position	Donald Quigley
Treasurer	(1) 3-year position	Benjamin Genes
Supervisor of the Checklist	(1) 6-year position	Gloria Quigley
Trustee of the Trust Funds	(1) 3-year position	Jeff Liporto
Library Trustees	(2) 3-year positions	Katrinka Pellicchia Emily Woodall
Cemetery Trustees	(1) 3-year position	Peter Hoyt
Advisory Budget Committee	(2) 3-year positions	Scott Bugbee Thomas Murdoch

**[CLICK HERE](#) for 2022 VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE**  
**[CLICK HERE](#) for TOWN OF LEE SAMPLE 2022 BALLOT**  
**[CLICK HERE](#) for ORCSD SAMPLE BALLOT**

**TOWN OF LEE DELIBERATIVE SESSION**  
Stream it Live at [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org) under view meetings  
**[CLICK HERE](#) for FY23 Budget**

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### **SELECT BOARD MEETINGS**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Select Board Meeting 6:00pm**  
**Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road**  
**Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar**

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

Voters of The Town of Lee;

Your election officials have been working hard toward providing a safe and efficient polling place for the Town Election on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the threat of community COVID transmission, though diminished, is still with us and this presents some challenges in the small space of the Lee Public Safety Complex. The recent guidance from the **NH Division of Public Health Services** recommends that the decisions on mask use be based on assessment and acceptance of COVID-19 risk rather than universal mandates. Therefore, the **NH Office of the Secretary of State** has placed the decision on facemask requirements and other COVID measures at Town Election polling places onto the Town Moderators and Town Health and Safety Officers. Following are a few guidelines for the polls on March 8<sup>th</sup>:

- Out of respect for the safety of voters and poll workers, all those entering the polling place will be asked to wear a face covering designed to reduce the threat of COVID transmission. Masks and hand sanitizer can be provided.
- Voting equipment will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day and clean pens will be provided to each voter.
- Slightly modified entrance and exits to the polling place at the Public Safety Complex have been put in place.
- We ask that you socialize with your friends, neighbors, and poll workers outside the building to reduce congestion.
- Covid concerns remain a legitimate reason for voters to request an absentee ballot and that can be done by checking the "disability" option on the absentee ballot request form. Unlike recent elections, **day of election return of absentee ballot will not be accepted from the voter but will only be accepted from a qualified delivery agent (affidavit required) or by mail. In person return will be accepted up to 5 pm Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Town Clerk's Office.**
- Persons who are infirmed or disabled due to illness arriving at the polls can gain assistance by contacting the Moderator (603-828-5418) for instructions on voting.
- Those wishing to register to vote on Election Day will enter the polling place through a separate entrance. The greeter will direct you there.

Thank you for working with us to make this important work of the Town safe and efficient.  
Don Quigley, Moderator

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## ICE SKATING RINK AT TOWN FIELD

### 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

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## LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION 2022 CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Caleendars may 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 8

### Stump Children – Trees on Stilts By Catherine Fisher

A sapling that begins its life on a nurse stump has several advantages over seedlings that begin life on the forest floor. Light is more plentiful, and perched on its stump; the sapling is raised above competing plants occupying the forest floor. Growing on a stump may help the young tree to more quickly find mycorrhizal partners, beneficial fungi that help the young roots absorb water and nutrients, enabling the sapling's roots to quickly grow over the surface of the stump and down into the nourishing soil. Moss colonies carpet the stump's surface, keeping the young roots moist, even during dry spells. Saprotrophic bacteria and fungi - the decomposers - break down the stump, releasing nutrients. Detritivores, such as millipedes, sowbugs, slugs, snails and springtails work their way into the ever-softening wood; creating a layer of humus and transforming the stump into an ever more fertile place to grow. Life on a nurse stump truly gives a sapling a leg up.



As the years and decades spool by, and the sapling continues to grow, its roots thicken and branch, eventually enveloping the nurse stump. The stump, meanwhile, continues to decay, growing smaller and smaller with each passing year. Eventually, roots that were once hidden under a layer of moss and stump are exposed. The result is a tree that appears to be standing on stilts. The young black birch in the above photograph is a good example. Though a few of this tree's smaller roots made their way across the top of the stump, the bulk of its roots are located on the right. This is the place where the birch seed landed and sprouted. All the roots seen here, big and small, were once hidden under moss and decomposing stump wood. Time and decay have slowly chipped away at the stump, its nutrients taken up by the tree it has nurtured. As the stump diminishes, this sapling's roots have become more and more exposed.

Stilted trees of all ages are found throughout the town forest. The photographs below show two stilted black birches whose nurse stumps are in different stages of decay. The nurse stump on the left remains very evident, while the stump on the right has decayed almost down to ground level.





Similarly, in the photographs below, the stilted eastern hemlock on the left still embraces its nurse stump, while in the photograph to the right, the nurse stump of a much older hemlock has rotted away entirely. As the stilts of this tree thicken and grow, the spaces between them will gradually fill in and close.



Sometimes, trees that grow on the same stump will graft together, as the two black birches pictured here. The trunks of these two trees are wedded, and their roots are clasped above what remains of their nurse stump.

Taking children on a search for nurse stumps and stilt trees can be a very enjoyable woodland adventure. Children seem especially entranced by stilted trees and love to look through the stilts to find the old nurse hidden within. Oftentimes they'll find caches made by small animals that have used the "caves" beneath these stilted trees to stash stores of food. I encourage you to take a walk and find your own examples of these oddly beautiful trees.



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## SWAP SHOP NEWS – WINTER 2021/2022

**Hours:** The Swap Shop will be closed on Tuesdays until April.  
We will be open on Thursdays and Saturdays 8 am – 5 pm.

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 close due to high winds, rain or snow; schools closing due to weather; temperatures below 10°F wind chill or if a volunteer is not available.

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

*Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to returning to normal hours in the spring when the weather improves.*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

March 1, 2022

To the Town of Lee:

Hello, I'm writing to say thanks so much to the Lee Public Library. As we approach the second anniversary of the pandemic, I am grateful to our library and the librarians who have diligently kept books, DVDs, books on tape, magazines and newspapers, children's programs, and artwork available to us.

In talking with the librarians, it's apparent that they've cleaned each book, magazine, etc., for the next person interested in borrowing. The amount of their extra care has resulted in our being comfortable continuing to visit the library throughout this time. The women who are managing the building and the ongoing variety of materials available to all of us have been cheerful, informative, helpful, and have responded to our many requests for television/movie series, certain titles, inter-library loans, while keeping us safe.

I've received phone calls letting me know when my request has become available. I've loved the decorations for holidays, the flowers that often can be found at the front desk, the interesting and happy material for the ongoing children's programs, and the general sense of offering our community the means to enjoy ourselves despite weather, politics, pandemic holdups, and supply chain issues.

We so appreciate not only being able to access new titles, but in doing so, finding optimism, consideration, and often laughter through the great staff. We take all of that home with us. Thank you!

Best wishes! Gratefully, John and Erika Hunter

### **Strafford County Farm Bureau Fundraiser Breakfast**



Co-Sponsored by Lee & Durham Agricultural Commissions

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Style Breakfast**

*Sunday, April 3rd, 2022  
7:30am to 12:00pm  
Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee, NH  
Adults \$12 / Children 14 and under \$8  
Purchase tickets at the door*



**To benefit the SCFB "Youth in Agriculture Grant Program" and  
other agricultural outreach initiatives**

For more information contact:  
Ruth Scruton 781-5247 or Laura Gund 659-2044 or Erick Sawtelle 659-8106

## 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](#)

# 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

New Website!

Go to [www.leelibrarynh.org/](http://www.leelibrarynh.org/) and check out our new website!

**Book Donation Celebration!** Are you looking to do something special for someone important in your life? Then celebrate with a book! Buy a book, donate it to the Library and we will add a note of honor to the recipient of your special gift... they will be the first to check it out and your donation will remain in the library for years to come!

### Upcoming Library Meetings

Wednesday, March 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 6, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Wednesday, March 16, 10:00am – Knitters: Meet on the 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday morning of the month. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!



### Reflections on Spectacle Pond, Virtual Program with Presenter George Kinder

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – Virtual Presentation by George Kinder:** In this virtual event, George Kinder offers an intimate window into his creative process with a poetry reading, photography slideshow, and discussion about meditation, nature, and inspiration. NOT TO BE MISSED! Call or email us for the zoom link.

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

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

### Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2pm – 4pm – Open Adult Game Time!

Join us for board games, card games, chess, or bring a game of your choosing! No sign up necessary, just come on over!



### Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group



Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home or garden. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! Please call or email to sign up.



## 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. The next kits will be going out on March 1<sup>st</sup> & 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...

### March Themes:

10<sup>th</sup> – **Mud**

17<sup>th</sup> – **Springtime**

24<sup>th</sup> – **Trains**

31<sup>st</sup> – **Laughing**

### Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday

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

After School story time - Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

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



### Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm

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.

### Middle School Legos, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month for this **NEW CLUB!** Participants can choose from several Lego challenges, or just create on their own. Call the library at 659-2626 for more information.

### Middle School Crafters

This fun group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month from 3:45 – 4:45pm. Our crafts supplies will include items and ideas to create winter dream catchers and gods eye wall art. Call the library at 603-659-2626 for more information.



## Regional & State News & Events

### UNH MACFARLANE RESEARCH GREENHOUSE OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am – 3pm

NH Agricultural Experiment Station, 13 Botanical Lane, Durham, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register for a tour



## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – MARCH 2, 2022

Board Members **Tom Newkirk and Al Howland** were recognized for 10 years of School Board service. This was their last meeting on the school board. School Board members, administrators, and community speakers commended the leadership and dedication to students, taxpayers, staff, and families and their roles in improving Oyster River Schools.

The Annual School District **Election is Tuesday, March 8, 2022**. Short biographies for the five school board candidates and links to some additional information are on the [ORCSD web site here](#). The sample ballot is [online here](#). The two School Board seats being elected this year are 3-year at-large seats. In addition to electing the school district Moderator and School Board, the School District ballot includes Articles 3-6 for the annual school budget for 2022-2023, collective bargaining agreements with Oyster River Educational Support Professionals Association (ORESPA, office and custodial personnel) and Oyster River Para-Educators and Support Staff (ORPASS, paraeducators, school nutrition, health office aids, and clerical aides), and a measure to set aside funds for future purchase of the new middle school solar array. Articles 3-6 were supported by voters at the annual Deliberative Session on February 8, 2022 and are recommended by the School Board.

The new Oyster River Middle School building opened for classes on February 28<sup>th</sup>, on time and on budget, less than 2 years after approved by voters in March 2020. Staff have spent many extra hours preparing the new building and moving out of the old middle school building, and excitement among students and staff is high! A formal opening ceremony and ribbon cutting will be planned in August after the old building is removed and additional playing fields, parking lot, and landscaping are completed.

Based on recent changes in guidance from CDC, NH DHHS, and NH Department of Education, masks are now optional in all Oyster River school buildings and busses.

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### GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2/16/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:00 am in Concord, NH**

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

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### 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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**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

**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 knowledge, personal experience and caring created a healing circle for the participants.”

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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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