

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



**Lee News & Upcoming  
Events  
March 5, 2021**

**SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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  at [CLICK HERE](#)

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**ATTENTION**

**LEE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> FOR ELECTIONS**

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**TOWN ELECTIONS, TUESDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, 7am – 7pm  
DRIVE THRU AT THE TRANSFER STATION**

**Voters will stay in their vehicles at all times and must wear a mask**

Due to concern for the safety of voters and poll workers, the Town has opted to conduct “drive-through” voting as a temporary measure as authorized in 2020 by NH HB 1129. The Transfer Station offers the space and traffic flow to facilitate this event. This is a unique approach to voting for our town but not unique in the state. Your cooperation and preparation will help us make this event a success. **Please note: the Transfer Station will be closed for normal waste disposal on this day.**

1. The Map  
[CLICK HERE](#) for Map
2. What to Bring
  - a. Face mask
  - b. Hard writing surface
  - c. Black pen or felt tip
  - d. I.D. as usual

3. When to arrive  
The following are some suggestions to even out the flow of voters arriving at the Transfer Station:

- a. **Lessons learned from the November Election;** nearly half the voters in town showed up between 7:00 and 9:00am, creating the only long lines of the day.
  - b. 7:00 to 8:00 am should be a priority for those needing to get to work.

8:00-10:00 am	(last names starting with)	A-C	and	L-N
10:00-12:00		D-F	and	O-R
12:00-2:00pm		G-H	and	S-T
2:00-4:00 pm		I-K	and	U-Z
4:00-7:00pm		Anyone		
  4. Who should be in the vehicle
    - a. Arrive alone for maximum privacy of your vote, otherwise, any number in the car can be accommodated
    - b. It would be helpful for the poll workers to have people of the same last name in the car but mixed loads can be accommodated
  5. Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots should be delivered to the Town Clerk (249 Calef highway) prior to Election Day but may also be dropped off at the polls on Election Day before 5:00pm.
  6. Voter registration

New voters who are legally qualified and carry the appropriate documentation can register to vote at the Transfer Station facility the day of the election. Please inform the greeter that you are not currently registered to vote and you will be directed to the registration area.
  7. Postponement

If the National Weather Service issues a warning indicating hazardous conditions or a disastrous accident occurs, the voting would be postponed for two weeks, until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Notice of this postponement would be issued before 6:00pm on March 8th, and declared on the town website, Facebook, WTSN radio and WMUR TV.
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### **TRANSFER STATION**

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

**ATTENTION: NEW CLOSING TIME OF 5:45pm WILL START THURSDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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### **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](mailto:dduval@leenh.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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### **COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#) [LIBRARY CALENDAR](#)**

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## **EMERALD ASH BORER FIELD WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, March 20, 2021, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Lee Town Forest (Near the Public Safety Complex)**

**LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, WORKSHOP IS FREE**

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an extremely destructive invasive insect that attacks ash trees. It was first found in New Hampshire in 2013 and is now well established in the southeastern part of the state. Join Strafford County Forester Rebecca DiGirolomo, UNH Forestry Professor Emeritus Don Quigley, NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Health Specialist, Bill Davidson, and Lee Conservation Commission member, Anne Tappan for an educational workshop focused on learning ash tree identification and signs of EAB damage. We will start out as a group for an update on the status of EAB in NH. We will then break off into smaller groups with our four instructors and hike a short distance into the town forest to identify and survey ash trees for EAB.

**Special COVID-19 Safety Precautions:** Program will be limited to 20 participants, with social-distancing and masks required. The entire program will be held outdoors. Participants will be required to complete a simple online health screening before leaving home. Additional information will be sent upon registration.

**What to bring:** Face mask, warm clothing, water, snacks, and sturdy footwear. Binoculars and a hand lens are recommended but are not required. Due to COVID-19 protocols there will be no sharing of equipment, food or drink between participants.

**Additional details:** Please dress appropriately as we will be outdoors and walking on and off trail in the woods.

To register please email [rebecca.digirolomo@unh.edu](mailto:rebecca.digirolomo@unh.edu) or call 603-749-2529 or visit <https://extension.unh.edu/events/emerald-ash-borer-field-workshop>. Additional information on the location and where to park will be provided upon registration.

**Snow date: 3/27/2021**

Sponsored by the UNH Cooperative Extension, Town of Lee Conservation Commission, and NH Division of Forest and Lands.

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## **RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION**

### **FORBEARANCE & FORECLOSURE PROTECTIONS for HOMEOWNERS**

The Biden-Harris Administration recently announced an extension of COVID-19 forbearance and foreclosure protections for homeowners. The most recent actions announced will extend the foreclosure moratorium for homeowners through June 30, 2021; extend the mortgage payment forbearance enrollment window until June 30, 2021 for borrowers who wish to request forbearance; and provide up to six months of additional mortgage payment forbearance, in three-month increments, for borrowers who entered forbearance on or before June 30, 2020. More information can be found [here](#).

### **PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM**

The SBA announced upcoming changes to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Beginning Wednesday (2/24), there is a 14-day exclusive PPP loan application period for businesses and nonprofits with fewer than 20 employees. The remaining changes were expected to be rolled out the first week of March. The full announcement can be found [here](#) and a fact sheet outlining the changes can be found [here](#). Borrowers must apply for a forgivable PPP loan before the March 31<sup>st</sup> statutory deadline, subject to the availability of funding.

### **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](#).

### **New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program - NHERAP**

Senator Shaheen recently advocated for the inclusion of \$25 billion to create the [Emergency Rental Assistance \(ERA\) program](#). The state of NH will receive \$200 million in federal assistance through the ERA. These funds will be used to administer rental assistance through NHERAP which will be administered by NH Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), in collaboration with Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). NHHFA will work with the 5 regional Community Action Partnership (CAP) agencies that will administer applications and payments for the program. More information about this program can be found [here](#).

**Full program guidelines and the NHERAP application information will be available by March 15<sup>th</sup> and you can sign up to receive updates from NHHFA about this program by clicking [here](#).**

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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

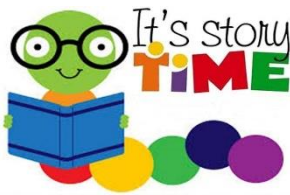
Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm



Meet the Candidates Night

Virtual Meeting Recording

[CLICK HERE](#) to view this meeting



### Youth Programs March 2021

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

#### Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesday

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

**March 9** Rope Rainbows

**March 16** STEAM circle craft

**March 23** Spring has Sprung

**March 30** Felt Bunny craft

#### Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

**March 11** St. Patrick's Day

**March 18** Spring!

**March 25** Librarian's Choice

#### Lap Sit Story-time March 17 8:30 am

Facebook live program- Join Shay, Miss Judy and the crew for some fun movement songs and stories. This program is designed for littles 24 months old and younger and their caregivers, but can be enjoyed by all ages .

#### Music and movement Story-time March 17 2:30 pm

We will sing and move to some fun stories and songs.

A **Facebook Live!** Program.

#### Pajama Story-time — Wednesday March 24 6:00 pm

Put on your jammies a little early, bring along your blanket and favorite stuffy and listen to some bedtime stories.

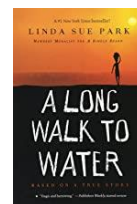
A **Facebook Live!** Program.



### **Middle School Zoom Book Club**

**Tuesdays** March 9 and 23 @ 6:00pm on Zoom

This month we discuss *Tuck Everlasting* and *A Long Walk to Water*. In April we will be reading *A Single Shard*. 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.



### **Our Popular Historical Series Continues March – May**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

[Click here](#) to register for any or all of these programs.

Hosted by the Lee Historical Society, Lee Public Library and the NH Humanities to Go Grants

#### **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](#)



Ancestry Library Edition© is now available from Home!

Go to the library website [www.leelibrarynh.org](http://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](mailto: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.



## Regional & State News & Events

### OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS March 3, 2021

The Oyster River School Board approved Athletic Director Andy Lathrop's proposal for spring sports at ORHS and ORMS, which builds on the success of fall and winter athletics programs. Outdoor sports will be able to accommodate 2 spectators per player. Go Bobcats!

Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen has been working with many teachers, staff, and the towns of Lee and Durham to develop an in-person, primarily outdoor REACH program for this summer. REACH is expected to run 5 weeks from July 5 to August 5. The Oyster River School Nutrition department will offer FREE meals to all children in Oyster River during REACH days (and through the remainder of this school year). Once again, ORCSD will partner with the Town of Durham Parks & Rec to offer afternoon programming. Final location, scheduling, and program offerings will be published as details are finalized. The programs will not be offered at Oyster River Middle School this summer due to ongoing construction.

The School Board approved a recommendation from Elementary Principals Misty Lowe and David Goldsmith to extend in-person and remote teaching to Wednesdays for grades K-4. Starting the week of April 5, elementary students will have classes 5 days per week. Ms. Lowe and Mr. Goldsmith commended the dedication and tremendous work teachers and staff have invested this year to redesign their curriculum for the hybrid and remote teaching environment. They also recognized the contribution of all staff, students, and families in adhering to infection control precautions to make this year successful.

High School and Middle School staff and students continue to prepare for 2 days-per-week in-person school starting Monday, March 8.

The Long-Range Planning Committee has continued to meet regularly refining the models used to predict future ORCSD student populations. The LRPC is seeking an additional member who is a Madbury resident.

Finally, the School Board reluctantly accepted Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen's intent to retire at the end of June. Mr. Allen has served Oyster River for 36 years as a parent, teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent. Dr. Morse appreciated Mr. Allen as a caring, kind, and thoughtful educator who has been instrumental in the success of Oyster River students, teachers, and staff.

Election Day in all Oyster River towns and for the school district is Tuesday, March 9. The school district ballot is a separate 2-sided ballot that voters fill in at the same time they fill in their town ballots.

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### GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 3/3/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH**



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

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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 Andy Corrow, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at 603-397-9267 or [vfwpost10676@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com) for assistance.

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