

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
April 9, 2021**



**LEE CEMETERY GATES WILL OPEN
ON APRIL 15th**
[CLICK HERE](#) for CEMETERY RULES
[CLICK HERE](#) for CEMETERY FEES

**U.S. Drought Monitor
New Hampshire**



April 6, 2021
(Released Thursday, Apr. 8, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	27.75	52.25	14.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (20.04.2021)	27.75	52.25	14.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Months Ago (09.11.20)	51.27	48.73	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01.01.21)	51.64	48.36	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year (01.10.20)	0.00	100.00	100.00	85.00	50.00	0.00
One Year Ago (04.06.20)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on large-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/about.aspx>

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Logos:
USDA, NWS, NOAA, and others.

droughtmonitor.unl.edu

SELECT BOARD CALLING FOR IDEAS AND INPUT

If you have ideas on goals and objections that the Select Board should consider, please forward them no later than April 15th to the Town Secretary, Denise Duval at dduval@leenh.org or call her at 603-659-5414 x 301.

TOWN OF LEE PROPERTY VALUES UPDATE

Beginning this week, Rick Earls of Cross Country Appraisal Group will be in town to look at properties for the purpose of verifying sales data for the time period 4-1-2019 to 4-1-2021 as part of the ongoing town-wide revaluation process. He has signs on his car, carries an ID card, and his vehicle is a Blue Kia Nero with license plate CCAG 4.appraisers. This process will be completed over the next few months resulting in new values for the fall tax bill. All properties that have sold within the past two years (4-1-2019 to 4-1-2021) will be re-measured and listed. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

TRANSFER STATION

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

7:00 am–5:45 pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW CLOSING TIME

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH 4:00 PM

MONDAY, April 19th 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](#)

**LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND LEE LIBRARY PRESENT:
JOHN WINANT: NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN OF THE WORLD**

Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm

Presenter: Richard Hesse

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for this VIRTUAL PROGRAM.

Funding for this presentation is provided by the New Hampshire Humanities

LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Trails Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, has been busy since its creation in February of this year. The committee has 14 members, divided into 3 groups working on the town-owned trails in Little River Park, the Town Forest, and Maud Jones Memorial Forest. The committee is charged with maintaining all town trails and is striving for accessibility, safety, and enjoyment on the trails.

Maud Jones: The crew assessed the 2 trails and made a plan for maintenance work which will begin in early May. They plan on re-blazing the main trail and adding blazes on the trail to the esker lookout. Also in the works is a plan for new environmental education markers.

Little River Park: After assessing the 3 trails in the park, the crew made a plan to improve the trails by painting blazes in bright, primary colors and by trimming overhanging plant growth. They will also be helping to complete the Little River Trail grant project (kiosk, bridges, and educational markers).

Town Forest: After talking with many people who walk the trails, the crew decided to make some simple changes to the trail configuration to help avoid confusion. Their goal is to make sure that the trails are accessible, safe, and enjoyable. Before more permanent blazes are painted, you may see colored blazing tape along the routes. Keep an eye out for new maps!

We need your help!

1. If you have an idea - we want to hear about it! We welcome your ideas, input, and thoughts.
2. Please do not make any changes to existing trails or add new trails on your own. The Trails Committee serves as the clearinghouse for project work under the guidance of the Conservation Commission.
3. Please do not paint blazes on trees or add (or take down) blazing tape on any of the trails. It is the committee's job to maintain blazes and unauthorized work makes it harder for us.
4. Keep a lookout for things that need help: bridges, downed trees, etc. Let the committee know what you find.

To get in touch with the Trails Committee, email Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com.
Thanks for your support of the committee and our wonderful trails in Lee!

CONSERVATION MONITORING IN LEE

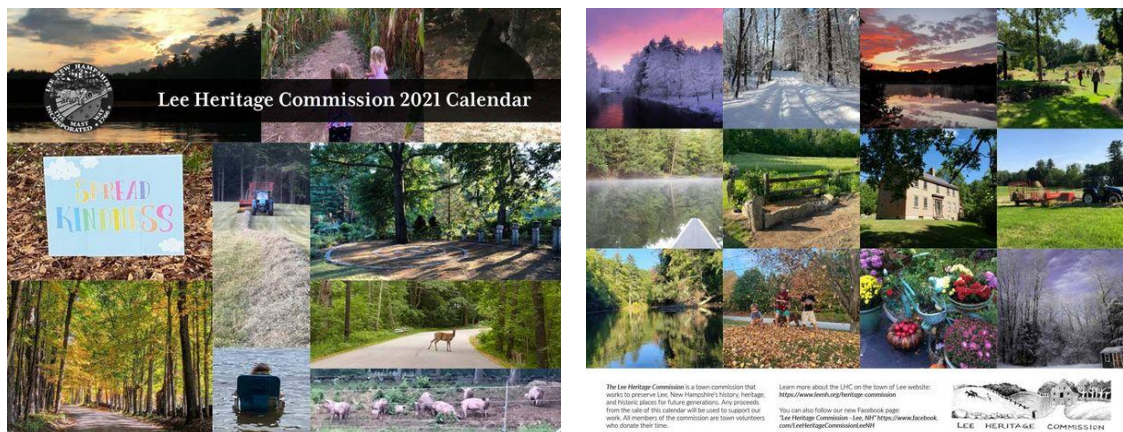
From now until early fall, join the Conservation Commission on Wednesday mornings as they conduct site walks on the Town's conserved properties. Some of these lands are owned by the Town, but most of them are privately owned and protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement. If you'd like to walk along, go to <https://www.leenh.org/conservation-commission> and email the Conservation Commission Chair Dawn Genes by clicking on her name. Monitoring begins at 9:00 am and generally takes 1½-2 hrs. Most outings require traversing through thick brush. Standard precautions for COVID, ticks & mosquitoes are advised.

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

Even though our building is closed, 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 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 6 - 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. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

2022 LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION CALENDAR

In hopes of getting photos of Lee throughout the year, we will be calling for submissions every month. We're particularly interested in folks sending us photos at the new ice rink next to Mast Way School and winter-time fun. Please email high-resolution version of your photos to: LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com.



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. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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

READY RIDES

Ready Rides is still providing rides to patients. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors with whom you already have regular contact to help provide rides if possible but we are here for you if you need us. **We have added pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups our registered riders. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pick up these orders and bring them to your door with minimal contact.** If you are unable to order online and you are in desperate need of help with acquiring food or some necessity here are some resources.

If you live in Barrington, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford towns call 244-8719 and we will do our best to find a way to get you the help you need.

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 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](#).

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY OPEN TO ANYONE, EVEN NON-RESIDENTS

Anyone 16+ can register for a vaccine through the NH DHHS Website

<https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>

Or by Calling 211

TRAVEL QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

Domestic travel within the U.S. outside of New England no longer requires quarantine upon return to NH, although people are recommended to still follow CDC's travel guidance, including wearing a well-fitted face mask while traveling, practicing social distancing, getting tested 3-5 days after travel (with a molecular or PCR-based test), and limiting public interactions after travel (even if not required to quarantine).

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](#).

NH FOOD BANK – UPCOMING MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

The NH Food Bank will be hosting several mobile food pantries across the state in April 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 can be found [here](#).



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP PAYING THEIR RENT AND UTILITIES BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

The New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides assistance to eligible residents who are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and are at risk for homelessness, or living in unsafe or unhealthy housing.

Apply for assistance through a [Community Action Partnership \(CAP\) agency](#). The CAP agency will assist with the application process. The application can be completed online, or a paper application can be requested or downloaded (in English and Spanish).

WHAT THE PROGRAM COVERS

- Past-due and future rent payments
- Utilities, such as electricity, home heating, costs, water, sewer, trash
- Other housing-related costs such as internet and relocation expenses associated directly or indirectly with COVID-19
- Relocation expenses including rental application fees, utility hook-up fees, and security deposits
- You may qualify for utility assistance even if you do not receive or need rental assistance

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- At least one person in your household has qualified for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, had significant costs, or had other financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- [Certain income requirements](#) must be met.
- You do not need to be receiving unemployment benefits payments.
- The CAP agency will assist in identifying information needed.
- Eligible households may qualify for assistance for past-due and future rent and utility payments for a period not to exceed 15 months.

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



Ancestry Library Edition® is now available from Home until June 30th!

Go to the library website 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!



Youth Programs

All of our 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.

April 13 Frog/fly craft

April 20 Potted sunflower

April 27 April Aliens/Animals



Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

April 15 Frogs

April 22 Earth Day/plants

April 29 No Story time this week. Enjoy the outdoors!



Lap Sit Story-time April 7 & 21 at 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.

We will post readings of *The End of the Beginning: Being The adventures of a Small Snail and an Even Smaller Ant*-by **Avi** at 4 pm Monday-Thursday.

Middle School Book Club

Our middle school book club has **moved to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We meet via Zoom from 6-6:45 pm.** Contact the library at 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.

April 13 6:00-6:45 discussing **A Single Shard** by Linda Sue Park

April 26 6:00-6:45 discussing **The Swap** by Megan Shull (pages 1-199)

May 11 6:00-6:45 discussing **The Swap** by Megan Shull (pages 200-382)

May 25 6:00-6:45 final book group until fall 2021. TBD

Music and Movement

Join us Wednesday **April 14th at 2:30 pm** on Facebook live for this fun story time. We will read some action packed stories, sing and dance.

Pajama Story time

Wednesday **April 28th**, at **6:00 pm** is our monthly pajama story time on Facebook live. Put on your jammies a little early, bring along your blanket and favorite stuffy and listen to some bedtime stories.



OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

April 7, 2021

The Oyster River Cooperative School Board met on April 7, 2021 for the first time since the Governor's latest order on school reopening. Oyster River Schools will offer all students in-person learning starting Thursday, April 22. Sophomores will take the PSAT at ORHS on April 20. To balance bus routes, school hours will be adjusted. Starting on April 22, the Elementary school day will run 8:55 AM-3:25 PM while Middle and High School will be 8:00 AM-2:35 PM.

On April 17, Strafford County Public Health will operate a closed vaccination pod for high school students at Oyster River High School to vaccinate students 16 and over. Details, including how to register, will be shared as they are finalized.

Spring Break for Oyster River schools is April 24 - May 2. District health and travel quarantine procedures have been updated based on recent CDC and State guidance. See https://orcsd.org/student_services/health_and_wellness/COVID-19 for the latest.

The last day of school for this school year will be June 18, 2021.

Planning for these events is in progress:

1. As weather improves and more students bike to school, an on-bike safety skills workshop for ORMS students will be held on Saturday, April 24. This event is being planned by local families in partnership with Durham Parks & Recreation, Oyster River Cycle and Sport, and ORCSD.
2. A Community Forum on recent violence against Asian Americans, including how to incorporate Asian American experiences into Oyster River's commitment to equity and anti-racism will be held on Tuesday, May 25.



[CLICK HERE](#) for 2021 LRAC SPRING NEWSLETTER

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 4/7/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH

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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