

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
April 15, 2022**



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

RITA LANE IS OPENING TODAY

NEWS ON WHEN THE PUBLIC DOCK AT DURGIN PRESERVE WILL BE OPEN COMING SOON

**Join Us Saturday, April 16th for our Annual Bunny
Breakfast ~ Serving from 7:30-9 AM at Lee Church**



Menu: Pancakes, Ham, Fruit
Salad & Beverages. \$9/Adults ~ \$6/kids under 12 years ~ \$30/ Family of 4

Lee Church Youth Group/Service Trip participants will be hosting the event as a fundraiser for their July 2022 community & church youth service trips in Pennsylvania.

The Easter Bunny will be there for pictures.

Thank you for your support.

Town of Lee Egg Hunt begins promptly at 9 AM next door at Mast Way School.

Questions: Contact Lee Church Congregational leechurchucc@comcast.net or
603.659.2861 17 Mast Road, Lee



TOWN OF LEE EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL 16th 9:00am SHARP
LEE TOWN FIELD (next to Mast Way School)
Parking at Mast Way School
Bring your own basket!
MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS, PRIZES, FUN FOR ALL
AGES, CANDY, ALLERGY FRIENDLY TREATS!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP HIDE EGGS –
CONTACT CYNTHIA AT 603-659-2046

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

April 18th 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  at [CLICK HERE](#)

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM OPENING

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd 10am – 2pm

The Museum tells the story of life in Lee over the centuries. There are numerous artifacts from every aspect of community life. A complete schoolroom from 'time gone by' is on the 2nd floor. Children love the schoolroom as well as many adults that remember those inkwells, real chalkboards and Dick and Jane readers. Please come for a visit. The Museum is located to the right of the Lee Library in a building that was once a rail depot.



LEE ENERGY COMMITTEE TO JOIN THE DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE COMMEMORATION EARTH DAY EVENT ON

APRIL 23rd 10am - 2pm AT THE PETTEE BROOK PARKING LOT

This event will include a showcase of electric vehicles, information regarding Community Power Aggregation, a solar home tour, informations promoting composting and displays supporting sustainable agriculture. Please email dec@ci.durham.nh.us with questions.

SOLAR TOUR – SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd 2pm

Bus leaves from Pettee Brook Parking Lot in Durham.

Additional transportation via electric cars will be available if needed.

Take a “Magical Mystery Tour” of installations representing a range of solutions including rooftop, trackers, free-standing fixed arrays and an evacuated tube solar water heating system. Speak with residents who have cut their carbon footprints and saved on their electric bills!

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY POTLUCK SUPPER & ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 29th 6:00 pm

Jeremiah Grange Hall, Lee, NH

The Grange is located in the heart of Lee at the Junction of Route 155 and Lee Hook Road. The meeting is open to the public. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00pm followed by a short business meeting and presentation at 7:00pm. It is not required, but please consider bringing a dish to share. Phyllis E White, President of the Society, will discuss her recently published book “Students Should Not Miss a Day”. The book chronicles the proud history of education in Lee from the 1600’s through the present. Phyllis spent years researching and writing this valuable addition to the historical record of Lee. Phyllis will use slides as part of her presentation and describe the process she used to achieve her goal of publication.

DOG LICENSES DUE APRIL 30th



Per RSA 466:13, the State of New Hampshire requires that all dogs over 4 months of age be licensed annually by **April 30th**. There is a \$25 fine for failure to license your dog by this date. If you have new dog or have just moved to town with a dog, you must present a copy of your dog's current Rabies vaccination certificate and proof that your dog has been spayed or neutered to the Town Clerk when you apply for your dog license. Renewals may be completed in person, online or by mail.

NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS STARTING MAY 2ND

(Town Administrator Office and Town Clerk's Office)

Monday 8am – **6pm**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am – 4:30pm

Friday 8am – 12:30pm

The decision was recently made to adjust the hours back to pre-Covid hours to provide the public with access to these offices after 4pm.

SPRING TRAIL WORK DAYS ANNOUNCED!

The Trails Committee is planning two spring trail work days: **April 30th** at Maud Jones and Little River Park and **May 14th** in the Town Forest. Both work days will run from 10am - 1pm. Last year we had over 30 volunteers re-blazing and re-routing trails, clearing brush, and making trails more user friendly. This year we will spruce up the trails to make them ready for spring and summer users.

Mark the dates on your calendar! If you are interested in helping out with either work day, email Deb Sugerman, Chair of the Trails Committee at debsugerman@gmail.com. Our motto is "Work hard and have fun!" - so join us for a great time!



PIC BY FRAZER ROBERTSON

TOWN FISHING DERBY

STEVENS FARM (28 TUTTLE ROAD)

SATURDAY, MAY 7th 9:00am – 12:00pm

FISH FRY TO FOLLOW AT STEVENS FIELD

(next to the Public Safety Complex) UNTIL 2pm

MADE IN LEE
ARTISAN FAIR

Saturday, May 7, 2022 11:00am – 3:00pm

Mast Way School

Forge Work, Stained Glass, Jewelry, Quilting, Beeswax Candles,
Fishing Rods, Glass, Vinyl & Nature Art, Greenery, Musical Instruments
and so much more!

Beauty is reflected in the art of our community.

There will be **no admission fee** for this wonderful opportunity to support local artisans and crafters right here in Lee!

Donations gratefully accepted at the door for the Wilkinson Food Pantry

Sponsored by the Lee Sustainability Committee

Co-Sponsored by the Lee Public Library

LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Below is a list of the current openings that need filling! If you are interested, contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

Planning and Zoning Boards

Ag Commission, Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission and Recreation Commission

Energy Committee, Fair Committee and Sustainability Committee

The **NEW** Municipal Technology Advisory Committee and Housing Committee

DON'T FORGET, LEE DOES FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING!

BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Director Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. The Town provides special compostable bags to bring your food waste in to the Transfer Station.

SWAP SHOP NEWS – APRIL 2022

Hours: The Swap Shop is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 8:00 am – 5:00 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, frigid temperatures or if a volunteer is not available.

Bulky Items: The Swap Shop will be accepting large items towards the end of April.

We look forward to greeting our visitors at the Swap Shop. Seeing the free exchange of items between the folks in town brings a lot of satisfaction to the volunteers at the Swap Shop. If you would like to join in and volunteer, please let us know. Contact Forms are available at the Swap Shop or email us at swapshopleenh@gmail.com. You must be a residence of Lee and at least 18 years of age. Thank you!

WHITE PINES: WHEN IT RAINS THEY FOAM

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

A little more than an inch of rain fell on our part of the planet in the early hours of April 8th. Though the rate of precipitation was largely light to moderate, there were instances when the rain fell in powerful, roaring torrents. The last of these occurred around 6:30am and lasted less than half an hour before tapering to a more moderate rainfall. Sometime later, I looked out into the woodland behind our home and saw that many of our larger white pines had blobs of foam mounded at their trunk bases, a phenomenon that frequently occurs during a heavy rain.

A tree's bark is constantly bombarded with tiny bits of organic and inorganic matter, which fall both from the atmosphere and the tree's canopy. These airborne particles accumulate on the bark's surface. During light to moderate precipitation, raindrops, carrying their own load of dissolved atmospheric particulates, fall on the trunk, adding another thin layer of particles.



Stemflow, the process by which water from precipitation is collected by the tree's bark and directed down the trunk, carries this broth of atmospheric particulates and plant matter down the narrow pathways formed by the bark's cracks and crevices. When rainfall is light to moderate, some portion of the nutrient-rich flow of water will trickle down to the ground, increasing moisture and nutrient levels of the surrounding soil, the remainder is deposited on the trunk.

During heavy rain events, stemflow increases dramatically. Trickles become tiny cataracts rushing down the bark. As these streams course down the trunk, they pick up bits of pinesap and resins. The stemflow is, by now, carrying a mixture of atmospheric particles such as salts, acids, and silicates and organic matter such as sugars, enzymes and fats. Sweeping down the surface of the trunk the streams collide with the bark's rough surfaces, creating turbulence. This rough passage agitates the water, which breaks down its load of organic matter into organic compounds and oils.

Organic compounds and oils carried by the stemflow act as surfactants, reducing the surface tension of the water. The oils float to the top of the stream and, in the relaxed surface tension, begin to form bubbles. The increased flow caused by the heavy rain, and the turbulence caused by bumping into,

washing over, and falling through the rough surfaces and furrows of the bark, introduces air into the water, creating ever more bubbles. Because the water is full of surfactants, these bubbles, instead of bursting, remain intact, piling up on each other as they reach the bottom of the trunk and forming mounds of nutrient rich foam.

Recent studies indicate that conifers may be particularly good at capturing nutrients and, through stemflow and throughfall (rainfall passing through the trees' canopy), distributing them to the litter layer of the forest floor. It's largely invisible, this capturing and distribution of tiny airborne particles, but every once in a while a hard rain and foaming pines gives us a glimpse into the process.



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

[NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE](#)

LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION 2022 CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Calandars 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>.

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH DHHS

[COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATES](#)

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 1st & 3rd 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. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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 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](#).

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

Flower Bar Success!



We would like to thank our wonderful Library Friends group for organizing the Spring Flower Bar this month! It was a huge success, with over 100 people coming over to make beautiful bouquets. Thank you also to Tina Sawtelle, for her hard work and amazing array of flowers to choose from. The flower bar will be back in the autumn before Thanksgiving!

Knitters Meet Here

Wednesday, April 20th at 10:00am – Knitters: Meet on the 1ST AND 3RD Wednesday morning of the month. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!

Adult Book Group- Meets on the 2nd Monday of the Month

May 9, 2022 6:00pm – *There There* by Tommy Orange. Stop by for your copy!



Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group – Monday, April 25th 6:00 pm

Join us on the 4th 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.



Wednesday April 27th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm - The Backyard Farming Initiative is Back!

Join us every 4th Wednesday until August for Backyard Farming Fun! This month we will visit Lee resident, Bambi Miller. Bambi will be talking about her own backyard farming habits, fruit trees, livestock, and we'll take a walk down the river trail! Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lee Public Library and the Lee Ag Commission. Call or email the Library for further details, program location and to sign up!

Wednesday April 27th, 2:00pm – 4:00pm - Open Adult Game Time

Do you love to play games? Want some adult company? If the answer is YES, join us for board games, card games, chess, or bring a game of your choosing! No sign up necessary, just come on over to the library and have some fun!

Join our Library Friends!

Did you know our Library Friends fund museum passes, children's programming and much more?! They are a super fun group who meet monthly to help enhance our programs, support our team and help make our library a great place to visit! Our Friends are always looking for new members, so stop by their notice board the next time you are in the library, take a flyer, and join them!



National Library Week Raffle Winner!

Congratulations Jon Moss, the winner of our National Library week raffle! Over 100 patrons entered this raffle for the chance to win!



FOR THE CHILDREN

Find the silly Egg!

During April we will hide over 100 eggs around the library building (inside and out!). Each egg contains a joke... tell the joke to a librarian and get a piece of candy! **Anyone can join in, all ages welcome!**

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 kit will go out on April 19th.**

Monday, April 18 & 25, 11:00am – 12:30pm – Making the American Civil War Come Alive, Homeschool group:

Homeschoolers aged 10 and up are invited to join. We will be using and making History Pockets to learn about the war, how it changed the landscape of our country and to bring an understanding of the inner workings of North vs South. The group will meet at the Lee Public Library from 11-12:30 with a short snack break. There is **no cost** for the program. Each family will be required to print off a packet that will be emailed to them. Class size is limited to 12 students on a first come, first served basis. **Call Sheri to register, 603-842-9303!**

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...

April Themes

21/22— Flowers

Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday – Session 5 – May-June

Call the library at 603-659-2626 for information on registering for our next 6-week sessions.

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 – No Book Club in April!

Middle School Crafters

This fun group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Call the library at 659-2626 for more information.

Thursday April 28, 10:30am – Virtual Puppet Show with CactusHead Puppets!

The town of Hamelin has a rat problem, and there's only one person who can help! CactusHead Puppets brings the story of The Pied Piper to life in this comedic, updated adaptation of the traditional folktale. Not only does the town find a musical solution to pest control, but the kids of Hamelin also teach the grownups a lesson about generosity. CactusHead Puppets brings the story of The Pied Piper to life in this comedic, updated adaptation of the traditional folktale. **To register go to Durhampubliclibrary.org.**

PLEASE NOTE: There are no Children's Story Time's during the school vacation week – April 25th – 29th!



WOULD YOU LIKE A MEMENTO FROM THE OLD OYSTER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL (1935-2022)?

With the demolition and removal of the building, ORMS will be saving a few hundred bricks from the original 1935 structure. If you would like a brick as a memento, ORMS will be accepting donations to benefit our after-school clubs. Bricks will be available in the ORMS front office shortly after the removal of the building in early May. If you would like us to reserve you a brick, feel free to contact the ORMS office at 603-868-2820. We will add you to our list!

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – APRIL 6, 2022

Oyster River schools will be closed the week of **April 25-29 for Spring Break.**

Removal of the old ORMS building is proceeding smoothly. As the building is removed, materials are sorted on-site by type, and it is expected that 91% of the old building material will be recycled. Abatement (safe removal) of asbestos and other hazardous materials started in March and was completed before demolition began. Removal is expected to be complete within the next month.

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new ORMS building is planned for August 23, 2022, upon completion of the field and other site work over the summer. Watch for details over the summer.

The State Board of Education will hold its meeting in the Oyster River Middle School recital hall on May 12th.

The School Board approved creation of a Fall Spirit Team cooperative with Portsmouth High. If approved by NHIAA, New Hampshire's governing body for interscholastic athletics; this would run in parallel with the successful Portsmouth-Oyster River ClipperCats Football cooperative team.

The School Board thanks community members who took the time to participate in the ORCSD Community Communication Survey conducted by the UNH Survey Center. The School Board received results late last week, including 11 pages of comments.

The **last day of school** for the 2021-2022 school year is officially set for **June 17, 2022.**

MOHARIMET SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY HELP

The Moharimet community is looking for people to lead or co-lead small groups during our **Day of the Artist** celebration on June 2nd. They hope to offer a wide range of artistic experiences for the students to enjoy through small-group sessions throughout the day. The goal is for children to feel what it's like to create art or express themselves artistically. The emphasis will be on fun and learning and not on the perfection of the finished product.

Past celebrations have included sessions on: coil clay pots, watercolor painting, whittling, soap carving, potato stamp making, origami, and drumming. High-level experience from group leaders is not necessary, but a desire to help children in your community learn is a definite plus. If you've ever wanted to share your love of art, here is your chance.

Interested in participating? Please contact the Moharimet front office (603)742-2900 and be prepared to give:

- your name
- contact information
- a description of the art you would like to share
- grade levels most likely to benefit from your program
- size of group you would be able to accommodate
- your hours of availability during the Day of the Artist

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 3/23/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 10:00 am in Concord, NH



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

Grief, Healing, and Resilience: A Structured Program of Support for Adults Who Have Lost Children/Grandchildren, Nieces/Nephews, Spouses/Partners, or Siblings

Mondays; April 18th and 25th 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 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.”

2022 Avian Influenza in the United States - What you need to know!

To date, USDA’s National Veterinary Services Laboratories has confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in commercial and backyard flocks in several states including New Hampshire. Avian influenza viruses are classified as either “low pathogenic (LPAI)” or “highly pathogenic (HPAI)” based on their genetic features and the severity of the disease they cause in poultry. Caused by an influenza type A virus, HPAI can infect poultry (such as chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, domestic ducks, geese, and guinea fowl) and wild birds (especially waterfowl).



The clinical signs of birds affected with all forms of Avian Influenza may show one or more of the following:

- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Decreased water consumption up to 72 hours before other clinical signs
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decreased egg production
- Soft-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs
- Nasal discharge
- Coughing, sneezing
- Lack of coordination
- Diarrhea

In addition to the disease infecting domestic birds, it is important to know that wild birds can also be infected and show no signs of illness. They can carry the disease to new areas when migrating, potentially exposing domestic poultry to the virus. The [APHIS’ wild bird surveillance program](#) provides an early warning system for the introduction and distribution of avian influenza viruses of concern in the United States, allowing APHIS and the poultry industry to take timely and rapid action.

With the recent detections of avian influenza in wild birds and domestic poultry in the United States, bird owners should review their biosecurity practices and stay vigilant to protect poultry and pet birds from transmission of this disease. The following bio-safety guidelines are effective methods for safeguarding commercial operations and smaller flocks:

- Backyard flock owners should practice strict biosecurity, including preventing birds from exposure and/or co-mingling with wild birds and other types of poultry.
- Shower, change clothes, and clean and disinfect footwear before entering your poultry housing areas.
- Respiratory protection such as a medical facemask would also be important and remember to always wear clean clothes when encountering healthy domestic birds.
- Carefully follow safe entry and exit procedures into your flock's clean area.
- Reduce the attractiveness for wild birds to stop at your place by cleaning up litter and spilled feed around poultry housing areas.
- If you have free range guinea fowl and waterfowl, consider bringing them into coops or flight pens under nets to prevent interaction of domesticated poultry with wild birds and their droppings.
- It is best to restrict visitors from interacting with your birds currently.
- Do not touch sick or dead wildlife and keep them away from domestic poultry
- Try not to handle sick or deceased domestic birds (if you must, use proper personal protective equipment to minimize direct contact and cautiously disinfect anything that comes into contact with the deceased and or sick bird).

As part of the existing USDA Avian Influenza response plans, Federal and State partners as well as industry are responding quickly and decisively to these outbreaks by following these five basic steps:

- **Quarantine** – restricting movement of poultry and poultry-moving equipment into and out of the control area;
- **Eradicate** – depopulate the affected flock(s);
- **Monitor region** – testing wild and domestic birds in a broad area around the quarantine area;
- **Disinfect** – kills the virus in the affected flock locations; and
- **Test** – confirming that the poultry farm is AI virus-free.

Sick or deceased domestic birds should be reported to your local veterinarian. Positive domestic cases are handled by APHIS and its partners. States that have confirmed cases of Avian Influenza should work closely with USDA-APHIS on surveillance, reporting and control efforts. Disposal methods will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis depending on a variety of factors, including the size of the flock, space requirements, associated costs, local conditions, and applicable laws/regulations.

The United States has the strongest Avian Influenza surveillance program in the world, where we actively look for the disease and provide fair market value compensation to affected producers to encourage reporting.

If you do not raise domestic birds or have a poultry operation but you encounter sick or dead wild birds, please use bio-safety measures, and report your findings through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, this strain of Avian Influenza is a low risk to the public. While the transmission rate from animals to humans is low, it is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be shared between species. To learn more about Avian Influenza and to remain up to date on the latest related news and information, you can visit the [USDA APHIS webpage](#).

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



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

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 for assistance.

ATTENTION!

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If you do not have the internet please come to the Town Offices for a **printed copy** or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 659-5414 x301 to have it mailed!