

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
April 23, 2021**



PICKLE BALL COURTS OPEN AND READY FOR PLAY
Little River Park
Thanks to the Highway Department for getting them ready!



**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.

John G. Winant, three-time governor of New Hampshire went on to serve the nation in several capacities on the national and international scene. In the process he became a hero to the British in World War Two and to the common man throughout the developed world. His life, marked by highs and lows, ended tragically in his mansion in Concord. The program examines his life and measures his impact at home and abroad. Funding for this presentation is provided by the NH Humanities.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS VIA ZOOM
WED. April 28th 6:00 pm Goals & Objectives Workshop
THURS. April 29th 4:00 pm Town Hall Renovation Workshop
MONDAY, May 3rd 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 **You**Tube**** at [CLICK HERE](#)



ANNUAL MODEL ROCKET DAY IS BACK

Saturday, June 12th 9:00 am Little River Park

Rain Date Saturday, June 26th

Hosted by the Lee Recreation Commission

Due to social distancing, the rockets will not be built at the park this year. Instead, pre-registration will be required and rocket kits will be available for pickup prior to the event. A number of preassembled rockets will be available for children that find the build challenging. As in the past, there will be no charge for the rockets or the event. Rocket kit pickup location and times will be announced in May. For more information, please email Mr. Kindberg at larrykindberg@comcast.net.

Unfortunately, the Fishing Derby will not take place this year, but the Rec Commission will be sponsoring the Music in the Park again beginning on July 8th at the Little River Park pavilion. This program will run for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings so keep a look out for the schedule. There is great talent lined up this year so don't miss out!

The Commission is still hoping to offer archery this year if they can line up an instructor. If you know anyone who may be interested please have them reach out to larrykindberg@comcast.net.

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.

DROUGHT UPDATE

The entire state is experiencing abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions. While in the short-term, the precipitation received last Friday and Saturday and showers expected this week will help to prevent drought conditions from worsening, precipitation forecasts for May do not provide assurance that enough precipitation will be received to turn conditions around. To protect groundwater and surface water levels, NHDES is recommending that outdoor water use restrictions be implemented and conservation messaging be spread across NH communities.

[U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for NH.

TOWN OF LEE PROPERTY VALUES UPDATE

Cross Country Appraisal Group (CCAG) 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. Rick Earls, CCAG Appraiser, 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.

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

If you would like to be part of next year's calendar, email your high-resolution photos of Lee to LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com as soon as you can! Time is running out!

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, Madbury, 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

GOVERNOR SUNUNU HAS LIFTED THE MASK MANDATE, Effective 4/16/2021
However, towns and businesses may still require them

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

Anyone 16+ can register for a vaccine at <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).

SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE FUNDING

Grants are available through the American Rescue Plan to provide relief for child care providers and support working families who need access to affordable child care. Two types of child care grants will be made available by HHS to NH child care providers through funding included in the American Rescue Plan. 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](#).

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

The American Rescue Plan provides \$9.961 billion in funding through the Department of Treasury to states, territories, tribes, and tribally designated housing entities to provide direct assistance to homeowners. Last week, the Treasury Department released guidance for the [Homeowner Assistance Fund](#) and the guidance can be found [here](#). We will keep you updated as these foreclosure prevention funds become available to NH homeowners.

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](#).

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR 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 application can be completed online, or a paper application can be requested or downloaded (in English and Spanish). Program covers past and future rent

payments, utilities, such as electricity, home heating, costs, water, sewer, trash and other housing-related costs such as internet and relocation expenses associated directly or indirectly with COVID-19. Relocation expenses include 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. At least one person in your household has to qualify 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, but you do not need to be receiving unemployment benefits payments. CAP will assist with the application.



The Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) provides emergency assistance for eligible restaurants, bars, and other qualifying businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Other SBA programs available:



Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)



Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

Resource Partners

SCORE
NH Small Business Development Center (NHSBDC)
Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE)
Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC)

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NHLRA

**NH Food Service Providers,
Restaurants, Bars, Breweries, Inns,
and Food Trucks
Join Us!**

SBA Resources for Your Small Business Recovery

Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)

When: Friday - April 23rd & Tuesday - April 27th
Time: 10:00-11:00 am

Please join the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association (NHLRA) for an overview and interactive Q&A with the Small Business Administration (SBA) on the recently announced Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF).

The restaurant industry has been among the hardest-hit sectors during the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) provides emergency assistance for eligible restaurants, bars, and other qualifying businesses impacted by COVID-19. The discussion will include navigating the details on application requirements, eligibility, and a program guide.

[Register Here for April 23rd](#)

[Register Here for April 27th](#)

Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

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



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 27 April Aliens/Animals

Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

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

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 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



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.

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 4/21/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH



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

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

April 21, 2021

The Oyster River School Board began its April 21st meeting by formally recognizing the leadership of Tom Newkirk as chair for the past 7 years, approving a proclamation of appreciation.

All Oyster River students now have the option of attending school full days, 5 days per week. All staff had the opportunity to receive their 2nd vaccinations on April 19. School district staff have once again reconfigured and replanned classrooms, shared spaces, and transportation throughout the district to accommodate all students.

As most Oyster River students return to full days at school, 5 days per week, the School Districts asks for continued vigilance around coronavirus precautions. There are active cases and recent exposure events that have affected specific programs and teams within Oyster River recently. Community cooperation is a critical piece to the success of in-person learning.

The federal program providing FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH to all Oyster River students has been extended through the rest of this school year and through the 2021-2022 school year. The district only receives funds for meals actually served to students.

The Middle School will add a 4th school counselor beginning in 2021-2022 school year. The position will initially be grant-funded. This is reinstating a role that was eliminated several years ago.

The School Board and Administration are working to resolve the future of the Oyster River Chinese Mandarin Program because of the recent announcement that UNH is ending its relationship with the Confucius Institute as of July 31. The UNH/CI has hired and funded Mandarin teachers in Oyster River schools. This topic will be on the agenda for the May 5th regular school board meeting.

Spring break for Oyster River runs April 24th - May 2nd. School resumes on May 3rd.

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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