

# TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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April 3, 2020

Lee News & Upcoming  
Events



**Governor Sununu Issued a Stay-at-Home Order, effective March 28, 2020**

**NH Department of Health and Human Services FAQ Sheet on the 2019  
Coronavirus (COVID-19) [CLICK HERE](#)**

Town Hall, the Planning & Zoning office, and the Library remain closed to the public. Most of our staff is still reporting to work with some working remotely. The Safety Complex has been closed to all visitors for the foreseeable future. All official business will be conducted by phone or email. The Transfer Station has altered their operations in order to maintain safe social distancing. We are encouraging anyone who has questions or needs assistance to call us or utilize our online systems for access to assessing records, motor vehicle registration, etc. Governor Sununu authorized that all 20-day temporary plates issued after 3/1/20 for NEWLY ACQUIRED vehicles have been extended through April 30, 2020.

**Beginning on April 11<sup>th</sup>, Mixed Paper will no longer be accepted as recyclable as it requires too much sorting and handling by the employees. Please include it with your MSW until further notice.**

Please see the Town website <https://Leenh.org> for more information and be sure to subscribe to **"Town News"** to get the latest notices emailed directly to your inbox.

<b>Police/Fire/ Ambulance Emergencies</b>	<b>911</b>
Police Business Number	659-5866
Fire Business Number	659-5411
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	659-2964
Planning & Zoning/Building Inspector	659-6783
Selectmen/Assessing/Finance Office	659-5414

New Hampshire residents who have concerns about COVID-19 can call 2-1-1. Information and referral specialists are on hand to direct people to the appropriate resources. NH 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Outside of New Hampshire, call 1-866-444-4211.

To immediately report any suspected cases of COVID-19 to the Division of Public Health Services call 603-271-4496 (M-F 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) or after hours at 603-271-5300. Callers should expect to leave a message and be patient while waiting for a return call.

If you are sick with symptoms such as fever, cough and/or shortness of breath call your own healthcare provider and follow their instructions.

Please stay safe and keep everyone else safe by following the CDC's guidelines – limit social contact – wash your hands – stay in if you are sick – clean and sanitize surfaces.

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**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE NOT WIPING DOWN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT,  
PICNIC BENCHES OR ANY OTHER SURFACES**

*Be smart. Do your part.*

**The Town of Lee urges our residents and visitors to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you go to a park or trail to exercise, use extreme caution. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others when outside. Do not participate in any team and contact sports, such as basketball, football, softball and soccer. Cookouts are also not permitted in Little River Park, until further notice. Avoid touching surfaces including playground equipment, benches, and other sports equipment that are handled by others.**

We discourage gathering in our parks and remind everyone that groups of 10 or more are now prohibited under Governor Sununu's Emergency Order No. 16.

Our parks and trails are open, but please:

- Do not gather in groups of more than 10 or get closer than six feet from other people
- Do not touch any surfaces that are likely to be touched by other people.
- Refrain from using playground equipment
- Do not participate in activities involving physical contact or sharing of equipment

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION  
PLEASE STAY SAFE!**

**Any events listed in the E-Crier are subject to change without notice, although we will do our best to keep you informed in a timely manner**

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### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISASTER DECLARATION FOR NH**

Based on the request of Governor Sununu, the SBA has declared a disaster declaration for the entire state of New Hampshire based on economic injury due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

All the details including the joint press release, the loan application process, assistance for government contractors, and other resources can be found [here](#).

Small businesses looking for assistance should reach out to one of the following partners for help with things such as filling out paperwork, questions or even advice. These partners include SCORE, NH Small Business Development Center, and the Center for Women & Enterprise (NH's Women Business Center and Veterans Business Outreach Center). You will find links to these partners at [www.sba.gov/nh](http://www.sba.gov/nh).

Since this is a very rapidly developing situation, to keep up to date on all activities affecting NH small businesses, please join our mailing list [click here](#).

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**[CLICK HERE](#) for the SMALL BUSINESS OWNER'S GUIDE  
TO THE FEDERAL CARES ACT**

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### **RECREATION COMMISSION PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt Cancelled**

**Fishing Derby Postponed – TBD**

**Model Rocket Day and the Music in the Park Program – Stay Tuned**

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### **LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Lee Historical Society's Annual Meeting set for April 17, 2020 will be rescheduled along with the program, *"The Founding Father: What Were They Thinking"* originally scheduled for May 6, 2020.

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**TOWN OF LEE  
2019 ANNUAL REPORT  
[CLICK HERE](#)**

### **APRIL SELECT BOARD MEETINGS**

**Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Starting at 6:30 pm**

**Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar before each date**

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



## **Notice : Change in Services Due to Social Distancing Recommendation**

Ready Rides is still operating during this time. We have adjusted our services to reflect the recommendations in place and to protect both our drivers and riders while still remaining available to those most vulnerable without taking them from their homes to incur possible contact with the virus.

We are still providing rides to patients who require life sustaining services such as dialysis, blood transfusions, injections etc. We will take each request as they come in and assess the depth of the need. We are suspending all rides to counseling, physical therapy and general health and dental checkups. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors who you already have regular contact with to help provide rides during this short suspension.

*A service we are adding* to our registered riders is pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pickup 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. Currently if you live in the town of Durham call 868-2324 for assistance. If you live in the town of Newfields call 772-9010 and ask for Helping hands for assistance.

Barrington, Lee, Madbury, New Market, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford towns do not directly have things in place yet. Call us here at 244-8719 and we will do our best to find a way to get you the help you need.

## **What Ready Rides Offers During Normal Operation**

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. 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 us at [info@readyrides.org](mailto:info@readyrides.org) or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) can be printed from this website and emailed or mailed to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. Be sure to also print out our service description.

For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

# SELF-GUIDED NATURE WALK FOR THE MAUD JONES MEMORIAL FOREST

## BY DON QUIGLEY

**For information about the Maud Jones Trail and directions:**

<https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/new-hampshire/maud-jones-memorial-forest-trail>

The Maud Jones Trail is a little less than a mile-long loop. If you go to the right following the blue paint blazes, you will find numbered stations that correspond to the numbers on this guide.

There is a lot to see in this “shoulder season” between winter and the buggy summer. Stick to the trail, avoid the brushy edges and check yourself and pets later for ticks. **Leave only footprints, take only memories.**

**1. Lycopodium** – Notice the short evergreen plants no taller than your boot tops. They look like miniature conifer trees. These are actually called the clubmosses though they are more closely allied to ferns. The leaves are scales. There are lots of different common names used locally like princess pine, ground cedar and crows foot. Can you see three different kinds growing here? **Fun fact:** Fossil records tell us that millions of years ago these plants grew as tall as trees. The dust-like spores found in the heads were once burned to create flashy-flames like fireworks and flash photography. The spores were also used medicinally to make baby powder (no smoking when changing the baby!).

**2. Pitch Pine** – Look around you, there is a white pine forest as far as you can see. White pine is our most common conifer. Pitch pine is very different from white pine. The bark is very thick and shaggy and the needles are stiff and found in bundles of three. The cones are very spikey...maybe you can find one on the ground. This type of pine is closely related to the southern pines. **Fun fact:** when found in NE it is often associated with fire because it takes heat to prepare the seeds for germination. Could there have been a fire here years ago? The wood from this tree is very hard and pitchy.

**3. Look up!** - Can you see the fresh hole in the pine tree (about 15 feet up)? There is an older one down lower which is bleeding pitch. The pileated woodpecker knows there are ants in this hollow tree by hearing them chewing inside. The pileated is our largest woodpecker and sports a bright red hat. Their call is a very loud chirping that goes on for several seconds. **Fun fact:** their sharp chisel-like beak can penetrate 1 inch of pine wood with each hammer. Their really long tongue curves around inside their head to cushion their brain. What a way to get a meal! Behind you is a dead grey birch being slowly consumed by the birch bracket fungi. We see the fruiting bodies but the real work is going on throughout the cells as the hyphae dissolve the cell walls.

**4. High and Dry!** - This is the highest part of the trail. Can you imagine being here 15,000 years ago when this land was covered with a mile-thick glacier of ice? We are standing on a deep, deep (more than 100 feet deep) layer of sand and small rocks deposited here as the glacier receded. The large depression just off the trail is called a “kettle hole”. This classic glacial formation is very rare in our area. It was probably formed as the sand was deposited around a large block of melting ice. As the flowing water from the glacier slowed down, sand and round rocks were deposited in layers beneath us. Can you see some of these rounded rocks on the trail surface? **Fun fact:** They might have skidded and tumbled all the way here from the White Mountains or even Canada.

This type of soil is so well drained and dry that only certain kinds of trees can grow on it. As you can see, white oaks and black oaks can survive here but in stunted, gnarly form. The white oaks have light grey scaly bark that rubs off when you brush it briskly. Black oaks have more alligator bark. Pines can grow here, but they don’t get very tall. These trees make me thirsty!

**5. Wet and Wild!** -There is nothing more attractive than a peaceful little brook in the forest. This brook has no formal name but it flows from a perched wetland behind the Sackett Hollow development. It runs nearly dry in the summer, but there are always little pools and puddles that can support tiny life forms. Hanging over the brook are spindly looking shrubs (about two inches diameter). There is also one right behind you along the trail. These shrubs are called "ironwood" locally. They like to grow near water in rich organic soils deposited by spring floods. **Fun fact:** The wood of this little tree is so dense that it will not float in water and was used by farmers for making prying and pounding tools. It is also called "muscle wood" by some. Put your hand around the small one behind you to find out why.

Can you keep a secret? There is a very unique plant nearby that should be protected from harm. Not everyone can be trusted to leave plants alone. About 5 feet to the left of the marker, hidden in the leaves, is a tiny evergreen plant with bright white veins on the flattened leaves. This is called rattlesnake plantain. It is a tiny orchid. The name possibly comes from the seed head which grows upright in the late summer and looks like a little rattle. This little beauty is not necessarily rare or endangered but is rarely seen. Let's keep it safe! Do not disturb it!

**6. Different Soils=Different Plants** - The influence of a nearby wetland has created moist organic soils and more diversity of plants. If you were walking here in summer, you would be standing in waist-deep ferns of several types. You can see the dried stalks of some of these ferns around you. Looking down near the marker you might see a shiny green leaf that looks like a raggedy clover. This is three-leaf gold thread, named for its bright yellow thread-like roots. **Fun fact:** The roots were used as a poultice to numb canker sores in the mouth and tooth ache. Very nearby is a taller (one foot) plant with leaves still attached though the leaves are small and curled under. This is sheep laurel, a small relative of mountain laurel and rhododendron. This plant, and many like it, are part of the taxonomic family, ericaceae. When grouped together they are called heath plants. This whole forest is classified as an "oak, pine, heath forest because of the common occurrence of these small shrubs in the understory. These low shrubs create great cover for ground nesting birds.

**7. The Wolf** - This big old pine can tell us a lot about how and when the forest developed. A "wolf tree" is one which started growing in an open area like a field or pasture. It is called a "wolf" because it is dominant and consumes the resources of many other trees. With no competition from other trees, it developed a large, spread-out crown area. It was also exposed to attack from insects and storms which caused the top-most branches to die off allowing side branches to take over making many new trunks instead of a single straight one. Because of the huge crown area with many needles, this tree grew really fast. **Fun fact:** There may be people in the Town of Lee as old as this tree. How many hikers does it take to put your arms, touching hands, around this old wolf of the forest?

**8. Blueberries Galore!** - The low blueberry plants found here are another member of the heath group (ericaceae family). They make a low tangle of shrubs providing excellent ground cover. Many whippoorwills have been heard by neighbors in the past because they liked nesting in the heaths. These plants do require some sunlight and, unfortunately, the pine forest is closing in over them reducing this habitat over time. The town plans to reverse this trend by making some small "patch" cuts in the pine to allow more sunlight to reach the forest floor. If you have not heard a whippoorwill at dusk you might listen to one on the internet. Wow!

Behind you, down the hill, you will see another brook. This brook flows out of Turtle Pond and through a large wetlands complex before it gouges through the deep sandy glacial formation we are standing on. Turtle Pond is known habitat for Blandings and Spotted turtles which likely use this brook in some parts of the year. Looking across the brook there is a sharp rise in the land. These sharp ridges of deep sand deposits are called eskers. Many of these formations in our town have been excavated for their sand and gravel used for construction. These will be protected. Can you think of any "gravel pits" in our town?



**9. Shinrin Yoku** - The Japanese developed a therapeutic activity which has become quite popular. Shinrin Yoku literally means “forest bathing”. To immerse yourself in nature is found to be a great stress reliever. It works like this: first you go alone to the forest and find a nice place to sit or relax (like this log bench). Alone, with no electronics, dogs or other distractions, you sit quietly for 20 minutes or more. In this time, you focus your thoughts on your breathing, the sounds, smells, feeling of air movement and changes in light. The added bonus is the realization that you are not alone but life abounds around you. Try it! It will help put your crazy life in perspective. Just across the trail from the bench is an array of sleeping pink lady slipper orchids. More than a dozen are seen here in late May.

**10. Smells Like Gum** - Near the marker is a small plant with dark green, shiny leaves with smooth edges. This little evergreen, called wintergreen, is everywhere in this forest. It is another member of the ericaceae family (heath plants). If you search among these plants, you might find a bright red berry left behind by hungry birds or chipmunks. Have you ever had wintergreen gum or Lifesavers? You might recognize the smell when you pick a leaf and crush it to a pulp between your fingers. The leaves have a taste as well if you don't mind chewing something found on the forest floor. Just behind you is a small sapling tree about 2 inches in diameter with a smooth, shiny black bark. This is a black birch. There is a bigger one just up the trail a few feet. These trees have a wonderful hard, white wood which is used for anything you might put in your mouth like toothpicks, popsicle sticks and tongue depressors. **Try this:** Find a small branch twig from the tree and using your fingernail, scratch the bark off and smell that spot. Wintergreen smell again, right?

Maud's Quiz:

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| 1. What plant made fireworks?           | 5. How did the rocks get rounded?             |
| 2. What plant smells like chewing gum?  | 6. What plants make a “heath”?                |
| 3. What kind of wood won't float?       | 7. Where could I find a therapist out here?   |
| 4. Who is afraid of the big bad “wolf”? | 8. How come wood peckers don't get headaches? |

**Note:** Maud Jones grew up in the big white colonial house at the corner of Turtle Pond Road and Sackett Hollow Road. This woodlot was part of the Jones farm called the Northeast Pasture...that's right, no trees until the 1930s.

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## LEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Things to See and Places to Go – April 3 - April 10, 2020

#### TERRESTRIAL

**Anytime: Anytime: Weekly Nature Walk in the Lee Town Forest:** This week's walk features wood frogs and a vernal pool where they come to breed. From the trail, stop and listen for the frogs before taking the path to the pool - they sound like tiny ducks! Once you start down the trail, the frogs will go silent, but if you wait quietly and are patient, they may start up again once they get used to you. Also featured this week are some of the smooth-barked trees found growing along the trail. The write-up will also be distributed to ORSD families and will be available on the Conservation Commission's Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/LeeConservationCommission/?eid=ARcav8ClwcVvJenCadblX9CxcFY\\_f7cj6hVbVUnrRqcg30Pby106u62U9Hdxv2ObQn7x5m89F-zfvMu-](https://www.facebook.com/LeeConservationCommission/?eid=ARcav8ClwcVvJenCadblX9CxcFY_f7cj6hVbVUnrRqcg30Pby106u62U9Hdxv2ObQn7x5m89F-zfvMu-)

**Anytime: Walk the Maud Jones Memorial Forest (MJMF):** I hope some of you have tried this self-guided nature walk put together by Lee resident, Don Quigley. The trail is an easy .9 mile loop, and Don's tour includes a dry upland habitat, wetland habitat, a tiny orchid, a wolf pine, and a rare

geological formation called a kettle hole. The guide is available on the Conservation Commission's Facebook page, (you'll have to scroll down a bit to get to it), is featured in this week's E-Crier and has been distributed to ORSD families. If you haven't been to MJF yet, check it out. It's a lovely place, an easy walk, and Don's self-guided walk is both fun and informative.



**Anytime: Make some nature art:** Something we do on our Mast Way nature walks several times a year is make temporary art using beautiful materials provided by nature (but not picking anything



off of living plants). With cones, fallen leaves, lichens, evergreen needles from fallen limbs and nipped-off twigs, acorns, and sticks, the children produce some amazingly beautiful works. Pictured are some of the mandalas they created last fall. Though there are no brilliantly colored leaves to use in nature art at this time of, don't let that be a deterrent. I've seen children make fantastic artworks such as intricately patterned hearts, geometric assemblages, spirals and nests using just sticks. I'd love to have you send in photographs of your creations.



**Anytime - Listen:** After the long silence of winter, spring is full of sound - birds and frogs singing, and chipmunks chipping during the day; foxes barking, owls hooting, and frogs singing at night. This spring there's something more this year, or rather, less: very little human sound. For decades, whenever I've been out in a wild area, I've played a game where I've tried to find moments when there are no human sounds. Very rarely have I been able to experience such moments. Somewhere in the background, human sounds, usually in the form of various sorts of internal combustion engines, are omnipresent. Social distancing has changed that. In the woods are the sounds of the wind sighing in the trees, vocalizations of the creatures that live there. The only human sounds are my own breathing and my heartbeat. It's what, for eons, our planet sounded like, and it's both eerie and beautiful.

**Bird of the Week: American Robin.** Migrating robins have been arriving in large flocks for several weeks, but on Tuesday afternoon I heard my first robin song of the year. Members of the thrush family, robins are, like most members of their tribe, wonderful singers. It is the males that sing, and they do so to attract a mate and establish their territories - letting other males know not to trespass. As is true for many songbirds, the older the male, the greater variety in his song. The basic robin song is transcribed as "Cheerily, cheer up, cheer up, cheerily, cheer up," but, with increased years comes increasing song variations. As he matures, the male robin will add changes to the basic phrasing of his song, making it much more elaborate. This signals to a listening female that here is a

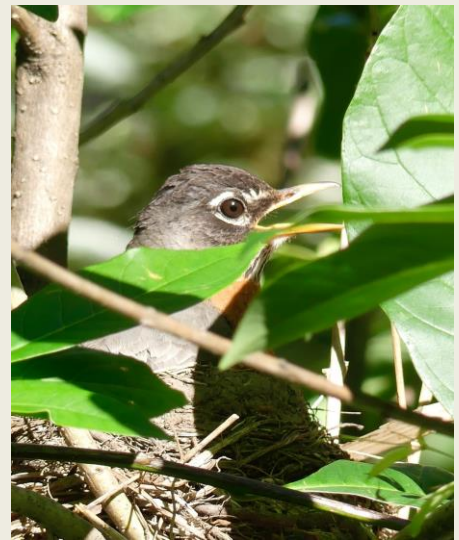


fellow who's been around the block a few times, who's survived numerous migrations, successfully avoided predators, and kept himself well-nourished, in effect, a bird with a lot of potential as a mate and parent; it also signals to potential rivals that this is an experienced male, perhaps one it wouldn't be wise to challenge.



During migration, the males arrive several days or weeks ahead of the females. This gives the males time to sort out territorial disputes before the ladies arrive on the scene. Female robins, who are solely responsible for nest-building and brooding their eggs, tarry a bit longer before heading north. As mud is an important component in nest construction, it wouldn't do to arrive while everything is still frozen. Likewise, egg production makes great demands on her body - better to arrive when insects and other invertebrates are plentiful.

Everyone is familiar with what this bird looks like, but do you know how to tell a male robin from a female? Both are similarly colored, but the male robin is darker overall. Note the black head, dark grey-black head and tail, bright rusty-orange breast, of this male robin in Andrea Lablanc's photograph to the right... The female's coloring is much duller - dusty brown head and back, faded orange breast - her colors help her blend in with her surroundings. It was difficult to locate a photograph that gave a good view of a female robin, but Andrea shared the one at right showing a female robin on her nest. While only a glimpse of faded orange breast feathers is visible, this photograph provides a great view of her dusty brown head.



## CELESTIAL

There are two very excellent online resources to help you and your family explore the night sky. One is EarthSky (<https://earthsky.org/>). The EarthSky website provides several weeks' worth of nightly write-ups about what's going on in the night sky, along with a brief daily feature giving more in-depth information about a particular night-sky object. They've very generously given their permission to have their graphics used in this newsletter, and I encourage you and your children to visit their website. The other website is **Stellarium** (<https://stellarium-web.org/>), which has replaced StarAtlas, but remains an interactive map of the night sky. This new incarnation will set itself to your location. You can change the time and date to coincide with when you'll be star-gazing, and the map scrolls in all directions. If, for instance, in your location the best place for viewing the night sky happens to be facing west, just scroll the map to show the stars, planets and satellites that will appear in that part of the sky. Once you have the sky set for viewing time and direction, you can click on objects in the sky and an information box will appear giving the object's name plus information about brightness, type of object, etc. This is a fantastic website.

**Saturday, April 4, Looking West @ 8:00 - Moon and Regulus:** The waxing gibbous moon is preparing for a big night early next week. This evening, it sidles up to one of the 25 brightest stars in the night sky, Regulus. The brightest star in the constellation Leo, The Lion, Regulus is actually a system composed of four stars.



**Tuesday, April 7, Looking East before Sunset - Biggest Supermoon of the Year:** Supermoons occur about three times a year - when a full moon coincides with its closest approach to Earth (perigee). Tonight's moon will be as close as it gets to Earth all year, hence it will be the biggest supermoon of 2020. April Moons are known as Sprouting Grass Moons, Egg Moons, and Pink Moons (for the colors of spring flowers), As always, the moon will look biggest at the horizon, so to really appreciate it in all its ghostly glory a clear view of the east is best. The coast is the perfect place to watch the moon rise, which is scheduled to appear above the Atlantic at 6:52 p.m. If you linger for a little while, first Jupiter and then Saturn will appear along the ecliptic, and you'll be able to enjoy three of the night sky's brightest objects.



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Fire Chief

## LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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### TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE SPRING SEASON

We are in the midst of unprecedented times with the onset of the COVID 19 Virus. In an effort to protect our personnel and the public, the Fire Department has adjusted its operations. We are still fully staffed and operating to protect our community and respond to emergencies, but we have put a hold on or adjusted the way we provide some of our services. The Safety Complex has been closed to all visitors for the foreseeable future. All official business will be conducted by phone or email. Phone numbers and email addresses are provided on the Fire Department's web page (<https://www.leenh.org/fire-department>).

Burn permits are still required for all outside burning and all State burning regulations are still in effect. Burning regulations and permits can be found below.

All station tours are suspended as are all home visits for wood stove, burn permit and inspection purposes. Furnace installation inspections will be conducted on an emergency basis for emergency replacement only. All furnace replacement work shall be coordinated through the Fire Chief's office before any work is to be done.

All local bodies of water are ice free at this time. Please be cautious when recreating on the water as the water temperature is still near freezing and any exposure to the water could lead to hypothermia very quickly. Always wear a safety jacket when boating and abide by all safe boating practices.

All information regarding the Town of Lee's recommendations and response to the COVID 19 crisis will come from the Town of Lee Health Officer, Caren Rossi. All questions should be directed to her office. Please abide by all recommendations to stay home, social distance, hand wash and protect yourself and the community. Only together can we make it through this crisis. For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit [www.cdc.gov/](http://www.cdc.gov/).



**LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL  
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

**BURN PERMIT**

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS  
[CLICK HERE](#) to get a Burn Permit Online

[BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE](#)  
[DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS FIRE PERMIT BROCHURE](#)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fire Department Fee Schedule  
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

## WHEN SECONDS COUNT...



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. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

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 \$35.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

**Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.**  
[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

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## McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

McGregor EMS is currently seeking both Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers. Those interested may email [membership@mcgregorems.org](mailto:membership@mcgregorems.org). To learn more about this great service [CLICK HERE](#)!

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## WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

**Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd**

The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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## LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Planning Board, Energy, and Sustainability Committees have immediate 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.

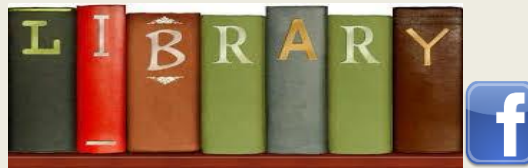
## COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/calendar>

### LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/node/14/events/month/2019-08>

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### THE LIBRARY IS NOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Starting Saturday, March 28, 2020 the library will discontinue curbside pickup. Per order of Governor Sununu's Stay Home order, we will no longer offer book pickup. We encourage you to keep all the items you currently have on loan until a future date, yet to be determined.

Please DO NOT return anything to the library during this time. When the library reopens we will begin accepting returns. Our Book Drop will remain CLOSED for the next several weeks.

You can reach the library director through email [leelibrary@comcast.net](mailto:leelibrary@comcast.net) with any concerns or questions.

#### MISSING THE LIBRARY?

You can check out Overdrive, Novelist, EBSCOHost and Universal Class at [leelibrarynh.org](http://leelibrarynh.org).



### GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2020

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Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH**

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Help UNH Extension map food-access resources and needs across New Hampshire during COVID-19 – [CLICK HERE](#)

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## **10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SEACOAST VETERANS CONFERENCE**

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Service Credit Union Corporate Office, Portsmouth, NH

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### **FOSTER HOMES NEEDED IN STRAFFORD COUNTY**

Foster children come from your town, your neighborhood, and your school. They are friends of your child, members of your church, and kids on your little league team. They are babies, toddlers, school-aged kids, and teenagers. They are brothers and sisters who need to stay together. Due to a situation beyond their control, they have to be displaced from their homes and put into a temporary home. They need support, guidance and love. They need a safe place to call home while their family works to put itself back together. Are you able to make a difference in a child's life? Are you able to open your home to a child from your community – enabling them to remain in a familiar school, with familiar friends? There is a real need for foster homes in the Merrimack and Strafford County areas for Children of all ages & sibling groups. If you've ever thought about becoming a foster parent, now is the time to call.

If you'd like to learn more about the foster care program, please contact Dawn Ghiorzi, Recruitment and Licensing Specialist, with Ascentria Care Alliance at 603-931-9582 or at [dghiorzi@ascentria.org](mailto:dghiorzi@ascentria.org). For more information on how you may help foster children in the Lee community please call Sally Cedarholm at the Lee Church 603-659-2861 or email her at [leechurchucc@comcast.net](mailto:leechurchucc@comcast.net).

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### **NHES Operation VET Connect**

Operation VETS Connect is a challenge to connect those who served and those who are serving and their spouses to employment, training and services they need to return to employment or into training to assist them with obtaining employment. Additional goals are to build an employer's awareness of the benefits to hiring those who served along with the awareness for those who served of the skills they have or need to build on to return to employment.

Employers are asked to register for the challenge by completing the registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) The information from their registration form will be entered into a spreadsheet by Operations staff and made available to the offices. The employer name, industry, and town/city will also be listed on the website weekly. ESRs and LVERs should verify that the employer is registered in JMS and if appropriate, contact the employer to advise of the services available to them.

Veterans, those currently serving and their spouses are also asked to complete a registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) Their information will be entered into a separate spreadsheet and distributed to the office nearest their homes. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Operation VET Connect Flyer

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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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