

**TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
May 6, 2022**

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER
FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL LEE TOWN FISHING DERBY & FISH FRY
STEVENS FARM (28 TUTTLE ROAD)**

SATURDAY, MAY 7th 9:00am – 12:00pm

**FISH FRY TO FOLLOW AT STEVENS FIELD (next to Public Safety Complex) UNTIL 2pm
Sponsored by the Lee Recreation Commission**

- No Experience Necessary
- Lots of prizes and awards
- Event open to all children and grandchildren of Lee residents
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- Anglers do not need a fishing license, but must be under the age of 16
- Hooks hit the water at 9 AM sharp rain or shine
- Anglers may come and go throughout the morning
- Fish Fry open to all Lee Residents regardless of age

Those of you who have attended previous Derbies know that the Stevens' farm on the banks of the Little River is the perfect site for a sunny (or even rainy—the fish really bite in the rain) spring morning of dancing lines and leaping trout. This is a working farm so please remind your children to be respectful of fences and equipment. Trash is carry-in, carry-out.

There will be an award for the first catch of the day. Trophies will also be awarded for biggest and smallest single fish as well as largest weight and length combined. New Hampshire Fish and Game rules apply - your limit is five fish.

Register by calling Cynthia at 603-659-2046 or the Clerk's Office today at 603-659-5414 x308. Registration automatically enters your child in a drawing for the fishing pole, tackle box and other prizes. You must be present at the Fish Fry to claim your raffle prize. Donations for the raffle may be brought to the Derby.

At noon bring your trout to the Stevens Field next to the Safety Complex where firefighters will grill it for you. There will be free hot dogs for anyone whose fish got away. You do not need to participate in the derby to come to the Fish Fry, but please RSVP for the Fish Fry. Bring your Frisbee, guitar, baseball glove, or wiffle ball and enjoy the day.



The Lee Memorial sign has been set up at the newly adopted Lee Memorial Baseball Field to commemorate those who exhibited a love for the game but sadly passed too soon. The first plaque for Matt Sarno has been established as a memorial to his life and his love for the game.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

May 16th, 31st 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 **You Tube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

TRAILS COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS AT WORK AGAIN!

The Trails Committee had a great workday last Saturday at Little River Park and Maud Jones Memorial Forest: freshly painted blazes, new trail signs, QR codes up and working, and a good time had by all! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out!



Join us Saturday, May 14, 10am-1pm, trail work in the Town Forest - blazing, trimming, opening up a new trail - lots to do! We need your help!

The Trails Committee is putting together a Bridge Brigade! Are you interested in learning how to build hiking footbridges? Do you have skills and want to help out?

Little River Trail Bridges (2)

Saturday, June 4th, 9am - 12pm, help move wood to bridge location on Little River Trail

June 6th-8th, help build 2 bridges on the Little River Trail (TBD)

Town Forest Bridge #4 Completion

Saturday, June 25th, 9am - 12pm, help move wood to bridge location

June 27th-29th, help build the 24' bridge (TBD)

Interested or want more information? Email Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com.

NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS STARTING MAY 2ND

Town Administrator's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm

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

Friday 8am – 12:30pm

Town Clerk's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm / Wednesday 8am – 4pm / Friday 8am – 4pm

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.

TOWN-WIDE YARDSALES

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH STARTS AT 8:00am

Check back here for Map and Addresses next week!

Come join the Lee Police Department and the Lee Recreation Department on
Thursday June 16th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Little River Park for:

LEE FAMILY NIGHT AT THE PARK

We will have a child bike course set up

Philbrick's Bike shop will be there for bike and helmet inspections

We will have a raffle for bike helmets

There will be coloring pages and more!

We will even have child seat inspections!



Illustrated by Sydney Cole

RITA LANE IS NOW OPEN

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

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 x301 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** Lee Municipal Technology Advisory Committee and Lee Greeters Committee

E-CRIER PUBLISHING ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have a community event that you would like to publish in the E-Crier, please email Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at dduval@leenh.org by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

SWAP SHOP NEWS

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 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!

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.

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

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION [NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH Department of Health and Human Services [UPDATES \(including Tickborne Diseases\)](#)

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

Knitters Meet Here

Wednesday, May 4th and 18th 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!



Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group – Monday, May 23rd 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 May 25th, 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, Matt Rowell. Matt's main focus centers on how chickens are used in the backyard. With an emphasis on a pastured poultry model, Matt's chickens are field raised and include meat chickens and also egg production! 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!



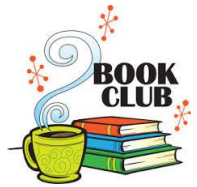
Tuesday May 3, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Friends Meeting

Saturday May 7, 11:00am – 3:00pm - Artisan Fair

Sponsored by the Lee Sustainability Committee, Co-Sponsored by the Lee Public Library... Come and find us at the Artisan fair! It's almost Mother's Day; you can pick up the perfect gift. Forge Work, Stained Glass, Jewelry, Quilting, Beeswax Candles, Fishing Rods, Glass, Vinyl & Nature Art, Greenery, Musical Instruments and so much more!

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!



Wednesday May 25, 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! **Is there is a better time for this group? Let us know your thoughts!**

May 1st – May 31st – Community Art Show

Let's get creative and show off our artistic talents to celebrate 130 years of the Lee Public Library! Here's how to join in... pick up your kit from the library, use all resources that are provided (but feel free to embellish and add your own too), bring back your finished piece by May 31st and be sure to have a name or title for your creation, art pieces must be collected at the end of August. All ages are welcome to create a masterpiece for the art show. *"Paint what you feel, paint what you see, paint what is real to you" Robert Henri.* **We look forward to displaying your works of art in the Library for the summer... Happy Painting!**

LIBRARY CLOSURE MAY 30: We will be closed May 30th in honor of Memorial Day



FOR THE CHILDREN

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 kits this month are the Community Art Show Kits!**



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...

Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday – Session 5 – May-June Please Note: NO PROGRAMS MAY 17TH & 19TH!

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 (3:45) until 4:45.

After School Lego Club - Thursdays from bus drop off (3:45) until 4:45.

Middle School Crafters

This fun group will only meet on the 1st Friday in May as there is no programming on May 20th. Call the library at 659-2626 for more information.

Tuesday May 10, 17 & 24, 5:30—6:30pm – Middle School Chess Group



Are you a middle schooler who has always wanted to learn chess, or do you just love to play chess? This is the program for you! Learn how to play the game, strategy, moves, how to outplay your opponent and more! Registration may be placed by phone 659-2626 or email at leelibrary@Comcast.net or, or just come along and play!

Tuesday May 31, 6:00pm – Middle School Book Club

Our middle school book club will be meeting in person in May to enjoy pizza and discuss 5 Children and It. 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.



PLEASE NOTE: There are no children's story times or after school clubs from May 16th – 20th!

Regional & State News & Events

STRAFFORD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

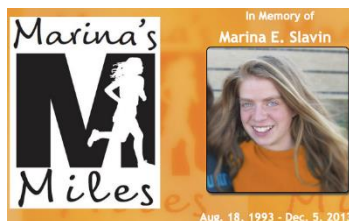
21st Annual Plant Sale
Perennials, Herbs, and Vegetables

SCMGA
Strafford County
Master Gardeners
Association

Sunday, May 22, 2022, 9AM - 1PM
Durham Town Hall Parking Lot
8 Newmarket Rd, Durham, NH
Rain or Shine

- Ask A Master Gardener
- Plant A Row Resources
- Recycled Garden Supplies

Cash or Check



Durham, NH – Marina's Miles 5K Run/Walk will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Oyster River High School in Durham. Registration is \$25 and includes a free t-shirt if your registration is received by May 22nd (\$30 on day-of-race). Registration forms are available at www.marinas miles.org. Registrants will automatically be entered in the door prize raffle. A virtual option is available; visit www.marinas miles.org/covid for Covid precautions.

Help remember an enthusiastically loving person and barefoot championship runner, Marina Slavin, who died in 2013 of a heart infection at the age of 20. Proceeds go to a college-bound student at Oyster River High School (Marina's alma mater).

Donations for the scholarship are accepted via Paypal at www.MarinasMiles.org/donate or a check made out to *Marina's Miles*, 10 Burnham Ave, Durham, NH 03824. We are a 501c3 charitable organization, so your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

A safe, fun, family-friendly, community event! Remember a treasured member of our community, support education for our youth, and have fun! Trueworthy and Associates is our major sponsor.

Herring Aid Is Back!



alewife *Alosa pseudoharengus*

Date: Saturday, May 7, 10-noon

Location: Macallen Dam, Newmarket, NH

After two years without our annual river herring celebration due to Covid concerns, Herring Aid will return this spring when the river herring head back from the ocean to their birth places upstream to spawn the next generation.

As usual, visitors can witness first-hand the great annual migration of the river herring, ask the biologists all those fishy questions, handle the fish, and maybe, just maybe, be daring enough to hold a sea lamprey.

While enjoying a nice day beside the river, visitors can see recently-completed engineered improvements at Macallen Dam, such as the new flood gate, reinforced sidewalls on the south bank, and a spruced-up yard at the NH Fish and Game staging area.

This event is free and will occur rain or shine.

Free parking is available along Route 108 and behind the Newmarket Public Library. Follow the fish signs to the top of the fish ladder.



GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 5/4/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:00 am State House in Concord, NH



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

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – MAY 4, 2022

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you to all who teach our students in Oyster River! And thanks to the PTO leaders and volunteers who went the extra mile to show appreciation this week!

The School Board and Superintendent commended the work of Oyster River school nurses throughout the pandemic. While all school staff have gone above and beyond, school nurses worked tirelessly to ensure they stayed current on (often conflicting) state and federal guidance and worked to apply best practices when working with each student, family, and staff member. This outstanding group of dedicated professionals continues to provide excellent service to the Oyster River school community.

ORHS presents *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, May 5th and 6th at 7:00pm and Saturday May 8th at 2:00pm or 7:00pm in the ORHS auditorium. Tickets are available [online](http://showtix4u.com/events/orhs) (<http://showtix4u.com/events/orhs>) or at the door.

School Start and End times for the 2022-2023 school year were approved by the School Board and will be slightly different than this year. For 2022-2023, the elementary academic day will be 9:15-3:25. The middle and high school academic day will be 8:15-3:00.

The new Oyster River Middle School continues to receive attention and accolades from outside Oyster River. After Sen. Hassan and Rep. Pappas visited on April 20th, ORMS has also hosted the New Hampshire School Business Administrators and the NH Seacoast School Superintendents. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen was expected to visit on May 6th. On May 12th, the New Hampshire State Board of Education will meet in the ORMS recital hall. Visitors for the NH BOE meeting will enter and exit through the recital hall doors and be separated from students and staff except for guided tours.

Assistant Superintendent Suzanne Filippone discussed Competency-Based-Learning and Communicating Student Learning with the School Board for over an hour. Elementary and Middle schools will be reviewing the structure and content of report cards and academic progress are shared with students and families, with improvements expected for the fall 2022 semester. No changes to the ORHS grading system are currently being proposed, and any change to grading systems would require approval by the School Board.

The finalists for the position of ORCSD DEIJ Coordinator will each spend one day in Oyster River schools next week visiting schools and meeting with students, staff, and administrators. Members of the community can meet finalists in the ORMS learning commons from 5:45-6:30 on Monday and Wednesday May 9th and 11th.

There is no school for students in Oyster River on May 27th and May 30th due to a teacher workshop and Memorial Day.

ORCSD School Board meeting materials are posted online at <https://www.orcsd.org/school-board/agendas-and-minutes> with links to videos when available. The best way to directly contact the entire school board is to email orcsdsb@orcsd.org or individual school board members.

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!

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 AND your hours of availability during the Day of the Artist.

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.

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