

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
May 14, 2021**

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

MONDAY, May 17rd 6:00 pm

**SELECT BOARD MEETING W/CONSERVATION COMMISSION, LIBRARY TRUSTEES
AND TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, May 19th 5:30 pm

Meeting ID 892 7541 3158 & Password 124855

Please check the website for Agendas and instructions on how to access Zoom meetings
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on  at [CLICK HERE](#)

MODEL ROCKET DAY REGISTRATION

Saturday, May 15th 9:00 am – 11:00 am or by appointment
12 Lee Hill Road, Lee, NH

This year, participants for the Lee Model Rocket Day to be held at Little River Park on June 12, 2021, will be required to register their child and pick up their model rocket kit prior to the event. Since the number of rocket kits are limited this year, registration will be available to the first 40 applicants. A limited number of pre-built rockets will also be available. There is no charge for this event or the rocket kits. The event is open to all Lee children up to age 17. For more information, please call Larry Kindberg at 603-292-5790 or 603-475-3207(cell) or email larrykindberg@comcast.net.



TOWN OF LEE YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND & SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH

BEGINS AT 8AM

REGISTER by contacting Caren Rossi at 603-659-6783 or crossi@leenh.org
by the Friday before each event



**LEE MEMORIAL VFW POST 10676
MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
MONDAY, May 31st, LEE TOWN FIELD, 1:00 pm**

Supervisors of the Checklist to Verify the Voter Checklist

NH law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years, and this is the year. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years (since April 1, 2017) must re-register to remain on the checklist. On **Wednesday, June 2nd, at the Lee Town Offices at 8am** the Supervisors will approve which voters will be sent a 2021 Verification of Checklist letter and then prepare the letters.

If your household should receive one of these letters and the person no longer lives there, simply toss the letter. Unfortunately, people who registered last fall but then did not vote or whose absentee ballot arrived late, will also receive a letter and will need to re-register at some point.

A 2nd session will be held by the Supervisors of the Checklist on **Thursday, July 22nd from 6-7pm in the Lee Library parking lot (hobo shed located in that lot if raining)** to allow voters that received the 2021 Verification of Checklist letter an opportunity to re-register. Voters that still live in Lee and would like to remain on the checklist may come before us at this time or go to the Lee Town Clerk's office during normal business hours before July 22nd.

At this July 22nd session, Supervisors will also accept applications for new voter registration and accept requests for the correction of the checklist and/or change of political party affiliation. Voters may check their party affiliation online [HERE](#).

Applicants for registration or re-registration, whether at the Clerk's office or with the Supervisors, should bring with them proofs of identity, age (18 by the next election), citizenship, and domicile. Affidavits may be signed under oath if proofs are lacking.

Questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's office, 603-659-2964 x308 or any Supervisor.

**9TH ANNUAL RAID ROCKINGHAM BICYCLE RIDE
LOOK OUT FOR RIDERS PASSING THROUGH LEE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH**

The riders will adhere to any NH event guidelines in place at the time. There is a lower than usual turnout this year, fewer than 400 riders. The ride originates in Newmarket and by the time they reach Lee the riders will be spread out thinly - it should look like any other Sunday in Lee, with cyclists sharing the road with motorists.

The route will enter Lee on Rt 152, from the West side of Rt 125. Riders will cross Rt. 125 and enter Demeritt Ave, on to Cartland & Lee Hill. Riders will then pass through Lee on Rt 155 and exit via Packers Falls. Most rider activity will take place from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

It will be explained to all riders that rules of the road are to be observed, with particular emphasis on the Rt 125 signal (There will be warning signage up as cyclists approach this intersection).

GARLIC MUSTARD CHALLENGE – 2021 EXTREME DAY OF GIVING

Participants included: Anne Tappan, Mimi Winder, Mike Lytle, John Burke, Bill Crotty, Dan Murphy and Bill George (pictured below)

[CLICK HERE](#) for photos



LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE AT LITTLE RIVER PARK

Another great work day by the Lee Trails Committee (plus nine volunteers!) at Little River Park. Check out the new blazes and the erosion control measures.

We will be working on the Town Forest trails next. Our goal is to make the Town Forest trails clearer and less confusing for people as they walk. In working towards that goal, the Trails Committee put up yellow, red, and blue flagging to pre-mark the trails in preparation for blazing. Some of the flagging has been removed, which is disappointing and frustrating. The Committee is working hard to make the town trails accessible to everyone. You can help by leaving their work where you see it.

As a reminder: flagging on Town lands is there for a purpose. Flagging is used for trails markers, survey markers, parcel boundaries, education programs, research projects, and other Town sanctioned purposes. Because it is on Town land, it is not to be removed for any reason, except by the person(s) who put it there.

If you have suggestions or comments about what the Trails Committee is doing, please email Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com. We love to hear your feedback on the work that we are doing. Thanks for your support



**Becky Jacobs
Paul McComisky
Dan Couture
Leslie Chinburg
PHOTOS BY DEB SUGERMAN**



Tim Cullity



Simon Best



**Kathy Dallan
Charlotte Mandell
Cathy Zacchi**



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

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.

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 4/1/2019-4/1/2021 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 between (4/1/2019-4/1/2021) 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 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 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

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

UNIVERSAL BEST PRACTICES

The Governor's Office has released the "[Universal Best Practices](#)" guidance document that will replace the "Safer at Home Business Guidance" documents as of May 7th.

These "Universal Best Practices" are recommendations related to COVID-19 practices for all individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider and implement for the operation of their business. Nothing in this document or other guidance precludes any business, organization, or individual business operators from taking additional precautions for the health and safety of its employees and consumers. Additionally, a set of stand-alone guidance for "[Overnight Congregate Settings for Children](#)" has been released.

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 May 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.

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

Best-practice for Using Your Library

- You may now enter and exit through the main doors.
- You may visit the library for up to an hour at a time.
- Please wear a mask and use the hand sanitizers.
- Please observe 6-foot distancing when feasible.
- You may return your items in the book drop or in the library.
- Returns will be quarantined for 24 hours before being checked in.

Curbside Pickup Continues



Contact-less curb-side pickup is available during regular open hours. If the weather is non-cooperative, the pickup will be just inside the library main entrance. You may request items via phone 659-2626, [email](#) or online through our [catalog](#). Your requested items will be checked out to you, placed in a bag, and tagged with your name. We will email or call you when your items are ready to be picked up.

Children's Programs for May 2021

Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesday

We will put out new craft kits and activities every Tuesday at 2:00 pm.

May 18 Librarian's Choice TBD

May 25 Father's Day Lego craft

Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

May 20 Librarian's Choice TBD

May 27 Fathers

Lap Sit Story-time May 19 8:30 am

Facebook live program - Join Shay, Miss Judy and the crew for some fun movement songs and stories. This program is designed for littles 24 months old and younger and their caregivers, but can be enjoyed by all ages.

Pajama Story time

Wednesday May 26th, at 6:00 pm. Put on your jammies a little early, bring along your blanket and favorite stuffy and listen to some bedtime stories. A Facebook Live! Program.

Middle School Book Club

Our middle school book club is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We meet via Zoom from 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.

May 25 6:00-6:45 final book group meeting until September



Regional & State News & Events

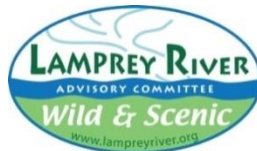
GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 5/5/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH



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

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

May 5, 2021

Suzanne Filippone, currently principal of ORHS, is Oyster River's new Assistant Superintendent effective July 1 upon the retirement of Todd Allen. A committee of 22 stakeholders screened and interviewed about 20 candidates as part of this selection process. Congratulations to Ms. Filippone!

A search for a high school principal began the day after her appointment.

The School Board approved hiring 2 Mandarin Chinese world language teachers for grades 6-12 to replace funding lost with the ending of UNH's relationship with the Confucius Institute. ORCSD will also seek grant funding to support continuation of a K-5 after school Mandarin enrichment program.

Superintendent Morse requests the full cooperation of the community to create a safe environment for students traveling to and from school. With more students being driven to school due to the pandemic, extra congestion is expected around arrival and dismissal around all ORCSD schools, and in particular on Coe Dr. near ORHS. All drivers must stop for school busses that have red lights flashing or stop signs extended.

ORCSD will hold a forum on May 25 called "Diversity, Visibility, and Standing Together in Oyster River." It will focus on Asian American History & Current Issues, with our district's significant Asian population and with the recent increase in anti-Asian violence nationally -- but it's really part of the district's commitment to celebrating diversity and recognizing and dismantling systemic racism of all kinds. UNH Professor Monica Chiu, also a Durham resident and parent, will give a brief presentation, then we'll hear about some Asian American family experiences and have an open community discussion. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This event will be [Tuesday, May 25th, from 6-7:30](#) in the ORHS auditorium.

Oyster River will join the lawsuit filed by the Contoocook Valley (ConVal), Mascenic, Monadnock, and Winchester School Districts challenging the State of New Hampshire's calculation and financial support for an adequate public education, as required by the state Constitution.

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.

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