

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
May 27, 2022**



**LEE TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 30TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE BEGINS AT 1PM
Read below for parade details**

On Monday, May 30th the Memorial Day Parade, which is organized and led by the Lee VFW Post 10676, will form up at 12:45 pm at the old Town Hall and step off at 1:00 pm led by the VFW color guard. It will move down Mast Road to the Lee Memorial Park / Town Field next to Mast Way School where a ceremony and wreath laying will occur. Civic groups including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts veterans, fire, police and other interested groups are invited to join the parade. Patriotic songs, reading and a speaker will highlight the ceremony followed by the 18th Dover firing a 21 Gun Salute with muskets. The sounding of taps will conclude the event. For more information, contact Scott Moreau, Commander Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 at 603-834-3143 or email smoreau@leefire.org.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSION

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Lee Town Offices Lobby

State Primary Election Day is September 13, 2022. **The last day for registered voters to change or declare a party affiliation is May 31, 2022.** Please check to make sure you are registered in your party of choice or undeclared by following this link: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation>

Undeclared voters are required to choose a Democratic or Republican ballot when they go to vote at the primary. You then become a registered member of that party unless you sign a list to return to undeclared status with the supervisors of the checklist before leaving the polling place.

You may change your party affiliation with the Lee Town Clerk, or at any scheduled meeting of the supervisors of the checklist except for during the period of time between the first day of the filing period for the primary election (June 1) and the date of the primary election itself (September 13). The Lee Town Clerk's Office is open Monday, 8am - 6pm and Wednesday and Friday 8am - 4pm. New applicants for voter registration after May 31 may declare a party when they register.

As always, applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 years of age), citizenship, and domicile in Lee should bring that proof when they come to register. Driver's license and passport or birth certificate are helpful. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, citizenship, and/or domicile.

TRAILS COMMITTEE NOTICE

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

Little River Trail Bridge in Little River Park

Join us Saturday, **June 4th**, 9am - 12pm, to help move wood to bridge location

June 6th-8th, 9am – 1pm, to help build 2 bridges

Town Forest Bridge #4 Completion

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

June 27th-29th, 9am – 1pm, to help build the 24' bridge



LIVE, ONLINE EVENT: MEET NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MOTHS

Saturday, June 10th 7:00-7:45 pm

Want to learn about some of the moths that live in New Hampshire and how to better observe them? As a lead in to the "Wonderful World of Moths" event, the UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry and Wildlife Program will air an online discussion with Sam Jaffe, Executive Director of the Caterpillar Lab. Sam will talk about New

Hampshire's moths and how to observe them. There is no fee and no registration is required. If you're not able to make the live event on the evening of June 10, the discussion will be recorded and available for viewing at any time. To watch the discussion, either live or recorded, visit the Coop. Ext. Forestry and Wildlife Program's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nhwoods.org>.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MOTHS AT NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th 8:00 – 11:00 pm

Little River Park, 34 North River Rd, Lee, NH

Moths are an incredibly diverse group of insects with more than 3,000 species occurring in New Hampshire. They are important pollinators and food for a wide variety of birds, mammals and even fungi. Many moth species are nocturnal – when we are turning in for the night, they are heading out. However, with the right tools and a willingness to stay out past our bedtime we can peek into the wonderful world of moths at night.

UNH Extension and the Town of Lee Conservation Commission are thrilled to host the Caterpillar Lab for a night of "moth lighting" and an opportunity to observe the mysterious world of nocturnal insects. The Caterpillar Lab will set up sheets with special moth-attracting lights and will help us identify the hundreds of species of insects (not just moths!) we expect to attract. You will be surprised by the diversity, size, and beauty of New England's nocturnal insects. Be prepared to see and learn new things!

We will begin the evening under the pavilion with a live caterpillar display, caterpillar-inspired crafts, and stories and photos from local “moth-ers”. Then, we’ll move into the field to monitor insect visitors at the light station.

What to Bring: The event will be held entirely outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Be prepared for mosquitoes and ticks; if you choose to use insect spray, you will be asked to wash your hands after application and prior to touching any caterpillars or other insects. Bring a flashlight for each participant, a snack, and plenty of water.

Registration: This event will be limited to 30 attendees. [Click here to register](#). **Cost:** In order to ensure this program is accessible for all, there are multiple registration fee options - \$0, \$5, \$15, or \$25. Please pay what you can.

8th ANNUAL MODEL ROCKET DAY
Saturday, June 11th Little River Park 9:00am
Hosted by the Lee Recreation Commission

This is a free event for the children of Lee. Model rocket kits and engines will be provided on the day of the event. As in the past, the rockets will be built in the Randy Stevens Pavilion and launching will begin at 10am. Please contact Larry Kindberg, larrykindberg@comcast.net or call 603-292-5790 to register and reserve your rocket kit. Rain date is Saturday, June 25th.



LEE VFW POST 10676 – FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY
Tuesday, June 14th Lee Transfer Station

The U.S. Flag Code says, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” When an American flag is worn beyond repair, it should be retired in a respectful manner. Please feel free to drop off your retired flags at the Transfer Station any time before June 14th.

THANK YOU JOHN R. LACOURSE FOR OVER 10 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
ON THE TOWN OF LEE SELECT BOARD



DRIVE THRU COFFEE STAND / LEE CHURCH YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 11th 7:00 am – 10:30 am

Lee Church Congregational

The Lee Church Youth Group will be having a drive thru coffee stand to raise money for their upcoming mission trip. This group of amazing kids take time out of their summer each year to help rebuild low-income housing. Let's help them by coming on down to the church and grabbing a coffee and a goodie!! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

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

The Unequal Cellophane Bee Makes Soup for Her Young and a Baggy to Put It In

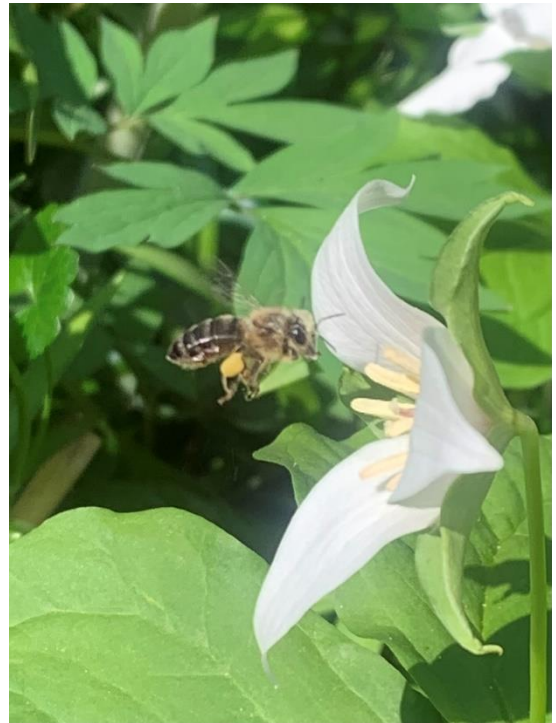
By Catherine Fisher, Lee Conservation Commission

One of the many joys of gardening is having the opportunity to become a bit better acquainted with some of our native pollinators. Early spring, when bee season is just beginning, is a wonderful time to observe vernal bee species, those hardy enough to brave our often cool, wet springs. Of the more than 100 bee species occurring in New Hampshire, one of the earliest is *Colletes Inaequalis*, the unequal cellophane bee.

The unequal cellophane bee is one of the 518 species belonging to the genus *Colletes*, the plasterer, or polyester, bees. As is the case for 90% of the world's bee species and all cellophane bee species, the unequal cellophane bee is solitary. She doesn't live her life as a member of a communal hive but lives her life alone. It is a busy life - spent digging nesting chambers and gathering nectar and pollen with which to provision the larvae that will hatch from the eggs that she lays. Though solitary, her burrow will be located in an aggregation - an area where other cellophane bees are nesting. Aggregations are usually located on sparsely vegetated, south-facing sandy slopes; as well as being easy to excavate, aggregation sites are warmed by the sun. Each tunnel entrance resembles a small anthill, though the entrances are larger - about the width of a pencil. Large aggregations may have as many as fifty burrows.

The female cellophane bee mates soon after hatching and, after finding a suitable site, almost immediately begins to dig an 18-inch deep shaft in the sand. This vertical tunnel will have one or more side chambers, sometimes as many as seven. The bee first excavates a single chamber, then packs down and smooths the inside surface, and then covers the entire surface with a type of silk. She then mixes her saliva with a secretion produced by a gland in her abdomen; these two substances react chemically to produce the polyester for which the genus is named. Using her broad, fringed tongue, she spreads this bioplastic over the silk fibers, producing a chamber that has, in effect, a waterproof, fiberglass lining. By adding an extra panel of polyester above the entrance to the chamber, she creates a flap that can be bent down to seal the chamber once her egg is laid within.

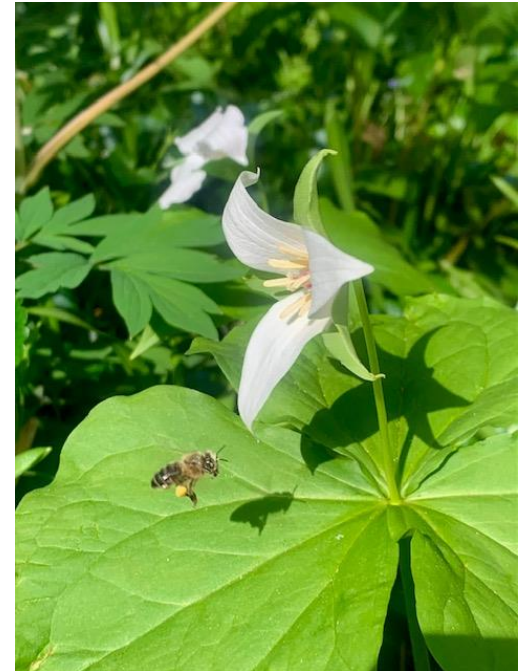
As each chamber is completed, she sets about gathering provisions for the larva that will grow inside it. This is where that south-facing location of her burrow is so crucial, for flight requires warmth, and spring days are often chilly. By sitting on the sunny summit of her nesting tunnel, the cellophane bee can warm herself until her body temperature is high enough to power flight. Once suitably toasty, she flies off and begins foraging from maples and other early-flowering trees and shrubs as well as spring ephemerals such as the trillium pictured here. She laps up nectar and packs pollen into the long hairs of her back legs. Replete with nectar and laden with pollen she returns to the nesting chamber.



Inside the chamber, the cellophane bee fills the bottom of the cell with a pollen nectar soup, which she makes by regurgitating the nectar she has drunk and mixing it with her load of pollen. She then lays a single egg on the ceiling of the chamber, lowers and seals the flap, and begins to work on the next chamber. She will work constantly for a month or so. As the spring progresses and temperatures rise, warming herself becomes unnecessary, and aided by her very large eyes, she becomes more and more crepuscular - often beginning her day well before sunrise and ending it well after sunset. The last egg chamber is usually completed after some six weeks of digging, chamber making, foraging, soup making and egg laying. By mid-spring, her life and the lives of all unequal cellophane bees have come to an end.



Some weeks later, within her nesting tunnel, protected in their fiberglass-lined chambers from dampness and from fungal pathogens, her eggs begin to hatch. Each larva emerges from its egg and falls directly into the nutritious soup left by its mother. Thus sustained, each will develop and pupate into an adult bee, and after spending the winter in its cellophane chamber, each bee will emerge in April or May, ready to produce the next generation.



And that silk/plastic bag that lined the egg chamber? It persists for five years before biodegrading. Scientists are studying this material, in hopes of discovering how to create a safe plastic that doesn't persist for the 500-1000 year "lifespan" of human-made plastics. So far, the material has been daunting to study, as organic solvents simply don't break it down. Still, it is marvelous to think that a biodegradable form of plastic has existed for millennia and that a little spring bee may show the way to manufacture a plastic that does not harm the environment.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

May 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** at [CLICK HERE](#)



It's a Great Time to Recycle More

Dean Rubine, LSC

We should all be proud of Lee's award winning transfer station. Sadly, even though recycling is mandatory in New Hampshire, only **one third** of Lee households participate. As prices being paid for recycled material are higher than ever, we are quite literally throwing money away when we toss cardboard, paper and especially aluminum cans and translucent bottles in the trash. The income the town gets from recycling lowers everyone's taxes, including your own. It's also much better for the environment when stuff that can be reprocessed does not languish in landfills. If that's not motivation enough, it's the law.

Before the pandemic, recycling was in the doldrums, as demand had collapsed after China stopped importing recycled materials in 2018. That's changed as supply chain problems associated with the pandemic have disrupted the production of new packaging, greatly pushing up demand for recycled material. Even though the pandemic has changed everything, the now mistaken impression of a poor recycling market has lingered.

Thanks to Lee Public Works Director Steve Bullek for the current market prices. Our winner is Aluminum Beverage Cans, for which the town is paid an astounding \$2000 per ton, \$1 per pound. Next is #2 natural plastic, translucent milk and water bottles, generating \$1000 per ton, 50 cents per pound. If you're new to recycling, we suggest you **start with translucent water and milk bottles and aluminum cans**. They're not worth their weight in gold, but they are worth their weight in bananas.

Continuing, for #2 Colored Plastic, detergent bottles, we're paid \$360/ton, Metal Cans \$255/ton, Newspaper \$185/ton, Corrugated Cardboard \$170/ton, #1 Clear Plastic \$360/ton and mixed paper \$80/ton. That's all material that can be reused. That's all income to the town. In contrast, trash in the landfill bin costs \$68/ton to dispose of, and will never be reused. (None of these figures appear to include hauling costs. The town recently got a new truck to do its own hauling.)



These transfer station signs are from last year; giving us an idea of how much the market has changed, where many of these already high prices paid have increased even more. Aluminum is up threefold.

So please help out the town, the environment and yourself by recycling. The Lee Transfer Station can be daunting, so LSC's own Jen Messeder has written the comprehensive [One Bin At a Time](#) guide, which tells you all you need to know.

Extreme Networks, the Lee Conservation Commission, and the New England Garlic Mustard Challenge



What's the connection between a global networking solutions company and garlic mustard, an aggressive invasive plant? The connection is Extreme Networks "Day of Giving". For the second year, Extreme Networks partnered with the Town of Lee for their companywide "Day of Giving". Volunteers from Extreme Networks worked with the Conservation Commission to pull garlic mustard at

Little River Park/Mills Reserve. The effort is part of the New England Garlic Mustard Challenge, a regional collaborative effort to restore natural ecosystems and prevent further spread of this invasive plant.

Five volunteers from Extreme Networks and two Conservation Commission members, Anne Tappan and Mimi Winder, recently spent a morning at Little River Park/Mills Reserve pulling garlic mustard. Plants were pulled, including roots, placed in large trash bags, and removed from the site. After spending a week or two in a sunny location, to aid decomposition, the bags will be put in the trash. (Composting garlic mustard is not recommended as the plants can survive and become a new infestation.) This year 20 bags were filled. Last year, at this same location, 23 bags were filled. An improvement, but it will take several more years to remove the garlic mustard and allow native plants to flourish. We are very pleased to have Extreme Networks volunteers help in this important work.

Garlic mustard is an invasive herbaceous plant introduced to the U.S. from Europe in the late 1800's for culinary and medicinal purposes. It is biennial, taking two years to flower. The leaves smell like garlic. It is an aggressive invader and difficult to control once established. Seeds can remain viable in the ground for more than five years. A single plant can produce hundreds of seeds. The plant is allelopathic, which means it emits chemicals from its roots, which prevent the growth of other plants. If left unchecked it will quickly dominate a woodland understory, inhibiting the growth of native plants.

For more information about the Garlic Mustard Challenge and plant identification, visit the UNH Cooperative link: [StewTrainingGuide_InvasivePlants_GarlicMustardFactSheet_2018.pdf](#) ([naturegroupie.org](#)) Article by Anne Tappan, Lee Conservation Commission; photo by Extreme Networks

NH DRA's ANNUAL LOW & MODERATE HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief provisions are designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain taxpayers. NH residents who own a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax, resided in the homestead as of April 1st of the year for which the claim for relief is being made, and have a total household income of \$20,000 or less if a single person (or \$40,000 or less if married or head of household) may apply for property tax relief during the filing period - **after May 1, 2022, but no later than June 30, 2022.**

Find out more information by going to the Department of Revenue Administration's [website](#).

Form DP-8, Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief:

<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm>

NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS

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 made to adjust the hours to pre-Covid hours
to provide the public with access to these offices after 4pm.

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

See below for current openings! 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.

The NEW Lee Municipal Technology Advisory Committee

The NEW CIP Committee

Planning and Zoning Boards

Ag Commission, Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission and Recreation Commission

Energy Committee, Fair Committee and Sustainability 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

Community Art Show

Stop by the library to look at all of the amazing works of art produced by our very own Lee residents. These pieces will be displayed throughout August for our community to enjoy. If you would like to join in, stop by the library to pick up a canvas! Thank you all that have participated.

Knitters Meet Here

Wednesday, June 1st & 15th 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!



Tuesday June 7th, 5:30 – 6:30 - Friends Meeting: We are always looking for new members so please stop on by to find out how you can get involved!

Wednesday June 8th, 5:30 - Trust Meeting: Public Welcome

Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group – Monday, June 27th 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 June 29th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm - The Backyard Farming Initiative!

Join us every 4th Wednesday until August for Backyard Farming Fun! This month we will visit Lee resident, George Estes. George has been said to 'Plant seeds and Harvest Fellowship"! He is very proud of the committed group of keen gardeners and friends that work together to develop and grow a wonderful selection of flowers, including snapdragons and marigolds, and vegetables. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lee Public Library and the Lee Agricultural Society. Call or email Lee Public Library for further details, program location and to sign up! Thank you to all that came for Tom Lee's & Bambi Miller's events, they were so much fun!



Wednesday June 20, 5:00pm – 7:00pm - Open Adult Game Time

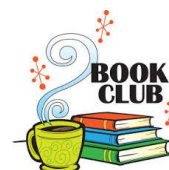
Do you love to play games? Want some adult company? If the answer is YES, join us for board games, card games, chess, or bring a game of your choosing! No sign up necessary, just come on over to the library and have some fun!

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



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

June 13, 2022 6:00pm – *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. Stop by for your copy!



Saturday June 18th & June 25th, 9am – 1pm - 130 Year Library Celebrations! Stop on by the library for an information flyer! We're having a big bake sale, book sale, author visits, adult and children's crafts, On the Wing Owls Live Presentation, open mic time and much more! No sign up necessary, just come on over and have some fun with us! Adult day June 18th (kids also welcome!) Kids' day June 25th.

Monday June 20th - Adult Summer Reading Program: Stop by and sign up for our adult summer reading program! We'll be hosting weekly raffles, programs and events, movies and much more!

Saturday July 9th, 9am – 1pm - First Aid Training – This is available to the public. Book your space now, they fill up fast! Visit our website to register www.leelibrarynh.org



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.



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 17th

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.

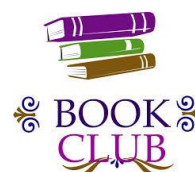


Middle School Crafters

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 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.

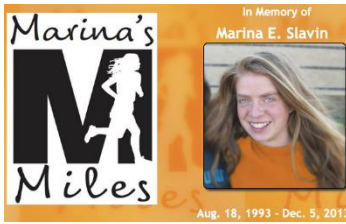


Friday June 3rd, 3:45pm – 4:45pm – Middle School Crafters: This fun group will only meet on the 1st Friday in June as we are preparing for our Summer Reading Program! Please call the library at 659-2626 for more information.

Monday June 20th – Kid's Summer Reading Program: Stop by and sign up for our summer reading program! We'll have prizes, programs and events, movies and much more! Our Calendar of events will be ready soon, so come on over in June and grab one! ***Our Summer Reading Programs runs from June 27th – August 6th!***

There are no children's programs, story times or after school clubs from June 20th – 25th... We are preparing for our Summer Reading Program!

Regional & State News & Events



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.marinasmiles.org. Registrants will automatically be entered in the door prize raffle. A virtual option is available; visit www.marinasmiles.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.

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 5/18/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:00 am State House in Concord, NH

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – MAY 18, 2022

Six teachers are retiring from Oyster River Schools at the end of this school year. The School Board thanks and recognizes Pam Felber, Kate Ameduri, and Whitney Burke at Mast Way; Susan Jackson at ORMS; and Mary Beaton and Esther Ott at ORHS. These teachers have a combined 129 years of service to Oyster River students and the school community.

Robotics teams from Oyster River Middle School and Oyster River High School shared their 2022 seasons success with the School Board. ORMS fielded 15 teams made up of 56 students from grades 6, 7, and 8 in the VEX IQ robotics program this year. Advisors Jon Silverio and Jason Duff along with 7 team members shared their experiences, including 3 teams that participated at the World Championship in Dallas. The VEX IQ program is finishing its 4th competition season at ORMS. The ORHS FIRST Robotics team wrapped up its first competition season since the team was founded in 2020. Lead advisor Michael Hawley and 4 team members shared their experience with fundraising, teambuilding, and community outreach in addition to designing and operating their robot.

Coronavirus infections and exposures continue to affect school operations. As of May 18th, 41 district staff and 147 students are out of school due to COVID-19 infections. An additional 213 students and staff are quarantined. Staff across the district have been exceptionally flexible in covering needs from transportation to school nutrition and classrooms while staff recover in order to keep all schools open and operating. The School District thanks parents and students for their

patience, flexibility, and cooperation as temporary adjustments to bus routes, concerts and events, and state testing have occurred in response to the number of students and staff out.

The remaining school board meetings for this school year are June 1st, June 8th and June 15th. June 8th is a school board workshop on communication, which is a public meeting, but with a limited agenda. The school board will not take any actions or votes. Workshop meetings are generally not televised and do not include public comments. The public is always invited to provide input by email to orcsdsb@orcsd.org.

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.

What is the Plant A Row Program?



During the pandemic and beyond, more Granite staters are facing food insecurity. Most significantly, access to fresh and healthy, local produce. Plant A Row is a neighbors-helping-neighbors initiative, organized through 4-H and UNH Cooperative Extension in Strafford and Rockingham County. The idea behind this effort is simple: Planting an extra row in your garden or an extra container and donating the produce from it to a participating food pantry or a neighbor in need will directly benefit local food pantries and their patrons to get access to fresh and local produce, and overall healthier choices. When people sign up to plant an extra row, they will be provided with a garden kit (fabric garden, row marker, sticker and

colorful tote bag), growing tips, activities, recipes, and other resources. Participation is open to all ages, and participants don't need to be 4-H members to sign up. Participation in this program is free.

More information about the program and how to register can be found here:

<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/plant-row-strafford-county-4-h>

<https://www.facebook.com/UNHExtSC>

[Register for *Plant A Row* today and be a Food Access Champion!](#)

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

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.

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.



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/>

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