

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
May 28, 2021**



Town Offices CLOSED in Observance of Memorial Day
Monday, May 31, 2021

VFW

Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676, Lee, NH
Veteran of Foreign Wars of the U. S. An
organization who have fought America's
foreign wars on land and sea and in the air.



MEMORIAL DAY 2021
REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY PROGRAM
Monday, May 31st
Lee Town Field, 1:00 pm



PROGRAM

Welcome	Andrew J. Corrow, Commander VFW Post 10676
Invocation	William Arnold, Newmarket U.S. Army (Retired)
"General Logan's Orders"	Mark Nelson, Lee Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)
Memorial Address	Andrew J. Corrow Outgoing Post Commander Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)
"Soldiers" A poem by Jack Barnett	Dale V. Hardy, Lee Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired)
"Freedom is Not Free"	William Arnold, Newmarket U.S. Army (Retired)
Memorial Prayer	William Arnold, Newmarket U.S. Army (Retired)
Laying of Memorial Wreath	Aleck Desmond and Phil Albright
Taps	

TOWN OF LEE YARD SALE – Saturday June 5th 8:00 am Start

Registration deadline May 28th

REGISTER by contacting Caren Rossi at 603-659-6783 or crossi@leenh.org

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY, June 1st 6:00 pm

Meeting ID 892 7541 3158 & Password 124855

Please check the website for Agendas and instructions on how to access Zoom meetings

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

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 throw away 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).

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.

LEE MUSEUM OPENING DAY

Saturday, May 29th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Admission is free; tours and refreshments. Updated and new exhibits on Railroads through Lee and Lee's one Room School. Come celebrate our 50th year since our incorporation.



THE FIRST 2021 PROPERTY TAX BILL HAS BEEN MAILED OUT
DUE JULY 2, 2021

CURRENT USE LANDOWNER SURVEY

We are counting on your participation! Please respond by July 15th.

NH Farm Bureau has teamed up with the NH Timberland Owners Association, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, and SPACE (Statewide Program of Action to Conserve our Environment – NH's Current Use Coalition) to jointly conduct a survey of Current Use landowners regarding the state's Current Use program. **The results of the survey are key to updating information in support of the state's Current Use program.** To conduct the survey we have hired Pan Atlantic Research based in Portland, ME, a highly recommended and experienced market research and consulting firm. Pan Atlantic will tabulate the responses and report to us on the results.

To participate: Go to: <https://www.research.net/r/NHCurrentUse> or you may contact the Farm Bureau office at 224-1934 or email robj@nhfarmbureau.org and you will be sent a paper copy of the survey via US Mail along with a postage paid envelope addressed to Pan Atlantic Research. Your answers are provided anonymously and the information you provide will be used in the aggregate only. The survey consists primarily of multiple choice questions with a limited number of short answer questions. It updates a Current Use landowner survey from 2007, also conducted by Pan Atlantic Research. Thank you for your participation!

TOWN FOREST TRAIL PLAN BY THE LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Lee Trails Committee, as authorized by the Lee Conservation Commission and the Lee Select Board, is solely responsible for the planning and maintenance of the trails at the Town Forest.

This winter, Committee members interviewed people who have used the trail for many years as well as people who are new to the trail and assessed the trails in terms of accessibility, safety, and maintenance needs.

This spring, the Committee came up with this trail design (see map below):

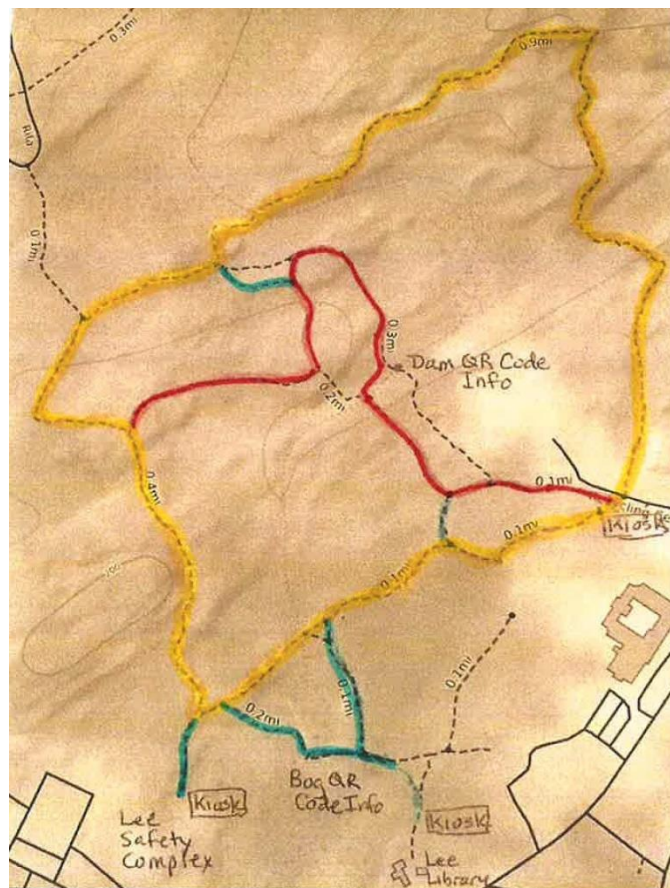
- Yellow - the trail along the perimeter of the trail system
- Red - this trail cuts across the Forest, connecting one side of the yellow trail to the other, allowing for more variety in trail choice
- Blue - these are connector trails, leading to the yellow or red trails.

At this point, the trails are marked with yellow, red, and blue flagging. **Please do not remove the flagging - it will be replaced with more permanent markers in June.**

The Committee also designated bridges to be fixed and/or replaced, sections of switchback trails that are falling apart and need to be rerouted, and sections of trail that are extremely muddy and need to be rerouted.

The 1st Town Forest Work Day is scheduled for June 19th 10am - 1pm. Small volunteer work groups will be led by Trails Committee members and will work on specific projects: bridge repair, blazing, switchback removal, etc. This will be the 1st in a series of work days to accomplish the many tasks needed to make the Town Forest more accessible, safe, and enjoyable to Lee community members.

If you are interested in helping out on June 19th, please contact Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com to be put on the volunteer list. Thank you for your support!





One Bin at a Time – The Consolidated e-Book

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

Wow! It's been over two years since the first One Bin article appeared in the E-Crier. And what a couple of years they've been.

We had a lot of fun putting the articles together and learned a lot about recycling in Lee in the process. We hope you did, too.

And now we have an announcement – we've consolidated the articles into an electronic book and posted it on the Sustainability Committee's web site – <https://www.leenh.org/sustainability-committee>. We hope it will serve as an ongoing resource for the community and we will endeavor to keep it up to date as things change.

How does Lee NH recycle?



One Bin at a Time



A collection of E-Crier articles
commissioned by the
Lee Sustainability Committee

Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Repurpose • Recycle • Rot



• Lee NH Sustainability Committee • Low Carbon Diet - Seacoast NH • "Zero Waste" groups

DROUGHT UPDATE

In accordance with the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), approximately 50% of the state is categorized as moderately dry and approximately 6% of the state is experiencing moderate drought conditions. While this is an improvement from conditions in mid-April, low stream flows and groundwater levels across the state are indicative of a more widespread hydrological drought.

- The direction of which way conditions will go by the end of June is unknown. Month to date precipitation levels are below average. No significant amounts of precipitation are forecast for the next 7-days. The forecast for June is equal chances of above normal, normal, and below normal precipitation. There is also a slight chance of above normal temperatures in the central and southern part of the state, which could potentially exacerbate dry conditions, while temperature predictions are for equal chances of above normal, normal, and below normal in the north.
- The Seasonal Drought Outlook for June, July, and August indicates drought will persist in the areas currently experiencing drought, which include small portions of Coos County, Grafton County, and Sullivan County. The prediction is considered to be of moderate certainty as temperatures are expected to be above normal, which has a drying effect.

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.



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

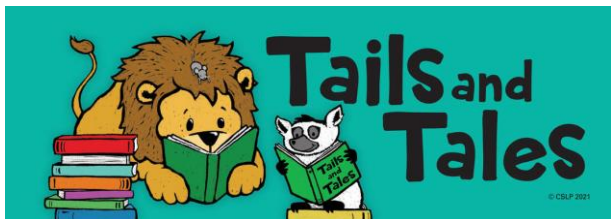
CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 31ST FOR MEMORIAL DAY



Friends of Lee Library Art Auction

The Lee Library is sporting some new art on our walls. In anticipation of the Friends of the Lee Library Silent Auction, we have installed all of the art and artisanal offerings for this annual fundraiser.

Stop in and see the wonderful things we have from our Lee Artists! Bidding for the Art Auction will run from June 1-12.



Mark Your Calendars

**Summer Reading Program Registration
starts June 21st**

Children's Programs for June 2021

Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesday

We are taking the 1st 2 weeks in June off – No Crafts.

Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

See you June 17th

Middle School Book Club will meet again June 22nd



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.



Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 5/19/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

May 19, 2021

The Mast Way School requests that all community members and their dogs avoid the school playground during school hours,

The Oyster River School Board recognized the contribution of Student Representative Megan Deane. Megan joined the board during the pandemic and has been an important part of discussion and decision making over the last year. She is graduating in June and will attend UNH in the fall. Thank you and Congratulations, Megan.

The Oyster River School District is recognizing 23 retirees who have dedicated a combined 560+ years of service to Oyster River students. These individuals have had direct impact on tens thousands of students over their careers and leave a lasting mark on our schools and community.

Director of Student Services Catherine Plourde and Director of Athletics Andy Lathrop are updating district mask and distancing requirements for middle/high school PE and athletics activities. Requirements for indoor class and school day activities are remaining unchanged through the end of the school year.

Framework for Fall 2021 school opening will be on the agenda for the School Board's June 2nd meeting.

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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