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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
May 7, 2021**

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LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE AT WORK AT MAUD JONES

The Lee Trails Committee spent last Saturday at Maud Jones Memorial Forest painting new blazes on the trees and trimming brush near the trails. The new trail to the esker lookout is blazed white and the Aldo Leopold bench is a wonderful spot to look out over the stream. Thanks to the Captain Parker neighborhood for the bench! The Committee is working on the trails at Little River Park this week. Check out the trails and let us know what you think!



PHOTOS BY DEB SUGERMAN

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, May 17th 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 **You Tube** at [CLICK HERE](#)



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

Due to social distancing, the rockets will not be built at the park this year. Instead, pre-registration will be required and rocket kits will be available for pickup prior to the event. A number of preassembled rockets will be available for children that find the build challenging. As in the past, there will be no charge for the rockets or the event. Rocket kit pickup location and times will be announced in May. For more information, please email Mr. Kindberg at larrykindberg@comcast.net.

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 to 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 within the past two years (4-1-2019 to 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, Advisory Budget, 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 is still providing rides to patients. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors with whom you already have regular contact to help provide rides if possible but we are here for you if you need us. **We have added pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups our registered riders. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pick up these orders and bring them to your door with minimal contact.** If you are unable to order online and you are in desperate need of help with acquiring food or some necessity here are some resources.

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 April 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

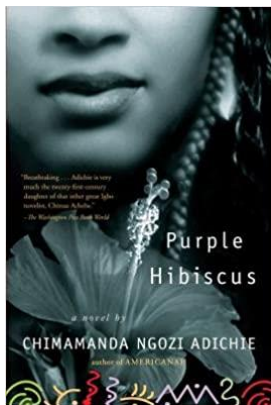
Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

May Book Group - **Via Zoom**

Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Monday, May 10, 2021 7:00 pm

Meeting ID: 476 452 0503 Password: 675752



Fifteen-year-old Kambili and her older brother Jaja lead a privileged life in Enugu, Nigeria. They live in a beautiful house, with a caring family, and attend an exclusive missionary school. They're completely shielded from the troubles of the world. Yet, as Kambili reveals in her tender-voiced account, things are less perfect than they appear. Although her Papa is generous and well respected, he is fanatically religious and tyrannical at home—a home that is silent and suffocating.

As the country begins to fall apart under a military coup, Kambili and Jaja are sent to their aunt, a university professor outside the city, where they discover a life beyond the confines of their father's authority. Books cram the shelves, curry and nutmeg permeate the air, and their cousins' laughter rings throughout the house. When they return home, tensions within the family escalate, and Kambili must find the strength to keep her loved ones together.

Contact the library to reserve a copy. Call 659-2626, email leelibraryill@comcast.net or stop in.



Youth Programs

All of our programs can be found on our Facebook page.

Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesday

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

May 11 Geo Board STEM craft

May 18 Librarian's Choice TBD

May 25 Father's Day Lego craft

Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

May 13 Creativity

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 has **moved to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.** We meet via **Zoom from 6-6:45 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 11 6:00-6:45 discussing The Swap by Megan Shull (pages 200-382)

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.

Community - School Board Forum on May 12: The Oyster River School Board will host a community forum on May 12 at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Members of the public can raise comments or questions to the school board, and individual board members will be able to directly respond. The event will be streamed and recorded, and all discussion will be live in-person for this initial forum. Future events may utilize a virtual/remote format.

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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