TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 249 Calef Highway Lee, New Hampshire 03861 (603) 659-5414

Lee News & Upcoming Events June 3, 2022

NOTICE TO VOTERS – Declaration of Candidacy for the 2022 NH State Primary

The 2022 NH State Primary will be held on September 13, 2022. The polls will be open from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.

Declaration of candidacy filings may be received June 1st - June 9th through the mail or hand-delivered. All filings received on the last day (June 10th) must be made in person by the candidate. Pursuant to RSA 652:20, the Lee Town Clerk's office will be open on the last day of the filing period until 5:00 PM to accept filings in person by the candidate. Please call the Lee Town Clerk's office at 603-659-2964 if you have any questions about the declaration of candidacy process. There are fees and forms that must be completed. Do not email declaration of candidacy forms.

Declarations of Candidacy to be filed with the NH Secretary of State at 107 N. Main Street, State House, Room 204, Concord, NH 03301:

- GOVERNOR
- UNITED STATES SENATOR
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
- EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR
- STATE SENATOR
- COUNTY OFFICER

Declaration of Candidacy to be filed with the Town Clerk a 249 Calef Highway, Lee, NH 03861:

- STATE REPRESENTATIVE
- DELEGATE TO THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION (ELECTION)

The last day a registered voter could change their party affiliation before Sept. 13, 2022, state primary was May 31, 2022. Per state law, voters may not change their party affiliation 90 days before a primary.

TOWN OF LEE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2022













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 <u>Town of Lee Conservation Commission</u> are thrilled to host the <u>Caterpillar Lab</u> 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. <u>Click here to register</u>. 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.

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!!



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



LEE FAMILY NIGHT AT THE PARK

THURSDAY, JUNE 16th 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Little River Park
Sponsored by the Lee Police Department and Lee Recreation Commission



LIVE MUSIC - QUANTUM STEPS DUO BARRINGTON K9 DEMOSTRATION

FACE PAINTING
FOOD - HAWAIIAN HUT

ICE CREAM NOVELTIES

OBSTACLE COURSE 3-LEGGED RACE SACK RACE

TOUCH A TRUCK





A SINGLE-CELLED ORGANISM YOU CAN SEE WITHOUT A MICROSCOPE

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

While monitoring a conservation easement last week, this bright yellow organism was found growing on a slope where, in recent years, tree harvesting had occurred. Though reminiscent of coral fungus species frequently encountered in forested areas, this isn't a fungus at all, but a slime mold, Fuligo septica, commonly known as dog vomit slime mold or scrambled egg slime mold.

Slime molds are classified into three different groups, and dog vomit slime mold belongs to the plasmodial slime mold group, classified in the phylum Myxomycetes. Each brilliant yellow blob pictured is, in fact, a giant single-celled amoeba, able to creep about searching for microorganisms, and bits of plant, animal, and fungal matter, which it engulfs and then digests.

Dog vomit slime mold may make its home on logs, moss, lawns, and leaf litter, but a woody substrate is its preferred habitat. Increased use of wood chips for mulch or to surface trails and playgrounds has contributed to an increase in the prevalence of dog vomit slime molds. They often

appear, as was the case in the organism pictured here, in forested areas that have been opened by

timber harvesting. They do no harm to plants or animals and are beneficial in their role as decomposers.

germination. When temperatures are mild and the surroundings are adequately moist, the spores open and release one of two types of unicellular gametes - either swarm cells or amoeboid cells. If conditions are especially moist, swarm cells are produced; dryer conditions result in the release of amoeboid cells. Like all gametes, including human reproductive cells, these swarm and amoeboid cells have a single set of chromosomes. Eventually, a swarm cell will combine with an amoeboid cell producing an amoeba that is a zygote - an unicellular organism having two sets of chromosomes with the DNA of





both the swarm cell and the amoeboid cell. This amoeba, over time, meets with other zygotes of its species and will fuse with them, gradually forming a plasmodium - a giant, single-celled amoeba with thousands of nuclei - one from each amoeba that went into its making.

The plasmodium continues to wander in much the same way as the amoebas that formed it flowing across the moist surface of its habitat's substrate at the impressive speed of several feet a day. So long as its habitat remains moist and food is plentiful, the plasmodium grows and prospers. The *Fuligo septica* pictured was about five inches at its longest point and was still in the growing stage. On average, a dog vomit plasmodium reaches a diameter of six to eight inches, though, in optimal conditions, a plasmodium can attain a diameter in excess of two feet. The largest dog vomit plasmodium ever recorded was discovered in 2016 at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas in Fort Worth, and measured a whopping 30 by 22 inches. Everything's bigger in Texas.

Eventually, the habitat dries or food becomes scarce and the dog vomit plasmodium loses its fluffy yellow good looks and becomes dry, brown, and crusty - more closely resembling the uncomely substance for which it is named. Its freewheeling days, oozing along engulfing tasty bits are over, and it enters the final, sporangia, stage of its life cycle. It becomes stationary and takes on a netted look. Protruding structures, the sporangia, are produced. Inside these structures are the spores to produce the next generation of plasmodia. As their parent plasmodium dries out entirely, the sporangia burst open, spreading their tiny, but tough, spores, far and wide.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

June 13th and 27th Select Board Meetings 6:00pm Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on You Tube at CLICK HERE

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.

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



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: <u>StewTrainingGuide InvasivePlants GarlicMustardFactSheet 2018.pdf</u> (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

RITA LANE IS NOW OPEN

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

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

<u>Hours:</u> 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 <u>close</u> due to high winds, rain or if a volunteer is not available.

Bulky Items: The Swap Shop accepts large items.

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



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 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!



<u>Tuesday June 7^{th,} 5:30 – 6:30 - Friends Meeting:</u> 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 **4**th **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!



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!

<u>Saturday June 18th & June 25^{th,} 9am – 1pm - 130 Year Library Celebrations!</u> 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!

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



FOR THE CHILDREN

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.

<u>After School Story Time</u> - Tuesdays from bus drop off (3:45) until 4:45. <u>After School Lego Club</u> - Thursdays from bus drop off (3:45) until 4:45.



<u>Monday June 20th – Kid's Summer Reading Program</u>: 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!



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, June 1, 2022

CLICK HERE for the 6/1/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2022 10:00 am State House in Concord, NH



CLICK HERE for the Spring Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – JUNE 1, 2022

Oyster River High School Graduation is June 10, 2022 (weather permitting). Congratulations to the ORHS Class of '22!

4th graders from Moharimet and Mast Way will tour Oyster River Middle School on June 10th to learn about the middle school experience and have lunch at ORMS. 8th graders who will enter ORHS next year will visit the High School on June 14th. Both visits will occur during the school day. Numerous other year-end recognition, celebration, concerts, and honors induction events happen within the last few weeks of school.

June 17th is the last day of school in Oyster River Schools for this year.

The ORMS Drama Club presents Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the ORMS concert hall this Saturday, June 4th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, June 5th at 1:00 pm.

The School Board recognized Student Representative Olivia Glass and thanked Olivia for her service on behalf of students. Olivia has continued a strong history of bringing student voice to the school board.

ORHS students Maeve Hickock, Delaney Nadeau, and Greg Caron presented the work of the ORHS Dress Code Committee. The Committee has worked to rewrite the ORHS Dress Code over the last year, with input from students, parents, staff, and other school districts.

The School Board approved the Superintendent's nomination of Rachael Blansett to be ORCSD's first DEIJ Coordinator. Ms. Blansett's role with the school district is expected to begin August 1st.

ORCSD practices following a positive COVID-19 Test are being updated based on CDC guidance. If a vaccinated person continues to test positive 5 days after initial diagnosis, they can test daily and return to school once a negative test is received and they have no COVID-19 symptoms. Previously, anybody who tested positive 5 days after initial diagnosis was asked to remain out of school for an additional 5 days. Individuals who return to school after a positive COVID-19 diagnosis are asked to wear masks until at least 10 days after initial diagnosis. School nurses continue to help families and staff navigate COVID-19 protocols.



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!

UNH Extension Strafford County Facebook

Strafford County 4-H Facebook

<u>UNH Extension Food & Agriculture Strafford County Facebook</u>

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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 wfwpost10676@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

<u>Membership Information</u>

https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/ (603)-373-8429

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