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

Lee News & Upcoming Events June 11, 2021



#### ANNUAL MODEL ROCKET DAY IS BACK

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Little River Park Rain Date Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> Hosted by the Lee Recreation Commission

The Rec Commission will also be sponsoring the Music in the Park again beginning on July 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:larrykindberg@comcast.net">larrykindberg@comcast.net</a>.

### **SELECT BOARD MEETINGS RETURNING TO IN-PERSON**

MONDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm 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



#### FOR THE TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP!!!

The Swap Shop cannot open until it is properly staffed. If you are interested in volunteering for this great cause, please email <a href="mailto:swapshopleenh@gmail.com">swapshopleenh@gmail.com</a>.

#### **E-CRIER ANNOUNCEMENT**

There will not be an E-Crier Edition next Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

The E-Crier will return on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

# THE TOWN FOREST NEEDS YOUR HELP! JOIN THE LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE FOR TOWN FOREST FUN WORK DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 1:00 pm



Martin Thornton Painting Blazes – Pic by Deb Sugerman

Come help us with painting blazes and doing basic trail maintenance (clipping, brush clearing, etc.) Interested in helping out? Contact Deb Sugerman at <a href="maintenance">debsugerman@gmail.com</a> to get on the volunteer list for the day. Thanks for your commitment to Lee's beautiful trail systems!



# 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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: <a href="https://www.research.net/r/NHCurrentUse">https://www.research.net/r/NHCurrentUse</a> or you may contact the Farm Bureau office at 224-1934 or email <a href="robj@nhfarmbureau.org">robj@nhfarmbureau.org</a> 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!

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Supervisors approved which voters were sent a 2021 Verification of Checklist letter. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> session will be held by the Supervisors of the Checklist on **Thursday**, **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. At this July 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### **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 <a href="https://www.leenh.org/conservation-commission">https://www.leenh.org/conservation-commission</a> 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.



PHOTO BY DON QUIGLEY

# HIGHLIGHT OF THIS WEEK'S EASEMENT MONITORING SITE WALK

Though the conditions were steamy, there was much to enjoy during this week's monitoring session. The woodland we walked was full of bird song including eastern wood peewee, red-bellied woodpecker, tufted titmouse and, best of all, a hermit thrush singing loud and sweet just above us. Wildflowers included both yellow and orange varieties of hawkweed, cinquefoil, bluets and partridge berry. The highlight of our morning's walk was coming upon this days-old fawn, nestled in a depression beside a stump. It's rare that we don't come upon something interesting, unusual, or beautiful on our monitoring sessions, so consider joining us one Wednesday morning!

#### **CLICK HERE for U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR**

#### **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. The following CCAG employees have signs on their cars, carry an ID card and have the following vehicles: Rick Earls, CCAG Data Collector, has a 2020 Blue Kia Nero with NH license plate CCAG 4; Jeff Earls, CCAG Supervisor, has a 2021 Copper Kia Sportage with NH license plate CCAG-1; and Eric Ober, Data Collector, has a 2008 Grey Subaru Legacy with NH license plate 445-4002. 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="leechurchucc@comcast.net">leechurchucc@comcast.net</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com">LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:dduval@leenh.org">dduval@leenh.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:info@readyrides.org">info@readyrides.org</a> or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an <a href="mailto:Application">Application</a> for riders and a <a href="mailto:Volunteer Application">Volunteer Application</a> 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 <a href="mailto:Community Transportation Directory">Community Transportation Directory</a>.

### 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

**NH COVID-19 WEBSITE** 

#### UNIVERSAL BEST PRACTICES

The Governor's Office has released the "<u>Universal Best Practices</u>" guidance document that will replace the "Safer at Home Business Guidance" documents as of May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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.



#### 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

## LAST CHANCE! Final Bids SATURDAY JUNE 12 at NOON!!

#### Friends of Lee Library Art Auction - BIDDING NOW

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.

#### **Book Discussion Group**

The final book discussion for the FY2021 will be Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. To join this discussion go to Zoom.us, Meeting ID 476 452 0503 Password 675752.





# Mark Your Calendars Summer Reading Program Registration starts June 21st

## **Children's Programs for June 2021**

<u>Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesday after 2:00pm</u> June 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Craft

## Fairy House Activity June 17<sup>th</sup>



On Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 we will have a youth Fairy house program. We will begin our activity with a short nature walk to collect supplies followed by time to create your very own fairy house in our Library Children's garden. Please call the library at 659-2626 to register.

Middle School Book Club will meet again June 22<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom



# GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, June 2, 2021

CLICK HERE for the 6/2/2021 Minutes
Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH

# OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT School Board News June 2, 2021

The Oyster River High School Class of 2021 Commencement ceremony will be held June 11<sup>TH</sup> (weather permitting) at the ORHS track and field. Congratulations to all graduating seniors!

The ORHS Unified Volleyball team won the New Hampshire State Championship on June 2<sup>ND</sup>!

The school board approved a framework for the opening of school for fall 2021. ORCSD is planning for all classes to be in-person full time. The administration and school board will review precautions again prior to the start of school and as pandemic conditions change. The full plan document is online here:

https://www.orcsd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server 538005/File/News/Opening%20of%20School.pdf.

# 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 <a href="mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com">vfwpost10676@yahoo.com</a> for assistance.

#### **ATTENTION!**

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to <u>www.leenh.org</u>, click on the <u>Subscribe</u> button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.

If you do not have the internet please come to the Town Offices for a <u>printed copy</u> or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secretay Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!