

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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June 26, 2020

Lee News & Upcoming
Events



THE FIRST HALF OF 2020
PROPERTY TAX BILL IS DUE
JULY 1, 2020



**TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3rd
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
(There will not be an E-Crier on Friday, July 3rd)**

THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, JULY 4th FOR HOLIDAY

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE NOT WIPING DOWN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT,
PICNIC BENCHES OR ANY OTHER SURFACES**

Be smart. Do your part.

The Town of Lee urges our residents and visitors to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you go to a park or trail to exercise, use extreme caution. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others when outside and wear a mask if you cannot maintain this distance. Cookouts are also not permitted in Little River Park, until further notice. Avoid touching surfaces including playground equipment, benches, and other sports equipment that are handled by others.

NEW AT LITTLE RIVER PARK



After the Select Board approved the Recreation Commission's proposal for a new Pickle Ball Court at Little River Park, Steve Bullek and his crew went right to work installing it and it is ready for use. You must bring your own paddles and balls. Use is first-come-first-serve but please yield the court if you have been playing for a while and someone else would like to use it. The Rec Commission will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss the future of this season's programs. The public is welcome to attend. There is an opening on the commission. Anyone interested should email larrykindberg@comcast.net.

LEE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Lee Public Library Board of Trustees would like to thank our library staff for their efforts and dedication during the pandemic. Even though the building was closed to the public, the staff continued to offer online services and, when given the approval by the health officers, resume curbside pickup. The programs for children have continued with Storytime on Facebook Live and craft kits available for pick up. Registration for the Summer Reading Program is underway.

The Governor's announcement of Guidelines for the re-opening of Libraries in NH prompted the trustees and staff to look closely at the building and devise a plan for securing staff safety. Staff interactions and in-person services pose a high risk of virus transmission. We are taking the steps necessary to ensure we can adhere to the Governor's Guidelines with availability of PPE, sanitizers and adherence to social distancing recommendations.

The library is now open to the public. However, since space is limited (only eight patrons may be in the building at any one time), we ask that patrons continue to use curbside service as much as possible. Hours of operation may be found on the library's Facebook page.

It is essential that we continue to take precautions and so we are requesting that patrons wear a mask while in the library. There will be masks available. We appreciate our patrons' patience and support during this time.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is currently experiencing a higher volume of calls than usual, so if your call is not immediately answered, please leave a message or email estone@leenh.org. The office will try to respond to all messages on the same business day if left no later than 3 pm; any messages left after 3 pm will be answered on our next business day.

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE COVID-19 PROCEDURES COVID-19 HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 8-4

There is now a walk up service window located outside the Town Clerk's Office. This does not change the way the office is conducting business while the building is closed. If you cannot conduct your business online or by dropping it off in the box outside then please call the office at 659-2864 to schedule an appointment.

RENEWING VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS:

- If you have a vehicle currently registered in Lee and it is not more than 6 months late, you can register online at www.leenh.org. The registrations and decals are then mailed to you;
- If you have your Lee renewal notice, you can renew by mail or drop it off at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lock Box along with a check made out in the correct amount to the Town of Lee. We will then mail you the registrations and decals.

Please note - We ALWAYS send renewal notices. If you moved recently you may not have received it.

If you are unable to do one of the above options for any reason, please call our office at 659-2964.

NEW VEHICLE OR NEW TO LEE:

If you are new to Lee, or if you have a NEW REGISTRATION, please call 659-2964 to make an appointment to come to Town Hall.

Temporary plates issued on or after February 26, 2020 expired on May 31, 2020.

VITAL RECORDS REQUESTS:

These can be done online at www.leenh.org. The directions will indicate that it is required to email your ID in order to complete this request. Please email your ID to estone@leenh.org.

DOG LICENSES:

- If your dog was registered for 2019-2020 and the rabies is still up-to-date, you can renew the registration online.
- If the rabies is not up-to-date, then we need proof from the vet. You can mail it, email it (estone@leenh.org) or fax it (603-659-7202) to us and then you can do it online or through the mail or drop box.
- NEW DOGS cannot be done online. We need owner's birthday, phone number, address, dog's name, breed, and color and proof of rabies from the vet. If they are spayed or neutered we need proof. Altered dogs are \$6.50 and unaltered dogs are \$9. Puppies under 1 year are \$6.50. You can send us via mail or drop box this information with a check in the correct amount to the Town of Lee and we will mail your license.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYING TAX BILLS

Your Lee property tax bill may be paid in one of the following 3 ways:

1. **TC/TC Lock Box** – This is labeled and located to the left of the entrance to the Town Hall building. Please leave payment in an envelope with the payment stub. If you want a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or include your email address.
2. **Mail** - Mail it to our office at 7 Mast Road, Lee, NH 03861. Again, please include the payment stub with your check. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or include your email address.
3. **Online** – Go to www.leenh.org. Click on the property taxes button under Town Resource Center. There you may pay via ACH or credit card. There are additional fees associated with this method.

If you need to meet with us, please call the office 659-2864 to schedule an appointment. Thanks for understanding and stay safe!

YARD SALES AND TREE CUTTING NOTICE

Yard Sales are now allowed, but you may only place a sign on your own property or at a friend's house (be sure to get permission first) and remove the signs promptly after the yard sale is over. Signs are not allowed in the Lee triangle (where George Bennett, Mast and Lee Hill Roads meet) or on any other town-owned property, including on the side of both state and town roads. You must follow the guidance for retail establishments as well as the universal guidelines established by the Governor's office found here <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov>

Although it is great to have your trees "removed for free" be sure that the logger follows all of the laws pertaining to tree cutting. As the homeowner, please reach out to Caren Rossi to see what is required, i.e. no-cut buffers, Intent to Cut form, etc. Unfortunately, I have seen many homeowners become a victim of this "offer" and it ends up costing the homeowner more money to fix the problems created by the "free" removal than hiring a company to remove them correctly. Unfortunately, the fault lies with the homeowner and you may have more than just brush to clean up.

NH Department of Revenue Launches Annual Property Tax Relief Program

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program due June 30; provision allows for additional time to provide federal tax return

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) is accepting applications for its [Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief](#) program through June 30, 2020. NHDRA distributed more than \$1.1 million through this tax relief program last year, and more than \$44 million in total since the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program launched in 2002.

An eligible applicant for Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- * Single with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$20,000; or
- * Married or head of New Hampshire household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- * Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- * Has resided in that homestead as of April 1, 2019.

Applicants are required to submit their individual income tax returns with the application. However, given the federal July 15 extension, some may not have filed their federal return by the June 30 Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program deadline. An existing provision allows NHDRA to accept late applications, if complete, until November 1 if the Commissioner believes the individual was prevented from completing his or her application in certain circumstances.

Additional information is available in this [press release](#) or on the [NHDRA website](#).



Taxpayers with questions should call Taxpayer Services at (603) 230-5920, press prompt 2, then prompt 2 again.

Stay at Home Order Expired June 15, 2020

The Stay at Home 2.0 order has been replaced by Safer at Home. Guidelines still must be followed and can be found at <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>

Town Offices remain closed to the public at this time but we are working on a plan to be able to reopen to the public. Town employees continue to work both remotely and on site and remain committed to ensuring the safety of both employees and the public.

Please stay safe and keep everyone else safe by continuing to follow the CDC's guidelines – limit social contact – wash your hands – stay in if you are sick – clean and sanitize surfaces.

	NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY	
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NOTICE TO VOTERS		
THE STATE PRIMARY VOTING WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION <u>SAFETY COMPLEX</u>		
<small>NAME OF POLLING LOCATION</small>		
Tuesday, September 8, 2020		
Beginning at <u>7:00 AM</u> o'clock		
Closing no earlier than <u>7:00 PM</u> o'clock		
For the nomination of Candidates for the following Offices:		
Declarations of Candidacy to be filed with Secretary of State	Governor United States Senator Representative in Congress Executive Councilor State Senator County Officer	
Declarations of Candidacy to be filed with Town or City Clerks	State Representative Delegate to the Republican State Convention (Election)	
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VOTING INFORMATION

On April 10, 2020, a memorandum was issued concluding that "in light of the current public health state of emergency, Emergency Orders #16 and #26, and current public health guidance on social distancing and avoiding being in public in groups of 10 or more, all voters have a reasonable ground to conclude that a 'physical disability' exists within the meaning of RSA 657:1." Even if a person does not consider them self a person with disability in other circumstances, the term applies for registering and voting in 2020. RSA 654:16. Therefore, all New Hampshire citizens may apply for voter registration by mail. Obtain an Absentee Voter Registration Form, affidavit, and instruction package by e-mailing (lreinhold@leenh.org or estone@leenh.org) or mailing (7 Mast Road, Lee, NH 03861). If unable to request by email/mail, please call 603-659-2964.



Raindrops Aren't Falling on Our Heads

by Jen Messeder, LSC member

With all the rain we got this spring, it's hard to believe we might be heading into a drought. But, such is New England weather. Last Thursday, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) issued a [press release](#) advising residents in most of Southern New Hampshire of 'abnormally dry conditions.' The Lee Sustainability Committee thought this might be a good time to remember past droughts and to encourage Lee residents to conserve water.

Some years ago, Leslie Adams wrote an article for the LSC called "A Reminder to Save Water," and the conservation ideas in that article are just as pertinent today. Check it out on the [LSC's web page](#).

And let's hope we get some rain soon!

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

The SBA and Treasury Department have released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application. [Click here](#) to view the application and instructions. The SBA will be helping businesses with the process along with their partners at SCORE, NH-SBDC, and the CWE. In addition to continued funding available for PPP for anyone that has not applied, they continue to offer forgiveness of 6 months of payments on ALL SBA loans through September 27, 2020.

A few workshops that businesses may be interested in are listed on their web page at www.sba.gov/nh.

Based on the request of Governor Sununu, the SBA has declared a disaster declaration for the entire State of New Hampshire based on economic injury due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

All the details including the joint press release, the loan application process, assistance for government contractors, and other resources can be found [here](#).

Small businesses looking for assistance should reach out to one of the following partners for help with things such as filling out paperwork, questions or even advice. These partners include SCORE, NH Small Business Development Center, and the Center for Women & Enterprise (NH's Women Business Center and Veterans Business Outreach Center). You will find links to these partners at www.sba.gov/nh.

Since this is still a developing situation, to keep up to date on all activities affecting NH small businesses, please join our mailing list [click here](#).



NH Department of Health and Human Services Resource Guide and Warm Line to Support Families During COVID-19

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has developed two new resources to help children, youth, families and caregivers during the COVID-19 emergency.

The first is “[Supporting Child and Family Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Emergency](#),” a new resource guide with practical tips on how we can all support children and families during COVID-19. The guide also provides a list of resources available to families statewide. The second resource is the [Family Support Warm Line](#), a partnership between DHHS and Waypoint. The Family Support Warm Line is a no-cost, confidential phone support line focused on promoting family resiliency. Residents can call 800-640-6486 and speak with family support professionals and parent partners for help with managing family challenges, coping strategies, or emotional support during COVID-19.

“Our data has shown a decline in the number of calls made to DCYF from those community helpers who regularly see kids face to face, but this is continues to be a stressful time for families and our focus has to remain on prevention,” said DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam. “Having resources readily available and a place where parents and caregivers can turn if they need to talk to someone can make a difference for our families and guide them to the services they need to stay strong and healthy, before they reach a tipping point that leads to abuse or neglect.”

The efforts stem from [Emergency Order #22](#), issued by Governor Chris Sununu on April 1, which authorizes emergency funding for critical child protection services to ensure that New Hampshire families continue to receive the right services at the right time during the COVID-19 emergency. In addition to the Family Support Warm Line, the funding will support domestic violence and substance use supports, expansion of the DCYF Strength to Succeed Program, and additional technology support for DCYF-involved families.

March data from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) shows a [decrease in referrals](#) to DCYF’s Central Intake, compared to the same time period over the past two years. New child abuse and neglect referrals are down nearly 50% each week overall.

To learn more about recognizing the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit [Know and Tell](#), an education program offered through the Granite State Children’s Alliance, the Chapter Organization for the network of New Hampshire’s Child Advocacy Centers.

The Family Support Warm Line can be reached toll-free at 1-800-640-6486, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the DCYF Central Intake line at (603) 271-6562 or toll-free (in state) at (800) 894-5533.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, STATE JOINT INFORMATON CENTER, 603-223-6169 or jic@dos.nh.gov

NEWS RELEASE – Consequences of Unemployment Fraud

By Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald and

Dept. of Employment Security Commissioner George Copadis

Monday, June 15, 2020

Concord, NH -- Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald and Department of Employment Security Commissioner George Copadis urge all New Hampshire residents, especially those claiming unemployment compensation benefits through the Department of Employment Security, to be aware of the various kinds of fraud that the Employment Security Department detects, investigates,

and prosecutes and the accompanying penalties if one is convicted of unemployment compensation fraud.

The Department of Employment Security provides unemployment compensation benefits to eligible claimants who are unemployed through no fault of their own. As a result of the COVID19 State of Emergency, the number of claims for unemployment compensation benefits increased dramatically.

Unemployment compensation fraud is a crime that carries with it serious, long-term consequences. Those filing for benefits should be aware that the Department of Employment Security, in conjunction with state and federal law enforcement agencies, investigates and prosecutes unemployment compensation fraud to protect New Hampshire's unemployment compensation trust fund and preserve benefits for those truly unemployed and meeting eligibility requirements. The New Hampshire Department of Justice has an embedded prosecutor dedicated to unemployment compensation fraud, and the Office has a long record of success in holding offenders accountable.

Earnings-related fraud, or unemployment compensation fraud, occurs when a claimant willfully makes a false statement or representation or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact for the purpose of obtaining or increasing the benefits or payments they receive, and to which they are not entitled. New Hampshire law provides the following possible consequences:

- Unemployment compensation fraud resulting in additional benefits of \$1,000 or more is a class A felony, with a potential penalty of 7½ to 15 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$4,000, and payment of restitution equal to the amount of total benefits received by the individual, not just the amount of additional benefits received.
- Unemployment compensation fraud resulting in additional benefits of more than \$500 but less than \$1,000 is a class B felony, with a potential penalty of 3½ to 7 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$4,000, and payment of restitution equal to the amount of total benefits received by the individual, not just the amount of additional benefits received.
- Unemployment compensation fraud resulting in additional benefits of less than \$500 is a class A misdemeanor, with a potential penalty of 12 months in the house of corrections and/or a fine of up to \$2,000, and payment of restitution equal to the amount of total benefits received by the individual, not just the amount of additional benefits received.

In addition to the penalties described above, any individual convicted of unemployment compensation fraud is disqualified from receiving unemployment compensation benefits for one year from conviction.

Employer-assisted fraud occurs when, with the purpose that an employee commits the crime of unemployment compensation fraud, an employer commands, solicits or requests such employee to file for unemployment compensation benefits while still working for the employer and not reporting such work in the employee's claim. This conduct could constitute criminal solicitation in violation of RSA 629:2. The penalties for any individual convicted of criminal solicitation in this circumstance are the same as the crime that was solicited. For example, if the employee's false statement regarding hours worked for the employer would result in additional benefits of \$1,000 or more, the employer could be prosecuted for criminal solicitation as a class A felony with a potential penalty of 7½ to 15 years in prison, and/or a fine of up to \$4,000.

These laws are intended to protect the integrity of New Hampshire's unemployment compensation trust fund. That fund has served as a vital means to provide financial relief to thousands of New Hampshire workers during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. As the restrictions in effect due to

the outbreak of COVID-19 are eased, those returning to full-time employment are not entitled to benefits. For those continuing with or returning to part-time employment, individuals need to be mindful of always answering the questions presented on their weekly unemployment claim truthfully. The best way to comply with the law and avoid potentially serious consequences is to report work and all earnings truthfully and accurately.

THE TRANSFER STATION IS OPEN BUT PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm - **CLOSED SATURDAY, JULY 4TH**

The Swap Shop will remain closed until further notice.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A TRANSFER STATION STICKER IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE
Stickers are only good for two years!



If you do not already have one, stickers will be available at the Transfer Station or call Town Hall (659-5414) to get one. Proof of residency, such as a recent utility bill, lease or rental agreement, or recent tax bill, and your car registration will be required. If you have any questions regarding documentation please contact us at Town Hall or you may refer to the Solid Waste Ordinance, available [HERE](#). We are exploring the possibility of including a sticker with your car registration sometime in the near future.

CHANGES TO MIXED PAPER

Mixed paper should now be placed with Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) until further notice. We are doing this to protect our employees, as it takes a great deal of handling and sorting in order to make it recyclable. When we are no longer under the conditions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will switch to having residents separate office paper and magazines from other types of paper in order to maximize our recycling revenue.

PLEASE CONTINUE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Both bays remain open as we have seen an improvement in the flow of traffic, but everyone has to maintain the recommended safe distance of 6' while inside. In order for our employees and residents to maintain a safe distance, employees will not be stationed on the wall during this time but will be available to answer questions.

PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN IN YOUR VEHICLE

PLEASE have your child(ren) stay in your vehicle while you are disposing of trash and recyclables. This is for their safety! If they have to be out of the vehicle please keep them next to you at all times and do not let them run through the Transfer Station, roadways or parking areas.

There are several important issues you must be aware of regarding your household trash and recycling disposal if you or anyone in your household has been quarantined for COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19. Your trash and recycling must be handled and disposed of under different rules. Please consult Caren Rossi, Lee's Health Officer to discuss the new steps that must be taken. Email is crossi@leenh.org or phone at 659-6783. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bulky items are accepted at the Transfer Station, HOWEVER, payment will be by check only – there will be a drop box available. Employees will **not** be able to assist with removing items from your vehicle but will be available to guide you, weigh items, and answer your questions.

One RAIN BARREL left FOR SALE AT THE TRANSFER STATION - \$ 50

SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, June 29th 6:00 pm

Meeting ID 833 4747 7439 Password 534667

NEXT REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – Monday, July 6th 6:00pm

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](#)

THE LEE BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE SERIES
scheduled for MAY 2020 have been postponed until further notice.

RECREATION COMMISSION PROGRAM UPDATE

Fishing Derby Postponed – TBD

Model Rocket Day and the Music in the Park Program – Stay Tuned

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

THE MUSEUM'S 2020 OPENING DATE TBD

The Lee Historical Society's programs for 2020 will be rescheduled. Check here for updates.



[CLICK HERE](#) for Lee Farmers Market
Facebook Page
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Lee Farms and
Agricultural Brochure

During this time of social distancing and no Farmer's Markets –
Please remember to shop your local farms online, by delivery or pickup

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.

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

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/calendar>

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/node/14/events/month/2019-08>



Notice : Change in Services Due to Social Distancing Recommendation

Ready Rides is still operating during this time. We have adjusted our services to reflect the recommendations in place and to protect both our drivers and riders while still remaining available to those most vulnerable without taking them from their homes to incur possible contact with the virus. We are still providing rides to patients who require life sustaining services such as dialysis, blood transfusions, injections etc. We will take each request as they come in and assess the depth of the need. We are suspending all rides to counseling, physical therapy and general health and dental checkups. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors who you already have regular contact with to help provide rides during this short suspension.

A service we are adding to our registered riders is pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pickup 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. Currently if you live in the town of Durham call 868-2324 for assistance. If you live in the town of Newfields call 772-9010 and ask for Helping hands for assistance.

Barrington, Lee, Madbury, New Market, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford towns do not directly have things in place yet. Call us here at 244-8719 and we will do our best to find a way to get you the help you need.

What Ready Rides Offers During Normal Operation

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. 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 us at info@readyrides.org or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) can be printed from this website and emailed or mailed to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. Be sure to also print out our service description.

For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

20 George Bennett Road
Lee, New Hampshire 03861
(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 and therefore still have to operate as such. In an effort to protect our personnel and the public the fire department is still operating under COVID-19 operations. We are still fully staffed and operating to protect our community but have had to put a hold on or adjust the way we provide some of our services. The fire department remains closed to all visitors but are working with town officials and the State for recommendations. All official business will continue to be conducted by phone or via email for now. Phone numbers and email addresses are provided on the [Fire Department's web page](#).

Burn permits are still required for all outside burning and all State burning regulations are still in effect. Burning regulations and permits can be obtained at [NH Fire Permit](#). Please check to see what the fire class for the day is prior to lighting any outside fire. Class 3 day or higher, all outside burning is not allowed. You can find out what fire class day it is by visiting the NH Forest and Lands website or look at the road side board at the Lee Public Safety Complex.

All station tours continue to be suspended as are all home visits for wood stove, burn permit and inspection purposes. Furnace installation inspections will be conducted on an emergency basis for emergency replacement only. All furnace replacement work shall be coordinated through the Fire Chief's office before any work is to be done.

Hopefully the virus emergency will be over soon and we can slowly return our operations to a normal level. All inquiries regarding the Town's response and current status for the virus should be made to the Town's Health Officer, Caren Rossi at the Planning Department.

With summer come thunder storms. Some storms can be severe and contain lightning, hail and wind. When lightning is in the area you should seek shelter indoors and away from windows. Do not shelter under trees or near tall objects. Be aware during high winds of trees, branches, power lines and debris being blown down. Occasionally these storms can cause downed power lines and power outages. We would like to remind everyone that we consider all downed lines as "energized" and should never be touched, moved or driven over. That includes cable and phone lines as they could be in contact with power lines at some point in the system. Call the fire department immediately and keep everyone away from the lines until the fire department arrives. With the power outages several people in our community use portable generators to power their homes. When using a portable generator follow all manufacturer's safety guidelines for your generator. They should be run at least twenty-five feet from the residence; exhaust should be pointed away from the residence and away from anything combustible. Never operate a generator in an enclosed space such as a garage or a shed. Generators emit carbon monoxide and can cause serious injury or death if run in-doors and carbon monoxide is allowed to accumulate.

As the water in rivers, ponds and lakes warm up and people begin swimming and boating, please take care and be safe. Be aware that we have had a colder than usual spring and night time temperatures can still drop into the low 40's. This has kept our water temperatures on the cold side. Please be aware that hypothermia is still possible even though air temperatures can be in the 80's and 90's if the water temperature is in the 50's or 60's. This is especially true for the very young and the older population. Use personal flotation devices while boating, water skiing, tubing etc.

Never swim alone even if you are a good swimmer. Follow all NH State Boating Regulations while boating on NH waterways.

Use caution while outdoor grilling. Keep grills at a safe distance from the residence or other structures while cooking. Have a hose or dry chemical extinguisher nearby to extinguish any grill fires before they get out of control. Make sure propane tanks are in date for hydrotesting and the gas lines are in good condition and not leaking. Dispose of burned charcoal in a safe manor, preferably in a metal container until cold throughout. Thank you and have a safe and happy summer.



**LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS
[CLICK HERE](#) to get a Burn Permit Online

[BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE](#)
[DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS FIRE PERMIT BROCHURE](#)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fire Department Fee Schedule
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

WHEN SECONDS COUNT...



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. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

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 \$35.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.
[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form



LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION



LAWN SIGN FUNDRAISER

Only a \$15
donation!



LIMITED
SUPPLY!

The Lee Fireman's Association of Lee, New Hampshire is conducting a fundraiser to help support local first responders and healthcare workers! We understand this has been an extremely difficult time for everyone and unfortunately first responders and healthcare workers are still dealing with COVID-19 on a daily basis. The Lee Fireman's Association has purchased a limited supply of lawn signs for the residents of Lee to help show their continued appreciation and support of these workers. 100% of your minimum donation of \$15.00 or more will be used to purchase "snack baskets" as a thank you to the Lee Fire & Rescue, Lee Police Department, McGregor Ambulance and Wentworth Douglass Hospital. To have a sign delivered to your house in Lee please follow the information below.

To show your support and have a sign delivered please

Mail all checks to

Lee Fireman's Association
20 George Bennett Road
Lee, NH 03861

Please make sure to include your NAME,
ADDRESS AND A PHONE NUMBER

All checks made out to "LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION"

If you have any questions please email us at
leefireassociation@gmail.com

Lee Public Library



The Library Is Open

The Lee Public Library is now open to the public with the following schedule:

Monday	12-7pm
Tuesday	12-7pm
Wednesday	12-7pm
Thursday	10-5pm
Friday	10-5pm
Saturday	10-3pm (July and August 9-12)

We are limited to 8 patrons at a time including staff so we highly recommend that our patrons continue to use curbside pickup whenever possible. Hands-off curbside pickup will continue.

Please enter the library via the deck and ramp entrance and exit through the old library front door. Exceptions will be made for those unable to traverse the steps at the exit.

We will NOT be able to take any returns in the library. Please leave all your returns in the outside book drop. All returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours before they are checked in.

We request that you wear a mask when in the library. There will be disposable masks available at the door as well as sanitizing liquid. The library staff will be wearing masks for safety.

We request that you spend no longer than 15-20 minutes in the library.

Computer use is limited to two public computers and you will be allowed 30 minutes per person, per day. The fax and copy machine are available.

The bathroom will be closed to the public except for emergencies.

We have marked pathways through the library to maximize ease of traffic flow and to help moderate social distancing and safety during browsing and borrowing materials.

We highly recommend families limit their visit to 2-3 people at a time if possible. Given the space constraints within the library, six feet of separation between patrons, especially in the children's area, may be challenging!

We have removed all toys and puzzles from the children's area for the time being, since these are items that are difficult to keep sanitized. We will introduce them back into the library when it is safe to do so.

Please understand and have patience if we need some extra time between patrons to keep our facility safe and sanitized for you and our staff.

For the health and safety of our patrons and our staff, there are several hand sanitizing stations in the library.

Finally, if you or someone you know has difficulty accessing the library or library materials, let us know! We can help!



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

You may still register for the summer reading program by phone or in person. Summer Reading runs from June 25th - August 8th. Check next week for the weekly schedule of remote programs going on.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS NOW!

The Library book drop opened Tuesday, May 26th for all returns.

Although we are happy to keep renewing the items you have, we request that you return the books that belong to other libraries. We will also contact you for any items that others are looking for.

We have been buying new books, movies and audiobooks over the last several weeks, so there are plenty of new items for you to exchange your other titles for!





Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2020

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 6/24/2020 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH

NHDOT BEGINS PLANNING FOR 5-DAY SHUTDOWN OF ROUTE 4 AT BUNKER CREEK

Progress since last update:

- Reconstruction of 700 feet of roadway on eastern side of the bridge to Morgan Way.
- Reconstruction of 450 feet of roadway on the western side of the bridge.

Upcoming work:

- Preparation for road closure and bridge replacement - July 1 – 17
- **Road closure and bridge replacement - week of July 20th, anticipated being 5 days**

If you have questions, please contact the Design-Build Team,

Facebook - NHDOTRte4Durham

Twitter - @NHDOTRte4Durham

Email - <mailto:nhdotрте4durham@gmail.com>

For project history or background information you can also visit the [NHDOT's Webpage](#)

McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

McGregor EMS is currently seeking both Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers. Those interested may email membership@mcgregorems.org. To learn more about this great service [CLICK HERE](#)!

OYSTER RIVER SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The Oyster River High School Class of 2020 had a beautiful day for its commencement ceremony on June 12th.

The School Board has received thoughtful community input and a call to expand the school district's commitment to diversity and inclusion by taking specific steps towards anti-racism work now and in the future. This topic will be included in future board meetings.

The school district recognizes and thanks seven retirees on a combined 133+ years of service to our students! Congratulations and smooth sailing to Tony Lee, Virginia Swift, Christopher Hobson, Judy George, Susan Maziarz, Trudi Puffer, and Marilyn Winslow!

The school board also discussed its own performance in a self-evaluation discussion. Community feedback is always welcome and invited. An easy way is to email <mailto:orcsdsb@orcsd.org>.

Help UNH Extension map food-access resources and needs across New Hampshire during COVID-19 – [CLICK HERE](#)

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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