

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
July 1, 2022**

WATER SPRINKLERS ON AT LITTLE RIVER PARK TODAY FROM 1PM – 3PM!!!



TOWN OFFICES will be CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4th
There will not be an E-Crier Edition on Friday, July 8th

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting in a work session on **Wednesday, July 6th, 2022, at 9:00 am** at the Lee Town Offices, 249 Calef Highway, to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee.



NOTICE FROM THE TOWN OF LEE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Sadly, there has been a few instances of theft and possible criminal mischief reported at Lee Hill Cemetery. If you see anything unusual or suspect suspicious activity, please call 911 or contact the Lee Police at 603-659-5866.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 459 END OF THE YEAR COURT OF HONOR

Troop 459 held their end of the year Court of Honor this past week. Many members of the troop have made great strides towards their advancement. Scoutmaster John Hall awarded the following Scouts these patches. Nathan LoVecchio got Rifle & Shotgun Merit Badges. Brodie LoVecchio got Pulp & Paper, Finger Printing, Robotics, & Environmental Science Merit Badges. Gibson Griffith received his Traffic Safety Merit Badge. Gibson and Brodie also attended the Introduction to Leadership Skills training that Mr. Alex LoVecchio and Asst. Scoutmaster Mr. Dale Doller taught at the Troop level. Both Gibson and Brodie received a certification and a trained patch. Tyler Hall and Nathaniel LoVecchio both have attained the impressive Life Rank. Turner Morris attained the rank of Scout. All three of these scouts got their new rank patches. The Troop enjoyed a barbecue and cake organized by Committee Chairperson Christene LoVecchio. The food and decorations made this a special night for all!!!



TRAILS COMMITTEE BUILDING AGAIN!

The Trails Committee finished the last bridge replacement for the spring/summer season! Bridge 4 in the Town Forest was unpassable when it rained (see picture below) so the Trails Committee and our amazing volunteers built a 20' bridge with handrails to make that part of the trail accessible in all seasons and weather conditions. Thanks to Becky Jacobs, Chris Reagan, Deb Sugerman, Dennis Reagan, Greg Ewing, Martin Castle, Martin Thornton, Mike Langley, and Paul McComiskey for hauling wood, bringing cookies and lemonade and designing and creating a beautiful bridge! Enjoy!



Thank
You

TOWN OF LEE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Select Board would like to honor another outstanding volunteer from 2021-2022 and is accepting recommendations for this award at this time. Kindly forward your recommendations along with a paragraph supporting your nomination to dduval@leenh.org at your earliest convenience.

CINNAMON FERN AS MICROHABITAT PART III: SPINED SOLDIER BUG

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

The insect pictured is the second predator found on our trio of cinnamon ferns and was discovered feeding upon one of the sawfly larvae that were featured in an earlier article. This is a spined soldier bug, *Podisus maculiventris*, a petite hunter less than half an inch long. Though shorter than its soft-bodied prey, it is a much more robust insect.

Belonging to the order Hemiptera, the true bugs, it is a member of the family Pentatomidae, commonly known as shield bugs or stink bugs. Most members of this family are plant eaters, and some, such as the green stink bug, the squash bug, and the invasive and notably destructive brown marmorated stink bug, can be agricultural pests.

The spined soldier bug is classified as an insectivore in the subfamily Asopinae. Along with the spined soldier bug, several other NH natives belong to this suborder, including the two-spotted stink bug, anchor bug, and spiked shield bug. The spined soldier bug is particularly fond of soft-bodied, slow-moving larvae such as those of moths, butterflies and beetles, some of which are not welcome in the garden. If your garden is beset with Colorado potato beetle larvae, Mexican bean beetle larvae, cabbage white butterfly larvae, or cabbage looper moth larvae, then the spined soldier bug is a welcome ally. It will also take on adult moths, butterflies, and beetles, often successfully capturing insects larger than itself.

Though an insectivore, the spined soldier bug's structures, and functions are much the same as those of its vegetarian relatives. It has an oval, or shield-shaped body that is nearly as broad as it is long. The wings are mostly mantled under a hard outer shell, which is topped by an even harder, triangular structure called the scutella, the protective shield for which these bugs derive one of their common names, "shield bug". Like all stink bugs, the soldier bug lacks jaws and feeds through a tubular beak called the rostrum, which in turn houses structures called stylets. The spined soldier bug has four stylets: two serve as both piercers and straws, while the remaining two inject enzyme-filled saliva into the prey insect. Once injected, the saliva quickly dissolves the prey insect's internal organs. In the case of our hapless sawfly larva, it became, in effect, a green slurpy - a skin bag full of fats and proteins that were sucked up by the spined soldier bug's first pair of stylets. As is the case for all stink bugs, the rostrum is hinged at its first segment, enabling the soldier bug to tuck it under its abdomen for convenient storage and portability when not in use.



The spined soldier bug wouldn't be a member of the stink bug nation if it didn't stink, and it does, but as is the case for other members of the tribe, it only makes a stink when threatened. The process is the same for all stink bugs. A waxy liquid containing a volatile mixture of chemicals is contained in two glands located on the thorax, just beside each of the stink bug's middle legs. When the stink bug is disturbed by a predator, it releases this liquid, which spreads to the stink bug's evapatorium, a name I find delightful. Abutting the scent glands on the underside of the thorax, the evapatorium's shape and rough texture help to release the odor into the air, making it a much less appetizing meal.

A MAGICAL NIGHT OF MOTHS AND OTHER NIGHT-FLIERS

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

On Saturday evening, June 25, at Little River Park, the Lee Conservation Commission and UNH Cooperative Extension hosted the folks at The Caterpillar Lab in presenting "The Wonderful World of Moths at Night" - and what a night it was! The weather was perfect for mothing - warm and humid, and more than 30 people of all ages were able to get a glimpse into the incredible diversity of moth and other night-flying insect species present in Lee.

The event began at 8:00 p.m. at the pavilion, where moths, cocoons, and caterpillars brought by the caterpillar lab were on display. Caterpillar Lab Director, Sam Jaffee, used a projecting microscope to enable participants to get amazingly close views of caterpillars - including a tiny leaf-mining caterpillar so small that it lives between the layers of the leaves of its food plant and feeds on individual leaf cells. There were many "OOH" moments, and Sam used them to underline how amazing even the most nondescript caterpillar or moth can be and how their life stories are intertwined with the plants that rely on them for pollination and the animals, including tiny parasites, that rely on them for food. It was a recurring theme throughout the evening - and each new instance of inter-connectedness that Sam shared was both fascinating and moving.

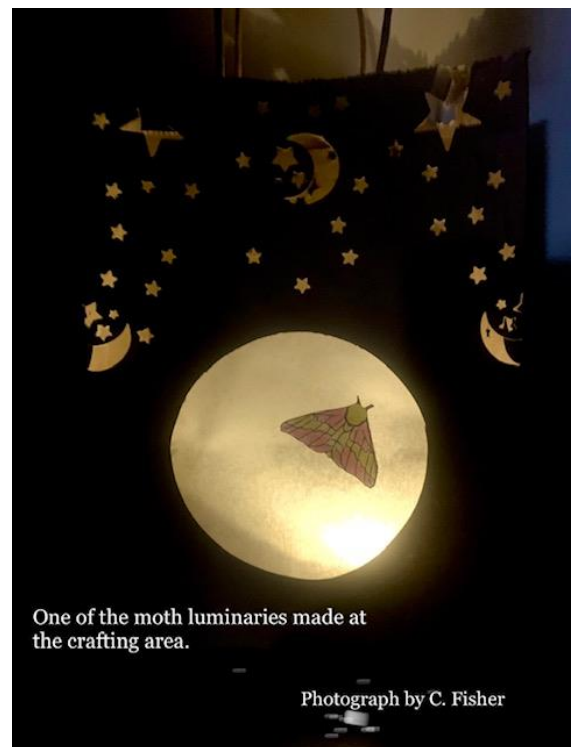


Some of the Caterpillar Lab's live caterpillars on display. From left to right: Abbots sphinx moth, regal moth, luna moth. Photographs by Vicki Brown



Several local moth experts set up slide shows and shared their stories about how they'd become interested in moths and how their initial curiosity metamorphosed into a lifelong passion. Siobhan Basile has been photographing moths for some years and has identified more than 750 species in her own backyard in Epping. Deb Lievies, has identified and photographed over 1000 moth species. Their photographs were lovely, and their ability to identify at a glance even tiny moth species was impressive.

One corner of the pavilion had been set up with moth-themed crafts for children to create while they listened to Sam's descriptions of caterpillars and moths. Numerous pom pom caterpillar refrigerator magnets of various sizes were fashioned by the children (and quite a few adults). At another table, paper punches were used to create beautiful moth luminaries.

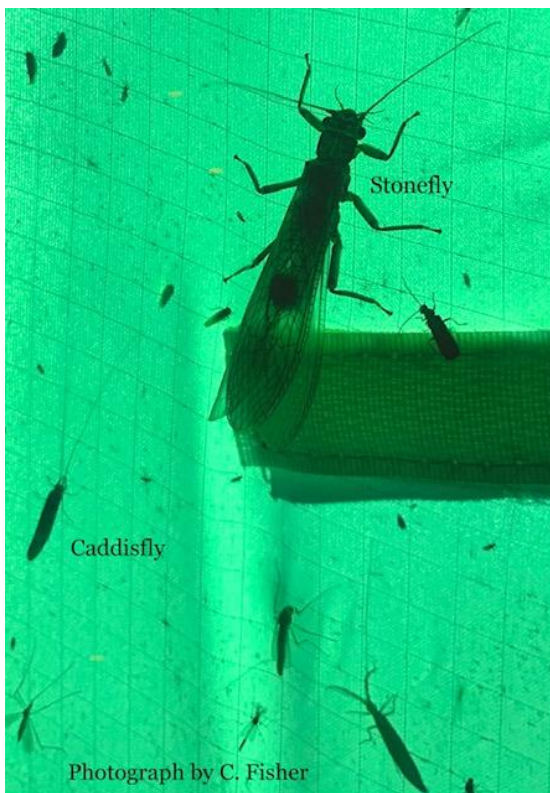


Finally the sky was dark enough to turn on the mercury vapor lights at the two traps set up by the Caterpillar Lab folks, and the wild show began. One was near the pavilion, and the other stood at the end of the playing field, near the early succession habitat. The insect spectacle was almost immediate - as it seemed that there was only a brief moment, as darkness fell, when the traps weren't crawling with life. Moths were, of course, a big part of the show. Throughout the evening, roving back and forth between the two traps, Sam and his crew pointed out geometer moths, tussock moths, sphinx moths, numerous rosy maple moths, and countless tiny moth species gathered on the two light traps.



Left to right: rosy maple moth (above) and moth of Apogeshna genus; banded tussock moth; wood leopard moth. Photographs by Vicki Brown

There were countless other species of non-moth insects that were drawn to the light traps, and perhaps not surprising for a park abutting a river, insects whose lives began as aquatic larvae were present in great numbers, including damselflies, caddisflies, stoneflies, and giant water bugs. Host of tiny flies and midges, many of whom also began life as aquatic insects, darkened whole corners of the trap near the early succession field.

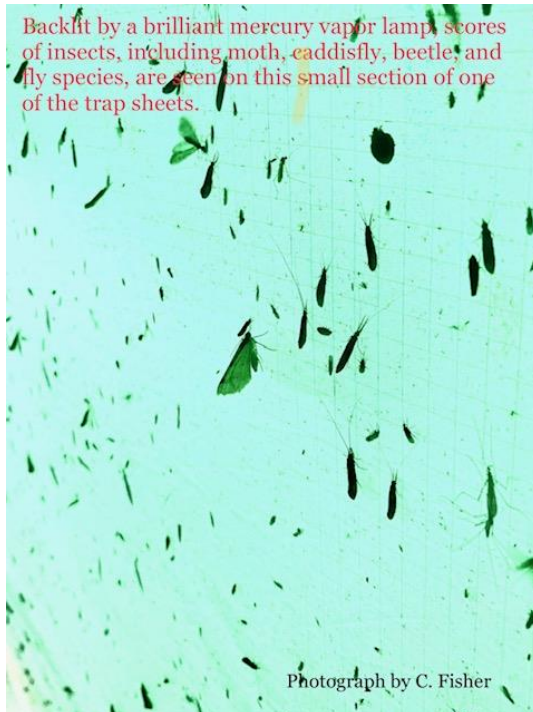


Giant water bug, aka eastern toe biter.

Photograph by C. Fisher

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The sheer numbers of insects present was impressive and the silhouettes of their backlit bodies were lovely. Equally beautiful were the silhouettes of adults and children as they roved from one light trap to the other, some carrying their moth luminaries. Eleven o'clock came faster than anyone would have thought, and most of the participants stayed until the final minute, reluctant to turn away from the wonders that this night revealed.



LEE FIRE DEPARTMENT TIMELY TOPICS JULY 2022

The kids are out of school and summer is swinging into action, we would like to pass on a few safety tips for a safe summertime:

1. **Grill safety:** You should keep your grill clean and free from grease build up to prevent a grill fire. Grills should be used at least ten (10) feet away from any structure. Grills are not allowed to be used on balconies, decks or patios of any multifamily apartment buildings per State Fire Code.
2. **Outdoor fires:** Burn permits are required for all outdoor open flame burning (except for propane fueled appliances and charcoal grills). Burn permits may be purchased online at the [Division of Forests and Lands](#) or obtained at the Fire Department. Please read and follow all State of NH outdoor burning regulations.
3. **Swimming and boating:** Please follow State of NH boating regulations while boating. Wear life jackets while boating and use caution while swimming as the water temperatures may still be cold.
4. **Fireworks:** Class C fireworks are permissible per town ordinance and State of NH Regulations. There is no permit required to purchase, possess or use Class C fireworks in the Town of Lee. Class B fireworks require a permit for use in the Town of Lee and must follow all State of NH guidelines. [CLICK HERE](#) State of NH Fire Marshal's Fireworks Safety Brochure. Please take the time to read before using any fireworks.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

July 11th & 25th 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  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

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

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

Hours: 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 close 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

[CLICK HERE](#) for New DHHS Website!

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](#)

Lee Public Library

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

Monday July 4, LIBRARY CLOSED – We will be closed in celebration of Independence Day! Stay safe and have a fun day.

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!

Wednesday July 6 & 20, 10:00am - Knitters: Meet on the first and third Wednesday at 10:00am. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company! New knitters always welcomed.

Wednesday July 6, 4:00m – 5:00pm – Annual Friends Meeting.

Saturday July 9, 9:00am – 1:00pm – CPR/AED: This course is designed to prepare students to provide First Aid+CPR and to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Heart saver courses are intended for anyone with little or no medical training who needs a course completion card for job, regulatory (e.g., OSHA), or other requirements. These courses can also be taken by anyone who wants to be prepared for an emergency in any setting. Visit our website to sign up www.leelibrarynh.org.



Wednesday July 13, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Library Trustee Meeting.

Monday July 18, 5:00pm – 7:00pm – Open Adult Game Time: Join us for board games, card games, chess, or bring a game of your choosing! No sign up necessary, just come on over!

Wednesday July 20, 6:00 – 8:30pm – Family Movie Night: Join us for our second family movie night of summer 2022! This month we will watch 'The Secrets of Dumbledore' (2022). This is a PG 13 rated movie, so please be advised to bring children who are approved to watch this title. **Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter Character!**

Thursday July 21, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Herbal Healing and Reiki with Misty Meadows: Join us and Wendy Snow Fogg as she talks about the powers of herbal healing and the benefits of Reiki. **No sign-up necessary, just come on over to the library!**

Monday July 25, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults: Join us on the Fourth 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 July 27th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm - The Backyard Farming Initiative!

This month we will visit Matt Rowell's garden. Matt's main focus centers on how chickens are used in the backyard. With an emphasis on a pastured poultry model, Matt's chickens are field raised and include meat chickens and also egg production. Call or email Lee Public Library for program location, further details, and to sign up! A huge thank you to George and Sandy Estes, Bambi Miller and Tom Lee for the past three events.



FOR THE CHILDREN

Kid's Summer Reading Program: Stop by and sign up for our summer reading program! Four five weeks, 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!***

Friday, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 10:30am - 11:30am – Family Story Time: Come on over and listen to a summer story! We'll have stories, songs, activities and fun!

Friday July 8 & 22, 2:00pm – 4:00pm – Free Space Friday: Join us in the children's program space to play, create and have fun with Miss Judy! No sign up necessary, just come along!

Tuesday July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:00pm – 2:00pm – Grab & Go/Stay & Create: This is a drop-in activity open to all ages.

- July 5 –Beads and bead forms creations
- July 12 – Ocean Slime
- July 19 –Toes in the ocean, painting craft
- July 26 – TBD like the Lee Library, NH Facebook page for updates!



Simple craft kits will be available as grab and go options if you are unable to get to our Stay and Create Programs.

Tuesday July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:00pm – Middle School STEM: Pre-registration is required for this program, we are limited to 12 participants!

- July 5 – String Art – Led by Sheri Griffith
- July 12 – Simple Machines
- July 19 – Balsa Creations
- July 26 – Simple Machines



Please call the library to sign up your middle-schooler!

Wednesday July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 11:30am – 12:30pm – Sandwich and a Story: Bring your lunch along to Little River Park and sit with us for stories, songs and games with Miss Judy.

Wednesday July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 3:00pm – 5:00pm – Kid's Summer Movies: Join us for ocean-themed kid's movies, popcorn and drinks. Bring your own blanky or bean bag!

Thursday July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10:30am – 11:30am – Special Performers: This is our joint program with Lee, Durham and Madbury! Join us for Flying High Dogs, Wildlife Encounters, Aquatic Critters, and Toe Jam Puppet Band! Locations vary so please be sure to check the other side of the calendar to see where you are going 😊



Regular children's story times and after school programs will resume in the fall!

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 6/29/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 10:00 am State House in Concord, NH



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Summer Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – JUNE 15, 2022

There is now a quick link for DEIJ information on the ORCSD home page (orcsd.org). The link includes the DEIJ strategic plan, frequently asked questions, and a video interview with the new DEIJ Coordinator, Rachael Blansett.

The school board approved utilizing the health insurance balance to increase a high school biology position from .5 to full time and to increase funds for the licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC).

The school board policy committee will investigate developing a policy on school district involvement in school election candidate information. Currently, each school PTO takes turns hosting a candidate forum each year. The policy committee will investigate to what extent other school districts are involved in candidate information and determine whether a new policy should be developed.

The new middle school grand opening celebration will be August 23rd from 11:00am – 1:00pm. All are invited.

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) 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 vfwpost10676@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

Membership Information

<https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/>

(603)-373-8429

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