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

Lee News & Upcoming Events July 9, 2021

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS BACK TO IN-PERSON

MONDAY, July 12th 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

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Thursday Night Concert Series Schedule
Little River Park / Randy Steven Pavilion 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

July 15th Andrew Emanuel Trio

July 22nd Knock on Wood

July 29th Dave Gerard-Truffle Duo

Aug 5th Clandestine Aug 12th Clandestine

Aug 19th The Chickenshack Bluegrass Band

Aug 26th Alt-137 Sept 2nd Claire Li

CURRENT USE LANDOWNER SURVEY

We are counting on your participation! Please respond by July 15th.

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

THE LEE SWAP SHOP STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!

If you are interested, please email swapshopleenh@gmail.com.

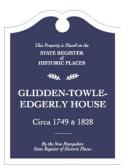






The Lee Heritage Commission has created a series of historic marker plaques that are being awarded to the owners of historic properties in Lee who have successfully applied for NH State Register of Historic Places designation. The wording on each plaque states, "This Property is Placed on the State Register of Historic Places by the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places". Every time we share a photo of a historic property plaque presentation, we will also try to share some of the history of that property – and the families that have owned it.

On May 23, 2021, the Heritage Commission had the honor of presenting the Glidden-Towle-Edgerly House on Wadleigh Falls Road (Route 152) in Lee with a plaque that acknowledges the historic importance of the Glidden-Towle-Edgerly house to the State of NH and the Town of Lee.





(L-R): Stephanie Fischer (Property Owner) and Patricia Jenkins (Chairperson of the Lee Heritage Commission) (Photos by Scott Bugbee)

Glidden-Towle-Edgerly House History: This three-story home located across Route 152 from the Wadley Falls dam and mill site is the Glidden-Towle-Edgerly House. Built circa 1749 (the current back ell) with a large, stately addition (now the main house) added in 1828 this building's legacy includes ownership by three families who were all connected with the mill industries at Wadley Falls. Nearly destroyed by an arsonist in April of 2010 this stately structure with its multiple fireplaces and a dance hall on the third floor has since been stabilized and wrapped waiting for a future historically minded owner to return it to its former stature when it stood as a proud structure in the forward-looking thriving Wadley Falls Village. It was placed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places in November of 2010.

Some photos of the Glidden - Towle - Edgerly property:

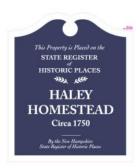






(Photos by Scott Bugbee)

On May 23, 2021, the Heritage Commission had the honor of presenting the Haley homestead on Birch Hill Road in Lee with a plaque that acknowledges the historic importance of the Haley Homestead to the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Lee.





(L-R): Laura Gund (Member of the Lee Heritage Commission), Patricia Jenkins (Chairperson of the Lee Heritage Commission) and Maria and Robert Barth (Property Owners) Photos by Scott Bugbee

Haley Homestead History: The Haley Homestead was built in 1750 and was owned by the Haley family for more than 150 years, daily life at this Georgian style home was well-documented in the 19th century journals of family member S. Olevia Haley. The Haley Homestead was placed on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places on January 26, 2004.

Conservation Commission Easement Monitoring Notes from 6-30-2021 Porcupine Sedge's Tiny, Prickly Blooms

Though the conservation easement monitored on Wednesday was green and beautiful, conditions were less than optimal. When the mercury rises to the mid-nineties, monitoring a good-sized property is challenging. Heat, humidity and mosquitoes come with the territory on days like this, and the best thing to do is push through and enjoy what you can. After the better part of 2 hours walking the bounds of this forested conservation easement, we emerged as soggy as some of the wetland areas we'd traversed.

There were compensations. Bird song was constant. A loud, sharp, two-whistled call, very reminiscent of a bobwhite, started us off. It was calling from a place where the forest and field met, but no glimpse of the whistler was seen, and its identity remains a mystery. As we walked the well-maintained trails, the songs and calls of ovenbird, veery, common yellowthroat, tufted titmouse, red-eyed vireo, blue jay, rose-breasted grosbeak and scarlet tanager provided lovely background music. Two birds that were seen rather than heard presented great contrast in size. First, a female red-breasted nuthatch stopped on a low branch overhanging the trail, and looked us over. This winter saw an eruption of this diminutive species as they left their boreal forest haunts and descended into New England by the thousands. They were everywhere in forested sections of Lee, and as spring arrived, some stayed to breed. However since June's first heat, they seemed to have vanished. After weeks of no red-breasted nuthatch sightings, it was a treat to see this little lady and to have her be so accommodating in allowing us to spend a moment admiring her small dapper self. Topping the day's avian size chart was the second bird we observed - a hen turkey, foraging among the tall ferns in a damp stream bed. We looked for poults, but if there were any present they kept themselves hidden until we'd vacated the area and Mom gave the all-clear.

The forest we walked through was lush, particularly along the streambanks. Although most of the streams had gone dry, the soils remained wet, and in these areas mosses, ferns, rushes, horsetails and sedges grew exuberantly. A particular favorite, the porcupine sedge, looked striking with its pale, spiny reproductive structures standing out against the surrounding greenery. Also called bottlebrush sedge, it is an important food source for wildfowl, while its clump-forming ability makes it a useful plant for erosion control in riparian zones. This is porcupine sedge's flowering time, and the spine-covered inflorescences are in bloom. Each spine, called a *perigynium*, is tipped with a delicate, three-petalled flower that looks like a minuscule wind turbine. Look closely at the photograph and you can see their tiny blades protruding above the tip of each spike.



PHOTO BY CATHERINE FISHER

CONSERVATION MONITORING IN LEE

From now until early fall, join the Conservation Commission on Wednesday mornings as they conduct site walks on the Town's conserved properties. Some of these lands are owned by the Town, but most of them are privately owned and protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement. If you'd like to walk along, go to https://www.leenh.org/conservation-commission and email the Conservation Commission Chair Dawn Genes by clicking on her name. Monitoring begins at 9:00 am and generally takes 1½-2 hrs. Most outings require traversing through thick brush. Standard precautions for COVID, ticks & mosquitoes are advised.

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 2nd, 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 2nd session will be held by the Supervisors of the Checklist on **Thursday**, **July 22nd 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 22nd. At this July 22nd 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.

CLICK HERE for U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR

As the state is kicking off the summer with lower groundwater levels and surface water flows than during more recent droughts, water systems and municipalities should be preparing to message conservation and implement mandatory outdoor water use restrictions earlier than they have in previous years.

NHDES is currently urging water systems to implement outdoor water use restrictions. Voluntary restrictions are helpful in spreading the conservation message and preparing the public for more strict restrictions, while implementing mandatory restrictions is prudent in areas experiencing moderate drought, particularly in areas which experience a significant increase in outdoor water use in the summer.

Residential and other private well owners are encouraged to use water wisely. Giving the well time to replenish by spacing out usage is a good place to start. For example, do laundry several times a week, rather than doing back to back loads. Also, in areas of moderate drought, curbing non-essential uses, such as lawn watering and spraying down surfaces that can be swept or hand washed is an effective way to protect your supply.

Currently 76 water systems have restrictions in place.

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 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.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Various Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Office Manager Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. **CLICK HERE** for Application.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR LIBRARY CALENDAR

READY RIDES

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford NH. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. Accessible rides available. To request information about registering as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver, please email info@readyrides.org or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an Application for riders and a Volunteer Application on this website. Email or mail it to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's Community Transportation Directory.

WHEN SECONDS COUNT... Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.



Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm? Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$50.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association. CLICK HERE for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

NH COVID-19 WEBSITE

UNIVERSAL BEST PRACTICES

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

These "Universal Best Practices" are recommendations related to COVID-19 practices for all individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider and implement for the operation of their business. Nothing in this document or other guidance precludes any business, organization, or individual business operators from taking additional precautions for the health and safety of its employees and consumers. Additionally, a set of stand-alone guidance for "Overnight Congregate Settings for Children" has been released.



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



Adult Summer Reading Program July 1-August 4

- Read a book.
- Visit the Library.
- Write a short review.
- Enter to win a weekly prize.



Special for the Summer Reading Program during July and August

8 downloads per month!

To see what's available, go to hoopladigital.com

Summer Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Lee Public Library.



Summer Reading 2021 "Tails and Tales" Programs July 1—August 4

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11-7 June 28 Registration	11-7 June 29 Registration	11-7 June 30 Registration	July 1 10:30 AM via ZOOM Jungle Jim	July 2
July 5 The LIBRARY is closed for Independence Day	July 6 11:30-12:30 Little River Park Sandwich & a Story 2 pm Craft Grab & Go/Stay & Create	July 7 12-1 Library sandwich and a story *4:30 on Facebook Live	July 8 10:30 AM via ZOOM Wildlife Encounters	July 9
July 12 3-4 pm Middle School craft group Foam Stamping	July 13 11:30-12:30 Little River Park Sandwich & a Story 2 pm Craft Grab & Go/Stay & Create	July 14 12-1 Library sandwich and a story *4:30 on Facebook Live	July 15 10:30 AM via Zoom Eric Carle	July 16
July 19 3-4 pm Middle School craft group Chalkboard craft	July 20 11:30-12:30 Little River Park Sandwich & a Story 2 pm Craft Grab & Go/Stay & Create	July 21 12-1 Library sandwich and a story *4:30 on Facebook Live	July 22 10:30 AM via ZOOM Seacoast Science Center	July 23
July 26 3-4 pm Middle School craft group Plastic canvas sew- ing	July 27 11:30-12:30 Little River Park Sandwich & a Story 2 pm Craft Grab & Go/Stay & Create	July 28 12-1 Library sandwich and a story *4:30 on Facebook Live	July 29 10:30 AM via ZOOM Keith Munslow	July 30
August 2 3-4 pm Middle School craft group Painting craft	August 3 11:30-12:30 Little River Park Sandwich & a Story 2 pm Craft Grab & Go/Stay & Create	August 4 12-1 Library sandwich and a story *4:30 on Facebook Live		

All RED LETTER programs require pre-registration at www.durhampubliclibrary.org All GREEN LETTER programs require pre-registration. Call us 659-2626.



GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, June 30, 2021

CLICK HERE for the 6/30/2021 Minutes
Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 30, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH



CLICK HERE for 2021 LRAC SUMMER NEWSLETTER

MARINA'S MILES VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL RACE AND RUN/WALK A 5K ANYTIME BETWEEN JULY 18 AND AUGUST 18, 2021

To participate, register for the race, run or walk your 5K anywhere, and send us your run/walk race times. Registration fee for the race is \$20. Participants may register at MarinasMiles.org or on our Facebook page (Facebook.com/MarinasMiles).

We have free t-shirts for the first 100 registrants, and raffle prizes will be awarded via drawing. If you email your run/walk race times to MarinasMiles5K@gmail.org, your results will be posted on Marina's Miles' website and Facebook pages.

Marina's Miles raises money for college scholarships in memory of Marina Slavin. Scholarships are awarded annually to Oyster River High School students. Marina was an Oyster River High School graduate, UNH student, NH state champion runner, and most importantly, a person who loved life and people from all walks of life.

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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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!