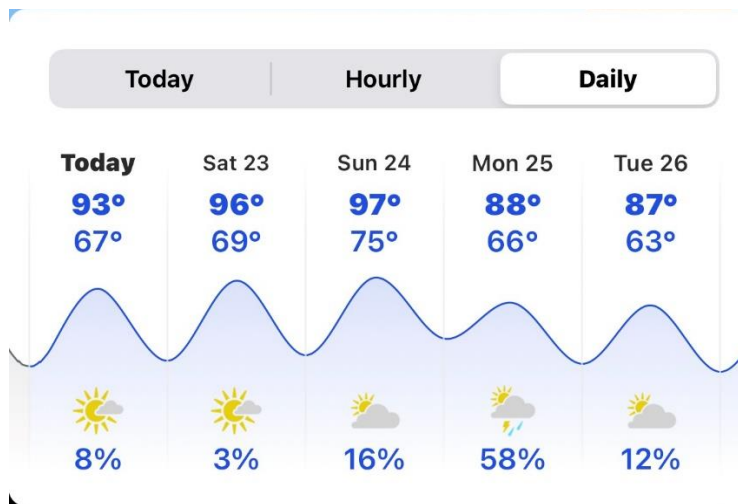


TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
July 22, 2022**

TOWN OF LEE RESIDENTS

With the continued hot weather forecasted through the weekend, the Emergency Management Department in cooperation with the Town, Fire, and Police Departments has opened the Lee Public Safety Complex located at 20 George Bennett Road from 8:00am-4:00pm until Sunday, July 24th. If you or anyone you know might need a break from the weather, please feel free to come down and relax in the 1st floor meeting room. Any questions please call the fire station at 603-659-5411.



Join us for the Fisher Cats Game Night!

The Lee Recreation Commission is hosting an evening at the Fisher Cats on Thursday, August 11th! The outing includes a round trip bus trip from Little River Park, (leaving at 5pm) baseline seating, hot dog, chips, drink (vegetarian options available). The game ends with a fireworks display. The cost for all of this is only \$5 per person! We have a limited number of seats, so please don't wait to reserve your spot. RSVP to Caren Rossi at crossi@leenh.org or call 603-659-6783 to sign up or have questions.

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 until Monday, July 25th. Kindly forward your recommendations along with a paragraph supporting your nomination to dduval@leenh.org at your earliest convenience.



LET THE CHURCH BELL RING!

The Lee Church Congregational is currently fundraising to assist in repairing the church bell. The bell rings to mark celebrations, deaths, calls to worship, and significant milestones but for a while now, the Lee Church bell has sadly been silent.

After decades of exposure, the Bell Tower floor has weathered and softened. This prevents the bell from being used. Once the floor is repaired and the bell is realigned then the bell can ring again. The cost for these repairs are estimated to be \$10,000. This is a lot for a small community church, so we are asking the community for help. You can support this project with a tax-deductible donation, via PayPal at <https://www.leechurch.org/lets-fix-the-bell> or you may send a check to the Lee Church (17 Mast Rd). *Please indicate that your donation is for the bell tower.* Thank you.



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.

Crafty Creations...



Crafting for Adults!



Call now to register for your kit & zoom link! 659-2626

Join us on the last Monday of every month (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home and garden. Just call to sign up, pick up your supply program kit from the library, then tune in to zoom, or join us in person!

In July, we'll be making Beach Wreaths!

Please call or email to sign up and a zoom link will be sent to all those registered!

Monday July 25, 6:00pm

Backyard Farming Initiative

Join us every **4th Wednesday** until August for Backyard Farming Fun!

Bring your own lawn chair if you would like to sit!



During July we will visit Lee resident, Matt Rowell. Matt's main focus centers around 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.

Matt will talk about effective compost generation, as well as using kitchen scraps to nourish his chickens, ensuring no food is wasted!

Matt is proud to encourage his daughter to sell eggs with the family, teaching her the importance of business and money management, organization and teamwork!

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lee Public Library and the Lee Agricultural Commission.

There will be no restroom access, so please plan accordingly!

Call or email Lee Public Library for program location, further details, and to sign up!

Wednesday July 27, 6:00-7:30pm

Toe Jam Puppet Band

Summer Reading Program Closing Event!

Don't Miss Out!



Live at Little River Park

Join us at Little River Park as we welcome The Toe Jam Puppet Band! We'll be singing Dancing and enjoying their wonderful variety performance in celebration of another amazing Summer Reading Program!



Nice job readers of 2022!

Joint Library Program with the Durham, Lee and Madbury Libraries!

Thursday July 28, 10:30am

FROM HATCHLINGS TO FLEDGLINGS: THE TRANSFORMATION OF YOUNG HOUSE FINCHES

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

Photographs by Carol Watson Pivor

One of the unexpected joys of writing these natural history postings is that queries and photographs are frequently sent my way. Over the next several weeks, a few postings will feature some of these treasures.

On June 11, I received an email from my friend Dotty Lavoie telling me about her friend, Carol, who had house finches nesting on a wreath on her front door. Attached to Dotty's email was a photograph of two finch hatchlings gaping for food.

I was hooked and asked Dotty if her friend might share any future photographs of her house finch hatchlings. Thus, I got to know Carol Watson Pivor, who, every day over the next several weeks, shared her wonderful photographs documenting the development of these nestlings.

Once exclusively a species of the western United States and Mexico, house finches became popular caged pets in the 1930s, and in an effort to increase their glamor were rebranded and sold in New York as "Hollywood" finches in the 1940s. When the renaming didn't increase sales, the birds were set free on Long Island. The rest is history, and house finches now breed across North America; scientists estimate their numbers may be as high as one billion birds.

Though house finches are known to choose a variety of nesting sites from deciduous and coniferous trees, shrubs, cacti, rocky outcrops, and even the abandoned nests of other birds, they are also quite comfortable using human-made structures and, as their common name suggests, favored sites are near, or on, parts of houses such as window sills, door frames, hanging planters, or, as in Carol's case, a wreath on a door.

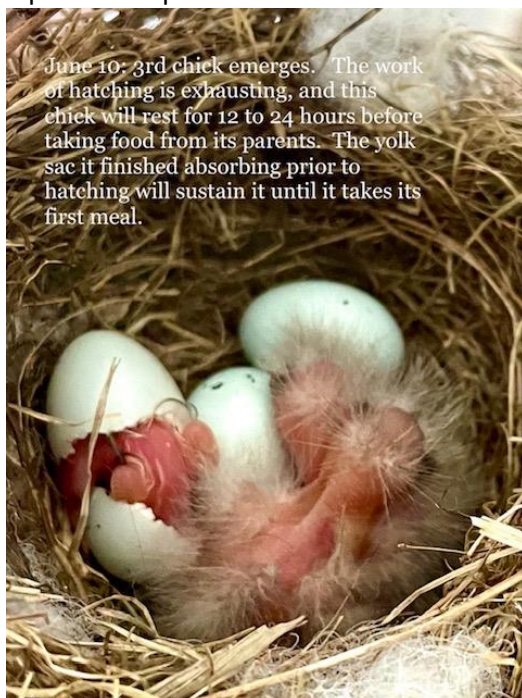
House finches belong to the order Passerines - better known as the perching, or song, birds. Passerine species begin incubating their eggs as soon as the first one is laid. For this reason, rather than hatching all at once, the eggs of finches and other passerines hatch asynchronously - in the order in which they were laid. In Carol's case, she discovered the nest, with four eggs, on May



29, so the first egg was likely laid on May 26, with a new egg laid daily until the last, on May 30. During this period, and continuing until some days after the last egg hatched, the female house finch brooded almost constantly. Though the female house finch will briefly forage in the early morning, during the rest of the day she is fed by her mate, who provides her with seeds regurgitated from his crop.



The first of Carol's finch eggs likely hatched on June 8. From the chick's initial pipping until full emergence, hatching is an arduous, 18-36 hour process, one which requires a long, 12-24 hour, rest for the newly emerged chick.. House finches are, as are all passerines, altricial - their hatchlings are born with eyes closed, virtually featherless, and so weak that lifting their heads is barely possible. From the moment they hatch, finches and other passerines are helpless and totally dependent upon their parents for warmth and food. By June 10, the time when Carol began taking daily photographs, three finches had hatched.



On June 12, the fifth egg hatched. In the days that followed, the female continued to brood the hatchlings while the male provided food. When the air temperature was warm enough to leave them uncovered, both she and the male provisioned the hatchlings, regurgitating the contents of their crops into the nestlings' gaping mouths. House finches are one of the few species of birds who feed their young a diet that is almost entirely vegetarian, and largely seed-based. Like most nestlings, baby house finches have vividly colored gapes - bright yellow flanges rimming a brilliant red interior. These bright colors act as a target for the feeding parents. Between feedings, the hatchlings spent their time sleeping.



During the first week after all the eggs had hatched, Carol observed the female pecking at the bottom of the nest. This was the female providing nest sanitation duties by devouring the droppings of her young. In their first five days, hatchlings' digestive systems are still developing, and some of the regurgitated seeds provided by the parents pass through their systems virtually intact. Both parents consume these fecal sacs, thus simultaneously nourishing themselves while keeping the nest sanitary.

By June 14, Carol observed that the chicks were becoming more active in the nest and that the female was spending more time away foraging. On June 15, one of the chicks had begun opening its eyes. Carol also observed one chick back up to the edge of the nest and poop over the side. Over the next four days its siblings similarly "potty trained" themselves. Throughout their time as nestlings, their home remained clean and tidy. The same cannot be said for Carol's front doorway....



The rate at which the finch chicks developed from helpless hatchlings to fully feathered nestlings was truly remarkable, and was made possible by their parents' attentive nurturing. Raising a brood like this requires constant care as parents forage for food, return to the nest to feed the young, and then head back out for more of the same. All day long, for as long as sunlight remains, the parents worked prodigiously to provide for their young.

June 18: Downy crowns and lots of pin feathers - nestlings enter the "porcupine stage".



June 19: Many more feathers; wing bars becoming evident.



June 20: Nest becoming crowded; Carol observes two largest nestlings exercising their wings.



June 22: Male parent, early morning feeding.



June 23: Save for their crowns, most of the nestlings downy fuzz has been replaced by feathers. The bright yellow flanges are disappearing as their beaks mature and develop.



House finch nestlings generally fledge after 16 days in the nest, and right on schedule, two fledged on June 25, 17 days after the first egg hatched. Carol observed both parents were often around the nest on this day and wondered if they were trying to encourage the fledglings to take the leap. The two who fledged headed for a nearby rhododendron bush.

Three nestlings remained in the nest until June 29. In the intervening days, Carol noted that the parents were often at the nest, and that both they and the nestlings were frequently vocalizing. On June 29, Carol arrived home to discover that a third chick had fledged. Later in the day, she noticed one of the two remaining nestlings, chirping and fluttering while perched on the nest's rim and was able to film the moment it fledged, taking its first awkward flight away from its birthplace.



June 25: Young finches are very active, stretching, vocalizing, and repositioning themselves in the nest. Two fledged later in the day.



June 27: Three remaining nestlings.



June 29: Two fledglings remain.

The last chick remained in the nest overnight, but on the morning of June 30, when Carol checked, the fifth chick had fledged and the nest that for 22 days had been a small hub of constant activity, was empty and still.

In the days that followed, Carol often heard both adults and fledglings chirping nearby. She expressed joy and gratitude at being able to witness their journey from egg to flight. She plans to clean up the wreath, and hopes that another finch family may someday choose it as a good place in which to raise a family.

I hope so, too. I came to look forward to hearing my phone ping early each evening and finding Carol's marvelous nest pictures along with her descriptions of what she was observing. It was a lovely end-of-day occurrence, and being able to follow the growth and development of these little birds, from helpless hatchlings barely able to lift their heads to fully feathered fledglings, was a rare treat.



June 30: Fifth chick fledged.

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 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

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](#)



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 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.



Tuesday August 2, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Friends Meeting, New members always welcome, come on over!

Tuesday August 9, 2:00pm – 4:00pm – Movie Time! Let us celebrate **National Book Lovers Day** with an afternoon classic... We will be showing *Pride & Prejudice* (2005)!

Wednesday August 10, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Library Trustee Meeting.

Thursday August 11, 2:00pm – 4:00pm Adult Shell Painting: We will be creating some masterpieces on shells! No sign up necessary just come along and start painting!

FOR THE CHILDREN

Tuesday July 26, 1:00pm – 2:00pm – Grab & Go/Stay & Create: This is a drop-in activity open to all ages. 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 26, 3:00pm – 4:00pm Simple Machines Middle School STEM: Pre-registration is required for this program, we are limited to 12 participants! Please call the library to sign up your middle-schooler!

Wednesday July 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 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 beanbag!

Thursday July 28, 10:30am – 11:30am – Special Performers: This is our joint program with Lee, Durham and Madbury! Join us for our Summer Reading Program closing event.... Toe Jam Puppet Band! This will be held at Little River Park!

Friday, July 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!

Tuesday August 2 & 8, 10:00am – 5:00pm – Grab & Go Craft Kit Pick-Up: Come on over and pick up a kids craft kit!

Friday August 5, 1:00pm- 2:30pm – Ice-Cream Social & Games: Let's celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program with some ice-cream fun and games! Come and play corn hole, four in a row, Tumble Tower, or Ring Toss. All ages welcome, no sign up necessary.



Saturday August 6, 1:00pm – Lobster Fun with UNH at Little River Park: Join us with UNH as we learn all about lobsters!

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

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 7/12/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 10:00 am in Henniker, NH



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

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

ATTENTION!

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