

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
July 23, 2021**

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS BACK TO IN-PERSON

MONDAY, July 26th 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 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

LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION – ICE CREAM SMORGASBORG



Little River Park, Lee NH

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Come support your local Fire Association!

Kids \$3 and Adults \$5.

Chocolate, Vanilla & Strawberry with all the fixings!

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH 9:00 am

Lee Town Offices, 249 Calef Highway, Lee, NH

The Supervisors of the Checklist are meeting to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee. Many of these changes resulted from the recent re-verification of the checklist as required by the state of NH every 10 years.



Compost Committee to Survey Lee and Durham Food-Related Businesses

- Dean Rubine, Lee Sustainability Committee

The Lee Sustainability Committee and the Regional Compost Working Group are inviting selected food-related businesses in Lee to participate in the Community Sustainability Survey. Those businesses will soon receive an email from us, the Lee Sustainability Committee, with a link to the online survey. The survey is designed to inform future local sustainability initiatives, including community-scale composting and renewable energy projects.

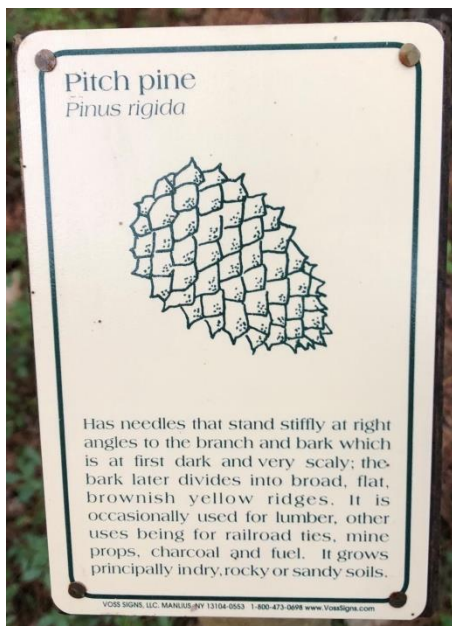
The survey was created as part of a research project by the UNH Sustainability Institute, working with the Regional Compost Working Group (RCWG). The RCWG has representatives from the Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee, Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee, Oyster River School District Sustainability Committee, the ORHS Sustainability Club, and UNH Sustainability Institute. The survey has the backing of the Lee Select Board and the Town of Durham, and has been reviewed and approved by the UNH Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research.

Lee food-related businesses: get your voice heard! Please help us understand your sustainability practices and needs by taking our survey. Check your email for the survey link. We're hoping for responses by July 23rd, but take more time if you need it.

Also, if you're a Lee food-related business that didn't get emailed a survey link, please contact us at sustain@leenh.org.

TREE IDENTIFICATION SIGNS AT MAUD JONES

The Lee Trails Committee recently put tree ID signs at Maud Jones for hikers and walkers to learn more about the trees in the area. Below are pictures of Martin Thornton putting in the posts and an example of one of the markers. The Committee's plan is to put posts with signs at Little River Park and at the Town Forest also. Enjoy getting to know our trees! Photos by Deb Sugerman.



Conservation Commission Easement Monitoring Notes from 7-14-2021

Marbles Orb Weaver Web

During last week's easement monitoring session we walked part of a more than 250-acre, three-generation family farm. We were delighted to have a guest walker with us - a resident very familiar with this part of Lee who enjoyed the opportunity to traverse old stomping grounds. Accompanied by one of the property-owners, we learned a great deal about the land encompassing the easement - its history, geology, agricultural background, and its value as wildlife habitat.

Situated between several large parcels of conserved lands, including the Old Mill Reserve, Lee Five Corners Reserve, and Powder Major's Forest, this easement forms a substantial wildlife corridor and is part of a three-town (Durham, Lee, and Madbury) greenbelt of conserved lands. With rich agricultural soils and frontage along the Oyster River the property is a valuable human resource. It is of equal value to wildlife, with an array of habitats including forest, various wetlands, fields and "rabbitat" - the type of early succession shrubland habitat essential for the endangered New England cottontail.

The woodland trail we followed took us along the Oyster River. Due to recent rains, the river was flowing high and fast, and we stopped a moment at its confluence with the more turbid waters of its tributary, Dube Brook. Like terrestrial ecotones, a confluence like this enhances species diversity, particularly riparian vegetation. Our route took us out of the forest and into fields that held both native habitat and agricultural plantings. Along the way we viewed fantastic rock formations, wildflowers, and great old trees. Everywhere wildlife was either seen or had left their sign. Flushed from a field, a hen turkey flew off into the nearby forest. Along the river bank, recently gnawed trees gave evidence of beaver activity. A green heron circled a mist-shrouded pond. Catbird, ovenbird, eastern towhee, eastern wood pewee, and red-eyed vireo were either seen or heard. In open field areas, a flock of chickens and their rooster fed around their portable coop, while further on, sheep were busy feasting on a prickly meal of multiflora rose. Rows of cultivated blueberries held great clusters of ripening fruit. A pack of foxhounds, out for a stroll with their handlers, greeted us at our walk's end.

There were so many enjoyable sights and moments during the morning's excursion, that singling out a single best image is impossible. But Dawn Gene's photograph of an enormous marbled orb weaver's web, spangled with raindrops, was certainly one of the loveliest. The marbled orb weaver (*Araneus marmoreus*) is a large and quite docile spider, one of the few orb weavers whose webs can be found in woodlands. With its large, round, yellow-orange abdomen, its common name, pumpkin orb weaver, is wonderfully descriptive. Marbled orb weaver webs can be enormous - this one easily measured two feet across.



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.

THE LEE SWAP SHOP STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!

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

Great NEWS!
The SWAP SHOP
is OPEN!



★ **NOW OPEN! Tue/Thur/Sat 8-5** ★

**PLEASE... ONLY**
1-large tote of donations
per week / per family
we have very limited space!
want to let everyone have a chance to
donate before we're too full!

**& UNBROKEN ITEMS ONLY**
Will be accepted
A volunteer will go through all your
donations with you when you drop off

TOYS & GAMES
must be in good
shape, no missing
pieces!

[sorry, no stuffed animals]

★ **NEW PROCEDURE**
For Large, Bulky
Upholstered items
1. First go to bulky area
at Transfer Station
2. Pay for items you wish
to donate (\$5 per couch/easy chair)
3. Receive GREEN Sticker.
4. Bring to Swap Shop!
(BEFORE NOON!)

**SORRY...**
but that's
UNACCEPTABLE!


Lee Swap Shop is unable to accept the following
(a mandated list - not by us!)

NOT ACCEPTED WHERE/ALTERNATIVES?
Alkaline Batteries - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Large Appliances (Washer/Dryer etc.) - **METAL BIN UNLESS HAS FREON - HAVE TO PAY**
Batteries (rechargeable, Lead-Acid, Button cell) - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Car Batteries - **BULKY BUILDING**
Carpet/Rugs - **BULKY BUILDING (PAY)**
Cell Phones - **TABLE BY THE GLASS BIN**
Child car seats (they have expiration dates) - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Construction/Demolition debris (wood/plastic windows, doors, fence, boards, sheetrock, cabinets, non-metal toilets, sinks, etc.) - **BULKY BUILDING**
Cosmetics - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Clothing, shoes, bed linens & pillows - **PLACE IN DONATION BINS**
Explosives/Flares/Fireworks/Ammunition - **BIG NO!**
Food - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Futon Beds - **BULKY BUILDING**
Helium tanks, Fire Extinguishers, Metal Gas Cans (Even empty) - **BULKY BUILDING**
Helmets - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Household Hazardous Waste Materials (oil paints, varnishes, chemicals, fuels, poisons, etc.) - **SAVE FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
Lawnmowers, Snow blowers, motorized equipment, exercise equipment - **METAL DROP OFF**
Lightbulbs - **TABLE BY GLASS BIN** Fluorescent bulbs - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Liquids (soaps, chemicals, cosmetics, sprays, poisons, fuels etc.) - **TRASH OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
Mattresses, Box springs - **BULKY BUILDING**
Medications/Needles/Sharps - **SEE TRANSFER STATION EMPLOYEE FOR DISPOSAL**
Mercury items (fluorescent bulbs & tubes, thermometers, thermostats, etc.) - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Pianos/Organs - **BULKY BUILDING**
Propane/Oxygen/Other gas tanks - **BULKY BUILDING**
Swing sets/ slides/ Structures - **BULKY BUILDING**
Trailers - **BULKY BUILDING**
Trophies - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Smoke/CO detectors - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
Stuffed Toys - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
Weapons - **BIG NO!**

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*Or 1-LARGE CARDBOARD BOX!

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 "[Universal Best Practices](#)" 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.

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

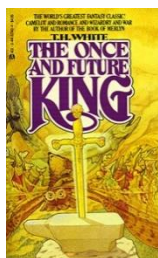


This coming Thursday, July 29, at 10:30 via ZOOM, the Lee, Durham and Madbury libraries will be presenting Keith Munslow. Register online at www.durhampubliclibrary.org to join this fun event!

This is the Final Zoom event of the 2021 Summer Reading Program.



Have you tried Libby by Overdrive lately? Did you know there were hundreds of magazines available? You can even read the back issues. One of my personal favorites is [BBC Good Food Magazine](http://www.bbc.com/goodfood). This and many others are available to download to your favorite device without any waiting period!



The adult book discussion group book is now available at the library. We will be reading *"The Once and Future King"* by T.H. White. Call and reserve one today, 659-2626. We are expecting a couple more copies later this month. The Discussion will be held on Monday September 13, 2021 at the Library at 6:00 pm.



Adult Summer Reading Program
July 1 -August 4
No Registration required

- 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**.

Be sure to get your reading logs turned in and claim your prizes!



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 sewing	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.

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 7/14/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 10:00 am at The Colonial Theater Showroom, Keene, NH



[CLICK HERE](#) for 2021 LRAC SUMMER NEWSLETTER

School Board News

July 21, 2021

Construction on the new Oyster River Middle School was 64% complete in June and about 70% complete as of July 21. Interior finishing including paint and tile is going in now, and solar panels are being installed on the roof. The canopy to support additional solar panels will be built over the next month or so, weather-permitting. The project is on track to obtain LEED Gold Certification from the US Green Building Council.

ORCSD is working with the UNH Survey Center to develop communications surveys to provide more detail to the work that the superintendent's communications committee completed this spring. Separate sets of questions will be targeted to the broader community, parents, and staff. Look for more details in September/October.

Oyster River High School and Middle School will welcome 2 new Mandarin language teachers this fall, which will continue the Chinese Mandarin language program for grades 6-12. The district is still working with One World Language School to develop a proposed local K-5 after school program to replace the program previously offered by the UNH Confucius Institute.

Rebecca Noe, formerly assistant principal at Bedford High School, is the new principal of Oyster River High School. An interview team including students, parents, staff, administration, and school Board members participated in the selection process, and the school Board approved the nomination on June 16th. Welcome Ms. Noe!

At future school Board meetings, the school Board is expecting to review the fall school opening framework and begin updating the strategic plan. Work on the 2022-2023 budget will begin in September. As always, community input to the school Board is welcome. The easiest way to contact the school Board is orcsdsb@orcscd.org.

MARINA'S MILES VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK

REGISTER FOR THE **VIRTUAL RACE AND RUN/WALK A 5K BETWEEN JULY 18th and AUGUST 18th**

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 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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