

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
July 30, 2021

TOWN OF LEE PROPERTY REVALUATION

Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC has recently completed a revaluation of all properties within the Town of Lee, NH for the 2021 tax year. The 2021 tax rate will be determined in the fall by the Department of Revenue Administration and the Lee Select Board and will be based on these new values, which will be reflected on the second half tax bill that you will receive in December. Please do not apply the current tax rate to your new assessment as it will not be correct.

A revaluation does not necessarily mean that the property tax rate will increase. Please keep in mind that changes in the town/school/county/state budget are usually the largest factors influencing your property's tax bill from year to year.

Preliminary value letters are being mailed to all Lee property owners this week. The new values reflect a property's assessed value as of 4/01/2021. The letter provides a description of the difference in assessed valuation from the most current value of your property to the reassessed value. Also included is information on the process for scheduling an appointment for an informal hearing so we may hear your concerns/questions relative to the new value. The dates, times and places of these appointments will be included in the notification letter.

The average change in overall assessed value is 55.8%. Real estate prices in southern NH and nationwide have risen dramatically over the past few years and the median price of a single-family home set a record high in Strafford County in June. More than anything else, this is the factor that is driving the higher than usual change in assessed value.

The State requires that all property in a municipality be assessed at its "full and true" market value. However, not all property values will change at the same rate. One purpose of a revaluation is to make sure that the assessed values reflect the changes that have occurred in property values.

Market value is defined as the amount a typical, well-informed purchaser would be willing to pay for a property. For a sale to be a market value (arm's-length) sale, the seller and buyer must be unrelated and willing parties (not under pressure) to sell or buy, the property must be on the market for a reasonable length of time, the payment must be made in cash or its equivalent, and the financing must be typical for that type of property.

The full revaluation of each individual property in Lee will be made available for public review on the Town's website.

THE TOWN OF LEE SEEKING ITS NEXT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator reports to a three member Select Board and works with a staff of 26 full-time and 15 part-time employees with an annual operating budget of \$4.6 million. A Bachelor's degree and sufficient experience to understand the principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with a minimum of five years' experience in the field, preferably in a municipal setting, or any equivalent combination of education and experience which demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skills and abilities. Competitive salary and benefit package is offered DOQ/DOE. Submit letter of interest and resume to the Lee Town Administrator Search, 249 Calef Hwy., Lee, NH 03861 or dduval@leenh.org. Reviews will begin upon receipt of Application. The Town of Lee is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

THE TOWN OF LEE HAS IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR A TEMPORARY RECEPTIONIST

This Receptionist/Secretary will report to the Interim Town Administrator and work in the front office helping residents with Town business, directing visitors to the correct office, answering phones calls, organizing files and filing, distributing mail and making appointments. Must have experience working in an office and possess good written and verbal communication skills. Attention to detail and the ability to multi-task a plus. Submit application or resume with cover letter to dduval@leenh.org. Reviews will begin upon receipt of application. Salary is negotiable.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Thursday Night Concert Series Schedule

Little River Park / Randy Steven Pavilion 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Aug 5 th	Clandestine
Aug 12 th	Clandestine
Aug 19 th	The Chickenshack Bluegrass Band
Aug 26 th	Alt-137
Sept 2 nd	Claire Li

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.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS BACK TO IN-PERSON

MONDAY, August 9th & 23rd 6:00 pm

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on  at [CLICK HERE](#)

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!

DOVER-ROLLINSFORD-LEE- MADBURY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, August 28, 2021

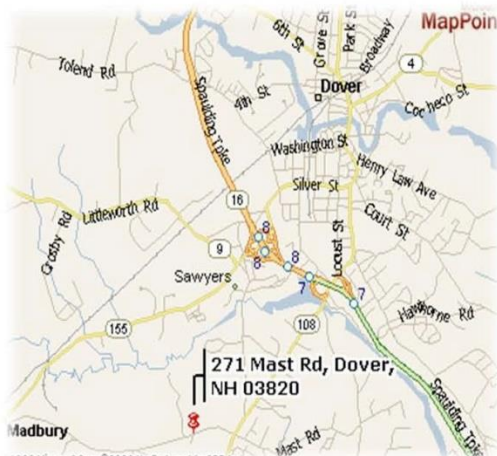
8:30a.m. – 12:30pm

Dover Community Services Garage

271 Mast Road, (603) 516-6073

Participants:

City of Dover
Town of Rollinsford
Town of Lee
Town of Madbury



Most of your household chemicals are hazardous and are an ever-growing problem! Many household products contain strong chemicals that can easily contaminate our environment. We are all hazardous waste generators and are responsible for proper disposal of our household hazardous wastes. Fortunately, there's a lot we can do to minimize the risk of polluting our environment! Bring your unwanted household chemicals to the Dover Collection for safe disposal.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED

Bring any of these products listed below:

From the Yard:

fertilizer with
pesticides
fungicides
insect spray
lighter fluid
pest strips/traps
pesticides
poisons
pool chemicals

From the Garage:

acids
car waxes/polish
creosote
driveway sealers/tar
flea powder
gasoline
radiator flush
roofing tar

From the House: From the Workbench:

bathroom cleaner	brush cleaner
disinfectants	corrosives
furniture polish	paint/stain/finish
metal polish	(lead and oil based)
mothballs	rust preventative
oven cleaner	solvents
photo chemicals	thinner/turpentine
rug cleaner	wood preservatives
wood strippers	

DO NOT BRING EXPLOSIVES, ASBESTOS, OR LATEX PAINTS

Empty containers are not hazardous; please dispose of them in your regular trash.

ABSOLUTELY NO ANTIFREEZE OR OIL (NEW OR USED)

NO BUSINESSES- RESIDENTS ONLY!



Insect ID Walk at Little River Park

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 1:00-3:00 PM

Sponsoring Organizations: UNH Extension, Town of Lee Conservation Commission, USDA Forest Service

Join us on Saturday, September 18 from 1-3pm for an educational workshop focused on techniques for finding, collecting, and identifying insects on your property. USFS Entomologist Marc DiGirolomo will demonstrate several collection techniques as we explore a variety of habitat types and discuss the insects that make their home at Little River Park in Lee, NH. Pinned insect specimens will also be on display showcasing some of New Hampshire's diverse insect populations. The workshop will involve an easy walk through the trails and habitats of Little River Park and the adjacent Mills Reserve.

Marc is an entomologist with the USDA Forest Service's Forest Health Protection group in Durham, NH serving all of New England and New York. Marc specializes in the detection, monitoring, and identification of forest insect pests, with an emphasis on woodboring and bark beetles.

This walk is being held as part of the *2021 NH BioBlitz*, an effort to get community members out exploring species on town-owned lands all over New Hampshire during the month of September. Attendees are invited to participate in the BioBlitz effort by submitting their insect species observations to iNaturalist. To learn more about the NH BioBlitz, visit extension.unh.edu/nhbioblitz.

This event is free, but space is limited due to current UNH COVID-related policies. **Registration is required.**

COVID-19 Safety Precautions: Group size is limited, and the entire program will be held outdoors. Participants will be required to complete a simple online health screening before leaving home. Additional information will be sent upon registration.

What to Bring: Sturdy footwear, comfortable clothing, water, and snacks. A hand lens is recommended but is not required. Please dress appropriately as we will be outdoors and walking on and off trail in open fields and woods.

Contact Person for Questions: Rebecca DiGirolomo, rebecca.digirolomo@unh.edu, 603-862-1520

Location: Little River Park, 28 North River Road, Lee, NH

Registration Link:

<https://learnforlife.unh.edu/portal/events/reg/participantTypeSelection.do?method=load&entityId=152734057>

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 7-21-2021 Spotted Jewelweed

There is a great variety in Lee's conservation easements. Some, like the one discussed in last week's notes, are quite large and encompass diverse habitats, with forests, fields, shrubland, riparian wetlands and vernal pools. Others may present challenging terrain. Drifts of poison ivy are present in many. Sprinkled here and there in our monitoring schedule are some conservation lands that present a less demanding output from the folks doing the monitoring. The property visited last Wednesday is one of these: 15 fairly level acres that are well-shaded and easily traversed in an hour or less; no poison ivy. Places like this one put the "ease" in easement monitoring.

Located at the southern tip of a cul de sac, this easement is almost entirely wooded. A public trail loops along the easement's boundaries, with trailheads located on the eastern and western banks of a small pond on the easement's southeastern tip; this is the property's sunniest location with wet soil plants such as sedges and rushes as well as sun-loving forbs. During our visit, numerous dragonflies patrolled the air above the pond's surface, and the banjo twang of a green frog was heard. Within the easement, the forest varies from upland hardwoods to tree-lined riparian wetlands. The property contains some truly magnificent hardwood specimens, mostly red and white oak; we paused several times to admire some mighty old-timers.

Following the hottest June on record, the current month has set the record as the State's rainiest July. Hence, the mushroom bonanza observed at other conservation easements earlier in the month were in evidence throughout our walk. It was a member of the Plantae kingdom, however, one that often doesn't fare well during what used to be our typical hot, dry Julys, that caught the eye on this outing - spotted, or orange, jewelweed, *Impatiens capensis*, a native annual.

Like all members of the impatiens family, jewelweed requires steady moisture. It suffers during dry spells, greatly reducing the number of flowers a plant produces; during extreme drought, entire stands of jewelweed will desiccate and die. This rain-filled July has created ideal conditions for jewelweed, and dense stands grew in the dappled light along the stream and in sunnier margins near the pond.

With its distinctive cornucopia shape and brilliant colors, jewelweed is a truly beautiful wildflower. It's also an important hummingbird plant. That tubular spur set way in the back of the flower is where all the nectar is stored - beyond the reach of many pollinators. Ruby-throated hummingbirds, with their long beaks, and with tongues that can extend twice the length of those beaks, are uniquely equipped to access the sweet liquid hidden deep within a jewelweed's flower. Studies have shown that, when jewelweed flowers are available, ruby-throateds will eschew both hummingbird feeders and favorite flower species and will concentrate instead on jewelweed. Why? With nectar that is close to 50% sugar, jewelweed is super sweet; its flowers have up to 22-33% more sugar than other summer-flowering plants. In fact, jewelweed and ruby-throated hummingbirds are considered facultative mutualists - species that, while not fully dependent on each other, derive mutual benefit, in this case, pollination for the plant and a high-energy food for the tiny bird. So intertwined are these two species, that, throughout their range, peak bloom time of jewelweed coincides with peak ruby-throated migration. During late August and continuing on to mid-autumn, from Canada down to Florida and Texas, ruby-throateds will pollinate countless jewelweed flowers and, in return, receive high-octane fuel for their long journey south.



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.

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**
Heliom 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!**

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!

* Or 1-LARGE CARDBOARD BOX!

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.

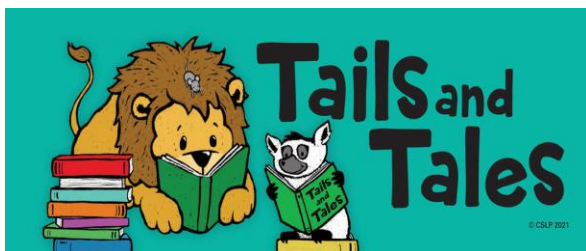


LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm



Final 2 Weeks of Summer Reading Program
Finish your reading logs and bring them in for your prizes.

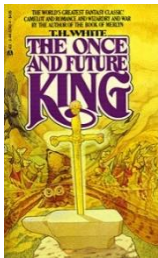
Two more chances for the MS/HS and Adult awards.
Names are pulled on Mondays.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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		

Summer Programs Sponsored by the [Friends of the Lee Public Library](#).



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](#). 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.



Special for the Summer Reading Program during July and August

8 downloads per month! Hoopla carries Acorn TV listing! Get your fill of British mysteries on Hoopla! To see what's available, go to hoopladigital.com.

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 **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

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