

# TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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July 31, 2020



Lee News & Upcoming  
Events

## REGISTER TO VOTE NOW! FIND OUT HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT!

Although NH citizens are allowed to register to vote at the polls, it is strongly recommended that you register as soon as possible. How?

- Make an appointment to see the Town Clerk at the Town Hall walk-up window next to the parking lot by emailing [lreinhold@leenh.org](mailto:lreinhold@leenh.org) or [estone@leenh.org](mailto:estone@leenh.org) or by calling 659-2964. Be sure to bring your own pen and proof of age, identity, citizenship, and your domicile in Lee. Wear a mask.
- Request that a voter registration packet be mailed to you using the same contact information as above.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY A REGISTERED VOTER IN LEE, please consider voting by ABSENTEE BALLOT on September 8<sup>th</sup> for the State Primary and on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the General Election. This year, because of Covid-19, all registered voters can vote by absentee ballot. How?

- Request an absentee ballot application from the Town clerk as early as possible. Contact information is above.
- Or, download an absentee ballot application at <http://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx> or on the Town of Lee website at <https://www.leenh.org/home/files/2020-application-state-absentee-ballot>
- Four ways to return your absentee ballot request:
  - Mail application to Town Clerk at 7 Mast Rd., Lee NH 03861
  - Drop in locked box outside rear door of Town Hall
  - Fax to 659-7202
  - Email [lreinhold@leenh.org](mailto:lreinhold@leenh.org) or [estone@leenh.org](mailto:estone@leenh.org)

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE

**COVID-19 HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 8-4 (Closed 12-1)**

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is currently experiencing a higher volume of calls than usual, so if your call is not immediately answered, please leave a message or email [lreinhold@leenh.org](mailto:lreinhold@leenh.org) or [estone@leenh.org](mailto:estone@leenh.org). The office will try to respond to all messages on the same business day if left no later than 3 pm; any messages left after 3 pm will be answered on our next business day.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY



### NOTICE TO VOTERS

THE STATE PRIMARY VOTING WILL BE HELD AT THE  
FOLLOWING LOCATION SAFETY COMPLEX

NAME OF POLLING LOCATION

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Beginning at 7:00 AM o'clock

Closing no earlier than 7:00 PM o'clock

For the nomination of Candidates for the following Offices:

Declarations of Candidacy  
to be filed with Secretary  
of State

Governor  
United States Senator  
Representative in Congress  
Executive Councilor  
State Senator  
County Officer

Declarations of Candidacy  
to be filed with Town or City  
Clerks

State Representative  
Delegate to the Republican State  
Convention (Election)

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:10am - 9:30am to approve additions and/or removals from the official checklist for the town of Lee. Because the town hall is currently closed to the public, the call-in number to access this meeting is 701-802-5101 with access code 8767140.

## TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE COVID-19 PROCEDURES

**There is now a walk-up service window located outside the Town Clerk's Office.** This does not change the way the office is conducting business while the building is closed. If you cannot conduct your business online or by dropping it off in the box outside then please call the office at 659-2864 to schedule an appointment.

### RENEWING VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS:

- If you have a vehicle currently registered in Lee and it is not more than 6 months late, you can register online at [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org). The registrations and decals are then mailed to you;
- If you have your Lee renewal notice, you can renew by mail or drop it off at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lock Box along with a check made out in the correct amount to the Town of Lee. We will then mail you the registrations and decals.

*Please note - We always try to send renewal notices.* If you are unable to do one of the above options for any reason, please call our office at 659-2964.

**NEW VEHICLE OR NEW TO LEE:** If you are new to Lee, or if you have a NEW REGISTRATION, please call 659-2964 to make an appointment to come to Town Hall. **Temporary plates issued on or after February 26, 2020 expired on May 31, 2020.**

**VITAL RECORDS REQUESTS:** These can be done online at [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org). The directions will indicate that it is required to email your ID in order to complete this request. Please email your ID to [estone@leenh.org](mailto:estone@leenh.org).

### DOG LICENSES:

- If your dog was registered for 2019-2020 and the rabies is still up-to-date, you can renew the registration online.
- If the rabies is not up-to-date, then we need proof from the vet. You can mail it, email it ([estone@leenh.org](mailto:estone@leenh.org)) or fax it (603-659-7202) to us and then you can do it online or through the mail or drop box.

- NEW DOGS cannot be done online. We need owner's birthday, phone number, address, dog's name, breed, and color and proof of rabies from the vet. If they are spayed or neutered we need proof. Altered dogs are \$6.50 and unaltered dogs are \$9. Puppies under 1 year are \$6.50. You can send us via mail or drop box this information with a check in the correct amount to the Town of Lee and we will mail your license.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYING YOUR LEE PROPERTY TAX BILL

1. **TC/TC Lock Box** – This is labeled and located to the left of the entrance to the Town Hall building. Please leave payment in an envelope with the payment stub.
2. **Mail** - Mail it to our office at 7 Mast Road, Lee, NH 03861. Again, please include the payment stub with your check.
3. **Online** – Go to [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org). Click on the property taxes button under Town Resource Center. There you may pay via ACH or credit card. There are additional fees associated with this method.

If you want a receipt for any of the above transactions, please include a self- addressed, stamped envelope or include your email address. If you need to meet with us, please call the office 659-2864 to schedule an appointment. Thanks for understanding and stay safe!

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

**Saturday, August 22, 2020  
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:

<p><b>From the Yard:</b> fertilizer with pesticides fungicides insect spray lighter fluid pest strips/traps pesticides poisons pool chemicals</p>	<p><b>From the Garage:</b> acids car waxes/polish creosote driveway sealers/tar flea powder gasoline radiator flush roofing tar</p>	<p><b>From the House:</b> bathroom cleaner disinfectants furniture polish metal polish mothballs oven cleaner photo chemicals rug cleaner wood strippers</p>	<p><b>From the Workbench:</b> brush cleaner corrosives paint/stain/finish (lead and oil based) rust preventative solvents thinner/turpentine wood preservatives</p>
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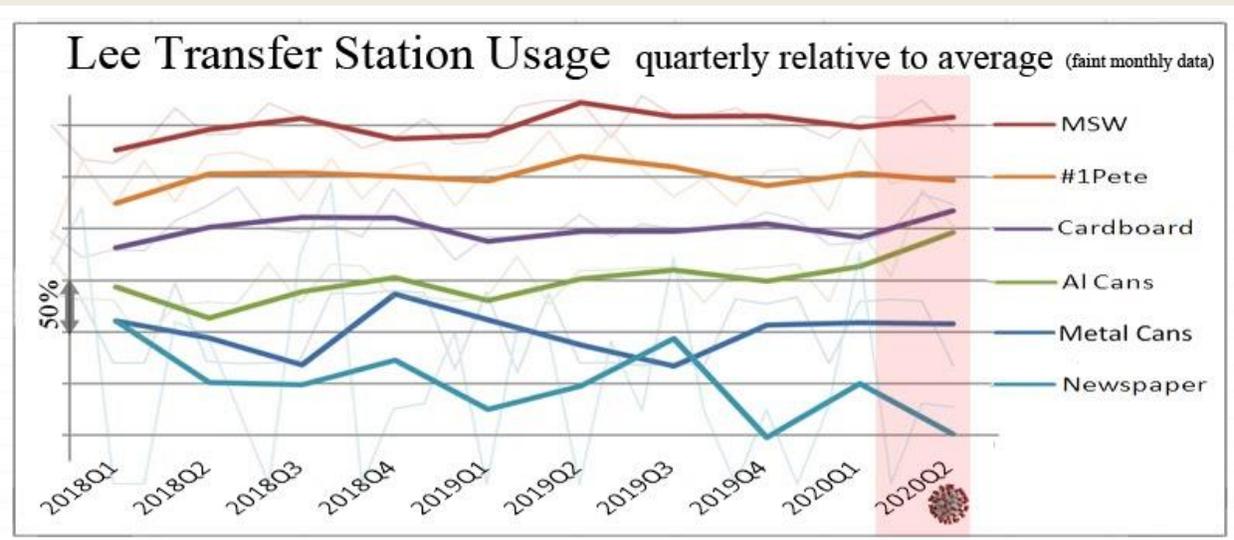
**DO NOT BRING EXPLOSIVES, ASBESTOS, OR LATEX PAINTS**  
Empty containers are not hazardous; please dispose of them in your regular trash.

**ABSOLUTELY NO ANTIFREEZE OR OIL (NEW OR USED)**  
**NO BUSINESSES- RESIDENTS ONLY!**



## How Has Stay-At-Home Affected Solid Waste in Lee? Dean Rubine, Lee Sustainability Committee

We've all been cooped up for more than three months, which leads us to wonder how our transfer station use has changed. Is there a deluge of cardboard boxes from the massive shift to online shopping? Is there more trash because things normally thrown away out of town are now brought to the transfer station? Are people using more cans and bottles or fewer? Are they still recycling? Are folks hoarding their trash until this is over? Enquiring minds want to know.



Here are the graphs of the last ten quarters of some of our waste streams. I've highlighted 2020Q2 in pink. That's April through June of 2020, approximately the stay-at-home period, each stream has a baseline indicating its average over the ten quarters; a move up or down a line indicates a 50% increase or decrease. The noisier monthly data is lightly overlaid. Thanks to Public Works Manager Steve Bullek for the raw data.

The biggest changes in the recent quarter when we were at home were a decrease in newspaper (ending at 49% below average) and an increase in aluminum cans (+46%). The newspaper data is noisy, even with the three month long bins, but the downtrend seems to have started in 2019Q4, presumably unrelated to stay-at-home.

The aluminum can increase is a surprise. It seems real, starting in March. I don't know why, beer? Cardboard was also up last quarter, 17% above average. The Amazon effect?

The MSW (municipal solid waste, i.e. landfill trash) seems unchanged as does #1 Pete (clear plastic) and the metal cans. All in all, except for beer cans and some cardboard the effect of the crisis on the transfer station is subtle, with folks discarding pretty much as before.

## CICADA KILLER WASPS AT LITTLE RIVER PARK

Eastern cicada killers (*Sphecius speciosus*) are the large wasps which dig burrows each summer at Little River Park. Like most hunting and parasitic wasps, the cicada killer is a beneficial insect; it exerts a measure of biological control on cicadas, some species of which damage deciduous trees by laying eggs under the soft bark of the new growth on the trees' terminal branches.

Cicada-killers hatch out in high summer, sometime between June and July, depending on the latitude and prevailing climatic conditions. After emerging and mating, female wasps spend about two weeks searching for appropriate areas in which to dig their burrows. They usually choose southeast-facing, well-drained slopes with lots of large deciduous trees nearby.

The males live for two weeks or so of intense lek (*a type of animal territory in which males of a species gather*) patrolling, fighting and mating and then they die. Females live longer, about four weeks after emergence, but they work even harder than the males, digging many burrows and nest chambers and bringing back an estimated 108 cicadas on which to lay 42 female eggs and 24 male eggs.

**Are cicada killers dangerous?** Females have significant stingers which they plunge into cicadas to inject venom that paralyzes them. However, they are not aggressive and do not have the nest-guarding instinct of honey bees and hornets. You can walk through areas where they are active without attracting attention.

The buzzing noise that the wasps make and the warning colors on their wings and bodies intimidate and discourage predators that see them as a large meal. When attacked, females will use their stinger to protect themselves.

Males lack stingers but are territorial. They will approach anything that enters "their area", including walkers, people mowing or using weed-eaters, or riding tractors. They may hover and challenge trespassers but are harmless. That can be easy to forget when staring down a big wasp.

Pesticides will only kill this year's wasps and, since the Park is attractive to them, cicada-killers will likely return again next year.

Ref. University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment

Ref. Prof. Chuck Holliday, Lafayette College

**For more information on this fascinating insect:**

<http://www.masscic.org/projects/cicada-killers-of-new-england>

<http://web.archive.org/web/20141022032916/http://sites.lafayette.edu/hollidac/research/biology-of-cicada-killer-wasps/>

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## **Stay at Home Order Expired June 15, 2020**

The Stay at Home 2.0 order has been replaced by Safer at Home. Guidelines still must be followed and can be found at <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>

Town Offices remain closed to the public at this time but we are working on a plan to be able to reopen to the public. Town employees continue to work both remotely and on site and remain committed to ensuring the safety of both employees and the public.

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## **TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES RE-OPENING PLANS**

Almost as soon as Governor Sununu declared a state of Emergency due to the pandemic, employees have been working on a rotating schedule at Town Hall and the Annex so that only one person at a time is on site while the other employees work remotely. Although the work is still getting done, it is certainly not the most efficient system; and, while the public has been most kind and patient, they, too, are ready for us to get to the next phase of working with Covid-19 as a reality for the foreseeable future.

Although Town Hall is a lovely, historic building, the Select Board has determined, through consultation with architects and engineers, as well as town staff, including the Health Officer and Emergency Management Director that the structure is not conducive to being modified in such a way as to make it safe and effective for both the employees and members of the public.

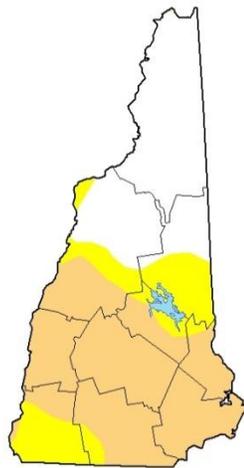
Therefore, the Select Board, after a number of public discussions, is moving forward with plans to lease an office building on Rte. 125 owned by Daley Realty Trust. Town employees who normally work out of Town Hall and the Annex would move into this building. The target date for this is September 1<sup>st</sup>, although that requires a lot to happen in a short amount of time.

We are working with Mr. Daley on a lease agreement and with the NH Department of Transportation to ensure a prudent means of ingress and egress off of Rte. 125. We have received quotes for the modifications that will need to be made to the building in order to provide safe spaces for the public and employees to socially distance from each other. Each department will have its own entrance to the building (these entrances already exist) and each entrance has sufficient parking. The Department of Revenue has approved the Select Board's request for an emergency appropriation, with funds to come out of the unassigned fund balance so that no additional taxpayer dollars will be required for the modification costs and twelve months' lease payments. We are confident that some of these costs will be reimbursed through the Covid-19 Municipal Relief Fund.

The Select Board has been meeting regularly via the Zoom platform and we invite all members of the public to join us as we continue to discuss this plan. Agendas, minutes and videos of the meetings can be found on the town's website [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org).

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**U.S. Drought Monitor  
New Hampshire**



**July 28, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 30, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	34.13	65.87	47.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-21-2020	7.73	92.27	49.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-29-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	39.87	60.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-30-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity**  
None D2 Severe Drought  
D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought  
D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

**[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION & DROUGHT GUIDANCE**

**The Select Board urges all residents to refrain from watering lawns and washing cars and to conserve water as much as possible.**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE NOT WIPING DOWN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, PICNIC BENCHES OR ANY OTHER SURFACES**

The Town of Lee urges our residents and visitors to do their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you go to a park or trail to exercise, use extreme caution. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others when outside and wear a mask if you cannot maintain this distance. Cookouts are also not permitted in Little River Park, until further notice. Avoid touching surfaces including playground equipment, benches, and other sports equipment that are handled by others.

**YARD SALES AND TREE CUTTING NOTICE**

Yard Sales are now allowed, but you may only place a sign on your own property or at a friend's house (be sure to get permission first) and remove the signs promptly after the yard sale is over. Signs are not allowed in the Lee triangle (where George Bennett, Mast and Lee Hill Roads meet) or on any other town-owned property, including on the side of both state and town roads. You must follow the guidance for retail establishments as well as the universal guidelines established by the Governor's office found here <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov>

Although it is great to have your trees "removed for free" be sure that the logger follows all of the laws pertaining to tree cutting. As the homeowner, please reach out to Caren Rossi to see what is required, i.e. no-cut buffers, Intent to Cut form, etc. Unfortunately, I have seen many homeowners become a victim of this "offer" and it ends up costing the homeowner more money to fix the problems created by the "free" removal than hiring a company to remove them correctly. Unfortunately, the fault lies with the homeowner and you may have more than just brush to clean up.

NH Department of Health and Human Services  
129 Pleasant Street – Hugh Gallen State Office Park  
Concord, NH 03301

**PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**July 20, 2020**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Public Information Office  
603-271-9389 or [pio@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:pio@dhhs.nh.gov)

**NH DHHS Announces Online Purchasing Program for SNAP Recipients**

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Economic and Housing Stability (DEHS) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a pilot program that allows recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase and pay for groceries online. The [SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot](#) program allows the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to purchase eligible food items through two authorized online retailers, Amazon and Walmart.

“From the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency, we have worked hard to ensure that our residents are able to safely access the things their families need when they need them the most,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “Online purchasing provides additional flexibility for all Granite State SNAP recipients, allowing them more ways to use their SNAP benefits to make sure their families have access to healthy and nutritious food during the pandemic and beyond.”

“Online purchasing is one more way New Hampshire residents can access good nutrition throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibanette. “Purchasing groceries online is safe, secure, and helps people maintain social distancing measures that help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.”

SNAP recipients will be able to purchase eligible food items, but will not be able to use benefits for service or delivery charges.

Participation in the pilot program is one of several measures DHHS has taken to reduce concerns around food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Others include the issuance of emergency SNAP benefits; the extension of certification periods for SNAP recipients; a temporary suspension of SNAP work requirements for eligible individuals; participation in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), which provides families with children enrolled in the National School Lunch Program additional SNAP benefits due to the loss of school meals during remote learning; and accepting applications by phone for the Women, Infants and Children program.

The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot was established by the federal 2014 Farm Bill, which mandated a pilot to test the feasibility of allowing online transactions using SNAP benefits. In 2017, eight states were selected to be part of the pilot, which was launched in New York State in 2019, followed by Washington in January 2020. Additional states have joined the program as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program, please visit <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/foodstamps/index.htm>.

## NH HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM

As you know, the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) allocated \$35 million from the \$1.25 billion in federal funds that NH received from the CARES Act State-Local Coronavirus Relief Fund towards a new [Housing Relief Program](#) to assist families and individuals facing housing insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will have two components: 1) one-time grants for households that suffered a limited short-term loss of household income or increased expenses that threaten the family's ability to maintain its housing; and 2) short-term rental assistance program. The GOFERR office will provide the funds to NH DHHS to be distributed to the state's Community Action Program (CAP) agencies who already administer similar assistance programs. Today, CAP agencies released more information about the program. More details, including how to apply to your local CAP, can be found [here](#).

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

The SBA and Treasury Department released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application. [Click here](#) to view the application and instructions. The SBA is helping businesses with the process along with their partners at SCORE, NH-SBDC, and the CWE. In addition to continued funding available for PPP for anyone that has not applied, they continue to offer forgiveness of 6 months of payments on ALL SBA loans through September 27, 2020.

Update: The Paycheck Protection Program is excepting new applications from businesses that have not already received a loan until August 8<sup>th</sup>. Please share with your business community so that anyone that hasn't already taken advantage of the program will consider it. With the recent changes of the PPP Flexibility Act most if not all businesses can benefit and receive forgiveness on most if not all of the funds.

Are you interesting in learning more about government contracting? You may be eligible for some FREE training! See our latest newsletter.

Additional information available on the State of NH GAP Fund and applications are now available.

SBA NH – Webinar Wednesdays are being held a 9am each week and the link is available on our latest email newsletter.

August online learning opportunities are Heating Up!

See more details in our latest [email newsletter](#) that also gives registration info for lots of online learning happening in August.

## **NH Department of Health and Human Services**

### **Resource Guide and Warm Line to Support Families During COVID-19**

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has developed two new resources to help children, youth, families and caregivers during the COVID-19 emergency.

The first is "[Supporting Child and Family Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Emergency](#)," a new resource guide with practical tips on how we can all support children and families during COVID-19. The guide also provides a list of resources available to families statewide. The second resource is the [Family Support Warm Line](#), a partnership between DHHS and Waypoint. The Family Support Warm Line is a no-cost, confidential phone support line focused on promoting family resiliency. Residents can call 800-640-6486 and speak with family support professionals and parent partners for help with managing family challenges, coping strategies, or emotional support during COVID-19.

"Our data has shown a decline in the number of calls made to DCYF from those community helpers who regularly see kids face to face, but this continues to be a stressful time for families and our focus has to remain on prevention," said DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam. "Having resources readily available and a place where parents and caregivers can turn if they need to talk to someone can make a difference for our families and guide them to the services they need to stay strong and healthy, before they reach a tipping point that leads to abuse or neglect."

The efforts stem from [Emergency Order #22](#), issued by Governor Chris Sununu on April 1, which authorizes emergency funding for critical child protection services to ensure that New Hampshire families continue to receive the right services at the right time during the COVID-19 emergency. In addition to the Family Support Warm Line, the funding will support domestic violence and substance use supports, expansion of the DCYF Strength to Succeed Program, and additional technology support for DCYF-involved families.

March data from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) shows a [decrease in referrals](#) to DCYF's Central Intake, compared to the same time period over the past two years. New child abuse and neglect referrals are down nearly 50% each week overall. To learn more about recognizing the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit [Know and Tell](#), an education program offered through the Granite State Children's Alliance, the Chapter Organization for the network of New Hampshire's Child Advocacy Centers.

The Family Support Warm Line can be reached toll-free at 1-800-640-6486, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the DCYF Central Intake line at (603) 271-6562 or toll-free (in state) at (800) 894-5533.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, STATE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER, 603-223-6169 or [jic@dos.nh.gov](mailto:jic@dos.nh.gov)**

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## THE TRANSFER STATION IS OPEN BUT PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

### TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

The Swap Shop will remain closed until further notice.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A TRANSFER STATION STICKER IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE**  
**Stickers are only good for two years!**



The easiest way is to get your sticker when you register your car. If you have already done so and still do not have a sticker, they are available at the Transfer Station or at Town Hall. Proof of residency, such as a recent utility bill, lease or rental agreement, or recent tax bill, and your car registration will be required. If you have any questions regarding documentation please contact us at Town Hall or you may refer to the Solid Waste Ordinance, available [HERE](#).

### CHANGES TO MIXED PAPER

Mixed paper should now be placed with Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) until further notice. We are doing this to protect our employees, as it takes a great deal of handling and sorting in order to make it recyclable. When we are no longer under the conditions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will switch to having residents separate office paper and magazines from other types of paper in order to maximize our recycling revenue.

### PLEASE CONTINUE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Both bays remain open as we have seen an improvement in the flow of traffic, but everyone has to maintain the recommended safe distance of 6' while inside. In order for our employees and residents to maintain a safe distance, employees will not be stationed on the wall during this time but will be available to answer questions.

### PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN IN YOUR VEHICLE

PLEASE have your child(ren) stay in your vehicle while you are disposing of trash and recyclables. This is for their safety! If they have to be out of the vehicle please keep them next to you at all times and do not let them run through the Transfer Station, roadways or parking areas.

**There are several important issues you must be aware of regarding your household trash and recycling disposal if you or anyone in your household has been quarantined for COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19.** Your trash and recycling must be handled and disposed of under different rules. Please consult Caren Rossi, Lee's Health Officer to discuss the new steps that must be taken. Email is [crossi@leenh.org](mailto:crossi@leenh.org) or phone at 659-6783. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Bulky items are accepted at the Transfer Station, HOWEVER, payment will be by check only – there will be a drop box available.** Employees will **not** be able to assist with removing items from your vehicle but will be available to guide you, weigh items, and answer your questions.

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## THINGS TO DO AND SEE AND PLACES TO GO: JULY 31<sup>st</sup> – AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>

### Terrestrial

**Anytime - Visit a Milkweed Patch:** The monarchs are arriving in New Hampshire, so now is the time to start checking out your local milkweed patch for their tiny (pinhead-sized), luminous, pale-green ridged eggs. Look for them on the undersides of milkweed leaves. While you're on the lookout, look for some of the other critters that are commonly found on milkweed: tussock moth caterpillars, milkweed bugs, milkweed beetles, aphids, and (eating the aphids) ladybugs. If you're fortunate enough to be exploring your milkweed patch with a child in tow, let her or him have the joy of seeing how many different critters you can find. Take pictures to record your findings, or keep a journal with drawings that you and your child helper make.

This link has printable pages of all kinds of monarch-related activities - drawings to color in, word searches, mazes, crosswords, steps to help your child draw a monarch caterpillar and butterfly, etc. <https://www.woojr.com/monarch-butterfly-activities-for-kids/>

**Rainbow Summer Snowflakes (aka queen Anne's lace):** Queen Anne's lace isn't native to our part of the world, but it's been a part of the wild landscape for about 400 years. It's beautiful, lacy flowers are great for illustrating how plants transport water and nutrients through the xylem tubes in their stems. To make a rainbow of different colored queen Anne's lace flowers, just add food coloring to different glasses of water - add enough to make the water nice and dark. Add freshly cut stems of queen Anne's lace to each glass. It usually takes about 48 hours for flowers to take on the color of the water they're in. You can even experiment with two-tone flowers by cutting a flower stem length-wise about halfway up the stem and then putting each half stem in different colored water.

**Great, easy, kid's activity - Take a walk and make a nature bracelet:** There are all kinds of flowers and interesting leaves to be found during a walk outdoors or in your own backyard. Your child can easily create a nature bracelet as you explore. Just cut a piece of masking tape or duct tape and wrap it, sticky side up, around your child's arm (leave a bit of space so that it can be easily snipped off when your child is ready to have it removed). Make one for yourself, too. As you walk, you and your child can add flowers, petals, leaves, hemlock cones, acorn caps, and other small, interesting discoveries to your bracelets. Take pictures, and if you like post them on our FB page (below)!

**Check Out Our Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/LeeConservationCommission/> Amanda Gourgue, who maintains the Conservation Commission's Facebook page, publishes frequent posts to help folks learn about local trails, flora, fauna, and habitats. As well as posting about outdoor/indoor activities for families and how to enjoy the outdoors while keeping safe during this period of social distancing, Amanda finds things to amuse, comfort and delight. Her work makes our Facebook page a lively, fun, and informative place to visit. Also posted are weekly Nature Notes (published on Sunday mornings; this week's Nature Notes will focus on milkweed. We love having folks share their nature photos, so feel free to post if you have a photo you'd like to share.

## Bird of the Week: Meet the Veery - The Bird That May Help Predict Hurricane Seasons

By Catherine Fisher

This has been a fantastic blueberry season in the Town Bog, and during the past three weeks, I've spent three or four hours every morning picking. For the first time in the nearly 40 years that Lee has been my home, other folks have, on occasion, shown up to reap the bounty, but mostly it's been just me and the birds - so many birds. Catbirds, grackles, robins, bluebirds, woodpeckers (woodpeckers enjoy fruit, and I've seen five species feasting in the bog this month), titmice, bluejays, song sparrows, chickadees, common yellowthroats, and crows to name a few, but the species I've enjoyed the most is the veery.



Veery singing, photo by Debra M. Powers

A member of the thrush family, the veery, *Catharus fuscescens*, is, like most members of the tribe, a gorgeous singer. Both its common name and its genus name refer to its unique and beautiful song. "Veery" has its origins in the "veer, veer, veer, veer, veer" of its reedy, self-harmonizing, cascading song that sounds, to my ear, like the distant notes of a hurdy gurdy. *Catharus*, refers to the quality of the sound this species produces and comes from *katharos*, the Greek word for "pure". Once heard, this is a song that is never forgotten; have a listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtJ14MV64WY>

Smaller than a robin, but with the same stocky shape of its larger cousin, the veery, like the hermit and wood thrushes common to our area, has rust-tinged upper parts and buff-colored underparts. There are variations in color based on geography, with the darkest, most rufous veeries found in the northeastern reaches of its breeding range. Unlike the distinctively spotted throats and breasts of the hermit and wood thrushes, the veery has smudged-looking spots on its throat and just a smattering on its upper breast. Like its more spotted cousins, this is a bird with the perfect plumage for nesting on or near the forest floor.

Veeries are long-distance migrants, overwintering in central and southern Brazil. Males arrive in our part of the world from late April to early May, and establish a breeding territory a week before the arrival of the females. Generally, wet, early-successional habitats are chosen, with beaver wetlands particularly favored. The female chooses the nest site, and there is evidence that she listens for evidence of nest-predators, such as chipmunks, before selecting a location for her nest. Often the site is on the ground, although nests are also constructed in the base of shrubs, grass hummocks, beside fallen limbs and trees, at the base of stumps, under fallen debris, and beside ferns. One year, in the woods behind my house, I discovered a veery nesting in beneath the low, spreading limbs of a juniper, which made a perfect, prickly cover for her.

The nest is a three layered structure built entirely by the female over the course of six to ten days. A base of large, dead leaves forms the outer platform. Atop this base, she builds the cup of the nest, incorporating bark, pine needles, grapevine and herbaceous stems and using her body to shape the bowl. Finally the nest is lined with fine grasses, rootlets and bits of shredded leaves. Two to five blue-green eggs are laid. Incubation, done entirely by the female, begins after the final egg is laid and lasts ten to fourteen days.

Until the young have fledged, the female broods them - providing warmth and, in very hot weather, cooling. Both parents take part in feeding very young hatchlings with caterpillars, small insects and grubs, mashing the food with their beaks before offering it to the hatchlings. As the young mature, larger insects such as flies, dragonflies, and butterflies are added to the diet. Nestling veeries are ready to leave the nest ten to fourteen days after hatching. The parents encourage this departure by ceasing to come to the nest with food and, instead, calling to the young from some distance away. Once the young have left the nest, the parents continue to feed them - each taking care of half the young; in odd-numbered broods, the female takes care of the larger number. Within two to three weeks after leaving the nest, the young are able to forage for food on their own.



**Veery nest, photo by Mike McCarthy, Creative Commons license.**

Being largely ground-nesters, nest failure is quite common with breeding veeries - predation; wet, cool weather, and parasitism by brown-headed cowbirds are common. Should a first attempt at nesting fail, the veery parents will make another attempt. If a second attempt fails, the mated pair will try a third time, and keep on trying until it's time to begin the long journey to their Brazilian wintering grounds - a yearly trek that takes them over the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean during the height of hurricane season. This is where that hurricane-predicting ability comes into play.

An article by Andy McGlashen, published in the Audubon website, describes how, two Augusts ago, Christopher Hecksher, an ornithologist at Delaware State University, tweeted, with considerable trepidation, that the Atlantic hurricane season would be stronger than average, with an accumulated cyclone energy (ACE) of between 70 and 150. At the time, meteorological computer models were calling for a below-average hurricane season, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had predicted the ACE would be 103 or lower, while the computer models at Colorado State University had set it at 60. At the end of the season the ACE came in at 129 - pretty much in the middle of the range that Hecksher had forecast. The cool thing about Hecksher's prediction is that he based it on two decades of observing the nesting behavior of a local population of veeries. In a paper published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, a few days before making his prediction, Hecksher reported that veeries seemed to sense what the year's hurricane season would be like months before the season's first storms began to form. His conclusion: veeries are superior to meteorological models as predictors of the intensity of Atlantic hurricane season.

As noted above, should their nesting attempts fail, veeries will try a second, third, or even fourth time to renest before ending the breeding season and heading south. What Hecksher discovered

was that, some summers, the veeries ended the season earlier than others - abandoning the biological imperative to reproduce. After trying, and failing, to find a correlation between temperature variations and short nesting seasons, he had the brainstorm of seeking a correlation between tropical storms and migration. His research showed that during strong hurricane seasons, veeries had shorter breeding seasons, while mild hurricane seasons had correspondingly longer breeding seasons.



**Veery, photo by Debra M. Powers**

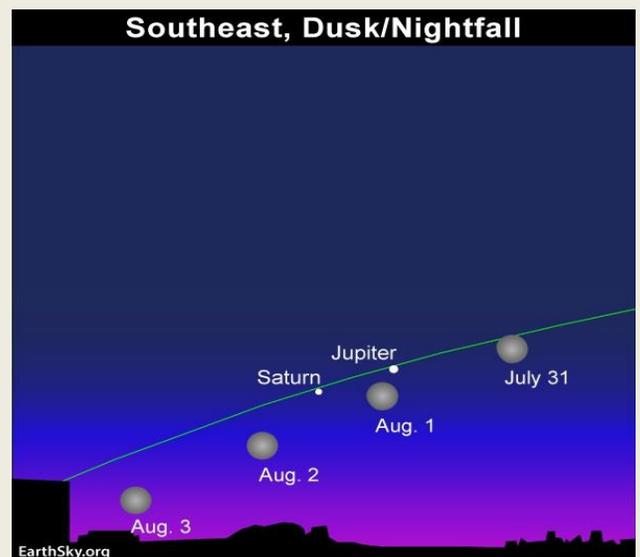
While his study of this phenomenon is in the early stages, Hecksher posits that while wintering in Brazil, veeries may pick up on meteorological cues from El Niño and La Niña weather patterns that are known to affect hurricane seasons in a given year. “Whatever it is, they know by mid-May,” he says. “It sounds out-there, but then again if you think about it, it makes sense these birds would take advantage of anything they could across their evolutionary history to avoid hurricanes.”

The effects of global warming and the resultant rising intensity of tropical storms have Heckscher and other ornithologists worried. Flying great distances in hurricane season is always a danger, and as warm temperatures increase the severity of tropical storms it adds to the risk that veeries and other neotropical migrants face each year as they migrate south.

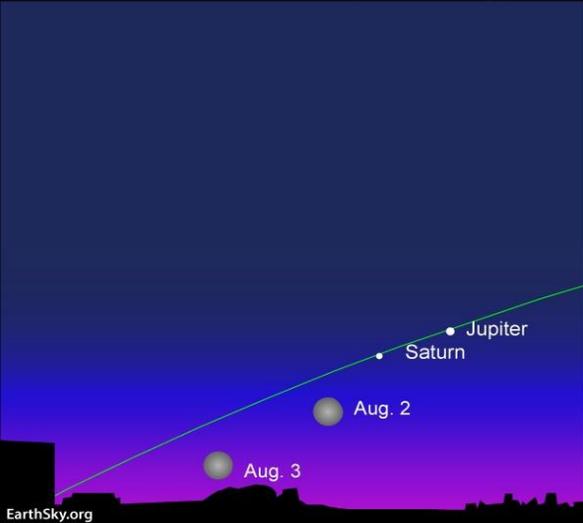
Picking blueberries last week, I listened to four different veeries singing in the bog. Like me, they were there for the berries, gorging on the ripe fruit so as to put on a layer of fat to serve as fuel for their journey to South America. They are mostly night-fliers, flying over a mile above the earth and covering as many as 160 miles in an evening. By the end of August they’ll be on their way, likely earlier if this year’s tropical storm season is an intense one.

## Celestial

**Friday, July 31, after dark, looking Southeast - Nearly full moon, Saturn, and Jupiter:** Moonlight usually ruins star-gazing, but our two largest planets are bright enough to withstand even the glare of a nearly full moon. All three will be arrayed along the ecliptic - the imaginary line that marks the path of the sun across our sky. The sun, moon and planets are always found along this line, as well as the constellations of the zodiac. Distances to think about while admiring these three beautiful night sky objects: the moon is our closest celestial neighbor, lying 238,000 miles away; Jupiter, at nearly 388,000,000 miles is 16,000 times more distant than the moon; and Saturn, at, 835,000,000 miles, is twice as far away from earth as Jupiter.



### Southeast, August 2020, Dusk/Nightfall



**At Sunset Monday, August 2 and Tuesday, August 3, Looking Southeast - Full Moon (August 3) (Sturgeon Moon) with Saturn and Jupiter:** Full moons rise opposite the setting sun, so to watch the Sturgeon Moon rise on the evening of the 3rd, turn your back on the sunset. As the sky darkens, Saturn and Jupiter will wink into view, above and south (right) of the moon. August full moons were named by Native American tribes, because sturgeon (N. America's largest fresh-water fish) were most plentiful during August. Other names for August's full moon were Grain Moon, Green Corn Moon, and Red Moon - that latter name deriving from the way that summer haze often tints the moon.

### Southeast to South, August 2020 Predawn/Dawn Sky



### 4:00 a.m., August 8, 9, 10, Looking east -

**Venus, Moon and Mars:** Yes, it's early, but perhaps you can consider this as practice for viewing the Perseid meteors which will be peaking in the next few days. You'll likely even see a few if you get up early to see Mars and Venus. The most spectacular view will be on the 9th, when the waning gibbous moon passes in front of Mars. This occultation will have begun even as the moon rises above the horizon at 11:55 p.m., so if you're up late, and have a fairly clear view of the southeastern horizon, you can catch a glimpse of these two heavenly bodies

hooking up. By 4:00 a.m., Mars will still be peeking out from the moon, and Venus will have risen to join the gathering. At 4:02, the satellite STARLINK-1040 (part of a network of satellites put up to provide low-cost internet access to remote locations by the aerospace manufacturer and space transport company SpaceX) will drift down from the north, passing between Venus and the moon.

**August 11, 12, 13, Looking east between midnight and dawn - Perseid Meteor Shower:** Get out the lawn chairs, or lay down the picnic blankets and enjoy the show. Because they occur during the pleasant month of August, the Perseids are one of the best-loved of the earth's annual meteor shower events. Though the glare of a gibbous moon may bleach out the show a bit, the Perseids are bright meteors, and should show up well. The peak night, as far as numbers are concerned will be the 12th, with as many as 40-50 meteors per hour. It's also the night when the moon will be brightest, so the 11th or 13th may give you brighter meteors to enjoy.

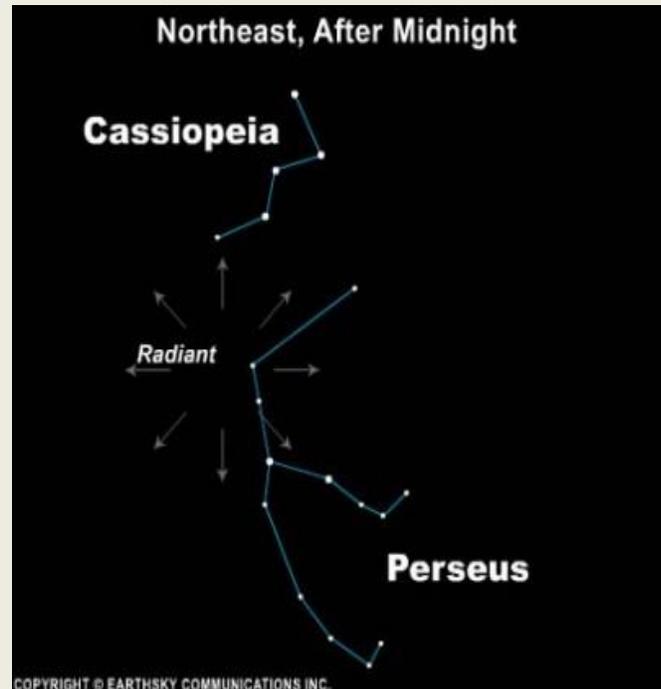
These meteors appear to stream out of the constellation Perseus, hence the name. They are caused by debris shed by comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle as it orbits the sun every 133 years. As these cometary bits enter the earth's atmosphere they burn up as they streak across the sky. 109P/Swift-

Tuttle is a large comet - 16 miles across (twice the size of the comet/asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago). Named after the two American astronomers who discovered it, independent of each other, in 1862, this was the 109th periodic comet to be recorded by astronomers.

As always, these two online resources are a wonderful asset to help you and your family explore the night sky:

**EarthSky** (<https://earthsky.org/>). The EarthSky website provides several weeks' worth of nightly write-ups about what's going on in the night sky, along with a brief daily feature giving more in-depth information about a particular night-sky object. They've very generously given their permission to have their graphics used in this newsletter, and I encourage you and your children to visit their website.

**Stellarium** (<https://stellarium-web.org/>), has replaced StarAtlas, but remains an interactive map of the night sky. This new incarnation will set itself to your location. You can change the time and date to coincide with when you'll be star-gazing, and the map scrolls in all directions. If, for instance, in your location the best place for viewing the night sky happens to be facing west, just scroll the map to show the stars, planets and satellites that will appear in that part of the sky. Once you have the sky set for viewing time and direction, you can click on objects in the sky and an information box will appear giving the object's name plus information about brightness, type of object, etc. This is a fantastic website.



**SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, August 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**

Meeting ID 872 4340 0223 Password 534667

Please check the website for Agendas and instructions on how to access Zoom meetings

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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



[CLICK HERE](#) for Lee Farmers Market  
Facebook Page  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Lee Farms and  
Agricultural Brochure

During this time of social distancing and no Farmer's Markets –  
Please remember to shop your local farms online, by delivery or pickup

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 6 - 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](mailto:leechurchucc@comcast.net). All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

**LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES**

The Planning Board, Energy, and Sustainability Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email [dduval@leenh.org](mailto:dduval@leenh.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/calendar>

**LIBRARY CALENDAR**

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/node/14/events/month/2019-08>



## **Notice : Change in Services Due to Social Distancing Recommendation**

Ready Rides is still operating during this time. We have adjusted our services to reflect the recommendations in place and to protect both our drivers and riders while still remaining available to those most vulnerable without taking them from their homes to incur possible contact with the virus. We are still providing rides to patients who require life sustaining services such as dialysis, blood transfusions, injections etc. We will take each request as they come in and assess the depth of the need. We are suspending all rides to counseling, physical therapy and general health and dental checkups. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors who you already have regular contact with to help provide rides during this short suspension.

*A service we are adding* to our registered riders is pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pickup these orders and bring them to your door with minimal contact.

If you are unable to order online and you are in desperate need of help with acquiring food or some necessity here are some resources. Currently if you live in the town of Durham call 868-2324 for assistance. If you live in the town of Newfields call 772-9010 and ask for Helping hands for assistance.

Barrington, Lee, Madbury, New Market, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford towns do not directly have things in place yet. Call us here at 244-8719 and we will do our best to find a way to get you the help you need.

## **What Ready Rides Offers During Normal Operation**

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. 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 us at [info@readyrides.org](mailto:info@readyrides.org) or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) can be printed from this website and emailed or mailed to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. Be sure to also print out our service description.

For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

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Scott M. Nemet  
Fire Chief

# LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

20 George Bennett Road  
Lee, New Hampshire 03861  
(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



Jeffery S. Liporto  
Deputy Chief

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## TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 and therefore still have to operate as such to protect our personnel and the public. We are still fully staffed and operating to protect our community but have had to put a hold on or adjust the way we provide some of our services. The fire department remains closed to all visitors but are working with town officials and the State for recommendations. All official business will continue to be conducted by phone or via email for now. Phone numbers and email addresses are provided on the [Fire Department's web page](#).

Burn permits are still required for all outside burning and all State burning regulations are still in effect. Burning regulations and permits can be obtained at [NH Fire Permit](#). Please check to see what the fire class for the day is prior to lighting any outside fire. Class 3 day or higher, all outside burning is not allowed. You can find out what fire class day it is by visiting the NH Forest and Lands website or look at the road side board at the Lee Public Safety Complex.

All station tours continue to be suspended as are all home visits for wood stove, burn permit and inspection purposes. Furnace installation inspections will be conducted on an emergency basis for emergency replacement only. All furnace replacement work shall be coordinated through the Fire Chief's office before any work is to be done.

Hopefully the virus emergency will be over soon and we can slowly return our operations to a normal level. All inquiries regarding the Town's response and current status for the virus should be made to the Town's Health Officer, Caren Rossi at the Planning Department.

With summer come thunder storms. Some storms can be severe and contain lightning, hail and wind. When lightning is in the area you should seek shelter indoors and away from windows. Do not shelter under trees or near tall objects. Be aware during high winds of trees, branches, power lines and debris being blown down. Occasionally these storms can cause downed power lines and power outages. We would like to remind everyone that we consider all downed lines as "energized" and should never be touched, moved or driven over. That includes cable and phone lines as they could be in contact with power lines at some point in the system. Call the fire department immediately and keep everyone away from the lines until the fire department arrives. With the power outages several people in our community use portable generators to power their homes. When using a portable generator follow all manufacture's safety guidelines for your generator. They should be run at least twenty-five feet from the residence; exhaust should be point away from the residence and away from anything combustible. Never operate a generator in an enclosed space such as a garage or a shed. Generators emit carbon monoxide and can cause serious injury or death if run in-doors and carbon monoxide is allowed to accumulate.

As the water in rivers, ponds and lakes warm up and people begin swimming and boating, please take care and be safe. Be aware that we have had a colder than usual spring and night time temperatures can still drop into the low 40's. This has kept our water temperatures on the cold side. Please be aware that hypothermia is still possible even though air temperatures can be in the 80's and 90's if the water temperature is in the 50's or 60's. This is especially true for the very young and the older population. Use personal floatation devices while boating, water skiing, tubing etc. Never swim alone even if you are a good swimmer. Follow all NH State Boating Regulations while boating on NH waterways.

Use caution while outdoor grilling. Keep grills at a safe distance from the residence or other structures while cooking. Have a hose or dry chemical extinguisher nearby to extinguish any grill fires before they get out of control. Make sure propane tanks are in date for hydrotesting and the gas lines are in good condition and not leaking. Dispose of burned charcoal in a safe manor, preferably in a metal container until cold throughout. Thank you and have a safe and happy summer.



**LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL  
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

**BURN PERMIT**

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS  
[CLICK HERE](#) to get a Burn Permit Online

[BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE](#)  
[DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS FIRE PERMIT BROCHURE](#)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fire Department Fee Schedule  
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

**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. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

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 \$35.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

**LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

**LAWN SIGN FUNDRAISER**

**Only a \$15 donation!**



**LIMITED SUPPLY!**

The Lee Fireman's Association of Lee, New Hampshire is conducting a fundraiser to help support local first responders and healthcare workers! We understand this has been an extremely difficult time for everyone and unfortunately first responders and healthcare workers are still dealing with COVID-19 on a daily basis. The Lee Fireman's Association has purchased a limited supply of lawn signs for the residents of Lee to help show their continued appreciation and support of these workers. 100% of your minimum donation of \$15.00 or more will be used to purchase "snack baskets" as a thank you to the Lee Fire & Rescue, Lee Police Department, McGregor Ambulance and Wentworth Douglass Hospital. To have a sign delivered to your house in Lee please follow the information below.

To show your support and have a sign delivered please

<p>Mail all checks to</p> <p>Lee Fireman's Association 20 George Bennett Road Lee, NH 03861</p>	<p>Please make sure to include your NAME, ADDRESS AND A PHONE NUMBER</p>
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All checks made out to 'LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION'

If you have any questions please email us at [lee-fire-association@gmail.com](mailto:lee-fire-association@gmail.com)



## NEW HOURS FOR THE LIBRARY

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11am -7pm  
Thursday and Friday 10am – 5pm  
Saturday 9am – 12pm

### 2020 Summer Reading Program – FINAL WEEK!



**Virtual Drop-In, Meet 'n Greet, Share-a-thon** with Judy, Mondays 2:00 Preschool-Kindergarten, 3:00 Elementary, 4:00 Middle School. Stop in; say "hi", share your craft project or special fun thing you have been doing this summer! We will need an email address to send an invitation to this Drop-in. Send your email to Judy at [childrenservices@comcast.net](mailto:childrenservices@comcast.net). Sessions will run for 30 minutes.

**Chapter Book reading with Judy. Every weekday at 9:00 am.** We will continue reading the Unicorn Rescue Society. Look for the posts on Facebook.

**Online story time** on Facebook with Judy, **Wednesday, August 5, 10:30 am. This will be the last online story time as part of the Summer Reading Program.** Stay tuned for our fall program announcement.

**Final Craft Pickup Tuesday** at 2:00. This is the last craft packet of the Summer Reading Program! We will be taking a couple weeks off, so we can prepare for our upcoming fall programs.

### **Discount Museum Passes**

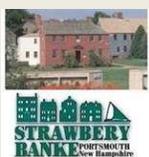
Time to request your passes! Here is the list of passes available and their scheduled reopening dates. Please **check the museum websites for details** on how to visit them. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Lee Public Library. Call the library to reserve these passes at 659-2626.



Currier – **opening August 13** [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org)



New England Aquarium – **open now**, by timed appointment only [www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org)



Strawbery Banke – **open now**, exterior of buildings and gardens only, recommend reservations [www.strawberybanke.org](http://www.strawberybanke.org)



Museum of Science – **open now**, recommend advanced ticket purchase [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)



Peabody  
Essex  
Museum

Peabody Essex Museum – **open now**, Thursday-Sunday only, recommend timed admission [www.pem.org](http://www.pem.org)



Children's Museum of NH – no date yet [www.childrens-museum.org](http://www.childrens-museum.org)



Museum of Fine Arts – no date yet, possibly in the Fall 2020 [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)



Seacoast Science Center – **open now weekends only**. Must make reservation for a day pass for Odiorne State Park with [www.NHstateparks.org](http://www.NHstateparks.org). Then use discount pass for the museum. [www.seacoastsciencecenter.org](http://www.seacoastsciencecenter.org)



Woodman Museum – opens now, [www.woodmanmuseum.org](http://www.woodmanmuseum.org)



Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, open now, [www.gardnermuseum.org](http://www.gardnermuseum.org) shared with Madbury and Durham. Register for this pass with the Durham Library [www.durhampubliclibrary.org](http://www.durhampubliclibrary.org)



Boston Children's Museum, open now, [www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org) shared with Madbury and Durham. Register for this pass with the Durham Library [www.durhampubliclibrary.org](http://www.durhampubliclibrary.org)

## Regional & State News & Events

### **MARINA'S MILES VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK REGISTER FOR THE RACE AND RUN/WALK A 5K ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE BEFORE AUGUST 18, 2020**

Marina's Miles 5K Run/Walk will be held virtually starting now through August 18, 2020. 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 \$15. Participants may register at [MarinasMiles.org](http://MarinasMiles.org) or via email at [MarinasMiles5K@gmail.org](mailto:MarinasMiles5K@gmail.org). You may also register by sending a registration form and check to Marina's Miles, 10 Burnham Ave, Durham, NH 03824.

We have free t-shirts for the first 100 registrants, and raffle prizes will be awarded via drawing. All virtual race 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 people from all walks of life and loved life. She died from a heart infection (her heart was too big) in 2013 at the age of 20.

## GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2020

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 7/15/2020 Minutes

There is a typo in these minutes; the next meeting is not August 8<sup>th</sup> but August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH**

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### LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[CLICK HERE](#) for Summer Newsletter

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### McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

McGregor EMS is currently seeking both Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers. Those interested may email [membership@mcgregorems.org](mailto:membership@mcgregorems.org). To learn more about this great service [CLICK HERE](#)!

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**Help UNH Extension map food-access resources and needs across New Hampshire during COVID-19 – [CLICK HERE](#)**

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**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](mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com) for assistance.

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