

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
August 5, 2022



Join us for the Fisher Cats Game Night!

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



CICADA KILLER WASPS AT LITTLE RIVER PARK

THEY ARE NOT AGGRESSIVE!

Eastern cicada killer wasps or sometimes-called sand hornets, even though they are not hornets, hunt cicadas and provision their nests with them. The eastern cicada-killer wasp may be a scary-looking wasp, however; it is *not* aggressive to people and is virtually harmless, unless handled roughly. It is an exceptionally large species, with rusty clear wings and the black and yellow markings common of wasps. In addition to their size and coloration, their behavior identifies them. Males typically defend territories by simply flying around the nests of

one or more females. The males' energetic hovering can be intimidating. Male cicada killers may clash with other insects, crashing into them bodily, but with people they usually just fly around and inspect us. Females also cruise around, looking for good places to dig tunnels and searching around trees and shrubs for cicadas. Males have a pointy projection on their abdomen tip that amounts to a false stinger, and they may poke it against their enemies in defense, but they are completely incapable of stinging. Females (unless molested) reserve their powerful sting for the cicadas they hunt.

LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION



ICE CREAM SMORGASBORD

Come support your local Fire Association!

Kids \$3 and Adults \$5.

Chocolate, Vanilla & Strawberry with all the fixings!

Little River Park

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Come out and see
Lee Fire & Rescue's
New Engine 1**



WILDFIRE IN PAWTUCKAWAY STATE PARK

Crews from several departments, including Lee Fire, fought a difficult woodlands fire for 3 days earlier this week covering about 3 acres in Pawtuckaway State Park. Given the rugged terrain, elevation and remoteness of the fire, it took crews 3-4 hours to actually find it. Water was pumped from Round Pond which was over a half mile away from the blaze. There were as many as 30-40 firefighters working this fire each day before it was finally extinguished. [CLICK HERE to read more](#)





**TOWN OF LEE
SEEKING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEMBER!**

[CLICK HERE](#) for details

Call Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 to apply NOW



LET THE CHURCH BELL RING!

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

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



NOTICE FROM THE TOWN OF LEE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Sadly, there has been a few instances of theft and possible criminal mischief reported at Lee Hill Cemetery. If you see anything unusual or suspect suspicious activity, please call 911 or contact the Lee Police at 603-659-5866.

THE DAY FLIERS – HUMMINGBIRD MOTHS

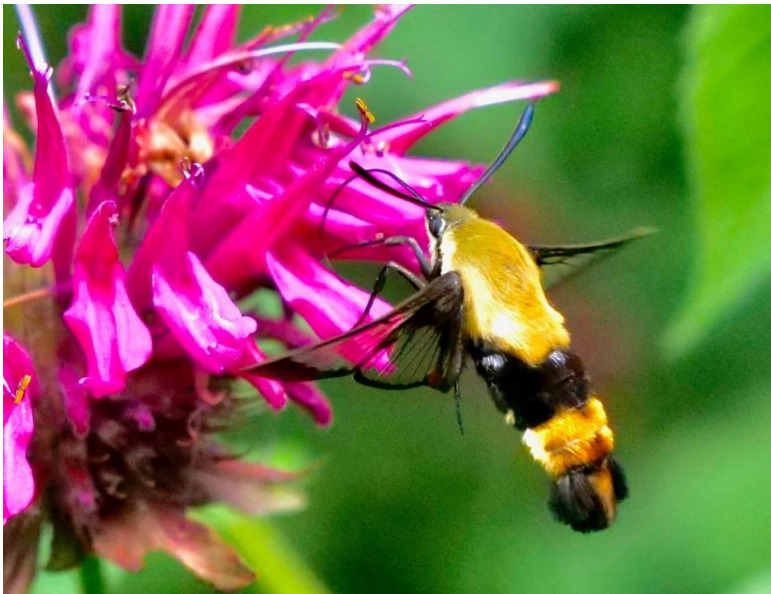
By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

Photographs by Andrea LeBlanc

Almost as soon as the bee balm blooms, hummingbird moths become a daily presence in our yard. Bee balm flowers, with their colorful moppet heads reminiscent of a plant dreamed up by Dr. Seuss, are members of the mint family, have a long bloom period, and their tubular flowers produce generous amounts of nectar and pollen. With 1-1.5 inches separating the lip of the tube from the nectaries; however, a long tongue is required to gain access to the bounty within.



The hummingbird moth has the equipment necessary for the task. Like all family members of Sphingidae (the hawk, or sphinx, moths), the hummingbird moth has a very long proboscis, the long feeding tube it uses like a straw to suck up nectar. Hawk moths have the longest proboscises of any of the world's moth species, with some measuring up to 14 inches long. Though a hummingbird moth's proboscis only measures slightly over an inch in length, it nearly equals the 1.5-inch body length of the moth itself and is certainly long enough to reach into a bee balm's deep, tubular flowers. When not used, the proboscis is coiled for easy transport from flower to flower.



Having a long straw-like appendage with which to suck up nectar is only half the battle. Hummingbird moths are rather chunky and heavy-bodied, and bee balm provides no perch from which to delve into the depths of its flowers. The hummingbird moth is also equipped to deal with that problem. Like a hummingbird, it hovers in place and uses the same mechanics as its avian counterpart. Both have narrow wings, an aerodynamically shaped body, and a tail that can fan open or shut. In flight, hummingbird moths maneuver their four wings in much the same way that a hummingbird

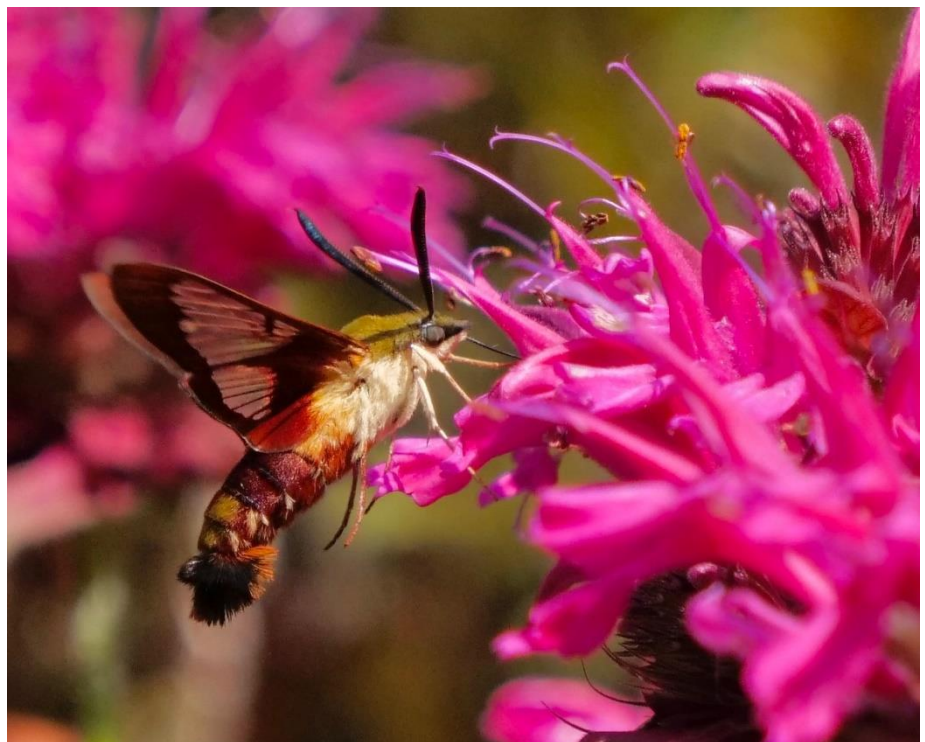
maneuvers its two - by rapidly moving those tapered wings in a figure eight-motion, which creates a vortex in the air just above the wing. This spinning circle of air creates a tiny area of low pressure above the wing, while the higher air pressure below the wing pushes the moth up, keeping it in the air. The tail, meanwhile, is adjusted constantly, being fanned out or flattened to stabilize the moth as it hovers. The wings work hard to make this all happen, beating up to 70 times a second. It is a testimony to Andrea's camera skills and wonderful eye that she can capture such wonderfully clear images of these swiftly moving beautiful creatures.



The striking anatomical and behavioral similarities between hummingbirds and moths are a wonderful example of convergent evolution. Convergent evolution occurs when two species of different ancestry adapt similarly to a particular ecological niche, in this case, evolving the tools to feast on tubular flowers. In coloring and behavior, hummingbird moths also provide a good example of mimicry: they are a good-sized chunk of flying fats and protein, but their resemblance to hummingbirds or bees may deter predation by flycatchers and other birds that feed on flying insects.

Hummingbird moths belong to the genus *Hemaris*, a word originating from the Greek word for “day” and an excellent genus name for a genus whose moths are diurnal. There are 22 species found in the world’s Holarctic region, and North America is home to five of them. All five North American species have see-through patches on their wings, a characteristic that is the basis for the word “clearwing” being part of each species’ common name. Though these moths emerge from their cocoons with wings that are, like those of most moths, covered with scales, upon first taking wing, many of the wing scales are shed, resulting in the clear patches from which their common name is derived.

In New Hampshire, we have two common species and a rarer third species to look out for. The snowberry clearwing (*Hemaris diffinis*) appears in this post’s first two pictures; it is a bee mimic with a yellow and black banded back, a black stripe running through the eye and down to the side of the thorax, and wings that are less broadly colored, especially at the wing’s base. Three photographs of the hummingbird clearwing (*Hemaris thysbe*) round out this article; it is a hummingbird mimic with a green back, no striping along the sides, and wings broadly imaged in reddish brown. Also in our range is the much rarer slender clearwing (*Hemaris gracilis*), another hummingbird mimic that closely resembles the clearwing but has a white band separating its green thorax from its rusty brown abdomen.



Recognizing differences in patterns and coloration are essential in determining which species of hummingbird moth you're looking at, but identification can be difficult when a hummingbird moth is rapidly flitting from flower to flower. There is one easily discernible difference in New Hampshire's three species: each one has legs that are a different color. Hummingbird clearwings have pale legs, either white or yellow; snowberry clearwings have black legs; and if you're fortunate enough to see a red-legged hummingbird moth, you've seen the much less common slender clearwing. So when you're trying to identify a hummingbird clearwing, try to get a glimpse of those lovely legs!



LEE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS FOR A SAFE SUMMER

1. **Grill safety:** You should keep your grill clean and free from grease build up to prevent a grill fire. Grills should be used at least ten (10) feet away from any structure. Grills are not allowed to be used on balconies, decks or patios of any multifamily apartment buildings per State Fire Code.
2. **Outdoor fires:** Burn permits are required for all outdoor open flame burning (except for propane fueled appliances and charcoal grills). Burn permits may be purchased online at the [Division of Forests and Lands](#) or obtained at the Fire Department. Please read and follow all State of NH outdoor burning regulations.
3. **Swimming and boating:** Please follow State of NH boating regulations while boating. Wear life jackets while boating and use caution while swimming as the water temperatures may still be cold.
4. **Fireworks:** Class C fireworks are permissible per town ordinance and State of NH Regulations. There is no permit required to purchase, possess or use Class C fireworks in the Town of Lee. Class B fireworks require a permit for use in the Town of Lee and must follow all State of NH guidelines. [CLICK HERE](#) State of NH Fire Marshal's Fireworks Safety Brochure. Please take the time to read before using any fireworks.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

August 8th & 22nd Select Board Meetings 6:00pm
Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS

Town Administrator's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am – 4:30pm

Friday 8am – 12:30pm

Town Clerk's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm / Wednesday 8am – 4pm / Friday 8am – 4pm

LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

See below for current openings! If you are interested, contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

The NEW CIP Committee

Planning and Zoning Boards

Recreation Commission, Energy Committee, Fair Committee and Sustainability Committee

E-CRIER PUBLISHING ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have a community event that you would like to publish in the E-Crier, please email Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at dduval@leenh.org by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

SWAP SHOP NEWS

Hours: The Swap Shop is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.** The Swap Shop will close if a volunteer is not available.

Bulky Items: The Swap Shop accepts large items.

We look forward to greeting our visitors at the Swap Shop. Seeing the free exchange of items between the folks in town brings a lot of satisfaction to the volunteers at the Swap Shop. If you would like to join in and volunteer, please let us know. Contact Forms are available at the Swap Shop or email us at swapshopleenh@gmail.com. You must be a residence of Lee and at least 18 years of age. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET, LEE DOES FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING!

BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Director Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. The Town provides special compostable bags to bring your food waste in to the Transfer Station.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#)
[NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE](#)

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH Department of Health and Human Services

[CLICK HERE](#) for New DHHS Website!

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any household in Lee, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, and Nottingham. Delivery is through a walk-up window service to minimize contact during this time. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from **5:30pm - 7:00pm**. If you have an emergency need for food outside of the normal hours, please call the Church office at 659-2861 or email at leechurchucc@comcast.net. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

READY RIDES

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

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



Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm?

Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$50.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association. [CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

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

AUGUST AT YOUR LEE LIBRARY!

Did You know? Our Friends of Lee Library have their own Facebook page! They share news, library information, events and so much more! Be sure to find them, then like and follow them. New members are always welcome! Our Friends do an amazing job at raising funds to support our library, as well as volunteering during programs. They are a fun group with a bunch of energy! <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLeePublicLibrary>



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

Wednesday August 17, 10:00am - Knitters: Meet on the first and third Wednesday at 10:00am. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company! New knitters always welcome.

Wednesday August 10 & 17, 3:00pm – 5:00pm – Kid's Summer Movies: Join us for some fun kid's movies, popcorn and drinks. Bring your own blanky or bean bag!



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

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



Monday August 8, 5:00pm – 7:00pm – Open Adult Game Time: Join us for indoor or outdoor games, corn hole, cards, ladder ball, chess, or bring a game of your choosing! No sign up necessary, just come on over!

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



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



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

Friday August 12 & 26, 10:30am – 12:00pm – Free Space Friday: Join us in the children's program space to play, create and have fun with Miss Judy! No sign up necessary, just come along!

Thursday August 18, 10:00am – 5:00pm – HAPPY BAD POETRY DAY! Write a poem, bring it in and read it to a member of staff and we'll give you a piece of candy!





Monday August 22, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults: Join us on the Fourth Monday of every month (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home or garden. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! Please call or email to sign up.

Wednesday August 24, 6:00pm – 7:30pm – Backyard Farming Initiative: This month we will visit Ruth Sample's garden. With over 30 years of composting experience, Ruth will be talking about her effective composting system, and how she grows successfully with minimum spraying, and protects her garden with mesh barriers. Call or email Lee Public Library for program location, further details, and to sign up!



Tuesday August 30, 10:00am – 5:00pm – HAPPY NATIONAL MARSHMALLOW TOASTING DAY! Come on over to the library and pick up your s'mores kit today... only while supplies last! Have a s'more on us 😊

Wednesday August 31, 6:00 – 8:00pm – Family Movie Night: Join us for our summer family movie night! This month we will watch 'Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness' (2022). This is a PG 13 rated movie, so please be advised to bring children who are approved to watch this title.



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

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

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

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

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



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

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information.

If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

The Seacoast Village Project (a nonprofit)

Helping seniors age in their homes and community!

Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships

Membership Information

<https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/>

(603)-373-8429

ATTENTION!

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