

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
August 6, 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 2nd 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 have been mailed to all Lee property owners. 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 contact number along with dates, times and places of these appointments were included in the notification letter and may be found below.

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.

[CLICK HERE](#) for list of preliminary assessment values and 2020 assessment values by Address.

[CLICK HERE](#) for list of preliminary assessment values and 2020 assessment values by Map and Lot.

[CLICK HERE](#) for list of preliminary assessment values and 2020 assessment values by Owner.

Now that the values have been set, taxpayers may schedule an appointment with the appraisers to discuss their values. **To schedule an appointment please call 603-415-0130 between 9am-4pm Monday, 8/2/21 thru Friday, 8/13/21.** These appointments will be held at the Town Offices at 249 Calef Highway on August 9th, 10th and 14th.

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.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Thursday Night Concert Series Schedule

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

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

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!

E-CRIER ANNOUNCEMENT

THERE WILL NOT BE AN E-CRIER EDITION NEXT FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH

The E-Crier will return to production the following Friday, August 20th. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

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

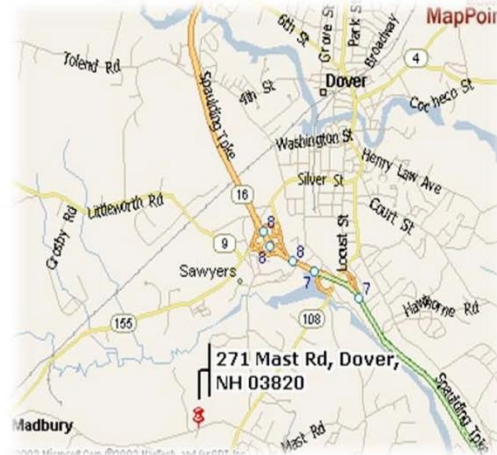
Saturday, August 28, 2021

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

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!

SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 11TH

LEE FOOD AND FIREWORKS TOWN EVENT

Pork and Chicken BBQ Dinner – 5:30 pm – 7pm

Live Music during Dinner

Bingo – Time TBD

Ice Scream Smorgasbord – 5:45 pm – 8:15 pm

Fireworks – Dark (8:15ish)

Be on the lookout for Pre-Ticket Sales – Start Date TBD



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>

Conservation Commission Easement Monitoring Notes from 7-28-2021

Spotted Jewelweed

Easement monitoring can be hungry work, and some conserved lands can stimulate the appetite more than others. The easement monitored last Wednesday is one of them. Encompassing 61 acres with much of the eastern boundary along the Oyster River, this is a sizable easement, and a large part of it is farmed. Growing a variety of fruits and vegetables, the farm has a stand where people can purchase produce, as well as a pick-your-own option- always an enjoyable family activity.

Our route was an easy walk along the mowed perimeter of the farm. We walked the northern border past rows of laden blueberry bushes, then along the eastern boundary with the river on our left and first a pond and field of grasses and forbs that gave way to apple trees on our right. Despite the blistering June and the heavy rains of July the crop looked bountiful. Heading up the southern border we passed native shrubs and wildflowers. A gorgeous cedar waxwing, her beak loaded with nest-building materials flew into the shrubbery - right on schedule for raising a second brood.

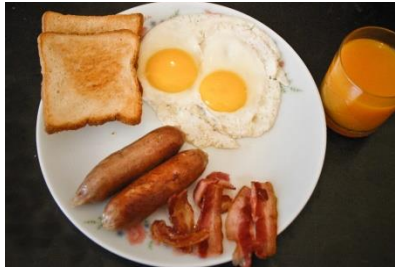
Nearing the end of our circuit, we walked along the western side of the easement with, to our right, row upon row of apples and peaches. The latter were beautiful - plump and a mouth-watering red. After the uphill hike, it was easy to imagine biting into one, the juice running down one's chin. We were told it would be a few more weeks before these were ripe enough to harvest. Can't wait!



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.



STRAFFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU
8TH ANNUAL FARM STYLE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER – Sunday, October 17, 2021
 CO- SPONSORED BY LEE AND DURHAM AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONS
 TO BENEFIT AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND YOUTH GRANTS

THE LEE SWAP SHOP STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!
 If you are interested, please email swapshopleenh@gmail.com.

Great NEWS!
The SWAP SHOP is OPEN!

★ **NOW OPEN! Tue/Thur/Sat 8-5** ★



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



& UNBROKEN ITEMS ONLY

Will be accepted

A volunteer will go through all your donations with you when you drop off

TOYS & GAMES

must be in good shape, no missing pieces!



(sorry, no stuffed animals)

★ NEW PROCEDURE For Large, Bulky Upholstered items

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



SORRY... but that's UNACCEPTABLE!



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

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

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1-large tote* of donations per week / per family

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* 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.



CONSULTANT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For small businesses in the SRPC region

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) is launching a new Consultant Technical Assistance program to support small businesses as they work to **recover from the impacts of COVID-19**. We have partnered with private consultants to provide **FREE technical support** to small businesses in several different areas.

SERVICE MENU

-  Website Development
-  Audio Visual Support
-  Cybersecurity
-  Marketing
-  Advertising
-  Generic IT

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Businesses can request anything between 1 to 3 hours of technical assistance in any of the categories listed in the service menu, which will be offered at NO COST to small business owners.
- ★ Due to limited capacity and resources, we are currently offering assistance in up to 1 of the service menu categories per business. However, in the survey, you will have the ability to select up to 3 categories that you wish to receive assistance in and we will reach out to provide additional assistance, depending on availability.
- ★ Services will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

NEXT STEPS

- 1 If you are a small business owner, navigate to our [online survey](#) where you can sign up to receive assistance in any of the categories listed above.
- 2 You will then be contacted by an SRPC staff member who will help you coordinate the details of your request, including scheduling of the initial consultation with a service provider.

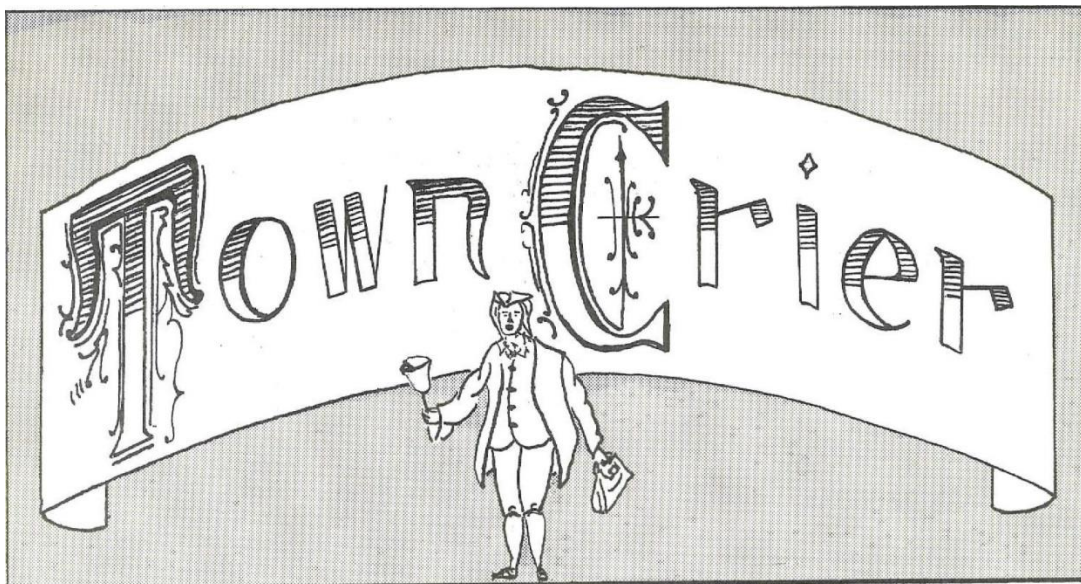
Lee Public Library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

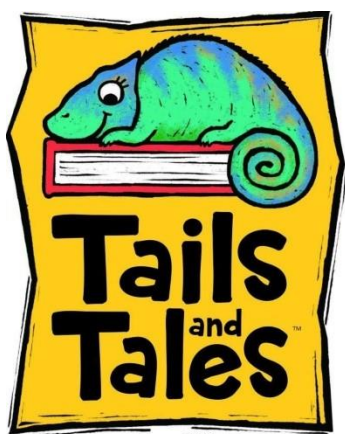
Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm



A FLASH from the PAST! 50 years ago in Lee. The Town Crier was printed from 1970-1975.

Here is the [Town Crier](#) issue from July 1971. [Check the Research & Collections](#) tab for more issues. This recently discovered collection is being scanned and digitized for your viewing (and for preservation!).



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.

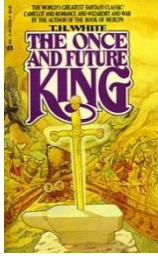
Summer Programs Sponsored by the [Friends of the Lee Public Library](#).



Try Libby.

The one-tap reading app.

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.

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.



You can now access Universal Class online courses through the Libby App! Look under "extras" in the search window.

Regional & State News & Events



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

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 8/4/2021 Minutes

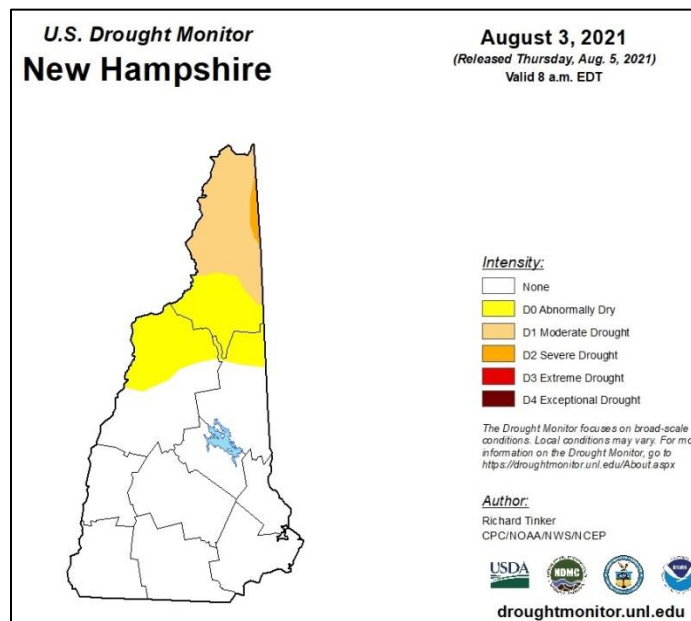
Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 10:00 am in Salem, NH

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 ORHS students. Marina was an ORHS 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.

ATTENTION!

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to www.leenh.org, click on the **Subscribe** button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.

If you do not have the internet please come to the Town Offices for a **printed copy** or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!