

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
August 12, 2022

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**



9th Annual Farm Day



A Celebration of the Working Landscape of Farms and Gardens in

Durham | Lee | Madbury

Saturday, August 20, 2022 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Rain or Shine!

Emery Farm NH Farm of Distinction

147 Piscataqua Road (Route 4), Durham 10am – 6pm

LaRoche Farm

41 Bennett Road, Durham 10am – 4pm

Tecce Farm

240 Mast Road, Durham 10am – 6pm

Whale Rock Farm Tour

3 Bennett Road, Durham – Guided Tour 2pm – 3pm
Tour limited to 15 participants, Pre-registration required,
email ellenkare51@gmail.com

Community Garden at Wagon Hill Farm

156 Piscataqua Road (Route 4), Durham 10am – 12pm

Linden Woods Farm NH Farm of Distinction

135 Packers Falls Road, Durham 12pm – 2pm

UNH Fairchild Dairy Teaching and Research Center

36 O'Kane Road, Durham, 10am – 4pm

UNH Organic Dairy Research Farm

216 Lee Hook Road, Lee Guided tour at 1pm

Find farms in Durham, Lee, and Madbury!
<https://oysterriverfoodshed.weebly.com/>

Coppal House Farm NH Farm of Distinction

118 North River Road, Lee 10am – 5pm

Hickory Nut Farm

22 York Lane, Lee, 10am – 4pm

Hollister Family Farm Stand

163 Lee Hook Road, Lee 8am – 5pm, closed if raining

Misty Meadows Herbal Center

183 Wednesday Hill Rd., Lee, 10am – 4pm

Card Farm

356 Route 108, Madbury, 4pm – 5pm Tour limited to 35
participants. Pre-Registration Required, email cardfarmnh@
gmail.com.

Fat Peach Farm

181 Drew Rd., Madbury 4pm – 7pm
5:30pm Garlic wreath wall hanging workshop \$30. Limited to
20 participants. Pre-registration required, email
fatpeachfarmers@gmail.com.

Touch a Tractor at UNH Kingman Research Farm

334 Knox Marsh Rd., Madbury 10am – Noon
Registration is optional but requested for parking planning:
<https://colsa.unh.edu/nhaes/register>

To view the full details on what each
farm has to offer, please visit [www.
ci.durham.nh.us/boc_agricultural](http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/boc_agricultural)
or scan the QR code!



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Get ready for . . . DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND!!!

Calling all 3 year olds through those entering 7th grade. Please plan to come to Lee Church Congregational the week of **AUGUST 15-19th 9-11:30am** for an exciting Vacation Bible School week. Our trusty lighthouse keeper will guide us on an adventure to find five mysterious lanterns that will show us how God's light can shine through us. Please call the church office (603-659-2861) to sign up or volunteer to help. Both adults and teens can volunteer. Be sure to invite neighbors and friends as well. FUN FOR ALL! Hoping to see you there!

leechurchucc@comcast.net, 17 Mast Road, Lee, NH



We are thrilled to announce a matching donation to our Bell Tower Fundraiser!

Starting this week, an anonymous donor has offered to match all donations up to \$2,500!

Now your donation can be doubled – so we can reach our goal faster!

Here's how you can donate:

- ♥ online via PayPal at leechurch.org website DONATE button
- ♥ place your donation in the offering plate
- ♥ send your check to the church

Whichever way you chose to donate, please indicate that your donation is for the bell tower.

We look forward to hearing the Church bell ring across the Lee landscape again.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting in a work session on Tuesday, **August 16th**, 2022, at 9:00 am at the Lee Town Offices, 249 Calef Highway, to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LEE FAIR & HARVEST DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

Tractor Parade starts it off at 1:00pm; Harvest Dinner 5 – 6:30pm

Schedule of events coming soon!



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



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.



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, 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 threatened) reserve their powerful sting for the cicadas they hunt.

THE RORSCHACH BEETLE, A BEAUTIFUL ENIGMA

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

Photograph by Jessica Sousa

Probably every person interested in the natural world has a list of plants and animals they hope to see one day. While there are beings on my list that I will never see in person, a good number are native to this part of the planet. Many are insects, and one of them is the insect pictured here, a beetle of the genus *Calligrapha*, known as the calligraphy, inkblot, or Rorschach beetle. Each species of this beautiful genus has a domed back marked with a wonderful inkblot pattern. Though getting a glimpse of a calligrapha beetle remains on my wish list, this week's photograph is the next best thing. My daughter took it, and my two-year-old grandson discovered the beetle itself. When the photo appeared on my cell phone, I was almost as happy as if I'd finally seen my first Rorschach beetle. And, yes, I was just a little bit envious.

Rorschach beetles belong to the leaf beetle family, Chrysomelidae. All members of this family are vegetarian throughout their lives. Leaf beetles are usually brightly colored, sometimes metallic, and have body shapes that vary from flattened, to round, to domed and ovate like our pictured Rorschach beetle. One characteristic that members of the Leaf beetle family share are the ability to tuck their antennae under their prothorax (the front of the thorax, which is the segment between the head and the colorful elytra, or wing covers) and their legs under their elytra. If you grow vegetables, you likely have encountered the little tortoise beetle, another member of the Chrysomelidae clan; its ability to tuck away its antennae and legs in this way contributes to its terrapin-like appearance. In the case of my grandson's *Calligrapha*, the "knees" of the middle pair of legs can be seen projecting from either side of the beetle's midsection; other than those two protrusions, antennae and legs are all safely tucked away.

Though not rare, *Calligrapha* beetles are small. The one pictured was only as big as the screw head it sits beside. Most are less than .375 - .5 inches, so they are easily overlooked. There are 38 species, 20 of which are found in the northeast. Several species are divided into one or more subspecies, and those inkblot markings are often variable. In short, Rorschach beetles, as their name suggests, are enigmatic, and identifying which species of beetle you're looking at is very tricky indeed. Where you find your beetle may help you determine which species it is. All calligrapha beetles are leaf eaters, and almost every calligrapha species feeds on a single species of plant. Thus, if you find a *Calligrapha* beetle feeding on elm leaves, you've likely found a *Calligrapha scalaris*, the elm calligrapha; if it's munching on basswood leaves, then it's probably *Calligrapha tiliae*, the basswood calligrapha; one found dining on alder leaves will likely be *Calligrapha alni*, the russet alder leaf beetle; and so on. If, however, your two-year-old son hands you a calligrapha beetle that he picked up somewhere while exploring a trailside picnic area, it may be that you'll have to settle for knowing that you're looking at a beautiful member of the genus *Calligrapha*. For me, that would be more than enough.





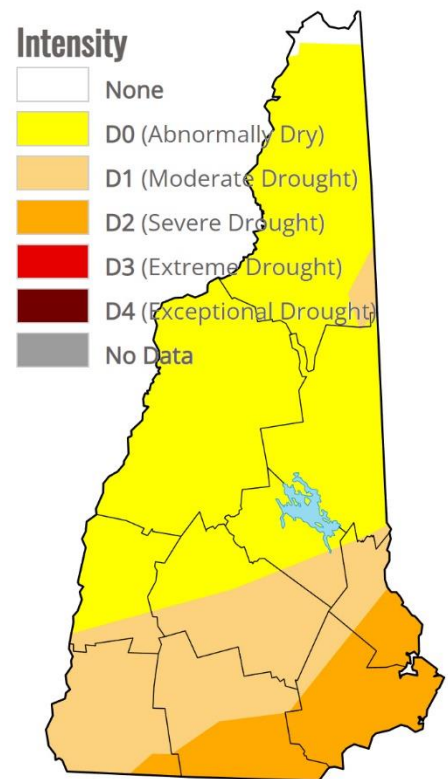
Drought Again -- Let's Conserve Water

Here we go again. Despite the recent rain, New Hampshire continues to be engulfed in drought, with 13% of the state, including half of Strafford County, rated D2, Severe Drought.

August 9, 2022 at 8 a.m. EDT

Most Lee residents harvest groundwater using residential wells, so we all share the same water. Please practice these easy ways to conserve:

- Eliminate non-essential water use such as lawn watering, car washing, and other non-essential activities.
- Reduce shower times, do only full loads of laundry, and turn off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes, and washing hands.
- Fix any leaks or drips in your household water system, including outside fixtures and hoses.
- Replace harmful chemical cleaning products with safer, non-toxic and biodegradable alternatives. Polluted groundwater is groundwater lost.
- Never allow gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, or paint down your drains.
- Encourage your children to share and practice what they've been taught about conserving natural resources. Make conserving a family practice.



A few more ideas for water conservation, not quite as easy:

- Update fixtures and appliances to the newer water-saving models.
- Replace asphalt with naturally draining surfaces so rainwater is absorbed.
- Plant trees and other plants in your yard.
- Support and volunteer for environmental and conservation organizations.
- Join the Lee Sustainability Committee!

There's more information on Lee's water resources and how to monitor your own well and groundwater in the [Lee Well and Groundwater Awareness Program](#) document from the Lee Sustainability Committee.

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 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.

TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP

Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays 8am - 5pm

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](#)



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 16, 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 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 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.



Monday September 5: Closed in celebration of Labor Day. Have a safe and fun day!

Tuesday September 6, 5:30pm – Friends Meeting: New members always welcome! Find them on Facebook.

Wednesday September 7, 7:00pm – Case Closed on the 1873 Smuttynose Ax Murders:

Join us as we partner with the Lee Historical Society & NH Humanities to enjoy this in person presentation with J. Dennis Robinson. For almost 150 years, the moonlight ax murder of two Norwegian women on the rocky Isles of Shoals has haunted New England. Popular historian and lecturer J. Dennis Robinson cuts through the hoaxes, lies, rumors, and fiction surrounding the arrest, trial and execution of 28-year old Louis Wagner, who claimed his innocence to the end. If you read the bestselling novel Weight of Water or saw the Hollywood film - that's not what happened. A longtime summer steward of Smuttynose Island, Robinson lays out the facts based on his book-length study, Mystery on the Isles of Shoals. Program to be held at the Lee Public Safety Complex.



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



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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