

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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Lee News & Upcoming  
Events  
August 19, 2022



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**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](http://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.**



## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LEE FAIR / PIG ROAST & CHICKEN BBQ**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

**Tractor Parade kicks it off at 1:00 pm**

**1:30 pm – Children's Parade**

**1:45 pm Penny Hunt (Tentative)**

**2:00 pm K-9 Demo**

**2:00 – 5:00 pm Ongoing Games: Tractor Pull;**

**Sack Races; Fryin Pan Toss**

**3:00 pm Tricky Dicks Magic Show**

**3:00 – 5:00 pm Farm Games**

**Harvest Dinner 5 – 6:30pm**

**DON'T FORGET THE BEST OF HARVEST CONTEST!!**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON HERE & ON NEIGHBORLEE FACEBOOK PAGE**

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST PUBLIC SESSION NOTICE  
for VOTER REGISTRATION**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2022 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Lee Public Safety Complex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 20 George Bennett Road, Lee**

Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 years of age), citizenship, and domicile in Lee should bring that proof when they come to register. Driver's license and passport or birth certificate are helpful. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, citizenship, and/or domicile.

State Primary Election Day is September 13, 2022. The polls will be open at Mast Way School from 7:00am - 7:00pm. The last day for registered voters to change a party affiliation WAS May 31, 2022. Undeclared voters are required to choose a Democratic or Republican ballot when they go to vote at the primary. You then become a registered member of that party unless you sign a list to return to undeclared status with the supervisors of the checklist before leaving the polling place.

If you are interested in how voting and elections take place in Lee and the State of New Hampshire, please attend the Election Transparency Session on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Public Safety Complex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

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**ELECTION TRANSPARENCY IN LEE**

**Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm**

**Lee Public Safety Complex 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

This session will provide a thorough explanation of the application of NH Election Laws within the Town of Lee.

There has been much discussion recently about the accuracy and integrity of voting throughout the country. The State of New Hampshire and the Town of Lee Election Officials have worked hard to create a system that works very well to secure your vote and make your access to the voting process as simple and efficient as possible. Much effort goes on behind the scenes on Election Day. Please attend this session to find out how it works and/or answer any questions you may have about the system. Some topics to be covered:

- Absentee ballots and how they are controlled and processed
- Ballot security before, during and after the vote
- The voter checklist, and how the list of registered voters is maintained
- The "rails" of security within the polling place
- The ballot counting machine
- Post-election ballot verification
- Reporting the vote
- Electioneering

Other topics will likely emerge in the process. An informed electorate bolsters the power of democracy. Please join us!

Don Quigley  
Moderator  
Town of Lee, NH



**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

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**SELECT BOARD MEETINGS**

August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **You Tube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

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**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**

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**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](mailto:dduval@leenh.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

**The NEW CIP Committee**

Planning and Zoning Boards

Recreation Commission, Energy Committee, Fair Committee and Sustainability Committee

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**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](mailto:dduval@leenh.org) by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

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## THE BALD-FACED HORNET: FANNING TO REGULATE TEMPERATURES IN THE NEST

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

Photograph and video by Dotty Lavoie

Our bedroom windows overlook the backyard and the forest beyond, but they also overlook the back porch, particularly the place where the porch and the house meet and create a warm, south-facing corner. Years ago, we'd occasionally have a queen bald-faced hornet, a social wasp of the Vespidae family; choose that cozy corner as the site to start a colony, affording us a fantastic view of how this species constructs a paper nest.

Nest-making began in late spring when the queen formed a small circle of papery brood



cells for the eggs of her nest's first workers, then covered them with a thin gray dome of paper with a hole in the bottom for entering and exiting. The queen did all the work for the foundation of the colony - paper making, egg laying, and cleaning and provisioning the wasp larvae. Once the first workers had pupated and taken on the tasks of nest-cleaning, paper making, nest-building, foraging, and feeding the larvae, the queen's work was pared down to egg-laying, and she no longer left the nest. As summer progressed, the nest grew to a substantial conical structure, a home to hundreds of female workers.

Besides the bottom entrance hole, there were several openings near the rounded top of the nest. These acted as vents, allowing air to flow through the entrance at the bottom of the nest and out through the top. It was during a hot dry spell one summer that I first observed worker hornets fanning at the entrance to the nest. Fanning is a technique used by honeybees to facilitate airflow through the nest and to help regulate temperatures during warm spells, but I had never come across information about bald-faced hornets using the same technique. While honeybees age out of and into various hive chores, I could find no research showing that bald-faced hornets, as they grow older, advance from one type of nest duty to another. Somehow, all the nest chores, including fanning, get done, but how each wasp settles on a particular assignment doesn't seem to have been investigated. Given how protective they are of their nest, I imagine it would be difficult to conduct research on a living colony. However the wasps determine who is on fanning duty, it was fascinating to watch as, on hot days, workers arrived with food for larvae or mouthfuls of ground-up

wood for nest construction, while other workers emerged and positioned themselves at and around the nest entrance and vigorously fanned their wings.

It's been decades since a queen has constructed a nest in that sunny corner outside our window, and I've missed being able to watch them, particularly during hot weather. So, when Dotty Lavoie told me about a wasp nest under construction near her apartment building, I asked her to keep me posted. As the nest was situated near the edge of the building's parking area and quite close to the apartment building itself, folks were concerned about being stung, and there was discussion about having the nest removed. Instead, Dotty alerted residents living near the nest. To ensure everyone got the message, she placed a sawhorse in the parking space nearest the nest and attached a sign warning of the nest's proximity and giving information about the natural history of bald-faced hornets and their usefulness as predators of flies and yellow jackets. The nest has grown considerably over the past few months, and the wasps are very active. Still, thanks to Dotty's efforts, there have been no adverse interactions between residents and wasps.

Throughout the summer, Dotty has photographed the wasp nest and has sent me occasional emails with her observations. Describing the fanning activity I'd observed years ago, I asked her to look for that behavior during hot days. The nearly two-week heatwave that we recently experienced gave Dotty ample opportunities. Though the layers of paper do provide insulation and protection from both cold and heat, extended temperature extremes require extra work to keep the nest temperatures within the range necessary for the wasp larvae growing within. During the heatwave, when both temperature and humidity were often extreme, the entrance to the wasp nest was crowded with fanning wasps. Dotty described her empathy as she watched these insects work constantly to maintain the temperature necessary to support the larvae developing inside. Dotty stood within a few feet of their nest to take photographs, including the one accompanying this article, but the wasps paid her no attention. She was even able to take a video showing them hard at work, fanning furiously to keep their nest cool. You can view her video on our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/LeeConservationCommission>

With the heatwave behind us, it's now business as usual in the nest, with workers constantly coming and going, bringing in food and building materials. This activity will continue until mid-to late autumn when cold temperatures will kill all the members of the nest. Weeks before life in this colony ends, new queens and drones will emerge and mate in a nuptial flight, after which the young, fertile queens will shelter in stumps or under rotten logs. Thanks to Dotty, who is a good neighbor to both humans and wasps, some of the queens born and raised in this nest will emerge in spring, ready to start a new generation.



# Drought Again -- Let's Conserve Water

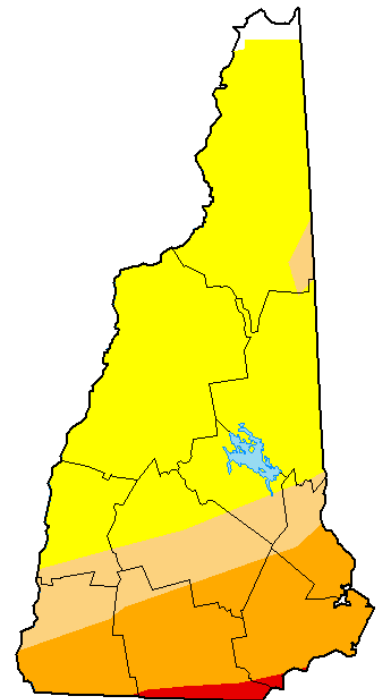
August 18, 2022

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

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.

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



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!

### Intensity:

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

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!

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### 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](mailto:swapshopleenh@gmail.com). You must be a residence of Lee and at least 18 years of age. Thank you!*

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### **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](mailto: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.

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

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:leechurchucc@comcast.net). All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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## 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](mailto: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](#).

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**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>



**Friday August 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!



**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!**

Regional & State  
News & Events

## GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 8/17/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022 10:00 am in District One**



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

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### **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.

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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 **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at [vfwpost10676@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com) for assistance.

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### **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

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### **ATTENTION!**

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