

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
249 Calef Highway
Lee, New Hampshire 03861
(603) 659-5414

**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
August 20, 2021**



ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK

Thursday Night Concert Series Schedule

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

Aug 26th	Alt-137
Sept 2nd	Claire Li

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

MONDAY, August 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 **You Tube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

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.

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

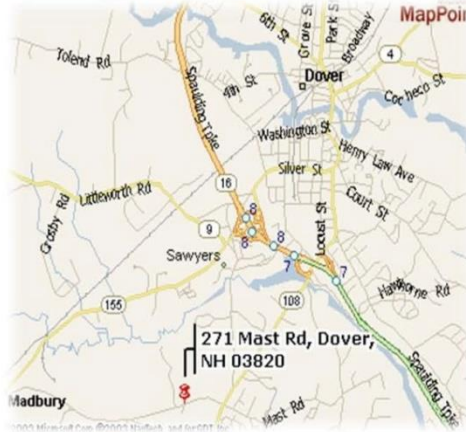
Saturday, August 28, 2021

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

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 – LEE FAIR SEPTEMBER 11TH

Due to lack of volunteers and the uncertainty of the pandemic we have scaled down the fair to the following events only:

Bingo 3:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30pm - 8:00pm - Sponsored by Mary's Dogs;

VFW 911 Tribute 5:15pm

Pork and Chicken Barbeque Dinner 5:30pm - Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission;

Live Music - John Halstead Band;

Ice Cream Smorgasbord 5:45pm - 8:00pm - Sponsored by the Lee Church;

Fire Works 8:15pm;

The VFW will be selling raffle tickets and the Boy Scouts will have a booth.

There will be horse shoes and corn hole for people to play.

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 8-4-2021

Two weeks ago, members of the Conservation Commission monitored the Ellis Oyster River Reserve, a 14 acre parcel bounded by 155A to the north, the Durham town line to the east, and Route 4 to the south. Transected by the Oyster River, this forested property has, relative to its size, considerable river frontage along with some impressively steep embankments.

Using the remnants of a loop trail that has fallen into disuse, we walked west of the river, pausing now and then to admire its current which, for early August, was running high and fast. An otter had left its tracks along a muddy stretch of shore and an eastern wood pewee called throughout the duration of our walk. Still moist from July's heavy rains, logs and stumps were velvety and emerald green with moss. It was the continuing fungi show that really grabbed our attention, however. Mushrooms were everywhere - an impressive array of shapes, sizes and colors. Perhaps most lovely were the yellow-orange fly agaric mushrooms, *Amanita muscaria* var. *formosa*.

Yellow-orange fly agaric is common to Northeastern U.S. and often encountered in NH. It is mycorrhizal with certain hardwood and conifer tree species. Ninety-five percent of all plants on earth form symbiotic partnerships with mycorrhizal fungi. In mycorrhizal symbiosis, a fungus



PHOTO BY CATHERINE FISHER

attaches its filaments to the roots of its plant partner, becoming in effect extensions of those roots. These filaments help the plant to more efficiently absorb water and nutrients. In return, the fungus is fed sugars manufactured by its plant partner.

With its brilliant yellow or orange cap flecked with small white patches that look like melted parmesan cheese, yellow-orange fly agaric is one of the easier mushrooms to identify. The white bits on its cap are the shredded remnants of the mushroom's universal veil. Completely enshrouding the embryonic fruiting body, the universal veil protects the developing mushroom as it grows under the soil. Once the mushroom matures and breaks through the soil surface, the veil is stretched and shattered. The gills of the embryonic mushroom have their own protective covering, the partial veil, remnants of which form a ring around the stem of the mature mushroom.

Like many members of the *Amanita* genus, yellow-orange fly agaric is toxic, though only moderately so compared to other members of its tribe. The "fly" part of its common name dates from antiquity and refers to its use as a house fly insecticide. Dried, often powdered, bits of the mushroom were placed in a bowl or saucer of milk which was then set out to draw in flies. Imbibing the agaric-infused liquid had an adverse effect on the flies' nervous system, impairing their flight abilities and thus making them more easily swatatable.

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.

LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Lee Trails Committee has been busy this summer - it's all about collaborations!

Have you seen the new benches in the Town Forest? Those were made by middle school students from Camp REACH sponsored by Durham Parks and Recreation. The Trails Committee helped campers learn to clip and clear brush, make rock steps across a stream and build two Aldo Leopold benches. The campers cleared spots for the benches and carried them out in the pouring rain. They were very proud of their work!

If you're walking by the bog on the orange trail, you'll see one bench that overlooks the bog. The other bench is next to the old dam on the white trail where you can enjoy looking at the pond and stream. Many thanks to the campers for their hard work so we can sit and enjoy the scenery. For more information about Camp REACH, contact Rachel Gasowski at rgasowski@ci.durham.nh.us.



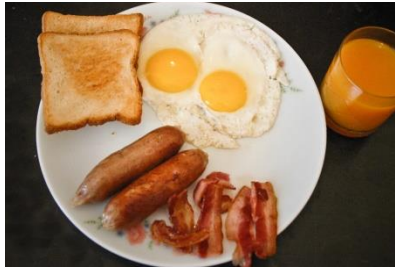
PHOTOS BY DEB SUGERMAN

Have you been on the "Trail Tales" on the Forest Loop Trail in Little River Park? The library received a grant to put stories along the trail and the Trails Committee prepared the sites and placed the story boards. The project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the New Hampshire State Library.

The response to the Trail Tales has been good: Haley McComiskey (pictured below), daughter of Paul McComisky, walked the trail with her dad and loved "reading" the colorful stories along the way. Paul was in charge of the project, with help from additional Trails Committee volunteers, Leslie Chinburg and Martin Thornton.



PHOTO BY PAUL MCCOMISKY



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** ★

LEE, NH

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!)**

Swap Shop
LEE, NH

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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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](#)

NH DHHS HEALTH ALERT

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak, Update # 44
mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine 3rd Dose Recommendations – [CLICK HERE](#)

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.



Federal Eviction Moratorium Extended To October 3 Do You Know Someone Who Needs Help Paying Their Rent And Utilities Because Of COVID-19?

Whether or not they qualify for the new eviction moratorium, they may be eligible for assistance from the **NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program**. It provides funds to renters who cannot pay their rent and utilities due to the impact of COVID-19. The program works with landlords and tenants. Eligibility details and applications are at **CAPNH.org**, through the NH Community Action Partnership (CAP) agencies.

WHAT THE PROGRAM COVERS

- Past-due rent including reasonable late and legal fees.
- Three months of future rent payments if needed for housing stability.
- Utilities, such as electricity, home heating costs, water, sewer, trash.
- Other housing-related costs such as internet and relocation expenses associated directly or indirectly with COVID-19.
- Relocation expenses including rental application fees, utility hook-up fees, and security deposits.
- Households may qualify for utility assistance even if they do not receive or need rental assistance.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- At least one person in the household must have qualified for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, had significant costs, or had other financial hardship due to COVID-19. Certain income requirements must be met.
- Households do not need to be receiving unemployment benefit payments.
- The CAP agency will assist in identifying information needed.
- Households may qualify for assistance for past-due and future rent and utility payments for a period not to exceed 15 months.

General questions about the **NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program?**

Email renthelp@nhhfa.org

This program is for renters and landlords, not homeowners. The federal Homeowner Assistance Fund Program (HAF), which will provide assistance to homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, will launch later this year. If you are at risk of foreclosure or are having difficulty paying your home mortgage, utilities, home insurance or property taxes, please call 2-1-1. This is a free service offered by Granite United Way.

NHERAP is a federally funded rental assistance program through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). It is administered by New Hampshire Housing, in collaboration with GOFERR and the Community Action Partnership agencies.



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.

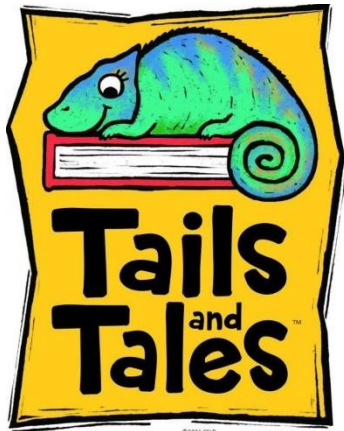
Lee Public Library

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



Summer Reading 2021 Program is over for this year!

Over the five weeks of the Summer Reading Program, our kids read 43,860 minutes, which comes to 731 hours, which equals 32 days of constant reading! That's longer than the Summer Reading Program lasted!

There were 43 Pre-K and Kindergarten participants, 59 Elementary participants, 37 Middle and High School participants and 19 Adults participants!

Speaking of Adults, those 19 participants read 90 books and wrote 90 reviews! Come in to the library, see those reviews and find your next must read!

All of our Summer Programs were sponsored by the [Friends of the Lee Public Library](#).

Grab and Go Crafts – We are going to take a little break from our weekly grab and go crafts. We will transition to seasonal crafts in October.

Sandwich and a Story – starts Wednesday, August 25

Wednesdays at noon, under the pop-ups – Pack a lunch and head to the library to listen to some stories, dance a little and do a simple craft.

****This program will be held rain or shine, outside as long as the temperatures permit.***

FALL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Library programs listed below will REQUIRE pre-registration. Programs limited to 15. Masks are required for all indoor programs. Registration begins Monday August 23. Call the Library 659-2626 to register.

Preschool Story-time - starts Thursday, September 9

Thursday mornings at 10:30 am – Join Miss Judy for stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft. This program is designed for children 24 months through 5 years and their caregivers.

****Attendance will be limited to 15. Call the library at 659-2626 to register for this program.***

Lap-sit story time – starts Friday, September 10

Friday mornings at 10:30 am – Join Miss Judy for some fun movement songs and stories. This program is designed for littles 24 months old and younger and their caregivers.

****Attendance will be limited to 15. Call the library at 659-2626 to register for this program.***

Afterschool Offerings – starts week of September 7 Grade School Ages

We will have afterschool programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 7th. We will have an **afterschool story time** on Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:30. We will have an alternating **Lego/Elementary Crafting club** on Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:30.

There will be two 8-week sessions available. Due to expected high demand, you may register your child for 1 session.

Session 1 September 7 through October 29

Session 2 November 2 through December 23

**** Attendance will be limited to 15. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.***

Middle School Crafters – Friday September 10

This group will meet on the 2nd Friday of each month beginning September 10th from bus drop off until 4:30. We will learn/work on long term projects such as a crochet scarf/hat, macramé bag/planter, cross stitch ornament.

**** Attendance will be limited to 10. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.***

Middle School Book Club – starts Tuesday, September 28

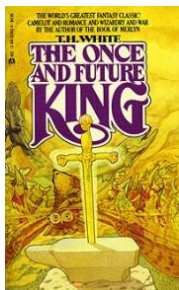
Our middle school book club meets via ZOOM on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6-6:45 pm. Contact the library at 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. We have a supply of the books available at the Library.

****No limits on participants. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.***

Pajama Story time – Wednesday, September 29

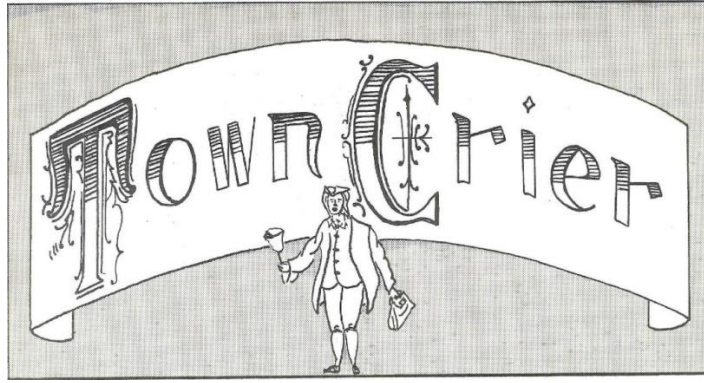
Wednesday September 29th, at 6:00 p.m. is our monthly pajama story time on Facebook live. Put on your jammies a little early, bring along your blanket and favorite stuffy and listen to some bedtime stories.

**** Attendance will be limited to 15. Call the library at 659-2626 to register.***



September Adult Book Discussion – Monday, September 13th at 6:00pm.

Copies of the adult book discussion group book are available at the library. We will be reading “*The Once and Future King*” by T.H. White. Call and reserve your copy today, 659-2626.



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!).



Special for the summer 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 18, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 8/18/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:00am in Manchester, NH

REMINDER THAT 10-DIGIT DIALING STARTS OCTOBER 24, 2021

Effective October 24, 2021, MANDATORY 10-digit local dialing is required for all customers in the NH 603 Area Code. Why is the local dialing plan changing? On July 16, 2020, the FCC adopted an Order (FCC 20-100) approving 988 as the 3-digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022. The Order requires all telecommunications carriers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, and one-way VoIP providers (covered providers) to make any network changes necessary to ensure that users can dial 988 to reach the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022.

For 988 to work in the NH 603 area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented.

Does this apply to NH? Yes. Implementation of this Order requires all covered providers to make 10-digit dialing mandatory for all local calls in the entire NH 603 area code.

Why is 10-digit dialing going to be required in this area code? The FCC ordered that any area code that has the 988 prefix and has 7-digit local dialing be transitioned to 10-digit local dialing to ensure everyone is able to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline using the 3-digit 988 code.

Will everyone in the 603 area code have to dial 10 digits for local calls? Yes. Every customer with a number from the 603 area code will change to mandatory 10-digit dialing for local calls. Dialing 7 digits for local calls will be prohibited for all customers in the entire area code.

What will be the new dialing procedure? To complete local calls, the new dialing procedure requires callers to dial the area code + telephone number. This means that all local calls in the entire 603 area code that are currently dialed with 7 digits will need to be dialed using the area code + telephone number.

When will the dialing change begin? Beginning April 24, 2021, you should start dialing 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed.

OYSTER RIVER SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Classes begin on Monday, August 30th in Oyster River. The school day will run from 8am-2:50pm for ORMS and ORHS, and from 9am-3:35pm for Mast Way & Moharimet Schools. The change in school hours is to align with school bus routes and timing. ORHS fall sports practices began August 16th.

Designer Ryan Tirrell of Lavallee Bresinger Architects presented the plans for furnishings of the new Oyster River Middle School. Classrooms and furniture are designed to be flexible and easy to reconfigure to support a wide variety of student and teacher needs. Construction is on track for the new school to open after February break in 2022.

ORCSD will be partnering with UNH through New Hampshire's Safer at School Screening (SASS) program to offer voluntary COVID-19 screening testing. Watch for details early in the school year.

With school starting, School Board meetings will be in the High School Library beginning with the next meeting on September 1st.

OYSTER RIVER NEEDS BUS DRIVERS! The ORCSD owns and operates its own fleet of school busses. As of August 11th, we have space for up to 10 more drivers in our team! ORCSD offers a guaranteed work week, health insurance, paid holidays, and a well-maintained bus fleet. Call Lisa Huppe, Transportation Director, at 603-868-1610 to apply or for more 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.

ATTENTION!

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