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Lee News & Upcoming
Events

SEPTEMBER 7TH – TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED



NH STATE PRIMARY ELECTION – SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
Voting at the Polls, Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road
7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Your Town of Lee Election officials have been working hard to create a safe and efficient polling place. Due to the current concerns for Covid-19 transmission, the State of NH and your town officials have created a few **new guidelines for keeping voters and poll workers safe:**

- Face covering will be required at all times within the building
- Voters are discouraged from bringing children with them to the polls on Tuesday, due to the space and safety restrictions as a result of concerns with Covid-19. If you have to bring them, accommodations will be made. We apologize and understand that this is inconvenient for many and in normal circumstances we encourage children at the polls. Thank you for understanding.
- Follow spacing protocols whenever possible inside and outside the building
- Sanitize hands with the provided material before entering and when leaving the building
- All surfaces will be cleaned with disinfectant regularly
- Socialize with neighbors, friends and poll workers outside only
- Absentee ballots may be dropped off outside the building on election day

Provided for all voters at the entrance:

- Hand sanitizer and a face covering (if you don't have one)
- A pen to complete your markings and to take home
- If you are feeling the classic symptoms of the virus or you have been around anyone with symptoms or have recently traveled to a high risk area, or if you don't feel safe entering the polls, you may select an absentee ballot at the door and fill it out in your car.



NH STATE PRIMARY ELECTION, SEPTEMBER 8TH ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN

Absentee Ballots for the September 8th Primary must be returned by September 8th at 5:00 pm.
You may mail or return in person or have a "delivery agent" return it for you. Please see instructions included with the ballot for definition of "delivery agent".

In Person/Delivery Agent to:

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
(No Appointment Required)
Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, Labor Day 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX, 20 George Bennett Rd
Staffed Drop Box outside the Polls
Tuesday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Absentee Ballot Requests may also be made at the above locations and times.

INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTERING TO VOTE

The deadline to register to vote prior to the Primary Elections has passed, but you may register the day of the Primary Election at the polls.

SIGN REMINDER

Political signs are everywhere so this is just a reminder of what is and what is not allowed for all signs. A property owner is allowed only one (1) temporary sign on their lot. It can be a political sign, a graduate sign, a religious sign, etc. But only one (1) is allowed, not one of each type. The one sign may not exceed six (6) square feet in size and it must be located out of the town or state's Right of Way (ROW). If you should have any questions, please contact crossi@leenh.org or 659-6783. Thank you for your cooperation on helping to keep our town beautiful☺

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO REMOVE OR DEFACE POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Under RSA 664:21, the legislature has established a civil penalty of up to \$1000 per violation for removing, defacing, or destroying political advertising on private property.

LEE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm

The Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing via Zoom for the Town of Lee regarding moving multiple Town Offices into an existing building located at 249 Calef Highway. The building is owned by Daley Realty Trust. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

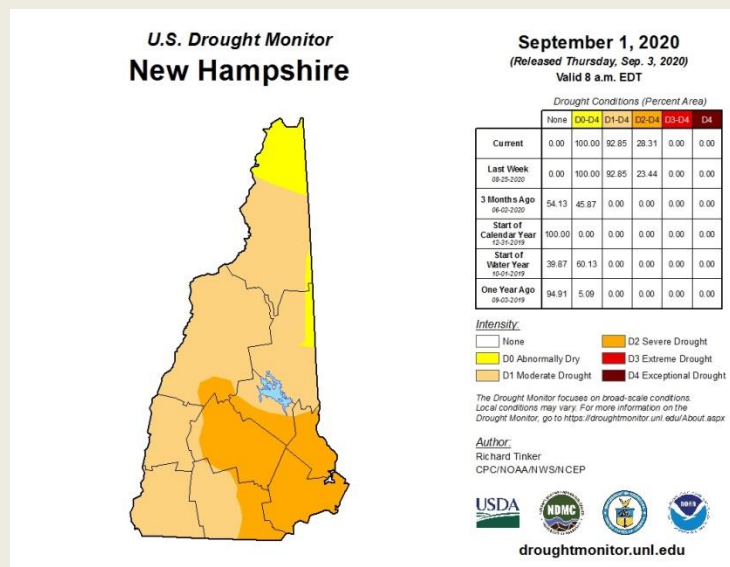
RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Administrative Assistant Robin Estee is retiring after almost 18 years of service to the Police Department and the Town of Lee residents. Robin's last day is September 16th and due to Covid restrictions and concerns we will not be able to have the sendoff that we wanted to; we also do not want to send Robin off to her retirement sick. So on the 16th from 9-12, Robin will be out front of the Safety Complex under a tent if anyone wishes to stop by and wish her well.

LEE TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, October 3rd & Sunday, October 4th

The Town of Lee will be facilitating this town-wide yard sale. To register call or email Caren Rossi at 659-6783 or crossi@leenh.org no later than 5 pm on September 21st. Please provide your name, address and contact information. A map of the registered yard sale locations will be advertised in the E-Crier on September 25th & October 2nd; by email blast; on the Town's website at www.leenh.org; as well as on town-related social media accounts. The Town will exempt local regulations for the advertisement for the yard-sales by allowing the signs to be placed on the house lot, road intersections and directional signs as early as the Monday prior to the yard sale (September 28th) BUT all signage must be picked up by Monday, October 5th. If you have any questions please email crossi@leenh.org or call 659-6783.



[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION & DROUGHT GUIDANCE

The Select Board urges all residents to refrain from watering lawns and washing cars and to conserve water as much as possible.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE

COVID-19 HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 8-4 (Closed 12-1)

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is currently experiencing a higher volume of calls than usual, so if your call is not immediately answered, please leave a message or email lreinhold@leenh.org or estone@leenh.org. The office will try to respond to all messages on the same business day if left no later than 3 pm; any messages left after 3 pm will be answered on our next business day.

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE COVID-19 PROCEDURES

There is now a walk-up service window located outside the Town Clerk's Office. This does not change the way the office is conducting business while the building is closed. If you cannot conduct your business online or by dropping it off in the box outside then please call the office at 659-2864 to schedule an appointment.

RENEWING VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS:

- If you have a vehicle currently registered in Lee and it is not more than 6 months late, you can register online at www.leenh.org. The registrations and decals are then mailed to you;
- If you have your Lee renewal notice, you can renew by mail or drop it off at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lock Box along with a check made out in the correct amount to the Town of Lee. We will then mail you the registrations and decals.

Please note - We always try to send renewal notices. If you are unable to do one of the above options for any reason, please call our office at 659-2964.

NEW VEHICLE OR NEW TO LEE: If you are new to Lee, or if you have a NEW REGISTRATION, please call 659-2964 to make an appointment to come to Town Hall. Temporary plates issued on or after February 26, 2020 expired on May 31, 2020.

VITAL RECORDS REQUESTS: These can be done online at www.leenh.org. The directions will indicate that it is required to email your ID in order to complete this request. Please email your ID to estone@leenh.org.

DOG LICENSES:

- If your dog was registered for 2019-2020 and the rabies is still up-to-date, you can renew the registration online.
- If the rabies is not up-to-date, then we need proof from the vet. You can mail it, email it (estone@leenh.org) or fax it (603-659-7202) to us and then you can do it online or through the mail or drop box.
- NEW DOGS cannot be done online. We need owner's birthday, phone number, address, dog's name, breed, and color and proof of rabies from the vet. If they are spayed or neutered we need proof. Altered dogs are \$6.50 and unaltered dogs are \$9. Puppies under 1 year are \$6.50. You can send us via mail or drop box this information with a check in the correct amount to the Town of Lee and we will mail your license.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYING YOUR LEE PROPERTY TAX BILL

1. **TC/TC Lock Box** – This is labeled and located to the left of the entrance to the Town Hall building. Please leave payment in an envelope with the payment stub.
2. **Mail** - Mail it to our office at 7 Mast Road, Lee, NH 03861. Again, please include the payment stub with your check.
3. **Online** – Go to www.leenh.org. Click on the property taxes button under Town Resource Center. There you may pay via ACH or credit card. There are additional fees associated with this method.

If you want a receipt for any of the above transactions, please include a self- addressed, stamped envelope or include your email address. Thanks for understanding and stay safe!

NH CARES ACT FUNDING

The State has published an online Transparency Map which is an interactive overview of awards made with New Hampshire's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds. To date, the Town of Lee, as well as other non-profit organizations and for profit businesses have received a total of **\$1,490,852**. Go to <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/> to see a complete list and the amount of funding provided.

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery has initiated a number of financial aid programs to assist residents such as Supporting Children In Care Program, NH Housing Relief Program, Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) Tuition Assistance Program and NH Agriculture Relief Program Expansion.

Please go to <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/apply> for a description of each program and application deadlines.

SAFER AT HOME GUIDELINES

The Stay at Home 2.0 order has been replaced by Safer at Home. Guidelines still must be followed and can be found at <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>

Town Offices remain closed to the public at this time but we are working on a plan to be able to reopen to the public. Town employees continue to work both remotely and on site and remain committed to ensuring the safety of both employees and the public.

EVERSOURCE

In these difficult times, we want you to know that help is available. Additional funds were recently allocated to The New Hampshire Housing Relief Program to help customers experiencing financial hardship during the pandemic.

- Even if you have never applied before, if you have been laid off or had your hours reduced because of the pandemic, you may be eligible now for a one-time grant of up to \$2,500 or assistance over the course of several months.
- These funds can be used to pay housing or utility costs and will be sent on your behalf direction to your landlord or utility company.
- There is no income limit to qualify.
- This is not a loan and does not need to be paid back.

Apply online, or through your local community action agency. To find an agency nearest you, call 211. Please have copies of your utility bill handy for reference. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

AUGUST 17, 2020 IRS NEWS

Today, the IRS announced it will reopen the registration period for federal beneficiaries who didn't receive \$500 per child payments earlier this year. The IRS urges certain federal benefit recipients to use the IRS.gov [Non-File tool](#) starting August 15 through September 30 to enter information on their qualifying children to receive the supplemental \$500 payments. More information can be found [here](#).

NH HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM

The GOFERR allocated \$35 million from the \$1.25 billion in federal funds that NH received from the CARES Act State-Local Coronavirus Relief Fund towards a new [Housing Relief Program](#) to assist families and individuals facing housing insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program has two components: 1) one-time grants for households that suffered a limited short-term loss of household income or increased expenses that threaten the family's ability to maintain its housing; and 2) short-term rental assistance program. The program is being administered by the state's five Community Action Program (CAP) agencies and more details, including how to apply to your local CAP, can be found [here](#).

TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES RE-OPENING PLANS

Almost as soon as Governor Sununu declared a state of Emergency due to the pandemic, employees have been working on a rotating schedule at Town Hall and the Annex so that only one person at a time is on site while the other employees work remotely. Although the work is still getting done, it is certainly not the most efficient system; and, while the public has been most kind and patient, they, too, are ready for us to get to the next phase of working with Covid-19 as a reality for the foreseeable future.

Although Town Hall is a lovely, historic building, the Select Board has determined, through consultation with architects and engineers, as well as town staff, including the Health Officer and Emergency Management Director that the structure is not conducive to being modified in such a way as to make it safe and effective for both the employees and members of the public. Therefore, the Select Board, after a number of public discussions, is moving forward with plans to lease an office building on Rte. 125 owned by Daley Realty Trust. Town employees who normally work out of Town Hall and the Annex would move into this building.

On August 31st the Select Board approved a lease agreement between the Town of Lee and Daley Realty Trust for commercial office rental space for the new municipal offices across from Sunny's off of Route 125 and on September 4th Mr. Daley executed the lease agreement. We are still waiting to hear back from the NH Department of Transportation to ensure a prudent means of ingress and egress off of Rte. 125. We have begun the modifications to the building in order to provide safe spaces for the public and employees to socially distance from each other. Each department will have its own entrance to the building (these entrances already exist) and each entrance has sufficient parking. The Department of Revenue has approved the Select Board's request for an emergency appropriation, with funds to come out of the unassigned fund balance so that no additional taxpayer dollars will be required for the modification costs and twelve months' lease payments. We also expect to use CARES Act funding for some of the expenses. The Select Board has been meeting regularly via the Zoom platform and we invite all members of the public to join us as we continue to discuss this plan. Agendas, minutes and videos of the meetings can be found on the town's website www.leenh.org.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND TREASURY RELEASED NEW INFORMATION as of AUGUST 11TH

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) – FAQs # 50 and #51 have been added (*Released 8/11/20*)
- [Frequently Asked Questions For Loan Forgiveness](#) (*Released 8/11/20*) Look closely at pages 10 and 11 for updated info on how EIDL advance and PPP forgiveness will work.
- [Summary of PPP lending as of 8/8/20](#) (*Released 8/11/20*)

As you will see in the closing report for the Paycheck Protection Program above, the agency approved over 5 million applications for \$525B in funding with nearly 25,000 New Hampshire businesses receiving \$2.5B. As of August 8th, the program has expired and is no longer accepting applications. On the SBA direct lending side, the SBA Disaster Office has made strides in getting through the over 10 million loan applications. So far, just over 11,000 New Hampshire businesses have received \$650mm. The application portal is still open and accepting applications at www.covid19relief.sba.gov. The Advance for this program has run out of funding and is no longer available. There were approximately 20,000 NH businesses that received the advance before the funding expired.

Speaking of the Office of Disaster and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program, we are receiving some inquiries regarding fraudulent reports with the EIDL loan process. If you come across this with any clients, please have them reach out to the SBA OIG at one of the following contacts or they can complete an online complaint at the link below:

SBA's Office of Inspector General through one of the following methods:

Telephone: OIG Hotline at 1-800-767-0385

Email: OIGHotline@sba.gov

Website: Complete the on-line OIG Complaint Submission Form at <https://www.sba.gov/office-of-inspector-general>

The point of contact for questions regarding suspicious activity associated with the COVID-19 EIDL loan program is eidl.ach.inquiries@sba.gov.

Just a reminder that also included in SBA's disaster recovery programs is 6 months of forgiveness payments on any new loan made and disbursed by 9/27/2020. This is a good time for businesses to look at their balance sheet and consider talking to their lender about any new purchases needed or eligible debt restructuring to get as financially healthy as they can be. There is still time to take advantage of this, but time is getting short.

On our outreach and marketing side, we are starting to filter in some of our normal activities. We have a virtual Boots-to-Business coming up in late August, we are going to be introducing weekly webinars on different topics beginning in September, and we continue to have our weekly Wednesday morning virtual update and our monthly small business start-up webinars with the NH Secretary of State. We are trying to keep you all informed with our monthly partner emails but you can always [join](#) our email list to make sure you know what we and our partners are up to.

Our staff is also available to participate in any of your upcoming calls or webinars to give an overview of SBA programs and disaster assistance available in NH, so please reach out if you are interested. Thank you for all you are doing to help NH's small business community. It has been incredible to see all of the technical and financial resources provided and the difference it is making across the state and the country!

**New Hampshire Agriculture COVID-19 Relief Program Expansion
and Additional Funding Round Application Available**

Application Deadline: August 31, 2020



Concord, NH -- The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery and the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food announce that the New Hampshire Agriculture COVID-19 Relief Program has been expanded to include farms that did not qualify initially, or missed the registration deadline ("Expanded Farm Program"). The Expanded Farm Program supports smaller farms with less than \$50,000 of 2019 gross sales which were ineligible initially.

Governor Chris Sununu has authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$2.5 million from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund ("flex funds") to support non-dairy farms, in order to ease the burden of substantial new COVID-19-related costs like extra cleaning and sanitizing, ensuring social distancing, and lost sales. This includes \$1.5 million previously allocated to specialty crop producers that had at least \$50,000 of 2019 gross sales and registered for the program by June 22, 2020, and an additional \$1 million to allow the Expanded Farm Program.

The Expanded Farm Program offers financial assistance to farms that cannot apply through the existing program specifically for specialty crop producers, whether because they had less than \$50,000 of 2019 gross sales, or missed the registration deadline. Instead of the \$50,000 threshold, the Expanded Farm Program has a much lower, application period-specific threshold based on COVID-19-related losses. Specifically, a farm is eligible to apply for relief funding, if, during the applicable time period, the farm had average COVID-19-related expenses of at least \$500 per month, or average COVID-19-related lost sales of at least \$1,000 per month (as compared to 2019). The significantly lower threshold makes agriculture relief available to smaller farms, while ensuring it still helps those most in need of financial assistance. This funding opportunity is available to all agricultural producers, rather than specialty crop producers only.

An eligible farm under the Expanded Farm Program, like registered specialty crop producer, can submit up to three applications, but without having to register ahead of time. The Expanded Farm Program application period for COVID-19-related expenses and/or lost sales incurred during the period from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 is NOW OPEN and available here: https://nhpublichealth.force.com/nhgoferr/Proposal_Core_Listing_Page. The deadline is August 31, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

The next application deadlines for both registered specialty crop producers and expanded farms are:

- October 15, 2020, for July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020

- December 10, 2020, for October 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020

For more information, visit <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/covid-expenditures/nh-agriculture-grants>, or contact Gail McWilliam Jellie at gail.d.mcwilliamjellie@agr.nh.gov, or 603-271-3551.

NH DHHS Announces Online Purchasing Program for SNAP Recipients

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Economic and Housing Stability (DEHS) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a pilot program that allows recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase and pay for groceries online. The [SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot](#) program allows the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to purchase eligible food items through two authorized online retailers, Amazon and Walmart.

“From the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency, we have worked hard to ensure that our residents are able to safely access the things their families need when they need them the most,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “Online purchasing provides additional flexibility for all Granite State SNAP recipients, allowing them more ways to use their SNAP benefits to make sure their families have access to healthy and nutritious food during the pandemic and beyond.”

“Online purchasing is one more way New Hampshire residents can access good nutrition throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shabinette. “Purchasing groceries online is safe, secure, and helps people maintain social distancing measures that help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.”

SNAP recipients will be able to purchase eligible food items, but will not be able to use benefits for service or delivery charges.

Participation in the pilot program is one of several measures DHHS has taken to reduce concerns around food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Others include the issuance of emergency SNAP benefits; the extension of certification periods for SNAP recipients; a temporary suspension of SNAP work requirements for eligible individuals; participation in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), which provides families with children enrolled in the National School Lunch Program additional SNAP benefits due to the loss of school meals during remote learning; and accepting applications by phone for the Women, Infants and Children program.

The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot was established by the federal 2014 Farm Bill, which mandated a pilot to test the feasibility of allowing online transactions using SNAP benefits. In 2017, eight states were selected to be part of the pilot, which was launched in New York State in 2019, followed by Washington in January 2020. Additional states have joined the program as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program, please visit <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/foodstamps/index.htm>.

NH Department of Health and Human Services

Resource Guide and Warm Line to Support Families During COVID-19

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has developed two new resources to help children, youth, families and caregivers during the COVID-19 emergency.

The first is “[Supporting Child and Family Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Emergency](#),” a new resource guide with practical tips on how we can all support children and families during COVID-19. The guide also provides a list of resources available to families statewide. The second resource is the [Family Support Warm Line](#), a partnership between DHHS and Waypoint. The Family Support Warm Line is a no-cost, confidential phone support line focused on promoting family resiliency.

Residents can call 800-640-6486 and speak with family support professionals and parent partners for help with managing family challenges, coping strategies, or emotional support during COVID-19.

“Our data has shown a decline in the number of calls made to DCYF from those community helpers who regularly see kids face to face, but this is continues to be a stressful time for families and our focus has to remain on prevention,” said DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam. “Having resources readily available and a place where parents and caregivers can turn if they need to talk to someone can make a difference for our families and guide them to the services they need to stay strong and healthy, before they reach a tipping point that leads to abuse or neglect.”

The efforts stem from [Emergency Order #22](#), issued by Governor Chris Sununu on April 1, which authorizes emergency funding for critical child protection services to ensure that New Hampshire families continue to receive the right services at the right time during the COVID-19 emergency. In addition to the Family Support Warm Line, the funding will support domestic violence and substance use supports, expansion of the DCYF Strength to Succeed Program, and additional technology support for DCYF-involved families.

March data from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) shows a [decrease in referrals](#) to DCYF’s Central Intake, compared to the same time period over the past two years. New child abuse and neglect referrals are down nearly 50% each week overall. To learn more about recognizing the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit [Know and Tell](#), an education program offered through the Granite State Children’s Alliance, the Chapter Organization for the network of New Hampshire’s Child Advocacy Centers.

The Family Support Warm Line can be reached toll-free at 1-800-640-6486, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the DCYF Central Intake line at (603) 271-6562 or toll-free (in state) at (800) 894-5533.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, STATE JOINT INFORMATON CENTER, 603-223-6169 or jic@dos.nh.gov

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE NOT WIPING DOWN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, PICNIC BENCHES OR ANY OTHER SURFACES

The Town of Lee urges our residents and visitors to do their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you go to a park or trail to exercise, use extreme caution. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others when outside and wear a mask if you cannot maintain this distance. Cookouts are now permitted in Little River Park.

YARD SALES AND TREE CUTTING NOTICE

Yard Sales are now allowed, but you may only place a sign on your own property or at a friend’s house (be sure to get permission first) and remove the signs promptly after the yard sale is over. Signs are not allowed in the Lee triangle (where George Bennett, Mast and Lee Hill Roads meet) or on any other town-owned property, including on the side of both state and town roads. You must follow the guidance for retail establishments as well as the universal guidelines established by the Governor’s office found here <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov>

Although it is great to have your trees “removed for free” be sure that the logger follows all of the laws pertaining to tree cutting. As the homeowner, please reach out to Caren Rossi to see what is required, i.e. no-cut buffers, Intent to Cut form, etc. Unfortunately, many homeowners become a victim of this “offer” and it ends up costing them more money to fix the problems created by the “free” removal. Unfortunately, the fault will lie with the homeowner.

THE TRANSFER STATION IS OPEN BUT PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

The Swap Shop will remain closed until further notice.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A TRANSFER STATION STICKER IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE

Stickers are only good for two years!



The easiest way is to get your sticker when you register your car. If you have already done so and still do not have a sticker, they are available at the Transfer Station or at Town Hall. Proof of residency, such as a recent utility bill, lease or rental agreement, or recent tax bill, and your car registration will be required. If you have any questions regarding documentation please contact us at Town Hall or you may refer to the Solid Waste Ordinance, available [HERE](#).

CHANGES TO MIXED PAPER

Mixed paper should now be placed with Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) until further notice. We are doing this to protect our employees, as it takes a great deal of handling and sorting in order to make it recyclable. When we are no longer under the conditions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will switch to having residents separate office paper and magazines from other types of paper in order to maximize our recycling revenue.

PLEASE CONTINUE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Both bays remain open as we have seen an improvement in the flow of traffic, but everyone has to maintain the recommended safe distance of 6' while inside. In order for our employees and residents to maintain a safe distance, employees will not be stationed on the wall during this time but will be available to answer questions.

PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN IN YOUR VEHICLE

PLEASE have your child(ren) stay in your vehicle while you are disposing of trash and recyclables. This is for their safety! If they have to be out of the vehicle please keep them next to you at all times and do not let them run through the Transfer Station, roadways or parking areas.

There are several important issues you must be aware of regarding your household trash and recycling disposal if you or anyone in your household has been quarantined for COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19. Your trash and recycling must be handled and disposed of under different rules. Please consult Caren Rossi, Lee's Health Officer to discuss the new steps that must be taken. Email is crossi@leenh.org or phone at 659-6783. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bulky items are accepted at the Transfer Station, HOWEVER, payment will be by check only – there will be a drop box available. Employees will **not** be able to assist with removing items from your vehicle but will be available to guide you, weigh items, and answer your questions.

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, September 21st 6:00 pm

Meeting ID 858 3571 0952 & Password 534667

Please check the website for Agendas and instructions on how to access Zoom meetings

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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



[CLICK HERE](#) for Lee Farmers Market

Facebook Page

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Lee Farms and

Agricultural Brochure

During this time of social distancing and no Farmer's Markets –
Please remember to shop your local farms online, by delivery or pickup

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 6 - 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

The Planning Board, Energy, and Sustainability Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/calendar>

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to <https://www.leenh.org/node/14/events/month/2019-08>



Notice : Change in Services Due to Social Distancing Recommendation

Ready Rides is still operating during this time. We have adjusted our services to reflect the recommendations in place and to protect both our drivers and riders while still remaining available to those most vulnerable without taking them from their homes to incur possible contact with the virus. We are still providing rides to patients who require life sustaining services such as dialysis, blood transfusions, injections etc. We will take each request as they come in and assess the depth of the need. We are suspending all rides to counseling, physical therapy and general health and dental checkups. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors who you already have regular contact with to help provide rides during this short suspension.

A service we are adding to our registered riders is pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pickup these orders and bring them to your door with minimal contact.

If you are unable to order online and you are in desperate need of help with acquiring food or some necessity here are some resources. Currently if you live in the town of Durham call 868-2324 for assistance. If you live in the town of Newfields call 772-9010 and ask for Helping hands for assistance.

Barrington, Lee, Madbury, New Market, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford towns do not directly have things in place yet. Call us here at 244-8719 and we will do our best to find a way to get you the help you need.

What Ready Rides Offers During Normal Operation

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. 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 us at info@readyrides.org or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) can be printed from this website and emailed or mailed to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. Be sure to also print out our service description.

For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

20 George Bennett Road
Lee, New Hampshire 03861
(P): 603.659.5411 (F): 603.659.9611



Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 and therefore still have to operate as such to protect our personnel and the public. We are still fully staffed and operating to protect our community but have had to put a hold on or adjust the way we provide some of our services. The fire department remains closed to all visitors but are working with town officials and the State for recommendations. All official business will continue to be conducted by phone or via email for now. Phone numbers and email addresses are provided on the [Fire Department's web page](#).

Burn permits are still required for all outside burning and all State burning regulations are still in effect. Burning regulations and permits can be obtained at [NH Fire Permit](#). Please check to see what the fire class for the day is prior to lighting any outside fire. Class 3 day or higher, all outside burning is not allowed. You can find out what fire class day it is by visiting the NH Forest and Lands website or look at the road side board at the Lee Public Safety Complex.

All station tours continue to be suspended as are all home visits for wood stove, burn permit and inspection purposes. Furnace installation inspections will be conducted on an emergency basis for emergency replacement only. All furnace replacement work shall be coordinated through the Fire Chief's office before any work is to be done.

Hopefully the virus emergency will be over soon and we can slowly return our operations to a normal level. All inquiries regarding the Town's response and current status for the virus should be made to the Town's Health Officer, Caren Rossi at the Planning Department.

With summer come thunder storms. Some storms can be severe and contain lightning, hail and wind. When lightning is in the area you should seek shelter indoors and away from windows. Do not shelter under trees or near tall objects. Be aware during high winds of trees, branches, power lines and debris being blown down. Occasionally these storms can cause downed power lines and power outages. We would like to remind everyone that we consider all downed lines as "energized" and should never be touched, moved or driven over. That includes cable and phone lines as they could be in contact with power lines at some point in the system. Call the fire department immediately and keep everyone away from the lines until the fire department arrives. With the power outages several people in our community use portable generators to power their homes. When using a portable generator follow all manufacture's safety guidelines for your generator. They should be run at least twenty-five feet from the residence; exhaust should be point away from the residence and away from anything combustible. Never operate a generator in an enclosed space such as a garage or a shed. Generators emit carbon monoxide and can cause serious injury or death if run in-doors and carbon monoxide is allowed to accumulate.

Use caution while outdoor grilling. Keep grills at a safe distance from the residence or other structures while cooking. Have a hose or dry chemical extinguisher nearby to extinguish any grill fires before they get out of control. Make sure propane tanks are in date for hydrotesting and the gas lines are in good condition and not leaking. Dispose of burned charcoal in a safe manor, preferably in a metal container until cold throughout. Thank you and have a safe and happy summer.



**LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS
[CLICK HERE](#) to get a Burn Permit Online

[BACKYARD BURNING QUICK GUIDE](#)
[DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS FIRE PERMIT BROCHURE](#)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fire Department Fee Schedule
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

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. Some mailboxes are clustered together. The numbers are small and the location may not mark the entrance to your driveway.

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 \$35.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

**LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION**
LAWN SIGN FUNDRAISER



Only a \$15 donation!

LIMITED SUPPLY!

The Lee Fireman's Association of Lee, New Hampshire is conducting a fundraiser to help support local first responders and healthcare workers! We understand this has been an extremely difficult time for everyone and unfortunately first responders and healthcare workers are still dealing with COVID-19 on a daily basis. The Lee Fireman's Association has purchased a limited supply of lawn signs for the residents of Lee to help show their continued appreciation and support of these workers. 100% of your minimum donation of \$15.00 or more will be used to purchase "snack baskets" as a thank you to the Lee Fire & Rescue, Lee Police Department, McGregor Ambulance and Wentworth Douglass Hospital. To have a sign delivered to your house in Lee please follow the information below.

To show your support and have a sign delivered please

Mail all checks to	Please make sure to include your NAME, ADDRESS AND A PHONE NUMBER
Lee Fireman's Association 20 George Bennett Road Lee, NH 03861	

All checks made out to "LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION"

If you have any questions please email us at lee-fire-association@gmail.com



NEW HOURS FOR THE LIBRARY

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11am -7pm

Thursday and Friday 10am – 5pm

Saturday 9am – 12pm

CLOSED Monday September 7th for Labor Day

Curbside Pickup

Contact-less curb-side pickup is available during regular open hours. If the weather is non-cooperative, the pickup will be just inside the library front door. You may request items via phone 659-2626, [email](#) or online through our [catalog](#). Your requested items will be checked out to you, placed in a bag, and tagged with your name. We will email or call you when your items are ready to be picked up.

Inter-Library Loans to re-start September 15

Yes, you may now make requests for items that might be in another NH library. We will not be able to get recently published items, but hundreds of thousand other titles will soon become available. Not all NH libraries will be participating initially, but as each community assesses their level of risk and response to our current situation, we should see more and more libraries coming back into the program. There will be a longer wait time for getting materials due to ongoing

Youth Programs September 2020 Start After Labor Day

All of our fall youth programs will be virtual. We will be doing a combination of **Facebook live** and **ZOOM** programs.

Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesdays

We will continue to put out new craft kits and activities every week at 2:00 pm. They will go along with the week's story time theme.

September 8 - Salt Dough Apple keepsake frames

September 15 - Pinecone Squirrel and acorn craft

September 22 - Bark, paper leaf picture

September 29 - Paper leaf sun catcher printable/directions.

Pajama Story-time—September 9—6:00-6:45

We will read some fun stories, do some activities and learn some fun facts. This month's story time will be about Yawning. Does looking at this picture make you yawn? A ZOOM PROGRAM. Please call the library @659-2626 to register for this program.

Lap Sit Story-time—September 16—11:30-noon

We will do some movement activities and read a story or two. A ZOOM PROGRAM. Please call the library @659-2626 to register for this program.

Music and movement Story-time—September 23—2:30-3:00

We will sing and move to some fun stories and songs. A ZOOM PROGRAM. Please call the library @659-2626 to register for this program.

Preschool Story-time—Thursdays—10:30-11:15

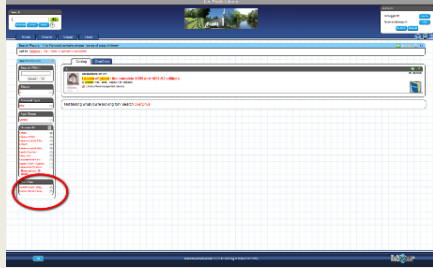
We will continue to do our preschool story-time on **Facebook live** every Thursday.

September 11—Apples

September 18—Squirrels

September 24—Autumn is here

We are hoping to add a ZOOM Book club as well as a ZOOM Game club in October. We are working with Durham and Madbury for some Saturday ZOOM programs. Keep watching the library website and Facebook page for more information.



ComPeer: Borrowing from Lee, Madbury and Durham Libraries

Have you looked at the [Library Catalog](#) recently? We have added searching access to Durham and Madbury libraries' catalogs within our catalog. Once you start looking through the catalog, along the left side of the screen you will see a box called ComPeer. You can click on either library to see if they own the title you are looking for. To request an item from Durham or Madbury, please contact us and we will request it for you.

Regional & State News & Events

OYSTER RIVER SCHOOL BOARD NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

The school board joins the community in mourning the passing of Dr. Kenneth Rotner and recognizes his long and dedicated service to our children and families.

September 2 was the first day of the 2020-2021 school year in Oyster River. Thanks to students, families, teachers, and staff alike for continuing to work to adapt education to the current circumstances. Based on the remote/hybrid school approaches for the start of this school year, over 400 students spent part of the first day of school in school buildings, while others are learning in a fully remote model and many more will spend some time remote and some time in school buildings.

The School Board expects to appoint a new member at its September 16 meeting to fill Dr. Rotner's at-large seat until the next election in March 2021. All interested individuals who are adult residents of Durham, Lee, or Madbury should send a letter of interest and resume explaining their background and interest in joining the school board to the superintendent by September 9. Please contact any member of the school board or the superintendent if you'd like more information on school board service.

Construction at the new middle school project is on schedule as structural steel arrives and goes up. Over 7 miles of geothermal piping has been installed, 14,000 yards of concrete poured using 103 tons of rebar, and the primary roof covering is on track to be added before winter.

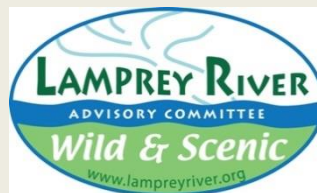
Starting September 16 school board meetings will be held in the High School auditorium and be open to public attendance once again. Meetings will continue to be streamed live (https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.orcsd.org%2Fstream&data=02%7C01%7Cwdifruscio%40orcsd.org%7Ce38d5cde3eb7450787cb08d84fb2b677%7C2087409ac73a494cab15e0531d2bcd27%7C0%7C0%7C637346976311402003&data=2axgvU3Dgv_o2ZeikzW%2BbGjIMk2PZrAMuhwRUlm41ep4%3D&reserved=0) and archived on the ORCSD Video YouTube channel.

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2020

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 8/26/2020 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Friday, September 11, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH



LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[CLICK HERE](#) for Summer Newsletter

McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

McGregor EMS is currently seeking both Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers. Those interested may email membership@mcgregorems.org. To learn more about this great service [CLICK HERE](#)!

Help UNH Extension map food-access resources and needs across New Hampshire during COVID-19 – [CLICK HERE](#)

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 Andy Corrow, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at 603-397-9267 or 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 Town Hall 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!