

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
September 10, 2021



LEE FAIR, TOMORROW, SEPT 11TH



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

911 Tribute 5:15pm - VFW Post 10676

Pig Roast and Chicken BBQ Dinner 5:30pm - 7:00pm - Sponsored by the Lee Ag Commission;

Tickets for dinner are available all day tomorrow and at the dinner. \$10 Adults & \$5 Kids

Live Music - Gold Plated Door 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Ice Cream Smorgasbord \$5 Adults & \$3 Kids 5:45pm - 8:00pm - Sponsored by the Lee Church

Fire Works 8:15pm

The VFW will be selling raffle tickets and there will be horse shoes, corn hole and GIANT Connect Four Game for people to play.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, September 20th 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](#)

USING MANURE IN THE GARDEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wagon Hill Community Garden, 156 Piscataqua Road, Durham, NH

Cost: \$10 / Register by September 23rd

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

SPONSORED BY UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

SOLAR AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE MEET & GREET

Saturday, September 25th 10am – 12pm

Little River Park, Lee, NH Rain or Shine

Hosted by the Lee Energy Committee & ReVision Energy

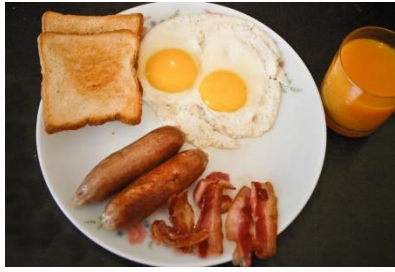


Solar collectors have come **down 90%** in price in the last 10 years. **Electric Vehicle batteries** have come **down 80%** in the last 5 years. Come and talk to the folks who know all about it.

This event is for owners of Solar Arrays and Electric Vehicles and for those who want to learn more about these great new technologies from volunteers and professionals such as ReVision Energy who have an abundance of knowledge and experience to share.

What a great way for Solar and Electric Vehicle owners to meet each other! **Refreshments will be provided!**

[**Come and join the fun!**](#)



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



Sustainability and the Right to Repair
Dean Rubine, LSC

When your thousand dollar smartphone breaks, some manufacturers tell you it's impossible to get photos and contacts back. Some steer you toward their ridiculously high-priced recovery affiliates. Some routinely tell you repair is impossible, that independent repair shops are scammers, and have you seen the deal on our new models?

Repair is often possible. Some manufacturers are actively working against independent repair. Technical documentation and repair software are tightly held. Screws are changed to have proprietary heads. Slightly modified standard chips that others can't buy are used. Software updates render a phone inoperative if unauthorized parts are detected. Chips are internally paired so if one is replaced by an identical one, the phone won't work. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recently put out a report, [Nixing The Fix](#), which systematically refutes manufacturers' arguments for making devices harder to repair.

The deliberate unrepairability has a terrible effect on sustainability. Phones are very resource intensive to make. Many get tossed when they could be repaired and function for years longer. Right now there's a worldwide shortage of electronics and semiconductors; discarding repairable devices exacerbates the situation.

It doesn't have to be this way. There's an industry of independent experts potentially able to recover your phone at a reasonable price that should be nurtured. France recently enacted a law requiring products to be rated for repairability. Right to Repair legislation has been proposed in a number of states. In July, President Biden signed an executive order ordering the FTC to create rules promoting the right to repair.

You can help by urging your representatives to support Right to Repair legislation, and by knowing when something breaks there are often third-party repair options out there that the manufacturers aren't eager to tell you about that just might save your precious data, save your device from the waste bin and save you some cash.

Conservation Commission Easement Monitoring Notes from 9-6-2021

The conservation easement monitored on August 25 is located just west of the center of Lee. The property is largely upland forest, and in recent months has had, as is permitted under the terms of the easement, some timber-harvesting done. Managing a forest, and identifying specific areas to be harvested, creates spaces where young trees can thrive and species that favor open habitats can flourish, thus increasing diversity within the easement.

Visiting the open areas where tree felling occurred, we found the ground dotted with hundreds of tiny tree seedlings as well as sedges and forbs. A phoebe hawked for flying insects, while in the adjacent forest another member of the flycatcher family, the eastern wood pewee, called unceasingly; for a moment it was joined by the high, sweet call of a brown creeper, but otherwise there was little in the way of birdsong or bird activity on this day. Heading west we walked downhill through forest until we reached the wetland area that lies between the property and Route 4. What a gorgeous scene it made, with waterlilies everywhere on the water's surface.

Climbing back up the slope near the end of our forest walk, we enjoyed the many different colored coral mushrooms and deep red boletes growing on the forest floor, the latest addition to this year's amazing mushroom show. Our walk ended at the fields that border the forest, where the first blooms of goldenrod and asters could be seen. Nearby, rows of barn swallows were lined up along a utility wire. Both the flowers and the birds were signs of the turn of the season. Goldenrod and asters are late-summer and fall-blooming native perennials; and swallows line the utility wires preparatory to their departure for their wintering grounds in the Amazon basin. .

Though birdsong was sparse, it has been replaced these past several weeks by the insect chorus. Cicadas, grasshoppers, katydids and crickets are beginning to fill our days and (especially) nights with the last big chorus before winter. The most musical of these is, arguably, the snowy tree cricket, and it was a delight to come across this pale green cricket perched on the remains of an old trunk.



Though the photograph doesn't do justice to this member of this member of the Gryllidae (true crickets) family, the snowy tree cricket is an elegant creature with a slender, pale green body and long, hair-like antennae. To attract a mate, the male stridulates - rubs the scrapers of one forewing against the teeth on the opposite forewing. This species is often referred to as the "thermometer cricket", because by counting the number of chirps made in 13 seconds and then adding 40 to that number, you arrive at a good approximation of your local temperature. But it is the melodious, fluty quality of their chirp, and the fact that snowy tree crickets synchronize their chirps with those of their neighbors, that is most noteworthy. When, in cinematic scenes depicting a warm summer evening, you hear the pulsing sound of crickets chirping in unison, it's always a

recording of a snowy tree crickets you're hearing. Describing this creature's song as "audible stillness", Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote, "If moonlight could be heard, it would sound just like that."

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.

BILL HUMM HONORED FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

Conservation members and former members met on Tuesday, August 31st at Little River Park to recognize and thank Bill Humm for his 15 years as Chair of the Conservation Commission. Bill stepped down in 2020, but social distancing during that time necessitated postponing the celebration. Commission members and Select Board representative Scott Bugbee presented Bill with an engraved compass to thank him for setting a steady course for the Commission during his tenure. Photos by Selectman Scott Bugbee.



SAVE THE DATES!!!

The Lee Trails Committee will be hosting two trail work days at the
Lee Town Forest:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6
9am - 1pm

Stay tuned for more information!!

If you are interested in helping out, contact Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com

Our motto is "Have fun and get things done!"

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!)



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
Hollow 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!

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!

* 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.



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

Sandwich and a Story – Wednesday September 15

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 16th

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 17th

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 7th Grade School Ages - FIRST SESSION FULL as of 8/25/21

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.



Regional & State News & Events

Oyster River School Board Update – September 1, 2021

School opened on August 30 for the 2021-2022 school year in Oyster River. Unofficial 1st day enrollment across the school district is 2112 students. The ORHS theme for the year is "Better Together" and captures the positive energy of having as many students and staff as possible back in school buildings.

Student Representative Olivia Gass joined the school Board as of September 1. Ms. Gass is a senior at ORHS and was elected by students in June to serve for the 2021-2022 school year. Congratulations and Welcome, Olivia!

Thanks to parents, students, staff, and Durham Police for making the new traffic pattern for pickup and drop off at Oyster River Middle School successful.

Bus Drivers and the Transportation Department are moving students to and from school safely and smoothly. It always takes a few days at the start of the school year to iron out the final details. When driving, please respect buses and stop in all directions when you encounter school buses loading or unloading students!

Across the school district, ORCSD is looking to add 11 Para educators and 10 bus drivers.

ORCSD is utilizing a streamlined set of COVID-19 metrics, available online under the COVID-19 section of orcscd.org. The school district is partnering with UNH to offer free COVID-19 screening testing through schools. Details are being finalized and should be published by the end of September. Families and staff will have the opportunity to opt-in to this program.

Construction on the new Oyster River Middle School is now 74% complete. Some parts of the final layers of brick and tile on the exterior are complete, and classrooms are being sheet rocked and painted. Thus far, construction is on schedule and on budget.

The audit of school district finances for the 2020-2021 school year is complete. The school district will return about \$100,000 more to taxpayers than earlier anticipated. The budget process for the 2022-2023 school year begins in earnest at the September 15 school Board meeting where the Board will discuss budget goals for next year.

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.

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.

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