

**TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
September 17, 2021**

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THIS YEAR'S FAIR GREAT!



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 **YouTube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

THE LEE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ARE SEEKING A NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR
[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and where to apply

THE TOWN OF LEE MAKES IT TO TOP 10 SAFEST PLACES TO LIVE IN NH!
[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ MORE ABOUT IT

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

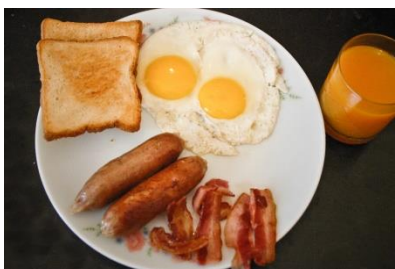


Solar collectors have come **down 90%** in price in the last 10 years. **Electric Vehicle batteries** have come **down 80%** in the last 5 years. Come and talk to the folks who know all about it.

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










One Bin at a Time – Mixed Paper

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

It's back! And better than ever. Or, well, pretty much the same as it used to be, except that the paper market is HOT these days. We're actually making money when we recycle paper.

Recycling mixed paper (and single-ply cardboard) is pretty simple, but it gets even easier if you can reduce the amount that comes into your life. Start by reducing junk mail. Register on the **National Do Not Mail List** site - https://www.directmail.com/mail_preference/.

And after reducing, here's what goes in the mixed paper bin to be recycled.

YES, please!	
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office paper • Envelopes (plastic windows are okay) • Cardboard tubes, cereal boxes and the like • Magazines; books (remove book covers) • Paper egg containers (though these can be reused by those who keep chickens) • Paperboard take-out containers (clean) 	 
NOT HERE (but maybe in another bin)	
<p>Newsprint; this has its own bin, which allows us to get paid when we recycle it.</p> <p>Brown paper, which goes in with the corrugated cardboard.</p>	 
<p>Water-proof and water-resistant cardboard are trash:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream cartons, milk cartons • Coffee-to-go cups • Juice boxes • Wet pack/wet strength cartons that can go in the fridge or freezer 	 
<p>Gift-wrapping paper and tissue paper are trash.</p> <p>Consider other gift-wrapping options, to reduce the amount of paper you have to throw out during special events throughout the year.</p>	

Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Repurpose • Recycle • Rot

 • Lee NH Sustainability Committee • Low Carbon Diet - Seacoast NH • "Zero Waste" groups



Watch this space next week for the **Lee's Trees: Then and Now** contest. We'll be asking folks to find an old photo of a tree in town (or use one of ours) and take a picture of the same spot. Warning: You may have to go outside in the New Hampshire autumn to participate. Sponsored by the Lee Sustainability Committee, Lee Historical Society, Lee Heritage Commission, Lee Conservation Commission and Lee Library.

Conservation Commission Easement Monitoring Notes from 9-13-2021

Situated in the northwest quarter of Lee, the conservation easement monitored on September 8 is a forested property, bounded by Sheep Road to the east, Stepping Stones Road for much of its southern border and, on its northernmost tip, by Route 4. With upland woodlands sloping steeply to wetland areas, this can be a challenging walk, but there is much by way of compensation, with small glades, old stone walls, and areas of exposed ledge combining to provide much that is interesting as well as beautiful.



The rock-hugging tree pictured is a good example. A hundred years ago, give or take a few decades, a tiny hemlock seed landed on this chunk of ledge. Perhaps there was a narrow crack in the exposed rock that had accumulated enough decomposed bits of vegetation to provide a meagre seed bed. Spring rains enabled the seed to sprout and its tiny roots took up moisture and bits of minerals freed from the rock by lichens growing there. All vascular plants, and some non-vascular species, have an ability to sense gravity (gravitropism) and use this to send their shoots up (negative gravitropism) and their roots down (positive

gravitropism). In the case of this hemlock tree, the stony substrate barred the young roots from growing downward, so they grew laterally - creeping along the rock face, seeking out cracks and following them to fissures in the rock or places where the rock edge encounters soil. These exposed roots covered themselves in thick, protective bark and broadened to provide support for the tree. As roots are one of the places trees store the nutrients produced by photosynthesis, their function as the tree's nutrient pantry further increased the size of the roots so that they became massive structures that seem to embrace the rock that gave the tree its start in life.

Rock-hugging trees aren't uncommon in areas where glaciers once covered the earth; exposed ledges, glacial stone dumps and erratics often become unlikely nurseries for seeds that happen to fall on them. They are common enough that there ought to be a scientific term for them. *Lithophyte*, deriving from the Greek words for "stone" and "plant" is the term given to plants that grow on, or partially-on rock, but lithophytes are generally small plants such as orchids, ferns, mosses and liverworts. There is no term for a large, vascular plant which has, by chance, made its home on a rock. In searching for a term for this phenomenon, I discovered that people had created their own words, including *arborlith*, *floralith*, *dendrolith* and *silvilith*. As *xylo* is the Greek word for "wood", *xylolith* could be added to the list. Whatever name it goes by, a rock-hugging tree is one of the natural wonders of our part of the planet. A xylolith such as the hemlock encountered during this walk is an organic sculpture, created by a marriage of wood and stone, one part living, the other inert, both enduring.

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.

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 ★



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!)



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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1-large tote* of donations
per week / per family
we have very limited space!
want to let everyone have a chance to
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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.



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

"Spark Joy" a webinar with Shannon Huneycutt a certified "Kon-Mari" method of tidying up consultant. Wednesday, October 6, 2021 7pm via Zoom. Shared with the Lane Memorial Library and the Lee Public Library. Register at <http://hampton.lib.nh.us>.

Sandwich and a Story – Wednesday September 22nd

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.***

Preschool Story-time - starts Thursday, September 23rd – if the weather is nice, this program will be held outside under the tents.

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.

Lap-sit story time – starts Friday, September 24th – if the weather is nice, this program will be held outside under the tents.

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.

Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday and Thursday - FIRST SESSION FULL as of 8/25/21

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 4:45. We will have an alternating **Lego club** on Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Session 2 registration will be the last week of October

Session 1 September 7th through October 29th - FULL

Session 2 November 2nd through December 23rd – Tuesday story time, Thursday crafts

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

Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, September 28th

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.

Pajama Story time – Wednesday, September 29th

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.



Oyster River School Board Update – September 15, 2021

September 20-24 is Spirit Week at Oyster River High School. Classes have planned a number of fun events. Go Bobcats!

Oyster River Middle School will begin offering world language to 5th grade students (previously offered for grades 6-8) around September 30th. This change is made possible by teaching world language and music on alternating days and requires no additional staff. Additional schedule improvements will be possible once the new ORMS building is open, with dedicated space for world language, music, art, and other programs.

ORMS will host open houses for alumni or others who would like to revisit the building on September 24th, 3:30-5:00 pm and September 25th, 11:00am-2:00pm. The current ORMS building will be removed after the new building opens in the spring of 2022. Contact Middle School Principal Jay Richard (jrichard@orcsd.org) for more details. This also corresponds with events celebrating 60 years of soccer at ORHS on Sept 24-25.

The School Board will hold a public hearing on October 6th regarding proposed changes to Policy BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings. The proposed changes are intended to ensure that public comment focuses on those with a vested interest in Oyster River Schools (i.e. residents of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and Barrington which sends tuition students to ORHS). Details of the proposed changes will be published around October 1st with the backup materials for the October 6th meeting. Policy changes require two separate votes of the School Board.

The SASS program, New Hampshire's Safer at School Screening for COVID-19 will be getting underway in Oyster River. Parents of 248 students have opted-in for the initial round of screening, as well as a significant percentage of school staff across all four buildings and various departments. Details will be provided to those who have signed up as schedules are finalized. Parents may opt-in by completing the Consent form in PowerSchool and may opt-out at any time. FAQ is online here.

https://p12cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_538005/File/News/UNH%20SASS%20flyer%20-%20Parent%20Guardian%20FAQs.pdf

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 9/15/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 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.

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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