

**TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
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**TOWN OF LEE E-CRIER**  
**September 18, 2020**

**Lee News & Upcoming  
Events**

**SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup> 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 **YouTube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

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### **TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES RE-OPENING PLANS**

On August 31<sup>st</sup> 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. We are now waiting for the engineer's report on installing turn lanes in front of the entrance on Rte. 125, the cost of which is being borne by the landlord. 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. 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](http://www.leenh.org).

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### **LEE TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE - Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Town of Lee will be facilitating a town-wide yard sale. **To register or have questions call or email Caren Rossi at 659-6783 or [crossi@leenh.org](mailto:crossi@leenh.org) no later than 5 pm on September 21<sup>st</sup>.** 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 25<sup>th</sup> & October 2<sup>nd</sup>; by email blast; at [www.leenh.org](http://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 28<sup>th</sup>) BUT all signage must be picked up by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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### **ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS AN IMMEDIATE OPENING**

Please contact Denise at [dduval@leenh.org](mailto:dduval@leenh.org) or call her at 603-659-5414 for more information

## LEE LIBRARY HISTORIC DESIGNATION PROJECT

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Tom Coakley and I am a newly-elected trustee for the Lee Public Library. I have only been a trustee for the past four months, but I am pleased to be a part of a very dedicated group of individuals. Every trustee takes on projects and different duties, trying their best to make the Lee Public Library a vibrant part of the community.

The Historic Designation Project is to attempt to have the original School House portion of the library recognized for its historical significance to the town of Lee. As the Lee Historical Society and the Lee Heritage Committee will probably attest, this can entail many hours of research and dedication. I look at this project as a perfect venue to get to know my community, my neighbors, and an important part of Lee's history.

This project is based on the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources application process. We will be required to research and define responses to 48 questions based on the Historical Significance of the School House section of the library. These questions include architecture, structure, photographs, and personal narratives. Each category needs to be answered and supported with documentation. It is not a project for the "Faint of Heart." Yet, I am already finding it a very rewarding challenge.

As a retired teacher of 43 years at the middle school level, I realize that collaborative projects work best when we can bounce ideas off each other and work to find solutions together. I am seeking collaborators to help make this project a success: members from the town's already successful Historic Designation projects, returning college students, and interested community members who wish to become involved with this library project.

We hope to schedule a Zoom meeting where we can explore the project and to discuss areas of interest, the possible challenges, and creative ideas. If you are interested in being involved, please e-mail me at [tjc1950@yahoo.com](mailto:tjc1950@yahoo.com). I will notify volunteers a week in advance as to when the Zoom meeting will take place and will send out an agenda to guide the conversation while remaining open to new ideas and approaches.

The trustees believe this project will be an interesting opportunity to learn about our library's history and to connect with other members of the community. We hope you will join us!

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### **"Severe Drought" Conditions**

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, drought has worsened across a significant portion of the state. Currently 72% of the state is experiencing "severe drought" (D2), up from 28% last week, while 28% of the state is experiencing moderate drought (D1). There are no indications of the situation improving in the next 10 days. The weather forecast indicates unlikely chances of receiving any significant amount of rain and the Weather Service's 6-10 day and 8-14 day precipitation outlooks favor below normal precipitation.

Impacts to residential wells are being experienced across the state. Well drillers are reporting long waits for their services, due to increased demand by residential well owners seeking to remedy water shortage issues and water quality issues related to drought and more people at home putting higher demand on the wells. Water conservation is key, as residents may not be able to get timely service to remedy shortage issues or have the monetary means to improve their wells.

Although municipalities in areas experiencing drought are authorized by RSA 41:11-d to implement municipal-wide lawn watering restrictions, at this time the Lee Select Board is instead strongly

urging residents to refrain from watering lawns and gardens and to also practice water conservation in other ways, such as fewer/shorter showers, etc. Hundreds of residential wells went dry during the 2016 drought, and homeowners who retained well contractors to improve their wells experienced a significant wait as a result of increased demand for services. Please report residential well shortages using the [Residential Well Impact Survey form](#). NHDES will track well impacts so as to provide current information on drought impacts in our region.

### Drought Update:

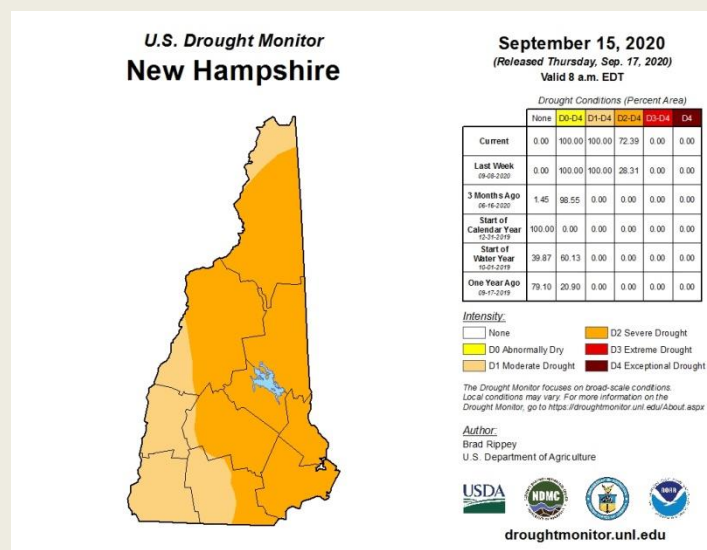
The majority of the state is experiencing below normal to low groundwater levels. For more information, see the [New Hampshire Groundwater Level Monitoring Report](#) for August 2020. Reports are released monthly.

### Forecast and Outlooks:

Temperatures will be cooler through the weekend and are expected to be below normal early in the week. Frost and freeze is expected in the northern part of the state with potential for spreading to the southern interior early next week. ([NOAA National Weather Service](#)).

The 6-10 day outlook favors below normal precipitation and below normal temperatures. The 8-14 day outlook favors below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures ([National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#)).

The [U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook](#) favors drought conditions to remain, but improve in the portion of the state of experiencing “severe drought” (D2). (Note\*Since the Monthly Drought Outlook was released on August 31<sup>st</sup>, precipitation predictions have changed. It is unlikely the outlook is accurate.)



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



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## NEWS FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Looking for American Chestnut Burrs

Do you know of any American chestnut trees in Lee that are producing nut crops?

Before the early 1900s, when a fungal blight all but eradicated the species, one out of every four trees in forests east of the Mississippi was an American chestnut. Fast growing, providing yearly mast crops that were an important food source for both wildlife and humans, and producing wood that was rot-resistant, light-weight, and easy to work with, the disappearance of this tree was devastating to both forest and human communities.

In the past two years, The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF), whose mission is to return this iconic tree to its native range, has been harvesting seeds from productive American chestnuts. Their aim is to collect as much genetic diversity as possible from the remnants of this species' surviving population in its original natural range. Harvested seeds will be used in their efforts to produce blight-resistant American chestnut trees.

TACF member Tim Elliott has located several wild, nut-producing American chestnuts in Lee, and some of their nuts will be harvested and sent for use in the TACF's program. You can help by contacting Tim if you know of the location of any American chestnut trees that are producing burrs such as those pictured above.

This link gives information about identifying American chestnuts, and how to avoid confusing them with the unrelated (and unthreatened) horse-chestnut:

<https://www.acf.org/resources/identification/>

If you know of a nut-bearing American chestnut, contact Tim Elliott at: [timkelliott@gmail.com](mailto:timkelliott@gmail.com)

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### PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN IS 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.

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### 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.

## STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE GENERAL ELECTION TAKING PLACE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AT THE MAST WAY SCHOOL

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### 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 [reinhold@leenh.org](mailto:reinhold@leenh.org) or [estone@leenh.org](mailto: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 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 in the box outside then call 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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!

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## AUGUST 17, 2020 IRS NEWS

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-Filers tool](#) starting August 15 through September 30 to enter information on their qualifying children to receive the supplemental \$500 payments. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## 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](#).

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- [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*)

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 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.

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## 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 Shibinette. "Purchasing groceries online is safe, secure, and helps people maintain social distancing measures that help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

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

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>.

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## **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 INFORMATION CENTER, 603-223-6169 or [jic@dos.nh.gov](mailto:jic@dos.nh.gov)**

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## **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 is 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 please call Town Hall or you may refer to the Solid Waste Ordinance, available [HERE](#).

### **CHANGES TO MIXED PAPER**

Mixed paper should 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](mailto: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.

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[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**

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

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### **LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES**

The Planning Board, Energy, Advisory Budget, 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](mailto:dduval@leenh.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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### **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>

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### **READY RIDES**

#### **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. If you live in Durham call 868-2324 for assistance. If you live in the Newfields call 772-9010 and ask for Helping Hands for assistance.

Barrington, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford 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](mailto: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 PO Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261.

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

As our country continues to fight this battle against COVID-19, we continue to operate fully staffed 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. Go to the [Fire Department's web page](#) for numbers and email addresses.

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.

All inquiries regarding the Town's response to Covid-19 and the current status of 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 any downed lines. 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 indoors 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 Public Library



### **NEW HOURS FOR THE LIBRARY**

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11am -7pm

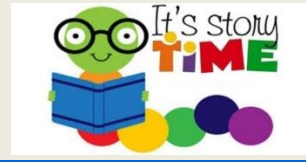
Thursday and Friday 10am – 5pm

Saturday 9am – 12pm

### **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 COVID-19 mitigation/quarantine restrictions.



### **Youth Programs September 2020**

#### **Story-time At The Library! (weather permitting)**

We will have an outdoor/in person story time Thursday morning from 10:00-10:45 weather permitting beginning September 17. Watch the library Facebook page for updates/cancellations

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 22** - Bark, paper leaf picture

**September 29** - Paper leaf sun catcher printable/directions.

#### **Pajama Story-time—Wednesday September 23—6:00-6:45pm**

We will read some fun stories, do some activities and learn some fun facts. This month's story time will be about Yawning. This will be a Facebook Live program.

#### **Preschool Story-time—Thursdays—11-11:45**

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

**September 24—Autumn is here**

### **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.



### **Mark your calendars October 7, 2020 7:00pm via Zoom**

New Hampshire Humanities to Go program sponsored by the Lee Library and the Lee Historical Society presents:

#### **New Hampshire's Long Love-Hate Relationship with Its Agricultural Fairs**

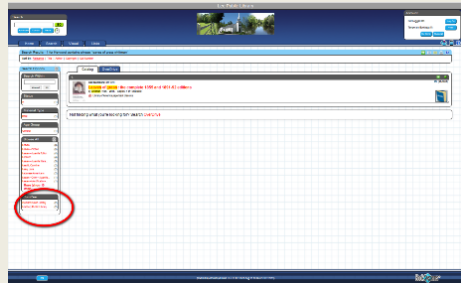
The first agricultural fair in North America was held in what is now Londonderry in 1722, and it would become a wildly popular event lasting for generations until it came to be so dominated by gambling, flim-flam, and other "scandalous dimensions" that the legislature revoked its charter in 1850. But fairs have always had strong supporters and eventually the state came around to appropriating modest sums to help them succeed. Temperance groups and others would continue to attack the fairs on moral grounds and their close connection to horse racing was a chronic



flashpoint. Steve Taylor will discuss the ups and downs of the fairs down through years and how public affection for rural traditions helps them survive in contemporary times.

Presented by [Steve Taylor](#)

Steve Taylor is an independent scholar, farmer, journalist, and longtime public official. With his sons, Taylor operates a dairy, maple syrup, and cheese making enterprise in Meriden Village. He has been a newspaper reporter and editor, and served for 25 years as New Hampshire's commissioner of agriculture. Taylor was the founding executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is a lifelong student of the state's rural culture.



### **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 16, 2020**

Oyster River Students, Staff, and Families are wrapping up an orientation period with schools moving to a more consistent academic schedule starting Monday, September 21.

Between the Middle and High Schools, over 400 student athletes are playing fall sports. This will be an abbreviated regular season, with HS competition only in the Seacoast region, and the MS sports primarily intramural, as schools around us also adjust their athletic programs.

The opportunity to add solar photovoltaic to the new middle school building was reviewed. This investment would enable the new middle school to be nearly "net-zero" energy consumption, meaning over the year, the solar panels would produce as much energy as the building uses. The school board is expected to decide on this aspect of the project on October 7.

Finalists for the school board seat formerly held by Kenny Rotner will be interviewed by the school board at a meeting on September 30, with a final selection on September 30 or October 7.

The school reopening models used for the first quarter of the academic year will be reviewed by the school board on October 21. Please continue to send your suggestions, comments, and concerns to the superintendent and school board: [orcsdsb@orcsd.org](mailto:orcsdsb@orcsd.org). Please address specific student concerns to your teachers and principals.

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## GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2020

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 9/11/2020 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH**

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### LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[CLICK HERE](#) for Summer Newsletter

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### McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

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

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

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### **If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.**

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact Andy Corrow, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at 603-397-9267 or [vfwpost10676@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com) for assistance.

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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!