

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
September 24, 2021**



SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

September 24th 4:00 pm & October 18th 6:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for Budget Meetings Schedule

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

THE 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 BREAKFAST CANCELED

The 8th Annual Strafford County Farm Bureau, Lee and Durham Agricultural Commissions sponsored Farm Style Breakfast Fundraiser for the Strafford County Farm Bureau "Youth in Agriculture Grant Program" scheduled for October 17th at the Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall in Lee has been postponed mainly due to rising Covid concerns. The event has been tentatively rescheduled to early spring.

This grant program provides scholarships or grants to youth interested in pursuing further education in the field of agriculture, funding youth agricultural projects or agricultural outreach programs.

If you would like to donate to the grant program in lieu of the breakfast, please send checks to Strafford County Farm Bureau, c/o Ruth Scruton, 540 Meaderboro Road, Farmington, NH 03835.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding. We hope to see you in the spring of 2022.



Lee's Trees: Then and Now

Happy autumn, everyone. We're kicking off the **Lee's Trees: Then and Now** contest today. We're asking folks to find an old photo of a tree in town and take a picture of the same spot. Or you can submit an old photo of where a tree used to be and another showing what that spot looks like today, or vice versa. The final category is Tree Art; use your imagination. The winners will get prizes created by local Lee artisans. You have until the end of the year to enter.

You may still participate even if you don't have any old pictures of Lee's Trees; we've gathered a few for you to use and we will continue to attempt to curate some more. You may also try to find a collaborator with an old tree photo. We're at the [Lee NH Sustainability Committee facebook page](#); please join us there to find old photos or a collaborator or to submit your entry. We're also accepting email (sustain@leenh.org) and regular mail submissions.

Our goal is to encourage community and to get folks outside in the beautiful New Hampshire fall. Please visit our Facebook page or see the [contest brochure](#) for further details and the entry form. Paper copies are available at Lee Town Offices and Lee Library.

Lee's Trees: Then and Now is sponsored by the Lee Sustainability Committee, Lee Historical Society, Lee Heritage Commission, Lee Conservation Commission and Lee Library in association with the Oyster River Elementary Schools.

Dean Rubine, LSC



Conservation Commission Easement Monitoring Notes from 9-20-2021

The easement monitored last Wednesday encompasses a hilltop pasture descending north to Wednesday Hill, its southern border slopes down to forest-bordered water meadows. This is a place of wide open spaces filled with grasses and sun-loving wildflowers.

The diversity of plants and habitats on the south side of the hill is truly remarkable. The dry, sunny upslope supports drifts of goldenrod mingled with blue and white asters. In the water meadow, the glowing white seed heads of cotton grass, a wetland indicator species, dots the landscape. South of this wet meadow the land rises to forest, and along the ecotone between these two habitats, grow large winterberry bushes which, this year, are laden with a huge crop of bright red berries.

Though not as tall and easily seen as the upland asters and goldenrods, the water meadow has its flowery attractions. Low-growing, but worth hunkering down for, are the soft violet racemes of blood milkwort and dainty, pink small-flowered agalinis. Most years, scattered among these small pastel flowers, are found the larger and startlingly blue flowers of greater fringed gentian.

Nature is sparing in her use of blue. The relatively few, blue-hued members of the animal kingdom, such as indigo buntings, blue poison dart frogs and spring azure butterflies only *seem* to be blue. That stunning indigo bunting? It's really black. The bunting and other blue animals achieve gorgeous colors through structures in their feathers, skin or scales that fragment light so that all other colors are scattered and only blue remains.

Blue is equally rare in the plant kingdom - of the world's nearly 300,000 flowering plants, only ten percent have blue flowers. This is because blue is difficult for plants to create. There is no blue pigment in the plant world, so those species which produce blue flowers do so by mixing a red pigment with other plant pigments and by creating complex molecules that can absorb the red part of the spectrum so that only blue remains to be seen. All of this requires the expenditure of a great deal of a plant's energy reserves. What makes blue worth all this extra effort and energy output? Bees.

Bumblebees are robust and efficient pollinators, and blue is the color that they are most attracted to, particularly in the fall. The greater fringed gentian has evolved blue flowers as a means of luring bumblebees. The high energy costs of producing blue flowers are outweighed by having flowers whose color will draw in the pollinators needed for seed production to take place.



Greater fringed gentians are biennials, living just two years. Some seasons, when visiting this easement, the water meadow is filled with them. Other years, they are quite scarce. During last week's visit, though we enjoyed seeing all the different flowers blooming around us, it was the gentian we were most hoping to see, but it seemed there were none. We searched near the alders where they've been found in past years, postponing for a bit our walk along the easement's borders. As Thoreau once wrote about this wildflower, "it is too remarkable not to be sought out and admired each year", so in hopes of admiring one, we persevered. Our efforts, finally, were rewarded and we found two growing in close proximity, their gorgeous, cerulean petals a beautiful way to mark summer's end.

By Catherine Fisher

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.

2nd ANNUAL CORN MAZE & CORK PULL FUNDRAISER FOR THE FREEDOM CAFÉ Saturday, October 16th 6-9 pm

Live Music
Cork Pull Fundraiser
Snacks and Refreshments
Campfire S'mores
Corn Maze

The [Freedom Café](#) is a non-profit specialty café working to end human trafficking and the commercial exploitation of all people by providing consistent community engagement, education, and a simple way to fund the work necessary for a traffic-free world.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on tickets.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

The Lee Trails Committee will be hosting 2 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!"



LEE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION HOSTING

TRUCK OR TREAT

Lee Safety Complex

October 31st 5-7pm

**No need to get out of the car. Just drive the kids
through the Lee Fire Station!**

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!

CLEAN & 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!

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, no stuffed animals]

Swap Shop
LEE, NH

SORRY... but that's UNACCEPTABLE!

Lee Swap Shop is unable to accept the following
(a mandated list - not by us!)

NOT ACCEPTED WHERE/ALTERNATIVES?

- Alkaline Batteries - DISPOSE IN TRASH
- Large Appliances (Washer/Dryer etc.) - METAL BIN UNLESS HAS FREON - HAVE TO PAY
- Batteries (rechargeable, Lead-Acid, Button cell) - UNIVERSAL WASTE
- Car Batteries - BULKY BUILDING
- Carpet/Rugs - BULKY BUILDING (PAY)
- Cell Phones - TABLE BY THE GLASS BIN
- Child car seats (they have expiration dates) - DISPOSE IN TRASH
- Construction/Demolition debris (wood/plastic windows, doors, fence, boards, sheetrock, cabinets, non-metal toilets, sinks, etc.) - BULKY BUILDING
- Cosmetics - DISPOSE IN TRASH
- Clothing, shoes, bed linens & pillows - PLACE IN DONATION BINS
- Explosives/Flares/Fireworks/Ammunition - BIG NO!
- Food - DISPOSE IN TRASH
- Futon Beds - BULKY BUILDING
- Helium tanks, Fire Extinguishers, Metal Gas Cans (Even empty) - BULKY BUILDING
- Helmets - DISPOSE IN TRASH
- Household Hazardous Waste Materials (oil paints, varnishes, chemicals, fuels, poisons, etc.) - SAVE FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY
- Lawnmowers, Snow blowers, motorized equipment, exercise equipment - METAL DROP OFF
- Lightbulbs - TABLE BY GLASS BIN Fluorescent bulbs - UNIVERSAL WASTE
- Liquids (soaps, chemicals, cosmetics, sprays, poisons, fuels etc.) TRASH OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY
- Mattresses, Box springs - BULKY BUILDING
- Medications/Needles/Sharps - SEE TRANSFER STATION EMPLOYEE FOR DISPOSAL
- Mercury items (fluorescent bulbs & tubes, thermometers, thermostats, etc.) - UNIVERSAL WASTE
- Pianos/Organs - BULKY BUILDING
- Propane/Oxygen/Other gas tanks - BULKY BUILDING
- Swing sets/ slides/ Structures - BULKY BUILDING
- Trailers - BULKY BUILDING
- Trophies - DISPOSE IN TRASH
- Smoke/CO detectors - UNIVERSAL WASTE
- Stuffed Toys - DISPOSE IN TRASH
- Weapons - BIG NO!

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 603-2861 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.

Lee Public Library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm



“SPARK JOY”
A WEBINAR WITH SHANNON
HUNEYCUTT
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 7pm
via Zoom



Learn the skills needed to maintain a tidy home for life. Through the KonMari method you will visualize and create the space you've always dreamed of as you learn what truly Sparks Joy. A shared program with the Lane Memorial Library, Hampton. Register at <http://hampton.lib.nh.us>.

Sandwich and a Story – Wednesday September 29th

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.

Preschool Story-time - starts Thursday, September 30th – 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 30th – 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 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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