

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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September 27, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming Events



GENERAL JOHN STARK
Wednesday, October 2nd 7:00 pm
Lee Public Safety Complex

'How often do we see and hear New Hampshire's distinctive motto: Live Free or Die? Do you know who was the first to utter that phrase? If not, you are welcome to attend a program sponsored by the Lee Historical Society and the Lee Library where Paul Timmerman, Chairman of the historic Woodman Museum in Dover, will speak on General John Stark, NH's favorite son and great American patriot. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at the end of the program.



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
OPEN 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
Next One October 19th
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

OCTOBER SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **October 7th & 21st** Starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on **You Tube** at www.media.leenh.org

CONSERVATION MONITORING IN LEE! TOUR CONSERVED LANDS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

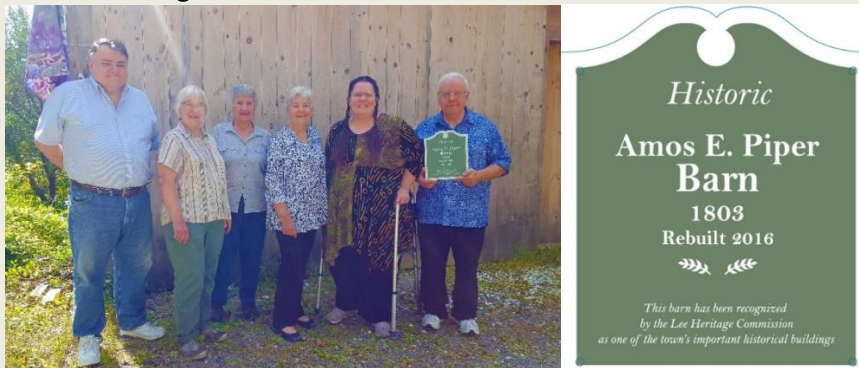
From now until early fall join the Conservation Commission on Wednesday mornings while they conduct site walks on the Town's conserved properties. Some of these lands are owned by the Town, but most of them are privately owned and protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement. If you'd like to participate, call the Town Secretary, Denise Duval, at 659-5414. Meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 8:45 a.m., dressed for walking in the woods. Standard precautions for ticks & mosquitoes are advised. Walks take 1½-2 hrs.



The Lee Heritage Commission has created a series of historic marker plaques that are being awarded to the owners of historic barns in Lee who have successfully applied for Discretionary Preservation Easements for their barns. The

wording on each plaque states, *"This barn has been recognized by the Lee Heritage Commission as one of the town's important historical buildings"*.

Every time we share a photo of a barn plaque presentation, we will also try to share some of the history of that barn – and the families that have owned it. Last week the Heritage Commission presented a historic barn plaque to Jill Nooney and Bob Munger of Bedrock Farm for their "Benjamin Y. Piper" barn. The photo below shows Charlie and Anne Jennison of Hummingbird Farm on High Road in South Lee, accepting a historic barn plaque for their "Amos E. Piper Barn – Circa 1803 Rebuilt 2016" from the Lee Heritage Commission 9/22/2019. The history of the Piper barn at Bedrock Farm is related to the history of the Piper barn across the road at Hummingbird Farm, so we'll share their stories together this week.



(L-R Heritage Commission members: Scott Bugbee, Laura Gund, Donna Eisenhard, Chair Patricia Jenkins, Anne and Charlie Jennison)

Bedrock Farm and Benjamin Y. Piper Barn History: Benjamin Y. Piper (4/25/1816 – 8/3/1901) was the first member of the Piper family to own a farm on High Road in Lee (now known as Bedrock Farm). Mr. Piper purchased his farm from William Page on 12/8/1845. He and his first wife, Hannah Evans, had 4 children – the oldest being Amos Evans Piper (1/12/1847-12/21/1912). After the death of his first wife (10/5/1856), Benjamin Piper married her sister, Sarah Evans (11/21/1828–5/14/1900), who bore him 2 sons, the youngest being John Hamilton Piper (4/19/1864-5/17/1956). Benjamin Piper raised his family on what is now called Bedrock Farm and – with their sons' help – ran the property as a dairy farm. ***A historic note about Benjamin Piper's barn: An eastern part of Ben and Sarah's land was sold under eminent domain for a north-south railroad, which opened in November 1874. The proceeds from the sale was used to build the barn in 1875.***

Ownership Timeline for Bedrock Farm: The property was originally owned by William Page. Benjamin Piper bought it from Mr. Page in 1845, John H. Piper inherited it in 1901. Norman M. and Edith G. Marshall bought the property as part of an estate sale on October 18, 1957. They owned it for less than three years and sold it to Christopher and Grayce Moore on May 10, 1960. Mr. Moore's wife died shortly after they bought the property. Charles and Annie Piper bought the farm in 1962 as a place to retire, (thus bringing it back into the Piper family), and Jill Nooney purchased the farm from Annie Piper in 1980. Together, Jill Nooney and Bob Munger have spent quite a few years creating many acres of beautiful gardens on this property.

Hummingbird Farm and Amos E. Piper Barn History: The farmhouse and original barn at what is now called Hummingbird Farm (34 High Road in South Lee) were originally built in 1803 and were both enlarged in 1849. Previous owners include Robert Pike (prior to 1877) and Samuel Cartland (1877 – 1888). Benjamin Piper's oldest son, Amos Evans Piper purchased the farm in August of 1888 from a consortium of Samuel Cartland's heirs. Amos Piper ran the property as a dairy farm. Amos never married or had children, so when he died in 1912, he left the farm to his nephew, Charles Amos Piper (his brother John H. Piper's son). Charles rented the house out (including to the South Lee station agent) until 1919, when he returned from WW I, married Annie Bell Dame and moved back into the house. He restarted Amos Piper's dairy farm, which he ran for 37 years, raised his family there, and retired in 1956. ***Both Charles A. Piper and (years later) his daughter Myra Piper Jennison were born in an upstairs bedroom in the old house. It is also well worth mentioning that Annie B. (Dame) Piper was the Town Clerk for Lee for 24 of the years that she lived at the property***



that is now owned by her grandson Charlie Jennison and his wife Anne (Hummingbird Farm). There are many stories about townspeople going in and out of Annie and Charles Piper's home to see Annie Piper to take care of their town business. Charlie and Anne Jennison still have the old "Town Clerk" sign that hung outside their house.

From 1962 until 1964, Charles and Annie Piper owned both pieces of Piper property on High Road (now called Bedrock Farm and Hummingbird Farm, respectively) and moved across the road to what is now Bedrock Farm.

Two years later, in the summer of 1964, Charles and Annie Piper sold the old house, barn, and land across the road (the Amos Piper farm aka Hummingbird Farm) to their daughter, Myra Susie Piper and her husband, Lewis Lester Jennison. In 1986, Myra and Lew sold the house, barn, outbuildings, and some of the land to their son Charlie and his wife Anne, who named the property "Hummingbird Farm", raised their two daughters in that large house, and still live there. Their oldest daughter, her husband, and their two young daughters now live there as well. Charlie and Anne's granddaughters are the 7th generation of the Piper family to live in the house. The Jennisons have chosen to honor Charlie's great-great-uncle Amos Piper, who brought the property into the family in 1888, by naming their barn for him. The Piper-Jennison family has now been the owners and caretakers of the house, barn, and land at "Hummingbird Farm" for 131 years!

As mentioned earlier, the barn was originally built in 1803 and enlarged to double its size in 1849. Unfortunately, the roof of the barn caved in under the weight of more than 3 feet of packed snow and ice during the historic blizzards that hit NH for three consecutive weekends during the winter of 2015. It wasn't until mid-May that the snow melted enough to access the barn to assess damage and consider repairs. After much documentation and negotiation with their insurance company, the Jennison's ended up with an insurance settlement on their damaged barn that allowed them to hire Aaron Sturgis of Preservation Timber Framing in Berwick to rebuild their barn. The barn was rebuilt using a combination of salvaged timber from their original barn and the frame of the 1803 Brock barn from South Berwick, combined with some new timber. ***An interesting note of trivia: if you go to the Rail Penny Tavern in Epping and look up at the ceiling in the main dining room, you'll see some beams that were salvaged from the original barn! When the barn was rebuilt in 2016, it was built to the smaller footprint of the original 1803 barn, rather than the larger 1849 dimensions, thus leaving some salvageable timbers up for grabs!***

Sources: Our thanks to Bob Munger, Myra Jennison, and Anne Jennison for contributing their research and/or personal knowledge to this article.



SAVE THE DATE

TRICK OR TREAT IN LEE
OCTOBER 30TH 5-7 pm

The ‘Useless Contest’

‘Where the Dollar Meets the Dumpster’



Yes, it is possible that useless could be a winner! During the month of September, the Lee Sustainability Committee, in collaboration with the Lee Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Lee Agricultural Commission and the Lee Public Library, is sponsoring the ‘Useless Contest,’ an initiative designed to raise awareness about our waste stream and the overall impact of consumer choices on the environment. Open to all Lee residents, contest participants are asked to submit what they view as the most useless item in their household; there will be judging and prizes. Details about the contest and an entry form may be found on the [Town’s Web Site](#) , at the *Lee NH Sustainability Committee Facebook* page or at <https://www.leenh.org/sustainability-committee>. Contest ends on September 30th, so you better hurry!



One Bin at a Time – Newsprint



Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member



In partnership with the Lee Solid Waste Committee

We now enter the realm of paper products – newsprint, corrugated cardboard and mixed paper. These are all made from wood pulp, so they are natural, biodegradable items. They are also recyclable, to a point. Once a paper product can no longer be recycled, it can be composted.


Newsprint includes all gray news-papery paper, even if it hasn't been printed on. (Can we call unprinted newsprint “news-UN-print?”) Sometimes, this unprinted newsprint paper is used for wrapping fragile items at a store, or as padding in shipping boxes.

Newsprint (printed or not) can go in with the mixed paper, but we'd have to pay a little bit to recycle it if it goes there. Put it in the newsprint bin, though, and we earn money to recycle it!

YES, please!	
Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers – with inserts is fine • Flyers and circulars printed on newsprint 	
Unprinted newsprint	

NOT HERE (but maybe in another bin)	
Corrugated cardboard (the kind with a ripply middle); that has its own bin.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other kinds of paper and cardboard • Magazines <p>These go in mixed paper. Maybe. Stay tuned for a future article on this topic.</p>	

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

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

SIGN UP FOR FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Manager Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. [CLICK HERE for Flyer!](#) The Town will provide special compostable bags to bring the food waste to the Transfer Station.



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE FALL SEASON

With school starting up again and the season getting ready to change, the Lee Fire and Rescue Department would like to offer some friendly safety tips.

- Please be careful while driving through town now that school is back in session. Be sure to fully stop for all buses picking up and dropping off kids until the school bus operator turns off their signal lights and allows traffic to continue.
- Go slow and obey the speed limit in the school zone especially while the reduced speed limit is in effect during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.
- As the leaves begin to fall and yard clean ups begin, we would like to remind everyone that a burn permit is required for all outside fires. Come down to the fire department during business hours and we would be happy to issue you the appropriate permit.
- Have your home heating appliances serviced so that they are working properly and not emitting carbon monoxide. With colder nights ahead heating systems will be fired up and service is recommended for gas and oil fired systems.
- Be sure that you have working carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors should be located on each level of your residence including directly outside any bedroom areas.
- For those who heat with wood, have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional chimney sweep to reduce the risk of chimney fires this season. Burn seasoned hardwood or kiln dried hardwood to reduce the build-up of creosote in your chimney.



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

[CLICK HERE](#) for the September Safety Educator
[CLICK HERE](#) for the September ONE STOP Educator

[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

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

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 started 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 \$30.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY
[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request form



READY RIDES offer free rides to medical appointments for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email info@readyrides.org with questions or go to <https://readyrides.org/> for details. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

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

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

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

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

Lee Public Library



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Regular Saturday Hours have resumed - 10am – 3pm

CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY



GENERAL JOHN STARK

Wednesday, October 2nd 7:00 pm

Public Safety Complex

Presented by Paul Timmerman of the

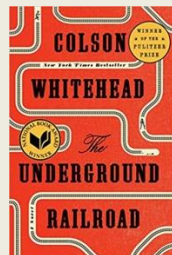
Woodman Museum in Dover

Refreshments will be served

Co-sponsored by Lee Historical Society and

Lee Library

John Stark was a NH native who was born in Londonderry and lived in Manchester. He served as an officer in the British Army during the French and Indian War and in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. He became widely known as the “Hero of Bennington” for his exemplary service at the Battle of Bennington. Please join us to learn more about this quintessential citizen soldier who is responsible for the New Hampshire state motto “Live Free or Die”.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, October 21st 7:00 pm

“Underground Railroad” – Colson Whitehead

“Far and away the most anticipated literary novel of the year, *The Underground Railroad* marks a new triumph for Whitehead...[A] book that resonates with deep emotional timbre. *The Underground Railroad* reanimates the slave narrative, disrupts our settled sense of the past and stretches the ligaments of history right into our own era...The canon of essential novels about America's peculiar institution just grew by one.” - **Ron Charles, *Washington Post***



STORY TIME

Thursdays & Fridays 10:30 – 11:30 am

These fun 30-40 minute programs for ages 2-6 include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. Registration is not required. This year we will be working our way through the alphabet (with a few breaks to celebrate the changing seasons).



STORY TREKKERS – GRADES K-4
Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Children will be introduced to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft will also be included. Students may arrange to take **bus 73** directly to the library after school. **Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15.**



ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB
GRADES 5-8
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Participants will read and discuss a different book each month. Our first book will be available to pick up at our first meeting on October 4th. Students may arrange to take **bus 73** directly to the library after school. **Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15.**



LEGO CLUB
Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thru October 24th

Ride **bus 73** to the library and play with our large selection of Legos. We will introduce a theme that you may enjoy, or just let your creativity shine. **Please call the library at 659-2626 to register as bus space is limited to 15. This program is currently full. Please call the library if you want your child to be placed on a waiting list.**



FRIDAY CRAFTING FOR TEENS
3RD Friday of the Month
3:30 – 4:30 pm

This fun time for crafting is geared toward middle school students. Crafts include: mosaics, canister/game craft, string art and a wreath.



ADULT GAME DAY
Tuesdays 9:30 am

Come join the fun, make new friends and learn some new games. Open to all adults 18 and older.



Knitting for 50+
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am
October 2nd & 16th

A drop-in group meets at the library. Help is available from instructor, Donna Kay.
All levels welcome.

Regional & State News & Events



[CLICK HERE](#) for Your Estuaries Partnership News for September 2019

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 2019

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 10:00 am at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH

At the September 18th school board meeting, the ORCSD and Durham Park & Recreation Department reported on a successful 5 weeks REACH camp. These self-funded programs provided summer enrichment and fun for hundreds of kids this summer. This is the 4th summer for this collaboration between DPR and ORCSD. The ORCSD morning camps served over 430 campers, with 177 participating in the afternoon DPR camps this summer. The free summer lunch program served over 1600 lunches over the 5 weeks.

The school board also approved an additional school nurse position to support student health needs and selected the bond repayment schedule for the proposed new middle school. The budget goal for 2020-2021 school year will be on the next meeting's agenda.

School board agendas and minutes, along with links to meeting videos and email addresses for board members are on the school district web site https://orcsc.org/school_board. Agendas are usually posted the Friday before each meeting.

EVERSOURCE WEEKLY AERIAL PATROLS

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT: Eversource transmission system operators have requested aerial patrols of several transmission lines across the state for later this week, weather permitting. This activity is being done to ensure system reliability of the electric grid.

DATES AND FLIGHT TIMES: 7 am – 3 pm, Thursday 9/26/19 & Friday 9/27/19, weather permitting.

NEARBY CITIES AND TOWNS ON FLIGHT PATH:

- Greenland, Stratham, Newfield, Newmarket & Durham
- Durham, Epping, Lee & Raymond
- Durham & Madbury
- Pittsfield, Nottingham, Northwood & Brentwood

DESCRIPTION OF AIRCRAFT: Black Bell 407, Tail Number N802JR

CONTACT INFO: NH Projects Information Line: 1-888-926-5334

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

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



McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

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

CHECK OUT MAPGEO [HERE](#)

A GIS Collaboration between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Lee bringing basic GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to your fingertips. GIS map data is now displayed on the MapGeo website. The site allows residents to search for tax map info, as well as view several different overlay layers.

ATTENTION!

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