

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
September 30, 2022**



Pictured left to right: Mike Langley, Dennis Regan, Martin Thornton, Chris Regan, Deb Sugerman and Paul McComiskey
Not pictured: Leslie Chinburg, Greg Ewing, Becky Jacobs and Bob Dallan

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!

Deep in the woods on the Maud Jones Memorial Forest, on a near perfect early fall day, a team of dedicated Lee residents crafts another masterpiece. The Trail Committee, a wing of the Lee Conservation Commission, is working on a 4th bridge project of the 2022 season. This bridge spans a brook as a starting point for a new trail location into the North side of the property. Head of the Trail Committee, Deb Sugerman, says this is not the biggest bridge of the season but a tough one requiring a lot of heavy building material to be lugged by hand nearly a quarter of a mile from the parking area. The 16-foot span is built to specs certified by the U.S. Forest Service and designed and fitted under Martin Thornton's careful supervision. Bridge work is only part of the list of accomplishment of the crew this year. They have been remarking, brushing-out and relocating trails all over the Town Forest. For a group of volunteers in only the 2nd year of their formation by the Town, their accomplishments are truly remarkable! Hats off to this rugged crew! Please go see this bridge for yourself and take the kids.

SAND & SALT NOTICE

Sand & salt will now be given out at the Transfer Station during their business hours.
Please **for personal use only; the cost for sand & salt has risen dramatically over the last year.**

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

October 3rd and 17th Select Board Meetings 6:00pm

Budget Meetings

10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/17, 11/29, 12/6 and 12/12

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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



From Guns to Gramophones: Civil War and the Technology that Shaped America

Presenter: Carrie Brown

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

Carrie Brown explores the technological triumph that helped save the Union and then transformed the nation. During the Civil War, northern industry produced a million and a half rifles, along with tens of thousands of pistols and carbines. How did the North produce all of those weapons? The answer lies in new machinery and methods for producing guns with interchangeable parts. Once the system of mass production had been tested and perfected, what happened after the war? In the period from 1870 to 1910 new factory technology and new print media fueled the development of mass consumerism. While this program tells a broad, national story, it focuses on the critical and somewhat surprising role of Vermont and New Hampshire in producing industrial technology that won the war and changed American life.



Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares

Presenter: Jennifer Carroll

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. She was a humane society agent in Keene from 1903-1936 and one of the first humane society agents to become a deputy sheriff in New Hampshire. Jennie was known across the country as "The Woman Who Dares" cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America. As a photographic activist, she used her camera to document animal cruelty, family violence, and widespread poverty in New Hampshire's Monadnock region and beyond. This one-hour illustrated presentation from Jenna Carroll introduces us to Jennie's life story, the work of humane societies at the turn of the twentieth century, and the politics of the Progressive Era (1890s-1920s) from a local perspective.

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Events and Books at ORCRead.org



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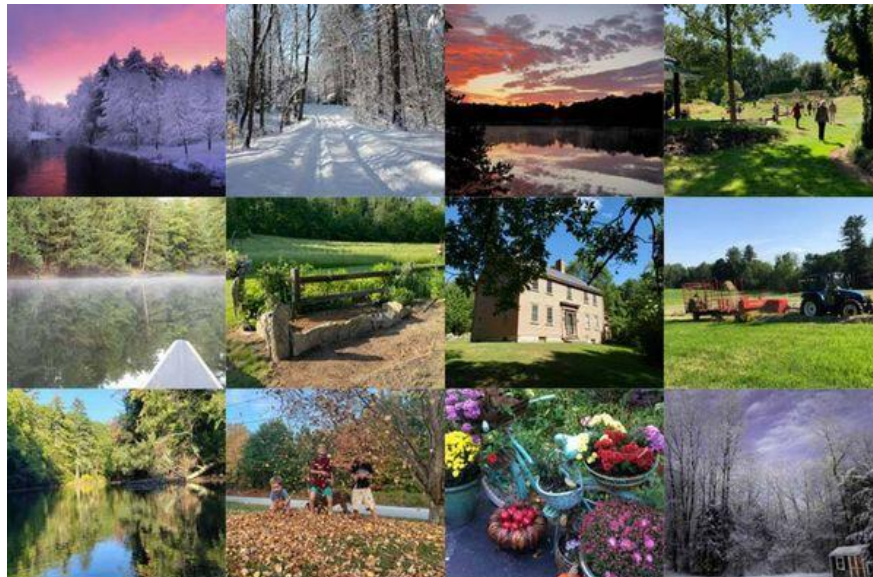
Read Together and Join the Conversation on Ways We Create and Sustain Our Public Spaces

LEIC PUBLIC LIBRARY





[CLICK HERE](https://ORCRead.org) to learn more



The Lee Heritage Commission is a town commission that works to preserve Lee, New Hampshire's history, heritage, and historic places for future generations. Any proceeds from the sale of this calendar will be used to support our work. All members of the commission are town volunteers who donate their time.

Learn more about the LHC on the town of Lee website: <https://www.leeNH.org/heritage-commission>
You can also follow our new Facebook page: "Lee Heritage Commission - Lee, NH" <https://www.facebook.com/LeeHeritageCommissionLeeNH/>



LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION - CALL FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS!!

The Lee Heritage Commission is compiling photos for our 2023 wall calendar, and wants to feature photos that celebrate the history, traditions, and unique character of Lee.

If you have any photos taken in Lee that you'd like to share to potentially be included in the calendar, please email them to LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com by **October 7th**. Submit as many as you'd like! If we use one of your photos, you will receive a free calendar!

Photos can feature any buildings, places, events, or activities in Lee, with particular interest in:

- Photos of town events and traditions, such as the Lee Fair, Lee skating rink, Ice Cream Smorgasbord, parades, Family Night, Model Rocket Day, etc.
- Photos of our parks and natural resources, such as Little River Park & trails, Town Forest & Bog, the Lamprey River, Wadleigh Falls, Maud Jones Memorial Forest Trail, Wheelwright Pond, etc.
- Photos of historic homes, barns, and other buildings
- Photos of old cemeteries, stonewalls, scenic roads, town triangle, etc.
- Photos of farms, farm activities, and the agricultural heritage of Lee

Please keep in mind:

- We are interested in photos from all seasons, winter, spring, summer, and fall!
- Photos taken horizontally (not vertical or portrait orientation) are preferred, as they will fit best in the calendar format but vertical photos may be submitted.
- Please submit photos in the highest possible resolution
- Photos can be from any year. Images from recent months or years are always wonderful, but scanned copies of old photos are very welcome too!

You will be notified if your photo is selected for printing in the calendar. Copies of the calendar will be available for purchase at the library and other locations, as well as by online order. We hope to have the calendars available before the end of November. We look forward to seeing your photos!!

NATURE NOTES FOR THE SPOOKY SEASON PART 1: GHOST PLANTS

By Catherine Fisher, Conservation Commission

Photos by Catherine Fisher

On the heels of last weekend's heavy rains, a ghostly presence is emerging from dark haunts in wooded areas of Lee. This is *Monotropa* (once-turned) *uniflora* (one-flowered), commonly known as ghost plant. When conditions are right, flowers of this species begin to appear in late spring and continue to emerge in forests throughout summer and into mid fall, which puts the ghost plant among our latest blooming wildflowers. During the next several weeks, whether you walk in Little River Park, the Town Forest, or Maud Jones Memorial Forest, these strange, waxy-looking plants are likely to be found along the trails, small clumps of them emerging in rich, moist, deeply shaded areas. They seem to glow from their beds on the forest floor.

Also called corpse plan, ice plant, Indian pipe, ghost flower, and ghost pipe, the ghost plant is a peculiar member of the *Ericaceae* family, whose species include blueberry, huckleberry, leatherleaf, rhododendron, azalea, cranberry, mayflower, and wintergreen. Unlike most



Oak leaf stem seen through translucent petal.

members of the *Ericaceae* tribe (and almost all of the world's plants), ghost plant has no green leaves or stems. All parts of this plant are white, or pink-tinged, and it is entirely without pigment.

Like a troglobite - a white or pink cave-dwelling animal that spends its entire life in darkness and thus has no need for the protection and camouflage that pigment provides - the ghost plant spends nearly all of its life in darkness. During prolonged periods of drought, it may remain underground for several years. Only when it is ready to flower and conditions are adequately moist does the ghost plant take a break from its hypogean existence to live briefly aboveground, and even then it usually surfaces in areas where the canopy is particularly dense - places where the forest floor is barely touched by the sun's rays. For the ghost plant, pigment is superfluous.

Chlorophyll, the green pigment plants use to harness sunlight and photosynthesize carbon into

carbohydrates, is fundamental to plant life - and thus, to all life on our planet. Unable to capture sunlight and produce the sugars that fuel life and growth, how does the ghost plant survive? Where does this denizen of darkness obtain the energy needed to sustain itself? It steals sugars from mycorrhizal fungi.

A mycorrhizal fungus is one that forms symbiotic partnerships with particular tree species. In this mutually beneficial relationship between species from two different kingdoms, the tree shares with its fungal ally some of the sugars it manufactures. In return, the fungus, whose underground mycelium is more far-reaching than the tree roots it encases, helps the tree absorb water and nutrients. It is a partnership that is of tremendous importance to forest health. Into this felicitous association steps the ghost plant.



Fruiting body of a Russulaceae fungus.

Ghost plants are mycoheterotrophs - plants that parasitize fungi. In the case of the ghost plant, fungi of the family *Russulaceae* are its host. Russula fungi are mycorrhizal with several tree species, including American beech and white pine, and their mushrooms are quite common in our area. The same rains that recently coaxed the ghost plant from its subterranean lair have also produced a flush of mushrooms, including russulas in abundance. With their deep red or salmon-pink caps and bright white stems, these are very noticeable, attractive mushrooms. In the Town Forest and other wooded locations where russulas have emerged, patches of ghost plants are often growing nearby. Clearly, our local ghost plants are getting the energy they need from their Russula hosts. It is, however, a one-sided exchange: though the ghost plant does no apparent harm to the fungus, neither does it give it anything in return for the sugars it utilizes.

Despite their lack of pigment, ghost plants are strangely attractive. Their stems and flowers are often infused with pink and their leaves are pearly and pellucid. Despite their freeloading survival strategy they are surprisingly generous in their pollen and nectar production and are pollinated by bumblebees and other long-tongued bees. Once fertilized, the stem straightens and raises its seed-filled pod. Presently, you can find ghost plants in all stages of development - from newly emerged bent pipes; to newly-straightened pollinated flowers with their darkened, central pistil ringed by 8-12 stamens; to fully-ripened, seed-filled fruit surrounded by an array of spent stamens. Soon after its fruit ripens, the ghost plant blackens and dries, releasing its minute seeds. The withered stems and empty pods often persist for months.

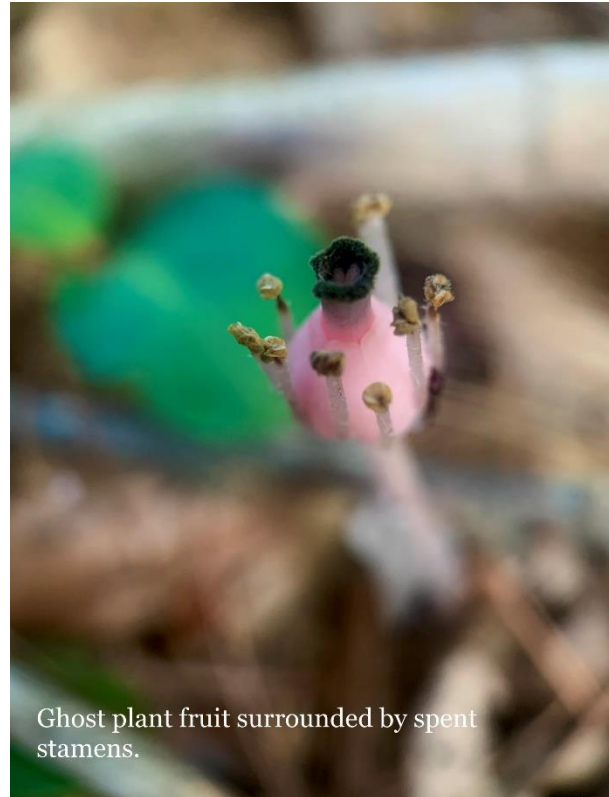
The seeds produced by the ghost plant are mere specks of dust. As is nearly always the case with tiny-seeded



plants, the embryo inside a ghost plant seed has no energy stores with which to fuel the labors of sprouting. Seeds from this plant must have the good fortune to land in a place where a russula fungus grows. There, wrapped by russula hyphae, the seed capsule is opened and the tiny plant is released into its fungal host's sweet embrace. Safe underground it will develop, eventually maturing into its flowering stage, though how long this process takes is not yet known. It may be that this plant spends several years growing in darkness before its first ghostly flowers emerge.



Fertilized ghost plant flower, facing upwards, showing central pistil surrounded by eight stamens.



Ghost plant fruit surrounded by spent stamens.



VOLUNTEER (AND EMPLOYEE) APPRECIATION DINNER

Thursday, October 13th Lee Public Safety Complex at 6pm

Call Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 to RSVP

TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP

Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays 8am - 5pm

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.** The Swap Shop will close if a volunteer is not available. Bulky Items: The Swap Shop accepts large items.

We look forward to greeting our visitors at the Swap Shop. Seeing the free exchange of items between the folks in town brings a lot of satisfaction to the volunteers at the Swap Shop. If you would like to join in and volunteer, please let us know. Contact Forms are available at the Swap Shop or email us at swapshopleenh@gmail.com. You must be a residence of Lee and at least 18 years of age. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET, LEE DOES FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING!

BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Director Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. The Town provides special compostable bags to bring your food waste in to the Transfer Station.

NEW LEE TOWN OFFICES HOURS

Town Administrator's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am – 4:30pm

Friday 8am – 12:30pm

Town Clerk's Office

Monday 8am – 6pm / Wednesday 8am – 4pm / Friday 8am – 4pm

LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

See below for current openings! If you are interested, contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

The NEW CIP Committee

Planning and Zoning Boards

Recreation Commission, Energy Committee, Fair Committee and Sustainability Committee

E-CRIER PUBLISHING ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have a community event that you would like to publish in the E-Crier, please email Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at dduval@leenh.org by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#) [NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE](#)

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH Department of Health and Human Services

[CLICK HERE](#) for New DHHS Website!

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

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.

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](#)

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

OCTOBER AT YOUR LEE LIBRARY!



SPOOKY SCARECROWS! Are you ready for some fall festivities?! We thought it would be lots of fun to decorate the trail behind the Library with some spooky scarecrows ready for a Jack-O-Lantern Halloween Walk at the end of October... want to join in? Then pop on over to the library to register your family, or business scarecrow. Scarecrows can be made throughout September and must be delivered to the library by October 14th ready to be displayed on the trail until November 11th. We will give you a stake to build your scarecrow around, and a plaque which should be displayed with your scarecrow, and include a name for your display. Patrons will be encouraged to vote on their favorite scarecrow display, and the winner will receive a \$50 Market Basket Gift Card!

Tuesday October 4 & 18, 1:00pm – 5:00pm – Grab & Go Craft Kit Pick-Up: Come and pick up a kids craft kit while supplies last!

Tuesday October 4, 11, 18 & 25, 3:30pm – 4:45pm – Afterschool Lego Club: Students are bussed from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Program is full!



Tuesday October 4, 5:30pm – 6:30pm: Friends Meeting, New members always welcome, come on over!

Wednesday October 5 & 19, 10:00am - Knitters: Meet on the first and third Wednesday at 10:00am. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company! New knitters always welcome.



Wednesday October 5, 6:00pm – 7:00pm - Galileo, Galilei, the Starry Messenger – In-person program in partnership with NH Humanities: Join us in the library program space for a spectacular presentation by Michael Francis. The Starry Messenger, is a dramatic fun-filled adaptation of Galileo's short treatise "Siderius Nuncius." Galileo (dressed in 17th-century costume) arrives to present a public lecture on his most recent discoveries made using his newly-devised spyglass. Throughout the presentation, audience members are actively involved in experiments and demonstrations. After the lecture, Galileo answers questions about his experiments, his life, and his times.



Thursday October 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:30am – 11:30am – Preschool Story Time: Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, games and fun! No sign up necessary ☺



Thursday October 6, 13, 20 & 27, 3:30pm – 4:45pm – After School Story Time & Craft: Join Miss Judy in the program space for a chapter book reading and fun craft. Students are bussed from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Please call to register.



Friday October 14, 21 & 28, 10:30am – 11:30am – Sensory Station Story Time: Join Miss Judy in the program space for stories, songs, movement/station/sensory activities and more! No sign up necessary ☺

Monday October 10, Library Closed in Celebration of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day: Stay safe and have a great day!



Tuesday October 11, 6:00pm – 7:00pm - Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn – Virtual Program in partnership with NH Humanities and ORCR: Join us via Zoom for this virtual presentation with Thomas Hubka.

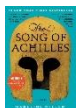
Wednesday October 12, 1:00pm – 3:00pm: Movie Time! Join us in the program space for hot chocolate, cookies and the movie Where the Crawdads Sing (2022, PG 13).

Wednesday October 12, 5:30pm – 6:30pm: Library Trustee Meeting. This is a public meeting, all welcome.

Saturday October 15, 9:00am – 12:00pm – Friends of the Library Books Sale and Yard Sale: We're fundraising for our renovations and programming! Pop on over to buy a book, or check out what we have on the donation yard sale!



Middle School Book Club – Date to be Decided: This year we will be working our way through the Harry Potter Series. We will meet to discuss our reading and watch the related movie. A supply of books are available at the library, **Call the library at 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. Attendance will be capped at 15.**

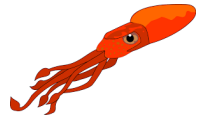


Monday October 17, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Book Group: Our book group usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. October's title is *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller. Copies are available at the library!

Wednesday October 19, 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Presentation and Skywatch with NH Astronomical Society: Join us in the program space for a short space themed presentation, then it's off to Steven's Farm on Tuttle Road with telescopes and equipment to look at our nights sky during our first ever Skywatch with NH Astronomical Society! Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lee Public Library ☺



Saturday October 22, 10:00am – 11:00am – Squid Dissection with UNH Extension: Bring the family along to this fun filled program. A team of UNH docents will lead us in identifying external parts of the squid, then guide us through a careful dissection and identification of internal anatomy.



Monday October 24, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults: Join us on the Fourth Monday of every month (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home or garden. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! Please call or email to sign up.



Wednesday October 26, 7:00pm – 8:00pm – The Capital Crime of Witchcraft, in partnership with The Lee Historical Society and NH Humanities: Margo Burns explores an array of prosecutions in seventeenth century New England, using facsimiles of primary source manuscripts, from first formal complaints to arrest warrants, indictments of formal charges to death warrants, and the reversals of attainder and rescinding of excommunications years after the fact; demonstrating how methodically and logically the Salem Court worked. **To be held in person at the Safety Complex, 20 George Bennet Road, in Lee.**



Friday October 28, 4:30pm – 5:30pm – Spooky Scarecrow Walk: Join us on the library trail for some cookies, hot chocolate and a trail walk. We'll be taking a walk to check out the spooky scarecrows made by the Town of Lee! There will also be a Halloween story on the trail 😊



Friday October 28, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Family Movie Night: Join us in the library program space on the last Friday of every month for our family movie night! This month we will watch 'Spooky Buddies' (2011). We'll provide the popcorn, snacks and drinks!



Regional & State News & Events

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD NEWS - September 21, 2022

September 23rd marks the end of the first 5-day school week of this school year (due to Labor Day and the Primary Election). School Bus ridership has returned to pre-COVID levels, which improves traffic flows around schools. Student activities, arts, clubs, and athletics are in full swing.

Oyster River Schools still need Bus Drivers, Custodians, Substitute Teachers, Paraprofessionals, and more! Currently open positions are listed [here](https://www.applitrack.com/orcsd/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1).

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Jasmine Daniels, ORCSD's new director of facilities, provided an update on various construction projects across the district. Some of the highlights include:

- The 2nd phase of air conditioning for the High School is in progress and should be complete by October 15th.
- Addition of soft walls to make the High School multipurpose room more flexible will begin October 1st.
- Tennis courts are still in progress due to contractor delays and are expected to be completed in October.
- Turf for the Middle School field has started to arrive and will be installed in October.

There is no school for students in Oyster River on Friday, October 7th or Monday, October 10th. The next school board meeting will be on **Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 in the Middle School** concert hall. This is a change from the usual schedule. The following school board meeting on **Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 will be held at Mast Way School.**

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 9/21/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 10:00 am, New London Barn Play House, New London, NH

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information.

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.

The Seacoast Village Project (a nonprofit)

Helping seniors age in their homes and community!

Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships

Membership Information

<https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/>

(603)-373-8429

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