

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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March 1, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

SOLAR PANELS DONATED TO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NH

Lee Energy Committee participated in the Renewable Energy Initiative

[CLICK HERE](#) for Foster's Article 2/20/2019



Dover Mayor Karen Weston is ready to cut the ribbon, Sen. Maggie Hassan and Dan Weeks are on Weston's left. On her right Dover Energy Commission Chair Walter King (back), Jane Bard President of the Children's Museum, Congressman Chris Pappas and Lee Energy Committee Representative Barbara Wauchope.

Photo by John Huff/Foster's



CLEAR SNOW OFF YOUR CAR!! IT'S THE LAW!

[CLICK HERE](#) for RSA 265:79-b AKA Jessica's Law

Jessica's Law was passed by the NH legislature in 2001 and went into effect in 2002 as a result to the death of Jessica Smith, a 20 year old woman who was killed when ice flew off the top of a truck; hit a second truck which caused a head-on collision with Jessica's car.

SUPERVISORS of the CHECKLIST

Public Session Saturday, March 2, 2019 Lee Public Library 11:00 - 11:30am

This will be the last day to accept voter registration applications. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until town Election Day, March 12. Prospective voters are required by law to show proof of identity, age, U.S. citizenship, and domicile in Lee. A driver's license, passport, birth certificate, or mail are all useful things to bring as proofs of these requirements. Voter registration applications are also accepted at the town clerk's office during regular business hours up to and including March 1, 2019.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Strafford County Farm Bureau invites you to our

6th Annual Farm Style Breakfast Fundraiser

Co-Sponsored by Lee & Durham Agricultural Commissions

Sunday March 17th, 2019
7:30am to 12:00pm
Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall located at 1 Lee Hook Road Lee, NH
Adults \$10 and children 14 and under are \$7
Purchase tickets at the door



This Annual Fundraiser Benefits Agricultural Outreach and Youth Grant Programs

For more information contact:
Matt Scruton 941-4956 or Laura Gund 659-2044 or Erick Sawtelle 659-8106



MARCH SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **March 11th & 25th** Starting at 6:30 pm

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



2019 BACK YARD FARMING INITIATIVE

Mondays, **March 25th, April 22nd and May 20th**

Jeremiah Smith Grange, Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH 7:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for schedule

Marsha Barden, Ret. USDA Wildlife Services, talks about regulations concerning the animals around us. Series moderated by Chuck Cox. Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, Backyard Farming Initiative, Lee Sustainability Committee and the Lee Public Library. Baked goods by Ruth Eifert, Lee Library Director.

LEE TOWN CENTER PROJECT - Important Dates to Remember

• **Last TCVC Public Presentation**
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Lee Public Safety Complex

• **Town Vote / Election Day**
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Lee Public Safety Complex



The Town Center Vision Committee (TCVC) has been collecting questions asked by the public about the Town Center Project. This week's frequently asked questions (FAQ) are:

Q: What type of construction methods will be used?

A: While these details won't be finalized until we enter the design/build phase of the project, the plans and prices from the architect and the two independent cost estimators were based on two approaches. The methods explored included 2x6 construction with ZipWall® (or similar exterior sheathing system), or ICF (Insulate Concrete Forms), which features foam insulation on the inside and outside of the exterior walls.

Q: How will the new construction affect town hiring?

A: A prediction of possible staff increases in the town center buildings through 2035 was made as part of the space needs assessment to ensure that the building plans would not quickly become obsolete. These predicted increases are at the upper limit of expectations and can be divided into three categories:

1. Increases that are **independent** of the town center project:

Town office staff may increase by two part time equivalents, but this depends only on the workload, not on the work location.

2. Increases that are **required** by the town center project:

The increased building area of the town center project is estimated to require a maintenance staff increase of 20 hours per week. This cost, including full time benefits, is included in the increased operating and maintenance cost shown for the project.

3. Increases that are **enabled** by the town center project:

Staffing increases enabled by the project may occur at the library where the possibility of up to five additional part-time positions is predicted by 2035.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Town Center Project Flyer

For more information visit <http://leetowncenter.org> and follow us at <http://facebook.com/leetcvc> for periodic updates.

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
JUNE 30, 2018



[CLICK HERE](#) for Town of Lee Annual Report
Hard copies will be available at Town Hall next week



WINTER SAND/SALT MIX

The Highway Garage has winter sand/salt mix available free for **Lee residents only**.
Note: This is NOT FOR COMMERCIAL USE.



FROZEN PIPES WARNING

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about preventing frozen pipes during very cold weather

TOWN OF LEE RIGHT OF WAY POLICY (Including Mailbox Guidelines) - [CLICK HERE](#)
APPROVED BY THE LEE SELECT BOARD DECEMBER 17, 2018



**REMEMBER THAT LEE HAS A SNOW
CASTING ORDINANCE!**

This means that you cannot throw, "cast," place or deposit snow or ice onto any plowed street or public way. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more. The fine for this violation can be up to \$100.00. The Lee Police will also be strictly enforcing RSA 265:79-b Negligent Driving or otherwise known as "Jessica's Law" for drivers who do not clear the snow off of their vehicles. The fines are \$250-\$500 for the first offense and \$500-\$1000 for subsequent offenses.

Please be sure that no vehicles are parked on a roadway during snow removal OR during a storm.

Municipal Composting in NH by Dean Rubine



Greetings from the LSC! This week we're talking about ways to not throw food waste in the municipal solid waste bin. We estimate a quarter to half of our landfilled trash is food. It stinks up the trash, it costs Lee taxpayers \$80 a ton to discard, and it emits methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

We've already written about the best way to discard food waste: composting at home. After finding a space and getting a compost bin, you can throw most of your food waste in the bin, mix in some brown carbon like leaves, turn occasionally and nature does the rest. When the compost is cooked, you can use it in your garden, give it away or chuck it in the woods.

For a variety of reasons some folks can't compost at home, so we naturally wonder why we can't do municipal scale composting at the transfer station. In fact we already collect and compost yard and farm waste at the transfer station, but NH regulations regarding meat and dairy disposal prevent residential food waste being added. We're behind some other states. MA banned commercial organic waste from landfills in 2014. VT passed a law in 2012 that phases out all food waste from landfills by 2020. Local municipalities have gone even further.

Our local history is at the center of the issue. In 2006 UNH began composting large amounts of food waste at Kingman Farm in Madbury. In 2011, the meat and dairy regulations were enforced and Kingman Farm stopped giving away compost. In 2014 our own Senator Martha Fuller Clark sponsored a bill to update the regulations to allow community scale composting of food waste, including meat and dairy. It passed and went into effect in 2015, but we're still waiting for the NH DES to issue the rules. Expect sites to appear in a couple of years.

If you can't compost at home, there are companies which will collect your compost at a cost more than it costs Lee to landfill and truck it out of state. Oyster River School District is a customer.

The best way to keep food out of the waste stream is not waste it at all, but that's another article.



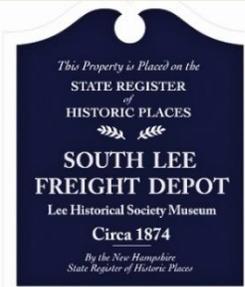
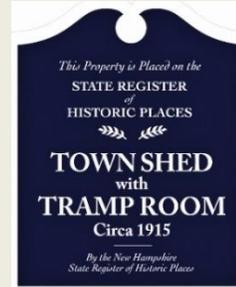
SWAP SHOP HOURS & RULES REMINDER

Swap Shop now open on Saturdays only 7am-4pm until further notice.

Interested in volunteering? Please call Shirley McKeon at 659-8163 or email smckeon123@aol.com.

SUMMARY OF RULES

There's a 15 minute time limit. * If you cannot use it then do not take it * If an item has a bulky fee then it **must** be paid. [CLICK HERE](#) for Bulky Fees * Large items such as furniture or mattresses & broken or hazardous items are **not** accepted * **Dumping is prohibited.** Security cameras are installed. Do not be the first to get charged.



NH State Historic Register Plaques

In 2018 the Lee Heritage Commission successfully worked to add several buildings on the town-owned land next door to the old Parish House to the State Register of Historic Places, including the 1846 Town Hall, 1915 Town Tool Shed with Tramp Room, and 1874 Lee Historical Society building (former South Lee Freight House). Also on site is the former 1897 Center School which is part of the Lee Library building. Clearly, the idea of preserving town buildings, while re-developing an identifiable “Town Center” is a goal that has been shared by many Lee residents for quite a few years now. In order to help Lee residents and visitors identify these historic buildings, the Lee Heritage Commission has recently designed historic markers to place on buildings in town that have been placed on the NH States Register of Historic Places, both those owned by the Town and those that are privately owned. The plaques will be placed on these buildings in the spring.

TOWN OF LEE T-SHIRTS & POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



The Lee Heritage Commission is offering these “Town of Lee” shirts for sale. They feature a version of our Lee Town seal. Buy one of these t-shirts or polo shirts to wear to show your town pride. They also make wonderful gifts.

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| Town of Lee T-shirts (M, L, XL) | \$12.00 |
| Town of Lee T-shirts (XXL, XXXL) | \$15.00 |
| Town of Lee Polo Shirts (M, L, XL) | \$16.00 |
| Town of Lee Polo Shirts (XXL) | \$20.00 |



The shirts are available in three colors: Navy Blue, Red or Green. If you’d like to order a shirt, contact heritage@leenh.org. We accept cash or checks made out to “Town of Lee, NH”. If we don’t have the shirt in the size and color you want, we’d be happy to include your request in our next re-order.

Also Available – Copies of the [2019 Historic Lee, New Hampshire Wall Calendar](#) are still on sale at the Lee Town Hall and also at the Lee Library. \$5.00 each.





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

[2018 YEAR END INCIDENT REPORT](#)
[FIRE PERMIT FLYER](#)
[CATEGORY I & II FIRE SPECIFICATIONS](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for January/February Educator
[CLICK HERE](#) for January/February One Stop Educator

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fee Schedule
Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide



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 WINTER

- If you burn wood in your home, have chimneys inspected and cleaned yearly to prevent chimney fires. When burning wood do not burn wood that is green or unseasoned. [CLICK HERE](#) for more Heating Safety Tips
- Have furnace cleaned and serviced yearly especially if it burns oil, Kerosene or a blend.
- Clear snow from all outside vents and gas meters.
- Carbon Monoxide detectors are recommended on each floor of the residence especially in the hallway outside any bedroom areas. Test them weekly and make sure they have good batteries in them. [CLICK HERE](#) for more on CO Safety
- Clear snow from all exterior exits to allow for quick evacuation in the event of an emergency.

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



POLICE NOTICE

In a follow up to the request that residents properly number their homes, [CLICK HERE](#) for the Ordinance that applies. The Lee Police will be compiling a list of homes that are not complying with this ordinance and make contact with the homeowners in hopes of getting everyone in compliance which will make it easier to locate a residence in times of an emergency.

SCAM! SCAM! SCAM!

Please do not become a victim. WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GIVE IT OUT.

An old scam has resurfaced. Residents are being contacted by "Publisher's Clearing House" about having won the jackpot. The stipulation is that the resident must pay \$7,500 in advance. This is a scam. You will never have to pre-pay the "FDIC" for your winnings.

IMPERSONATION OF A SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE

We sometimes receive reports where individuals have been contacted by someone pretending to be an SSA employee. The intent of this type of call is to steal your identity and/or money from your bank accounts. The caller generally asks you for personal information such as your Social Security number, date of birth, your mother's maiden name, or your bank or financial account information. The impersonator may state that "the SSA computers are down" or may refer to enrollment in the Medicare prescription drug program. It is possible that an SSA employee may contact you to follow-up on a previous application for SSA/Medicare Part D benefits or to follow-up on other business you initiated with SSA. If you are unsure as to the authenticity of someone who claims to be an SSA employee, please call SSA's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to verify the reason for the contact and the person's identity prior to providing any information to the caller.

If you wish to report a call from someone you suspect is impersonating an SSA employee, please provide us with the following details:

Caller's alleged name, telephone number, time and date the call was made, information requested by the caller and any other identifying information or details about the content of the call. Please note that there are also "robocalls" from people claiming to be from the Social Security Administration.

Eversource Energy and NH Public Utilities Commission News Release
[CLICK HERE](#) To Read About How to Avoid Becoming a Victim in 2019



The Lee Hill Cemetery is closed for the winter.
The cemetery may be accessed by foot
through the open gate.
LEE CEMETERY RULES
[CLICK HERE](#) for Rules



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!**



FOOD PANTRY

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.



DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A drop-off is available at the Public Safety Complex to the left of the front entrance for unused and unwanted prescriptions.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Solid Waste Advisory, Energy, LRAC 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.

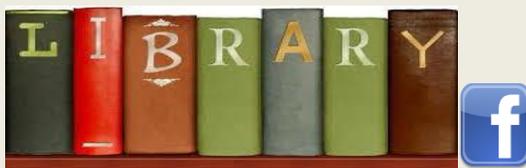
COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Go to www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH_MeetingsCal/?formid=158

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH_LibraryCal/?formid=158

Lee Public Library



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

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10am – 3pm



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, March 11th

“Lowland” by Jhumpa Lahiri

“Poignant. . . . There is an important truth here—that life often denies us understanding, and sometimes all there is to hold on to is our ability to endure.”—NPR



DROP-IN CRAFT

Monday, March 18th –

Saturday, March 23rd

Drop in and make a sweet little sheep.
Baaaaaaa!



LEGO CLUB

Fridays

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Back by popular demand, Lego Club will meet on Fridays to build with the library’s large Lego collection. Students may take the bus 31 from Mast Way School. **Those riding the bus need to register for this program. Space is limited to 10 on the bus and up to 20 in the program.**



BOOKS ALIVE

Tuesdays 3:30 pm

Join our interactive after school story program that joins reading, movement, hands-on learning and creativity to bring books to life. There will be snacks. This program is geared for grades K-4 and meets after school on Tuesdays. All children ages 5-10 are welcome. **Call to Register.**



STORY TIME
Thursdays @ 10 am
Fridays @ 11 am

Reading, crafts, puppets, music and more. Who knows where next week's adventures may take us? Large groups and families welcome.



BABY LAPSIT
Fridays @ 10 am

Silliness, songs, scarves, rhymes and of course...reading. This baby story time is full of age appropriate activities to facilitate learning and bonding. Give it a **GO**.



Knitting for 50+
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9 am
March 6th & 20th
Help is available from instructor Donna Kay. All levels welcome.

Regional & State News & Events

Oyster River Cooperative School Board News

The school board spent much of its February 20th meeting looking at initial concept work for the proposed new middle school with the architectural design team. The board also continued work on the 2019-2024 strategic plan.

In order to make the best use of land for the middle school, a four-story building is envisioned. The Board also decided that in order make the best use of the site; the plan should not retain any part of the current building.

More information on the progress of planning a new middle school will be presented after a free community supper at Mast Way School on March 7th (see flyer below) and on March 30th at Moharimet School during the annual pancake breakfast (8am-noon). The entire community is invited to both of these events.

The next school board meeting is March 6th at 7:00pm and voting on the 2019-2020 school budget is March 12th. Full information on school board agendas, minutes, videos, and member contact information is available at www.orcsd.org.

Oyster River Middle School Building Project

Did you know, ORCSD is in the process of researching and developing a plan to build a new middle school? Our current middle school is in rough shape and our students deserve an improved learning environment. Come hear from Superintendent Dr. Morse and ORMS Principal Jay Richard about what the current schoolhouse looks like and why we are recommending building a new school.

We are teaming up with our Child Nutrition Department to provide a FREE spaghetti dinner for Mast Way families and help to design a quick and easy evening for our families to attend. Please sign up through this link. Child care will be provided during the presentation. We hope you are able to join us!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ADAE23A4FC1-march5>

When: Thursday, March 7th, 2019

Where: Mast Way School



Agenda:

5-5:45 - Free Spaghetti Dinner served by the ORCSD Child Nutrition Department in the café

5:45-6:30 - ORMS Presentation/child care will be provided for elementary aged children

6:30-7:30 - Our Mast Way PTO will host their monthly meeting

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:00 am

Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH



WELL WATER TESTING BROCHURE FOR RESIDENTS

[CLICK HERE](#) for NHDES Brochure

[CLICK HERE](#) for NHDES Letter



[CLICK HERE](#) for February E-News



University of New Hampshire
Cooperative Extension

TRAINING FOR PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATORS

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

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.



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ATTENTION!

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