

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Lee, New Hampshire 03861
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March 8, 2019

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT!

Inga, our Children's Librarian, had a baby girl (7lbs 2ozs) on Friday, March 1st.
Her name is Ginny.

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



[CLICK HERE](#) for Town of Lee Annual Report

Hard copies available at Town Hall and the Library



This is NOT ok!

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.

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

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 effect does the passage of Town Center Project (warrant article 3) and the Town Hall renovation (warrant article 4) have on my tax bill?

A: This is an important question and the TCVC has created a document to help you determine the effect on your tax bill. The [document](#) has property valuation from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 with three columns to show the tax rate increase for the next three years.

Q: Where and when can I vote on the Town Center Project (warrant article 3) and the Town Hall renovation (warrant article 4)?

A: Voting on all the warrant articles will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Public Safety Complex at 20 George Bennett Road in Lee, NH. The polls will be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm. If you need to register to vote, you can do so on voting day at the same location.

This is the last TCVC E-Crier article before the vote on March 12, 2019.

[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.



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.



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.



For 8,000 years, Abenaki people lived in what is now Lee, New Hampshire. There were Abenaki villages all throughout New Hampshire, including here in the Seacoast and Great Bay area, including a well-established village at what is now called Wadleigh Falls, here in Lee. At that time, the Abenaki lived by hunting, fishing, and gathering their foods – as ALL of our ancestors did 8000 years ago, no matter what part of the world they lived in. Being very resourceful people, one of the things the Abenaki learned to do at this time of year was how to collect maple syrup and process it into maple syrup and maple sugar. This was done every year just as winter was ending, when the sun shone brightly during the daytime to warm the air, but the nights were still quite cold.

It was the Abenaki people who taught the English colonists in New England and the French colonists in New France how to process maple sap into maple syrup. The Abenaki word for “maple” is “sen8mozi” (the “8” is pronounced as a kind of nasal “O” sound) and the word for “making sugar” is “sogalikan”. The Abenaki also introduced the first snow cones to the Northeast by making cones out of birchbark, filling them with clean snow, and drizzling some of the season’s first maple syrup over the snow! Yum. A great incentive for getting their children to haul firewood and carry countless birchbark containers of maple sap to the place where they had set up their sugaring operation! As you go out visiting sugar houses this spring, raise your maple syrup and toast the Abenaki people who taught New Englanders about this wonderful food source! Most sugar houses throughout New Hampshire are open every weekend in March. Go to the website of the NH Maple Producers to find one close to you: <https://nhmapleproducers.com/maple-month/>



Copies of the beautiful 2019 Historic Lee, New Hampshire Wall Calendar are still on sale at the Lee Town Hall and at the Lee Library.

The price has now been reduced to \$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



LEE FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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



Scott M. Nemet
Fire Chief

Jeffery S. Liporto
Deputy Chief

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE SPRING SEASON

With spring approaching your fire department would like to remind everyone to consider these recommended safety practices.

- On Sunday March 10th it is time to change our clocks one hour ahead. With the changing of the clocks we recommend that you change the batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. There should be at least one smoke and carbon monoxide detector on each level of your residence. If you would like suggestions on where to place smoke detectors you may call us here at the fire station and we would be glad to come to your home to help.
- Check your fire extinguishers to make sure they are fully charged and ready for use.
- Clean out your dryer vents to prevent dryer fires.
- Keep your outdoor grill clean and maintain the burners and gas lines to prevent grill fires. Keep your grill away from your house and out from under overhangs and decks when in use to prevent grill fires from spreading to your home. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby in the case of grill fires.
- If you have severe allergies especially to bees, wasps and hornets make sure your epi pen is up to date and available for immediate use in time of need. As the weather becomes warmer bees, wasps and hornets will become more active.

BURN PERMIT

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

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.

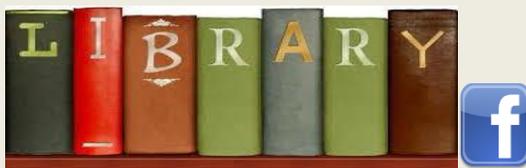
COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

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

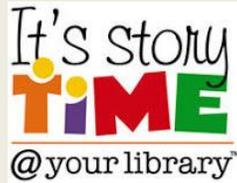
Back by popular demand, Lego Club will meet on Fridays to build with the library’s large Lego collection. Students may take the bus 31 from Mast Way School. **Those riding the bus need to register for this program. Space is limited to 10 on the bus and up to 20 in the program.**



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 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 to 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 on March 30th at Moharimet School during the annual pancake breakfast (8am-noon). The entire community is invited to this event.

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.

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!

If you do not have the internet please come to Town Hall for a **printed copy** or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secretary Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!