

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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March 27, 2020

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

GOVERNOR SUNUNU ISSUES A STAY-AT-HOME ORDER EFFECTIVE AT NOON ON MARCH 27, 2020



NH Department of Health and Human Services FAQ Sheet on the 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) [CLICK HERE](#)

Town Hall and the Planning & Zoning office remain closed to the public, effective March 16th. Most of our staff is still reporting to work with a few working remotely. Access is also limited at the Public Safety Complex and the Transfer Station has altered their operations in order to maintain safe social distancing. We are encouraging anyone who has questions or needs assistance to call us or utilize our online systems for access to assessing records, motor vehicle registration, etc. Governor Sununu authorized that all 20-day temporary plates issued after 3/1/20 for NEWLY ACQUIRED vehicles have been extended through April 30, 2020.

Bulky items will again be accepted at the Transfer Station, effective Tuesday March 31st. HOWEVER, payment will be by check only – there will be a drop box available. Employees will not be able to assist with removing items from your vehicle but will be available to guide you, weigh items, and answer your questions.

SWAP SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Police/Fire/ Ambulance Emergencies	911
Police Business Number	659-5866
Fire Business Number	659-5411
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	659-2964
Planning & Zoning/Building Inspector	659-6783
Selectmen/Assessing/Finance Office	659-5414

For more information please go the Town's website <https://Leenh.org>

New Hampshire residents who have concerns about COVID-19 can call 2-1-1. Information and referral specialists are on hand to direct people to the appropriate resources. NH 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Outside of New Hampshire, call 1-866-444-4211.

To immediately report any suspected cases of COVID-19 to the Division of Public Health Services call 603-271-4496 (M-F 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) or after hours at 603-271-5300. Callers should expect to leave a message and be patient while waiting for a return call.

If you are sick with symptoms such as fever, cough and/or shortness of breath call your own healthcare provider and follow their instructions.

Please stay safe and keep everyone else safe by following the CDC's guidelines – limit social contact – wash your hands – stay in if you are sick – clean and sanitize surfaces.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE NOT WIPING DOWN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT,
PICNIC BENCHES OR ANY OTHER SURFACES**

Be smart. Do your part.

The Town of Lee urges our residents and visitors to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you go to a park or trail to exercise, use extreme caution. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others when outside. Do not participate in any team and contact sports, such as basketball, football, softball and soccer. Cookouts are also not permitted in Little River Park, until further notice. Avoid touching surfaces including playground equipment, benches, and other sports equipment that are handled by others.

We discourage gathering in our parks and remind everyone that groups of 10 or more are now prohibited under Governor Sununu's Emergency Order No. 16.

Our parks and trails are open, but please:

- Do not gather in groups of more than 10 or get closer than six feet from other people
- Do not touch any surfaces that are likely to be touched by other people.
- Refrain from using playground equipment
- Do not participate in activities involving physical contact or sharing of equipment

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
PLEASE STAY SAFE!**

Any events listed in the E-Crier are subject to change without notice, although we will do our best to keep you informed in a timely manner

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISASTER DECLARATION FOR NH

Based on the request of Governor Sununu, the SBA has declared a disaster declaration for the entire state of New Hampshire based on economic injury due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

All the details including the joint press release, the loan application process, assistance for government contractors, and other resources can be found [here](#).

Small businesses looking for assistance should reach out to one of the following partners for help with things such as filling out paperwork, questions or even advice. These partners include SCORE, NH Small Business Development Center, and the Center for Women & Enterprise (NH's Women Business Center and Veterans Business Outreach Center). You will find links to these partners at www.sba.gov/nh.

Since this is a very rapidly developing situation, to keep up to date on all activities effecting NH small businesses, please join our mailing list [click here](#).

SELF-GUIDED NATURE WALK FOR THE MAUD JONES MEMORIAL FOREST BY DON QUIGLEY

For information about the Maud Jones Trail and directions:

<https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/new-hampshire/maud-jones-memorial-forest-trail>

The Maud Jones Trail is a little less than a mile-long loop. If you go to the right following the blue paint blazes, you will find numbered stations that correspond to the numbers on this guide.

There is a lot to see in this "shoulder season" between winter and the buggy summer. Stick to the trail, avoid the brushy edges and check yourself and pets later for ticks. **Leave only footprints, take only memories.**

1. Lycopodium – Notice the short evergreen plants no taller than your boot tops. They look like miniature conifer trees. These are actually called the clubmosses though they are more closely allied to ferns. The leaves are scales. There are lots of different common names used locally like princess pine, ground cedar and crows foot. Can you see three different kinds growing here? **Fun fact:** Fossil records tell us that millions of years ago these plants grew as tall as trees. The dust-like spores found in the heads were once burned to create flashy-flames like fireworks and flash photography. The spores were also used medicinally to make baby powder (no smoking when changing the baby!).

2. Pitch Pine – Look around you, there is a white pine forest as far as you can see. White pine is our most common conifer. Pitch pine is very different from white pine. The bark is very thick and shaggy and the needles are stiff and found in bundles of three. The cones are very spikey...maybe you can find one on the ground. This type of pine is closely related to the southern pines. **Fun fact:** when found in NE it is often associated with fire because it takes heat to prepare the seeds for germination. Could there have been a fire here years ago? The wood from this tree is very hard and pitchy.

3. Look up! - Can you see the fresh hole in the pine tree (about 15 feet up)? There is an older one down lower which is bleeding pitch. The pileated woodpecker knows there are ants in this hollow

tree by hearing them chewing inside. The pileated is our largest woodpecker and sports a bright red hat. Their call is a very loud chirping that goes on for several seconds. **Fun fact:** their sharp chisel-like beak can penetrate 1 inch of pine wood with each hammer. Their really long tongue curves around inside their head to cushion their brain. What a way to get a meal! Behind you is a dead grey birch being slowly consumed by the birch bracket fungi. We see the fruiting bodies but the real work is going on throughout the cells as the hyphae dissolve the cell walls.

4. High and Dry! - This is the highest part of the trail. Can you imagine being here 15,000 years ago when this land was covered with a mile-thick glacier of ice? We are standing on a deep, deep (more than 100 feet deep) layer of sand and small rocks deposited here as the glacier receded. The large depression just off the trail is called a "kettle hole". This classic glacial formation is very rare in our area. It was probably formed as the sand was deposited around a large block of melting ice. As the flowing water from the glacier slowed down, sand and round rocks were deposited in layers beneath us. Can you see some of these rounded rocks on the trail surface? **Fun fact:** They might have skidded and tumbled all the way here from the White Mountains or even Canada.

This type of soil is so well drained and dry that only certain kinds of trees can grow on it. As you can see, white oaks and black oaks can survive here but in stunted, gnarly form. The white oaks have light grey scaly bark that rubs off when you brush it briskly. Black oaks have more alligator bark. Pines can grow here, but they don't get very tall. These trees make me thirsty!

5. Wet and Wild! -There is nothing more attractive than a peaceful little brook in the forest. This brook has no formal name but it flows from a perched wetland behind the Sackett Hollow development. It runs nearly dry in the summer, but there are always little pools and puddles that can support tiny life forms. Hanging over the brook are spindly looking shrubs (about two inches diameter). There is also one right behind you along the trail. These shrubs are called "ironwood" locally. They like to grow near water in rich organic soils deposited by spring floods. **Fun fact:** The wood of this little tree is so dense that it will not float in water and was used by farmers for making prying and pounding tools. It is also called "muscle wood" by some. Put your hand around the small one behind you to find out why.

Can you keep a secret? There is a very unique plant nearby that should be protected from harm. Not everyone can be trusted to leave plants alone. About 5 feet to the left of the marker, hidden in the leaves, is a tiny evergreen plant with bright white veins on the flattened leaves. This is called rattlesnake plantain. It is a tiny orchid. The name possibly comes from the seed head which grows upright in the late summer and looks like a little rattle. This little beauty is not necessarily rare or endangered but is rarely seen. Let's keep it safe! Do not disturb it!

6. Different Soils=Different Plants - The influence of a nearby wetland has created moist organic soils and more diversity of plants. If you were walking here in summer, you would be standing in waist-deep ferns of several types. You can see the dried stalks of some of these ferns around you. Looking down near the marker you might see a shiny green leaf that looks like a raggedy clover. This is three-leaf gold thread, named for its bright yellow thread-like roots. **Fun fact:** The roots were used as a poultice to numb canker sores in the mouth and tooth ache. Very nearby is a taller (one foot) plant with leaves still attached though the leaves are small and curled under. This is sheep laurel, a small relative of mountain laurel and rhododendron. This plant, and many like it, are part of the taxonomic family, ericaceae. When grouped together they are called heath plants. This whole forest is classified as an "oak, pine, heath forest because of the common occurrence of these small shrubs in the understory. These low shrubs create great cover for ground nesting birds.

7. The Wolf - This big old pine can tell us a lot about how and when the forest developed. A "wolf tree" is one which started growing in an open area like a field or pasture. It is called a "wolf" because it is dominant and consumes the resources of many other trees. With no competition from other trees, it developed a large, spread-out crown area. It was also exposed to attack from insects

and storms which caused the top-most branches to die off allowing side branches to take over making many new trunks instead of a single straight one. Because of the huge crown area with many needles, this tree grew really fast. **Fun fact:** There may be people in the Town of Lee as old as this tree. How many hikers does it take to put your arms, touching hands, around this old wolf of the forest?

8. Blueberries Galore! - The low blueberry plants found here are another member of the heath group (ericaceae family). They make a low tangle of shrubs providing excellent ground cover. Many whippoorwills have been heard by neighbors in the past because they liked nesting in the heaths. These plants do require some sunlight and, unfortunately, the pine forest is closing in over them reducing this habitat over time. The town plans to reverse this trend by making some small “patch” cuts in the pine to allow more sunlight to reach the forest floor. If you have not heard a whippoorwill at dusk you might listen to one on the internet. Wow!

Behind you, down the hill, you will see another brook. This brook flows out of Turtle Pond and through a large wetlands complex before it gouges through the deep sandy glacial formation we are standing on. Turtle Pond is known habitat for Blandings and Spotted turtles which likely use this brook in some parts of the year. Looking across the brook there is a sharp rise in the land. These sharp ridges of deep sand deposits are called eskers. Many of these formations in our town have been excavated for their sand and gravel used for construction. These will be protected. Can you think of any “gravel pits” in our town?

9. Shinrin Yoku - The Japanese developed a therapeutic activity which has become quite popular. Shinrin Yoku literally means “forest bathing”. To immerse yourself in nature is found to be a great stress reliever. It works like this: first you go alone to the forest and find a nice place to sit or relax (like this log bench). Alone, with no electronics, dogs or other distractions, you sit quietly for 20 minutes or more. In this time, you focus your thoughts on your breathing, the sounds, smells, feeling of air movement and changes in light. The added bonus is the realization that you are not alone but life abounds around you. Try it! It will help put your crazy life in perspective. Just across the trail from the bench is an array of sleeping pink lady slipper orchids. More than a dozen are seen here in late May.

10. Smells Like Gum - Near the marker is a small plant with dark green, shiny leaves with smooth edges. This little evergreen, called wintergreen, is everywhere in this forest. It is another member of the ericaceae family (heath plants). If you search among these plants, you might find a bright red berry left behind by hungry birds or chipmunks. Have you ever had wintergreen gum or Lifesavers? You might recognize the smell when you pick a leaf and crush it to a pulp between your fingers. The leaves have a taste as well if you don’t mind chewing something found on the forest floor. Just behind you is a small sapling tree about 2 inches in diameter with a smooth, shiny black bark. This is a black birch. There is a bigger one just up the trail a few feet. These trees have a wonderful hard, white wood which is used for anything you might put in your mouth like toothpicks, popsicle sticks and tongue depressors. **Try this:** Find a small branch twig from the tree and using your fingernail, scratch the bark off and smell that spot. Wintergreen smell again, right?

Maud’s Quiz:

1. What plant made fireworks?
2. What plant smells like chewing gum?
3. What kind of wood won’t float?
4. Who is afraid of the big bad “wolf”?
5. How did the rocks get rounded?
6. What plants make a “heath”?
7. Where could I find a therapist out here?
8. How come wood peckers don’t get headaches?

Note: Maud Jones grew up in the big white colonial house at the corner of Turtle Pond Road and Sackett Hollow Road. This woodlot was part of the Jones farm called the Northeast Pasture...that’s right, no trees until the 1930s.

Lee Historical Society

The program on World War II “A G.I. in the Ardennes: The Battle of the Bulge” to be presented by Denis Hambucken on April 1, 2020 is cancelled and will be rescheduled for some time in the future. In addition, the Historical Society’s Annual Meeting set for April 17, 2020 will also be rescheduled. Lastly, the program, “The Founding Father: What Were They Thinking” scheduled for May 6, 2020 will be rescheduled as well.

LEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Things to See and Places to Go - March 27-April 3, 2020

Dear Lee Residents,

The write up of the first of the weekly Town Forest Nature Walks is available on the Conservation Commission’s Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LeeConservationCommission/>.

TERRESTRIAL

Anytime: Walk the Maud Jones Memorial Forest (MJMF):. This self-guided nature walk put together by Lee resident, Don Quigley, is available on the Conservation Commission’s Facebook page, is featured in this week’s E-Crier and has been distributed to ORSD families. If you haven’t been to MJF yet, check it out, it’s a lovely place, an easy walk, and Don’s self-guided walk is both fun and informative.

Anytime: Weekly Nature Walk in the Lee Town Forest: Watch the season unfold along a specific trail. Each week we’ll focus on such things as what trees are blooming and/or leafing out, what plants are emerging, which bird species are setting up housekeeping and which are returning. The write-up about each weekly walk will be available on the Conservation Commission’s Facebook page and will also be distributed to ORSD families. This week focuses on becoming familiar with the trail we’ll use. Along the way, we’ll visit five species of conifers each of which produces a specific type of cone. Let your child collect a cone from each type of conifer. Which is the longest? Which is the smallest? Which one doesn’t look like a cone at all?

Anytime: Look and listen for signs of spring. It’s officially Spring, though as evident by the snowstorm earlier this week, winter may still send us the occasional postcard. With your child, keep a record of what’s happening in your yard. Are buds swelling on any of the trees and shrubs? Are birds singing? Anything in bloom?

Anytime: Learn about birds. Over the years, so many people have told me that they wish they knew more about birds or could recognize their songs. This is a great opportunity to begin to learn about these amazing creatures - the dinosaurs that survived! The National Audubon Society has a page of eight helpful hints to get you started: https://www.audubon.org/news/how-identify-birds?ms=digital-acq-ppc-google-x-20190000_google_grant&gclid=CjwKCAjw3-bzBRBhEiwAgnnLCnyTKkidD7rR26y_CWtAA8RJaJzxFLN7U-pMe7KRnVAKgDi4Ry-C2BoCay8QAvD_BwE

If you have a field guide, put it out where it’s handy. If you don’t have a field guide, you can download Merlin - Cornell Ornithology Lab’s free field guide app: https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/?utm_source=adgrant&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=merlin&utm_content=birdidapp&gclid=CjwKCAjw3-bzBRBhEiwAgnnLCsbdDOBnJVsfK29PPKmyJjA_VY-4Ku1dMa5f_WIVUFqnM4qUwBatsxoC6v0QAvD_BwE

Or you can use their online field guide: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/#/ ga=2.204470160.1470096812.1585062397->

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Youtube has a wealth of videos to help folks learn bird songs. Here are two: Cornell Lab's Bird Song Hero: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xH2GjHKYj0>; Identify Your Common Backyard Birds has quite a few of our year-round bird species. Two species featured (brown-headed nuthatch and orange-crowned warbler aren't regularly seen in our area), but the rest are quite commonly seen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSiH4fAXkl4&t=12s>

Bird of the Week: Right now, most of our breeding bird population is en route. Before the migrants arrive is a good time to become familiar with the species who spend the winter here. To that end, each week, "Things to See and Places to Go" will feature a different bird species. This week's featured attraction is the purple finch - both because it's New Hampshire's state bird, and because there's one just up the street from my house putting on a show every morning. In my poor photo (above, right) you can just make him out perched atop one of the upper left spires of a Norway spruce, this is his regular singing post. The photo below, of male and female purple finches feeding was taken by Lee resident, Andrea LeBlanc, who has kindly agreed to share some of her wonderful nature photography for this, and future, nature notes. Her photo shows why the ornithologist, Roger Peterson, in his *Field Guide to the Birds of Eastern North America*, famously described the male of this species as looking "like a sparrow that's been dipped in raspberry juice"; note, the much more subdued plumage of the female. Like all members of the finch tribe, this species have relatively massive beaks to crush seeds, and fleshy tongues to extract the kernels.



This you tube link has a nice recording of a singing male's rich, burbling warble: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nz2oz3ntr3I>

When it comes to wooing a mate, the purple finch doesn't rely solely on his voice; he's a song and dance man. A male purple finch will display tirelessly before a female; his dance steps include hopping along a branch or on the ground, raising his dark pink head feathers, tilting his body first to one side and then the other while pointing his beak toward the sky, and rapidly shivering his wings. This video gives a good example:: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYtagh3chz4>

Anytime: 1000 yard walk, or, The Earth as a Peppercorn: With so many planets visible in our sky, this is a wonderful time to learn more about them by making your own, nearly true-to-scale, solar system model. Also known as "The Planet Walk", this scale walkable model of the solar system was

created by astronomer Guy Ottewell, and having done it a few times with children, I can attest that it is both fun and eye-opening. Using common objects such as a pinhead stuck in a card for Mercury, peppercorns glued to cards for both Venus and Earth and culminating with the sun as represented by an 8 inch wide inflated ball (a soccer ball will do, and though it's not necessary, children enjoy covering the ball foil to make it appear more star-like) you can create a solar system that is a very accurate, in both the sizes of the Sun and its planets and the distances between them. The most difficult part of this exercise is finding a place that is straight and clear enough to pace off a 1000 yards. A beach (if it's not full of people) or a playing field are both good options. Unfortunately, my favorite beach for this activity, Plum Island, is closed until the piping plover breeding season is over. But, if you can't find a good place with a clear and straight run of 1000 yards, you can cut the proportions in halves or quarters; the relative size of the celestial bodies will be the same, but the distances will be half, or a quarter of what they'd actually be. This link will tell you what materials you need and how to pace off your model. <https://www.noao.edu/education/peppercorn/pcmain.html>

Anytime you're heading way up the coast of Maine: The largest solar system model in the world happens to be in Maine. It's 40 miles long, and begins, at its southernmost point, with Pluto as a small wooden ball imbedded in the wall of the Houlton Information Center, in the Houlton, Maine. The Sun, a huge yellow ring that cuts through the Northern Maine Museum of Science in Presque Isle, is the model's terminus. You can check it out here: <https://pages.umpi.edu/nmms/solar/>

CELESTIAL

Were any of you able to see four planets last week? My husband and I got up early on Sunday and were at Rye, just south of Odiorne State Park by 5:20. Jupiter, Mars and Saturn hung above us for the entire ride to the coast. We weren't alone in this endeavor, as nearly every lot along the coast had at least one or two vehicles. Unfortunately, a cloud bank along the horizon made it impossible to get a glimpse of Mercury. There were compensations: a large tanker, parked near the Isles of Shoals waiting for the tides to change, was lit up like a carnival; a courting woodcock, "peenting" in a clearing abutting the small lot where we were parked; and later, when we'd moved further down the coast and parked at the pullover just above Wallis Sands, a raft of nine red-breasted mergansers - five males and four females, displaying quite close to the shore. As the Sun began to gild the obscuring cloud bank pink gold, first Saturn, then Mars, and finally Jupiter winked out. Watching the Sun appear over the Atlantic is always a treat, and Sunday's show was particularly beautiful.

For the next 7 days, you can use the Moon and Venus to locate and become familiar with several constellations.

March 27th, Facing west, about 7:00 - Venus and the Moon: Beautiful Venus continues her pas de deux with the waxing crescent moon. Over the next several days these two will serve as signposts to some of the constellations found in the western part of the night sky.





March 28th & 29th, Facing west, about 8:00 - Venus, the Moon, Taurus and the Pleiades: As the sky darkens, the stars in the vicinity of the Moon and Venus pop into view. On the 28th, **Aldebaran**, the alpha star of the constellation **Taurus, The Bull**, pops into view. Known as the fiery eye of the Bull, Aldebaran is a red giant, about 52 times the size of our Sun. The tiny dipper-shaped star cluster, **The Pleiades**, or **Seven Sisters**, hovers just above Venus. Though not included in this graphic, Orion is visible in the west as well - it will be to the upper left of Aldebaran - in fact you can trace a line from Orion's belt, down to Aldebaran and then down to the Pleiades. In Greek mythology, the Pleiades were the daughters of Atlas and hunted with Artemis. According to whichever myth you prefer, Orion, the hunter, has his shield raised against a charging Taurus, or he pursues the Pleiades across the starry sky.

March 30th, 8:15 p.m., looking west: Winter Circle (aka Winter Hexagon) - The Winter Circle is a huge asterism (a prominent pattern of stars) that dominates the winter sky. It is made up of the brightest stars of winter constellations, and they're a colorful bunch. Going clockwise from the top you'll find:

Pollux and **Castor**, the two brightest stars (with Pollux the brighter of the two) of the constellation **Gemini, The Twins**. **Capella**, The brightest star in **Auriga, The Charioteer**. Auriga is a golden star - the same color as our daystar, the Sun - and is, in fact, two stars; both yellow giants ten times bigger than the Sun.

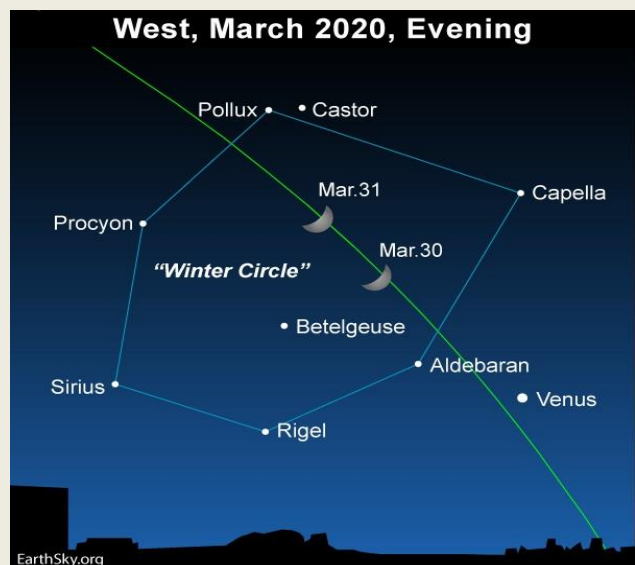
Aldebaran, the red giant in **Taurus**.

Rigel, brightest star in **Orion, The Hunter**. The 7th brightest object in the night sky, Rigel is a blue-white supergiant, 74 times the size of the Sun. It is 860 light years away - so the light you see when you look at Rigel started its journey to your retina sometime around the year 1160 - around the time that construction of Notre Dame was begun.

Sirius, the brightest star in **Canis Major, The Greater Dog**, is the brightest star in the night sky. It is another blue-white star, although it often flickers with all the colors of the rainbow. It is twice the size of the Sun, but about 20 times brighter. This star is a close neighbor - only 8.6 light years away.

Procyon, the brightest star in **Canis Minor, The Lesser Dog**, is the eighth brightest star in the night sky. Yellow-white in color, it is about four times the size of our Sun, and another close neighbor - 11.4 light years.

The last 3 stars in the above list, also form an asterism within an asterism! Draw lines connecting Rigel, Sirius and Procyon, and you have the **Winter Triangle**.



Looking West, after dark, April 2, 3, 4: Conjunction of Venus and the Pleiades - A conjunction happens whenever two astronomical objects pass each other closely. On April 2nd, Venus will be hanging just below the Pleiades; on April 3rd, the planet will move right across them; and on April 4th, Venus will be hovering above the tiny dipper.



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APRIL SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, April 20th - Starting at 6:30 pm

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar before each date

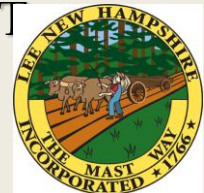
Meetings can now be seen on **YouTube** at [CLICK HERE](#)



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Deputy Chief



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BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS
[CLICK HERE](#) to get a Burn Permit Online

[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

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 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 \$35.00 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

McGregor EMS Volunteers Needed

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



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, 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>



THE LIBRARY IS NOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

The Library is offering curbside service Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. During that time we will take phone calls and emails requesting materials which will be delivered to your car. The book drop is always open for returning materials.

Miss Judy will be preparing a weekly craft that they will be happy to add to your book bag. Just let her know how many you would like! See below for this week's craft.

Patrons can access the [online catalog](#) 24/7 to request materials from the Lee library. On this page patrons can also access the NH State Library Catalog to find books from other NH libraries.

To request materials from another library, [email Michelle](#). If you need to know your log-in details, please call the library @ 659-2626 Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am or leave a message on the phone. We will get back to you.

MISSING THE LIBRARY?

You can check out Overdrive, Novelist, EBSCOHost and Universal Class at leelibrarynh.org.



GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2020

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 3/25/2020 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Concord, NH

Help UNH Extension map food-access resources and needs across New Hampshire during COVID-19 – [CLICK HERE](#)



10th ANNUAL SEACOAST VETERANS CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 9th 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Service Credit Union Corporate Office, Portsmouth, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED IN STRAFFORD COUNTY

Foster children come from your town, your neighborhood, and your school. They are friends of your child, members of your church, and kids on your little league team. They are babies, toddlers, school-aged kids, and teenagers. They are brothers and sisters who need to stay together. Due to a situation beyond their control, they have to be displaced from their homes and put into a temporary home. They need support, guidance and love. They need a safe place to call home while their family works to put itself back together. Are you able to make a difference in a child's life? Are you able to open your home to a child from your community – enabling them to remain in a familiar school, with familiar friends? There is a real need for foster homes in the Merrimack and Strafford County areas for Children of all ages & sibling groups. If you've ever thought about becoming a foster parent, now is the time to call.

If you'd like to learn more about the foster care program, please contact Dawn Ghiorzi, Recruitment and Licensing Specialist, with Ascentria Care Alliance at 603-931-9582 or at dghiorzi@ascentria.org. For more information on how you may help foster children in the Lee community please call Sally Cedarholm at the Lee Church 603-659-2861 or email her at leechurchucc@comcast.net.

NHES Operation VET Connect

Operation VETS Connect is a challenge to connect those who served and those who are serving and their spouses to employment, training and services they need to return to employment or into training to assist them with obtaining employment. Additional goals are to build an employer's awareness of the benefits to hiring those who served along with the awareness for those who served of the skills they have or need to build on to return to employment.

Employers are asked to register for the challenge by completing the registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) The information from their registration form will be entered into a spreadsheet by Operations staff and made available to the offices. The employer name, industry, and town/city will also be listed on the website weekly. ESRs and LVERs should verify that the employer is registered in JMS and if appropriate, contact the employer to advise of the services available to them.

Veterans, those currently serving and their spouses are also asked to complete a registration form on the website under Job Fairs. (<http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/index.htm>) Their information will be entered into a separate spreadsheet and distributed to the office nearest their homes. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Operation VET Connect Flyer

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 Andy Corrow, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at 603-397-9267 or vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

ATTENTION!

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to www.leenh.org, click on the Subscribe button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.

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!