

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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HISTORIAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

December question: Many in Litchfield today are familiar with Richmond Corner. In 1800 that corner was located in what town? November question: Which of Litchfield's thriving agricultural sectors was most adversely affected by prohibition? answer: Apple Production To read more about the history of Litchfield go to HistoricalSocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The generosity of our neighbors has been incredible. So many folks stepping up to ensure our neighbors have a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner has been such a beautiful experience. Every family requesting a dinner has received one with all the trimmings, then our wonderful volunteer team had a long break to take care of their own families' dinners. I am so very proud of our town and its residents. Thank you.

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Bargains galore with new merchandise coming in every week. Does your young man need a suit, suit coat or blazer? We have several in mint condition but he'll need to come with you to try them on as they do not have size markings...men's suits are like that. We have shirts and neckties to complete the "look". Ladies, need a special party dress? Check out our selection before heading to the more expensive shops. Need a "holiday" sweater for the office party? Got 'em! Saturdays, 9 to noon.

LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

We wish all the residents here in Litchfield a Happy Holidays. We are bundled up and staying warm. Everything is running smoothly here at the Transfer Station. There has been a definite slowdown with the oncoming cold weather. A reminder... If the item that you are going to put in the plastic doesn't have the triangle with a 1 through 7 in it, it doesn't go in the plastic. Vinyl siding is not plastic. Please watch what materials go where they are supposed to. If you have questions, ask one of the John's. Please watch your speed in the facility. Remember it is 5 MPH. Our phone number here is 268-2032. Stay safe in the holidays.

WILLIAM R BOLD POST 181 AMERICAN LEGION

Is having their Christmas gathering on December 6th, at the Senior Center from 10am to 1pm. Members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW are welcome to attend. **There will be no meeting** of the William R Bold Post 181, American Legion, in December. We will be having our normal 4th Wednesday of the month, meeting in January at the new American Legion Post, 800 Lewiston Rd, West Gardiner. The first meeting will be at 7pm on January 28th.

LITCHFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Center Phone # 446-6275

If the flag is out at the Center, come on in. All dates and times are subject to change.

Senior Center closed on Thur. the 25th for Christmas.

The Senior Center will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:00 to 2:00 or when flag is out. Come in for exercise, cards, or check out the books and puzzles. We have new puzzles and books coming into center.

Line Dancing instruction for all on Mondays 9:30-11 at the Sportsmen's Club.

The Senior Center will be open at 9:30am for Knitting and/or crocheting on Mondays with Sharon Thibault. This is welcome to all who love to knit or crochet. Come with your special project or participate in **Grammies Knitting Tree.** A project this fall in memory of our dear Mary Blen, who passed away this year. This is for mittens and hats for kids; any size you want to donate to schools.

The Carol Bailey String Band will be playing on the following dates, time, and places: Dec. 3 10:30 at Drum Church for Richmond seniors; and 2:00 we will be at the Alzheimer's care center Gardiner. Dec. 10 2:00 Mt St. Joseph Waterville. Dec 11 Schooner Estates. Dec 17 10:00 Russell Park Rehab and living center Lewiston. 2:00 Clover Health Car Auburn. Dec. 20 11:00? Mormon church in North Monmouth.

Come to the Senior Center for morning exercise with Dian & friends on Fridays 8:30-9:15. indoor walking with Dian on Mondays 8:30 am. Join in the indoor walking, or use the exercise equipment. Stay for cards at 10, BYO lunch at noon and then more cards and games in the afternoon. Pick out books and/or puzzles to take home.

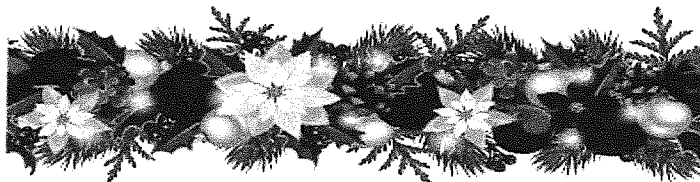
The potluck lunch and celebration of Dec. Birthdays on the 19th.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1pm on Thurs, December 18th.

The book club meeting is on Monday, December 15th at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "The Christmas Book Shop" by Jenny Calgan. Pick up the book at the Gardiner or Monmouth Library and join us.

If you play Cribbage come and play, all are welcome to come on Fridays at 9:30 am at the Center.

The Sand for Seniors starts November 1. If you have a 5-gal bucket/with cover from last year please drop off at center; please call 446-6275 and leave a message with name, telephone number and address to be put on the list for delivery.



LITCHFIELD RECREATION

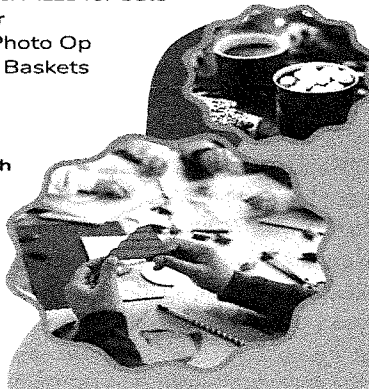
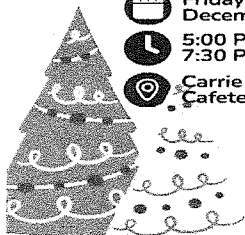
The pickleball tournament held Nov 16th at Carrie Ricker School was a huge success. We raised \$701 for the Food Bank here in Litchfield. A HUGE thank you to all our sponsors. Thank you to all who helped make this a successful endeavor. Also, a big thanks to all the volunteers and pickleballers who made this an incredible collaboration. It would not have been possible without you! **Winter Yoga Series** Sundays, beginning at 9 am at the Carrie Ricker School in the Cafeteria, Jan 11th-Feb 8th, 2026. The cost is \$40 for the series or \$15 for dropping in for a session. Follow the link to sign up: <https://litchfieldyouthrecreation.sportngin.com/register/form/710903559> In search of Recreation equipment Litchfield Rec is currently seeking donations of equipment to be able to offer to the children in our community! If you have good condition items that your children have outgrown or are no longer using please consider donating it for another child to use. Our hope is to collect enough items to be able to offer equipment swap days before seasons start! If you have any questions or have items to donate please reach out to Kirsten at litchfieldrec2400@gmail.com

CRAFT NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

Join us for a night of gym games, christmas crafts, and silent auction.

- ✓ Snack Table Open & Pizza for Sale
- ✓ Free Hot Cocoa Bar
- ✓ Christmas Family Photo Op
- ✓ 10+ Silent Auction Baskets
- ✓ Kids Crafts
- ✓ 50/50 Raffle

Friday
December 12th
5:00 PM
7:30 PM
Carrie Ricker
Cafeteria



Upcoming
events
DECEMBER

SAT
NOV 29

Breakfast with Santa at Fire Station
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
2400 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield ME

SAT
DEC 6

RSU4 PTA Craft Fair
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Oak Hill Middle School

MON
DEC 8

Litchfield Rec Meeting
6:15 PM
Litchfield Town Office

FRI
DEC 12

Family Craft Night & Silent Auction
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Carrie Ricker School, Litchfield

SAT
DEC 20

Sabattus Run Club Jingle Jog
10 AM
Meet in front of Mixers

SAT
DEC 27

RSU4 PTA - Mariners Hockey Night
3:00 PM
Cross Insurance Arena, Portland

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

Gustin Road will not be closed this winter due to expiration of the closure order in 2024. This is a dangerous road in the winter, please use caution in inclement weather.

Fair Property Tax Credit – Worth checking to see if you qualify. More information is available at <https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-relief-programs> or go to maine.gov and search "property tax relief."

2026 Dog Licenses - You may license your dog(s) for 2026 at the Town Office (licensing began October 15th) or online at https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl. If rabies vaccinations are due, please bring a copy of the new vaccination. To avoid a late fee your dog must be licensed by January 31, 2026.

Snowmobiles - Snowmobiles may be registered at the Town Office, or online at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/index.html>.

Fishing and Hunting Licenses for the 2026 season are now also available at the Town Office, or online at https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses_v3/index.

Home Heating Assistance - If you need fuel assistance and have an appointment with KVCAP contact the Town Office. Applicants for the KVCAP Fuel Assistance Program should contact KVCAP directly by calling either 1-800-542-8227 ext. 1500 or (207) 859-1500 to schedule an appointment. Applicants may also access the KVCAP website (www.kvcap.org) click "For the Home", select "Heating Assistance", click the highlighted "Click Here" and book your appointment. Information is available in the Town Office. **The Town Office will close** for 2 hours on Thursday, December 18th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm to allow Town employees to have a Christmas party.

The Town Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th and Thursday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday. The Town Office will also be closed on Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day.


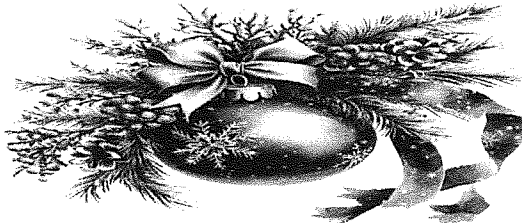
RSU 4 NEWS

Libby-Tozier School – Grade 1 concert on 12/9 at 5:30 p.m.; Oak Hill Middle School – Winter Festival (concert, ornament painting, book fair) on 12/11 - 5-7 p.m. Concert starts at 6:15 p.m.; Carrie Ricker School- Grade 4 concert on 12/17 at 5:30 p.m.; There will be a Craft Fair sponsored by the PTA on Saturday, 12/6. It will be held at Oak Hill Middle School from 9-3. The schools will be closed from 12/20/25 – 1/4/2026 for Christmas break.

RSU4 PTA

Annual Craft Fair is Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9am-3pm at Oak Hill Middle School in Sabattus.

December Community Calendar

1 Mon		16 Tue	Lit. Fire & Rescue Meeting -6pm, Central Station
2 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting , 6:00pm	17 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Road Comm — 6:00pm; Town Office
3 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd	18 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd Lit. Senior Comm - 1pm, Senior Center Lit. Budget Com. —6:30p, Town Office Town Office Closed 12:00p-2:00p
4 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd Lit Planning Bd —Town Office 6:30pm	19 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm
5 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm	20 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm
6 Sat	RSU4 -Craft Fair, 9am-3pm; OHMS Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Lit. Sportsman's Club -Public Supper & Jam. Supper 5 - 6 \$10. Jam 6:30 to 8	21 Sun	
7 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club -Country Music Sunday Noon to 4 \$8.00	22 Mon	Lit. Food Bank - 12:00 to 4:00 PM No Selectman's Meeting
8 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website Lit. Rec Comm. —6:15; Town Office	23 Tue	
9 Tue	Lit. First Responders -6pm, Central Office	24 Wed	Lit Food Bank closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Town Office closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day RSU4-Board No Meeting
10 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd RSU4-Board Meeting , Central Off 6:30pm	25 Thur	
11 Thur	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd 	26 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm
12 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm Lit. Rec Family Craft Night —5-7:30; Carrie Ricker School	27 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm
13 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm	28 Sun	
14 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club —Annual Dinner @4:00pm & Monthly meeting to follow the dinner.	29 Mon	
15 Mon		30 Tue	
		31 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd
		1 Thur	Lit. Food Bank -10am—12:00; 56 Plains Rd

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 Litchfield, ME
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www.litchfieldmaine.org
sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org
 Open: Mon.—Wed.: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Closed: Every Fri.

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Litchfield Conservation Commission

Wreath making? What to add to your native balsam fir wreath? Consider the red berries of native deciduous holly, *Ilex verticillata*. That's the 9' tall native plant you can see growing in wetter areas. There are many cultivated varieties for the home garden too, some shorter than 9', like *Ilex verticillata* nana 'Red Sprite' a female plant that is 3' tall. Only fertilized female flowers will produce the attractive red berries that are the signature of the species. Winterberries are dioecious (separate male and female plants) and generally one male will be sufficient to pollinate 6-10 females. What **not** to make a wreath out of is highly invasive round leaf or oriental bittersweet vine, *Celastrus orbiculatus*: that's the red-orange berry on a vine that climbs to the top of trees, covering them with dense foliage which out-competes for sun and a twinning vine that strangles what it grows on. Very pretty and very invasive. (Go to the Maine Natural to control this plant and others if Conservation Corps accomplished vasive control in the Litchfield Litchfield Community Park has brochures printed on the back of find new areas to explore and story trail will be getting a winter



Areas to learn more about how you have them.) The Maine some amazing bittersweet in-Community Park this fall. The put out some winter interest the trail maps. Use the map to plants to look for. Also, the story in December.

January Issue Deadline:
 Dec. 20, 2025 5pm De-
 liver material in any of
 the following ways:
 email: [soda-
 lite@litchfieldmaine.org](mailto:soda-lite@litchfieldmaine.org) U.S.
mail to: Town Office,
 2400 Hollowell Rd. 04350
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