

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz?

**July question:** Since winter burials were impossible, at least three early Litchfield families built tombs for their dead. Can you name the families? (Clue: They all begin with "P".)

**June question:** In early Litchfield, an elected official over-saw the work of coopers. What was his title? answer: Culler of Hoops and Staves To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

**Litchfield Park and Recreation: *Youth Soccer Registrations*** - The Litchfield Recreation Department is accepting fall **soccer registrations** now through August 1st at the Litchfield town office. The cost of registrations is \$35.00 per child and the registrations are open to children ranging in age from 4 year olds to 4th graders. There is a mandatory fundraising obligation of \$35 per family. **Registrations can be downloaded from the Litchfield-maine.org website or picked up any time during regular business hours at the Litchfield town office.** Any registrations received after the **August 1st** will be charged an additional \$20 late fee and there will be no registrations accepted after **August 15th**.

**Woodbury Pond Park** - Important information: As of this season ***NO DOGS*** will be allowed at Woodbury Pond Park (*licensed* service dogs are the exception).

**Conservation Commission News:** The Conservation Commission is pleased to announce the three tree winners from our recent raffle: Ken Lizotte, Debbie Raymond, and Georgia Harris. The drawing took place at the conclusion of the roadside clean-up at the town office on May 12. The three trees were sold to us at a generous discount by Roaring Brook Nurseries and we were pleased to offer them in a free raffle as a part of our effort to make Litchfield even more beautiful! We would also like to thank the Litchfield Community Action Committee for holding the roadside clean-up and for the effort made by their members in picking up, sorting, and delivering the trash to the transfer station. Those who participated were also able to put their names in for a raffle of locally donated prizes. The grand prize was golf for four at The Meadows including carts, drinks, and more. Congratulations to Mike Kane for drawing the winning ticket! Other prizes were a brake job from Thornton's Car Clinic, and gift certificates to Percy's Hardware, Applewald Farm, and Fielder's Choice! A real community effort - thank you

**Tacoma Lakes Invasive Plant Patrol** will be active on the lakes again this summer. We are planning to work on the east shore of Woodbury Pond in addition to our yearly check of the boat launch. If anyone has a plant of concern on their waterfront we would be happy to come take a look. If you'd like to join us for a paddle or have a concern please call Diane Clay 268-3247.

## July 2018 Senior Corner

The Senior Center is located at 466 Academy Rd., beside the Libby-Tozier School. The Center will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day.

**The book club meeting** is on July 11 at 12:15. The book to be discussed is "The Flight Attendant" by Chris Bohjalian. Join us for Bowling on Thursday, July 12 at 1-7-10 Lanes in Augusta, call 441-9005 to car pool.

**The pot luck lunch** and celebration of July birthdays is Friday, July 20

**Line dancing** instruction Mondays at 9:30-11 for beginners and advanced.

**Aerobics exercises** are Wednesday and Friday at 8:30-9:30. Feldenkrais exercises with Lindsay Nelsen on Friday 6,13,20,27 at 9:30-10:30.

**Cribbage games or Unlucky 7's** for fun on Mondays at 11-12 and Fridays 10-12. Bring a lunch and stay for bingo on Mondays in the afternoon & on Friday cards.

**The thrift shop** is open the first and third Monday 10-11. Join us for music practice at 10-12 on Wednesdays July 11 & 25. If you like to sing and/or play an instrument come and join in the fun.

**The Seniors Advisory Committee** meeting is at 10 on Thursday July 19.

**The "Roadrunner" trips are: July 10 Bailey Island Boat Trip \$14. - lunch at Cooks Lobster & Ale House, leave 10:15 from Sportsmen's Club; July 26 Boothbay Harbor - Cabbage Island Clambake \$67.50. Leave at 8:30 from Sportsmen's Club.**

**Upcoming trips in August** - Tuesday, August 14 Pemaquid Beach for a day at the beach; Thursday, August 23, Brunswick-MSMT "Singing in the Rain", lunch at the Dolphin Restaurant, Harpswell. Leave at 10:30 from Sportsmen's Club.

**Upcoming in September** - Saturday, September 1 - Ogunquit Playhouse "Grumpy Old Men, the Musical" Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information a cup of coffee or tea and to sign up for the **trips & activities**.

**Reminder** - Exercise equipment & Wii games available Mon & Fri 9 - 4, Wed 9 - 12. Senior Center @ 215-4595 or Pat @ 441-9005.

**Town House Museum**—The Old Town House Museum will be open on Saturday, July 21 from 2pm to 4pm.

**Smithfield Plantation News** - Smithfield Plantation Trustees would like to thank Merton Dearnley, Gary Crocker, Lewis Smith, David Libbey and Dan Konieczko for purchasing materials and building tables for Smithfield Plantation. These tables were placed there in memory of Betty Jo Wade who was an original member of the trustees. Funding was provided by her high school class. There will be plaques on the table to remind us of the work that Betty Jo did to make sure that the 100-acre preserve is available to the citizens of Litchfield and the students at Carrie Ricker and Libby Tozier Schools.

### Litchfield Transfer Station

Starting in July (**Sunday, July 1**) the Transfer Station will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This practice will continue through the end of September. In 2019 we will continue this practice from April through September. Without additional volunteers, the Swap Shop will not be open on Sundays. Last week I used the town front end loader to clean up the brush and leaf area. While doing so I discovered that someone had hidden asphalt singles, pressure treated lumber and numerous items of metal under the brush and leaves. If this practice continues we will be forced to close the Transfer Station's acceptance of leaves and brush.

**On June 18<sup>th</sup>** I took 14 five - gallon containers of prohibited liquids (driveway sealant, deck wash, wood preservative, etc.) to EPI in Auburn for disposal. That cost the Litchfield tax payer \$40.00 per container, staff salary and mileage. We need the citizen's help in preventing the practice of people leaving prohibited items at the Transfer Station. If you see this practice occurring please advise the offender that it is not allowed or bring said violation to the attention of the staff.

**Only clear plastic bags** are now allowed at the Transfer Station. This is not only required for recyclables but also for bags going into the bulky containers.

*I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens who not only play by the rules but take pride in our Transfer Station. Your compliments on the operation of the facility, including how great the Swap Shop is run by the volunteers, means a great deal to the staff and volunteers. If there is anything we can do at the Transfer Station to improve the operation of the facility please feel free to say so. We welcome your opinion, advice or suggestions. Respectfully yours, Bryan T. Lamoreau*

### Maine Senior Farmshare Program

**Applewald Farm** still has spots available in this federal program which offers \$50 worth of free produce to eligible **Maine residents**. Just stop by the store on Huntington Hill Road to sign up any time it is open. It is easy and fun to participate. You do not need to be a Litchfield resident. You must bring a driver's license or state ID when you sign up but do not need any income documents. All spots must be filled by July 31st. Call 268-9276 or 268-4042 if you have questions. **To qualify, you must be 60 or over, be a Maine resident and have a household income below the following:** 1 person household-\$22,311; 2 person household- \$30,044; 3 person household-\$37,777; 4 person household-\$45,510; 5 person household- \$53,243; 6 person household \$60,976

**LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP** - Did you find your clothes got smaller in storage from last summer? You can fix that without breaking the bank! We've got some cute swimsuits, too. Check us out! Kids' clothes, just 25 cents each!

**Community Event**—Do you knit or crochet? Come join others in Town and enjoy knitting/crocheting with friends and neighbors. Thursday, July 12 from 6pm—8pm at the Litchfield Senior Center.

### Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

**Woodbury Pond Park** is now open daily through Labor Day, weather permitting. No dogs allowed.

The **Town Office** will be closed **July 4th** in honor of Independence Day.

**We've registered many vehicles** from private sales this year. If you plan to purchase a vehicle from a private party, please keep in mind that you and the seller must create your own bill of sale. The bill of sale must contain the following:

Date of sale; Description of vehicle (year, make, and model); Vehicle identification number (VIN); Name of buyer; Amount of sale; Name, address, and signature of seller(s).


**A number of volunteer positions** are available including the following: Appeals Board Permanent Member; New Mills Dam Committee Members (2); Planning Board Associate Member; Recreation Committee Members; Senior Advisory Committee Members – 2 (3 yr term). Please submit a letter of interest to the Selectmen at the Town Office.

**Town Revaluation** - Our town has contracted with RJD Appraisal to revalue our real estate properties. Their team will begin the revaluation property visits at the end of July or beginning of August. Please keep in mind that while our town valuation is expected to increase, an increase in valuation of your particular property does not automatically mean your taxes will increase. The standard saying with revaluations is "one third of property owners will see lower taxes, one third will see higher taxes, and one third will stay the same." The money we require to raise for the town budget, divided into the total town valuation, is what determines our mil rate. If everyone's valuation were to go up the same percentage, and our budget remained the same, then everyone's property tax rate would stay the same. More information will be provided in the August Sodalite.

**Litchfield Community Park** - Summer will be here and the park will be open! Please note the gates close without warning when there is bad weather and every day by dusk. This year, we have a new trail and will be getting signs installed for "Wildlife Trail". There is new donated children's 22 foot slide to try out while you hike and picnic. We ask that park goers respect the no motorized bikes, vehicles or 4 wheelers go beyond the parking area. If you see inappropriate activity, please call 911 to help insure everyone's safety. Thank you to the combined efforts of the Conservation Commission, Recreation Department and volunteers for helping develop the park! Check out Litchfield Community Park on Facebook.

The **Conservation Commission** would like to challenge groups or families to create safe fun "props" for children to play on. Use your DIY creativity to come up with ideas to put in the park. Ideas can be submitted to Carol Smith at [davyncarol@yahoo.com](mailto:davyncarol@yahoo.com). All ideas must be approved by the Conservation Commission and follow guidelines from <http://www.cpsc.gov> by MMA.

## July Community Calendar

1 Sun	Transfer Station, 8a.m.- 4p.m.
2 Mon	
3 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting—6pm
4 Wed	
5 Thur	
6 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10a.m.-2p.m.
7 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lit. Sportsman's Club; Public Bean Supper & Music Jam, Supper 5pm, Music 6pm
8 Sun	Transfer Station, 8am-4pm Lit Sportsman's Club-Country Sunday, live music noon—4:30pm
9 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting-6:30pm, Town Off Lit. Sportsman's Club Meet—7:00pm
10 Tue	
11 Wed	TOPS-Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm
12 Thur	
13 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10a.m.-2p.m.
14 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Amer. Legion Ladies Aux, LegionHall, 10a
15 Sun	Transfer Station—8am—4pm

16 Mon	
17 Tue	Masons-Masonic Hall, 7:30pm Fire Rescue Station clean-up, 6:00pm Fire/Rescue Assoc., Station, 6:30pm Fire/Rescue Meeting, Station, 7:00pm First Responders Meeting, Station, 6:30pm
18 Wed	TOPS-Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm
19 Thur	Senior Advisory Comm— 10am; Academy Building Lit Farmer's Club, Sportsman's club- 7:30pm
20 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10a.m.-2p.m.
21 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Public Bean Supper-4p-6:30p; Morning Star Lodge #41
22 Sun	Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.
23 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting-6:30pm, Town Off
24 Tue	
25 Wed	TOPS-Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm Franks&Beans, Legion Hall, 6:30pm American Leg. Post 181, Legion Hall 7pm
26 Thur	
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Open: Mon.: 8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Tue.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Closed: Every Fri.

**Road Advisory Committee:** How to control Woody Invasive Shrubs. The following methods work with all the woodies, Japanese barberry, multiflora rose, bittersweet, autumn olive, and Asian honeysuckle shrubs. In spring all the root reserves are coming UP to the revive the dormant plant and flush out this year's growth. So herbicide used in Maine Natural Areas Program's recommended cut and dab procedure are not taken down to the roots. Options for the early half of the season are: 1) cut to about 12" and cover with a heavy duty contractor black plastic bag and tie securely at the base with contractor twine. Leave on for a full year and then check to see if it's dead. You can see examples at the Community Park and see the remaining invasive shrubs with marked with plastic flagging for future efforts. Hope you and your family might help get our Community Park clear of invasive plants. 2) Cut back the main body of the plant, eliminating the fruit which the birds will eat and spread, and then cut those stumps again and dab later in the season; if one cuts the stems and dabs in the spring some kill will occur but the plant will sprout, have stunted leaves and need to be done again. Late summer and fall plants are taking nutrients DOWN to roots in preparation for winter dormancy. We've had great mortality rates in October for honeysuckle, also a good time to see the plants since they stay green much longer than native plants, which is one of their out-competing strategies. What to use for late season cut and dab: 50% glyphosate mixture applied within 20 minutes. Some folks use a jar and paint brush; I've used a sponge applicator specifically for herbicide and a little goes a very long way. The cutting and hauling of brush takes a good deal of time; try using a long-handled rake to move the thorny canes of multiflora rose. Glyphosate is not cancerous but the very small amount of material used to hold it in suspension is, so wear appropriate gear. Always, and I know this is daunting, read and follow the label. Keep a record of what you do, with the date, mixture details if used, perhaps add a small map if that will help you remember the location. Try to kill the plants in a circle around the outer limits of an infestation and work your way in. Go back and check and learn what works. Be proud of your efforts. Questions? 268-4569

**Aug. Issue Deadline:** July 20, 2018, 5 p.m.  
Deliver material in any of the following ways: **E-mail** ([sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)) **U.S. mail to:** Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350  
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