

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

July question: Few in Litchfield today are aware that Litchfield once had a hall for the performing arts. Where was this hall and what was it called? **June question:** Litchfield records show that during the "gold rush" a resident named Cowell went to the west coast and set up a hardware business. Recent research has shown that Cowell was not the correct name. What was the correct name? **Answer:** Gowell. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to HistoricalSocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org

LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

We would like to thank the residents for their support of the Transfer Station at the Town Meeting in June. We will be able to proceed with the upgrades that we have been planning for the last couple of years. We hope to have the cement pads poured and the two Conex boxes moved up near the office building. We also hope to have a used oil shed built next to the Haz-Mat part of the Swap Shop building. We are definitely seeing an uptick in the residents using the facility. Please be courteous. We are again reminding residents to please stop and interact with the attendants when you enter the Transfer Station. We are seeing items that we don't accept being dropped off. With the Swap Shop being open, we must remind everyone about watching their speed. It is only 5 MPH Our phone number here is 268-2032. Closed Saturday, July 4 in recognition of Independence Day

Woodbury Pond Park

The park is open for the season. The new picnic tables are in and the BBQ grills are installed. Folks need to provide their own charcoal. The park is available for parties or group gatherings. Reach out to Sue Weber at woodburypondpark@gmail.com to reserve your spot. We are still in need of an attendant this season, please email us for more information. We could use some help with cutting up a rotted picnic table, hanging the volleyball net, and building a horseshoe pit. Have a happy July!

LITCHFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Center Phone # 446-6275

The Senior Center will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9-2 or when the flag is out. Come in for exercise, cards, or check out the books and puzzles we have. New arrivals all the time. We also have working laptops to use during center hours. **Mondays and Fridays** we have exercise with Dian and friends **from 8:30 -9:30**. Join in the indoor walk or use the exercise equipment. On Fridays we offer Cribbage at **9:39-10:30** or longer. Bring a partner or call to see if there are people playing. **Due to summer hours, there may be times when there will be no cribbage.** At 10-3 there are card games going on. BYO lunch for noon. **Potluck /July birthdays celebrations on 17th.** Bring a dish to share.

On Mondays we offer knitting and crochet with Sharon Thibault at 9:30-10:30. **We will be taking a break for the summer due to nice weather and peoples Vacations.** Come back in September to start again. This is welcome to all that want to just knit or crochet or learn how. If you have knitting or crochet issues you need help with, you can come to the Center on the hours they are open and Lori, the director, probably can help. **Grammie's Mitten Tree** was a big hit with the pre-k kids' classes, and the school wants us to do it again next year, for this we make mittens that are 5in long beyond the cuff to give out. If you would like to donate mittens, you can take them to the center.

Qigong will be held at **9-9:45** at the Senior Center, then band practices 10-11 every other Wednesday when the band is not performing. Check our calendar for dates.

Line dancing will be practicing on July 6th and 13th at the Sportsmen's Club at 9-11. On the 20th they will be performing at **The Veterans' home** at 10:30. On the 27th at the **Russell Park Senior Home** at 10:00. **The Carol Bailey String Band** will be performing on the 1st at the **Alzheimer's Center** in Gardiner at 10:00 and on the 22nd at the **Schoodic Art Festival** at noon. **On August 19th** they will perform at **Woodbury Pond Park**. More info to come. **At 10 am the Senior Advisory Committee** will meet on the 16th at 1 pm. **The book club** will meet on the 20th at 1 pm. The book to be discussed is "The Bullet that Missed" by Richard Oasman. Pick up the book at the Gardiner Library or the Monmouth Library.

The Gardening Club will meet on July 8th at 1 pm at the Center. Come and get some ideas and help with flowers or veggies.

Check the Litchfield Gardening Club Group on Facebook for updates and info. **Trips for the month** are Carousel Theater on July 15th for noon. This costs 60.00 per person if you want info call the Center. Right now, our bus is full but feel free to follow in your own car. The performance is called Thank God I'm Country. They are offering lunch of a roast beef sandwich or wrap, New England chicken salad on a croissant with walnuts and a Lobster roll with extra cost of 10.00. We are also offering trips on the 23rd to Pemaquid Light House and beach, and The Lobster Festival on the 30th. Call the Center to sign up or for more info.

Like to learn how to sew? The Center is planning to start learning classes in the fall on Mondays in the afternoon. We will start with the basics "get to know your machine" then hopefully a once-a-month class to sew small projects such as making a pillowcase. Call the center for info.

LITCHFIELD FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Upcoming events are the Show n Shine Car Show on August 9th starting at 8am. We are looking for any businesses that would like to sponsor a class the cost is \$100. We are also looking for anyone that would like to help in the judging of car (Free entrance and lunch) Another big event is the Litchfield Fair on September 11-12-13, we will be looking for helpers in the booth. Also, will be reaching out to all those bakers for their delicious pies. All the events are also looking for any upcoming senior that need to get their community service hours in we greatly appreciate your help and look forward to working with you, If you have any questions, please contact Tina Gowell at 207-485-5565

YARD SALE

The Litchfield Fire & Rescue Association will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, July 18 from 8-2 at the - Central Fire Station. \$25 will hold you a table. Please contact Tina Gowell at 207-485-5565 by calling or text for more information.

LITCHFIELD FAIR

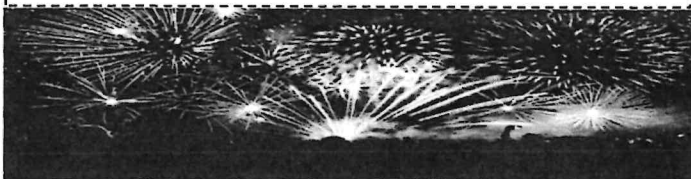
Litchfield Fair will be here before we know it! It will be held this year on September 11, 12 & 13 2026. Now is the time to start preparing your exhibits for the Exhibition Hall! We meet every Tuesday for work sessions. We will feed you supper at 5:00pm and work on various projects after. We would love to have you join us! We are always looking for volunteers or new members!

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

We will be closed on Saturday, July 4 so you can enjoy the day with family and friends. But do plan to come back every Saturday for the rest of the month to take advantage of great values! Please note: our kid's clothes are down a bit as sales have been terrific. If you've been thinking of doing something with the duds that don't fit your kids any more, please bring them to us! We've got a ton of bathing suits. I understand the water temps are fine now!

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

We are looking forward to fresh veggies from local gardens soon! Fresh local eggs are arriving regularly and we appreciate every one! Our lawn sale in June resulted in almost \$1,000 for the Food Bank, then some friends donated a bit more to top it off! Thanks to all who donated items and/or purchased items. It was a fun day!



TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

The Town Office closes at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 30th to complete end-of-fiscal year database closeout.

Woodbury Pond Park is now open daily from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm through August 23rd, weather permitting. Come out and enjoy the park! Also, our onsite "camp host" park attendant position is still open for someone who is looking to exchange some work for a summer RV camp site.

Advance Notice: Dennis Hill Rd Closure (schedule to be determined)-The bridge (large culver) crossing Dennis Hill Rd near Rte 126 will be replaced between July 15 and October 15. The exact timeline is dependent on material delivery dates, and is not yet final, but will require several weeks of road closure.

Four-way (All Way) stop at Huntington Hill and Rte 197 -Please be aware that MDOT has changed the traffic pattern at Huntington Hill Road and Route 126 (Richmond Road) at Gowell's Shop N Save from a two-way stop to an all-way stop.

An online property tax payment option is available through the portal at https://litchfieldme.governmentwindow.com/payer_login.html. This link may be found in the "How Do I...?" sidebar on the town website <https://www.litchfieldmaine.org/>.

Municipal Election Results (winners denoted by *)

RSU#4 Budget Validation Referendum:

Yes - 570 No – 392

RSU#4 SRRF Program:

Yes - 636 No – 334

Municipal Final Tally Total # of ballots - 993

Select Board (1 open seat)

Gary Parker* 775

Write-ins 54

RSU4 School Board (1 open seat)

Joseph Velozo* 79

Write-ins 189

Academy Trustees (2 open seats)

Elton Wade* 674

Dian White* 620

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Budget Committee (3 open seats)

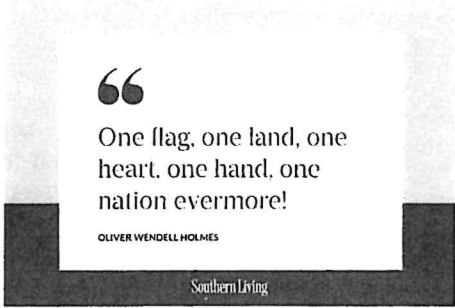
Thomas Wood* 802

Eric Seaman* 87

Mark Russell 13

Hillary Strong 11

July Community Calendar

1 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd	16 Thur	Lit. Fire & Rescue Association -6pm, Cen.Sta. (All welcome to attend) Lit Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd Lit. Budget Comm. — 6:30pm, Town Off. Lit. Senior Comm - 1pm, Senior Center
2 Thur	Lit. Food Bank —10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Planning Board —6:30pm; Town Office	17 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm
3 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm	18 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm
4 Sat	Happy Independence Day  Transfer Station - Closed Today Academy Thrift Store-Closed Today	19 Sun	Transfer Station —8am –4pm
5 Sun	Transfer Station —8am –4pm	20 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office -zoom available-see website
6 Mon		21 Tue	
7 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting , 6:00pm	22 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd American Legion William R. Bold Post 181 - 7:00pm; 798 Lewiston Rd. West Gardiner
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12 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club -Country Music Sunday Noon to 4; \$8.00 Transfer Station —8am-4pm	27 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office -zoom available-see website Lit. Recreation Comm -6:15pm Town Office
13 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office- zoom available-see website	28 Tue	
14 Tue	Lit. First Responders -6pm, Central Office	29 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd
15 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit Road Committee -6:00pm; Town Office	30 Thur	Lit. Food Bank —10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd
			

"I believe in America because we have great dreams and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true."

Wendell L. Wilkie

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 Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Closed: Every Fri.

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LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Salute to our Revolutionary War Patriots - As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country's founding it is fitting to note those with connections to Litchfield who served in the Revolutionary War. Some served from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, or New York, and some from what is now Maine. One was wounded at the battle at Lexington, others fought at Bunker Hill or in other battles, some served at sea, and some served for only short periods. Some are buried in Litchfield or other known locations, but the final resting places of many are unknown. **To date the Historical Society** has verified 53 Litchfield men who served in that conflict: John Bailey, Nathaniel Berry Jr., Timothy Blanchard, John Bolden, John Britt, Andrew Brown, Deacon John Brown, Thomas Buffee (Boffee), James Campbell, Thomas Colby, Saul Cook, Abner Danforth, Thomas Davis, John Dennis, Ebenezer Dunlap, John Glass, Jacob Goodwin, Simeon Goodwin, Calvin Hall, Timothy Hall, John Hanscom, Levi Harriman, John Harris, Israel Hutchinson, Nehemiah Hutchinson, Samuel Hutchinson, Abraham Jaquith, Henry Jewell, Adam Johnson Jr., John Johnson, John Lemont, James Lord, James Lord Jr., Nathaniel Marston, Dummer Mitchell, Hugh Mulloy, Samuel Odiorne, Robert Patten, Samuel Potter, William Potter, Joshua Richardson, John Rogers, Heman (Herman) Smith, Joseph Smith 3rd, Thomas Smith, William Stinson, Noah Towne (Towns), Daniel True, John Walker, Lemuel Walker, George Webber, William Blay West, and Ebenezer Whitney. **An additional 10 men are mentioned** in some documents, but their service and/or connection to Litchfield is still being verified: John Brown, Nathaniel Chase, John Chick, Samuel Cole, John Cotton, Samuel Getchell, Abial (Abiel) Harrington, Timothy Huntington, James McFarland Jr., Michael Tappan. **We salute these Patriots** for their service and their part in securing our freedom. **If you are descended from any of these men** the Historical Society would love to hear from you. Contact Ed Avis at 207-751-9446

August Issue Deadline:
 July 20, 2026 5pm Deliver material in any of the following ways: email: sodlite@litchfieldmaine.org; U.S. mail to: Town Office, 2400 Hollowell Rd. 04350 Hand deliver to: Town Office 2400 Hollowell Rd.

