

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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HISTORIAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

November question: Which of Litchfield's thriving agricultural sectors was most adversely affected by prohibition? **October question:** The Lewiston, Augusta and Waterville Street Railway crossed Litchfield in 1908 connecting what two towns? answer: East Monmouth and West Gardiner. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to HistoricalSocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org

LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

The leaves are dropping and we all know what is coming. The leaf and brush piles will be closed on Saturday November 1. The Swap Shop and Haz-Mat building has been painted. It is a very nice look. The new signs are coming. We have noticed an uptick in household garbage being put in the bulky containers. Please remember that this is not allowed in the Transfer Station. We are also seeing plastic bag material being put in the plastic container. Please put only "hard" plastic material in the container. Plastic bag type material gums up the machine when the plastic is processed. Please watch your speed in the facility. Remember it is 5 MPH. Our phone number is 268-2032. Stop in and say hello to John C. and John U.

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Fresh items are still being unpacked. Make them yours before someone else gets them! Brag to your friends about what a great bargain you got. Then bring them to shop for themselves!!!

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Caring and sharing...that's what we do and you can too. Donate \$30.00 to make a Thanksgiving dinner available for a Litchfield family. We'll do the shopping for you. Our new generator is tested every Monday morning at 8:00 AM. Feel free to come by for a listen. It's music to MY ears! Thanks for your support of our important mission!

LITCHFIELD SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Trail work has begun with several bridges and culverts repaired in preparation for the snowmobile season! Did you know that Litchfield has approximately 55 miles of trails?! Of course, most of these trails would not exist without the generosity of landowners who allow the trails to run through their property, which is greatly appreciated! Please let us know if there are any hazards or repairs on the trail that need to be taken care of! Trail work is done on Sundays due to hunting season, so don't be surprised if you see us walking around with chainsaws and cutters to clear fallen trees! Our next meeting is Nov. 13th which will be the only meeting for the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please follow us on our Facebook page to stay updated with upcoming meetings, Trail work and any new happenings! And let's hope for a better snowmobiling season this winter!

Litchfield 4H

The Creators 4H will be meeting November 8th and Nov 29th at 10 am at the Senior Center For info text or call 754-3931 ask for Lori

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 Tues Nov 11 for Veterans Day and November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving.

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.

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 4- 5-year-olds (Pre K -K, or any size you want to donate to schools.

Qigong exerciser at 9 am followed by practice for the Carol Bailey string band Wed. at 10 to 12 at the Sportsmen's Club.

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.

The potluck lunch and celebration of November Birthdays on the 19th, Speaker is Kathy Beal from US Cellular.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1 on Thursday, November 20th.

The book club meeting is on Monday, November 16 at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "The Day the World Came to Town 9/11 By Jim DeFede. Pick up the book at the Gardiner or Monmouth Library

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

The Sand for Seniors starts November 1. If you have a 5-gal bucket 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

RSU 4 NEWS

Math Night at the Carrie Ricker School on November 6. It will run from 6-7 p.m. **Picture retake day:** Libby-Tozier School – Nov. 7; Oak Hill Middle School – Nov. 18; Carrie Ricker School – Nov. 21 **Parent/Teacher conferences:** Oak Hill Middle School – Nov. 12 = 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Carrie Ricker – Nov. 13 = 4-7 p.m. Nov. 18 = 4-7 p.m. Libby-Tozier School – Nov. 19 = 1:15 – 6:45 p.m. There is no school on the following days: **Nov. 11** in observance of Veterans Day; **Nov 26 -28** – Thanksgiving break.



Come say Hi to Santa on Sat. Nov. 29th at the Litchfield Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast from 8am to 11am at the Central Fire Station.

**Litchfield Sportsman's Club
ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER**

On Thursday, November 27, 2025 at 1:00pm. Doors will open at 11am. All are welcome!

Litchfield Recreation Committee

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY: The rec committee is pleased to announce the successful completion of our very first annual Family Fun Day! We had so much fun at Veterans Memorial Field on Sunday October 19th with a Quarter K Costume Fun Run. Congratulations to all the winners. We would like to thank all of our volunteers and sponsors. We hope you will all join us next year for the second edition of this event!

Fundraising Update: We have received a number of corporate sponsors, which have been posted on our facebook page. We thank each and every one of them for their participation. Our soccer teams did a tremendous job with fundraising this year, raising \$4500 towards the revitalization of our fields!

Our top fundraising team was the Girls 4/5/6 team! Thank you to everybody for participating! We look forward to some upgrades for our fields for next season. **Fall Walking Series:** Our Fall Walking Series is in full swing. Drop in Registration is available. Each walk includes a new local location and 15-minute body weight workout at the end. Drop in is \$10 and we gather on Sundays at 9am at the following dates & times: 10/26/2025 - Smithfield Plantation Trail; 11/2/2025 - Holman Conservation Area; 11/16/2025 - Small Burnham Conservation; 11/23/2025 - Woodbury Nature Sanctuary - Blue Trail; 11/30/2025 - Jamie's Pond Trails; 12/7/2025 - Vaughan Woods.

Basketball: - Basketball registration is now open! Please scan the QR code to register your children. Please note that there has been a policy change regarding parent participation - this can be found in our registration as well as on our facebook page. Registration is open now through November 17th. **Pickleball Tournament** - We are putting on a pickleball tournament Nov 16th from 1pm-5pm at the Carrie Ricker School gymnasium to benefit the Litchfield Food Bank. Come on down and cheer on your favorite players! If anyone wants to help out that day, please reach out to Sue Weber at Litchfieldre2400@gmail.com, even if you don't play pickleball, there are lots of tasks that you could do to help make this a successful fundraiser.



TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

Vote Nov 4th State Referendum - Voting will take place for the upcoming State Referendum on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 at the Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Road, Litchfield. Polls will be open from 8am-8pm. Information about the questions appearing on the ballot can be found at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html> Look for the Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election. If you would like to request an Absentee Ballot, please visit <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> or contact the town office. Ballots will become available in early October. In person absentee voting will also be available.

Rabies Clinic - A rabies vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st from 9-11 AM at the Central Fire Station. Cost is \$20 with \$5 going to the Litchfield Fuel Fund.

MDOT Road Work on Richmond Rd (Rte 197) Local Traffic Only - The Maine Department of Transportation will be performing work on the Maxwell Bridge over Magogoty **ROAD IS NOW OPEN** Work began on Oct 8 and is expected to be completed by November 4.

2026 Dog Licenses - You may now license your dog(s) for 2026 at the Town office beginning 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 now be registered at the Town Office, or online at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/index.html>.

Text Alerts: Sign up for Town Office text alerts by texting JOIN to (808) 289-8089. This is a program which we expect to use infrequently and primarily for emergency management announcements such as availability of warming shelters. We'll publish more information as this service evolves.

Home Heating Assistance - 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.

**VOTING DAY—TUESDAY, NOV. 4
8AM-8PM
@ LIT SPORTSMAN'S CLUB**

RSU4 PTA

Annual Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, December 6th, 2025 from 9-3 at Oak Hill Middle School. For an application, please email rsu4pta@rsu4.org

CRAFT FAIR

The Lit. Sportsmen's Club's craft fair is Nov. 22, 25. Contact Carol (622-5471) or Tom at 557-3409 if you would like to rent a table space. Tables are \$20.

November Community Calendar

1 Sat	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 Rabies Clinic -9-11;Central Fire Station	16 Sun	
2 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club -Country Music Sun- day Noon to 4 \$8.00	17 Mon	
3 Mon		18 Tue	Lit. Fire & Rescue Meeting -6pm, Central Sta
4 Tue	Voting Day —Please make yours count. Polls open 8am to 8pm Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting , 6:00pm	19 Wed	Food Bank —4pm-6pm, 56 Plains Rd Lit. Road Comm. —6:00pm, Town Office
5 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd	20 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd Lit. Senior Comm - 1pm, Senior Center Lit. Budget Com. —6:30p, Town Office
6 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd Lit Planning Bd —Town Office 6:30pm	21 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am -4pm
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9 Sun		24 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website
10 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website Lit. Rec Committee -6:15; Town Office	25 Tue	
11 Tue	Lit. First Responders -6pm, Central Station Town Office Closed 	26 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd RSU4-Board No Meeting
12 Wed	Food Bank —4pm-6pm, 56 Plains Rd RSU4-Board Meeting , Central Off 6:30pm Lit. Sportsman's Club meeting—6pm Lit Rec BB Coaches —6:15; Town Office	27 Thur	Litchfield Sportsman's Club ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER 1:00pm. Doors will open at 11am. All are welcome!  Town Office Closed
13 Thur	Lit. Snowmobile Club -Senior Center, 6pm Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd	28 Fri	Town Office Closed
14 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am -4pm	29 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm
15 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm	30 Sun	

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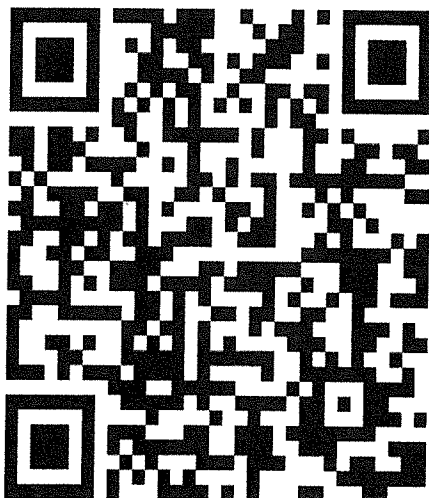
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 Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Closed: Every Fri.

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Litchfield Conservation Commission

There's a new children's book featured on the story walk in Litchfield's Community Park! *How Do You Know It's Fall?* by Allen Fowler This book asks for the reader to pay attention to changes in the outdoors and in daily life that signal the shifting of the season from summer to autumn. Perfect for kids of all ages, the page on signs along the trails are generally though there are some areas. Consult the ing lot kiosk or check it site then navigate to the book. It's a short walk ing lot or from the find the children's play Enjoy one of Litch-exploring the Commu- Scan the code with see the Litchfield Com-town's website.



December Issue Dead-
line: Nov 20, 2025 5pm
 Deliver material in any of
 the following ways:
 email: sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org
U.S. mail to: Town Office,
 2400 Hollowell Rd. 04350
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