

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

September has come and gone. The Swap Shop is closed as of October 3rd. Thanks to all the residents who supported it throughout the summer. MANY THANKS to Pam and all the other volunteers who helped keep the Swap Shop organized and tidy for the residents to be able to peruse the wares. We will have the grand total of items that didn't go to the landfill in next month's Sodalite. We will be closing the leaf and brush piles around the first of November. It is weather dependent. We will keep everyone apprised as to the situation. We must remind everybody that the speed limit is only 5 MPH. Please be mindful of your speed in the Transfer Station. Our phone number here is 268-2032

WOODBURY POND PARK

Another great season is over. Thank you to all the folks who patronized our little park this year. Thank you to the Litchfield Seniors for their kind donation which allowed us to replace rotted picnic tables this year. The park can be used off-season, but keep in mind that it is "carry-in, "carry-out." If you walk your dog at the park, please pick up after them. Bags are available on the side of the booth. We need a little help with the end-of-season cleanup which will be held on Oct 3rd 1-3 pm with a rain date of Oct 4th, same time. We have some large and small tasks that need to be done. Any assistance you can give will be much appreciated. If you have any questions, please reach out to woodburypond-park@gmail.com

SPECIAL HISTORICAL NEWS

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS AT LITCHFIELD PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH - October marks a historic milestone as the Litchfield Plains Baptist Church celebrates its 200th anniversary! Founded on October 11, 1826, the original congregation of 13 members met weekly in local barns, the Hall, and the Brick Schoolhouse for 11 years before moving to its new building across from the Litchfield Plains Cemetery in 1837. We are so grateful to the Litchfield community for two centuries of shared history and look forward to serving you for many more years to come.

RSU 4-PTA

The RSU4 PTA, in collaboration with the Town of Sabattus, is holding it's annual Trunk or Treat at the former Sabattus Primary School on October 24th, 2026 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, immediately following the Sabattus Halloween Parade. If you are interested in hosting a trunk, or would like further information, please contact the PTA at rsu4pta@rsu4.org. We hope to see you there!

LITCHFIELD FAIR

Thank you to all who came and supported Litchfield Fair this year! Even though the weather didn't cooperate on Sunday we still had a great fair. We would especially like to thank all the local businesses that supported us. We couldn't have done it without your support! See you all next year!

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 Indoor exercise from 8:30 -9:30. Join in the indoor exercise 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. At 10-3 there are card games going on. BYO lunch is for noon. **Potluck /October birthdays celebrations on 16th.** Bring a dish to share.

On Mondays we offer knitting and crocheting with Sharon Thibault at 9:30-10:30. This is welcome for 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 center on the hours 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 Starting at Sportsmen's Club on October 7th, and every Wed after that weather permitting. Check our calendar for dates.

Line dancing will be performing at Montello Heights on the 19th at 10:00 am and at Gray Birch rehab on the 26th at 2:00PM. Practicing on the 5th at the Sportsmen's Club.

Carol Bailey String Band will be Practicing starting October 7th at 10 am to noon. For Christmas concerts and every Wed., after that weather permitting.

Senior advisory committee will meet on the 22 at 1 pm. The book club will not be meeting this month at 1 pm.

The Gardening Club will meet on Oct.7th at 1 pm. At the Senior Center. Check the Litchfield Gardening Club Group on Facebook for updates and info.

Trips for the month are to North Conway for shopping trips on the 15th. Planning on leaving the Sportsmen's Club by 9:30 am. The bus holds 14 passengers plus driver. October 6th at the **Fryeburg Fair**. The bus is full right now but feel free to follow in your own car. This day is free for senior citizens. **Oxford Casino** October 29th. November 1st at 2pm **Steel Magnolias** in Lewiston Public Theater.

Sewing classes are on Mondays October 5th and 19th? Either be continuing basics or starting a project. The project will be pot-holders. Bring 2 fabrics that's at least 8X8 along with and a piece of batting same size. Questions call the Center the number is above. **You can look up our Facebook page:** The Litchfield Senior Center News and activities and we have a web page through the town of Litchfield Maine for info or updates, or you can call the Center at the number above.

HISTORIAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

August question: In 1814 a carding and fulling mill was established in Litchfield. Such mills were connected to the production of what product? answer: Woolen textile. **October question:** The Lewiston, Augusta, and Waterville Street Railway crossed Litchfield in 1908 connecting what two towns? To read more about the history of Litchfield go to HistoricalSocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Here's what you've been waiting for Sat. Oct 3, summer clothes will be free! Yes, free. We're clearing summer out so we have room for Fall and Winter clothes. Changing over will take place on Mon, Oct. 5 from 10AM to 4PM and Tues, from 2PM to 5PM. We'd love to have helpers for whatever hours will work for you. I'll provide pizza for lunch on Mon.

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

We've had lovely fruit and vegetables from local gardens and egg from local chickens this summer! Many thanks to all who have shared with the Food Bank. Our clients have really enjoyed the bounty. Getting ready for the winter holidays and inviting folks to sponsor a family for Thanksgiving dinner with a \$40 donation or contribute towards one with a donation of any amount. Drop it off at the Food Bank on Wednesday morning, drop it off at the Town Office (Rayna will get a call to come get it) or mail it to LFB, P O Box 306, Litchfield, Me

LITCHFIELD SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The Litchfield Snowmobile Club would like to thank everyone who stopped by our booth at the Litchfield Fair! We really appreciated those who supported our club with the purchase of raffle tickets and merchandise! Congratulations to Michael Schildroth and David Smith, both from Litchfield, who each won a gift certificate from Dead River for 100 gallons of oil/LP gas!! So, some of you of may ask, who are we, and what exactly do we do? We are a volunteer organization dedicated to keeping the winter sport thriving in our community! Our members maintain and groom over 50 miles of trails in Litchfield to keep our entire trail system safe and open, and allowing us connect to other trails such as the ITS. We also strive to maintain strong and respectful relationships with the generous property owners who allow us to use their land. In addition, we plan group rides exploring other areas in Maine, and we hope to plan more this winter! If you ride a snowmobile in Litchfield, we would love for you to join our club! Our meetings are held at the Senior Center (466 Academy Rd) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month (except when there are holidays) at 6pm. We also have a Facebook page (The Litchfield Snowmobile Club) which anyone can join or follow! We look forward to having you at our first meeting, which will be held on October 8th!

LITCHFIELD SPORTSMANS CLUB

Craft Fair Saturday November 21, 9a - 1p; Litchfield Sportsmen's Club—Tables \$20ea Contact Carol Royer-622-5471

AMERICAN LEGION

WILLIAM R. BOLD POST 181

Next meeting is Oct. 28, 2026 at 6:30pm at the new Post building at 798 Lewiston Rd. West Gardiner.

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

2026-2027 Property Tax Bills have been mailed - 1st payment due 10/15/2026

Property taxes were committed on September 14th with a mil rate of 11.73. If you bought property after April 1st, 2026, please contact the Town Office to find out your tax amount, since Maine law requires bills to go to the owner of record as of April 1st. Payments may be made at any time, and you may make smaller, more frequent payments (monthly, for example, but to avoid interest, take into account that the October payment covers July through October).

State General Election and Referendums - Voting will take place for the upcoming general election on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 at the Sportsman's Club, 2261 Hallowell Road, Litchfield. Polls will be open from 8 AM – 8 PM. 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.

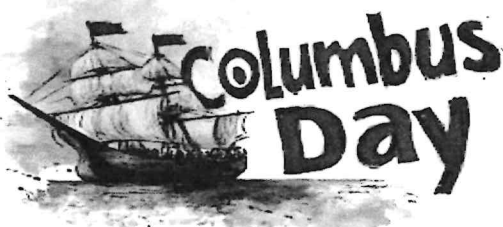
2027 Dog Licenses - You may license your dog(s) for 2027 at the Town office beginning October 15th or online at https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl. If rabies vaccinations are due, please bring a copy of the new vaccination. To avoid a late fee your dog MUST be licensed by December 31, 2026.

Rabies Clinic - A rabies vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th from 9-11 AM at the Central Fire Station. Cost is \$20 with \$5 going to the Litchfield Fuel Fund.

Snowmobiles - Snowmobiles may be registered at the Town Office starting mid-October (provided we have received the stickers), or online at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/index.html>.

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", and select "Heating Assistance" to book an appointment online. Information is available in the Town Office. **The Town Office will be closed Monday, October 12th, for Columbus Day.**

October Community Calendar

1 Thur	Lit. Food Bank —10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd	16 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm
2 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm	17 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm
3 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Lit. Sportsman's Club -Public Supper & Jam Supper 5p-6p; Jam 6:30p—8p	18 Sun	
4 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club -Country Music Sunday 12p - 4p \$8.00	19 Mon	Lit. Fire & Rescue Association -6pm, Cen.Sta. (All welcome to attend)
5 Mon		20 Tue	Lit. Fire & Rescue Meeting -6pm, Central Sta
6 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting , 6:00pm	21 Wed	Lit Road Committee -6:00pm; Town Office Lit Food Bank —4pm-6pm,, 56 Plains Rd
7 Wed	Lit Food Bank —4pm-6pm,, 56 Plains Rd Lit. Planning Board —6:30pm; Town Office	22 Thur	Lit. Senior Comm -1pm, Senior Center Lit. Food Bank —10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Snowmobile Club -6pm; Senior Center
8 Thur	Lit. Food Bank —10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Snowmobile Club -6pm; Senior Center	23 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm
9 Fri	RSU4—No School; Professional Day Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm	24 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm
10 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm	25 Sun	
11 Sun		26 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office -zoom available-see website
12 Mon	Litchfield Town Office Closed 	27 Tue	
13 Tue	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office- zoom available-see website Lit. First Responders -6pm, Central Office	28 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd American Legion William R. Bold Post 181- 6:30pm; 798 Lewiston Rd. West Gardiner RSU#4 Board Meeting -6:30pm; Central Office
14 Wed	Lit Food Bank —4pm-6pm, 56 Plains Rd RSU#4 Board Meeting -6:30pm; Central Office Lit. Sportsman's Club Meeting -6pm Fuel raffle - \$5.00 per ticket for \$300 toward win- ter fuel, winner to be drawn at the Annual Thanks- giving Dinner. Tickets are available for purchase at any club function.	29 Thur	Lit. Food Bank —10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd
15 Thur	Lit Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd Lit. Budget Comm. — 6:30pm, Town Off.	30 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm
		31 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm 

BOX HOLDER

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 PRSRT STD
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 Litchfield, ME
 Permit #2

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 Litchfield Town Office
 2400 Hollowell Road
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www.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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The Litchfield Sodalite

MORNING STAR LODGE'S ANNUAL YARD SALE

OCTOBER 10
8AM — 3PM

Lots of interesting items!

★ Come by and get your raffle tickets for a chance to win a **Rectec Deck Boss 900 pellet smoker** or gift certificates to **Emery's Meat and Produce** and **G&G cash fuel**.

Nov. Issue Deadline:
 Oct. 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.

