

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

September 1, 2025

September question: The U.S. Post Office tried unsuccessfully to change the name of which of Litchfield's villages to "Pleasant Valley?" **August question:** In 1814 a cording and fulling mill was established in Litchfield. Such mills were connected to the production of what product? answer: woolen textiles. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to HistoricalSocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org



It's What A Fair Should Be

This year's fair will be held September 5, 6 and 7. Come join us for all of the fair favorites: Musical Entertainment, Agricultural and Livestock Events, Fun Contests, Red Neck Truck Pull, Demolition Derby, Youth Horse Show, Barrel Racing, Wee Farmers' Farm, Old MacDonald's Farm, Our Fair Museum, Fair Food(Yum!!) and so much more. We have a beautiful "Sensory Garden." Come check it out! Remember to have your exhibits to the Exhibition Hall on Wednesday, September 3, between 9 am and 8pm. or Thursday, September 4, between 8am - 9am. Judging will take place on Friday (due to State regulations) and the Hall will be closed until judging is done. Admission is: Under 12 FREE, Ages 12-17 and Seniors \$5.00, Adults \$10.00. Seniors admission is free on Friday. 3 day passes and 2025 tickets are available online at www.litchfieldfair.com. The fair book and full schedule of events are also available online. We are always looking for volunteers the week before the fair. Hope to see you there!



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 Labor Day, Sept. 1

Line Dancing instruction for all on Mondays 9:30-11 at the Sportsmen's Club on Sept 8, 15 & 29.

The Senior Center is open 8:30-9:15 for walking exercise on Mondays with Dian & friends; 9:30 for Tai Chi/Qigong exercises with Sharon & Paula; The Senior Center will open 11:30 to 2 on Mondays after Line Dancing, come in for exercise, cards or check out the books or puzzles. We have new puzzles and books coming into the Center all the time.

The Senior Center Steppers (Line Dancers) are performing at The Litchfield Fair on Friday Sept. 5. at 2:30.; They will be at the Alzheimer's Care Center, Gardiner at 10:30 on Sept. 22.

The Carol Bailey String band will be performing at The Litchfield Fair on Friday Sept. 5 at 1.; on Sept 17 they will be at the Young at Heart Seniors in Windsor at 11am;

Come to the Senior Center for morning exercise with Dian & friends on Fridays 8:30-9:15. 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.

Friday, September 19, 12 pm Potluck lunch and celebrate September birthdays.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1 on Thursday, September 18.

The book club meeting is on Monday, September 15 at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "James" by Percival Everett.

Reminder: Exercise equipment available for use when the Center is open. The Senior Center is located on Academy Rd. next to Libby Tozier Elementary School.

LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

September is here and summer is departing. Our last Sunday this year will be August 31. Please watch your speed in the facility. Remember it is **5 MPH**. The Swap Shop will stop taking items Saturday September 13 and will close for the season on Saturday September 27. The leaf and brush piles have been taken. We will be managing them in a more positive manner moving forward. Many many thanks to Jim D., Jim N., and Kim R. for their excellent work on Sundays this summer. Our new hauler is supporting us very well. One request though. Please remember to use **clear** plastic bags. They are available at most hardware stores. We are going to ask Gowell's to see if they would carry them also.

LITCHFIELD RECREATION COMMITTEE

The soccer season is beginning. Practices have begun for the older kids. K & 1st graders start practice Sept 3rd. We combined players from Litchfield and Sabattus to create a girl's grades 4, 5, & 6 team this year. We've had a great group of dedicated parents stepping up to coach - thank you!! We still need referees for the 2025 season. There is a stipend of \$30 per game, as well as Community Service Credits for being a ref for youth soccer. Please reach out to Litchfield Recreation at litchfieldrec2400@gmail.com for more information on being a referee. Save the Date! The Litchfield Recreation Committee will be holding a Family Fun Day October 19th. More details to be coming in the Oct 1st Sodalite. Pickleball is going well this year. Our ranks have grown, and so has the fun! We have all the equipment for new folks to come down to Veterans Memorial Park on Tues, Thurs, and Sat mornings 8:30-10:30am and give it a whirl. We have folks happy to teach the basics. Our next Rec meeting will be Sept 8th at the Town Office at 6:15pm.

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Local produce and eggs arriving every week! Thank you, gardeners, and flock owners! Our new Generator is expected to be installed in September. Thanks for your great support of this project. It is being completed much sooner than expected because of it. If your grocery costs are increasing faster than your paycheck, check us out for a little help. Check the calendar for open times. Bring proof of residency in Litchfield. We are hosting a cookout for our clients on Wed. Sept. 3 at 4:00 PM.

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

New items arriving every week and they are getting put on shelves and hangers for your selection. continuing the price of \$2 per bag. Add some gently used items to your kids' back to school clothes and save a bundle! Need a space for a family gathering or birthday party. Check out the facility on the first floor used by the Senior Center. The rules to use it are pretty simple and you won't have to clean your house. There is access to the playground as well. Any scheduling will need to be times when the Senior Center is not open for the Seniors. Call Rayna to discuss your needs. 557-2680

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

Last Year's Property Taxes- If you receive a "30 Day Notice" in the mail it means you have taxes remaining from last year and have a chance to get them paid in time to avoid the additional cost of having a lien on your property. Whether you forgot a payment, or are having some financial difficulties, if you have any questions or are concerned about the lien process, please don't hesitate to give us a call or stop by the Town Office (207) 268-4721.

This Year's Property Taxes- 2025-26 property tax bills will be mailed out in late September. The first payment will be due October 15th. If you would prefer to pay smaller amounts more frequently throughout the year, we accept payments at any time.

Town Office Will Be Closed November 5th – Voting Day- Voting for the Tuesday, November 4th, 2024 election will take place at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club located at 2261 Hallowell Road from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. There are two Citizen Initiatives on the ballot. Requests for absentee ballots are being accepted now. Ballots will be mailed out by October 4th, or as soon as they are received and early voting will also be available at that time.

Home Heating Assistance – Please don't wait until you run out of fuel! 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 at the Town Office.

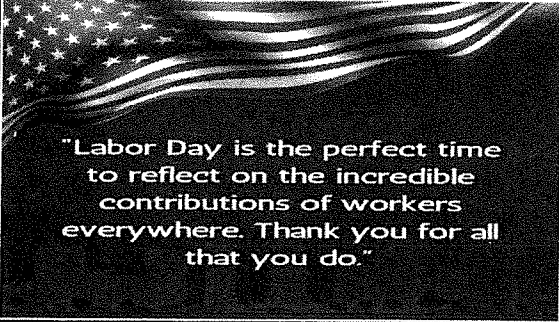
Upcoming Construction

Boat Ramps: During the last two weeks of September the boat ramps at Pleasant Pond on Thorofare Road will be replaced by our Public Works crew. Dennis Hill Road The culvert near Rt. 126 is due for replacement and is tentatively scheduled for early October.

Rabies Clinic- Dog owners mark your calendars -- A rabies vaccination clinic is being finalized for early October. Look for the final details in the October Sodalite. The cost will be \$20 per vaccine with \$5 going to the Litchfield Fuel Fund. If your dog has previously received a rabies vaccine, please bring that documentation with you to the clinic.



September Community Calendar

1 Mon	Town Office Closed Labor Day Holiday 	16 Tue	Lit. Fire & Rescue Meeting -6pm, Central Off
2 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting , 6:00pm	17 Wed	Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd
3 Wed	Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd	18 Thur	Lit. Senior Comm. -1pm, Senior Center Lit. Budget Comm. -6:30pm, Town Off Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd
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 Lit. Sportsman's Club -Public Supper & Jam Supper 5-6 \$10, Jam 6:30-8
5 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm	20 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Lit. Sportsman's Club -Country Fest Maine - Maine Music Entertainers Noon to 8 pm ; \$15.00
6 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm	21 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club -Country Fest Maine - Maine Music Entertainers Noon to 5pm; \$10.00
7 Sun		22 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website
8 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website Recreation Committee – Monday, Sep 8th, 6:30 pm	23 Tue	
9 Tue	Litchfield First Responders -6pm, Central Station	24 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd RSU4-Board Meeting , Central Off 6:30pm American Legion Post 181 -6pm @ Central Fire station; All veterans are wel- come
10 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd RSU4-Board Meeting , Central Off 6:30pm Lit. Sportsman's Club meeting—6pm	25 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd
11 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd	26 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm
12 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station —8am –4pm	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		29 Mon	
15 Mon		30 Tue	

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U.S. Postage
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Litchfield, ME
Permit #2

The Litchfield Sodalite
Litchfield Town Office
2400 Hollowell Road
Litchfield, ME 04350
Tel.: 207-268-4721 FAX: 207-707-8485
sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org
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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Litchfield Conservation Commission

During the second week of August, 14 Maine Conservation Corps members worked in the community park and at local KLT properties, clearing trails, erecting a fence and combatting invasive plants alongside Litchfield Conservation volunteers. These folks worked very hard making town spaces better for all to enjoy. We're grateful! **Upcoming:**

The Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection provide citizens with a responsible, free solution to collecting obsolete pesticides. All types of pesticides and adjuvants are accepted, including banned pesticides and pesticides that have become caked, frozen or otherwise rendered unusable. The program is available to homeowners as well as non-corporate farmers and greenhouse operators. Visit think-firstspraylast.org to register by Sept 26, 2025. After online registration, collection will happen in Augusta and other sites in October.

Woodbury Pond Park

The 2025 season is coming to a close. It has been a great season! Woodbury has been a nice recreational spot to hang out on a hot day or to reserve space for a group party. With the addition of a full-time attendant at the park, the park has been able to bring in some revenue for necessary upgrades. A huge "THANK YOU!" to Angie, our attendant, who worked so very hard to ensure the park was clean and ready for patrons each day. The park officially closes on August 24th for the season; however, we are going to try something new this year. We will reopen on Aug 30th, 31st, and Sept 1st, 10am-7pm for the holiday weekend, and then again, the weekend of Sept 6th & 7th. Of course, as always, this is weather permitting! We hope to have the updates, including 2-3 premium reservable sites, completed by the 2026 season. We will need some assistance with end-of-year cleaning up. Please consider coming down to the park the weekend of Sept 27th and 28th 12pm-3pm to pitch in.

October Issue Deadline:
Sept. 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
Hand deliver to: Town Office 2400 Hollowell Rd

