

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

November 1, 2015

## **Litchfield Transfer Station—New Hours**

The following hours go into effect Fri., Nov. 6, 2015:

**Winter Hours:** November—March

Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The following hours go into effect Fri., April 1, 2016:

**Summer Hours:** April—October

Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Swap Shop is open only during Summer Hours.

## **Litchfield Transfer Station—New Disposal Fees**

The following disposal fees go into effect Sat., Oct. 3, 2015:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
Refrigerator	\$10.00
Freezer	10.00
A/C	10.00
Dehumidifier	10.00
Tires (up to 17")	2.00
TV (up to 19")	3.00
TV (19"-30")	5.00
TV (30" and over)	10.00
TV (console)	15.00
Computer	5.00
Printer/Fax	5.00
Mattress	5.00
Box Spring	5.00
Couch/Loveseat	10.00
Couch w/Bed	15.00
Chair/Recliner	5.00
Rugs (5'x10')	10.00
Rug Pad (5'x10')	5.00

## **Litchfield Transfer Station—Prohibited Items**

- Household rubbish
- Sheetrock, lumber, insulation, any building or construction material
- Flooring/Roofing material
- Cabinets/Countertops
- Toilets, sinks, tubs or hot tubs of any type
- Hazardous materials, pesticides, paints, paint thinners.

**Note:** Paints can be taken (for free) to any PaintCare sites (Sherwin-Williams or Aubuchon). Check with these stores ahead of time to verify any requirements.

## **Senior Center Calendar**

**Open:** Every Mon. and Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Every Wed., 8:30 a.m.-noon

**Closed:** Wed., Nov. 11, 2015; Wed.-Fri, Nov. 25-27, 2015 (Thanksgiving Holidays)

**Tel.:** 215-4595

**Healthy Communities Speaker**, Fri., Nov. 20, 10 a.m. Learn shopping tips, healthy cooking/eating choices. Attendees receive a \$10 Hannaford gift card.

**Pot Luck Lunch and Nov. Birthday Celebration**, Fri., Nov. 20, noon (following Healthy Communities Speaker).

**Awareness through Movement**, Fri., Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.

**Book Club** meets Wed., Nov. 18, 12:30 p.m., at the home of Faith and Jim Schillinger in Richmond. Our book is: *The Vintage*, by Susan Gloss. Call the Center for directions.

**Bowling**, 1-7-10 Lanes, Augusta, Thu., Nov. 19. Leave Sportsmen's Club at noon.

**Seniors Advisory Committee**, Tue., Nov. 17, 10 a.m.

**Line Dancing**, Mon.'s, 9:30 a.m., beginners and advanced.

**Aerobics**, Wed.'s and Fri.'s, 8:30 a.m.

**Carol Bailey String Band & Chorus Practice**, Wed.'s., Nov. 4 and Nov. 18, 10 a.m.

**Cribbage Games**, Mon.'s, 11 a.m., and Fri.'s, 10 a.m. Bring a lunch and stay for bingo on Mon.'s. and **cards** on Fri.'s.

**Cribbage Tournament**, Fri., Nov. 6, 1 p.m. Participation Fee: \$3.

**Exercise Equipment** available Mon.'s and Fri.'s, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wed.'s, 9 a.m.-noon.

**Thrift Shop** is open first and third Mon.'s., 10-11 a.m.

**Roadrunner trip:**

**Thu., Nov. 12, Christmas Tree Shop and Lunch**, Portland Mall and Country Buffet. Leave Sportsmen's Club at 8:30 a.m.

**Reminder**—Stop in at the Center for more information, a cup of coffee/tea, and activity/trip sign up.

## **RSU4 Musical Instruments Needed**

Looking for flutes, clarinets, trumpets in good repair for possible donation. Contact Sam Moore-Young, music teacher, Carrie Ricker School, 268-4136 x210; or leave a message with Keli Terry, office.

### From the Town Manager

Please note all the new information on p. 1 pertaining to the Transfer Station. New policies and procedures have been—and continue to be—implemented at the Transfer Station as the result of DEP requirements. We appreciate your patience as this process evolves.

### Litchfield Community Food Bank

We have been informed that Good Shepherd Food Bank will not be assisting us with Thanksgiving boxes, so we are asking for your donations. Your cash, checks, or Shaw's/Hannaford gift cards will be used to stock baskets for the dinners. We include a turkey for larger families and a roasting chicken for smaller families. Send donations to LCFB, P.O. Box 120, Litchfield, ME, 04350. Many thanks for your support. Dinner boxes will be available on Mon., Nov. 23, for those who have signed up. The Food Bank will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thur., Nov. 26.

FMI: Rayna, Food Bank, Thursdays.

### Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Help is needed to switch over from warm to cold weather clothes, Tue., Nov. 3, and Tue., Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m. Please come help, enjoy the team effort, and shop.

### Creators 4 H Club

Meeting Sun., Nov. 1, 3 p.m. to make apple cider with an old fashioned press, and to make a Halloween craft. Also doing a Scentsy fund raiser. FMI: Lori, 754-3931.

### Gardiner Public Library

Community Archives Room renovations are complete, and the room is available for use. Next month's newsletter will contain more details. It has limited hours, so call ahead (582-3312) for a visit.

### RSU4 Holiday Craft Fair/"What a Crock" Chili & Chowder Cook-off

Held Sat., Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oak Hill Middle School. Registration Fee to rent an 8' table: \$35.

**Contact to rent tables/enter cook-off:**

[RSU4pta@rsu4.org](mailto:RSU4pta@rsu4.org)

**FMI for cook-off:** Ben Wilson, 375-6961,

[ben.wilson@rsu4.org](mailto:ben.wilson@rsu4.org)

### Historical Society of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

**November question:** What pond was the source of the Libby Mill Stream?

**October's answer:** Of the two college preparatory boarding schools in Litchfield, Litchfield Liberal Institute was favored by the town's Baptists.

To read more about the history of Litchfield, go to: [www.historicalsocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org](http://www.historicalsocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org)

### Clerk's Corner

Elections will be held Tue., Nov. 3, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at the Sportsmen's Club. There are three state referendum questions:

1. Citizen's Initiative concerning campaign financing.
2. Bond Issue concerning energy-efficient homes for low-income seniors.
3. Bond Issue concerning infrastructure and facility repair.

Come out and exercise your right to vote.

You can register your dogs for 2016 now. We have the new tags.

You can start registering your snowmobiles for this winter.

If you are looking for firewood, snow plowing, or other service—we have a list of local businesses at the town office, as well as on the town website (under the COMMUNITY/BUSINESSES tab).

Remember we are closed Wed., Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, and Thu., Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving Day.

### Tacoma Lakes Association

TLIS has legally changed its name to Tacoma Lakes Association (TLA). All future correspondence will use this name.

TLA is pleased to report that the town approved the selection of Knowles Industrial Services of Gorham, Maine, as the successful bidder for the much-needed repair work on Upper Purgatory Dam. The contract requires a Nov. 18, 2015 completion date. After discussions with their project manager, it is anticipated that repair work will not take place until the first of November, and will be completed in approximately one week. Given the late start of the project, a drawdown of the watershed has commenced, and the water will be dropped to the usual winter level. This will allow the dam gates to remain shut during the repair process, and—at the same time—allow any rainfall to be absorbed by the lake and not require opening the gates.

**FMI:** Bruce Doyle, [bdoyles@roadrunner.com](mailto:bdoyles@roadrunner.com); website (<http://www.tacomalakes.org>); or Facebook.

### American Legion

William R. Bold Post No. 181 will honor WWII veterans on Veterans Day, Wed., Nov. 11, 10 a.m., with a special ceremony. Anyone who knows of a WWII veteran able to attend, please contact Deb Couture, 582-3897.

At 11 a.m., the post will retire all American Flags that have been collected by the post over the past year. Boy Scout Troop No. 698 will assist.

Following the ceremonies, refreshments will be served.

### Basketball Registration

Litchfield Youth Recreation is now accepting registrations (4 years of age to the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) for our Youth Basketball Programs. Due: Mon., Nov. 16, and the fee is \$30/child. Form is available at Town Office or on the town website (DEPARTMENTS/RECREATION tab).

**FMI:** Tiffany Caton, Recreation Director, 268-4721.

## November 2015 Community Calendar

- 1 Sun **Daylight Savings Time** ends at 2 a.m., Standard Time  
**Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**NOTE:** This is the last Sunday that the Transfer Station will be open on a Sunday.
- 2 Mon **RSU4**, No School, Grades 6-12 only  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 10-11 a.m.  
**Recreation Committee**, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.  
**Order of the Eastern Star**, Masonic Hall, 7 p.m.
- 3 Tue **Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg.**, 6 p.m.
- 4 Wed **TOPS**, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). **FMI:** Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907
- 5 Thu **Litchfield Food Bank**, noon-2 p.m.  
**Planning Board**, Town Office, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Fri **Town Office**, closed  
**Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 7 Sat **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 9 a.m.-noon
- 8 Sun **Transfer Station**, NOT OPEN
- 9 Mon **Select Board**, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.  
**Sportsmen's Club, Monthly Meeting**, 7 p.m.
- 10 Tue **RSU4 Parent Party**, Sabattus Primary School, 6 p.m.
- 11 Wed **Veterans Day**  
**Town Office closed**  
**RSU4**, closed  
**Conservation Commission, Town Office**, 6:30 p.m.  
**TOPS**, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). **FMI:** Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907
- 12 Thu **Litchfield Food Bank**, noon-2 p.m.  
**Snowmobile Club, Pot Luck Supper**, Academy Bldg., 6 p.m.  
**Snowmobile Club, Regular Meeting**, Academy Bldg., 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Fri **Town Office**, closed  
**Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 14 Sat **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 9 a.m.-noon  
**Legion Auxiliary**, Legion Hall, 10 a.m.  
**Public Supper**, Sportsmen's Club, 5-6:30 p.m.  
**Music Jam**, Sportsmen's Club, 6:30-8-30 p.m.
- 15 Sun **Transfer Station**, NOT OPEN  
**Country Sunday** (live music), Sportsmen's Club, 12-5 p.m.
- 16 Mon **Academy Thrift Store**, 10-11 a.m.  
**Budget Committee**, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.  
**Historic Pre. Com. & Historical Society**, Shorey Family Research Room, 7 p.m.
- 17 Tue **Sen. Ad. Com.**, Academy Bldg., 10 a.m.  
**Fire/Rescue Station cleanup**, 6 p.m.  
**Fire/Rescue Assoc. Mtg.**, Station, 6:30 p.m.  
**Fire/Rescue Mtg.**, Station, 7 p.m.  
**Masons**, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Wed **Road Committee**, Town Office, 5:30 p.m.  
**School Board**, Oak Hill HS, 6:30 p.m.  
**TOPS**, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). **FMI:** Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907
- 19 Thu **Litchfield Food Bank**, noon-2 p.m.
- 20 Fri **Town Office**, closed  
**Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 21 Sat **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 9 a.m.-noon
- 22 Sun **Transfer Station**, NOT OPEN
- 23 Mon **Select Board**, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Tue
- 25 Wed **RSU4**, closed  
**Franks & Beans**, Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
**American Legion**, meeting, Legion Hall, 7 p.m.  
**TOPS**, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). **FMI:** Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907
- 26 Thu **Thanksgiving Day**  
**Town Office closed**  
**RSU4**, closed  
**Thanksgiving Dinner** (open to all) Sportsmen's Club, 1 p.m.
- 27 Fri **Town Office**, closed  
**RSU4**, closed  
**Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 28 Sat **"Keeping It Local" Holiday Fair Weekend** (see article on p. 4 for participants and times)  
**Public Breakfast**, Masonic Hall, 7-10 a.m.  
**Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 9 a.m.-noon
- 29 Sun **Transfer Station**, NOT OPEN  
**"Keeping It Local" Holiday Fair Weekend** (see article for participants and times)  
**Country Christmas Show** (live music) Sportsmen's Club, 12-5 p.m.
- 30 Mon  
**RSU4 Parent Party**  
There will be a Parent Party at Sabattus Primary School for parents of Libby-Tozier and Sabattus Primary students on Tue., Nov. 10, 6 p.m. to talk about report cards. Students are also welcome to attend.



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# BOX HOLDER

Open: Mon.: 8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.  
 Tue.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
 Closed: Every Fri.

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**Dec. Issue Deadline:** Nov. 20, 2015, 5 p.m.  
 Deliver material in any of the following ways:

- E-mail ([sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org))
- U.S. mail: Town Office, 2400 Hollowell RD
- Hand deliver: Town Office

**Kennebec Land Trust “Woods” Program**  
 Beyond the Field Edge: Farming and Maine’s Most Perennial Crop (*other than rocks*)  
 Fri., Nov. 6, 8 a.m., morning classroom program at Enterprise Grange Hall, Richmond; field portion at Tender Soles Farm, Richmond. Addresses how to connect farmers to their woods, incorporating forest management into the farm plan, show where farmers can get info and assistance regarding their woods and help farmers determine which sites to farm and which to grow trees on.

**Preregister:** [kennebecwoodlandpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:kennebecwoodlandpartnership@gmail.com)

**“Keeping It Local” Holiday Fair Weekend**  
 Enjoy a day around town on the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Litchfield “Keeping It Local” Holiday Fair Weekend, Sat.-Sun., Nov. 28-29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Plains Baptist Church** (Sat. only)—Local crafters, product distributors, coffee/pastries for breakfast; soups for lunch. Door prizes.

**Sportsmen’s Club** (Sat. only)—Local crafters and white elephant table. Lunch available.

**Applewald Farm** (Sat. & Sun.)—Bakery favorites, fudge, jam, produce, apples, cider, gifts, glassware, and more! Free hot cider and door prizes.

**Petal Pushers Garden Place** (Sat. & Sun.)—Unique holiday arrangements, wreath-making supplies, swags, miniature garden items, and more! Light refreshments, and wood stove heat! Enter for a chance to win one free holiday workshop, valued at \$20.