

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

December 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., Dec. 2; Fri., Dec. 25 (Christmas Holiday)

Tel.: 215-4595 - 466 Academy Road

The Carol Bailey String Band Performances:

Wed., Dec. 2, 10 a.m., Bolster Health Care Facility, Auburn; and 2 p.m., St. Mary's d'Youville Pavilion, Lewiston

Tue., Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Gardiner; and 2 p.m., Gilbert Manor, Gardiner.

Tue., Dec. 15, 1 p.m., Elks Club, Gardiner for area seniors

Foot Care Clinic with Jeanne Otis, RN, CFCN, Thu., Dec. 3. Call 660-3465 for appointment

Making Christmas Cards with Anne Thompson, Fri., Dec. 4, 10 a.m.

Wreath-making with Lynn Leclair from Petal Pushers Garden Place, Wed., Dec. 9, 1 p.m.

Annual Christmas Party, 1 p.m. Bring a gift (\$5-10) for exchange to put under the tree. The Carol Bailey String Band will perform Christmas songs.

Awareness through Movement, Fri., Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m.

Book Club canceled for December.

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

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

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

Music practice canceled for December.

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.

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

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

Historical Society of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

December's question: In early Litchfield, sugar maples were often called "rock maples." Why?

November's answer: Loon Pond is the source of Libby Mill Stream?

To read more about the history of Litchfield, go to: www.historicalsofitchfieldmaine.org

Town Manager

Please be aware of the following office early closings in December:

Thu., Dec. 17, 1 p.m.

Thu., Dec. 24, noon

Thu., Dec. 31, 3 p.m.

Litchfield Community Food Bank

Many thanks to the folks who were very generous in sharing produce from their gardens and financial support for the Food Bank and Thanksgiving boxes. We are still taking applications for boxes as this is written, but we will be providing very nice dinners for a number of local families, thanks to you. We also appreciate the food drive the school sponsored. It means a lot to have children understand some families have less food in their kitchens and want to share. Thank you.

Creators 4 H Club

Meeting Sun., Dec. 6, 3 p.m., Libby-Tozier School to make a Christmas ornament and prepare toys for kids for delivery to Sabattus Regional Credit Union. To donate a toy/money toward a toy, call: Lori, 754-3931.

Loose Shoe 4 H Club

We have openings for the Oct. 2015-Sep. 2016 year for anyone interested in horses and who is between the ages of 5-18 as of Thu., Dec. 31. The club is sponsored by the Androscoggin/Sagadahoc cooperative extension office of the University of Maine. Meetings are generally held the second Thursday of the month at the Maine Trail Riders clubhouse, corner of Tutt LN and Lunts Hill RD.

FMI: 557-3302; mcgiver@tds.net

From the Road Committee

“The cost for keeping our roads in good shape is quite high and here are two actions taxpayers can do to help. The most important concept for good roads is to Get Water Away From The Road. The way to do that involves grading the shoulder to slope down from the edge of the road to a deep ditch where then the water can move downhill and eventually to the local brooks and streams. Those ditches often pass under homeowners’ driveways through a culvert. On a regular basis please clean out the culvert under your driveway if you have one and keep the ditch between your land and the road cleaned out as best you can. Perhaps watch the movement of water in a big storm and see where you might facilitate the water flow.”

Tacoma Lakes Association

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

Work on the Upper Purgatory Dam commenced on Mon., Nov. 16, and was completed on Fri., Nov. 20. These much needed repairs—done by Knowles Industrial Services of Gorham, Maine—will resolve some serious deterioration issues with the dam’s concrete as well as other dam damage. It is hoped that with yearly maintenance monitored by an active town dam committee that the dam will not need this type of substantial repair for many more years.

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

Clerk’s Corner

December is upon us. Come in and pick up your hunting/fishing license for your favorite hunter/angler. They make great gifts or stocking stuffers. We also have the new snowmobile stickers ready for your season of riding. This is the month to license your dogs. To make your pups legal, it is only \$6 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$11 for unaltered dogs. If your dog is not licensed by the end of Jan., 2016, there will be a \$25 late charge. Ouch! You just need proof of rabies shots unless you are still covered under the 3-year booster shot (We have that on file.). We receive all rabies vaccine notifications from local vets, so we will be looking for you to come on in. I am planning on having another rabies clinic in January so watch for postings. Merry Christmas!

Solid Waste Transfer Station

The **Swap Shop** closed for the winter after a short, but very successful, few months. Special thanks to the volunteers that were key to its success: Cindy DeWitt, Elaine Stinson, and Bruce Doyle.

We would also like to thank Bruce for donating many building materials used to rebuild the **Transfer Station Office** which was in such poor condition that we had to remove all electrical wire, insulation, and drywall. At this time, wiring, insulation, and drywall have been replaced. Our last repair will be replacing the rotten floor and substructure under the office door. This endeavor should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Reminder: Please do not put ceramic items, window glass, or light bulbs in the glass bin. Our last load of glass was rejected by the recycling depot when ceramic cups, plates, and bowls were found mixed in with the glass. When the recycling depot rejects our glass it costs us \$90 a ton (glass bin usually weighs over two tons) to get this material properly disposed of.

Christmas Tree Disposal: The Transfer Station will accept Christmas trees for recycling. Please remove tinsel!

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

The Winter Clothes are out, thanks to some great volunteers who helped. We have some terrific items so some check them out. Our reasonable prices will be kind to your pocket-books...oh, and if you need a new pocket book, we’ve got some of those too. NOTE: The thrift Shop will not be open on Sat., Dec. 26, to give our volunteers a holiday break with family.

RSU4

There will be a musical event at Carrie Ricker—the “Almost Winter Concert” on Tue., Dec. 15, 6 p.m. It will feature the Beginner Band and all of 5th Grade.

On Mon., Dec. 7, there will be a Flex Workshop day for Pre-K through Grade 5. No school for Sabattus Primary, Libby-Tozier, and Carrie Ricker. There WILL be school for Oak Hill MS and Oak Hill HS.

There will be an Ornament Night for Libby-Tozier students on Thu., Dec. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Snow date: Thu., Dec. 17).

All schools closed for vacation from Wed., Dec. 23, 2015 through Sun., Jan. 3, 2016. Schools reopen Mon., Jan. 4, 2016.

December 2015 Community Calendar

- 1 Tue **Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg.**, 6 p.m.
- 2 Wed **School Board**, Oak Hill HS, 5:30 p.m.
TOPS, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.
(weigh-in before). **FMI**: Ruth Sherman,
cell: 939-1907
- 3 Thu **Litchfield Food Bank**, noon-2 p.m.
Planning Board, Town Office, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Fri **Town Office**, closed
Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 5 Sat **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
**RSU4 Holiday Craft Fair & "What A
Crock" Cook-off**, Oak Hill MS, 9 a.m.-3
p.m.
Legion Christmas Dinner, Legion Hall,
5:30-7 p.m.
- 6 Sun **Transfer Station**, NOT OPEN
- 7 Mon **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.
- 8 Tue
- 9 Wed **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
- 10 Thu **Litchfield Food Bank**, noon-2 p.m.
Snowmobile Club, Pot Luck Supper,
Academy Bldg., 6 p.m.
Snowmobile Club, Regular Meeting, Acad-
emy Bldg., 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Fri **Town Office**, closed
Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 12 Sat **Pancake Breakfast with Santa, Central
Fire Station, 8-11 a.m.**
Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
Legion Auxiliary, Legion Hall, 10 a.m.
**Annual Litchfield Sportsmen's Club
Meeting and Dinner**, Sportsmen's Club, 6
p.m.
- 13 Sun **Transfer Station**, NOT OPEN
Country Sunday, Sportsmen's Club, noon-5
p.m.
- 14 Mon **Select Board**, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
Sportsmen's Club, Monthly Meeting, 7
p.m.
- 15 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.
- 16 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
- 17 Thu **Litchfield Food Bank**, noon-2 p.m.
Town Office, closed, 1 p.m.
- 18 Fri **Town Office**, closed
Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 19 Sat **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
- 20 Sun **Transfer Station**, NOT OPEN
- 21 Mon **Academy Thrift Store**, 10-11 a.m.
- 22 Tue
- 23 Wed **TOPS**, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in
before). **FMI**: Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907
- 24 Thu **Town Office**, closed, 12 p.m.
- 25 Fri **Christmas Day**
Town Office, closed
Transfer Station, closed
- 26 Sat **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store, closed
- 27 Sun **Transfer Station**, NOT OPEN
- 28 Mon **Select Board**, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Tue
- 30 Wed
- 31 Thu **Litchfield Food Bank**, noon-2 p.m.
Town Office, closed, 3 p.m.

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

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

ben.wilson@rsu4.org

American Legion Post 181 Christmas Dinner

This will be held on Sat., Dec. 5, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Legion Hall. It will be a traditional "Pot Luck" meal. Please plan to bring a dish of your favorite Christmas food.



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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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 - Hand deliver: Town Office

Pancake Breakfast with Santa
 Sat., Dec. 12, (snow date: the 13th)
 at the Litchfield Fire & Rescue Central Station
 2407 Hallowell RD
 8-11 a.m.
 Come join Santa for breakfast.
 Write a letter and have some fun!
 Adults: \$5; Children Free!!