

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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Historical Society of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

June's question: What present-day Litchfield pond was originally called Cobbossee Conte Pond?

May's answer: To an early Litchfield settler, "not worth a Continental" referred to their almost worthless pay as soldiers in the Continental Army.

FMI: www.historicalsocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org

Litchfield Community Food Bank

Many thanks for the great donations we've received in the form of nonperishable items from the U.S. Postal Service Letter Carriers Campaign! We have also been given several dozen fresh local eggs to share. They are great! We are hoping to have some vegetable plants for our clients, so if you find you have too many, feel free to share.

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

More spring and summer clothes are still coming in. It's great to have some new (to you) clothes. If you have changed a size, here's a chance to fill in the wardrobe. If you are losing weight, here's an opportunity to bridge to your goal weight without investing a fortune. Young men (high school boys) who need suits or dress clothes can get them for bargain prices. **Note:** Several gowns and fancy dresses were given to the Cinderella Project. They were tickled to get them.

FMI: Rayna, 582-4098

Planning Board Needs

The Planning Board is in immediate need of two permanent members, two associate members, and one secretary. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please send a letter of interest to the Town Manager.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed—Summer Nature Day Camp

Come explore the outdoors with Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed through five full days of FUN for children entering grades 4-5-6! Two 1-week sessions (Jul. 18-22; and Aug. 8-12) are being held at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake in East Winthrop. Campers will enhance their relationship with the natural world as they explore, observe, and experience the nearby ponds, forests, and fields through hiking, fishing, swimming, canoeing, and kayaking; record observations in their own nature journal; learn basic wilderness skills; and participate in ecology skits, crafts, and games. Campers will also be treated to a special session of "Tadpole Patrol" aboard the Friends' 22' pontoon boat, OTTER II. Camp runs from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. daily. Cost for each 5-day session: \$220pp (includes lunch and afternoon snack). Limited camp scholarships are available! **FMI:** Call the Friends' office at 621-4100; contact Friends' Watershed Educator Cami Wilbert via email (camiw@watershedfriends.com); or visit the website (www.watershedfriends.com).

Senior Center Calendar

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

Radio Days/Drama Group meets on Wed., Jun. 1, at 12:30 p.m. Join us for a fun hour learning to read a script, develop a character, work on sound effects, etc. Dick Cutcliffe is the leader.

Bowling, 1-7-10 Lanes, Augusta, Thu., Jun. 9. Car pool from the Sportsmen's Club at noon.

Book Club, Wed., Jun. 8, 9:30 a.m., Book: *After You*, by Jo Jo Moyes.

The pot luck lunch and celebration of **June birthdays** is Fri., Jun. 17.

Line dancing instruction (beginner and advanced) Mon.'s at 9:30 a.m.

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

Music practice, 10 a.m., Wed.'s.

Awareness through Movement, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fri.'s Jun. 10, 17, and 24 with Lindsay Nelsen. No class Fri., Jun. 3.

Cribbage for fun on Mon.'s, 11 a.m., and Fri.'s, 10 a.m.-noon. Bring a lunch and stay in the afternoon for **cards**.

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

Seniors Advisory Committee, 10 a.m., Tues., Jun. 21.

June Roadrunner Trips:

Thu., Jun. 16, Old Orchard Beach for beach time, shopping, etc.; leave Sportsmen's Club at 9 a.m.

Tue., Jun. 28, Katahdin Boat Ride, Moosehead Lake; lunch on own; leave at 8 a.m. from Sportsmen's Club.

Stop in at the Center for more information, a cup of coffee/tea, and activity/trip sign up. Check out our books, or work on the 1,000-piece puzzle.

From the Town Manager

Citizen Participation—Voting and Town Meeting

I hope to have your input and participation on Tue., Jun. 14, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., for voting at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club; and at 10 a.m. on Sat., Jun. 18, at the Sportsmen's Club for our annual town meeting.

Early Office Closure—Year-end Processing

Please be aware that we will close the town office at 2 p.m. on **Thu., Jun. 30**, in order to complete the office's year-end processing.

Transfer Station—Change in Hours

Due to lack of demand for later hours, the Transfer Station will **return to its previous schedule of 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri.-Sat.**, for the rest of the summer, beginning Fri., Jun. 3. The Swap Shop hours of 10 a.m.-2 p.m. remain the same.

Reminder—All are welcome to attend **Select Board meetings**. Come and see how town government operates.

RSU4

Oak Hill HS Class Day will be Fri., Jun. 3. It will be held at Oak Hill HS, and begin at 9 a.m.

Oak Hill HS Graduation will be held Mon., Jun. 6, at the Augusta Civic Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Graduation is at 7 p.m.

Oak Hill MS Band and Chorus will have a Spring Concert on Tue., Jun. 7, at 6:30 p.m. featuring the concert band, symphonic band, chorus, and "Oakapella." This will be held at Oak Hill MS.

Libby-Tozier Pre-K and Kindergarten classes (including all of Miss Cronin's K-1 class) will have a Concert/Art Show on Tue., Jun. 7. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to view the art. The concert begins at 6 p.m. This will be held at Libby-Tozier School.

In honor of Flag Day, the Kindergarten-5th grade students will be taking part in a Retirement and Celebration of the American Flag on Tue., Jun. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at Carrie Ricker School. Students in each grade will recite poems, give meaning to the Pledge of Allegiance, march in a parade, and sing patriotic songs honoring America and the flag. Students will also take part in a formal retirement of worn American flags with the help of the local posts of the American Legion from Sabattus and Litchfield. Prizes will be awarded to students for participation in an essay and poster contest. Parents, family, and friends are invited to attend and see what true patriotism is. Everyone is invited to wear red, white, and blue. This event will make you truly proud to be an American! If you have any flags that need to be retired, please bring them to the ceremony.

Oak Hill Middle School Eighth Grade Promotion will be held at Oak Hill High School on Thu., Jun. 16. It will begin at 6 p.m. Seats are limited. **FMI:** Call Oak Hill MS (375-6961).

The last student day (1/2 day) for RSU4 will be Fri., Jun. 17.

Clerk's Corner

VOTE! on Tue., Jun. 14, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Sportsmen's Club. Come vote on the school budget, and municipal office candidates. We have contests for Select Board, RSU4 Board, Budget Committee, and Academy Trustees, along with State Primary Elections. **Then on Sat., Jun. 18, at 10 a.m., at the Sportsmen's Club, at the town meeting**, you can vote for the town budget. This is your chance to make a difference. If only a few come and vote, the few make the choices for you. If you want your voice to be heard you must come to vote. Register to vote at the Town Office during regular business hours or at the polls on election day.

Reminder: 2015 taxes must be paid by Thu., Jun. 30, to avoid your name being in the 2015-2016 Town Report.

Woodbury Pond Park opens weekends starting Memorial Day weekend and full-time starting Sat., Jun. 18. Park is closed on "bad weather" days. A Family Season Pass for Litchfield residents is \$30 and can be bought at the gate or the town office during regular business hours. Nonresident season passes are \$50. Day passes are \$2 per person or \$8 a car-load.

Litchfield Community Park

The Conservation Commission proudly opened Litchfield Community Park on Memorial Day weekend.

New park hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m.—weather permitting. Park gates on Park Lane will be opened, and patrons can drive in to use the park area for picnics, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, fishing, and other family activities.

Please read the signs on the kiosk for information. We ask you to carry your trash out and keep the park clean for the next family. There is still work to do, and we welcome families to join us as we make this a fun, free community resource. We would like to thank the town select board, park families, and friend volunteers for making this possible!

Tacoma Lakes Association

Mark your calendars for Sat., Jul. 9, for our public breakfast and annual meeting to be held at Carrie Ricker Middle School, 573 Richmond RD, Litchfield. Breakfast will be from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. followed by a members' meeting from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. TLA—partnering with the Maine Audubon Society—will also host a Lead Free Exchange whereby everyone is welcome to bring in their lead sinkers and weights (now mostly banned under state law) and exchange them for FREE lead free weights. In addition, a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and displays will be offered.

FMI: Contact James Adams, Pres. (jadams13@gmail.com); visit our website (<http://www.tacomalakes.org/>); or like us on Facebook.

TLA activities are conducted year-round.

June 2016 Community Calendar

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| 1 Wed | TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). FMI: Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907 | 17 Fri | Town Office , closed
Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| 2 Thu | Litchfield Food Bank , noon-2 p.m.
Planning Board , Town Office, 5:30 p.m. | 18 Sat | Town Meeting , Sportsmen's Club, 10 a.m.
Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon
Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Bean Supper , Masonic Hall, 4-6:30 p.m. |
| 3 Fri | Town Office , closed
Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | 19 Sun | |
| 4 Sat | Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon
Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Benefit Supper for Mike and Betsey Sherman , Central Fire Station, 5-7 p.m. | 20 Mon | Academy Thrift Store , 10-11 a.m.
Historic Preservation Commission and Historical Society , Shorey Family Research Room, 7 p.m. |
| 5 Sun | | 21 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. |
| 6 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. | 22 Wed | TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). FMI: Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907
Franks & Beans , Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
American Legion , Legion Hall, 7 p.m. |
| 7 Tue | Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg. , Station, 6 p.m. | 23 Thu | Litchfield Food Bank , noon-2 p.m.
Fair Directors , Sportsmen's Club, 7:30 p.m. |
| 8 Wed | Conservation Commission , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
RSU4 Board Meeting , Oak Hill HS, 6:30 p.m.
TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). FMI: Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907 | 24 Fri | Town Office , closed
Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| 9 Thu | Litchfield Food Bank , noon-2 p.m. | 25 Sat | Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon
Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| 10 Fri | Town Office , closed
Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | 26 Sun | Mushroom ID Walk , Small-Burnham Conservation Area, 10 a.m.
DECMA Music Competitions , Sportsmen's Club, 12-5 p.m. |
| 11 Sat | Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon
Legion Auxiliary , Legion Hall, 10 a.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Public Supper , Sportsmen's Club, 5-6:30 p.m.
Music Jam , Sportsmen's Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | 27 Mon | Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30 p.m. |
| 12 Sun | Country Sunday , Sportsmen's Club, 12-4:30 p.m. | 28 Tue | |
| 13 Mon | Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
Sportsmen's Club Monthly Meeting , Sportsmen's Club, 7 p.m. | 29 Wed | TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). FMI: Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907 |
| 14 Tue | Elections , Sportsmen's Club, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 30 Thu | Litchfield Food Bank , noon-2 p.m.
Town Office , year-end processing, closed at 2 p.m. |
| 15 Wed | Road Committee , Town Office, 5:30 p.m.
Smithfield Trustees , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). FMI: Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907 | | |
| 16 Thu | Litchfield Food Bank , noon-2 p.m. | | |

Mushroom ID Walk—Small-Burnham Conservation Area

Dusty Small and Teague Morris, Small-Burnham Conservation Area property owners and mushroom enthusiasts, will lead a discussion and mushroom identification walk Sun., Jun. 26, 10 a.m. Meet at the area parking lot and trailhead. Bring collection basket, pocket knife, and hand lens. All ages welcome. **Preregistration:** Call 377-2848 or email glamarche@tklt.org



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- U.S. mail to: Town Office, 2400 Hollowell RD

Gardiner Public Library—

Our **Summer Reading Program** will run from Mon., Jun. 20, through Mon., Aug. 15, and we have scheduled some great events for families.

At 10 a.m., **Sat., Jun. 25**, we will hold a special story/craft hour that will help kids' imaginations soar. At 10:30 a.m., **Mon., Jun. 27**, Chewonki Foundation will present a program about owls that is both fun and educational. This program has limited space so free tickets must be reserved before the program.

At 10 a.m., on **Thu., Aug. 4**, an L.C. Bates Museum group will come to the library to present "Learning from the Past." Attendees will have the opportunity to try on clothes from the 19th Century and learn what it was like to live in the 1800's.

All programs will be free and open to the public, but some have limited space.

FMI, call 207-582-6894.

Reminder—Benefit Supper

Litchfield Fire & Rescue Department and William R. Bold Post 181 of the American Legion are teaming up to help two of our own. Mike and Betsey Sherman have had a run of bad luck with the furnace of their recently purchased home incurring a crack in the boiler which will necessitate its being replaced, and Betsey having been hospitalized twice in recent months which has led to some medical bills over and above their insurance.

A benefit supper will be held Sat., Jun. 4, at Litchfield Fire & Rescue Central Station, from 5-7 p.m. Main courses will be pasta and bean hole baked beans with salads, drinks, and desserts. Let's all turn out for a great meal, a great cause, and a great evening. Donations will be accepted at the door. People wishing to donate dinner rolls, salads, or desserts should contact Darryl Ellis at 441-3650.

We thank you for your support.

Elections and Town Meeting
 Mark your calendar—Tue., Jun. 14, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., for elections, and Sat., Jun. 18, 10 a.m., for town meeting—both held at Litchfield Sportsmen's Club.