

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

July 1, 2016

Historical Society of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

July's question: What town sued the Gardiner family for building the first dam across Winthrop Stream (now Cobbosseecontee Stream) and why did they sue?

June's answer: Pleasant Pond was originally called Cobbossee Conte Pond.

FMI: www.historicalsocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org

Litchfield Community Food Bank

The following new financial guidelines have just been received for Food Bank eligibility:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Monthly Income</u>
1	\$1,485
2	\$2,003
3	\$2,520
4	\$3,038

Getting food stamps, MaineCare, or LIHEAP? You are also eligible for the Food Bank. Bring proof of income and residency to apply.

FMI: Rayna, 582-4098

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

New clothing arriving every time we are open. Come see what fits.

- Shirts, blouses, tees for 25 cents
- Shorts, Slacks, Pants for 50 cents
- Kids' clothes 15 cents
- Who doesn't love a bargain?

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 (cami@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

Closed: Mon., July 4

Bowling, 1-7-10 Lanes, Augusta, Thu., Jul. 14. Call 441-9005 to car pool.

Book Club, Wed., Jul. 13, 12:30 p.m., Book: *Me Before You*, by Jo Jo Moyes.

The pot luck lunch and celebration of **July birthdays** is Fri., Jul. 15, and beginning at 10 a.m. join us for a fun game of Corn Hole Toss provided by Rodney Brown of Humana.

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

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

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

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

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

Seniors Advisory Committee, 10 a.m., Tues., Jul. 19.

July Roadrunner Trips:

Tue., Jul 12—Boothbay Harbor Cabbage Island Clambake. Leave Sportsmen's Club at 9 a.m.

Thu., Jul. 21—Trip to Damariscotta for a boat ride on the river. Lunch in the area. Leave Sportsmen's Club at 10 a.m.

August Roadrunner Trips:

Tue., Aug. 9—Pemaquid Beach for a day at the beach

Thu., Aug. 18—Maine State Music Theater for Mamma Mia

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

Thanks to all who participated in our voting and town meeting.

Transfer Station and Swap Shop—Change in Hours

Just another reminder—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.

Old Town House Museum Open

Sat., Jul. 23, 1:30-4 p.m.

Catch a glimpse of Litchfield's wonderful history. Chat with the members of the Historical Society of Litchfield and share your family and house history with them.

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.

Soccer Registration

Youth Soccer registration for 4-year olds through 3rd grade are now being accepted.

Registration forms are available online on the town website (www.litchfieldmaine.org) or at the town office.

Completed registration forms are due back by Monday, Aug. 1, 2016.

Clerk's Corner

Thank you to all those who came to vote and/or attend the town meeting.

The results from the elections are:

- Selectman: Tim Lachapelle
- Budget Committee: Richard Lane, Richard Cutcliffe, Kelly Weissenfels
- Academy Trustees: Rayna Leibowitz, Earle Lamoreau
- RSU4 Board of Trustees: Scott Weeks
- The school budget and football field lights referendum did not pass.

If you did not receive a Town Report by mail, the Town Office has some available.

Happy Birthday to the USA!! We will be closed, Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Have a great Fourth of July.

Tacoma Lakes Association

Mark your calendars for Sat., Jul. 9, for our **public breakfast and annual meeting** afterward 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 Fishing Tackle Lead Free Exchange. Starting at 8 a.m. everyone—even if not coming for breakfast—is welcome to bring in their lead sinkers and weights (now mostly banned under state law) and exchange them for FREE lead free weights. This is not a pound per pound exchange. All the lead turned in will be recycled into other products.

Additional to the breakfast will be a silent auction with over 25 wonderful items, a 50/50 drawing, and various sponsor displays.

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

Kennebec Land Trust Property Pedal Bike Tour

Join KLT's Stewardship Director Jean-Luc Theriault for their first bike tour highlighting a number of their most scenic properties. Choose from two loops:

- a 17-mile loop around Parker Pond in Mount Vernon and Fayette; or
- a second, more challenging 36-mile route looping further south through North Wayne and Readfield. Both distances will be no-drop rides suitable for all abilities. **Preregister on their website (www.tkl.org) by July 10.**

July 2016 Community Calendar

1 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	17 Sun	Country Sunday , Sportsmen's Club, 12-4:30 p.m. Pedal Bike Tours , Kennebec Land Trust, 1 p.m.
2 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.	18 Mon	Academy Thrift Store , 10-11 a.m. Budget Committee , Town Office, 6:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission and Historical Society , Shorey Family Research Room, 7 p.m.
3 Sun		19 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.
4 Mon	Fourth of July Town Office , closed	20 Wed	Road Committee , Town Office, 5:30 p.m. TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). FMI : Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907
5 Tue	Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg. , Station, 6 p.m.	21 Thu	Litchfield Food Bank , noon-2 p.m.
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7 Thu	Litchfield Food Bank , noon-2 p.m.	23 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. Old Town House Museum , open, 1:30-4 p.m.
8 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	24 Sun	
9 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. TLA Annual Public Breakfast , Carrie Ricker School, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon TLA Annual Members Only Meeting , Carrie Ricker School, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Legion Auxiliary , Legion Hall, 10 a.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	25 Mon	Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
10 Sun		26 Tue	
11 Mon	Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30 p.m. Sportsmen's Club Monthly Meeting , Sportsmen's Club, 7 p.m.	27 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.
12 Tue		28 Thu	Litchfield Food Bank , noon-2 p.m. Fair Directors , Sportsmen's Club, 7:30 p.m.
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16 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon 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.		



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

Coming in August

Litchfield Fire
 Fighters Association
 Show and Shine

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Carrie Ricker School

Gates Open: 8 a.m.

Car & 1 Passenger: \$8—General Public Invited—Admission: \$4

FMI: SamanthaWeeks (sweeks17@rsu4.net or 215-3073)

or

www.litchfieldmainefireandrescue.org