

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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## Historical Society of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

**August's question:** The tree for which Litchfield's Black Ash Swamp is named has, over time, had two other names. What were they?

**July's answer:** Winthrop sued the Gardiner family for building the first dam across Winthrop Stream (now Cobbosseecontee Stream) because the dam stopped sea-run fish from reaching Cabot's Great Pond (now Cobbosseecontee Lake).

**FMI:** [www.historicalsofitchfieldmaine.org](http://www.historicalsofitchfieldmaine.org)

## Litchfield Community Food Bank

Many thanks to our neighbors who are sharing their garden produce! Great job! We've had some wonderful eggs brought in too.

We appreciate your support.

**FMI:** Rayna, 582-4098

## Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Men are special in August!!!

Men's pants—3 pairs for \$1

Men's shirts—5 for \$1

Special for everyone—Bring a paper bag any Sat. in Aug. and pay \$1/bag. Got more than one bag? OK...no limit on the number of paper bags you buy.

## Conservation Commission News

If you haven't had a chance to visit the new **Litchfield Community Park**, please stop over for a walk, picnic, or swim. Look for the kiosk on the Hallowell Road, and be sure to pay attention to parking and closing times as the gate is locked at night.

The Conservation Commission will be hosting a **moonlight paddle** on Fri., Aug. 19. We will meet at 6 Easy ST, at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join us, please call Diane Clay at 268-3247. If you don't wish to bring your canoe or kayak, we may have one available for you.

## Senior Center Corner

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

**Bowling**, 1-7-10 Lanes, Augusta, Thu., Aug. 11. Call 441-9005 to car pool.

**Book Club**, Wed., Aug. 10, 12:30 p.m., at the Senior Center. Book: *The Summer before the War*, by Helen Simonson.

The pot luck lunch and celebration of **August birthdays** is Fri., Aug. 19.

**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.

**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., Aug. 16.

### August Roadrunner Trips:

**Tue., Aug. 9—Pemaquid Beach.** Swim, enjoy the sun, stop at the gift shop and for ice cream at the store by the lighthouse. Leave Sportsmen's Club at 9:30 a.m.

**Thu., Aug. 18—Brunswick Music Theater—Mamma Mia.** Lunch at Capt'n Mike's. Leave Sportsmen's Club at 11 a.m.

### September Roadrunner Trips:

**Fri., Sep. 9, 2 p.m.**—Carol Bailey String Band, Litchfield Fair

**Fri., Sep. 9, 3:15 p.m.**—Litchfield Senior Steppers, Litchfield Fair

**Sun., Sep 18, 2 p.m.**—Carol Bailey String Band, Winter Harbor Schoodic Arts Festival

**Fri., Sep. 23**—Common Ground Fair, Unity; bus leaves at 8 a.m. from Sportsmen's Club.

**REMINDER:** Exercise equipment available for use 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon. and Fri.; 9 a.m. to noon, Wed.

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

#### 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., Aug. 20, 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.

### Thank You

On Sat., June 4, a benefit supper was held for my wife Betsey and me. The outpouring of support that we experienced from our community was amazing. We are humbled and so very thankful that so many of you would think the cause worthy of your support. We just wanted to say, "Thank You," to all of our friends and family in Litchfield and beyond for your love and support.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you! May God bless each of you.

*Michael & Betsey Sherman*

### Clerk's Corner

Come and beat the heat at **Woodbury Pond Park**. Season passes are available at the Town Office as well as the park gate. Season pass: \$30. Let your friends and family from out of town know that we have nonresident season passes for \$50. You can buy a day pass too for \$2 per person or \$8 per car load.

Have you checked out the **Community Park** on Lowell Road? This one is free. Walking trails for you, your dogs, and horses. Bicycling is permitted. There is a swimming hole too, just remember the gate closes at 8 p.m., so don't get caught with your car on the wrong side of the gate! I certainly will be checking this one out this summer.

Remember we are here for all your **registering, licensing, taxing, permitting, and general town business needs**.

Come on in to one of the **select board meetings**, and meet your new board member—a warm welcome to Tim Lachapelle. Check the calendar for dates and time.

### Tacoma Lakes Association

Thanks to all residents and others who attended our annual breakfast and meeting on July 9. The morning was a huge success and well enjoyed by all who attended.

Reminder—TLA has entered into a 3-yr. contract with Maine Department of Conservation that requires us to inspect routinely all buoys placed by that department seasonally in the Tacoma Lakes chain. A TLA representative regularly inspects these buoys for both damage/movement and reports to the department any findings. A recent inspection required action by that department which responded quickly to make the needed repairs. Any residents reporting buoy issues should not hesitate to contact Pres. James Adams ([jadams13@gmail.com](mailto:jadams13@gmail.com)) or call Bruce Doyle at 207-312-3698.

Residents and other users of the lake system are reminded that any areas 200' from shore are considered "Water Safety Zones" by the Department of Inland Fisheries and "headway only" speed is the only speed allowed. Citizens should not hesitate to report frequent violators of this law to the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife at 207-287-8000 and ask to be connected with the local warden service.

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

TLA activities are conducted year-round.

## August 2016 Community Calendar

1 Mon	<b>Order of the Eastern Star</b> , Masonic Hall, p.m.	16 Tue	<b>Sen. Ad. Com.</b> , Academy Bldg., 10 a.m. <b>Fire/Rescue Station cleanup</b> , 6 p.m. <b>Fire/Rescue Assoc. Mtg.</b> , Station, 6:30 p.m. <b>Fire/Rescue Mtg.</b> , Station, 7 p.m.
2 Tue	<b>Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg.</b> , Station, 6 p.m.	17 Wed	<b>Road Committee</b> , Town Office, 5:30 p.m. <b>TOPS</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). <b>FMI</b> : Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907
3 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). <b>FMI</b> : Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907	18 Thu	<b>Litchfield Food Bank</b> , noon-2 p.m. <b>Budget Committee</b> , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
4 Thu	<b>Litchfield Food Bank</b> , noon-2 p.m.	19 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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6 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 9 a.m.-noon <b>Legion Auxiliary</b> , Legion Hall, 10 a.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. <b>Country Fest Maine Music Festival</b> , Sportsmen's Club, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.	21 Sun	
7 Sun		22 Mon	<b>Select Board Meeting</b> , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
8 Mon	<b>Select Board Meeting</b> , Town Office, 6:30 p.m. <b>Sportsmen's Club Monthly Meeting</b> , Sportsmen's Club, 7 p.m.	23 Tue	
9 Tue		24 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). <b>FMI</b> : Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907 <b>Franks &amp; Beans</b> , Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m. <b>American Legion</b> , Legion Hall, 7 p.m.
10 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in before). <b>FMI</b> : Ruth Sherman, cell: 939-1907 <b>Conservation Commission</b> , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.	25 Thu	<b>Litchfield Food Bank</b> , noon-2 p.m. <b>Fair Directors</b> , Sportsmen's Club, 7:30 p.m.
11 Thu	<b>Litchfield Food Bank</b> , noon-2 p.m.	26 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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14 Sun		29 Mon	
15 Mon	<b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 10-11 a.m. <b>Historic Preservation Commission and Historical Society</b> , Shorey Family Research Room, 7 p.m.	30 Tue	
		31 Wed	



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

**Lobster Dinner**

American Legion Post 181 will be having a Lobster Dinner on Sat., Aug. 13, from 5-7 p.m. Lobsters, chicken, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, coleslaw, butter, drinks, and all the fixings.

\$10 - chicken  
 \$12 - one lobster  
 \$22 - two lobsters

Fun time for all and we are still working on the entertainment!!

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Litchfield Firefighters Association Show and Shine**

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Litchfield Firefighters Association Show and Shine Car Show will be held at Carrie Ricker School, Sun., Aug. 21, starting at 8 a.m. Last year's show was our best ever, and we are working to build on last year's success. Look for our flyers in local businesses. We are teaming up with Toys for Tots again this year, so bring unwrapped toys to the show and get a discount on the cost of admission. The Monster Truck Fire Truck will be at the show again as well. Gowell's Cash Fuel is sponsoring this attraction with the \$500 sponsorship fee going to Camp Sunshine to benefit seriously ill children and their families. There will be lots of other special attractions too, so shine up the Old Tin Lizzy, and bring her down to Carrie Ricker School on the 21st. There are over 30 classes, so one is bound to fit your vehicle. We hope to see you all at the show.