

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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## Historical Society of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

**October's question:** What very hard wood—commonly called “iron wood”—was used by early settlers for wagon wheel hubs and mallets?

**September's answer:** Of the three fish—large-mouth bass, brown trout, and brook trout—only brook trout could have been caught by Litchfield's early settlers.

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

## Litchfield Community Food Bank

Here's a shout out to Ron Ridley, Jr. who organized a motorcycle Poker Run for his club which traveled and stopped at five area towns for the purpose of raising awareness and funds for the food bank in each town. The final stop was at the Litchfield Fire Dept. where hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled to perfection by “Cookie.” The funds distributed resulted in the Litchfield Community Food Bank receiving \$285. WOW! We can purchase over 1,700 POUNDS of food from Good Shepherd Food Bank with that. Better still, a summer resident offered to match whatever the club donated, but made a heftier donation instead. We are very, very grateful for the support received.

Also, several farmers and gardeners continue to share their produce and eggs with the Food Bank. Thank you very much!

## Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Calling all volunteers! We need to pack away the warm weather clothes and get out the colder weather gear, as well as continue removing some of the inventory that has not been selling well. I'd like to start on Tue., Oct. 4, at 1 p.m. and continue each Tue. until it is done. If evenings work for you, let's talk about Tue. evenings, starting at 7 p.m. Call Rayna, 582-4098 for either time, please. Many thanks and watch for some great stuff coming in!

## Transfer Station

We have completed creating two new separate areas for the disposal of leaves and brush. Please check with the attendants when you enter the Transfer Station with these items, so that they can explain the new procedures to you.

## Senior Center Corner

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

**Closed:** Mon., Oct. 10, 2016 (Columbus Day)

**Bowling,** 1-7-10 Lanes, Augusta, Thu., Oct. 13. Call 441-9005 to car pool. Leave at noon.

**Book Club,** Wed., Oct. 12, 12:30 p.m., at the Senior Center. Book: *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, by Kim Edwards.

The pot luck lunch and celebration of **October birthdays** is Fri., Oct. 21.

**Halloween Party,** Fri., Oct. 28, 1 p.m. Costumes optional, food, games, prizes, FUN!!

**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.

**Feldenkrais Method Awareness Through Movement class** with Lindsay Nelsen, instructor. Fri.'s, Oct. 14, 21, 28, at 9:30-10:30 a.m. No class on Oct. 7.

**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.'s for **bingo**, and Fri.'s for **cards**.

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

**Seniors Advisory Committee,** 10 a.m., Tues., Oct. 18.

### October Roadrunner Trips:

**Fri., Oct 7**—Senior Expo at Sunday River. Leave at 6:30 a.m. from Sportsmen's Club.

**Tue., Oct. 11**—North Conway, NH. Leave at 8:30 a.m. from Sportsmen's Club.

**Tue., Oct. 25**—Hollywood Slots or Bangor Mall. Leave at 8:30 a.m. from Sportsmen's Club.

**Wed.-Fri., Oct. 26-28**—Sky Lodge, Moose River, ME. \$125/p. Leave at 10:30 a.m. from Sportsmen's Club.

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

Stop in at the Center (or call 215-4595) 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.

## Creators 4H

First meeting: Sun., Oct. 2, 3:30 p.m., Libby-Tozier School Art Room. We will also be at Tractor Supply for Clover Days, Sat., Oct. 8. This is a promotion for 4H. We will have baked goods and drinks to sell plus having “paint a pumpkin for kids.” Come support 4H.

### From the Select Board and Town Manager

As you may know, the Select Board was presented—at their Aug. 22, 2016 meeting—with a citizens' petition and a proposed ordinance (**Citizens' Petition Ordinance—08/22/16**) for the recall of elected municipal officers. The Select Board is required to call a Special Town Meeting in order to hold a vote on this proposed ordinance.

Secondly, in response to comments from townspeople, the Select Board has agreed to put to a vote a competing ordinance (**Select Board's Competing Ordinance—09/12/16**) presented at the Select Board's Sep. 12, 2016 meeting. Many believe this competing ordinance is more comprehensive.

As required, these two ordinances—along with any changes to the proposed 09/12/16 ordinance—were presented to the townspeople at a **Select Board meeting (6:30 p.m.) and Public Hearing (6:45p.m.)** on Mon., Sep. 26, 2016 at Libby-Tozier School. The 08/22/16 ordinance and the final version (09/26/16) of the competing ordinance will be sent to the Special Town Meeting for a vote as described below.

Due to the Columbus Day holiday on Mon., Oct. 10, 2016, the **Select Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting** on Tue., Oct. 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at Libby-Tozier School. A **Special Town Meeting** will be held at 6:45 p.m. at Libby-Tozier School on that day to vote on the Citizens' Petition Ordinance—8/22/16 and the final version (09/26/16) of the Select Board's Competing Ordinance (09/12/16).

Copies of the proposed ordinances are available at the Town Office.

Please plan to attend the Special Town Meeting. **Reminder**—All are welcome to attend **Select Board meetings**. Come and see how town government operates.

### Gardiner Public Library

Join the library in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize by attending one of these October activities:

**Tue., Oct. 11**, Deborah Gould—a Maine Literacy Award winner and author of *The Eastern—Book One: the Early Years*, which takes place in 19<sup>th</sup> century Pittston, Maine will discuss her work.

**Sat., Oct. 22**, poet, writer, and teacher Brian Evans-Jones will conduct a full-day writing workshop. (Preregistration required, 582-3312)

**Tue., Oct. 25**, Rep. Gay Grant will discuss researching and writing her book, *Destination Unknown: An Evacuee's Story*.

### Clerk's Corner

**Absentee ballots** will be available Tue., Oct. 11. Anyone wanting to request one may do so prior to that date either online or by coming into our office, and a ballot will be mailed to you.

**Mail-in voter registration cards** must be received by close-of-business, Tue., Oct. 18, 2016.

**2017 dog licenses** will be available on Mon., Oct. 17, 2016. The fee is \$6 for altered dogs and \$11 for unaltered dogs. Please bring a copy of your dog's rabies shot certificate and proof of spaying/neutering for new dog(s) that have been altered since last year.

**Snowmobile registrations** will be available Mon., Oct. 17, 2016.

### Tacoma Lakes Quilters

TLQ meets first and third Wed.'s at 9:30 a.m. at Morningstar Lodge, across from Central Fire Station. The first meeting each month is a business meeting with a demonstration by one of our members. The second meeting is a workshop with a project to sew, a guest instructor, or a "trunk show" of one person's quilts. We have quite a busy schedule planned for the year. New members and guests are always welcome!

### Tacoma Lakes Cabins Quilt Show

The TACOMA LAKES CABINS QUILT SHOW is coming up on Sat.-Sun., Oct. 15-16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, at Carrie Ricker School. TLQ members have been working hard on all of the details, and this promises to be a fantastic show. We anticipate having over 100 quilts on display from our members that will be new for this show. There are several special collections—log cabin quilts, sampler quilts, and TLQ chapter challenges from the last two years. We have a Tacoma Lakes Cabins quilt that will be raffled off and two large tables of raffle baskets. For the first time we are featuring a Members Sale Table with items made by members for sale as well as fabric, books, patterns, and other sewing-related items. King's Treasures is also vending for us. Chapter members will be offering free demonstrations both days. A delicious lunch and snacks will be available for purchase in the cafeteria. Admission is by donation. We hope that many of you will plan to attend!

### 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.

### Appeals Board Needs

The Appeals Board is in need of one member, and one secretary. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, or have questions about the responsibilities involved, please send a letter of interest to the Town Manager.

## October 2016 Community Calendar

1 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 9 a.m.-noon <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	18 Tue	<b>Senior Advisory Committee</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. <b>Masons</b> , Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.
2 Sun		19 Wed	<b>Road Committee</b> , Town Office, 5:30 p.m. <b>TOPS</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.
3 Mon	<b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 10-11 a.m. <b>Recreation Committee</b> , Town Office, 6:30 p.m. <b>Order of the Eastern Star</b> , Masonic Hall, 7 p.m.	20 Thu	<b>Litchfield Food Bank</b> , noon-2 p.m.
4 Tue	<b>Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg.</b> , Station, 6 p.m.	21 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.
5 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.	22 Sat	<b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 9 a.m.-noon <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
6 Thu	<b>Litchfield Food Bank</b> , noon-2 p.m. <b>Planning Board</b> , Town Office, 6 p.m.	23 Sun	
7 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.	24 Mon	<b>Select Board Meeting</b> , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
8 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 9 a.m.-noon <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. <b>Legion Auxiliary</b> , Legion Hall, 10 a.m.	25 Tue	
9 Sun		26 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. <b>Franks &amp; Beans</b> , Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m. <b>American Legion</b> , Legion Hall, 7 p.m.
10 Mon	<b>Columbus Day—Holiday</b> <b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Sportsmen's Club Monthly Meeting</b> , Sportsmen's Club, 7 p.m.	27 Thu	<b>Litchfield Food Bank</b> , noon-2 p.m. <b>Fair Directors</b> , Sportsmen's Club, 7:30 p.m. <b>Snowmobile Club Meeting</b> , Academy Bldg., 6:30 p.m.
11 Tue	<b>Select Board Meeting</b> , Libby-Tozier School, 6:30 p.m. <b>Special Town Meeting</b> , Libby-Tozier School, 6:45 p.m.	28 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.
12 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. <b>Conservation Commission</b> , Town Office, 6:30 p.m.	29 Sat	<b>Public Breakfast</b> , Masonic Hall, 7-10 a.m. <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 9 a.m.-noon <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. <b>Halloween Spook House</b> , Sportsmen's Club, 5-9 p.m.
13 Thu	<b>Litchfield Food Bank</b> , noon-2 p.m. <b>Snowmobile Club Meeting</b> , Academy Bldg., 6 p.m.	30 Sun	
14 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.	31 Mon	
15 Sat	<b>Public Breakfast</b> , Benefit Eastern Star Charities, Masonic Hall, 7:30-10:30 a.m. <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 9 a.m.-noon <b>Tacoma Lakes Cabins Quilt Show</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. <b>Bean Supper</b> , Masonic Hall, 4:30-6:30 p.m. <b>Public Supper &amp; Music Jam</b> , Sportsmen's Club, 5-8:30 p.m.		<b>Kennebec Land Trust</b> <b>Apple Presentation</b> —Fri., Oct. 14, 4-5:30 p.m., Viles Orchard, Augusta. \$10 donation. <b>Concert: Songs and Piano</b> —Fri., Oct. 14, 6:45 p.m., Viles Homestead Piano Room, Augusta. <b>Family Forestry Day</b> —Sat., Oct. 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Curtis Homestead, Leeds <b>FMI</b> : 377-2848; <a href="http://www.tkl.org">www.tkl.org</a>
16 Sun	<b>Tacoma Lakes Cabins Quilt Show</b> , Carrie Ricker School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Country Sun.</b> , Sportsmen's Club, 12-4:30 p.m.		
17 Mon	<b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 10-11 a.m. <b>Budget Committee</b> , Town Office, 6:30 p.m. <b>Historic Preservation Commission and Historical Society</b> , Shorey Family Research Room, 7 p.m.		



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

**Road Committee**  
**Controlling Invasive Plants or What Do You Want Your Town to Look Like in the Future**

The non-native invasive plant called Japanese Bamboo or Knotweed, is introduced by people, usually brought in with fill, and it can be controlled by people with sustained, multi-year effort. A recent inventory of the 30 miles of town roads has found 15 sites in the 25-foot right-of-way, and all homeowners have been contacted. The Public Works Department will be spraying these sites using a licensed applicator next May. The MDOT will spray our state roads next year.

Knotweed infestations that have spread beyond the roadside must be controlled by homeowners. Otherwise, the Knotweed will return to the roadside in about four years, and the town’s effort will have been wasted. If you have this plant, begin mowing around it. Otherwise, it will spread into

the woods, to your neighbors’ property, and into our streams. Mow it weekly with your lawn mower, or mow it two or three times a month after letting it grow to about 8”-10” to expend its stored energy. All parts of the plant can generate a new plant. It is necessary to put all cuttings in a burn pile, in heavy trash bags for trash disposal, or leave it in place on top of the Knotweed site. Also, inspect all loam or fill that you use for any invasive plants.

**FMI:** Road Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.’s, 5:30 p.m., at the Town Office; or contact Lindsay Nelsen, 268-4359; or go to this website: <https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/2536e/>