

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

October question: State law requires the town to maintain Litchfield's old private cemeteries if what requirement is met? September question: In the early 1800's the selectmen divided Litchfield up into three religious districts: The North Baptists, the South Baptists, and the Congregationalists. Which of these never had an ordained clergyman or a church building? answer: The South Baptists, whose district centered around the Upper Pond Road, never had a clergyman or church building. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

**Fuel Assistance Fundraiser**—The 11th Annual Monmouth/Litchfield Fuel Assistance Tournament is scheduled for Saturday October 6, 2018 with a 9am start (rain date, Sunday October 7, 2018) at Cobbossee Colony Golf Course. It will be a four-person scramble format for 18 holes. Cost is \$25.00 per person, walking. If you wish to sponsor a hole the cost is \$60.00 If you would like to participate in the tournament, sponsor a hole, or simply donate, please contact Herb Whither (Monmouth) 933-4847 or Litchfield Town Office (Litchfield) 268-4721 or Cobbossee Colony Golf Course. Checks could be made out to the town you are supporting and annotated Fuel Assistance Fund.

**American Legion William R. Bold Post 181 - Lobster/Chicken supper, 13 October 2018.** Seatings are 5pm & 6pm with 85 tickets for each. Legionaries are selling the tickets and you must have a ticket to enter. Prices are \$10.00 chicken, \$15.00 single lobster, \$20.00 twin lobster. Sides include potato, corn, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and drink. Take-out is available. \*\*\* OPEN TO THE PUBLIC \*\*\*

## Gardiner Public Library

October 2, 2018, Tuesday, at 10:00 am, the Gardiner Public Library Children's Room is having a program by Ms Jenn and the Detective Nutrition. This is for toddlers to preschool aged children and involves a book, songs, a parachute and craft. All children are welcome to attend. The library is located at 152 Water Street, Gardiner. Please call 582-6894 with any questions. Story & Craft time is every Tuesday morning, at 10:00 am, at the Gardiner Public Library Children's Room. This is for toddlers to preschool aged children and involves books, songs, and craft. All children are welcome to attend. The library is located at 152 Water Street, Gardiner. Please call 582-6894 with any questions. October 9, 2018, Tuesday, at 6:00 to 7:00 pm, the Gardiner Public Library Children's Room is having Art @ the Library. This is a program for all ages and involves a different art project each month for the evening. The library is located at 152 Water Street, Gardiner. Please call 582-6894 with any questions.

## Senior Corner

The Center will be closed on Monday, 10/8, Columbus Day *Save the Date - Friday, 11/9 - Free Harvest Luncheon at the Senior Center. Contact Senior Center (215-4595) or stop by to sign up for the meal and/or transportation.*

**Bowling** will be on Thursday, 10/11 at 1-7-10 lanes in Augusta. Call 441-9005 for car-pooling, leave at 12.

**The book club** discussion meeting is on Wednesday, 10/10 at 12:15. The book to be discussed is "The Finishing School" by Joanna Goodman.

**Making Christmas cards** with Anne Thompson, Wed. 10/17 at 1 p.m. Come join in the fun and use your imagination in crafting your card.

**The pot luck lunch** and celebration of October birthdays is Friday, 10/19.

**Line dancing** instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced. Aerobics classes are Wednesday and Friday at 8:30.

**Feldenkrais exercises** with Lindsay Nelsen, instructor. Fridays, 10/6,13,20,27 at 9:30-10:30.

**Cribbage games or Unlucky 7's** for fun on Mondays at 11 and Fridays 10-12. Bring a lunch and stay for Unlucky 7's or bingo on Mondays in the afternoon & on Friday cards.

**The thrift shop** is open the first and third Monday 10-11.

**The Seniors Advisory Committee** meeting is at 10 on 10/18.

The "Roadrunner" trips for **October: Tuesday 10/2 Fryeburg Fair, Senior day 65+ free, Leave a 8 am from Litchfield Sportsmen's Club; Friday, Oct. 5 Senior Expo at Sunday River, leave at 6:30 a.m. from Sportsmen's Club; Thursday, Oct. 25 Oxford Casino, Leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Sportsmen' club. Our trips are not limited to 15 people** **Upcoming trips for November - Nov. 13, Christmas Tree Shop, Portland Mall, Buffet lunch. Bus leaves Sportsmen's Club at 8:30**

**Reminder:** Exercise equipment & Wii games available for use 9-4 Monday and Friday; 9-12 Wednesday

**Please stop in to the Senior Center** or call 215-4595 for more information a cup of coffee or tea and to sign up for the **trips & activities.**

## Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

The unpacking of fall and winter clothes has resulted in a huge inventory, so we want you to benefit! For the entire month of October, buck a bag (paper grocery size) or \$2 per reusable grocery bag will be offered. Stock up for cooler and colder weather at these incredible prices!

**Community knitting and crocheting** night is October 11th at 6 p.m. at the Senior center on Academy Rd in Litchfield. We will be doing this through December, weather permitting. After that we may be closing due to low attendance. On Oct. 11th please bring supplies to do hats. For more info text 207-754-3931 or [ljarr42609@aol.com](mailto:ljarr42609@aol.com).

### Historical Society

The popular slideshow of old photographs of the people and places in Litchfield that can be seen at the Agricultural Museum during the annual Litchfield Fair can be purchased from Ed Avis, 207-737-8259, [ed@avisfamily.com](mailto:ed@avisfamily.com) for \$10.00. Also, for a donation of \$25.00 you can order a Memorial Plaque to be placed on a rail of the fence at the Town House Museum. Please contact Rayna Liebowitz at 207-582-4098, if interested.

### Tacoma Lakes Quilters Quilt Show

Saturday - 9am - 4p Sunday - 9am - 3pm at  
Carrie Ricker School in Litchfield.  
Quilts, Vendors, Special Exhibits, Demonstrations,  
Snacks & Lunch Available (\$) Charity Projects: How TLQ spends it's time and resources in the surrounding communities.  
Scrap Crystals-Raffle Quilt Designed by Bonnie Hunter

**Public Breakfast to benefit Easter Star Charities** - Saturday, October 20th Masonic Hall 2422 Hallowell Road Litchfield, Maine 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. \$7.00 (kids 4 and under free)

**RSU4 PTA Trunk or Treat** October 21st from 3:30-5:30 Litchfield Fairgrounds  
We will be collecting items for the Carrie Ricker Food Pantry for their backpack program: peanut butter, jelly, fluff, cereals, snacks and toiletries. Anyone interested in decorating a trunk and handing out candy can contact us at [rsu4pta@rsu4.org](mailto:rsu4pta@rsu4.org)

**Creators 4H Club** - October 14th at 6 pm at the Senior Center, Academy Rd., Litchfield. We will be starting a dinosaur project. This will be our big educational display at fairs plus personal writing project. For info call Lori at 207-754-3931. Or email at [llarr42609@aol.com](mailto:llarr42609@aol.com).



### Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

**Property Revaluation** - Revaluation of all Litchfield real estate is on-going and assessors from R.J.D. Appraisal are continuing to visit properties. They have identification and their ID photos are posted on the Town's website. Assessors' visits will not be specifically scheduled or announced. Once the overall assessment is complete homeowners will be notified of their valuations. R.J.D. will schedule a block of time to meet with any/all homeowners that wish to appeal their new valuation.

**Back to Normal Hours at Town Office** - Thank you for your patience during our data recovery efforts. Data entry was completed during a week of modified office hours and we have been back to normal hours since August 27th. (Town Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am - 7pm; Tues - Thurs 8:30am - 6 pm)

**2018-19 Property Taxes** - You should receive your 2018-19 property tax bill in early October. Since the tax commitment was delayed by our server outage, October's bill is not due until October 25th (2nd and 3rd tax payments will be due January 15, and April 15).

**2019 Dog Licenses** - You may license your dog(s) for 2019 at the Town office beginning October 15th or online at [https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog\\_license/index.pl](https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl). If rabies vaccinations are due please bring a copy of the new vaccination. To avoid a late fee your dog must be licensed by January 31, 2019. We intend to schedule a rabies clinic sometime before the end of the licensing period.

**Snowmobiles** - Snowmobiles may be registered at the Town Office starting mid-October, or online at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/index.html>.


**Applicants for the KVCAP Fuel Assistance Program** should contact KVCAP directly by calling either 1-800-542-8227 ext. 1500 or (207) 859-1500 to schedule an appointment. Applicants may also access the KVCAP website ([www.kvcap.org](http://www.kvcap.org)) click "For The Home", select "Heating Assistance", click the highlighted "Click Here" and book your appointment. Information is available in the Town office.

**The Town Office will be closed Monday, October 8th, for Columbus Day.**

### Litchfield Transfer Station

It has been an interesting month for transfer stations and recycling: we are seeing more and more transfer stations revert back to separating their recycling items as the cost of single source recycling rise. As it appears that Vietnam or Korea are not interested in our recycling items, it is time that we face the fact that our options have diminished and it is time that we too revert back to separating our recycling items. I will discuss this situation with the Selectmen this month and advise the date of reverting back to separating recyclables. On the high side of this equation is the fact that we have the ability to revert back to separating our recyclable items at no additional cost: we needed to update our roll off containers and have the capability to compact certain recyclables: either plastic or cardboard. We are also ahead of many communities in that we did not enter into a recycling contract that cost those communities up to thirty thousand dollars. We are currently open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the end of September. Looking at the number citizens using the transfer station on Sunday it is evident that those numbers drop drastically after Labor Day. In consideration of that fact, next year, we will end the Sunday option on Labor Day.

**October Community Calendar**

1 Mon	<b>Order of the Eastern Star</b> , 7pm Masonic Bldg	17 Wed	<b>RSU4 School Board-OHHS</b> ; 6:30p.m. <b>TOPS</b> – Carrie Ricker; 6:30pm
2 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting</b> —6pm	18 Thur	<b>Senior Advisory Comm.</b> -10am; Senior Center
3 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> – Carrie Ricker; 6:30pm <b>Order of Eastern Star</b> —7pm	19 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8a.m.-4p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10a.m.-2p.m.
4 Thur	<b>Planning Board</b> -6:30p; <b>Town Office</b>	20 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>Masonic Hall</b> -Public Breakfast; 7:30a-10a
5 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8a.m.-4p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10a.m.-2p.m.	21 Sun	<b>RSU4 PTA Trunk or Treat</b> October 21st from 3:30-5:30 Litchfield Fairgrounds
6 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>Lit. Sportsman's Club</b> ; Supper 5pm & Music Jam, 6pm	22 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen's Meeting</b> -6:30p; <b>Town Office</b>
7 Sun	<b>Lit. Sportsman's Club</b> ; Country Sunday, live Music noon—4:30p.	23 Tue	<b>Masons</b> -Masonic Hall, 7:30pm <b>Fire Rescue Station clean-up</b> , 6:00pm <b>Fire/Rescue Assoc.</b> Station, 6:30pm <b>Fire/Rescue Meeting</b> , Station, 7:00pm <b>First Responders Meeting</b> , Station. 6:30pm
8 Mon	<i>Columbus Day Holiday-Town Office Closed</i> <b>Lit. Selectmen's Meeting</b> -6:30p; <b>Town Office</b> <b>Lit. Sportsman's Club Meets</b> -7pm <b>Lit. Recreation Comm</b> -6:30p; <b>Town Office</b>	24 Wed	<b>RSU4 School Board-OHHS</b> ; 6:30p.m. <b>TOPS</b> -Carrie Ricker School: 6:30p.m. <b>Franks&amp;Beans</b> , Legion Hall. 6:30pm <b>American Leg. Post 181</b> , Legion Hall 7pm
9 Tue		25 Thur	<b>Lit. Farmers Club</b> ; <b>Sportsman's Club</b> -7:30p.m.
10 Wed	<b>RSU4 School Board-OHHS</b> ; 6:30p.m. <b>TOPS</b> -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m.	26 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8a.m.-4p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10a.m.-2p.m.
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13 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>Amer. Legion Ladies Aux</b> , LegionHall, 10am	29 Mon	
14 Sun		30 Tue	
15 Mon	<b>Budget Committee</b> – 6:30 pm; <b>Town Office</b> <b>Historical Society</b> 7:00p <b>Town Office</b>	31 Wed	
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 Open: Mon.: 8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.  
 Tue.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
 Closed: Every Fri.

**Road Advisory Committee**-Take a hike? The weather is turning cooler and there are lots of place in Town with year round walking trails. The Town manages the Smithfield Plantation on the Libby Road and the Community Park is accessible year round with an entrance to the east of the Town Office. Private landowners have made their land accessible in 5 locations. Jimmy Stream Conservation Area is accessed by going east on the Gustin Road, pass the bridge and park on the left. For Holman Conservation Area go in Melanic Lane off Upper Pond Road. The Webber-Rogers Farmstead Conservation Area is near the intersection of the Plains and Thorofare roads. The Small-Burnham and Samuel Hutchinson Homestead Conservation Areas are accessible on Pine Tree Road, from the south end .5 miles on the right. Go outside and have some fun. Our volunteer Litchfield Conservation Commission, the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) and the landowners build the trails, maintain them and remove invasive species. The Conservation Commission and KLT also sponsor volunteer work days, hikes and other activities where everyone has a good time. **How can you help?** In the Town Office is a list of 33 terrestrial invasive plant species no longer for sale in nurseries; removing them from your property keeps them out of forests, fields and natural areas. Also listed in the Town Office are suggestions for wonderful plants you can replace the invaders with. Burning Bush can be replaced with red fall colored highbush blueberry, or flame fall colored Fothergilla.

**November Issue Deadline:** Oct. 20, 2018. 5 p.m. Deliver material in any of the following ways:  
**E-mail**  
[sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)  
**U.S. mail to:**  
 Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350  
**Hand deliver to:** Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd

