

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

September question: The best of the old Litchfield farmhouses had a cistern in the cellar to catch rainwater. What was the main purpose of this cistern? August question: If one of Litchfield's early farmers broke a "sneth", it would have deprived him of the use of what necessary implement? answer: A scythe. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

## Gardiner Public Library

Stay tuned to our events page at <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/events/> to see the full list of events for Fall/Winter 2022 coming soon. We're hard at work lining events up like a Book Release Event for Gay Grant's new book "Around the Kennebec Valley", a Public forum for the District 54 candidates running in the upcoming election, a performance by The Marti Stevens Interactive Theater Group, Storytimes for youth, after school events for teens, and more! **DIGITAL LIBRARY** - If you've got an internet connection and a Gardiner Public Library card, you've got access to our Digital Library at <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/digitallibrary/>. Our Digital Library has Movies, TV Shows, eBooks, Comics, and so much more! **OTHER COLLECTIONS** - We've got more than just books, DVDs, and CDs in our library collection. Everything in our "Other Collections" can be borrowed with your Gardiner Public Library card. Head on over to <https://gardinerpubliclibrary.org/collections-and-services/other-collections/> to take a look at all of the great things borrow with your library card. And stay tuned....we have a few more exciting things that we're adding to our "other collections" very soon.

## Litchfield Fair It's What a Fair Should Be!

This year's fair will be held September 9, 10 and 11. Come join us for all of the fair favorites: Musical Entertainment, Agricultural and Livestock Events, Fun Contests, Red Neck Truck Pull, Demolition Derby, Youth Horse Show, Barrel Racing, Wee Farmers, Old MacDonald's Farm, Our Fair Museum, Fair Food (Yum!!) and so much more. Come see our newly renovated Exhibition Hall. Remember to have your exhibits to the Hall on Wednesday, September 8. Admission is: Under 12 FREE, Ages 12-17 and Seniors \$5.00, Adults \$9.00. Seniors admission is free on Friday. 3 day passes and 2022 tickets are available online at [www.litchfieldfair.com](http://www.litchfieldfair.com). The fair book and full schedule of events are also available online. Hope to see you there!

## Litchfield Senior Center

**The Litchfield Senior Center is open and available to all, no fee to attend. "Aging is more fun when you share it"** Some of the activities will be held at the Litchfield Fire Station. If the open flag is out at the Center, come on in. All dates and times are subject to change.

Line Dancing instruction for all on Mondays 9:30-11 at the Fire Station. **A special practice is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30-11**

*The Senior Center will open 11:30 to 2 on Mondays after Line Dancing., Come in for exercise, cards or check out the books.*

**On Wednesday, September 14** and September 28, the Senior Center will be open 9-12. Stop in for a visit, books, puzzles or a game of cribbage.

**Tai Chi** will begin on Wednesday October 5 and Wednesday, October 19 at the Fire Station.

**Carol Bailey String band & Chorus** music will also begin on October 5 and 19 at the Fire Station.

**Come to the Center** for morning exercise with Dian & friends on Fridays 8:30-9:15. Join in the indoor walking, or use the exercise equipment.

**The book club meeting** is on Monday, September 19 at 1 pm. The book to be discussed is "That Camden Summer" by LaVryle Spencer.

**The Senior's Advisory Committee** meeting is at 1 on Thursday, September 15.

**The following are the dates and places the Carol Bailey String Band and Chorus** will be performing: Friday, Sept 9-Litchfield Fair at 1 pm., followed at 2 by the Litchfield Senior Steppers(Line Dancers).

**The following are up coming Road Runner** trips:

Thursday, Sept 15, Mechanic Falls-Maine Country Music Hall of Fame; Wednesday, Sept 21, Lakewood Theater-"Anything to Declare"; Thursday, October 6, Fryeburg Fair(instead of the mystery trip); Thursday, October 27, Oxford Casino; Thursday, November 10, Portland, Christmas Tree Shop and Portland Mall call 441-9005, 268-4237 or 215-4595 to be put on the list for the trip(s).

**Reminder:** Exercise equipment available for use when the Center is open.

**The Senior Center** is located on Academy Rd. next to Libby Tozier Elementary School. Stop in for more information, a cup of coffee or tea or check out our books (paperback & hard cover), puzzles and items on the table you may like. Donations always appreciated, or work on the 1000 piece puzzle already set up on the table.

### Transfer Station

Summer is passing all to fast. We made it through the heat of late July and the beginning of August. Two of the three pads for the paper, tin, and glass containers have been poured. We are waiting for the third pad to be poured. We will then move the three containers up next to the paper and plastic containers. This will facilitate the residents taking care of their recyclables. We will be keeping the traffic pattern as it is now. The Swap Shop will remain open until late September/early October. It will be posted on the town website when it closes and also in the Sodalite. A reminder that our last Sunday is August 28 for the year. Thanks to all for the support on Sunday's. The American Legion has donated the paint for the bottle return shed. We will start painting it when it has cooled off. Thank You.

### Woodbury Pond Park

Thanks to all our residents who have enjoyed Woodbury Pond Park this summer. What a super summer it has been with lots of residents noticing all the great improvements! Thanks to all the local businesses for their support too. Please send us your comments on what improvements and/or new ideas we can do at the park next year to: [woodburypondpark@gmail.com](mailto:woodburypondpark@gmail.com) We will be open Saturday and Sunday until the Labor Day weekend. You are always free to walk in when gates are closed. If you bring your dog in, please pick up after them. Have a great fall and see you all next summer.

### Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Summer is almost over, but we know the warm temps will last a bit longer, so augment your kids' Back to School duds with some bargains from the Thrift Shop while the prices are still buck a bag. We will be getting fall/winter items out in early October

### LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Come by the Litchfield Plains Baptist Church often to see progress being made on the NEW Food Bank. We're very excited! Gardens have been very productive and gardeners have shared their bountiful harvest. We LOVE it!! Our clients say, "Thank you from the bottom of our salad bowls." And the fresh local eggs are incredible. The ladies with feathers are doing a great job!

### Town Clerk's Corner

The inserts in this issue are offered for those who may not have heard, or if qualified, have not had a chance yet to apply for property tax savings programs. Also included is a list of references to programs offered by Kennebec Valley Community Action Program for individuals and families who may need some assistance in getting through a rough patch.

#### Property Taxes

2022-23 property tax bills will be mailed out mid-September. The first payment will be due October 15th. If you would prefer to pay smaller amounts more frequently throughout the year, we accept payments at any time and our office staff is available to help calculate monthly amounts.

#### Last Year's Property Taxes

If you receive a "30 Day Notice" in the mail it means you have taxes remaining from last year and have a chance to get them paid in time to avoid the additional cost of having a lien on your property. Whether you forgot a payment, or are having some financial difficulties, if you have any questions or are concerned about the lien process, please don't hesitate to give us a call or stop by at the Town Office (207) 268-4721.

#### Home Heating Assistance

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", and select "Heating Assistance" to book an appointment online. Information is available in the Town Office. **The Town Office will be closed Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.**

### American Legion Auxiliary

The Litchfield American Legion Auxiliary will raffle off a Home Town Hero Quilt on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at Litchfield Fairgrounds. Ticket donation 6 for \$5 OR \$1 each. Do not need to be present to win. Tickets available from most American Legion Auxiliary members before the Fair and at our booth during the Fair.

**September Community Calendar**

1 Thur	<b>Food Bank</b> -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>RSU4-First Day of School</b> 10-12 and <b>LRTC Planning Bd</b> —6:30pm-Town Office	17 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 am –4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> OPEN– 9am to 12pm
2 Fri	<b>RSU4-First Day of Pre School</b> <b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm	18 Sun	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm
3 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 am –4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> OPEN– 9am to 12pm	19 Mon	<b>Budget Comm</b> 6:00pm; Town Office
4 Sun	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm	20 Tue	<b>Lit Fire Assoc &amp; Reg Meet</b> -6:30pm, Central Sta
5 Mon	<b>Town Office Closed</b>  	21 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Road Advisory Committee</b> – 6:00pm
6 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers</b> - 6:30pm; Station	22 Thur	<b>Senior Advisory Meeting</b> —1pm <b>Food Bank</b> -10am-12pm 491 Richmond Rd
7 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd	23 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm
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9 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm <b>Litchfield Fair</b>	25 Sun	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm
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12 Mon	<b>Selectman Meeting</b> , 6:30pm; Town Office & on line-See Website for more information <b>Sportsman’s Club</b> -Monthly members meeting; 7pm (Public welcome)	28 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>RSU4</b> —Board Meeting, 6:30pm Central Office <b>William R. Bold, American Legion Post #181 Meeting</b> - 7pm
13 Tue	<b>Lit First Responders</b> ; 6:30pm-Central Station	29 Thur	<b>Food Bank</b> -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd
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 Open: Mon.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
 Closed: Every Fri.

## Conservation Committee

It has been an exciting year for the Litchfield Conservation Commission (LCC)! In addition to our ongoing work on the Litchfield Community Park including a new kiosk sign with a better map, new signage throughout the park, a story trail and renovated picnic tables, we have also been busy in the community. In February, we offered an outdoor browntail moth educational event at the town office. During April school vacation, LCC members invited folks to the park for an Earth Day celebration of free fun family activities. In May, LCC members taught students about the impact of invasive plants in the classroom and then the students, teachers and mentors went to the park for a Day of Caring activity to dig up, cut down and bag many invasive plants. Thank you! In cooperation with Friends of the Cobossee Watershed, LCC members volunteered for a trout release activity day for students in Litchfield. The annual Forestry Day at Carrie Ricker was a huge hit with the students and the LCC members enjoyed it as well. At Woodbury Pond Park, one of our members has been educating folks about loons and other conservation topics. Our future at LCC looks bright and we are hoping to offer more activities soon, stay tuned to our Facebook page and the newsletter for upcoming events.

**Oct. Issue Deadline:**  
 Sept. 22, 2022 5p.m.  
 Deliver material in any of the following ways:  
**E-mail**  
**(sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)**  
**U.S. mail to:**  
 Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350

