

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

**April question:** Several early Litchfield settlers made a relatively short move from the nearby towns of Littleboro Plantation and New Sandwich. What would those towns be called today? **March question:** What little known Litchfield Woman born in 1793 was widowed while with child in her teens. She then made her way to Ohio where she remarried and helped to found a school for escaped slaves. answer: Priscilla Mulloy (Ring)(Parker). To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

## LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

We were successful in starting the seasonal changeover and will be continuing to unpack some terrific clothes over the next several weeks. Shop early for the best selection! The kids clothes are exceptional...and we are continuing the Buck a Bag sale because you like it so much. The more we sell, the more room we have to bring out more for you to see! Invite your out-of-town friends to join you. Share the good news!

## LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

WE ARE STARTING THE NEW BUILDING! Our concrete contractor promised he'd be here ASAP this spring and he's kept his promise! Work has started so the concrete pad can be made! Feel free to stop by the Plains Baptist Church to watch the progress! We are hoping our funds will allow as much as possible to be done this summer. Want to help? Mail a gift to FB Building Fund, PO Box 306, Litchfield, Me 04350 and/or bring your hammer when we schedule a Community Food Bank Raising! We are SO excited! Come share it!

## LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

We are grateful that the winter season is over. We are in the process of getting the Swap Shop ready to open on the weekend of April 14/15. We will start taking items starting April 1. Just a reason to put a smile on people's faces at tax time. We are monitoring the snow wall at the brush and leaf pile. We won't be opening that up till the ground is dry. It will probably be around the first of May. We have started the new parking set up for the recyclable containers. We are pleased that the majority of residents are parking correctly. We will not allow residents to "back" in when we have the parking spaces set up. *There will be a Drug Take Back Day on April 22, 2023 from 10am to 2pm at the Litchfield Transfer Station.*

## 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 are being held at the Litchfield Sportsman's Club. 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 Sportsmen's Club.

**The Senior Center** will open 11:30 to 2 on Mondays after Line Dancing., come in for exercise, cards or check out the books or puzzles. We have new puzzles and books coming into the Center all the time.

**Tai Chi** on Wednesdays at 9 am at the Sportsmen's Club.

**Carol Bailey String band & Chorus** music practice on Wednesdays at 10 to 12 at the Sportsmen's Club. Come and join us, we will be working on the spring/summer program.

**Come to the Senior Center** for morning exercise with Dian & friends on Fridays 8:30-9:15. Join in the indoor walking, or use the exercise equipment. Stay for cards at 10, BYO lunch at noon and then more cards and games in the afternoon. Pick out books and/or puzzles to take home.

**The book club** meeting is on Monday, April 24th at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

**The Senior's Advisory Committee** meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1 on Thursday, April 20th.

**Are you interested in joining a domino group?**

We have some interest in a Mexican Train game that would be during the day at the Senior Center on Fridays. If this is something you would like, please let the Director know. Also looking for anyone interested in playing cribbage on Fridays during the day at the Senior Center.

**Sign up for the first Roadrunner** trip of 2023 – Oxford Casino on April 27th. We will be leaving at 9 am from the Sportsmen's Club. Call 268-4237 or 441-9005 to be put on the list.

**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 puzzle already set up on the table.

### Woodbury Pond Park

Woodbury Pond Park 2023 is coming! We are not too far away from the warm sun, swimming and enjoyment of our beautiful park and planning has begun. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to work at the park to help with gate opening, collecting fees and general upkeep of the park during open season. If you are interested in assisting us, please send an email to [woodburypondpark@gmail.com](mailto:woodburypondpark@gmail.com) or call Joline at 592-3397 or leave your name at town hall. We will also have some paid attendant positions available for the 2023 season but need additional support with upkeep. In May, we will be holding another clean up weekend and it is a great time for the schools community assistance to participate. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are welcome. Please contact us if you have a group of students that would like to rake, paint, general cleanup and support. We are always looking for members of the Friends of Woodbury Pond Park. Please consider this group for volunteer opportunities!

### RSU4

Grade 1 from Sabattus Primary will have a music concert on April 5th, at 6 p.m. It will be held at Oak Hill Middle School. There will be a Pre-K parent information night on Thursday, 5/11, from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. in the Libby-Tozier gym. Pre-K screenings will be held on May 24 and 31 from 8:30- 2:15. Kindergarten screening will be held on May 24 from 8:30 - 2:15. Please call Libby-Tozier School at 268-4137 to register for these if you have not done so already. The Oak Hill Middle School Drama Club will perform "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. This will be held at OH Middle School. There will be an Oak Hill Middle School Band/Chorus Spring Concert to be held at Oak Hill Middle School on May 25th at 6 p.m. There will be no school on Friday, 4/14, as it's a Teacher Comp Day. The schools will be closed April 17-21 for vacation.

### Wilderness First Aid Course Hosted by Kennebec Land Trust

The best and most comprehensive course of its kind to offer relevant and realistic first-aid training for seasonal outdoor activities or short-term wilderness endeavors and pursuits. Wilderness First Aid is a two-day introduction to general medical concepts and basic life support skills. It is targeted to the outdoor enthusiast on day trips or short adventures. The course is taught by professional instructors with significant patient care and backcountry experience. Licensed Training Company: Wilderness Medicine Leadership Collective **Location:** Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop, ME 04364 **Dates:** 5/9/23 - 5/10/23 8 AM - 6 PM **Cost:** \$250 for course instruction (\$200 for KLT members) Meals and lodging are available for an additional cost. Please indicate interest when registering. Visit the Kennebec Land Trust website to register: <https://www.tkltr.org/upcomingevents/2023/5/9/wilderness-first-aid-wfa> For more information, please contact Marie at [mring@tkltr.org](mailto:mring@tkltr.org) or 207-377-2848

### Town Clerk's Corner

**We have a job opening** for a Deputy Clerk at the Town Office. Details and applications are available on our website [www.LitchfieldMaine.org](http://www.LitchfieldMaine.org), or online at Indeed.com, or may be picked up at the Town Office. We're looking for a best fit for the position, and will consider full-time and part-time applicants. The position will remain open until we find the right candidate.





**Participate in your local government**-There is still some time if you are considering running for an elected position this year, nomination papers may be picked up at the Town Office and must be returned by April 9th. In order to be listed on the ballot on June 14th, each nominee requires signatures from at least 25 town residents. Positions open for this coming year are on the Select Board (1); RSU#4 School Board (1); Budget Committee (2); and Litchfield Academy Trustees (3). All paperwork must be returned by Thursday, April 13th.

**Requests for absentee ballots** for the June 14th state primary election are available online (search Maine Absentee Ballot Request) or go directly to <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. Ballot requests are also available through the Town Office. Even though the requests are available now, **ballots** will be mailed out 30 days prior to the election.

**Property Taxes**-The third and final installment of 2022 property taxes is due by April 15th. If you prefer to put your check in our drop box (to right of the entrance) please put the property address or account number on your check. You may call the office if you aren't sure of the final amount due. Would you like to pay your taxes monthly? Our clerks can help you calculate a monthly payment amount, or in beginning to prepay next year's taxes.

**Town budget reviews have begun.** Each section of the town budget will be reviewed at upcoming Select Board meetings through the end of April. Don't wait for the annual Town Meeting to find out what's happening with the budget. Attending the Select Board meetings in person or via Zoom and following along during the reviews gives you a chance to hear the details, and an opportunity to ask questions. You may also link to videos of the meetings at the Town Website, [www.LitchfieldMaine.org](http://www.LitchfieldMaine.org).

### April Community Calendar

1 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> - 8am-4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> —Open 9am-12pm <b>Lit. Sportsman's Club</b> —Public Supper & Jam \$10.00 Jam only \$5.00 Supper 5 to 6; Jam— 6:30 to 8 pm	17 Mon	<b>Patriot's Day</b> <b>Town Office Closed</b> 
2 Sun	<b>Sportsman's Club</b> -Country Sunday, noon to 4 Public Welcome	18 Tue	<b>Lit Fire Assoc &amp; Reg Meet</b> -6:30pm, Central Sta
3 Mon	<b>Lit. Recreation Comm.</b> —6:00pm, Town Off	19 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Road Committee</b> — 6pm; Town Office
4 Tues	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers</b> - 6:30pm; Station	20 Thur	<b>Food Bank</b> -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Senior Advisory</b> —1pm, Academy Rd
5 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd	21 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm
6 Thur	<b>Food Bank</b> -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Planning Board</b> - Thursday, April 6th, 6:30	22 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 am –4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN</b> – 9am to 12pm
7 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm	23 Sun	
8 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 am –4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN</b> – 9am to 12pm	24 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectman's Meeting</b> —6:30pm; Zoom avail- able—see website
9 Sun		25 Tues	
10 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectman's Meeting</b> —6:30pm; Zoom avail- able—see website. <b>Lit. Sportsmen's Club</b> -meeting 7 pm	26 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>RSU4</b> —Board of Directors; Central Office 6:30pm
11 Tues	<b>Lit First Responders</b> ; 6:30pm-Central Station	27 Thur	
12 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>RSU4</b> —Board of Directors; Budget Info; Central Of- fice 6:30pm <b>Conservation Commission</b> –6:00pm, Town Off	28 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm
13 Thur		29 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 am –4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN</b> – 9am to 12pm
14 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm	30 Sun	
15 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 am –4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN</b> – 9am to 12pm  <b>Free Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>The Meadows Golf Club</b> <b>10am—12pm</b> 		
16 Sun	<b>Food Bank</b> -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Senior Advisory</b> —1pm, Academy Rd		

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Open: Mon.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Closed: Every Fri.

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## Litchfield Fire and Rescue Department



**May Issue Deadline:**  
April. 20, 2022 5p.m.  
Deliver material in any  
of the following ways:  
**E-mail**  
[\*\*\(sodalite@litchfieldmai  
ne.org\)\*\*](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org) **U.S. mail to:**  
Town Office, 2400 Hal-  
lowell Rd. 04350  
**Hand deliver to:** Town  
Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd

The Senior and Veteran's Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 2pm at the Litchfield Fire & Rescue Department's Central Station. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Tina Gowell 207-485-5565

