

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

December question: One hundred or so years ago, Litchfield residents referred to a common and bothersome plant as "mercury". What do we call it today? November question: The leaf of the white oak, highly prized and plentiful in early Litchfield, differs in what way from the still common red oak? answer: The lobes on a white oak leaf are rounded, not pointed like the red oak. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

Tacoma Lakes Association

The news on the state of the Woodbury Dam is all good. Damkeeper Terry Averill reports that the first phase of the repairs to the dam, the sandbags, are in place and the winter water level of 6' is holding. More importantly, there is no evidence of any leaks downstream from the dam. Recently Litchfield Town Manager Kelly Weisenfels, Selectperson Rayna Leibowitz, Dam Committee Chair Mark Evans, and Dam Committee member Kate Goodspeed, met with Monmouth town officials. The great news is that Monmouth officials recognize the severity of the Woodbury Dam issues, and are on board with the Town of Litchfield, regarding the need to get the required repairs done in a timely fashion. The Dam Committee is ready to submit its application to the Dam Repair and Restoration Bank, pending the receipt of the engineering report outlining the cost for phase two of the repair process. We are all hopeful that phase two will take place in the fall of 2022, and that those repairs will offer a long term solution to the current leaks at the dam. As always should you have any questions, or concerns regarding our lakes, please feel free to contact me Jim Adams, via phone at 268-2070, or email at jfadams13@gmail.com. I am available at all times for any lake related issue. Cheers to a Happy Holiday Season for all!

Transfer Station

Bryan Lamoreau has retired from the Transfer Station. The staff and townspeople that he interacted with through the years will surely miss him. We will strive to meet the high level of service that the townspeople came to expect from Bryan. We are preparing for cold weather. We have stopped people from bringing in their leaves and brush. The swap shop is closed for the cold season and will re-open this spring. Hold onto your treasures and bring them down then. Stop by and say hello to John U. and John C. We will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. These are Saturdays. Have a Happy Holiday and be safe. Respectfully submitted John Upham

Litchfield Fire Department

Come visit Santa and enjoy breakfast at the Central Station on Sunday, December 12 from 9am to 11am.



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"

At this time some of the activities are still being held at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club until such time that they will be brought back into the Senior Center. 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.

Tai Chi at 9 am. at the Sportsmen's Club

Carol Bailey String band & Chorus music practice at 10 am at the Sportsmen's Club on Wednesdays. **NO Tai Chi or Music practice** on December 15

The Carol Bailey String band and Chorus will perform at the United Baptist Church in Topsham at 10 a.m. on December 15.

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 of your choice.

Games for fun on Mondays at 11:30-2 and Fridays 10-3. Bring a lunch and snack, stay for games at the Senior Center.

Book Club discussion group will meet on Monday December 20 at 1 at the Senior Center. We will discuss the book "Robert B. Parker's-Stone's Throw" by Michael Lupica.

The Seniors Advisory committee has put together a magnet with the heading IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

information on the storm shelter, water and contact numbers. These can be picked up at the town office, food bank, transfer station and the Senior Center

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 1 on Thursday December 16.

Winter sand available for Senior's, call and leave your name & phone # and we will get in touch.

Wellness check – if you would like to have someone phone you weekly to check in with you, please call and leave your name & phone # and we will get in touch with you.

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. Phone numbers 215-4595/441-9005/268-4237.

Litchfield Broadband Committee

As of this writing, the Town of Litchfield is finalizing broadband contract details with Redzone Wireless. This agreement will bring broadband options to ALL Litchfield households and businesses. Watch for updates once the agreement has been signed. Households that currently use cable TV services have likely heard about streaming services as a way to 'cut the cable cord'. The website CNET has recently put together a thorough summary for those that may want to cut the cable cord and stream their TV content. This includes both streaming services and devices. See details below: **CUTTING THE CABLE CORD** 'Cutting the cable TV cord doesn't mean you have to give up your favorite channels. You can stream them live, including sports like the NFL, NBA and NHL, as well as live news from CNN, Fox News, MSNBC or your local TV station. One way to watch live shows without cable is to connect an antenna, but your channel selection will be relatively small. If you want more options you should check out a live TV streaming service. They deliver numerous familiar live channels, features like cloud DVRs and the ability to watch not only on TVs but also on phones, tablets and computers -- all with no cable box or contract required. Six major services are available today: AT&T's DirecTV Stream (formerly AT&T TV, AT&T TV Now and DirecTV Now), Google's YouTube TV, Disney's Hulu Plus Live TV, Dish Network's Sling TV, FuboTV and Philo. Our full live-TV streaming guide has all the details about prices and features of the various services, but really, it's all about the channels.' <https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/hulu-youtube-tv-sling-tv-fubotv-philo-directv-stream-top-100-channels-compared/BEST-STREAMING-DEVICES> 'Thinking about getting a new device to connect to your TV to stream video, but you're not exactly sure which streaming platform is the one to choose? You've come to the right place. This streaming device guide will help you find the best streaming device -- something you'll probably use every day for hours at a time to watch TV shows and movies. We've reviewed nearly every streaming device and major smart TV system on the market today, including Roku, Google Chromecast, Amazon and Apple TV. With the exception of smart TVs that actually run streaming software from Roku, Google or Amazon, these add-on streaming devices often have simpler remotes, streaming dongles, more apps, better search and more frequent updates than the smarts built into your TV set. <https://www.cnet.com/tech/home-entertainment/best-streaming-device>.

The Creators 4H: Meeting on December 4th at 1pm at senior center. For info call Lori at 754-3931.

RSU4 PTA Annual Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, December 4th, 2021 from 9-3 at Oak Hill Middle School.

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

We are anxious to move merchandise to make room for more! Continuing buck a bag (paper grocery - you bring) or \$2 for the big reusable bags, What a deal!!

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Thanksgiving boxes went out as planned because of the contributions of friends and neighbors and help of loyal volunteers. Thanks to all. Still taking new applications from Litchfield residents. We have food to give you. Call with questions. 207 582 0498

Town Clerk's Corner

Long time constable Bryan Lamoreau is stepping down, and we thank him for his many years of selfless service! But that leaves us with an opening for a new town constable. The primary duties of our constable are to post the warrant for Town Meeting and to serve legal papers on behalf of the town, when necessary, but law enforcement experience is important to the job. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact the Town Office at 268-4721.

A big thank you to our election clerks and our town office election team! Turnout was larger than usual for a referendum-only election. Our local vote totals are as follows:

Question 1: Citizen Initiative (regarding the CMP corridor)

YES: 806

NO: 407

Question 2: Bond Issue (regarding State transportation infrastructure funding)

YES: 738

NO: 476

Question 3: Constitutional Amendment (regarding food sovereignty)

YES: 751

NO: 459

2021 Dog Licenses

You may license your dog(s) for 2021 at the Town Office (licensing began October 15th) or online at 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, 2022. Thank you to those who brought their dogs to the rabies clinic, which also supported Litchfield's fuel fund!

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

Hunting and Fishing Licenses for the new season are now also available at the Town Office, or online at https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses_v3/index.

Home Heating Assistance If you are needing fuel assistance and have an appointment with KVCAP

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) click "For The Home", select "Heating Assistance", click the highlighted "Click Here" and book your appointment. Information is available in the Town Office.

Conservation News

The Conservation Commission will host the annual New Year's Day hike-snowshoe event this year in the Litchfield Community Park at 1 pm. We will meet on Saturday, January 1st in the Town office parking lot and hike or snowshoe along the trails and open spaces. Some may want to cross country ski if the conditions are right. With Covid still among us we will bring our own water and snacks. Come explore this town owned land located from the Town Office north with other outdoor enthusiasts.

December Community Calendar

1 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd	17 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.
2 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd Planning Board —6:30pm	18 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store OPEN — 9am to 12pm
3 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.	19 Sun	
4 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store OPEN — 9am to 12pm RSU4 PTA —Craft Fair; OHMS 9am –3pm Litchfield Sportsman's Club ; Public Supper & Music Jam, Supper 5pm-6pm, Jam 6:30pm-8pm, \$7/person	20 Mon	Lit. Budget Comm. , 6:30pm; Zoom
5 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club ; Country Sunday (noon-4pm), \$6/person, featuring Fred Couverette/Tom Berube, Brian Plato, Sidekick's, Posh, Dennis/Carol Royer, Lost & Found Band	21 Tue	Lit. Fire Assoc & Reg Meet -6:30pm
6 Mon	Lit. Recreation Comm. -6:30pm Order of the Eastern Star , 7:00pm Masonic Hall	22 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd Road Comm. , 6pm Town Office
7 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers - 6:30pm; Station	23 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
8 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd RSU4 —Board Meeting, 6:30 OHHS Conservation Comm. - 6pm contact Diane Clay (c112a3y4@gmail.com) for details.	24 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.
9 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd	25 Sat	
10 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.	26 Sun	
11 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store OPEN — 9am to 12pm Litchfield Sportsmen's Club (invitation only) Annual members meeting & appreciation dinner (5pm dinner / meeting immediately follows),	27 Mon	
12 Sun		28 Tue	
13 Mon	Selectman Meeting , 6:30pm; Town Office & on line-See Website for more information Lit. Sportsman's Club ; No monthly member meeting in December	29 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd
14 Tue	Lit. First Responders ; 6:30pm-Station	30 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
15 Wed	Budget Comm. —6:30pm; via Town ZOOM. RSU4 -No School through Jan 2.	31 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.
16 Thur	Senior's Advisory Com. -1pm -Center Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd		

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

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January Issue Deadline: Dec. 20, 2021 5p.m. Deliver material in any of the following ways:
E-mail
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U.S. mail to:
 Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350

