

The Litchfield Sodalite

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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

January question: Which of early Litchfield's neighboring towns was once known as "Bloomingsboro"?

December question: Early Litchfield settlers who came by water often traveled up the Kennebec River to a place known to Native Americans as bombahook. What would that destination be known as today? answer: Hallowell To read more about the history of Litchfield go to

WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

Knitting Night

The monthly knitting night will be January 10th at the Senior Center Building on Academy Rd from 6 pm to 8pm. For more info call Lori at 754-

WINTER NATURE DAY CAMP WITH FRIENDS OF THE COBBOSSEE WATERSHED

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed's annual Winter Nature Day Camp will be held during February school vacation week at Camp Mechuwana on Lower Narrows Pond in Winthrop. Two (2)-day camp sessions will be offered- February 18 & 19 and February 20 & 21, 2019. Both sessions, open to children in grades 3-5, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and will include a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities, including snowshoeing, winter tracking, and games. Our culminating activity will be learning to ice fish with Ryan Burton of the Cobbossee Watershed District. Cost for each 2-day camp session is only \$90/pp and includes the use of all equipment along with afternoon cocoa and snack. Early registration is highly recommended as space is limited to 20 campers per session! Registration forms can be downloaded at www.watershedfriends.com. For more information, please contact Cami Wilbert, Education & Outreach Director at 621-4100 or camil@watershedfriends.com.



Senior Center

BUCKETS OF SAND AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS-

"Sand for Seniors" - a 5 gal. bucket of sand will be delivered to your home. Call 215-4595, 441-9005 or 268-4237 to be put on the list.

The Center will be closed on Martin Luther King, Jr. day 1/21/19.

Bowling will be on Thursday, 1/10 at Sparetime Recreation, Lewiston. Leaving at 12, call 441-9005 to carpool.

The book club meeting is on Wednesday, 1/9 at 12:15 at the Center. The books to be discussed is "Call Me American" by Abdi Nor Iftin & "Windswept" by Mary Ellen Chase.

The pot luck lunch and celebration of January birthdays is Friday, 1/18.

Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30-11 for beginners and advanced. Aerobics classes on Wednesday and Friday at 8:30-9:30.

The Carol Bailey String Band music practice is at 10-12 on Wednesdays. Come and join us for a fun time.

Feldenkrais Awareness through Movement exercise lessons are at 9:30-10:30 on Friday 1/4, 11, 18, and 25 with Lindsay Nelsen.

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

The thrift shop is open Monday 10-11 on 1/7 only.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday 1/17.

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

If RSU 4 schools are closed due to the weather, the Senior Center will be also.

Please stop in to the **Senior Center for more information** a cup of coffee or tea and check out our books (paperback & hard cover), or work on the 1000 piece puzzle. We would like to meet you. **The Litchfield Senior Center** is located at 466 Academy Road next to the Libby-Tozier Elementary School. The telephone number is 215-4595 or 441-9005.

The Veteran & Senior Luncheon will be held on December 30 at the Litchfield Central Fire Station from 11am to 2pm. All welcome. **For more information** contact Tina Gowell 207-485-5565

Part Time Position—Deputy Clerk

The Town of Litchfield is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Deputy to the Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector. This is a part-time position and involves many responsibilities. The optimal candidate will possess customer service skills, prior office experience – municipal experience a plus, and be familiar with Microsoft office software (excel, word, etc.). Applicants must have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED.

This is a 25 hour per week position with additional time as needed. Pay will depend on experience and qualifications. As this is a part-time position, there are no insurance benefits included. A full job description is available at the Town office (2400 Hallowell Road) or via email (t.lamoreau@litchfieldmaine.org). Please submit your cover letter and resume by mail to: Trudy Lamoreau, Town of Litchfield, 2400 Hallowell Road, Litchfield, ME 04350; by email to t.lamoreau@litchfieldmaine.org; or by hand to the Litchfield Town Office.

Conservation Commission News

Invasive Plant Ecology, Impacts, Identification, and Management
Wednesday, January 23, 2019 6-7:30pm, Litchfield Town Office.
Please join the Litchfield Conservation Commission for a presentation on invasive terrestrial plants. These plants can overrun our natural areas, parks, roadsides, and backyards, displacing beneficial native plants and reducing habitat for wildlife. They can also block sight lines, climb onto signage, poles, and other infrastructure, and be a nuisance in property and road maintenance. Nancy Olmstead of the Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry will give an overview of why invasive plants are harmful, show which plants to be on the lookout for in Litchfield, and discuss ways to manage them. Presentation from 6-7pm with time for Q&A afterwards

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

The Town Office will be closed for the following January holidays:

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st

Martin Luther King, Jr Day, January 21st.

Maine Libertarian Party Loses Qualification

The Maine Secretary of State Bureau of Elections has determined the Maine Libertarian Party did not meet requirements to maintain qualified party status. Voters registered Libertarian were registered with party as "unenrolled" by the Secretary of State's office on Dec 4, 2018. If you have questions please contact the town office; the Registrar of Voters can provide assistance.

2019 Dog Licenses – \$25 late fee starts Feb 1

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. 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.

2019 Snowmobiles and Boat Registrations; Fishing and Hunting Licenses

Snowmobiles may be registered for 2019 at the Town Office, or online:

Boats: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/index.html>

Snowmobiles: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/boating/index.html>.

Fishing/Hunting Licenses: https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses_v3/index

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

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office (see the Town website for changes or updates):

Planning Board –Thursday, Jan 3rd, 6:30 pm

Select Board – Monday, Jan 14th, 6:30 pm

Budget Committee – Monday, Jan 21st, 6:30 pm

Select Board – Monday, Jan 28th, 6:30 pm

The Creators 4H

Upcoming meetings for January are the 13th and the 27th at Senior center Building on Academy Rd. The time is 430 to 530 pm. For more info call 754-3931, Lori Larrabee

January Community Calendar

1 Tue	Happy New Year Town Office Closed 	17 Thur	Senior Advisory Comm. 10am; Senior Center
2 Wed		18 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.
3 Thur	Lit. Planning Board —6:30pm; Town Office	19 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
4 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.	20 Sun	Senior Advisory Com., 10am, Academy Bldg
5 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, Public Bean Supper & Music Jam, Supper 5-6, Jam 6-8, \$7/person	21 Mon	Martin Luther King Holiday Town Office Closed 
6 Sun	Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, Country Sunday with live music, Noon-4:30, \$6/person	22 Tue	Daisy Girl Scouts-Libby Tozier-6:30pm
7 Mon	No meeting for Lit. Recreation Eastern Star —Masonic Hall; 7pm	23 Wed	RSU4 School Board-OHHS; 6:30p.m. TOPS-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m Conservation Comm. 6pm, Town Office
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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.

Winter and Invasive plant control?? Here are some things you can do.

~Get educated at the talk by Nancy Olmstead, Invasive Plant Biologist at the Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry ON JANUARY 23RD AT 6 PM sponsored by the Conservation Commission (see).

~It's not so hard to learn winter plant identification; see where they are now to prepare for control methods later or cut and dab now as shown below. You might notice the masses of greyish twigs of the honey suckle, the hanging red oblong fruit of the 3' tall thorny barberry or the very warm brown of the 8' Japanese knotweed before snow breaks them down. There will be some winter plant samples at Nancy Olmstead's talk. In early to mid-winter Scott Reher of Landscape Restoration in Minnesota cuts and dabs woody invasives in less than 10-degree weather with a glyphosate mixture including glycol alcohol, the 'green' antifreeze that goes in RVs for winter, to keep the product from freezing (his phone is 507-210-9461). Nancy Olmstead confirms that the plants still take the herbicide down to the roots after the leaves fall; this doesn't work in late winter when the sap is running upwards again.

~Get prepared for the invasive plant control season. Also at the January 23rd talk will be some examples of great tools to use in invasives control and sources for mail order or local stores.

February Issue Deadline: Jan. 20, 2019, 5 p.m. Deliver material in any of the following ways:

E-mail
(sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org) **U.S. mail to:**
Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350

Hand deliver to: Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd

