

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz!

January question: Litchfield men who fought in the Civil War were issued a Kepi. What was This?

December question: What son of Litchfield went west as a Forty-Niner, graduated from Bowdoin College and Harvard Divinity School, and was killed at the Battle of Cold Harbor in the Civil War? answer: George W. Bartlett. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)



**Veterans and Seniors** - You're invited to a Holiday Luncheon on January 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

If a snow storm is coming on that Sunday we will do it on January 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) the day before at Litchfield Fire & Rescue Station 2407 Hallowell Road from 11am to 2pm. Please R.S.V.P. Tina M Gowell 485-5565 or e-mail:

[lf900@yahoo.com](mailto:lf900@yahoo.com)



## LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Litchfield folks ROCK!!! The word went out for a toy drive for Litchfield kids and YOU delivered! The toys and gifts delivered to Doolin's made us SO PROUD and Food Bank parents were thrilled to get them! It was Awesome! You make Litchfield so special! Wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world. Thank you to the special people who organized this and thank you to everyone who participated. There were so many great toys, I shared some with a church in Monmouth delivering gifts to kids in Foster Care in the area. They really ap-

## LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Need some warmer clothes? Before you go to the big box store, check us out. We are easier on your budget



## Senior Center

The Litchfield Senior Center is open and available to all, no fee to attend. "Aging is more fun when you share it". The normal hours are Monday & Friday 8:30-4 and Wednesday 8:30-12, subject to change. The Center is closed on January 1 and January 20.

**Winter sand** is available in 5 gal. buckets. If you would like to be on the list for delivery, please contact Pat Soboleski at 215-4595/441-9005.

**Something new at the Senior Center** - Tai Chi at 8:30 beginning Monday, January 6. Gentle physical exercises and stretches, sometimes described as mediation in motion. "A gentle way to fight stress" - Mayo Clinic.

**Line dancing** instruction Mondays at 9:30-11 for beginners and advanced.

**Exercise classes** on Wednesday and Friday at 8:30.

**The Feldenkrais** method awareness through movement class with Lindsay Nelsen (268-4569) is at 9:30 on Fridays.

**Book club** meeting is on January 8 at 12:15. The books to be discussed will be "Clementine", Winston Churchill's wife by Sonia Purnell; also "Mrs. Everything" by Jennifer Weiner.

**Making cards** with Anne Thompson is on Wednesday, January 15 at 1.

**Music practice** for the Carol Bailey String Band is on Wednesdays at 10-12.

**Cribbage or 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 and games.

**The Thrift Shop** is open the first & third Monday 10-11.

**The Senior's Advisory** Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday, January 16.

**The potluck luncheon** and celebration of monthly birthdays is on Friday, January 17 at 12.

**The form for 2020** trip suggestions is available at the Senior Center. Stop in and pick one up to fill out. We need your input.

**Reminder: Exercise equipment** is available for use 8:30-4 Monday and Friday 8:30-4; 8:30-12 on Wednesday.

**Please stop in to the Senior Center** located on Academy Rd. next to the Libby-Tozier Elementary School for more information, a cup of coffee, tea and check out our books (paperback & hard cover), puzzles or work on the 1000-piece puzzle.

# Happy New Year!

### Litchfield Transfer Station

Today Old Castle (formerly Jolly Gardner) from Poland has removed tractor trailer loads of leaves from the Transfer Station. Many thanks to the Litchfield Public Works for assisting in this endeavor. Completing this operation will allow us to be able to accommodate the large number of citizens that bring leaves to the Transfer Station. We are still having people refusing to follow the ONE WAY traffic pattern. This is a safety issue and I have advised the Litchfield Board of Selectmen of this issue. The Board of Selectmen requested that I author an article addressing this issue, to be made part of the Town Ordinances. I will present that article at the next Selectmen's meeting. Happy New Year!



### Litchfield Snowmobile Club

Club meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 6:00 at the Senior Center on Academy Road. The first club meeting each month is POTLUCK please bring a dish to share. The group has been busy cleaning trails, opening new ones and building bridges. Most Sundays at 9:00 volunteers are needed to work on trails contact our Trail Master at 268-2019 if you can help. We are excited about the new maps with new route numbers that are now available from the club, Doolins Pub, Gowell's SNS, Percy's Hardware and Rt197 Diner. We will be having a group ride to show and learn the trails with lunch along the way, currently scheduled for Saturday Jan 18th. (details to follow on Facebook or please contact us) Please join and follow us on our Face Book page, we will be posting upcoming trips, trail work and don't forget to get those registrations in. [Litchfield Snowmobile Club - Maine](#) If you have any questions please reach out to us.

### Town Clerk's Corner

**The Town Office** will be closed for the following January holidays:  
New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1st  
Martin Luther King, Jr Day, Monday, January 20th.

**2020 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](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, 2020.

**2020 Snowmobiles** and Boat Registrations; Fishing and Hunting Licenses

Snowmobiles may be registered for 2020 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](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](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.

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

Planning Board –Thursday, Jan 2nd, 6:30 pm

Broadband Committee – Monday, Jan 6th, 10:30 am

Mass Gathering Ordinance Committee – Tuesday, January 7th, 6:30 pm

Select Board – Monday, Jan 13th, 6:30 pm

Broadband Committee – Monday, Jan 20th, 10:30 am

Budget Committee – Monday, Jan 20th, 6:30 pm

Select Board – Monday, Jan 27th, 6:30 pm

## December Community Calendar

1 Wed	<b>Happy New Year</b> Town Office Closed	17 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m
2 Thur	Food Bank-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd Lit. Planning Bd-6:30pm; Town Office	18 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
3 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m	19 Sun	
4 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon Litchfield Sportsmen's Club-Public Supper (5pm-6pm) and Music Jam (6pm-8pm), \$7	20 Mon	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</b> Town Office Closed Broadband Committee – 10:30am; Town Office Budget Meeting-6:30p, Town Office Lit. Historical Society is recessed
5 Sun	Litchfield Sportsman's Club-Country Sunday (noon-4:30pm), \$6	21 Tue	Lit. Fire Assoc & Regular Meet; 6:30pm
6 Mon	Broadband Committee – 10:30am; Town Office Lit Recreation Committee-6:30pm; Town Office Order of the Eastern Star is recessed	22 Wed	Food Bank-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m
7 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting-6:30pm Mass Gathering Ordinance Committee – 6:30 pm; Town Office	23 Thur	Food Bank-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
8 Wed	Food Bank-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m Conservation Commission –6pm, Town Office	24 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.
9 Thur	Food Bank-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd	25 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon Lit. Sportsman's Club, Public Breakfast (7am-9:30am), \$7
10 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.	26 Sun	
11 Sat	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon Amer. Legion Ladies Aux., Legion Hall, 10am	27 Mon	Lit. Selectmen Meeting, 6:30pm, Town Office
12 Sun		28 Tues	Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
13 Mon	Lit. Selectmen Meeting, 6:30pm, Town Office	29 Wed	Food Bank-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m RSU4 School Bd-6:30pm OHHS
14 Tue	First Responders Meeting 6:30pm	30 Thur	Food Bank-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
15 Wed	Food Bank-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m RSU4 School Bd-6:30pm OHHS	31 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.
16 Thur	Food Bank-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd Senior Advisory Comm. 10am; Senior Center Budget Committee—6:30pm; 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.

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### Litchfield Ad-Hoc Broadband Committee Update

The charter of the Litchfield Ad-Hoc Broadband Committee is to help the Select Board find ways to provide all Litchfield households with quality broadband services at competitive costs. This includes the 'Unserved' (those without internet available), as well as the 'Underserved' (those with slow connection speeds, periodic disconnects, excessive monthly fees, and monthly data limits). The Committee provided an update to the Select Board on Monday, December 9, 2019, summarized as follows:

The importance of broadband as a utility vital to daily living was discussed and agreed upon. The Committee attended the Maine Broadband Summit meeting in October. They have discussed the Litchfield broadband situation with Maine State Representative Kent Ackley, and aids from both U.S. Senator Angus King and U.S. Congressman Jared Golden's office. They have also met with incumbent and potential new Internet Service Providers (ISP). Additional meetings with other ISP will continue through January. Approximately 57 households participated in the broadband survey that was initiated in November. Of those that participated in the survey, two-thirds of the respondents reported services that are categorized as 'Unserved' or 'Underserved'. Moving forward, the Committee suggested and received support from the Select Board to:

- Work to address current issues/complaints with incumbent providers (Spectrum and Consolidated)
- Find at least one ISP solution for all unserved/underserved (Likely will require town investment)
- Provide more than one ISP option when possible (to keep all providers competitive)
- Investigate potential government grants and subsidies for improving broadband infrastructure

The complete presentation can be found on the Town of Litchfield website here:  
<https://www.litchfieldmaine.org/town-government/committees/broadband-committee/>

We welcome anyone that has not completed a broadband survey to participate:  
<https://www.litchfieldmaine.org/wp-content/uploads/Litchfield-Broadband-Survey.pdf>

**February Issue Deadline:** January 22, 2020, 5p.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

