

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

January question: Samuel Hutchinson, who took Smithfield's petition for incorporation to Boston for enactment, changed the name to Litchfield. Why do we think he chose that name? December question: Under the original (never enacted) incorporation petition for Smithfield Plantation, the Plantation would have had what new name? answer: Great Hampton To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Wow! Great Shoppers and Great Shopping this fall, so we're continuing our Great Prices right into the New Year. Did Santa bring you new clothes? Bring your gently used ones to us and if you meet them at the grocery store, just smile. Invite your out-of-town friends to come shop with you. Help us get the word out about our great Shop.

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Happy New Year to everyone. We're preparing to re-start our construction in the spring. Looking for a kitchenette (counter, sink, a few upper and lower cupboards, probably about 6 feet long). If you see or hear of one, please let me know so I can follow-up. Also, shelving will be a big need. Sturdy and capable of heavy loads will be the criteria to remember. To all who have supported us in 2022, many thanks! This is a great town! Rayna 582-4098

4H Creators

The Creators 4H: The next meeting is January 14th. We are planning on doing a card holder activity. Meeting time is 1 pm at the senior center on Academy Rd Litchfield. If storming we will cancel and meet in February. For info call or text Lori at 207 754 3931

Litchfield Transfer Station

We hope everyone had a Joyous and Happy Holiday! We have weathered the first storm and are awaiting the next. We are grateful to the residents for their patience regarding the pads and new placement of the paper, tin, and glass containers. We are also grateful to the residents in authorizing us to purchase a bush hog and an incinerator toilet. These items will definitely make our work easier. We are going to try a new parking set-up in front of the recyclable containers in the spring. We will be giving out papers explaining what we will be trying to accomplish. If you have questions or concerns, please talk with one of the attendants. We will try to answer it. Stay safe and Take Care. John U. & John C.

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 Fire Station. If the open flag is out at the Center, come on in. All dates and times are subject to change.

The Senior Center and all activities will be closed on January 2 and 16.

Beginning in January, some of our larger activities will move back to the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, sponsored by LRNadeau Inc. We want to thank the Litchfield Fire Station for having us use their facilities July thru December. Thank you Chief Sherman and officers. **The Sand for Seniors** program for winter sand is available for the 2022/2023 winter. If you are in need of a 5 gal. bucket of sand, call 268-4237 or 441-9005 to be put on the list. This is a program of the Senior Center.

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.

Making cards with Anne Thompson on January 23 at 12:30 to 2.

Calling on all stampers to come to the Senior Center for a fun time making cards.

Tai Chi on Wednesdays at 9 am at the Sportsmen 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, January 30 at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "The Rewind" by Allison Winn Scotch.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1 on Thursday, January 19.

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.

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 20 & 21 and February 22 & 23, 2023 with an inclement weather make-up day scheduled for February 24 just in case. Both sessions, open to children in grades 3rd-5th, 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 a variety of indoor and outdoor games. Cost for each 2-day camp session is only \$100/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 395-5239 or camil@watershedfriends.com.

RSU4

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration...If you are a resident of Sabattus, Litchfield or Wales and have a child that will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2023 (Kindergarten age) or a child that will be 4 years old on or before October 15, 2023 (Pre-K age), please call Libby-Tozier School at 268-4137 to register for the 2023-24 school year. There will be no school on Friday, 1/13/2023 as there will be a teacher's workshop that day. There will also be no school on Monday, 1/16/2023 due to Martin Luther King Day.



Town Clerk's Corner

The Town Office will be closed Monday, January 2nd, for the New Year's Day Holiday and for Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It's winter in Maine, please drive carefully. Litchfield winter roads are among the best maintained in the area, but please drive courteously and give our plows some space. We monitor the weather and pre-treat icy storms whenever possible. But if roads ice up unexpectedly for the morning commute and will thaw within 2 hours, then by the time the trucks get there it would have been small gain at large expense. If the weather is iffy, the Road Commissioner drives the routes and will make the tough calls. If you are interested in joining the Public Works team, we have a space for a full-time operator / worker. Please contact the town office if interested (207) 268-4721.

We recommend that everyone have a highly visible address number on their house or mailbox. Hopefully you won't need it for emergency services, but you'll at least be helping your delivery drivers. A good option is the reflective address signs offered for \$20 by Litchfield Fire & Rescue. Order forms are available at the Town Office.

2023 Dog Licenses – \$25 late fee starts Feb 1
You may license your dog(s) for 2023 at the Town office (beginning October 15th) or online at https://www.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, 2023.

Snowmobiles and Boat Registrations; Fishing and Hunting Licenses—Snowmobiles may be registered for 2023 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.

January Community Calendar

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| 1 Sun | <i>Happy New Year Welcome 2023</i> Conservation Commission's New Year's Day Walk – 10am at Litchfield Community Park | 17 Tue | Lit Fire Assoc & Reg Meet -6:30pm, Central Sta |
| 2 Mon | <i>Town Office Closed for New Year Holiday</i> Litchfield Recreation Committee—6:00pm, | 18 Wed | Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd Road Committee —6:00pm |
| 3 Tue | Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers - 6:30pm; Station | 19 Thur | Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd Senior Advisory —1pm, Academy Rd |
| 4 Wed | Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd | 20 Fri | Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm |
| 5 Thur | Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd Planning Board —6:30pm | 21 Sat | Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm |
| 6 Fri | Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm | 22 Sun | |
| 7 Sat | Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Lit. Sportsman's Club —Public Supper & Jam \$10.00 Jam only \$5.00 Supper 5 to 6; Jam— 6:30 to 8 pm | 23 Mon | Lit. Selectman's Meeting —6:30pm; Zoom avail- able—see website. |
| 8 Sun | Sportsman's Club -Country Sunday, noon to 4 Public Welcome | 24 Tue | |
| 9 Mon | Lit. Selectman's Meeting —6:30pm; Zoom avail- able—see website. Lit. Sportsmen's Club -meeting 7 pm Public wel- come | 25 Wed | Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd RSU4 —Board of Directors; Central Office 6:30pm |
| 10 Tue | Lit First Responders ; 6:30pm-Central Station | 26 Thur | Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd |
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| 15 Sun | | 31 Tue | |
| 16 Mon | Town Office Closed — Martin Luther King Day Budget Committee - 6:30pm, Town Office | | |

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

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Conservation Commission

As we head into the new year, the Litchfield Conservation Commission wants to remind everyone in Litchfield to stay active outdoors this winter. Going outside is good for your physical and mental health. We are so lucky in the State of Maine to have unlimited possibilities for outdoor activities—we can hike the mountains, sail the seas, fish all four seasons, explore the woods, enjoy the coast, and everything in between. In Litchfield, you don't have to go far from home to enjoy the outdoors. We're lucky to have access to several green spaces and waterways. One easy-to-access spot is the Litchfield Community Park. It's close to home and full of possibilities. If you enjoy wildlife watching, practicing your plant or bird ID, want an easy but fun walk, and don't want to use too much fuel getting there, then the Litchfield Community Park is a perfect fit for all ages and skill levels. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather, bring the proper footgear, and always have snacks and water handy! If you want to stay updated on the Litchfield Conservation Commission, the Litchfield Community Park, and our events, follow us on Facebook! Link: www.facebook.com/LCC04350

Feb Issue Deadline: Jan 20, 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
Hand deliver to: Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd

