

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

June 1, 2019

June question: Which of the three Purgatory Ponds was not named for a Litchfield family?

May question: Only two of Litchfield's earliest settlers were honored with the title, "Esquire". Who were they? answer: James Shurtleff and John Neal. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

RSU 4 NEWS

Oak Hill High School graduation will be Monday, June 3rd. It will be held at the Augusta Civic Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. There will be a parent night for the Carrie Ricker 5th graders on Monday, 6/10. It will be held at Oak Hill Middle School and begins at 6:00 p.m. The Carrie Ricker School will host "Breakfast with a Buddy" on Tuesday, 6/11. It will be held in the cafeteria from 7-9 a.m. Parents, grandparents, etc of our Carrie Ricker students are all welcome. Please call 268-4136 for more info. Flag Day is Friday, June 14th. Please join us in the celebration at Carrie Ricker in the gym. It begins at 9:30 a.m. All students in RSU4 (grades K – 5) will be participating. The last student day for RSU4 is Tuesday, 6/18. It will be a half day for students. School for the 2019-20 school year will start for grades K-9 on Wednesday, 8/28. Grades 10-12 will have their first day on Thursday, 8/29 (grades K-9 will attend as well). The first day for Pre-K will be Monday, 9/9.

Gardiner Public Library Summer Events

Summer Reading Program for the Gardiner Public Library Children's Room will be starting June 17th. Come in and pick up Tracking Charts & Sea Dogs Game Vouchers any time after June 10th. Completed Charts can be returned to the Library beginning August 5th for a free paperback and other prize. Come one, come all to A Seal's Journey with Marine Mammals of Maine event in the Children's Room at the Gardiner Public Library, on June 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Please call 582-6894 with any questions. The Gardiner Pub-

Litchfield Morning Star Lodge #41

Is holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday June 22nd from 8am - 10am; \$7. per person. They will also be holding a **Yard Sale** on Saturday June 22 and Sunday June 23 from 8am to 3pm.

American Legion William R. Bold Post 181

Our next post meeting is on June 26 at 7:00 P.M. The point of contact for rental of Legion Hall is Glenn Bowman (582-3177)

Senior Center

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

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

Because of the Carol Bailey String Band performances there will be no music practice on June 5, 26 and no music on the June 12 & 19.

Band schedule: June 5 at 1pm the Carol Bailey String Band performs at Montello Heights, Lewiston, Bus leaves at 12; June 15 at 2 pm the Band performs at Windsor Fairgrounds for Relay for Life, the bus leaves at 12:30; and on June 26 at 12:45pm the Band performs at the Lions Club in Chelsea for the "Young at Heart". Bus leaves at 11.

The Feldenkris method exercise class with Lindsay Nelsen (268-4569) is at 9:30 on Fridays.

Cribbage or Unlucky 7's games for fun on Mondays at 11 and Fridays 10-12. Bring a lunch and stay for card games on Mondays in the afternoon & on Friday cards or games. On Wed 6/12 & 19 Unlucky 7's at 10-12.

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

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday June 13.

Reminder: Exercise equipment and Wii games available for use 8:30-4 Monday and Friday; 8:30-12 Wednesday.

Upcoming trips: Eastport, Tuesday, June 11-Raye's Mustard Mill Museum, Bus leaves at 7am from the Sportsmen's Club; Trip to Quebec City with Richmond Seniors June 17-20; Thursday, June 27-trip to Rockport - State of Maine Cheese Company and Heiwa Tofu Maker. Bus leaves at 9 from Sportsmen's Club. Call 215-4595 or email litchfield-seniors@litchfieldmaine.org to sign up.

Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information, a cup of coffee or tea and check out our books (paperback & hard cover), puzzles or work on the 1000 piece puzzle.

ROAD COMMITTEE

During the week of June 10th we will continue to control Japanese knotweed, called bamboo, along the roadsides. Our licensed spray applicator will check for regrowth of older sites and will do new sites. Call the town office NOW if you want to set up a private contract to spray knotweed on your private property.

The Creators 4H

Fairs will be starting up for displaying kids' projects. Come to Monmouth on June 12 to see their projects.

RSU 4 PTA

Fundraiser Yard Sale Community Event
Litchfield Fairgrounds June 8, 2019 8am to 3pm
Contact us at rsu4pta@rsu4.org to rent a 12 foot space for \$25. All proceeds benefit students and classrooms in RSU4

LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

The summer residents have started to arrive and their activity at the Transfer Station has required us to request a third Bulky roll off container. One is currently unavailable but Almighty Waste has assured us that as soon as one is available it will go to Litchfield. Brush and leaf area is open. Note to those bringing leaves in dump trailers: please do not dump your leaves in the middle of the road! Thank you to those citizens that have notified us that they have seen other citizens putting items in the wrong containers as well as putting prohibited items into the containers. To that point I have requested a third employee be hired in order to properly manage this situation. It is not uncommon to have over a dozen vehicles at the Transfer Station so it should be obvious that two employees cannot cover that amount of activity and maintain the proper standards of the operation of the facility.

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Hours are Wednesday, 5 - 6 PM and Thursday 10 AM to noon. Bring proof of residency when you apply.

Good Shepherd FOOD MOBILE

is coming to Litchfield on Wednesday, June 19, 2:00 - 3:30 PM at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. Who is eligible? Anyone in need of food assistance. Bring your own bags or box. One time only. Mark your calendar!

Join the Litchfield Food Bank Key Club!

The Litchfield Food Bank is collecting your old unidentifiable keys that are no longer useful as a fund raising effort. They can be sold for recycling and the funds will be used to purchase food for the food bank. Start going through your drawers and closets and I'll be back with collection locations.

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Summer duds are in! Come take a look. Round out your wardrobe with great values. Men's, women's and children's clothes, shoes (including some really cute flip flops), purses, hats, scarves (oh, yes, summer scarves are must-haves) and several new items in home fashion, table cloths and runners, curtains, etc. Check them out!

Woodbury Pond Park has opened for the season! We will be open weekends only until June 15th when we will open full time for the season (7 days a week 9-8)

Summer Golf! If you have a child interested in doing a summer golf clinic at the Meadows Golf Club contact Tiffany for more information at 268-4721

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On June 5th the Conservation Commission will meet to learn about and control woody invasive shrubs with HD plastics bags on the Town owned woodlot opposite 197 Pine Tree Road. We will meet at 9:30 am. Bring hands saws and gloves. We will teach identification of the invasives and some native plants.

Hallowell Road Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 8am—2pm.

Benefit Spaghetti Supper - Lit. Sportsman's Club, Sunday, June 9 from 4pm-6pm to help with medical bills for a family whose baby has had heart surgery.

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

Option to Pay Taxes Monthly

There are more options available for property tax payments than paying 3 times per year. If it is easier for your budget, you are welcome to start early and pay your property tax payments monthly instead of tri-annually. The Town Office accepts tax payments at any time, and you may mail payments or use our drop box next to the front door if that is more convenient for you.

There are several appointed committee positions that are open and available for willing volunteers:

- Appeals Board Permanent Member
- Planning Board Associate Members – 2
- New Mills Dam Committee Alternate Members – 2
- Woodbury Dam Committee Member

Voting Day

Municipal elections will be held on Tuesday, June 11th. Polls open at 8 am and close at 8 pm. Voting will be at the Sportsmen's Club, 2782 Hallowell Rd. Residents requiring an absentee ballot may request one from the Town Office until Thursday, June 7th, except for special circumstances. Absentee ballots may be mailed or dropped off, but must be received by the time polls close. All positions are for 3 year terms.

Candidates:

Selectman (1 vacancy):

Darlene Beaulieu
Rayna Leibowitz

Budget Committee (3 vacancies):

No candidates (write in candidates welcome)

Academy Trustees (2 vacancies):

Earl Lamoreau
Rayna Leibowitz

RSU #4 School Board (1 vacancy):

Dori Upham

Annual Town Meeting

Our Annual Town Meeting opens June 11th for voting at 8 am, recesses at 8 pm and then reconvenes Saturday, June 15th beginning at 10 am at the Sportsman's Club, 2782 Hallowell Rd.

End of Fiscal Year

The Town Office will close at 3 pm on Thursday, June 27th to complete book keeping for end of fiscal year.

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office:

Planning Board – Thursday, June 6th, 6:30 pm
Board of Selectmen - Monday, June 10th, 6:30 pm
Budget Committee – No meeting in June
Board of Selectmen - Monday, June 24th, 6:30 pm

Public Works Operator/Laborer Town of Litchfield

The Town of Litchfield Public Works Department is currently seeking qualified applicants for two Equipment Operator/Laborer positions. The successful applicants should have experience operating equipment such as a Front-end Loader, Grader, Backhoe, Excavator and Dump Truck. These are full time positions with benefits. A clean Class B license is required, Class A preferred. This position requires weekend work and overtime during the winter, removing snow and ice from Town roads. Applications are available at the Town Office, or on our website (www.litchfieldmaine.org) Applications must be received at the Litchfield Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Road, Litchfield, ME 04350 no later than June 13, 2019 @ 2 p.m.

June Community Calendar

1 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Litchfield Sportsmen's Club , Public Supper & Music Jam, Supper 5-6, Jam 6-8, \$7/person	17 Mon	
		18 Tue	Lit. Fire Assoc & Regular Meet ; 6:30pm
2 Sun	Litchfield Sportsmen's Club , Country Sunday with live music, Noon-4:30, \$6/person	19 Wed	Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m Food Mobile , Litchfield Fairgrounds, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
3 Mon	Recreation Comm. , Town Office-6:30pm Eastern Star -7pm; Masonic Hall	20 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
4 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting —6:30pm	21 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m
5 Wed	Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m Conservation Comm. -See article	22 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Town Museum Open - 1pm-4pm Historical Society Meeting @ Town Museum DECMA vocal competitions (time TBA) @Lit. Sportsman's Club Morning Star Lodge #41 -Pancake Bkfst., 8a-10am; Yard Sale —8am-3pm
6 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd Planning Board ; 6:30p; Town Office	23 Sun	Morning Star Lodge #41 —Yard Sale; 8am—3pm. DECMA vocal competitions (time TBA) @Lit. Sportsman's Club
7 Fri	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon	24 Mon	Selectman Meeting , Town Office-6:30pm
8 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Amer. Legion Ladies Aux. , Legion Hall, 10am Hallowell Rd Yard Sale — 8am-2pm	25 Tue	
9 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club Benefit Spaghetti Supper-4pm-6pm	26 Wed	Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m RSU4 School Board-OHHS ; 6:30p.m.
10 Mon	Selectman Meeting , Town Office-6:30pm Litchfield Sportsmen's Club Meeting , 7pm	27 Thur	Food Bank —10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
11 Tue	Voting Day-Lit. Sportsman's Club 8a-8p Lit. First Responders Meeting , 6:30pm	28 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m
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13 Thur	Food Bank —10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd Knitting Night -Senior Center, 6pm-8pm	30 Sun	
14 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m	31 Mon	
15 Sat	Town Meeting, Lit Sportsman's Club—10am Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon		
16 Sun			

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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.

Maine Forest Rangers to Survey Campers—The risks of transporting out-of-state firewood are great **What:** With the start of the 2019 camping season this weekend, Maine Forest Rangers from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry will be talking with campers as part of their firewood outreach campaign. The informal survey will help both gauge and raise awareness about the dangers untreated firewood pose to our forests. The Department is interested in how much the public knows about the threat of invasive insects and the risks of transporting untreated firewood. Rangers will also take the opportunity to inform and educate outdoor recreationists about the threat of invasive insects in Maine and how they move with firewood. *"It is important for the campers to know the long-term damage these forests pests can do. Maine is the most heavily forested state in the nation and we value our trees and forest resources" said Allison Kanoti, Forest Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. "We need to educate the public that moving firewood from out-of-state or even within the state is irresponsible, unlawful and threatens the health of our forests" continued Kanoti.*

July Issue Deadline: June 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

Summer Nature Day Camp

Come explore the outdoors with five full days of **FUN** for children entering grades 4-6! Two 1-week sessions – July 22nd–July 26th and August 5th-9th are being held at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake in East Winthrop, ME. Campers will enhance their relationship with the natural world as they explore, observe and experience the nearby ponds, forests and fields (hiking, fishing, swimming, canoeing & kayaking); record observations in their own nature journal; learn basic wilderness skills; and participate in ecology skits, crafts and games. Campers will also be treated to a special session of "Tadpole Patrol" aboard the Friends 22' pontoon boat, the OTTER II. Camp runs daily from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Cost for each 5-day camp session is \$230/pp, and includes lunch and afternoon snack. Early registration is recommended, as space is extremely limited! For more information, please contact Cami Wilbert (Education & Outreach Director) at 395-5239 or cami@watershedfriends.com.

Flag Day-June 14, 2019

