

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

**March question:** Civil War era Litchfield had how many Post Masters?

**February question:** The Chase Tavern was located in Bowdoin near the Litchfield line. That tavern was originally built by what early Litchfield settler? answer: Barnabus Baker To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

## Tacoma Lakes Association

As this roller coaster winter weather moves towards Spring, please use caution when venturing out onto the ice, and remember to pack up after yourself. The Association is anticipating a very busy summer season. We are looking to grow membership in our group, add to the number of volunteers searching for invasive plants, and possibly looking for volunteers to participate in the Woodbury Pond boat inspection program. We will be active in the Woodbury Dam repair process, and an exciting event is in the early planning stages. Maintaining the high water quality of our lakes is vital to our local economy, and to the entire community. Anyone can become a member and support our lakes! To learn more check our website, at [www.tacomalakes.org](http://www.tacomalakes.org).

## RSU 4

### Pre K & Kindergarten Registration Litchfield, Sabattus and Wales

If you are a resident of Litchfield, Sabattus or Wales and have a child that will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2022 (Kindergarten age) or a child that will be 4 years old on or before October 15, 2022 (Pre-K age), please call Libby-Tozier School at 268-4137 to register.

## 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.

**Winter sand** is available for Senior's in 5 gal buckets, call 268-4237 or 441-9005 and leave your name & phone # and we will get in touch. We are looking for any empty clean 5 gal buckets, if you have one or more please drop them off at the transfer station.

**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. on Wednesdays at the Sportsmen's Club

**Carol Bailey String band & Chorus** music practice at 10 am at the Sportsmen's Club on Wednesdays.

**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 March 21 at 1 at the Senior Center.

**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 March 17.

**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-Center 215-4595/ Director 441-9005/268-4237.

### Transfer Station

Thank you to the vigilant residents who came in and asked if they needed a new sticker. My bad for phrasing it that way. We have the next batch of stickers. We went through 2000 stickers and this is a continuation from 2001 forward. If you need one, stop in and we will be happy to give you one.

We are dealing with the cold weather. Kudos' to the public Works for keeping the Transfer Station well sanded. I know the residents appreciate it. We are emptying a bulky container nearly every week. The swap shop is closed for the cold season and will re-open this spring. Hold onto your treasures and bring them down then.

We are having a few residents putting plastic bags in the plastic container. Please refrain from doing this. It messes up the machinery where they shred the plastic.

Thanks to the residents who have brought in buckets. If anyone has some clean empty 5-gallon buckets, the Senior Center sand delivery person would greatly appreciate if you would bring them down and drop them off at the Transfer Station.

We have a "new" portable toilet at the Transfer Station for use. Stop by and say hello to John U. and John C.

### LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Last call for warm clothes. We'll be packing them up in early April. We'll extend the Buck a Bag Sale through March (Still \$2 for the large reusable shopping bags) to make it attractive for you and maybe less we'll have to pack. Changeover schedule, mark your calendar and come help! April 4, 10 am to 4 PM and April 5, 2 - 4 PM and 7 - 9 PM.

### LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

We've received a nice grant for starting construction of a new building for the Food Bank. Lots of details to bring together so watch here for more info. Did you get your seed catalog yet? I've noticed the seeds are coming into the stores. Folks are encouraged to shop early for seeds for best selection. Please keep the Food Bank in mind for any surplus from your garden. Our clients LOVE fresh local veggies!

### Woodbury Pond Park Looking for Volunteers

We are dreaming of springtime and would love to gather a group of volunteers interested in helping clean up and spruce up Woodbury Pond Park for the season. Please send your name and email to Joline Bell at [jolinebell@gmail.com](mailto:jolinebell@gmail.com) if interested and we will keep you updated! Think spring and sunshine!

### Town Clerk's Corner

Daylight Savings Time starts this month. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 13th.

Town budget reviews have begun. Each section of the town budget will be reviewed at upcoming Select Board meetings through the end of April. You don't have to wait for the annual Town Meeting to find out what's happening with the budget. Attending the Select Board meetings and following along during the reviews will give you a chance to hear the details, and an opportunity to ask questions. Alternatively, you can link to videos of the Select Board meetings at the town website, [LitchfieldMaine.org](http://LitchfieldMaine.org)

#### Nomination Papers Due in April:

If you are considering running for an elected position this year, nomination papers may be picked up at the Town Office starting Monday, March 7th, and must be returned by Thursday, April 14th. Interested parties should contact the Town Office, or check the Town website to get the exact dates. In order to be listed on the ballot this June, each nominee requires signatures from 25 town residents. Positions open for this coming year are on the Select Board (1); RSU#4 School Board (1); Budget Committee (2); and Litchfield Academy Trustees (3).

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office:

Planning Board - Thursday, Mar 3rd, 6:30 pm

Select Board - Monday, Mar 14th, 6:30 pm

Road Committee - Wednesday, Mar 16th, 6:00 pm

Budget Committee - Monday, Mar 21st, 6:30 pm

Select Board - Monday, Mar 28th, 6:30 pm



## Fish Chowder & Chili to Go

**Location:** American Legion Post 181  
235 Plains Road, Litchfield

**When:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 12 to 1 pm

**Drive thru, takeout orders only. \*No inside seating\***

**Price:** \$8.00 each. Sides include roll with chowder, cornbread with chili, coleslaw, and dessert.

**Beef or vegetarian chili option available.**

**\*\*\* No meals will be sold at the door \*\*\***

Call Carlton at (207) 268-2021 or Richard at (207) 333-1586 to place your order.



### March Community Calendar

1 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers-</b> 6:30pm; Station	17 Thur	<b>Senior Advisory Meeting—</b> 1pm <b>Food Bank-</b> 10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
2 Wed	<b>Food Bank-</b> 4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd	18 Fri	<b>Town Office,</b> closed <b>Transfer Station,</b> 8am-4pm
3 Thur	<b>Food Bank-</b> 10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Planning Board—</b> 6:30pm	19 Sat	<b>Transfer Station,</b> 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN—</b> 9am to 12pm
4 Fri	<b>Town Office,</b> closed <b>Transfer Station,</b> 8a.m.-4p.	20 Sun	
5 Sat	<b>Transfer Station,</b> 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN—</b> 9am to 12pm <b>Sportsman's Club—</b> Public Supper (5pm-6pm) & Music Jam (6:30pm-8pm; \$7.	21 Mon	<b>Lit Budget Committee—</b> 6:30pm
6 Sun	<b>Sportsman's Club—</b> Country Sunday. noon-5pm. \$6.	22 Tue	
7 Mon	<b>Lit. Recreation Comm.</b> 6:30pm <b>Order of the Eastern Star,</b> members only, 7pm	23 Wed	<b>Food Bank-</b> 4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>RSU4—</b> Board Meeting, 6:30pm Central Office
8 Tue	<b>Lit. First Responders;</b> 6:30pm-Station	24 Thur	<b>Food Bank-</b> 10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
9 Wed	<b>Food Bank-</b> 4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>RSU4—</b> Board Meeting, 6:30pm Central Office <b>Conservation Comm.-</b> 6pm— <a href="mailto:litchfieldconservation@gmail.com">litchfieldconservation@gmail.com</a> to attend.	25 Fri	<b>Town Office,</b> closed <b>Transfer Station,</b> 8a.m.-4p.
10 Thur	<b>Food Bank-</b> 10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd	26 Sat	<b>Transfer Station,</b> 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN—</b> 9am to 12pm
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12 Sat	<b>Transfer Station,</b> 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN—</b> 9am to 12pm	28 Mon	<b>Selectman Meeting,</b> 6:30pm; Town Office & on line-See Website for more information
13 Sun	<b>Daylight Savings Time—Spring Ahead 1 Hour</b>	29 Tue	
14 Mon	<b>Selectman Meeting,</b> 6:30pm; Town Office & on line-See Website for more information <b>Sportsman's Club-</b> Monthly members meeting; 7pm	30 Wed	<b>Food Bank-</b> 4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd
15 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire Assoc &amp; Reg Meet-</b> 6:30pm	31 Thur	<b>Food Bank-</b> 10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
16 Wed	<b>Food Bank-</b> 10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Lit Road Committee-</b> 6:00pm		

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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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### Conservation News

**Want to learn how to eliminate browntail caterpillar nests?** Join Litchfield Conservation Commission members on the Litchfield Community Park trails with the goal to identify, clip and destroy browntail moth nests. One nest can hold as many as 400 caterpillars! You'll also learn some important winter plant identification. 2 opportunities -- Sat, Mar 12 and/or Sat, Mar 26 from 8:30-10AM. Rain dates are the Sundays. We will meet at the Litchfield Town Office parking lot. Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LCC04350> for updates about this event.

**The Litchfield Conservation Commission** has a few folding hand saws and loppers, but please bring your additional pruners, saws, loppers, pole pruners. Of course, be sure to wear appropriate clothing, gloves, and sturdy shoes for whatever the day's weather

**Are you a loon lover?** Tracy Hart and Laurie Williams from Maine Audubon are beginning a new project on loons this summer. Based on information from the yearly loon count, they are interested in monitoring the nest sites for the loons in the area and determining if there is a need for some artificial nesting rafts. There will be an introductory meeting via Zoom on March 8, at 3 PM to discuss how folks in the Tacoma Lakes area can participate. There will be several webinars and in person raft-building workshops that provide instruction. Folks are not encouraged to place nesting rafts without studying the habits of the loons in their waterfront and using the correct materials and structure of the rafts. Random placing of nesting islands can disrupt territories and cause harm to the loons in that location. Project participants can also monitor nest sites to determine where additional signage is needed and promote the use of lead-free sinkers. If you are interested in learning more or tuning in to the Zoom programs please contact Diane Clay, [C1L2A3Y4@gmail.com](mailto:C1L2A3Y4@gmail.com) (207-754-9502).

**April Issue Deadline:**  
March. 22, 2022 5p.m.  
Deliver material in any  
of the following ways:  
**E-mail**  
**[sodalite@litchfieldmai](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmai)**

