

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz?

May question: Litchfield once had at least fifteen known privately maintained cemeteries. Today, all but one are maintained at town expense. Which one is still privately maintained  
April question: Which of these Litchfield Roads did not exist before 1880 : Huff's Mill Road, Lunts's Hill Road, or Wentzell Road. answer: Wentzell Road. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org).

**RSU4 SCHOOL NEWS - The Oak Hill Middle School Drama Club** will be presenting the play "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". It will be held at OHMS on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and begins at 7:00 p.m. The play "Alice in Wonderland" will be performed by the Carrie Ricker Drama Club. It will be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Carrie Ricker. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. **Pre K and/or Kindergarten** - 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, 2018, please call to sign up for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Also, please call if you have a child that will be 4 years old on or before October 15, 2018 and you are interested in our Pre - Kindergarten program. Screenings will take place at Sabattus Primary on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and at Libby-Tozier School on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. You can call Sabattus Primary School at 375 - 4525 or Libby-Tozier School at 268-4137 to make an appointment for these screenings. On Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be "**Arts Night**" at the Carrie Ricker School. There will be an Art Show featuring artwork from all CR students. This opens at 5 p.m. There will be a **Book Fair** in the library that also starts at 5 p.m. A musical concert will start at 6 p.m. and will feature the **grade 5 Band and Chorus** and all of **grade 4**. FMI call Carrie Ricker at 268-4136. There will be **no school in RSU4** on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day.

**WOODBURY POND PARK** is now accepting applications for summer positions as park attendants at Woodbury Pond Park. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Applications may be obtained at the town office. For more information call Tiffany Caton, Recreation Director at 268-4721.

**LITCHFIELD RECREATION** - The office hours for Litchfield rec will be changed to Monday and Tuesdays for the following time period: May 14<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>. We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation with this matter. **BASEBALL SEASON** - We are currently looking for volunteers to umpire some of our youth baseball games, if interested please contact Tiffany Caton, Recreation Director (268-4721).

**4H The Creators:** There will be no meeting in May due to the fundraiser being held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. If you eat out at the Augusta Texas Road House Restaurant on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May please contact Lori Larrabee at 754-3931 for a coupon that will help raise money for the Creators 4H club. No meeting on Memorial Day.

## Senior Center Corner May 2018

The Senior Center will be closed on May 28 for Memorial Day, The Litchfield Senior Center is open and available to all, no fee to attend. "Aging is more fun when you share it".

**The Carol Bailey String Band will be performing on Islesboro on Sunday, May 6. We will be leaving at 9 from the Sportsmen's club to make the 11 o'clock ferry to the island. On Tuesday, May 8 the Carol Bailey Band will be at Hollowell City Hall performing for Families Matter at 9:30 and at the 4 Leaf Clover Senior Club in Gardiner at noontime. Wednesday May 30 the Band will be performing for the children at Libby-Tozier School at 10:15.**

The book club meeting is Wednesday 5/9 at 12:15, book to be discussed is "The Library at the Edge of the World" by Felicity Hayes-McCoy.

Bowling will be on Thursday, 5/10 at 1-7-10 lanes in Augusta. Call 441-9005 for carpooling, we leave at 12.

Wednesday 5/16 at 1 p.m. Making cards w/Anne Thompson.

Friday 5/18 is the pot luck lunch and celebration of May birthdays Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced. Aerobics classes on Wednesday and Fridays at 8:30.

Music practice is at 10 on Wednesdays. If you love to sing or play an instrument, come and join us for a fun time.

The Feldenkrais method exercise class with Lindsay Nelsen is at 9:30 on Fridays.

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

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

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday 5/17.

Check out our knitting and crocheting group on Friday afternoons.

**On Saturday May 12 at 10am-2pm a Health & Wellness Expo at the Senior Center. Check the flyer for the participants and plan to stop by and check it out.**

**Thursday, May 24 at 9-1:30, we will be hosting at Driver Refresher Course put on AAA. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate that can be turned into your insurance for a discount on your premium.**

**Roadrunner trip to Freeport Tuesday, May 22. Leave at 9 from Sportsmen's Club. Roadrunner trip to Lakewood Theater Wednesday, May 30, "Women in Jeopardy", leave at 11:30 from Sportsmen's Club. We will stop for dinner at Ken's Restaurant in Skowhegan, after the play.**

**Reminder:** Exercise equipment and Wii games available for use 9-4 Monday and Friday; 9-12 Wednesday. Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information, a cup of coffee or tea and check out our books (paperback & hard cover). We also have a supply of DVD's, VHS and CD books on tape available, or work on the 1000 piece puzzle.

**Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop - Adult Shorts and Tee Shirts - HALF OFF (the price, that is) Kids Shorts and Tees - 25 cents each! What a DEAL!!**

### Litchfield Spring Clean Up and Prize Drawing

Saturday May 12, 2018 10:00 am – 12:00 noon (Drawing at 12:30). The Grand Prize is a Certificate from Meadows Golf Course for: Four-some round, 2 golf carts, 4 drink coupons and more. (Prize Valued at \$250) **Meet at the Litchfield Town Office at 10 am.** We will go out to work in teams, with our neighbors and/or friends. We will pick up as much roadside trash as possible, including bottles, cans, plastic bags, and cups. Participants will return to the Town Office at noon to help sort recyclables and returnables from the trash. **What's in it for you?** Besides helping to clean up your community, students can earn community service hour credits for their time and all *participants* are entered in the **12:30 drawing for gift certificates from local businesses** including Fielder's Choice, Percy's Hardware, Applewald Farm, and more. Any questions? Call Marilyn at 512-5382. Rain date: May 19, 2018. Sponsored by: Litchfield Conservation Commission and Litchfield Community Action Coalition.

### American Legion William R. Bold Post 181

On Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, members of the American Legion William R. Bold Post 181 and students from the Oak Hill Middle School will place American Flags upon the graves of the veterans buried within our community in preparation for Memorial Day. Unlike years past, we will remove the flags following Flag Day, Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. This practice falls in line with American Legion guidance and will result in fewer flags requiring disposal. If you wish to help place or remove flags, we will meet at 9:00 on the stated Fridays near the Litchfield Plains Baptist Church. Thank you for your continued support.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – 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 8:30am-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 621-4100 or [camiw@watershedfriends.com](mailto:camiw@watershedfriends.com).

### Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

Our Annual Town meeting and elections are coming up soon, mark your calendars:

RSU4 Annual Budget Meeting at OHHS - May 16 at 6:30 pm.

Statewide and Municipal Election and RSU4 Budget Validation Referendum - Sportsman's Club - Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 8 am – 8 pm.  
Annual Town Meeting: Saturday, June, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10 am - Sportsman's Club.

### Local Candidates:

Selectman (one position): Renee Lachapelle, Mark Russell, Richard Swett

Academy Trustee (two positions): Richard Swett, Joan Thomas

Budget Committee (two positions): Rodney Allen, Elton Wade

RSU#4 (one position): Richard Swett, Joan Thomas.

**Absentee ballots** may be requested up to 90 days prior to the election and will be made available 30 days prior. Absentee ballots may be dropped off up to and including the day of the election.

### 2018 ATV Registrations

You may register and re-register ATVs at the Town Office beginning May 1st. Re-registrations may also be done online.

### Woodbury Attendant Positions

Applications are being accepted for attendants at Woodbury Pond Park. Applicants must be over the age of 18, and may apply at the Town Office.

### Rental Owners Listing

Owners of rental properties who wish their information to be made available to potential renters can provide their contact info to the town office.

**The Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, for Memorial Day.** Selectman's meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming meetings at the Town Office:

Budget Committee – Monday, Apr 30, 6:30 pm

Road Committee – Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 pm

Planning Board – Thurs., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm CANCELED

Recreation Committee - Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Budget Committee – No meeting in May

Planning Board - Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.


### Litchfield Sportsman's Club Children's Fishing Derby—

May 19<sup>th</sup>—Free to all kids ages 5-15. Registration starts at 9am. Biggest fish in each age category (5-9 and 10-15) wins trophy and cash prize. Full details and rules on the Club's website [http://litchfieldsportsmensclub.com/activities/fishing\\_derby](http://litchfieldsportsmensclub.com/activities/fishing_derby)

**Knitting/Crochet Night:** May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Academy Building in Litchfield on the Academy Road, Senior Center Building.

**May Community Calendar**

1 Tues	<b>First Responders Meeting</b> , Station, 6:30pm
2 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> -6:30pm, Carrie Ricker <b>Road Advisory Comm.</b> - 6:30pm-Town Off.
3 Thur	
4 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8a.m.-4p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10a.m.-2p.m.
5 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 9 a.m.-noon <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. <b>Lit. Sportsman's Club</b> ; Public Bean Supper & Music Jam, Supper 5pm, Music 6pm
6 Sun	<b>Lit Sportsman's Club</b> -Country Sunday, live music noon—4:30pm
7 Mon	<b>Recreation Comm</b> —6:30pm-Town Office <b>Order of Eastern Star</b> , Litchfield, 7pm
8 Tue	
9 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> -Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm <b>RSU4 School Board</b> -OHHS-6:30pm <b>Smithfield Plant. Trustees</b> -5:30pm Town Office <b>Conservation Comm</b> -6:30pm Town Office
10 Thur	
11 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8a.m.-4p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10a.m.-2p.m.
12 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> , 9 a.m.-noon <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. <b>Amer. Legion Ladies Aux</b> , Legion Hall, 10am <b>American Legion Aux</b> - public supper; Legion Hall, 5:00 – 6:30
13 Sun	
14 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen's Meeting</b> -6:30pm, Town Off <b>Lit. Sportsman's Club Meet</b> —7:00pm <b>4H Creators Club</b> -No Meeting
15 Tue	<b>Masons</b> -Masonic Hall, 7:30pm <b>Fire Rescue Station clean-up</b> , 6:00pm <b>Fire/Rescue Assoc.</b> , Station, 6:30pm <b>Fire/Rescue Meeting</b> , Station, 7:00pm

16 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> -Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm <b>RSU4 Annual Budget Meet.</b> -OHHS-6:30pm
17 Thur	<b>Senior Advisory Comm.</b> , Center, 10am <b>Planning Board</b> -6:15 <b>Lit Farmer's Club</b> , Sportsman's club-7:30pm
18 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8a.m.-4p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10a.m.-2p.m.
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21 Mon	
22 Tue	
23 Wed	<b>TOPS</b> -Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm <b>RSU4 School Board</b> -OHHS-6:30pm <b>Franks&amp;Beans</b> , Legion Hall, 6:30pm <b>American Leg. Post 181</b> , Legion Hall 7pm
24 Thur	
25 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8a.m.-4p.m. <b>Transfer Station Swap Shop</b> , 10a.m.-2p.m.
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27 Sun	
28 Mon	<b>Memorial Day Holiday</b> <b>Town Office Closed</b> 
29 Tue	<b>Lit. Selectmen's Meeting</b> -6:30pm, Town Off
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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.

**Road Advisory Committee:** What invasive woody plants do you have? How can you learn to spot them? With this late spring start you may still see some of those that leaf out earlier than other native plants such as Japanese barberry and Asian honeysuckle. Shrub Honeysuckle: if you took Rte. 197 to Route 295 and passed through Richmond Corner (crossing Rte. 201) going uphill look left at the NE corner of Rte. 138. Learning what these invasive plants are and seeing their colonization of entire areas may help convince you that efforts at control are vital to having a healthy diverse ecosystem in our Town. If you'd like to see some Town owned land that has a massive honey suckle infestation and would like to help control them, come on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-11:30 to the historic Emerson property near 197 Pine Tree Road. The plants aren't 'nasty' as I feel sometimes, (well, the very thorny multiflora rose can really hurt if you aren't careful) they just have no insects or other animals that eat and control them since they are not part of our native ecosystem and have adaptive ways of outcompeting our native plants. On Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-11:30 you can learn what Autumn Olive is; since it loves full sun and sandy soil it is found in great numbers in our new Community Park in the former gravel pit east of the Town Office on Hallowell Road. In both places we will use hand saws to cut down tall branches and wrap the resulting stump in heavy duty black plastic blocking sun, preventing photosynthesis, eventually kill the plants. Japanese Knotweed/bamboo is listed by the World Conservation Union as one of the world's worst invasive species. Mowing weekly for a number of years is a great way to control Japanese knotweed/Bamboo; after cutting it down do not compost the above ground parts since all those 'joints' can start a new plant. Since the Public Works crew cannot mow that often we will again be spraying for Japanese Knotweed/Bamboo along the Town roads on June 8<sup>th</sup> or June 15<sup>th</sup>, depending on conditions. We have the release forms from last year; we will contact you this year if we didn't get one last year. If you would like to control an infestation on your property on the June control day you may call the Town Office 268-4721 or Lindsay Nelsen 268-4569 for the name of the licensed applicator we will be using.

**June Issue Deadline:**  
May. 20, 2018, 5 p.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.

**Oak Hill High School** class of 2018  
You can donate your bottles/cans throughout the year at Billy's Bottle Barn on the Small Rd. Fmi email [scottwks@gmail.com](mailto:scottwks@gmail.com) or call Scott Weeks 242-3352 All proceeds will benefit Project Graduation.