

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

May 1, 2019

May question: Only two of Litchfield's earliest settlers were honored with the title, "Esquire". Who were they?

April question: The Peacock Tavern which still stands on RT 201, was before 1820 in easy walking distance of what three towns? answer: Litchfield, Pittston, and Bowdoinham
To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK - Our first shipments from Good Shepherd Food Bank and USDA have been received and some really nice items came with them. Our volunteers are the greatest!

LUNCH AND LEARN ABOUT THE LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

The Senior Center Advisory board invites you to lunch at the Academy Building on Friday, May 17th at noon. Guest speakers are Rayna Leibowitz and Dian White, co-directors of the Litchfield Food Bank. Please RSVP—because this is a free lunch catered by Gowell's Shop 'n Save, we want to make sure we have enough clam chowder, salad, and sandwiches on hand. You may call the Senior Center at 215-4595, drop by the center to sign up, or send an email to anne.thompson@fairpoint.net. This event is open to anyone in town who wishes to attend. We hope you will join us for lunch and the program!

44th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

Litchfield Sportsmen's Club

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Ages: 5 to 15 Cost: Free

Registration begins 9am day of Derby



Knitting Night

The monthly knitting night will be May 9 at the Senior Center Building on Academy Rd from 6 pm to 8pm. For more info call Lori at 754-3931.

The Creators 4H

The only meeting in May is Sunday, May 12. May 2th is canceled due to Memorial Day Weekend. This will be the last month of projects for summer. Fairs will be starting up for displaying kids' projects. Come to Monmouth, Pittston, Windsor and Litchfield fairs to see what they have done

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.

Senior Center

Senior Center closed on Memorial Day May 27, 2019

The Litchfield Senior Center is open and available to all, no fee to attend. "Aging is more fun when you share it".

Anyone who received a bucket of sand this winter, please drop the empty bucket off at the Senior Center, or call 215-4595 for pickup. We plan to use them next year.

The book club meeting is Wednesday May 29 at 12:15, book to be discussed is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owen.

Bowling will be on Thursday, May 9 at Spacetime Recreation, Lewiston. Call 441-9005 for carpooling, we leave at 12.

Wednesday May 29 at 1 p.m. Making cards w/Anne Thompson. Think summer fun, boating, ocean themed cards.

Friday May 17 is a **free lunch and learn about the Litchfield Food Bank**. You are invited to a free lunch at noon. Guest speakers are Rayne Leibowitz and Dian White, co-directors of the Food Bank. Please RSVP-215-4595, sign up at the Center or email to anne.thompson@fairpoint.net. We will also celebrate May birthdays.

Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced. Aerobics classes on Wednesday and Fridays at 8:30. The Center will be closed after 9:30 on May 15.

Music practice is at 10 on Wednesdays on May 1 and 29 this month. If you love to sing or play an instrument, come and join us for a fun time. Because of the Carol Bailey String Band performances there will be no Music practice on May 8, 15 and no music on the 22.

Band schedule: May 8 at 2:30 the Band performs at Maine Veteran's Home, Augusta, Bus leaves at 1:30; May 15 at 10 the Band performs at Schooner Estates, Lewiston and 2 at Clover Manor, Auburn. Bus leaves at 9.

The Feldenkrais method exercise class with Lindsay Nelsen 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. The Thrift Shop is open the first & third Monday 10-11.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday May 16.

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

Roadrunner trip to Freeport Tuesday, May 14 for shopping, lunch on own. Bus leaves at 9:30 from the Sportsmen's Club. **Trip to Maine State Museum, lunch at Red Barn on Thursday, May 23.** Bus leaves at 9:30 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.

American Legion William R. Bold Post 181

On Friday, May 24th, 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 14th. 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.

Litchfield Memorial Day Parade

The members of American Legion, William R. Bold 181 and the Ladies Auxiliary will conduct Memorial Day activities on Monday, May 27. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Central Fire Station and will proceed to the monument area of the Litchfield Plains Cemetery. The parade will be followed by memorial and recognition activities. Vietnam veteran and past Post Commander Bob Haigh will be the main speaker. In case of inclement weather, the activities, minus the parade, will take place at the Carrie Ricker School gymnasium.

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Are you ready for spring? We sure are and we'd like your help! On May 7 and May 8 at 7:00 PM we will be doing our seasonal change-over. More hands makes the job get done quicker. On the job training is offered at no cost and YOU get the first dibs on shopping. We've had some great summer togs come in and we are anxious to get them out. All shifts end no later than 9:00 PM. Mark your calendar now! We look forward to seeing you there! And thanks!

Litchfield Transfer Station

The leaf and brush area is currently closed due to road erosion. We hope to have the road repaired next week. Many citizens have inquired as to when the Swap shop will be open.

The Swap Shop will be open the first weekend in May.

Now that the weather has improved, we will start a number of projects: Finish building the room in the Hazmat (Hazmat / Swap Shop had ice over the entire floor), grade the area in front of the Hazmat / Swap Shop so the water will flow away from the building not into the building, we will be removing a number of the large trees between the Hazmat building and the Hazmat trailer (this will allow for better snow plowing and will also allow the E-Waste truck to back directly to the doors of the Hazmat trailer), attaching three-inch square metal tubing to the cement pad that the bulky containers are on (This will prevent the containers from slamming into the cement wall when they are returned to the Transfer Station), vinyl side the bottle donation section of Swap Shop building, start transferring used motor oil from the Oil Building to shop owner who have waste oil furnaces (we will be able pump the oil from our fifty five gallon containers into their fifty five gallon containers).

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

Please note the final payment of your 2018 property tax was due on April 15th. (Just in case you might have overlooked it.)

Our Annual Town meeting and elections are coming up soon at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, mark your calendars:

Municipal Election: Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 8 am – 8 pm

Annual Town Meeting: Saturday, June, 15th, 2019 10 am

Candidates for Municipal Election:

Selectman (one position): Darlene Beaulieu, Rayna Leibowitz

Academy Trustee (two positions): Earl Lamoreau, Rayna Leibowitz

Budget Committee (three positions): No candidates (write-in candidates welcome)

RSU#4 – School Board (one position): Dori Upham

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 brought to the Town Office up to the day of the election, and to the polling place ON the day of the election.

RSU #4 School Board Position open for mid-term appointment: In addition to the school board position on the ballot in June, a recent resignation has left a one year opening on the school board for a Litchfield resident. If you are interested in being appointed to the position that will be up for re-election in 2020, please submit a letter to the selectmen."

2019 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 27th, for Memorial Day.

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office:

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


Budget Committee – Monday, May 6th, 6:30 pm

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

Select Board – TUESDAY, May 28th, 6:30 pm



May Community Calendar

1 Wed	Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m	17 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m
2 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd Planning Board ; 6:30p; Town Office	18 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
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4 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	20 Mon	Historical Society , 7:00pm; Town Office
5 Sun	Litchfield Sportsmen's Club , Country Sun- day with live music, Noon-4:30, \$6/person	21 Tue	Fire Assoc & Regular Meet ; 6:30pm Daisy Girl Scouts -Libby Tozier-6:30pm
6 Mon	Budget Comm. ; 6:30pm; Town Office Eastern Star -7pm; Masonic Hall	22 Wed	Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m RSU4 School Board-OHHS ; 6:30p.m.
7 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting —6:30pm Daisy Girl Scouts -Libby Tozier-6:30pm	23 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
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12 Sun	4H The Creators —4pm Senior Center Academy Rd	28 Tue	Selectman Meeting , Town Office-6:30pm
13 Mon	Selectman Meeting , Town Office-6:30pm Recreation Comm. , Town Office-6:30pm Litchfield Sportsmen's Club Meeting , 7pm	29 Wed	Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m
14 Tue	First Responders Meeting , 6:30pm Daisy Girl Scouts -Libby Tozier-6:30pm	30 Thur	Food Bank —10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
15 Wed	RSU 4 School Budget Town Meeting Vote — 6:30pm— OHHS Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m	31 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m
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Tue.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed: Every Fri.

ROAD COMMITTEE - WHY CONTROL INVASIVES? “Minimally managed habitats” such as forest and wetlands are at risk from terrestrial invasive plants. Maine Forest Service explains “invasive plants compete for resources with desired tree species, especially young seedlings, making it difficult to establish new seedlings to replace the larger trees when they die or are harvested. They can out-compete native species and reduce diversity of species present in woods. Asiatic bittersweet vine can smother or strangle valuable mature trees. Other species can form dense thickets which can make it nearly impossible to access woods for work or enjoyment.” Forest Service Information Sheet 7 goes on to say, “Learn to identify invasive species and don’t plant invasive species ...near the wild lands.” Litchfield relatively ‘recently’ has seen this invasion and the slogan “Early Detection and Rapid Response” is the reason we can act now and prevent degraded habitats. Join volunteers May 25th at the Litchfield Community Park at 9 am to learn to identify invasives and get hands on practice with non-chemical methods of control. In late May we will again have a licensed applicator available to spray your Japanese Knotweed/bamboo on your property not adjacent to the road at your own expense while he is in Town to complete road right of way work. Call the Town Office. **SOME REASONS TO PLANT NATIVES** - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says, “Rain washes chemicals and fertilizers into our streams, rivers and lakes. Once in our waterways, these pollutants fuel the growth of excess algae, which clouds the water and threatens the health of fish and all the animals in our waters. One of the easiest ways for us to reduce our pollution contribution is to replace some of our lawn and typical landscapes with native plants. Native plants have occurred in our region for hundreds of years and are accustomed to local sun, soil, and climate. By picking native plants that suit local conditions, you can reduce or eliminate the need for fertilizers, pesticides and watering. This also saves time and money. Native plants also provide food and cover for local wildlife like butterflies, birds, frogs, turtle and small mammals. You can find native plants with the same shape, color, size or other characteristics as some of your favorite non-native plants to create attractive and more natural landscapes right in your own yard.” The Town Office will have available some lists of suggested plants.

June Issue Deadline:
May 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
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