

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

November question: At which type of water-powered mill would an early Litchfield resident have encountered a "Miller's Knot"? **October question:** The causeway and bridge between Upper and Lower Pleasant Ponds was built about what year? answer: About 1840 To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

November 18th 2023 - The Litchfield Plains Baptist Church women will be hosting a community Christmas Craft Fair, open to community vendors. There will be door prizes (FREE) to enter, raffle winners will be drawn at the end of the day and notified. The women of the Church will be selling a light breakfast and Soup and sandwiches for lunch. Our famous cookie walk table will also be available .

LITCHFIELD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Will be having its annual Craft Fair Nov 18th, 9 to 1. If interested in a table for \$20.00 please call 207-268-9271 and leave a message or email to lscpres1996@gmail.com Apply early as we have limited space.

Thanksgiving Dinner—Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023 the Litchfield Sportsman's Club will be holding a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner for anyone who would like to attend. It begins at 1:00pm.

RSU4 PTA

Will be holding their Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 from 9-3—at Oak Hill Middle School. For an application, please email rsu4pta@rsu4.org

Creators 4H Club

Will be meeting on the 11th of November at the Senior Center on Academy Rd Litchfield at 1pm. For info call Lori at 754-3931 or text . Also email llarr42609@aol.com

Morning Star Lodge #41

In partnership with Hermon lodge #32 and Kennebec Lodge #5 are hosting a Hunters Breakfast on Saturday November 4th. Breakfast will be served from 4:30am to 9:00am. The cost is \$10 per plate. All proceeds will go toward helping the lodges continue to provide valued services and donations to our communities. Ever wonder what it is a Mason does? Come on in before you get the big one, have a nice breakfast and find out. We are looking forward to seeing you there at the Litchfield Masonic Center

Litchfield Senior Center

"Aging is more fun when you share it."
NEW CENTER PHONE # 446-6275

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

Senior Center is closed on Thursday, November 23 Friday, November 24, Thanksgiving Break

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.

The Litchfield Senior Steppers (Line Dancers) will be performing on November 6 at the Alzheimer's Care Center in Gardiner at 10:30a.m.

Beginning Wednesday November 1,8,15 and 22 Tai Chi/ Qigong class at 9am and Carol Bailey music practice at 10 at the Sportsmen's Club.

On November 29 the Carol Bailey String Band & Chorus will perform their Christmas program at: The Inn at City Hall residences in Augusta at 1:30.

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, November 27 at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "Mrs. Planksy's Revenge" by Spencer Quinn.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is held at the Senior Center at 1 on Thursday, Nov. 16.

Roadrunner Trip - Tuesday, Nov. 14 a trip to the Portland Mall. Leave at 9:30 from the Sportsman's Club.

Beginning in November we will be taking orders for the Sand for Seniors program, call 446-6275 for more info to leave your name, address and phone number to be put on the list.

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, or check out our books, puzzles and items on the table you may like. Donations accepted.

Litchfield Fire & Rescue Association

Is looking for any local residence that would like to join the Association to help us with our events and any ideas to share about fundraisers. We will be meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6pm at Litchfield Central Station. For future information please contact Tina Gowell @ 485-5565.

Litchfield Transfer Station

Cooler weather is definitely making itself felt here at the Transfer Station. We will be closing the leaf and brush pile around the middle of November. It depends on the weather as to when we close it but the middle of November, we will close it. We have begun buttoning up and getting ready for winter. Things have slowed down and we are seeing a decline in materials being brought in. The Swap Shop was a success this year. Thanks to all the residents who donated items and took items. It only works if we participate. Thanks again. Stop in and say Hi to John C. and John U. on Friday and Saturday. Thank You.

Litchfield Recreation Committee REC NEEDS YOUR HELP

For the past few seasons of Litchfield sports (since soccer 2022) the Litchfield recreation committee has been tasked, with help from the Town Manager, to provide Soccer, Baseball/Softball and Basketball for our young athletes. It has been a “try our best with the volunteers we have - kinda thing”. Have we been perfect, absolutely not, have we done the best that our small committee could do – yes, we have and I commend the former and current committee members for all their time, work and patience that they have put in. We are now down to three committee members (who have full time jobs) trying to put the basketball season together. We are a tired committee and we need your help. We need a couple more volunteers/ residents to serve on the Rec Committee and more volunteers to step up during the individual sport seasons to shoulder some of the work. **It has come to the point that we are looking at this Basketball season as the telling season as to whether Litchfield will offer sports continuing into 2024.** If you are willing to volunteer and/or serve on the Recreation Committee please reach out to the committee at litchfieldrec2400@gmail.com. In addition to openings for coaches, fundraisers, team parent there is a stipend position available for seasonal coordinator for each sport. Our next Recreation Committee meeting is Monday, Nov. 20, 2023 at 6:15 at the Town Office. Please reach out as soon as possible - *“many hands make light work”*.

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

The roof trusses have been ordered for our new building, so watch for their delivery. It means the construction is imminent! We are SO EXCITED!! A final thanks for the wonderful fresh garden produce our neighbors have brought us this summer. An amazing amount was provided, even though there were so many challenges with the near-constant rain. Good Job! The local chickens and ducks have been very generous as well. Thank you for the eggs. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. If you would like to sponsor a family for their Thanksgiving Dinner box, please forward your donation of \$40 or more to the Litchfield Food Bank, P O Box 306, Litchfield. Please note Thanksgiving Dinner on the memo line. An alternative is to provide a Hannaford gift card of any denomination so we can purchase items to fill the boxes. Thank you. Please check out our new Facebook page.

Town Clerk's Corner

Vote Nov 7th -Polls are open from 8 am – 8 pm on Tuesday, November 7th at the Sportsmen's Club for voting for State and RSU4 referendums. Information about the questions appearing on the State ballot can be found at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html>. Sample ballots are viewable at the Town website elections page. Absentee ballots are available until Thursday, Nov 2nd by contacting the Town Office and must be received by close of polls on Nov 7th.

2023-2024 Property Taxes - This year's property tax commitment is delayed due to the difficulty in passing the school budget. You can expect to see a tax bill before the end of November. Thank you to those who have contacted the town to pay an estimated tax. If you have an escrow account your mortgage company will be notified once taxes are committed.

2024 Dog Licenses -You may now license your dog(s) for 2024 at the Town office beginning October 16th or online at https://www1.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, 2024.

Snowmobiles - Snowmobiles may now be registered at the Town Office, or online at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/index.html>.

Home Heating 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.

The Town Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov 24th for Thanksgiving.

RSU4 NEWS



Nov. 10—Veteran's Day—No School
Nov 21—Nov 25—Thanksgiving Break

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Saturdays—9am to 12pm.
Litchfield Academy Building
Academy St.

*Happy customers leave with bargains every week.
You could be one of them*

November Community Calendar

1 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd	17 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm
2 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd Lit. Planning Board —6:30pm, Town Office	18 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm
3 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm	19 Sun	
4 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Sportsman's Club -Public supper & Jam \$10. Supper 5 to 6 Jam 6:30 to 8	20 Mon	Litchfield Rec Comm. , 6:15—Town Office
5 Sun	Sportsman's Club —Country Sunday; 12-4 -\$8.	21 Tue	Lit Fire & Rescue Meet -6:00p, Central Sta
6 Mon	Lit Fire & Rescue Asso. Meet -6:00pm	22 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd
7 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers , 6:00pm RSU4 Budget Vote and State Referendum Vote -Lit. Sportsman's Club 8am-8pm	23 Thur	
8 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd RSU4 School Board -6:30pm; Central Office	24 Fri	
9 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd	25 Sat	
10 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm	26 Sun	
11 Sat	 <p>Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm</p>	27 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website.
12 Sun		28 Tue	
13 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website. Lit. Sportsman's Club Meeting —7pm;	29 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd
14 Tue	Lit. First Responders Meeting -6:00 pm, Central. Sta	30 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd
15 Wed	Lit. Road Comm. , 6:00pm-Town Office Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd		
16 Thur	Lit. Budget Comm. , 6:30pm-Town Office Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd Senior's Committee -1pm-Senior Center		

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Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed: Every Fri.

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School Budget Vote

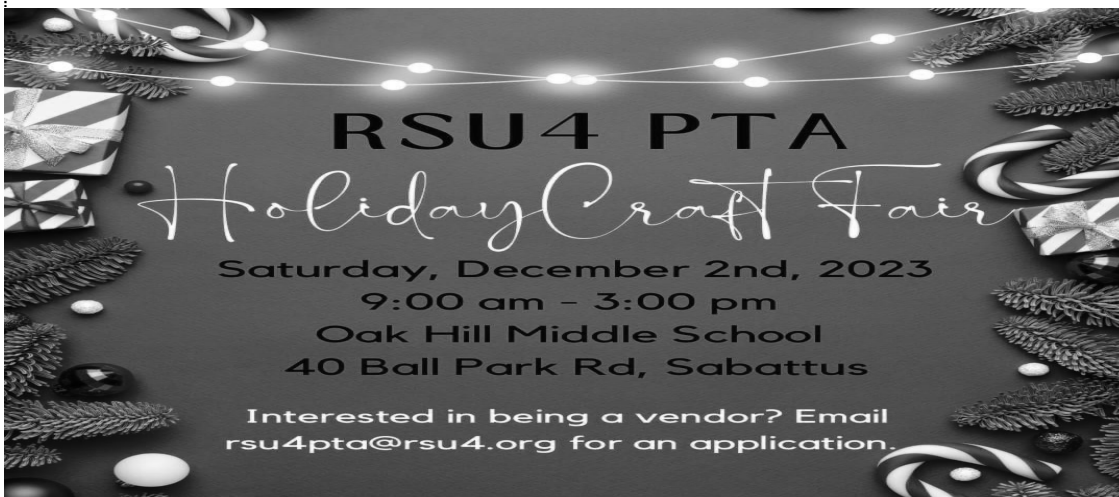
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 you will have the opportunity to do our due diligence by voting for the fourth time for a school budget. Here is a link to the budget information: <https://www.rsu4.org/o/rsu4/page/budget> **Make your voice/vote count.** You will also have the opportunity to cast your vote on Tuesday on 8 (Eight) referendum questions. Here is a link to these questions for you to familiarize yourself with : <https://www.maine.gov/sos/news/2023/2023CitizensGuideOnline.html>

December Issue Deadline: Nov. 20, 2023 5p.m. Deliver material in any of the following ways:

Email: sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org **U.S. mail to:** Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350

Hand deliver to: Town Office 2400 Hallowell Rd



RSU4 PTA
Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Oak Hill Middle School
40 Ball Park Rd, Sabattus
Interested in being a vendor? Email rsu4pta@rsu4.org for an application.

