

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

**November question:** Early Litchfield deeds sometimes used "poles" as a unit of measure. How long was a "pole" in feet and what did 160 square poles equal in modern terms. **October question:** Seventeenth and eighteenth century Abenaki families made a seasonal journey between Cobbossee Stream and the Moosehead lake region. Which season did they spend in the Moosehead region? answer: The winter was spent in the Moosehead region. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

## Transfer Station

We are getting prepared for the winter here at the Transfer Station. The third pad has been poured and we will be moving the paper, tin, and glass containers up next to the cardboard and plastic containers. We will be keeping the traffic pattern as it is now Please be aware of the traffic flow up to the recyclable containers. We have closed the swap shop for the season and are looking forward to opening it back up in the spring. Hang onto your treasures till then and bring them in when the swap shop reopens. We have a "guard" dog that many residents have noticed. We are looking to name the "pup". We would like the residents to give us a name and the most popular name will be the one we use. We have cut back the staffing for the winter. Please be patient with us. Thank you.



## 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"** Some of the activities are being held at the Litchfield Fire Station. If the open flag is out at the Center, come on in. All dates and times are subject to change.

**The Senior Center will be closed** on Friday 11/11/22 and 11/25/22.

**The Sand for Seniors** program for winter sand will begin again for the 2022/2023 winter. If you are in need of a 5 gal. bucket of sand, call 268-4237 or 441-9005 to be put on the list. This is a program of the Senior Center.

**Line Dancing instruction** for all on Mondays 9:30-11 at the Fire Station.

**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.

**Tai Chi on Wednesdays** at 9 am at the Fire Station, except on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Carol Bailey String band & Chorus** music practice on Wednesdays at 10 to 12 at the Fire Station. Come and join us we will be working on the winter program, except on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> (see below).

**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. **Come in 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 21 at 1 pm. The book to be discussed is "She's Come Undone" by Wally Lamb.

**The Senior's Advisory Committee** meeting is at 1 on Thursday, November 17.

**The following are up coming Road Runner** trips: Thursday, November 10, Portland Mall and Christmas Tree Shop. Call 268-4237, or 441-9005 to be put on the list for the trip(s) or more information.

**The Carol Bailey String Band and Chorus** will be performing a Christmas concert at Schooner Estates, Auburn on November 30 at 10 am.

**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.

## Christmas Craft Fair

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 and The Food Bank Building Fund ticket raffles for sale. All 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. Saturday, Nov 26, 2022 9am to 3pm

### Tacoma Lakes Association

The Tacoma Lakes Association enjoyed another banner summer. Our Certified Boat Inspection program at the Woodbury Pond boat launch, inspected more boats than ever before. We were able to add a full additional day to our weekly inspection schedule throughout the summer. Boat inspections are nationally viewed as the first line of defense in the prevention of invasive species entering lakes. Our plant patrol, under the leadership of Diane Clay, scoured the shallow areas of our ponds where infestation can occur. Fortunately, they were unable to locate any invasive species in the Tacoma Lakes. We remain very fortunate as invasive milfoil, and European Frog Bit, another invasive plant species, exist in several lakes that are very close to our lakes. The Town of Litchfield responded quickly, and as of September the Woodbury Dam was fully repaired. Next year we will once again enjoy normal summer lake levels.

### Litchfield Fire & Rescue Association

We will be doing another Christmas for the Community Event on Saturday, December 10th starting at 3pm to 5pm for the children and then at 5pm will be a special event for the VIP Seating for those who would like to make reservations for the special event from 5 to 8pm. You can participate by purchasing toys and gifts for the local families in need. We will also be doing an online auction on our Facebook page as soon as all the Big Price Items are available to bid on.

### LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Progress on the new Food Bank came to a screeching halt when the concrete contractor advised he needed to "back away" from the project. My advisors suggested not trying to get a concrete pad in this fall, but wait until spring and start anew. I respect their judgement but am still disappointed more didn't get done. Now to move forward. Thanksgiving will be here soon and our clients will enjoy the fixings from the Litchfield Food Bank. Please consider supporting a family with a donation this month. We now have 11 families with 5 or 6 in the household. The quantity of families and the number of households members is increasing. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

### LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

A new sales record was set one Saturday in October with \$136,50 received! We'd love to see that broken! Great clothes for children, ladies and men. Need warm coats, boots, jackets and clothes. We have them. Still selling at our great bargain prices. Come see what tickles your fancy! Saturday, 9 - noon.

### RSU4 NEWS

There is **no school** on Friday, 11/11 in honor of **Veteran's Day**. There is **no school** on Wednesday 11/23 through Friday 11/24 in honor of **Thanksgiving Day**.

### Town Clerk's Corner

**Vote Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** - Polls are open from 8 am – 8 pm on Tuesday, November 2nd at the Sportsmen's Club for voting. Information about the questions appearing on the 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.

**RSU4 correction vote** -- clarification: The approval of the RSU4 warrant article correction is intended to be an easy "yes" to fix a clerical error. The "Information for Voters:" on the RSU4 corrective budget ballot contains the statement "Approval of this Question 1 will have no net effect on local property taxes." This means a yes vote will maintain the bottom-line budget that was presumed to have passed in June, as well as support the integrity and intent of the June vote. And per intent of the June vote, local property taxes will be higher this year.

### 2022-2023 Property Taxes

This year's property tax commitment is delayed until after the November 8th election. 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.

**2023 Dog Licenses**-You may now license your dog (s) for 2023 at the Town office beginning October 15th or online at [https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog\\_license/index.pl](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, 2023. **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](http://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.

**Job Openings:** If you are interested in taking notes at the Select Board meetings please contact the Town Manager at the Town office, 268-4721. **Public Works** is looking for a part-time operator to provide winter storm clean-up with the 1-ton pickup. Experience required. Contact the Road Commissioner or Town Manager if interested 268-4721. Job applications are located on the home page of the town website ([www.litchfieldmaine.org](http://www.litchfieldmaine.org)). Contact the Town Office at 268-4721 for more information.

**The Town Office will be closed Thursday, November 10th for Veterans Day, and Thursday Nov 24th for Thanksgiving.**

### Creators 4 H

We will meet on the 12th at 2pm at the senior center on Academy Rd Litchfield. We will try making a coloring robot. Hopefully it works. Also, I'll have a do at home project. Please bring last month's projects back so I can see how they look plus if you would like me to store them for you to put in fairs for next season. For more info call Lori at 207 754 3931.

## November Community Calendar

1 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers-</b> 6:30pm; Station	17 Thur	<b>Food Bank-</b> 10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Senior Advisory Comm;</b> 1pm
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> 10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>Planning Bd—</b> 6:30pm-Town Office	19 Sat	<b>Transfer Station,</b> 8 am –4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN–</b> 9am to 12pm
4 Fri	<b>Town Office,</b> closed <b>Transfer Station,</b> 8am-4pm	20 Sun	
5 Sat	<b>Transfer Station,</b> 8 am –4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store OPEN–</b> 9am to 12pm <b>Sportsman’s Club Supper-</b> 5pm-6pm, \$8 – <b>Music Jam</b> 6:30pm	21 Mon	<b>Road Advisory Committee –</b> 6:00pm
6 Sun	<b>Sportsman’s Club—</b> Country Sunday Veterans Show; 12p-4p	22 Tue	
7 Mon	<b>Lit. Recreation—</b> 6:30pm	23 Wed	<b>RSU4 Schools</b> closed
8 Tue	<b>Lit First Responders;</b> 6:30pm-Central Station	24 Thur	 <p>Thanksgiving reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. We are blessed and lucky to enjoy life, and we must remember that every day of our life.</p> <p><b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b></p> <p><b>Lit. Town Office—Closed</b> <b>RSU4 Schools Closed</b> <b>Lit. Sportsman’s Club—</b>Annual Thanksgiving Dinner—11am. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Music jam after. No charge. All Welcome.</p>
9 Wed	<b>Food Bank-</b> 4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd <b>RSU4—</b> Board of Directors; Central Office 6:30pm		
10 Thur	<b>Town Office Closed—Today and Tomorrow</b> <b>Veteran’s Day</b> <b>Food Bank-</b> 10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd		
11 Fri	 <p><b>Happy Veterans Day!</b></p> <p>In honor of all the men and women who served and continue to serve this country, “Happy Veterans Day!” Thank you for your service and your sacrifice. God bless you and God bless America.</p>	25 Fri	<b>Town Office,</b> closed <b>RSU4 Schools</b> closed <b>Transfer Station,</b> 8am-4pm
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13 Sun		27 Sun	<b>Food Bank-</b> 10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd
14 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectman’s Meeting—</b> 6:30pm; Zoom available—see website.	28 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectman’s Meeting—</b> 6:30pm; Zoom available—see website.
15 Tue	<b>Lit Fire Assoc &amp; Reg Meet-</b> 6:30pm, Central Sta <b>Budget Comm—</b> 6:30pm, Town Office	29 Tue	
16 Wed		30 Wed	

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Closed: Every Fri.

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**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST WITH  
SANTA**



**DECEMBER 3, 2022**

**8 AM to 11 AM**  
At Litchfield Fire & Rescue Central  
Station, 2407 Hallowell Road  
Litchfield Maine 04350

**ADULTS \$5/CHILDREN FREE!!**  
**COME JOIN SANTA FOR BREAKFAST,  
WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA, AND HAVE  
SOME FUN!**

**Dec Issue Deadline:**  
Nov 22, 2022 5p.m.  
Deliver material in any  
of the following ways:  
**E-mail**  
[\(sodalite@litchfieldmai  
ne.org\)](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org) **U.S. mail to:**  
Town Office, 2400 Hal-  
lowell Rd. 04350

**RSU4  
PTA Annual Holi-  
day Craft Fair is  
Saturday, De-  
cember 3rd, 2022  
from 9-3  
at Oak Hill Mid-  
dle School. For an  
application,  
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