

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

September 1, 2019

Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz!

September question: Under the "old style", Julian Calendar, what was New Years Day in our calendar?

August question: When researching records in early New England, dates often have two years, ie. November 1, 1722/23. Why is this? answer: Parts of Europe in the 1700's changed from the Julian (Old Style) to the Gregorian (New Style) calendar before England changed in 1751. One year is Old Style and one year is New Style. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to

WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

Litchfield Fair

Litchfield Fair is September 6, 7 & 8th. There are lots of activities during the day and evening entertainment. This year we are having our first Backseat Drivers Ed Competition on Saturday at 2. We will have the Redneck Truck Pull Friday night, Woodsman Day Competition Saturday morning and Demolition Derby Sunday morning. We hope there will be a lot of entries in our exhibition hall. Don't forget the scarecrow competition for adults and children! Exhibitions should be put in on Wednesday. So check out our website at litchfield-fair.com To check out the contest and the prize money awarded for your entries. Children under 12 are free, 12 to 17 years is \$4, adults are \$8, over 65 is \$4. Seniors are free on Friday. Also, Miller entertainment ride bracelets for Friday Saturday and Sunday are \$20 (each day).

Litchfield Fire & Rescue Department

To all those wonderful bakers that always come through for us, we need your pies and sweets for the Fair. Every year we can't thank you enough for the wonderful way you come through for us with those homemade goodies. We will make arrangement to pick up or for you to drop off. Any question contact Tina Gowell at 207-485-5565.

William R. Bold Post #181

Legionnaires from William R. Bold American Legion Post No. 181 have been out around the community selling raffle tickets to raise money for our annual budget of sponsored programs such as Boys State, Special Olympics, Wreath's Across America, Scouting programs, and veteran activities at Togus VA Hospital. For the last two years, we applied any additional funds to a 'new building' account to replace our current building. As with years past, we will draw winners at the close of the Litchfield Fair. The members wish to thank the following sponsors for their generosity as raffle donors: Lance Gatcomb Firewood, Litchfield Fuel, G&G Cash Fuels, Lowes (Augusta), The Home Depot (Augusta), The Meadows Golf Club, JRD Electrical Services, Longhorn Steakhouse (Augusta), Texas Roadhouse (Augusta), Gowell's Shop-n-Save, Percy's Hardware, Litchfield Country Store, Elliot Office Products, Fuller's Market, Gerard's Pizza, Four Corner Store, Applewald Farm, PA's Place Ice Cream, Rent-A-Hottie hot tubs, Jillson's Farm & Sugarhouse, Emery's Meat and Produce, South Monmouth Market, Rt 126 Family Quik-Stop, and Oak Hill Cash Market

Senior Center

The Litchfield Senior Center is open and available to all, no fee to attend. The normal hours are Monday & Friday 8:30-4 and Wednesday 8:30-12, subject to change. "Aging is more fun when you share it". *The Center will be closed September 2nd.-Labor Day.*

The Carol Bailey String Band will be performing at the Litchfield Fair-Friday, Sept. 6 @ 1 p.m. The Litchfield Senior Steppers will be performing @ 2:15. Both groups are from the Litchfield Senior Center. Please come out to support them.

Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced.

Aerobics classes on Wednesday and Fridays at 8:30.

The book club meeting is on Sept. 11 at 12:15. The book to be discussed is "A Woman of No Importance" by Sonia Purnell.

There will be **Music practice** for the Carol Bailey String Band on Sept. 18 & 25 only.

The Feldenkrais method exercise class with Lindsay Nelsen (268-4569) 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.

On Wed Sept. 4 & 11 Unlucky 7's at 10-12.

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

Making cards with Anne Thompson will be on Wed., Sept. 18 @ 1.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday Sept. 19.

The potluck lunch & September birthday celebration in on Friday, September 20.

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

September trips: Castle Tucker in Wiscasset on Thursday, September 12, \$7., Leave @ 10:30; Theater at Monmouth on Sunday, September 15 at 1pm-play is "Sense and Sensibility" \$32., Leave at 12.

October trips coming up: Tuesday, Oct. 1 - Fryeburg Fair; Friday, Oct. 4, Sunday River for the Aging Well/Living Well Expo; Sunday, Oct. 13, Mystery Ride; Thursday, Oct. 24, Oxford Casino

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.

Litchfield Transfer Station

Our last Sunday we will be open will be September first. Keeping the Transfer Station open three days a week in the summer has worked very well and we will continue this practice next year. One of the problems we're experiencing at the Transfer Station is people driving the wrong way in the ONE WAY traffic pattern. We will install a twelve-foot-long tire shredder that will shred the tires of vehicles travelling the wrong direction. The third cement pad was put in today. We will install the third new forty yard roll off container at that location. This third container will also be for cardboard. We will use the new container for cardboard overflow from the first cardboard container. We will install Open/Closed signs on the front of these containers to indicate which container to use. Almighty Waste has advised that they DO NOT was plastic bags in the Plastic container. Was not a problem when we were doing single source recycling but that is not the case when we separate our recyclables? Oh, by the way, I was just kidding about the tire shredder. Although the thought of doing so did bring a smile to my face.

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Final days of warm weather duds are here. Planning seasonal changeover on Wednesday, September 11 and Thursday, September 12. Several have asked for day-time hours so we'll do 1:00 PM to 4:00 both days and again 6:30 to 8:30 both days to try to get it done faster. Please mark your calendar and put the appointments in your smartphone. We need all the help we can get!

Litchfield Food Bank

Thanks for farmers and gardeners bringing fresh produce to share with neighbors. We really appreciate it! The eggs are very welcome as well. Your financial support is wonderful. We can purchase much of our food from Good Shepherd Food Bank for an average of 16 cents a pound, so \$20 can buy up to 125 pounds of food! Mailing address is PO Box 306, Litchfield. Thanks!

Litchfield Recreation ATTENTION!

We now have a donation bin at Billy's Bottle Barn for anyone who would like to help support our local youth sports teams. We will also be tagging at Gowell's Shop n Save on Saturday, September 7th and Sunday, September 8th.

RSU4 PTA

Trunk or Treat Sunday October 20, 2019 at the Litchfield Fair from 3:30-5. If you'd like to decorate a trunk and hand out candy, email rsu4pta@rsu4.org and Annual Holiday Craft Fair at Oak Hill Middle School Saturday December 7th from 9-2. If you'd like to be a vendor, email rsu4pta@rsu4.org for more info.

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

Property Taxes

2019-20 property tax bills will be mailed out mid-September. The first payment will be due October 15th. If you would prefer to pay smaller amounts more frequently we accept payments at any time and our office staff is available to help calculate monthly amounts.

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", and select "Heating Assistance" to book an appointment online. Information is available in the Town Office.

The Town Office will be closed Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office:

Select Board – Monday, Sep 9th, 6:30 pm

Budget Committee – Monday, Sep 16th, 6:30 pm

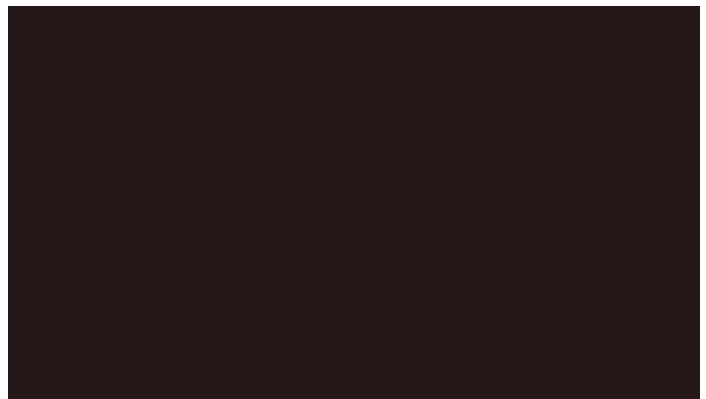
AD HOC Broadband Internet Access Committee – Tuesday, Sep 17th, 6:00 pm

Select Board – Monday, Sep 23rd, 6:30 pm




It's What A Fair Should Be

Friday, Sept. 6, 7 & 8, 2019



September Community Calendar

1 Sun		17 Tue	AD HOC Broadband Internet Access Committee – Town Office, 6:00 pm Lit. Fire Assoc & Regular Meet; 6:30pm
2 Mon	Town Office Closed 	18 Wed	Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m
3 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting -6:30pm	19 Thur	Senior Advisory Comm. ,-10am Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
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10 Tue	First Responders Meeting 6:30pm Conservation Comm. 6:00pm, Town Off.	26 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
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Closed: Every Fri.

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Conservation News

August is the height of summer, and it is also the best time to spot the Asian long horned beetle (ALB) as it starts to emerge from trees. We are hoping that the citizens and visitors of Maine will take five minutes to step outside and check their trees for any signs of this invasive pest. Checking trees for the beetle will help residents protect their own trees and better direct the USDA's efforts to eradicate this beetle from the United States. If you see any of these signs, go to www.maine.gov/alb to learn how to report. The Asian longhorned beetle (and it's Anoplophora cousins): - is over 1" long - has very long antennae, banded black and white - is glossy black with distinct white spots - attacks maple trees and other hardwood trees - would emerge from trees late July – October - has native lookalikes, e.g. the white spotted sawyer (not harmful) Egg Laying Sites - ALB females start to lay eggs in August. They use their mandibles to create a depression in the bark. Any tree suspected to have Asian long horned beetle will have these marks. Exit Holes - When Asian long-horned beetles emerge from the trees, they make perfectly round holes. If you can fit a pencil into the hole about 2 inches deep, it may be an ALB exit hole. Look for egg-laying sites if that's the case. Frass - Frass is the sawdust-like material that the larval stage of the beetle makes as it tunnels through the tree. Frass can be seen coming out of egg-laying sites and in piles on branches and the ground. Questions/Comments? Contact us! Email: bugwatchME.agr@maine.gov

October Issue Deadline: Sept 20 2019, 5p.m.
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