

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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Historical Society of Litchfield Trivia Quiz:

June question: Andrew Jack, the progenitor of Litchfield's Jack families, lived on what present day road?

May question: The intersection of the Richmond Road and the Dead River road was formerly called what "corner"?
answer: Robinson's Corner

Tadpole Patrol is an "On the Water Adventure"!

There's no better way to spend a Maine summer than out on the lakes! So why not learn about the lakes at the same time? The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed is once again offering the Tadpole Patrol program, an educational, FUN, interactive and hands-on experience aboard the Friends' 22' pontoon boat "floating classroom" the OTTER II. Children and families will enjoy the experience with five different options offered to learn about watershed protection and water quality. The first level is Tadpole Patrol for children entering grades 2-3-4 where they are introduced to lake ecology, observing wildlife, and learning the basics of water quality testing. TP-II Lake Science Investigators (LSI!) is for children entering grades 4-5-6 where participants become "science investigators" as they observe the lake ecosystem, conduct water quality tests, and record data in their own keepsake journal. The third level offered is TP3-Junior Lake Monitors for youth entering grades 6 and up. TP3 participants are educated in proper water quality data measurement techniques, conduct precise measurements themselves, then analyze and compare their results with data recorded by the Cobbossee Watershed District from the past 30+ years. The fun continues on the water with our Family Tadpole Patrol and Spotter's Amphibious Adventures. Get the whole family involved in our Family Tadpole Patrol adventure! Kids and adults of all ages can board the OTTER II for an hour and half long session to observe wildlife, learn and share the human and natural history of the lake, and experience water monitoring with professional equipment. Spotter's Amphibious Adventures explore and learn about aquatic and terrestrial habitats. Participants cruise aboard the OTTER II to a private island in the middle of the lake where we will explore, learn about the importance of riparian areas for wildlife, the benefits of preserving wild spaces, and the basics of the "Leave No Trace" method of enjoying nature. The Tadpole Patrol programs are graciously sponsored by Kennebec Savings Bank, Augusta Fuel Co., and Clark Marine- without them these programs would not be possible! FMI about dates and times of the programs and for registration forms, please contact FOCW Watershed Educator Cami Wilbert by phone 621-4100 or email camil@watershedfriends.com or visit the Friends' website www.watershedfriends.com.



Senior Center Corner

466 Academy Road (next to Libby-Tozier School),
Tel.: 215-4595; or Pat, 441-9005

Open: Every Mon. and Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Every Wed., 8:30 a.m.-noon

Awareness Through Movement class is 9:30-10:30 on Friday, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 with instructor Lindsay Nelsen.

Join us and make cards for Father's Day, Get well, Thinking of you, etc. with Anne Thompson on June 7 at 1-3pm.. Its a lot of fun.

Join us for Bowling on Thursday, June 8 at 1-7-10 lanes in Augusta, call 441-9005 for carpooling as we leave at 12 p.m. Call or stop by to get on the list.

The book club meeting is on June 14 at 12:30. The book to be discussed is "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin. Call or stop into the Gardiner Library and pick up a copy and join us for the discussion.

The pot luck lunch and celebration of June birthdays is Friday, June 16.

Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced. Aerobics classes are Wednesday and Friday at 8:30.

Join us for music practice at 10 on Wednesdays. If you like to sing and/or play an instrument come and join in the fun.

The Carol Bailey String Band (a program of the Litchfield Senior Center) is performing on Saturday, June 24 at 2 p.m. in Winter Harbor, Maine as part of the Schoodic Arts for all festival.

Cribbage games for fun on Mondays at 11 and Fridays 10-12. Bring a lunch and stay for cards in the afternoon.

The thrift shop is open the first and third Monday 10-11.

The Seniors Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on June 20.

The "Roadrunner" trips for June are *Thursday, June 15- MSMT "Alway's Patsy Cline", lunch at Capt'n Mikes. Leave at 11 from Sportsmen's Club. Tuesday, June 27 -Trip to Old Orchard Beach-beach time, shopping-lunch on own. Leave at 9a.m. from Sportsmen' club. Upcoming trips for July - 7/6 Carousel Music Theater, Boothbay; 7/25 Castle in the Clouds, Moultonborough, NH.*

Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information a cup of coffee or tea and to sign up for the **trips & activities**.

Reminder - exercise equipment and a Wii game with bowling, tennis, etc. here at the Center available for you to use.

Town Manager:

Citizen Participation - Voting and Town Meeting - I hope to have your input and participation on Tuesday June 13, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., for voting at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club; and at 10 a.m. on Saturday June 17, at the Sportsmen's Club for our annual town meeting.

Early Office Closure - Year-end Processing - Please be aware that we will close the town office at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, in order to complete the office's year-end processing.

New Part-Time Employee:

I would like to welcome our new part-time employee, Kelly Weissenfels, as part of the front office staff. Kelly will be working in the afternoons; Monday thru Thursday. Kelly is a town resident and retired Military. He also is our new part-time web tech and Chairman of the Budget Committee. Please join in welcoming Kelly.

Formal Public Hearing:

MDOT will be holding a Public Hearing for the residents of Litchfield on June 15, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Litchfield Town Office for the purpose to discuss

Litchfield Community Park-The Litchfield Community Park hopes to have the gates open the same hours as Woodbury Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Please note that if the weather is stormy or it's raining- we will be closing the park gate. This spring some RSU 4 Jr High students spent a day clearing brush and worked on the Small Trail Extension and we appreciate how much better visibility entering the park is! Signs will be put up and we hope to work on a parking area soon. Come vote for funds for this and other projects to improve the park at the June town meeting. Your support will be appreciated! Meanwhile, come and enjoy the park that can be accessed by

Tacoma Lakes Association - Spring is finally here! Lake water levels are nearing normal summer levels, and activities near, and on the lakes are soon to increase dramatically. President Adams completed the initial marker buoy inspection on our lakes. All 23 buoys are in place, and in good standing. Whether you are a new boater or an experienced one, please take a few minutes to review lake navigation rules. Safety can never be over emphasized. It is critical to the health of the shore line that wake zone speed limits be observed, and adhered to. Please be courteous of other boaters, kayakers, paddle board users, and of course the loons while on the lakes. TLA continues to work on behalf of its members, and the overall health of our lakes. This summer we will be strategically placing new loon nesting rafts on the lakes. It may take a year or more, but our hope is some loons adopt these new nesting sites. While fishing, please remember the outlaw of lead tackle, and use alternatives. Jim Adams, President

Clerk's Corner :

2016 property taxes must be paid by Thurs. June 29, at 2pm
Town Elections: Tuesday, June 13th; 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club. Voting on RSU #4 School Budget, a State of Maine Referendum question, and Litchfield Municipal Officers including Selectmen, Budget Committee (2), RSU #4 School Board, and Litchfield Academy Trustees (2). Please look for your annual report in the mail the week before our Annual Town Meeting. Town Meeting will be held at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, Saturday, June 17th at 10 a.m. Residents attending the meeting will discuss and vote on articles which will decide the next year's annual budget. You must be a registered voter in the Town of Litchfield to participate in the annual meeting. You may register at the Town Office during regular office hours, or at elections on Tuesday, or town meeting on Saturday. Please bring a photo ID/driver's license, and proof of residency when registering to vote.

Selectman: Elect 1

Gary Parker
Richard Swett

Academy Trustee: Elect 2

Write In
Write In

Budget Comm: Elect 2

David Blocher
Write In

RSU4 School Bd: Elect 1

Jessica Childs

**Meet the your Candidates for Selectman, June 8th
6:30pm-7:30 pm**

Central Fire Station

Our two candidates would like to introduce themselves and their plans for town management. Kent Ackley (I), our Representative in the legislator will moderate discussion. Discussion will focus on the *future*, thoughts about policies, technologies, and ways to increase citizen involvement in Litchfield. The Litchfield Community Action Coalition is the event sponsor and would like to forward questions to the candidates in advance. What is your biggest general concern about Litchfield? **Email your question to maine2007@hotmail.com and be sure to put candidate question in subject line.**

Historical Society of Litchfield will have an Open House at the Old Town House Museum on the Hallowell Road on Saturday, June 24, 1 - 4 PM. Walk back through time and chat with Society members. Interested in family history? We've got some forms to help you get started. Live in an old house

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop - Warmer weather means those summer clothes come out of storage and some don't fit. Replenish your wardrobe without breaking the bank. Check out our rack of athletic gear. Bring those graduates to shop for dress up duds to look great in. Evening shopping by appoint-

4H Creators: 4H leader's association is sponsoring a craft / vendor fair. It will be held at Carrie Ricker School on October 21. 10-3. This is to help with educational trips and camps. Tables are bring your own 25.00; 30.00 for a table. Text 207-7543931 or email llarr42609@aol.com

June 2017 Community Calendar

1 Thur	Planning Board Meeting - Town Office-6:00pm	16 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.
2 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.	17 Sat	Town Meeting — Sportsman's Club, 10am Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9a.m.-noon Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.
3 Sat	Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9a.m.-noon Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.	18 Sun	Litchfield Food Bank , 12:30pm-2pm, LCCC
4 Sun		19 Mon	Budget Committee , Town Office, 6:30pm Historic Preservation Comm. , Historical Society 7:00pm, Town Office Basement Historical Society Meeting , Town Office, 7:00pm
5 Mon	Academy Thrift Store , 10am-11am Recreation Committee , Town Office, 6:30pm Order of the Eastern Star , Masonic Bldg, 7pm	20 Tue	Senior Advisory Comm. , Center, 10am Masons —Masonic Hall, 7:30pm Fire Rescue Station clean-up , 6:00pm Fire/Rescue Assoc. , Station, 6:30pm Fire/Rescue Meeting , Station, 7:00pm
6 Tues	Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg. , Fire Station, 6:30pm	21 Wed	TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30pm
7 Wed	TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30pm	22 Thur	Fair Directors , Sportsman's Club, 7:30pm
8 Thur		23 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.
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10 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Amer. Legion Ladies Aux , Legion Hall, 10am Public Supper , Lit. Sportsman's Club, 5pm-6pm, and Music Jam 6pm-8pm	25 Sun	DECMA Vocal Competitions , Litchfield Sports- mans Club, 11am—5pm
11 Sun	Country Sunday , Lit. Sportsman's Club, 12pm-4:30pm, Live Music	26 Mon	Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30pm
12 Mon	Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30pm Sportsmen's Club Meeting , Sportsman's Club, 7:00pm Open to all	27 Tue	
13 Tues	Town Elections & RSU4 Budget Validation 8am—8pm, Sportsman's Club. First Responders Meeting , Station, 6:30pm	28 Wed	RSU4 School Board , OHHS, 6:30pm Franks&Beans , Legion hall, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 181 , Legion Hall 7pm TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.
14 Wed	TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30pm RSU4 School Board , OHHS, 6:30pm	29 Thur	
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July Issue Deadline: June 20, 2017, 5 p.m. Deliver material in any of the following ways: 1. Email (sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org) 2. U.S. mail or hand deliver to: Town Office 2400 Hallowell Rd.

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ways to control invasive species on their property without chemicals. **Come on two possible days to participate in an experiment with a non-toxic method to eradicate invasive woody shrubs** Questions? call Lindsay Nelsen, 268-4569

Road Advisory Committee—Roads Right of Way - We are finalizing June plans to hire a licensed spray applicator to eradicate the invasive, spreading Japanese Knotweed / bamboo in the Right of Way. Please call Lindsay Nelsen for more information: 268-4569 **Also**, There are openings on the Road Advisory Committee—if you are interested in volunteering to be on this committee please contact the Town Manager at 268-4721.

The Conservation Commission and the Friends of the Litchfield Landscape will be meeting at 9 am on Saturday June 3 at the Town Park to work on the prolific sun and sand loving Autumn Olive and Wednesday June 7 at the Town-owned woods on the Pine Tree Road to attack shrub honeysuckle before it become the only plant in the understory. How: we will meet be cutting the shrubs down to a mid height and covering them with a heavy contractor's plastic bag and leaving it for one year, blocking out the sunlight to kill the plants. Each bag will have a tag explaining the experiment, advising people to leave them in place and come back and see the results in the following years. All are welcome to come and help and learn ways to control invasive species on their property without **con't**

RSU4 School News - Grade 5 Parent Night will be Thursday, June 1st. It will be held at Oak Hill Middle School and runs from 6-7 p.m. "Pastries with Parents" will be held at Carrie Ricker on Tuesday, June 6th. It runs from 7- 8:30 a.m. and is open to Carrie Ricker students and their families. FMI – call the school at 268-4136. There will be a Literacy event "Camp Read-A-Lot" to be held at Libby-Tozier School on Thursday, June 8th. It will run from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. FMI call the school at 268-4137. There will be a Flag Day Celebration to be held at the Carrie Ricker School on Wednesday, June 14th. It will begin at 10:15 a.m. and is open to the public. The last day of Pre-K is Tuesday, June 21. The last day of school for grades K – 11 is Wednesday, June 22 and that will be a 1/2 day. The first day of school for the school year 2017/018 will be Wednesday, 8/30. This is for grades K-9. All grades, K – 12, will attend on 8/31. The first day for Pre K will be 9/7!