

The Litchfield Sodalite

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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz?

July question: Early Litchfield had three distinct Smith families represented by : Heman Smith, Benjamin Smith, and Eliphalet Smith. Which of these men descended from Stephen Hopkins of the Mayflower?

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

Answer: The Huff's Mill Road. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to

www.historicalsocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org

Litchfield Fire & Rescue News -There will be a First Responder class here in Litchfield at our Central Station starting in September. The cost of the course will be borne by the Department. We gained 5 great, new First Responders the last time we held the class and we would like to get at least that many again. Medical emergencies outnumber fire calls by more than two to one, between 250 and 300 per year. With only ten or so First Responders on our roster, the workload is demanding. More First Responders will lighten the load for each of them. Anyone interested in joining this group of dedicated people can drop by the station on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesday evenings each month or on Saturday or Sunday mornings to get more information. On the Tuesdays, we are at the station from six-thirty to eight or nine PM and from eight to nine AM on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call Tina Gowell at 207-485-5565 or Darryl Ellis at 207-441-3650.

Once again, fundraising season is upon us. The Litchfield Firefighters Association holds three major fundraisers each year, and they all occur between August 20th and September 15th this year. We will be very busy during that stretch. Our 22nd annual **Show and Shine car show** will be held at the Carrie Ricker School on August 20th starting at 8:00 AM. Look for our flyers at our local businesses for more details. Shine up the Old Tin Lizzy and bring her down to the Carrie Ricker School on the 16th. There are thirty-four classes so one is bound to fit your vehicle. More about our Litchfield Fair fundraiser and golf tournament in the August Sodalite.



July 2017 Senior Corner

The Senior Center is located at 466 Academy Rd., beside the Libby-Tozier School.

July 5 Making cards with Anne Thompson at 1pm, lots of fun and beautiful cards to send to loved ones and friends.

Join us for Bowling on Thursday, July 13 at 1-7-10 Lanes in Augusta, call 441-9005 to car pool.

The **book club meeting** is on July 12 at 10. The book to be discussed is "Dog gone, Back soon" by Nick Trout .

The **pot luck lunch** and celebration of July birthdays is Friday, July 21

Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30-11 for beginners and advanced.

Aerobics exercises are Wednesday and Friday at 8:30-9:30.

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

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

Join us for **music practice** at 10-12 on Wednesdays. If you like to sing and/or play an instrument come and join in the fun.

The **Seniors Advisory Committee** meeting is at 10 on July 18.

We are still looking for a flat screen TV.

The **"Roadrunner" trips** are July 6 Boothbay - Carousel Music Theater - "Life is but a Bandstand Dream" Lunch & show \$36. Leave at 10:30 from Sportsmen's Club; July 25 Moultonborough, NH - "Castle in the Clouds" \$14. Lunch in area. Leave at 8 from Sportsmen's Club.

Upcoming trips in August - Tuesday, August 8 Pemaquid Beach for a day at the beach; Tuesday, August 22 Naples, for a boat ride on the **Songo River Queen**.

Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information a cup of coffee or tea and to sign up for the **trips & activities**. Senior Center @ 215-4595 or Pat @ 441-9005.



Code Enforcement Officer - is tasked with driving around town checking things out. This is done mostly in the Spring and fall. The 2 major issues that inevitably crop up are first building without a permit; The Town of Litchfield Land Use Ordinance and the Town of Litchfield Shoreland Zoning Ordinance require a property owner to receive a permit before starting many projects. It is much easier to get the required permit before you start because if a project is found without a permit, the fee for that permit doubles after the fact. The second issue is having an unpermitted or illegal junkyard and/or auto graveyard. The definition of a junkyard and/or auto graveyard right out of the Town of Litchfield Land Use Ordinance states;

Automobile Graveyard and Junkyard- A yard, field, or other area used as a place of storage for three or more unserviceable, discarded, worn-out or junked motor vehicles as defined in Title 29-A MRSA Section 101, subsection 42, or parts of such vehicles; Discarded, worn-out or junked plumbing, heating supplies, household appliances and furniture; discarded, scrap, junked lumber; or old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, and all scrap iron, steel, and other scrap ferrous or non-ferrous material. Automobile graveyard does not include any area used for temporary storage by an establishment or place of business that is primarily engaged in doing auto body repair work to make repairs to render a motor vehicle serviceable, Temporary storage shall not exceed 90 days. Automobile graveyard includes an area used for automobile dismantling, salvage and recycling operations.

State Law also states in M.S.R.A. Title 30A Section 3751; 1. Automobile Graveyard. "Automobile graveyard" means a yard, field or other outdoor area used to store 3 or more unregistered or uninspected motor vehicles, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 42, or parts of the vehicles. "Automobile graveyard" includes an area used for automobile dismantling, salvage and recycling operations.

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop - Open all 5 Saturdays in July, 9 to noon, to give you plenty of shopping experiences, plus the first and third Mondays from 10 to 11 AM. Cute summer tops and shorts, plenty of kids clothes (25 cents per item) and it's fun to see what is available.



Town Manager/Clerk's Corner:

Office Closures—Please be aware of the following office closure in **July**: · Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day

Election Results—June 13th, 2017

Selectman: Gary Parker (replaces George Thomson) -- Parker 230, Richard Swett 118

RSU#4 School Board: Jessica Childs 272

Budget Committee: David Blocher; Tom Wood (replaces Don Jenkins) -- Blocher 274, Wood 27

Litchfield Academy: Elton Wade; Esther Slattery -- Wade 46, Slattery 39

RSU#4 Budget: Passed Y 208, N 154 (Passed in all three towns Y 362, N 207)

State referendum on investment bond: Passed Statewide (failed locally) Y 173, N 193

Town Meeting—The 2017 Annual Town Meeting was held Saturday, June 17, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Sportsmen's Club with approximately 80 people attending. All articles passed, as well as the proposed ordinance changes. The video of the meeting is posted on the Elections page at www.LitchfieldMaine.org.

Check or Cash only—We are estimating that we will implement the capability to accept credit/debit cards by September 1st. Until then we are still only accepting checks or cash at the Town Office.


Select Board Videos Online—Videos from the Select Board meetings are now being posted on the town website. Newest videos have priority for upload, but our archives will eventually all be available.

Passports via Post Office—For those who have not yet heard, the Litchfield Post Office now processes passport applications.

The Old Town House Museum will be open for tours on **Saturday, July 15, 1:30 to 4:00 PM**. Stop by and see interesting items from yesteryear. Chat with folks about your old house, memories or pick up some genealogy forms to start your research. Butter making demonstrations will be offered. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

Litchfield Community Park - Summer is here and the park is open from morning to dusk when Woodbury Park is open on Tuesday to Sunday. Gates close in rain and bad weather. Town and Conservation volunteers have been working hard clearing brush and working on better visibility. The town gave us funds to build a solid parking lot! Bring you family to slide on sand hills, wade, fish, hike or sit in the sun! Thank you for carrying out your trash.

July 2017 Community Calendar

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| 1 Sat | Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.
Academy Thrift Store , 9a.m.-noon
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.
Lit. Sportsman's Club —Public Supper 5pm-6pm \$7.00 ea; Music Jam 6pm-8pm. | 16 Sun | Lit Comm Christian Church Food Bank -12:30pm-2pm |
| 2 Sun | Country Sunday —12-4:30pm; Litchfield Sportsman's Club \$5. Admission | 17 Mon | Historic Preservation Comm. , Historical Society 7:00pm, Town Office Basement
Historical Society Meeting , Town Office, 7:00pm |
| 3 Mon | Academy Thrift Store , 10am-11am
Recreation Committee , Town Office, 6:30pm
Order of the Eastern Star , Masonic Bldg, 7pm | 18 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 |
| 4 Tue |  | 19 Wed | TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30pm |
| 5 Wed | TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30pm
Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg. , Fire Station, 6:30pm | 20 Thur | Fair Directors , Sportsman's Club, 7:30pm |
| 6 Thur | Planning Board -6pm; Town Office | 21 Fri | Town Office , closed
Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m. |
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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 | 23 Sun | |
| 9 Sun | | 24 Mon | Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30pm |
| 10 Mon | Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30pm
Sportsmen's Club Meeting , Sportsman's Club, 7:00pm Open to all | 25 Tue | |
| 11 Tue | First Responders Meeting , Station, 6:30pm | 26 Wed | Franks&Beans , Legion hall, 6:30 p.m.
American Legion Post 181 , Legion Hall 7pm
TOPS , Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m. |
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 Closed: Every Fri.

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Invasive Plant Rules in Effect - "The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) has adopted rules to prohibit the sale and distribution of thirty-three terrestrial plants that were deemed invasive. The plants were reviewed by a specially-convened committee of horticulture professionals, land managers, foresters, wildlife biologists and other scientists. The new rule went into effect on January 14, 2017, but the prohibition of sales does not begin until January 1, 2018. The plants on this list have invaded farms, fields, forests and wetlands throughout the state," said Commissioner Walt Whitcomb. "Although many were originally promoted with good intentions, such as, the prevention of soil erosion or to support wildlife, they have spread throughout Maine to the detriment of native species. In many places they have come to dominate forests, wetlands, fields and local landscapes, excluding native plants that support our economy and natural area. The ban includes the listed species and all cultivars, varieties and hybrids. *Acer ginnala* (amur maple) *Acer platanoides* (Norway maple) *Aegopodium podagraria* (bishop's weed) *Ailanthus altissima* (tree of heaven) *Alliaria petiolate* (garlic mustard) *Amorpha fruticosa* (false indigo bush) *Ampelopsis glandulosa* (porcelain berry) *Artemisia vulgaris* (common mugwort) *Berberis thunbergii* (Japanese barberry) *Berberis vulgaris* (common barberry) *Celastrus orbiculatus* (Asiatic bittersweet) *Elaeagnus umbellata* (Autumn olive) *Euonymus alatus* (winged euonymus) *Euphorbia cyparissias* (cypress spurge) *Fallopia baldschuanica* (Chinese bindweed) *Fallopia japonica* (Japanese knotweed) *Frangula alnus* (glossy buckthorn) *Hesperis matronalis* (dame's rocket) *Impatiens glandulifera* (ornamental jewelweed) *Iris pseudacorus* (yellow iris) *Ligustrum vulgare* (common privet) *Lonicera japonica* (Japanese honeysuckle) *Lonicera maackii* (amur or bush honeysuckle) *Lonicera morrowii* (Morrow's honeysuckle) *Lonicera tatarica* (Tatarian honeysuckle) *Lythrum salicaria* (purple loosestrife) *Microstegium vimineum* (Japanese stilt grass) *Paulownia tomentosa* (paulownia, princess tree) *Persicaria perfoliata* *Phellodendron amurense* (amur cork tree) *Populus alba* (white cottonwood) *Robinia pseudoacacia* (black locust) *Rosa multiflora*

Terrestrial plants

- Plants of plains
- Plants of hilly areas
- Plants of hot & damp places
- Plants of deserts
- Plants of marshy areas



August Issue Deadline:
 July 21, 2017, 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
Hand deliver to: Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd