

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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## Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz!

December question: What son of Litchfield went west as a Forty-Niner, graduated from Bowdoin College and Harvard Divinity School, and was killed at the Battle of Cold Harbor in the Civil War? November question: Some of Litchfield's Civil War veterans joined the Grand Army of the Republic and some joined the Union Veterans Legion. How did these organizations differ? answer: The Union Veterans Legion required at least two years of military service. The GAR would accept any amount of service. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to

[WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

## Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Hard to believe the end of the year is rapidly approaching. The Thrift Shop will be closed Dec. 21 (prime party day/evening and last-minute shopping day) to give our volunteers time to enjoy the festivities. Come by (and buy) on Dec. 28 to help us end the year on a high (sales) note! Need party outfits? We have some lovely ones!

## Litchfield Food Bank

Many thanks for the great support we received for the Thanksgiving Boxes. I'm very proud of being part of such a caring community. Best Wishes from our Food Bank volunteers for a wonderful Merry Christmas.

## RSU4 PTA

Annual Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, December 7th from 9am -3pm at Oak Hill Middle School Sabattus. We will have a kids craft table, bake sale items, lots of raffle items and food to purchase for lunch plus lots of vendors and crafters for all of your holiday shopping needs! Come see us and help support the students and teachers of Litchfield, Sabattus and Wales! If you are a crafter or vendor interested in a spot, please email us at [rsu4pta@rsu4.org](mailto:rsu4pta@rsu4.org).

## Gardiner Public Library

**Dec. 3rd, Tuesday, at 10:00 am**, the Gardiner Public Library Children's Room is having a program by Ms Jenn and the Detective Nutrition. This is for toddlers to preschool aged children. **Story & Craft time is every Tuesday morning, at 10:00 am**, at the Gardiner Public Library Children's Room. This is for toddlers to preschool aged children and involves books, songs, and craft. **Dec. 17th, Tuesday, at 6:00 to 7:00 pm**, the Gardiner Public Library Children's Room is having Art @ the Library. We will be decorating Holiday cookies and this is a program for all ages. **Babies & Toddlers** time is every Friday morning, at 10:00 am, at the Gardiner Public Library Children's Room. This is for babies and toddlers it involves songs, bubbles and other activities.

## Senior Center

The Litchfield Senior Center is open and available to all, no fee to attend. "Aging is more fun when you share it".

The normal hours are Monday & Friday 8:30-4 and Wednesday 8:30-12, subject to change. Center is closed on December 25 and January 1st.

**Winter sand is available in 5 gal. buckets.** If you would like to be on the list for delivery, please contact Pat Soboleski at 215-4595/441-9005.

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

**Exercise classes** on Wednesday and Fridays at 8:30.

**NO Book Club** meeting in December. The next meeting will be in January on the 8th. The book to be discussed will be "Clementine", Winston Churchill's wife by Sonia Purnell; also "Mrs. Everything" by Jennifer Weiner.

**There will be Music practice** for the Carol Bailey String Band on Wednesday, December 4 @ 10.

**Upcoming concerts for the Carol Bailey String Band:** December 11 - Schooner Estates at 10 am; Clover Manor at 2 pm, both in Auburn. December 18 - D.R.U.M. Church in Richmond at 10 am; Gardiner Alzheimer's Care Center at 2 pm.

**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 games on Mondays in the afternoon & on Friday cards or games.

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

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

The **Annual Christmas Party** is on December 20 at 1 pm. Bring a gift \$5-\$10 for the exchange. Bring finger food, dessert or snack to share. Coffee, tea, punch will be provided.

**The form for 2020 trip** suggestions is available at the Senior Center. Stop in and pick one up to fill out. We need your input.

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

Please stop in to the Senior Center located on Academy Rd. next to the Libby Tozier Elementary School 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.

## Pancake Breakfast

With **SANTA**

**December 14, 2016**

(Snow date the 15th)

**Litchfield Fire & Rescue**

**Central Station**

**2407 Hallowell Road**

8am to 11am

Come join Santa for breakfast  
Write a letter and have some fun!  
Adults \$5 / Children Free!!

### Litchfield Transfer Station

**On November 19, 2019** Maine Department of Environmental Protection Inspector Mike Parker met with me at the Transfer Station. The purpose of this meeting was to inspect the Transfer Station, discuss completed projects and projects that are scheduled to be completed. Inspector Parker advised that he was very pleased with the facility as well as the 2019 annual Litchfield Transfer Station Report to the Department of Environmental Protection. This was an excellent meeting!

**On to other issues:** Most citizens who deposit their cardboard go into the cardboard roll off container, walk to the wood barricade and throw the cardboard beyond the barricade. Then we have people who are too lazy to walk to the barricade. They just walk to door of the container and throw their cardboard on the floor.

**We are still finding** restricted items in all the containers. Example: we found PVC pipes, tin cans and a women's large black leather purse in the plastic container. I have to say that we are finding less restricted items now because we now have the manpower to better monitor the activity at the Transfer Station.

**We may have to change** one aspect of how we operate at the Transfer Station. I have been advised that there was a discussion on a local web site reference non-residents using the Litchfield Transfer Station. This may require us to have Transfer Station permits attached to the front window of vehicles. I will discuss this issue with the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting.

### Tacoma Lakes Association

The Woodbury Pond boat launch was once again very busy this past summer. Certified boat inspectors were at the launch on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays throughout the summer. 1,838 boats were inspected, and 224 plant fragments were found. Fortunately, none of the fragments were identified as invasive species. The importance of these inspections cannot be overstated, as many lakes in our area have invasive plant infestations. Membership dues help the Tacoma Lake Association pay the inspectors, just one of the reasons why membership is important. At only \$15 per household, membership remains a bargain. Our membership drive is still underway and membership is open to anyone who enjoys the lakes or wants to help protect them for the future. Membership information and forms are available on the TLA website [www.tacomalakes.org](http://www.tacomalakes.org).



### Veterans and Seniors - You're invited

to a Holiday Luncheon on January 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)  
If a snow storm is coming on that Sunday we will do it on January 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) the day before at Litchfield Fire & Rescue Station 2407 Hallowell Road from 11am to 2pm. Please R.S.V.P. Tina M Gowell 485-5565 or e-mail: [lf900@yahoo.com](mailto:lf900@yahoo.com)



### Town Clerk's Corner

The Town Office will close early on the following days in December: at 1 pm Thursday, Dec 19th for our annual office Christmas party; at 12 pm Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve; and at 3 pm December 31st, New Year's Eve.

#### 2020 Dog Licenses

You may license your dog(s) for 2020 at the Town Office (licensing began October 15<sup>th</sup>) 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, 2020. Thank you to those who brought their dogs to the rabies clinic and also supported Litchfield's fuel fund!

#### Snowmobiles

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

**Hunting and Fishing Licenses** for the new season are now also available at the Town Office, or online at [https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses\\_v3/index](https://moses.informe.org/cgi-bin/online/moses_v3/index).

#### 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.

Some upcoming meetings at the Town Office (see the Town website for changes or updates):

Mass Gathering Ordinance Committee – Tuesday, Dec 3rd, 6:30 pm

Planning Board – Thursday, Dec 5th, 6:30 pm

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

Broadband Committee – Monday, Dec 16th, 5:30 pm

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

**The Select Board will not have a second meeting in December.**

### RSU 4 School News

**Ornament Night** – Thursday, December 5th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Libby-Tozier School. FMI: call 268-4137.

**Winter Concert**- at Carrie Ricker on Tuesday, December 10th. It begins at 6:30 p.m. **The Oak Hill Middle School** Drama Club will perform the play "Unplugged" by Laurie Bryant (produced with special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service Inc.). The date for this is Wednesday, December 11, at 7 p.m. **Oak Hill Middle School** will present "A Music Extravaganza". It will be on Thursday, December 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at OHMS. **On Tuesday, December 17th**, the 1st and 2nd graders from both Libby-Tozier and Sabattus Primary Schools will combine for their Winter Concert. This will be held at the Oak Hill Middle School and begins at 6 p.m.

**The schools will be closed** for Christmas break from December 22 – January 1. They will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

## December Community Calendar

1 Sun		17 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire Assoc &amp; Regular Meet; 6:30pm</b>
2 Mon	<b>Lit. Recreation Comm-6:30pm, Town Office</b>	18 Wed	<b>Food Bank-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m</b>
3 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting-6:30pm Mass Gathering Ordinance Committee – 6:30 pm; Town Office</b>	19 Thur	<b>Town Office Closed at 1:00pm Food Bank-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd Senior Advisory Comm. 10am; Senior Center</b>
4 Wed	<b>Food Bank-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m</b>	20 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m</b>
5 Thurs	<b>Food Bank-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd Budget Meeting-6:30p, Town Office</b>	21 Sat	<b>Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon</b>
6 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.</b>	22 Sun	
7 Sat	<b>Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon</b>	23 Mon	
8 Sun		24 Tue	<b>Town Office Closed at 12:00pm</b>
9 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen Meeting, 6:30pm, Town Office</b>	25 Wed	
10 Tue	<b>First Responders Meeting 6:30pm</b>	26 Thur	
11 Wed	<b>Food Bank-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m RSU4 School Bd-6:30pm OHHS</b>	27 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.</b>
12 Thur	<b>Food Bank-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd</b>	28 Sat	<b>Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon</b>
13 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.</b>	29 Sun	
14 Sat	<b>Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon Amer. Legion Ladies Aux., Legion Hall, 10am</b>	30 Mon	
15 Sun		31 Tue	<b>Town Office Closed at 3:00pm</b>
16 Mon	<b>Broadband Committee – 5:30 pm; Town Office Budget Committee—6:30pm; Town Office</b>		

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Closed: Every Fri.

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## The Litchfield Sodalite

### DO YOU LIKE YOUR INTERNET SERVICE?

To get ALL of Litchfield residents connected to high speed, quality internet, an AD HOC Broadband Committee has been formed. Better internet speeds for all will help our town thrive and enrich the lives of all who live here in addition to our small businesses, schools/students and town hall. We need some information and feedback from all of you. The more people we hear from, the better!

What is your name, street address?

Who is your current provider?

What internet speed do you have? Here is the link to the website to find out: <https://speed.measurementlab.net/#/> or <https://www.speedtest.net/> (or Google speed test for internet on your computer to pull up these sites)

(Run the test a few times at different times of the day and send us the results)

Do you have data limits?

What is the cost per month for your service?

Are you happy with your current internet provider?

Would you be interested in other options? Why?

Please send the information by email to committee chair, Larry Bell at [lbell248@gmail.com](mailto:lbell248@gmail.com) or leave the information at town hall for the AD HOC Broadband Committee. We have extended our deadline for the survey an additional two weeks to December 6, 2019. Our goal is to get quality internet access with better speed and pricing for all Litchfield residents.

**January Issue Deadline:** December 22, 2019, 5p.m. Deliver material in any of the following ways: **E-mail** ([sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)) **U.S. mail to:** Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350  
**Hand deliver to:** Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd

