

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

July 1, 2019

July question: Ephriam Ballard, the husband of the famous midwife, Martha Ballard, was attacked by some early Litchfield settlers. What provoked the attack?

June question: Which of the three Purgatory Ponds was not named for a Litchfield family? answer: Sand Pond To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

24th Annual Show & Shine Car Show

Sponsored by the
Litchfield Firefighters Association
34 classes of Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles
Sunday, August 18th
Carrie Ricker School
573 Richmond Road
Litchfield, Maine

RCAM

Is seeking yard sale items for July 19th yard sale. Rural Community Action Ministry has worked to prevent homelessness and hunger in Litchfield and 12 other communities for nearly 50 years. Not accepting holiday decorations or clothes as they haven't sold in the past. Marilyn Dunn, your Litchfield representative on the board, will gladly store and deliver you donation. Maine2007@hotmail.com or call 512-5382. Also **RCAM** is having an August raffle with daily prizes. Tickets are \$10 and if your name is drawn you win and it is returned to the draw pool for the next day's drawing so one ticket is 31 chances to win. See their facebook page or web site for the calendar listing of prizes. You can enter by sending them a check for \$10 and writing "August Auction" in the memo section and including your phone address and email on the check.

Summer Nature Day Camp

Come explore the outdoors with five full days of **FUN** for children entering grades 4-6! Two 1-week sessions – July 22nd – July 26th and August 5th - 9th are being held at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake in East Winthrop, ME. Campers will enhance their relationship with the natural world as they explore, observe and experience the near-by ponds, forests and fields (hiking, fishing, swimming, canoeing & kayaking); record observations in their own nature journal; learn basic wilderness skills; and participate in ecology skits, crafts and games. Campers will also be treated to a special session of "Tadpole Patrol" aboard the Friends 22' pontoon boat, the OTTER II. Camp runs daily from 8:30am-4:30 pm. Cost for each 5-day camp session is \$230/pp, and includes lunch and afternoon snack. Early registration is recommended, as space is extremely limited! For more information, please contact Cami Wilbert at 395-5239.

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".

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

There will be Music practice for the Carol Bailey String Band on July 10 & 24 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 7/3 & 17 & 31 Unlucky 7's at 10-12.

The Thrift Shop is open the first & third Monday 10-11. **The Senior's Advisory Committee** meeting is at 10 on Thursday July 18.

The potluck lunch & July birthday celebration on Friday, July 19.

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

Upcoming trips in July: *Songo River Queen on Tuesday, July 9 a 2hr. cruise on Long Lake - \$28. Leave at 10:45 from Sportsmen's Club; Maine State Music Theatre "Hello Dolly" on July 25, Leave at 10:30 from Sportsmen's Club.*

Coming up in August: **Cabbage Island Clambakes \$69.50 on Thursday, August 15; Old Orchard Beach on Tuesday, August 20. Call 215-4595 or email litchfieldseniors@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.

17th Annual Friends on the 4th 5K Run/Jog/Walk

Please join the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed on the 4th of July for their 17th Annual Friends on the 4th 5K Run/Jog/Walk! The race will be held Thursday, July 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Winthrop, Maine along the beautiful eastern shore of Lake Maranacook. Pre-registration is \$25 and open until 8:00 am on Friday, June 28th guaranteeing participants a free t-shirt sporting the Friend's "Spotter the Otter" race logo and a stuffed gift bag! Event day registration is \$30 with no guarantee of a free t-shirt and gift bag. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the American Legion 117 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop, Maine. Stick around after the race for the awards ceremony and free raffle with a list of wonderful prizes! The proceeds of this event support the Friend's education and conservation efforts to protect the lakes, ponds, and streams of the Cobbossee Watershed. To download a registration form or register online, visit www.watershedfriends.com, our Facebook Page, or call the Friend's office at 207-395-5239.

Litchfield Transfer Station

It's been another interesting month at the Transfer Station: an individual in a pickup truck ran into the stop sign pole in front of the transfer station office. Then someone ran over the "OPEN SUNDAY" sign at the entrance to the Transfer Station. All things considered; we had another great month. We are in the same position the farmers are in: They can't get their hay in because of the amount of rain we have received. We can't start the projects needed to improve the Transfer Station because of the same problem. We were closed for a short time on Saturday June 20, 2019 for the annual town meeting. I had posted notices at the Town Office, all the stores in town and the Post Office. However, I neglected to post a sign on the Transfer Station gate. My apologies, it will not happen again. Many thanks to the citizens for their support of the Transfer Station in approving the Transfer Station budget and approving the purchase of a used tractor for the Transfer Station. This tractor will allow us to move heavy items such as big air conditions, refrigerators, large TVs and large metal items. The Swap Shop has been extremely busy. Many thanks to the volunteers who do an outstanding job. However, we need more volunteers. If there is no volunteer present at the Swap Shop the Swap Shop will not be open that day.

Litchfield Food Bank

Many thanks for the support you've shown. Your \$20 donation can purchase up to 120 POUNDS of food! Nearly 80 families have signed up and are being served! Call Rayna with any questions. 582-4098.

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE EVERY SATURDAY!
We are busting at the seams and still have a ton of items to unpack! Help us!

Litchfield Recreation Committee

Soccer—We are now accepting registrations for our youth soccer programs. The registration deadline is August 1st and the registration fee is \$40. Children ranging from pre-K (4 yrs old) up to 6th grade are eligible to play. Registrations can be found at the town office or on the town's website. For further information please contact Tiffany Caton, Recreation Director at 268-4721.

RSU 4 PTA

Save the Dates!! Trunk or Treat October 20, 2019 at the Litchfield Fair
Annual Craft Fair December 7th at Oak Hill Middle School For more info on either event email us at rsu4pta@rsu4.org or check out our Facebook page!

Conservation Commission

Next is meeting Wednesday, July 17 at 6pm; please note earlier time. Topics: stocking fish in Community Park ponds and updating the webpage

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

Results of this year's municipal elections: Warden's Municipal Tally Sheet Final Totals

Total # ballots 238

Selectman

Darlene Beaulieu 73
Rayna Leibowitz* 161

School Board, RSU

Dori Upham* 182

Academy Trustees

Rayna Leibowitz* 185
Earl Lamoreau* 167

Budget Committee

Contacting Write-ins
*Winner

Woodbury Pond Park is now open daily through Labor Day, weather permitting. (Dogs are not allowed.)

Job Openings:

The Litchfield Transfer Station is currently looking to hire a Transfer Station attendant. The position requires a three day workweek: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (May – August). September – April will be a two day workweek: Friday and Saturday. The attendant will assist the Transfer Station manager in facility operations. Starting pay is \$12.00 per hour. Mandatory training is required. Persons interested in this position may pick up applications at the Litchfield Town Office located at 2400 Hal-lowell Road, Litchfield.

Public Works has two positions open. For more information please call the Town Office 268-4721, or check the Town website, LitchfieldMaine.org.

Internet Access Committee:

Would you like to serve on an ad hoc committee to study and recommend high speed internet access improvements for Litchfield? If so, please call the Town Office 268-4721 and we'll connect you with Tom Wood, who is organizing the committee.

Many vehicles are purchased during the summer. If you plan to purchase a vehicle from a private party, you and the seller must create your own bill of sale (or find a good template online). The bill of sale must contain the following: Date of sale; Description of vehicle (year, make, model); Vehicle Id Number (VIN); Name of buyer; Name, address and signature of seller(s).

The Town Office will be closed on July 4th in honor of Independence Day.

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office:

Board of Selectmen - Monday, July 8th, 6:30 pm


Board of Selectmen - Monday, July 22nd, 6:30 pm

American Legion William R. Bold Post 181



American flags placed on veteran's graves in observance of Memorial Day have been removed. This practice adheres to American Legion guidance and results in fewer flags being disposed of. There is a District 9 meeting on 10 July at 7 P.M and Post 181 meeting on 24 July at 7 P.M.

July Community Calendar

1 Mon		17 Wed	Food Bank -5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m
2 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting —6:30pm	18 Thur	Food Bank -10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd
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7 Sun	Litchfield Sportsman's Club , Country Sunday with live music, Noon-4:20p, \$6/person	23 Tue	
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14 Sun		30 Tue	
15 Mon		31 Wed	
16 Tue	Lit. Fire Assoc & Regular Meet ; 6:30pm		

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sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org
www.litchfieldmaine.org
Open: Mon.: 8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Tue.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed: Every Fri.

Conservation Commission Report

Due to rain Maine History Day with the fourth graders was held at Carrie Ricker School instead of outdoors at Smithfield Plantation. Everyone enjoyed learning about life in 18th century Litchfield including a demonstration from Strawberry Banke about 8x8 post and beam house construction; two costumed reenactors discussed life at Fort Western, taught marching and did fire off their period muskets; and there were opportunities to learn about domestic life without electricity with an off stage stove doing the work of an open fire. June saw two days of Invasive Plant Control on two town owned properties. When you see black plastic bags tied down with string imagine plants too big to pull from the moist soil being killed by blocking sun light. Contact the Town Office if you want some help identifying invasive plants on your property.

Roads Report

A brief review of projects worked on last year: Reconstruct Maxwell Road from 197 to Sabattus line; Double chip seal Buker Road, South Adams Road and John Tarr Road; Begin work on Oak Hill Road. Work proposed for this season as time and money allow: Complete the reconstruction of Oak Hill Road; Replace the Whippoorwill Road culvert between Little Purgatory and Woodbury Pond; Surface treatments of West and Wentzell Roads; Lunts Hill and Academy Road need reconstruction. Every year the Road Commissioner and the Road Committee drive and survey each local road in May/June, fill out a Road Survey Form covering 7 physical characteristics and then enter this into the MDOT Road Surface Management System computer program which prioritizes road work needed.

August Issue Deadline:
July 20 2019, 5p.m. Deliver material in any of the following ways: **E-mail**

(sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org) U.S. mail to:
Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350

Hand deliver to: Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd