

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

October 1, 2022

Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

October question: Seventeenth and eighteenth century Abenaki families made a seasonal journey between Cob-bossee Stream and the Moosehead lake region. Which season did they spend in the Moosehead region? **September question:** The best of the old Litchfield farmhouses had a cistern in the cellar to catch rainwater. What was the main purpose of this cistern? answer: To keep the cellar temperature warm enough so stored vegetables wouldn't freeze. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

Litchfield Transfer Station

Summer has passed. We are grateful for the cooler weather. Two of the three pads for the paper, tin, and glass containers have been poured. We are still waiting for the third pad to be poured. We will then move the three containers up next to the cardboard and plastic containers. This will facilitate the residents taking care of their recyclables. We will be keeping the traffic pattern as it is now. The Swap Shop will close on the first of October. We are not taking items but there are still treasures to be found. It has been posted on the Town's face book page and also on the Town's website. The bottles return area has been painted. Many many thanks to the American Legion and the Tacoma Lakes Association for their donations of the paint and siding.

William R. Bold American Legion Post 181 Lobster & Chicken Drive Thru

William R. Bold American Legion Post 181, 235 Plains Rd. Litchfield. October 15, 2022 at 12 P.M. Drive Thru Takeout orders only. No inside seating \$18.00 chicken, \$25.00 single lobster, \$30.00 twin lobster. Sides include; potato salad, corn, coleslaw, roll and dessert. **NO MEALS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR** Please order dinners by phone or text to (207) 215-6775 or phone (207) 268-2021. Payment accepted at pickup or by check, paid to the order of American Legion Post 181, 235 Plains Rd, Litchfield, ME 04350

Litchfield Senior Center

The Litchfield Senior Center is open and available to all, no fee to attend. "Aging is more fun when you share it" Some of the activities will be held at the Litchfield Fire Station. If the open flag is out at the Center, come on in. All dates and times are subject to change.

Line Dancing instruction for all on Mondays 9:30-11 at the Fire Station.

The Senior Center will open 11:30 to 2 on Mondays after Line Dancing., Come in for exercise, cards or check out the books or puzzles.

On Wednesday, October 12 and October 26, the Senior Center will be open 9-12. Stop in for a visit, books, puzzles or a game of cribbage.

Tai Chi will begin on Wednesday October 5 and Wednesday, October 19 at the Fire Station. Outdoors if the weather cooperates.

Carol Bailey String band & Chorus music practice will also begin on October 5 and 19 at the Fire Station 10-12. Come and join us we will be working on the winter program.

Come to the Center for morning exercise with Dian & friends on Fridays 8:30-9:15. Join in the indoor walking, or use the exercise equipment. Come in for cards at 10, BYO lunch at noon and then more cards and games in the afternoon. Pick out books and/or puzzles to take home.

The book club meeting is on Monday, October 17 at 1 pm. The book to be discussed is "Listen To Me" by Tess Gerritsen.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 1 on Thursday, October 20.

The following are up coming Road Runner trips: Thursday, October 6, Fryeburg Fair (instead of the mystery trip) leave at 8:30; Thursday, October 27, Oxford Casino, leave at 9. Thursday, November 10, Portland Mall and Christmas Tree Shop. Call 215-4595, 268-4237, or 441-9005 to be put on the list for the trip(s) or more information.

Reminder: Exercise equipment available for use when the Center is open. The Senior Center is located on Academy Rd. next to Libby Tozier Elementary School. Stop in for more information, a cup of coffee or tea or check out our books (paperback & hard cover), puzzles and items on the table you may like. Donations always appreciated, or work on the puzzle already set up on the table.

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

We are receiving the last of the fresh garden produce as folks clean out their plots. It has been a glorious quantity of donations, even as dry as it was. We can't thank you enough. Our clients were always delighted with the fresh produce they were able to have, because of your efforts. Construction plans for the new Food Bank may include a Community Barn Raising event where our friends and neighbors will be welcome to participate. We can find meaningful tasks for all skill levels so feel free to join us when we schedule it. I'd like to see it happen in October, but I can't set a date at the time I'm writing. Call or text me to get put on a volunteer list or watch social media and local postings. Rayna 557-2680.

Gardiner Public Library

(Open to all Litchfield Residents)

NAME: Children's Storytime with Miss Ginni **WHEN:** Every Tuesday, September 6 thru December 13 **TIME:** 10:00AM **WHERE:** 2nd Floor Children's Room **WHAT:** Join our Children's Librarian Miss Ginni every Tuesday at the library for stories, songs, crafts, and more! All ages are welcome.

NAME: Jewelry Making at the Library **WHEN:** Friday October 7, 2022 **TIME:** All day or until we run out of supplies! **WHERE:** 2nd Floor Children's Room **WHAT:** Join our Children's and Young Adult Librarian for a whole day full of jewelry making. We've got the supplies, you've got the talent! **EVENT ORGANIZER:** Jess Betit, Ginni Nichols

NAME: Tween & Teen Video Game Nights **WHEN:** October 20, November 17 **TIME:** 3:00PM until 5:00PM **WHERE:** Hazzard Reading Room **WHAT:** Tweens and Teens ages 10-18 are invited to join us for some Nintendo Switch fun at the library. We've got Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers, and more! **EVENT ORGANIZER:** Justin Hoenke

NAME: LEGO Saturdays at the Library **WHEN:** October 22, November 12 **TIME:** 9:30AM-12:30PM **WHERE:** 2nd Floor Children's Room **WHAT:** Join us in the library for LEGO Saturdays at the Library! We'll bring out all of the LEGO and give you a design challenge. Let's see what we can all build together. **EVENT ORGANIZER:** Ginni Nichols

NAME: Craft Bags for Kids **WHEN:** Every Month **TIME:** Contact Children's Librarian Ginni Nichols gnichls@gardinermaine.com or call 207-582-3312 to inquire about availability. **WHERE:** Pick up craft bags at the 2nd Floor Children's Room, Gardiner Public Library

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

The seasonal change-over of clothing will take place on Monday, October 3 from 10 AM to 4 PM (I'll order pizzas for lunch) and Tuesday, Oct 4 from 2 - 4 PM and 7 - 9 PM. Other dates/times may be established depending on needs. We've had some wonderful fall and winter items come in over the summer and we're anxious to show them to you. Come help and you'll be the first to see them. Shopping IS allowed. Call Rayna 557-2680. for more info

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 1ST 2022
9 AM - 3 PM

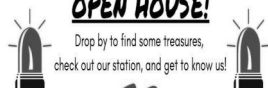
SIGNUP AT: REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG USING CODE: **PAMPERING ROSE**. THEN CLICK THE RED BOX ON THE LEFT "SEE TIMES" TO SELECT YOUR APPOINTMENT.

CONTACT: JANIS BOYER
CONTACT EMAIL: JANIS.BOYER@TWC.COM
CONTACT CELL: 508-864-5101

**SIGNUPS
NEEDED**

LITCHFIELD FIRE ASSOCIATION YARD SALE

LITCHFIELD FIRE + RESCUE
OPEN HOUSE!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 9AM - 2PM

Lunch/refreshments available for purchase

Yard Sale Spaces available for rent!
\$20 per space
Contact Tina FMI
(207)485-5565

Town Clerk's Corner

2022-2023 Property Tax Bills Delayed - Tax bills are delayed this year due to an RSU4 budget validation error. They will be mailed following the November general election. The Town has mailed an explanatory letter to all property owners and it is also posted on the Town website www.litchfieldmaine.org. Paying an estimated amount in October is encouraged to avoid back-to-back due dates. Town Office staff can help you figure out the amount of the first payment based on the projected mil rate of 15.72. The first payment will be due in December followed with 2nd and 3rd tax payments on the standard schedule, due January 15th, and April 15th.

State Election - Voting will take place for the upcoming general election on November 8, 2022 at the Sportsman's Club, 2261 Hallowell Road, Litchfield. Polls will be open from 8am-8pm. Information about the questions appearing on the ballot can be found at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html>

If you would like to request an Absentee Ballot, please visit <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> or contact the town office. Ballots will become available in early October. In person absentee voting will also be available.

Drug Take Back - A Drug Take Back is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th from 10am-2pm at the Transfer Station.

Woodbury Dam Repair Complete - The repair of Woodbury Dam was completed successfully in mid-September and water levels will be maintained at their normal seasonal levels.

Road Re-construction Status - All summer road projects are nearly complete, with remaining driveway tie-ins and shoulder fill to be done in October.

2022 Dog Licenses

You may license your dog(s) for 2022 at the Town office beginning October 15th or online at 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, 2022.

Rabies Clinic - A rabies vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd from 9 - 11am at the central Fire Station. Cost is \$20 with \$5 going to the Litchfield Fuel Fund.

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



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, October 10th, for Columbus Day.

Creators 4 H

The first meeting of the season is October 8th at 2pm. We will be meeting at the Senior Center on Academy Rd. Litchfield in the main room. We will be making targets with help from Jim Campbell Jr. Please bring 3 empty veggie cans to paint numbers on and lids. I will have the paint and rope. If you have a hammer please bring that with you. Please contact Lori Larrabee 754-3931 for info.

October Community Calendar

1 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 am –4pm Academy Thrift Store OPEN – 9am to 12pm Sportsman’s Club Supper -5pm-6pm – Music Jam 6:30pm	17 Mon	Budget Comm —6:30pm
2 Sun	Sportsman’s Club —Country Sunday 12-4	18 Tue	Lit Fire Assoc & Reg Meet -6:30pm, Central Sta
3 Mon		19 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd Road Advisory Committee – 6:00pm
4 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers - 6:30pm; Station	20 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd Senior Advisory Comm ; 1pm
5 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd	21 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm
6 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd Planning Bd —6:30pm-Town Office Lit. Conservation Comm. , 6:00pm-email litchfieldconservation@gmail.com for more info.	22 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 am –4pm Academy Thrift Store OPEN – 9am to 12pm
7 Fri	RSU4 Schools Closed -Teacher Workshop Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm	23 Sun	
8 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 am –4pm Academy Thrift Store OPEN – 9am to 12pm	24 Mon	Selectman Meeting , 6:30pm; Town Office & on line-See Website for more information
9 Sun		25 Tue	
10 Mon	Town Office Closed  Sportsman’s Club -Monthly members meeting; 7pm (Public welcome)	26 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd RSU4 —Board Meeting, 6:30pm Central Office William R. Bold, American Legion Post #181 Meeting - 7pm
11 Tue	Lit First Responders ; 6:30pm-Central Station Selectman’s Meeting ; 6:30pm	27 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd
12 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd RSU4 —Town Meeting, 6pm Oak Hill High School	28 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm
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16 Sun			

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The Litchfield Sodalite
Litchfield Town Office
2400 Hallowell Road
Litchfield, ME 04350
Tel.: 207-268-4721 FAX: 207-707-8485
sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org
www.litchfieldmaine.org
Open: Mon.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed: Every Fri.

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Conservation Committee

With the recent dip in temperature and hints of gold and orange starting to appear in the treetops, it's safe to say that fall is well underway here in Litchfield. As some humans may be closing up camps or homes and heading south for winter, many of our wildlife are starting journeys of their own. Alewives and smelt that hatched this summer are traveling downstream to their ocean feeding grounds where they'll feed, mature, and eventually (after a few years) return up river to spawn. Many bird species, from the magnificent Harlequin duck to the tiny ruby-throated hummingbird are flying south to their overwintering habitats. Even monarch butterflies endure incredibly long southward journeys this time of year. The parks and trails in and around Litchfield provide great places to witness these incredible animals on their journeys...Smithfield Plantation - Litchfield Community Park - Jimmy Stream Conservation Area - Small Burnham Conservation Area - Holman Conservation Area - Webber-Rogers Farmstead Conservation Area – Woodbury Nature Sanctuary This time of year is the best time [the writer's opinion] to visit our parks and trails. Most of the pesky flies, mosquitoes, and ticks are done for the year (but do still check for ticks year-round unless there's snow cover). Taking a hike is a great way to reduce stress, get some exercise, and see what's happening in our very own backyard. Always be prepared with water, appropriate clothing/gear, and if you won't be traveling with a phone (or if you lose service), be sure someone knows where you're going. Since many of these properties are maintained by families or volunteers, please take photos and only leave footprints.

Nov. Issue Deadline:
Oct. 22, 2022 5p.m.
Deliver material in any
of the following ways:
E-mail
[\(sodalite@litchfieldmai
ne.org\)](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org) **U.S. mail to:**
Town Office, 2400 Hal-
lowell Rd. 04350

