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. The Center is closed on January 1 and January 20.

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.

Something new at the Senior Center - Tai Chi at 8:30 beginning Monday, January 6. Gentle physical exercises and stretches, sometimes described as mediation in motion. "A gentle way to fight stress" - Mayo Clinic.

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

Exercise classes on Wednesday and Friday at 8:30.

The Feldenkrais method awareness through movement class with Lindsay Nelsen (268-4569) is at 9:30 on Fridays.

Book club meeting is on January 8 at 12:15. The books to be discussed will be "Clementine", Winston Churchill's wife by Sonia Purnell; also "Mrs. Everything" by Jennifer Weiner.

Making cards with Anne Thompson is on Wednesday, January 15 at 1.

Music practice for the Carol Bailey String Band is on Wednesdays at 10-12.

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 and games.

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

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday, January 16.

The potluck luncheon and celebration of monthly birthdays is on Friday, January 17 at 12.

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 is available for use 8:30-4 Monday and Friday 8:30-4; 8:30-12 on Wednesday.

Veterans and Seniors - You’re invited to a Holiday Luncheon on January 5th (Sunday)
If a snow storm is coming on that Sunday we will do it on January 4th (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: lfd900@yahoo.com

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK
Litchfield folks ROCK!!! The word went out for a toy drive for Litchfield kids and YOU delivered! The toys and gifts delivered to Doolin's made us SO PROUD and Food Bank parents were thrilled to get them! It was Awesome! You make Litchfield so special! Wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world. Thank you to the special people who organized this and thank you to everyone who participated. There were so many great toys, I shared some with a church in Monmouth delivering gifts to kids in Foster Care in the area. They really ap-

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP
Need some warmer clothes? Before you go to the big box store, check us out. We are easier on your budget

Happy New Year!
Litchfield Transfer Station
Today Old Castle (formerly Jolly Gardner) from Poland has removed tractor trailer loads of leaves from the Transfer Station. Many thanks to the Litchfield Public Works for assisting in this endeavor. Completing this operation will allow us to be able to accommodate the large number of citizens that bring leaves to the Transfer Station. We are still having people refusing to follow the ONE WAY traffic pattern. This is a safety issue and I have advised the Litchfield Board of Selectmen of this issue. The Board of Selectmen requested that I author an article addressing this issue, to be made part of the Town Ordinances. I will present that article at the next Selectmen’s meeting. Happy New Year!

Litchfield Snowmobile Club
Club meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 6:00 at the Senior Center on Academy Road. The first club meeting each month is POTLUCK please bring a dish to share. The group has been busy cleaning trails, opening new ones and building bridges. Most Sundays at 9:00 volunteers are needed to work on trails contact our Trail Master at 268-2019 if you can help. We are excited about the new maps with new route numbers that are now available from the club, Doolins Pub, Gowell's SNS, Percy's Hardware and Rt197 Diner. We will be having a group ride to show and learn the trails with lunch along the way, currently scheduled for Saturday Jan 18th. (details to follow on Facebook or please contact us) Please join and follow us on our Face Book page, we will be posting upcoming trips, trail work and don't forget to get those registrations in. Litchfield Snowmobile Club - Maine If you have any questions please reach out to us.
## December Community Calendar

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| 1 Wed | **Happy New Year**  
Town Office Closed |
| 2 Thur | **Food Bank**-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd  
**Lit. Planning Bd**-6:30p; Town Office |
| 3 Fri | **Town Office**, closed  
**Transfer Station**, 8a.m.-4p.m |
| 4 Sat | **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 9 a.m.-noon  
**Litchfield Sportsmen's Club**-Public Supper (5pm-6pm) and Music Jam (6pm-8pm), $7 |
| 5 Sun | **Litchfield Sportsman’s Club**-Country Sunday (noon-4:30pm), $6 |
| 6 Mon | **Broadband Committee** – 10:30am; Town Office  
**Lit Recreation Committee**-6:30p; Town Office  
**Order of the Eastern Star** is recessed |
| 7 Tue | **Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers** Meeting-6:30pm  
**Mass Gathering Ordinance Committee** – 6:30 pm; Town Office |
| 8 Wed | **Food Bank**-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd  
**TOPS**-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m  
**Conservation Commission** – 6pm, Town Office |
| 9 Thur | **Food Bank**-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd |
| 10 Fri | **Town Office**, closed  
**Transfer Station**, 8a.m.-4p.m. |
| 11 Sat | **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 9 a.m.-noon  
**Amer. Legion Ladies Aux.**, Legion Hall, 10am |
| 12 Sun |  |
| 13 Mon | **Lit. Selectmen Meeting**, 6:30pm, Town Office |
| 14 Tue | **First Responders Meeting** 6:30pm |
| 15 Wed | **Food Bank**-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd  
**TOPS**-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m  
**RSU4 School Bd**-6:30pm **OHHS** |
| 16 Thur | **Food Bank**-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd  
**Senior Advisory Comm**. 10am; Senior Center  
**Budget Committee**—6:30p; Town Office |
| 17 Fri | **Town Office**, closed  
**Transfer Station**, 8a.m.-4p.m |
| 18 Sat | **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 9 a.m.-noon |
| 19 Sun |  |
| 20 Mon |  |
| 21 Tue | **Lit. Fire Assoc & Regular Meet**; 6:30pm |
| 22 Wed | **Food Bank**-5p-6p; 491 Richmond Rd  
**TOPS**-Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m |
| 23 Thur | **Food Bank**-10a-12p; 491 Richmond Rd |
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| 25 Sat | **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Academy Thrift Store**, 9 a.m.-noon  
**Lit. Sportsman’s Club** Public Breakfast (7am-9:30am), $7 |
| 26 Sun |  |
| 27 Mon | **Lit. Selectmen Meeting**, 6:30pm, Town Office |
| 28 Tues | **Transfer Station**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
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Litchfield Ad-Hoc Broadband Committee Update

The charter of the Litchfield Ad-Hoc Broadband Committee is to help the Select Board find ways to provide all Litchfield households with quality broadband services at competitive costs. This includes the ‘Unserved’ (those without internet available), as well as the ‘Underserved’ (those with slow connection speeds, periodic disconnects, excessive monthly fees, and monthly data limits). The Committee provided an update to the Select Board on Monday, December 9, 2019, summarized as follows:

- The importance of broadband as a utility vital to daily living was discussed and agreed upon.
- The Committee attended the Maine Broadband Summit meeting in October. They have discussed the Litchfield broadband situation with Maine State Representative Kent Ackley, and aids from both U.S. Senator Angus King and U.S. Congressman Jared Golden’s office. They have also met with incumbent and potential new Internet Service Providers (ISP). Additional meetings with other ISP will continue through January. Approximately 57 households participated in the broadband survey that was initiated in November. Of those that participated in the survey, two-thirds of the respondents reported services that are categorized as ‘Unserved’ or ‘Underserved’. Moving forward, the Committee suggested and received support from the Select Board to:
  - Work to address current issues/complaints with incumbent providers (Spectrum and Consolidated)
  - Find at least one ISP solution for all unserved/underserved (Likely will require town investment)
  - Provide more than one ISP option when possible (to keep all providers competitive)
  - Investigate potential government grants and subsidies for improving broadband infrastructure

The complete presentation can be found on the Town of Litchfield website here:
https://www.litchfieldmaine.org/town-government/committees/broadband-committee/

We welcome anyone that has not completed a broadband survey to participate: