

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

**January question:** In Civil War era Litchfield, what is now called Cobbossee Lake was called Cabot's Great Pond. What present day pond was in earlier times called Cobbossee Conte Pond? **December question:** Jaquith, Boffee, and Allard were all examples of places where products could be brought into or out of Litchfield. Such places were identified by what term? answer: Landings To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

## LITCHFIELD TRANSFER CENTER

Happy New Year!!! This will be a little different from other month's reports. First, I would like to say how grateful I am for the crew that works here at the Transfer Station. They make it a pleasure to come in to work. The volunteers in the Swap Shop are much appreciated. They provide a great service to the town in keeping the swap shop running smoothly. I would also like to say how much we at the Transfer Station appreciate the support we get from the Road Commissioner and the public works crew. Without them, we would not be able to operate as we do. I would also like to say a BIG Thank You to the residents. It is an honor to provide a Transfer Station that the town can be proud of. Remember the phone number at the Transfer Station is now 268-2032. Stop in and say hi to John C. and John U. Happy Holidays to all !!!

## RSU4 School News

School begins on Thursday, January 2 and no school on Monday, Jan 20 in honor of Martin Luther King Day and no school for students on Monday, Jan 27 due to a Teacher's Workshop Day.

## The Creators 4H

The Creators 4H meeting(s) for January are Jan 11th and 25th at 10 am at the Senior Center on Academy Road. For more info text or call Lori at 754-3931

## LITCHFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Center Phone # 446-6275

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

**Center closed on New Year's Day, January 1st, and on the 20<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. day**

**\*\*The Holiday party is Friday January 3rd, 2025 at Eleven to celebrate Christmas & New Years at the Senior Center. Bring a gift for the exchange (between \$5-\$15), we will have finger goodies to eat**

**Line Dancing instruction** for all on Mondays 9:30-11 at the Sportsmen's Club.

*The Senior Center will open 11:30 to 2 on Mondays after Line Dancing.*

**Qigong/Tai Chi exercises** will begin for the new year on Wednesday, January 8 at 9 am followed by practice for the Carol Bailey string band Wednesdays at 10 to 12.

**Come to the Senior Center** for morning exercise with Dian & friends on Fridays 8:30-9:15. Join in the indoor walking, or use the exercise equipment. 9:30 Tai Chi exercises with Rich beginning January 10<sup>th</sup> and again on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Stay 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 potluck lunch and celebration** of January birthdays is on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Bring something to share and come and visit with friends.

**The Senior's Advisory Committee** meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1 on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The book club meeting** is on Monday, January 27 at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. Pick up the book at the Gardiner or Monmouth Library and join us.

**A knitting group will meet Fridays** beginning January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center from 12:30 to 2. If you want to learn or knit your project with a group - all are welcome. If you crochet instead, bring your project with you and join the group.

**The Winter 5 gal. Bucket of Sand for Seniors** is available, please call 446-6275 and leave a message with name, telephone number and address to be put on the list for delivery. **Reminder:** Exercise equipment available when the Center is open. The Senior Center is located on Academy Rd. next to Libby Tozier Elementary School.

#### LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

The Holidays are over and it's time to curl up with a good book and cup of tea...what? You need a good book? Well! We have lots and lots and need to reduce inventory! Come in any Saturday in January and get 5 FREE books. Your choice! And while you're there, look through our great clothing racks. Still \$2 for a bag full. Happy New Year!

#### LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

After taking Christmas week off our team has agreed to come in Wednesday, Jan 1, New Years Day, 4 to 6 PM and Thursday, Jan 2 10 AM to Noon, to serve our clients. Still excited about our new building and we are enjoying the space and facilities! We are receiving donations towards a new generator for emergency power to keep our freezers, refrigerators, walk in cooler and heat pumps functional. Cash or checks can be left at the Town Office or mailed to P O Box 306, Litchfield. A collection jar at the Town Office will also accept cans and unusable keys for recycling. There is no limit on how many you can donate.

#### American Legion Post 181

Will be meeting on Wednesday 22 January 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Note the location change: **CENTRAL FIRE STATION**  
All veterans are welcome

#### Litchfield Sportsman's Club

The Club would like to thank all of the wonderful businesses and generous people for donations and time helping to put on the 12th Annual free Thanksgiving Meal that was held on Thursday, November 28th.

#### Litchfield Recreation Department

\*Basketball season is underway. Thank you to the folks who have volunteered to coach and thank you to the referees. We are in need of some timekeepers to run the timeclock during games. There is a stipend of \$15 available for each game the timekeeper tends. Please contact the Rec Dept at [litchfieldrec2400@gmail.com](mailto:litchfieldrec2400@gmail.com) for more information. \*\*Parents and guardians, please consider assisting your child's coaches with tasks, especially cleaning up after games. If you are unsure of how to be of assistance, please ask them for guidance. \*\*\*Donations are still needed for the basket raffles to be held at the end of January. Thank you to the individuals and businesses that have already donated. \*\*\*\*Pickleball has moved indoors to the Carrie Ricker School on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 pm. Please come join the fun. There are folks that can teach you the basics

#### TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**The Town Office will be closed Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, for the New Year's Day Holiday and Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

**Deck and Foundation Repairs** - Construction delays mean the office will be accessible only via stairs for the first week of January (provided weather cooperates). Please call the office if you are unable to navigate stairs and will need assistance (207) 268-4721.

**Stevestown Road crossing the Turnpike** will be one lane with a stop light in mid-January for about one week to allow repairs of the overpass.

**RSU4** - Theresa Madore was appointed to fill the remainder of the term for the vacant school board position (through June 30<sup>th</sup>). We had applications from four residents who stepped forward and we're grateful for their willingness to serve.

**Winter is here.** Please drive carefully and courteously, and give our plows some space. Litchfield winter roads are among the best maintained in the area, but there may still be some tricky spots.

**2025 Dog licenses** - You may license your dog (s) for 2025 at the Town Office (licensing began October 15<sup>th</sup>) or online at [https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dot\\_license/index.pl](https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dot_license/index.pl). If rabies vaccinations are due, please bring a copy of the new vaccination. To avoid a \$25.00 late fee your dog must be licensed by January 31.

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

**Fishing and Hunting Licenses** for the 2025 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**-If you need fuel assistance and have an appointment with KVCAP contact the Town Office. Applicants for the KVCAP Fuel Assistance Program should contact KVCAP directly by calling either 1-800-542-8227 ext. 1500 or (207)849-1500 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 at the Town Office.

**January Community Calendar**

1 Wed	<p><b>Happy New Year</b></p>  <p><b>Food Bank-4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd</b></p>	16 Thurs	<b>Food Bank-10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Budget Comm., 6:30pm</b>
2 Thur	<b>Food Bank-10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Planning Bd., 6:30pm</b>	17 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8am-4pm</b>
3 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8am-4pm</b>	18 Sat	<b>Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm</b>
4 Sat	<b>Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm Lit. Sportsman’s Club -Public Supper &amp; Jam \$10. Supper 5pm-6pm, Jam 6:30pm-8pm</b>	19 Sun	
5 Sun	<b>Lit. Sportsman’s Club—Sunday Country Music Sunday Noon to 4 pm \$8.00</b>	20 Mon	<p><b>Town Office Closed RSU4—No school</b></p> 
6 Mon		21 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire &amp; Rescue Meeting-6pm, Central Office</b>
7 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting, 6:00pm</b>	22 Wed	<b>Food Bank-4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd RSU4 School Board-6:30, Central Office</b>
8 Wed	<b>Food Bank-4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd RSU4 School Board-6:30, Central Office Lit. Sportsman's Club meeting—6pm</b>	23 Thurs	<b>Food Bank-10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd</b>
9 Thurs	<b>Food Bank-10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd</b>	24 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8am-4pm</b>
10 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8am-4pm</b>	25 Sat	<b>Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm</b>
11 Sat	<b>Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm</b>	26 Sun	
12 Sun		27 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen’s Meeting; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website. RSU4-No School –Teacher Workshop</b>
13 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen’s Meeting; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website</b>	28 Tue	
14 Tue	<b>Litchfield First Responders-6pm, Central Station</b>	29 Wed	<b>Food Bank-4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd</b>
15 Wed	<b>Food Bank-4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd</b>	30 Thur	<b>Food Bank-10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd</b>
		31 Fri	<b>Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8am-4pm</b>

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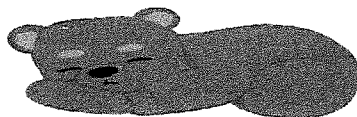
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**Conservation Committee News**  
**Happy New Year**

Here are 3 very important New Year's Resolutions for Litchfield residents: 1. You'll have a mess on your hands right after Christmas. Be sure to sort your discarded paper, bottles, and trash and bring them to the correct recycle bins at the transfer station. **NO MORE TRASH ON THE ROADS!!** 2. Get to know all the trails in town. You'd be surprised how many wonderful places we have to walk, snowshoe, and ski. Town owned properties include Smithfield Plantation and the Litchfield Community Park. But check out Kennebec Land Trust - [tklt.org](http://tklt.org) - to learn about: Holman Conservation Area; Jimmy Stream Conservation Area; Small-Burnham Conservation Area and Webber-Rogers Farmstead Conservation Area. 3. Get your kids and/or grandkids outdoors. In January we will be changing the book on the story trail at the Community Park. They won't want to miss reading about a "hibernating bear".



**Feb Issue Deadline:**  
 Jan 20, 2025 5pm Deliver material in any of the following ways:  
 email: [sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)  
 (U.S. mail to: Town Office, 2400 Hollowell Rd. 04350)  
**Hand deliver to:** Town Office 2400 Hollowell Rd

