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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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HISTORIAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

July question: In 1875 The Patrons of Husbandry first organized in Litchfield. What is a more common name for this organization? **June question:** True's Corner, The North, and South Litchfield were all names given to the same place in early Litchfield. In today's world the intersection of what two roads would define this location? answer: The Hallowell Road and Route 126. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to www.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

LITCHFIELD TRANSFER CENTER

Summer's here and the time is right!!! We will be closed on Friday the 4th of July. **Happy Independence Day!** We would like to thank the residents for their support in approving our budget request at the annual town meeting. We will strive to do our best to stay under budget. We would like to remind the residents to please flatten their cardboard and put it behind the barrier in the cardboard container. If the cardboard needs attention, please see an attendant. That is what we are there for. The used oil should still be dropped off at the haz-mat building. It is up at the Hazardous Material building next to the Swap Shop. We are open on Sundays now from 8 to 4. This will be in effect until the last weekend in August. Remember the phone number at the Transfer Station is now 268-2032. Stop in and say hi to John C, Kim R., and John U. on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, stop in and say hello to Jim N., Jim. D., and Kim R.

RSU 4 NEWS

The RSU4 Public Budget Meeting will be held on *July 9th at 6:30 in the OHHS Gym. The referendum vote on the revised budget will be **Tuesday, July 29th** at the Town Office. The expected absentee voting window will be July 10th through close of business on July 24th. The 1st day of school is: Aug. 27- Kinder-9th grade; Aug. 28- 10th-12th grade & LRTC; Sept. 2- Pre-K. **Kindergarten & Pre-K Registration for RSU #4, Litchfield, Sabattus & Wales** - If you are a resident of Litchfield, Sabattus or Wales and have a child that will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2025 (Kindergarten age) or a child that will be 4 years old on or before October 15, 2025 (Pre-K age), please call Libby-Tozier School at 268-4137 to register

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.*

The Senior Center will be closed on Friday, July 4th

Line Dancing instruction for all on Monday 9:30-11 on July 14 and July 28 at the Sportsmen's Club. The **Senior Center** will be open 11:30 to 2 on those dates and on July 2, Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30.

Senior Steppers (Line Dancers) to perform at Clover Health Care, Auburn on July 7 @ 10 am; On July 21 at Gray Birch, Augusta at 2 pm.

The Senior Center will open 8:30 to 9:15 on Mondays for indoor walking with Dian. Exercise equipment also available; 9:30 for Tai Chi/Qigong with Sharon Thibault and Paula Bonarrigo and friends stop in and join them.

The Carol Bailey String band will be giving concerts on July 9 at Maine Veteran's Home at 10; on July 16 at Clover Health Care, Auburn at 10; On July 30 at Wiscasset Seniors at 4 pm.

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. 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.

Friday, July 18 Potluck lunch and celebration of July birthdays 12-1.

The book club meeting is on Monday, July 28 at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "The Man Who Died Twice" by Richard Osman.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1:00 on July 17.

Sign up for the Roadrunner trips - Thursday, July 10

- **Mystery trip**, leave at 9:30 - where are we going and what are we going to see, join us and find out!! **Friday**

7/11 Sawyer Memorial, Greene "Erica Brown and 'Darlin' Corey"; **Friday 7/18** "Pat Colwell & the Soul Sensations"; **July 25** "Katahdin Valley Boys". All shows are at 7pm, bus leaves at 6pm. **On July 23**, a trip to *Carousel Music Theater, Boothbay "Lipstick and Gamblers" a Dolly & Kenny tribute. This Wednesday matinee includes lunch - cost is \$50. Call or stop in for more information and to sign up.*

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, etc.

Woodbury Pond Park

The park officially opened June 14th for the 2025 season, get your season pass now at the park or the Town Office. They are \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. The hours are 10am-7pm daily, weather permitting. We are excited about the approval of funds needed for reparations at the park at the Annual Town Meeting, thank you! The funds will go towards replacing the leaking roof of the changing rooms, picnic table replacement, fire pit replacement, shore erosion control, and other minor repairs and updates. Keep up-to-date on the progress on our Facebook page, "Friends of Woodbury Pond Park." We also have a patron and Veteran who has offered to assist with replacing and repairing some of the playground equipment. We have an attendant present, Angie, on the premises most days to oversee and manage the park. Stop in to say hello! The park is available for parties or group gatherings, please contact Sue at woodburypondpark@gmail.com to book your party now.

Artful Nights Maine with Artist Nicole



Saturday, July 26
Paint Night FUNdraiser
Litchfield Fire-Rescue
Litchfield, ME
11am-1 pm

\$35



Follow Artful Nights Maine on Eventbrite

Friends of the Cobscook Lake Association

The wail of a loon on a mid-summer night is one of nature's most haunting and beautiful sounds. While Maine is home to the largest population of loons in the Northeast, they face threats on both lakes and their offshore wintering areas. The summer of 2025 will be the final year of a 5-year grant overseen by Maine Audubon called the Maine Loon Restoration Project, the funding of which was sourced by a 2021 settlement from an oil spill off the coast of Massachusetts where the loons winter and where hundreds of loons perished. The project aims to increase nesting success and decrease loon mortality by engaging volunteers in three areas: placement of artificial nests, educating on eliminating lead tackle, and launching a Look Out for Loons Program. In the Tacoma Lakes Region more than a dozen volunteers have worked closely with the Maine Audubon, joining 375 others around the state, placing and monitoring nests, placing signs for Look Out for Loons and Please Stay Away - Loons Nesting to ensure we are able to enjoy our loon population for years to come! For more information go to <https://maineaudubon.org/projects/loons/loon-restoration-project>.

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

We heard your neighbors don't know about the THRIFT SHOP. If you see them in their yard, would you stop by and tell them about us? Please? We need more customers to help us clear the huge inventory we have! Come see the great choices! We have an amazing assortment of ladies' wear in larger sizes to tempt you! Still \$2 a grocery bag-full!

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

The Town Office closes at 3:00 pm on Monday, June 30th to complete end-of-fiscal year database closeout. July Holiday - The Town Office will be open on Thursday, July 3rd. However we will be short staffed, so if you need to come in that week we recommend that you come in before the 3rd.

Woodbury Pond Park is now open daily from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm through August 18th, weather permitting. Come out and enjoy the park!

Roadwork continues on Buker Road: Ditching, paving, and tree grinding (trimming).

The RSU4 budget did not pass and the school board will be looking at the budget again. If you missed out last time, you get another chance to contribute your perspective. Wednesday, July 9th - Public Budget Meeting, where changes can be made, 6:30 pm at OHHS, and Tuesday, July 29th - Budget Validation Referendum Vote from 8 am to 8 pm at the Town Office. The vote on the 29th is a change from our usual polling place.

June 11th Municipal Election Results (winners denoted by *)

Selectboard (1 Seat)

*Thomas Pelletier- 123
Daniel Stevens-82
Chris Raymond Sr.- 89
Write Ins-16

RSU #4 (1 Seat)

*Theresa Madore-274
Write Ins-9

Academy Trustee (2 Seats)

*Earl Lamoreau-247
*Rayna Leibowitz-245
Write Ins-4

Budget Committee (3 Seats)

*Larry Bell-200
*Bruce Doyle-237
Write In-John Patten Jr.*

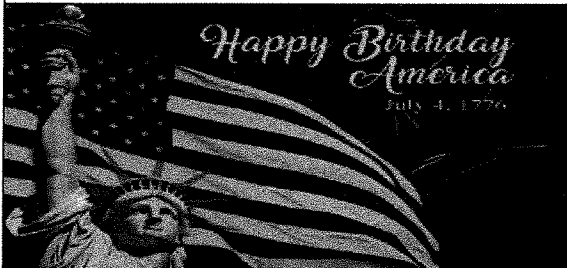
RSU#4 Budget Referendum: Yes - 158 No - 173

Municipal Final Tally Total # of Ballots 559

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

A huge thank you for the voters at the Town Meeting in June. We appreciate the recognition, support and encouragement! Fresh local garden produce will be in soon. We had some of the BEST rhubarb brought to us! Thank you, Ellen! If you have a neighbor who needs us, bring them over to get acquainted. We'll take good care of them. Best wishes for you and your garden. We'll appreciate your surpluses.

July Community Calendar

1 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting, 6:00pm	16 Wed	Lit. Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd Road Comm. —Town Off. 6:00pm
2 Wed	Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd	17 Thur	Lit. Senior Comm. -1pm, Senior Center Lit. Budget Comm. -6:30pm Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd
3 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd	18 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, closed
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6 Sun	Transfer Station, 8am-4pm	21 Mon	Lit. Recreation Comm. —6:15pm
7 Mon		22 Tue	
8 Tue	Litchfield First Responders -6pm, Central Station	23 Wed	Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd
9 Wed	Food Bank —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Sportsman's Club meeting—6pm	24 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd
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13 Sun	Transfer Station, 8am-4pm Lit. Sportsman's Club —Country Music Sunday; Noon to 4pm; \$8.	28 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website
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		31 Thur	Food Bank —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd

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www.litchfieldmaine.org
 Open: Mon.—Wed.: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Closed: Every Fri.

Litchfield Conservation Commission Conservation News

Save the Date! August 11-14 the Litchfield Conservation Commission will host 15 members of the Maine Conservation Corps to complete a variety of improvement and maintenance projects on the town's parks, preserves, and trails. Magnify your impact and support our special outdoor assets by volunteering a few hours to work with these young folks while they are here. Contact Lindsay Nelsen for more information: lnelsen@fairpoint.net

Learn More About Maine's Flora

For those interested in the natural world around us, the Josselyn Botanical Society is an all-volunteer group with organized outings to a variety of ecosystems from mountaintops to bogs, sea shore to dry fields, to see what lives there. They welcome others to join them and learn more about Maine's amazing plants. Visit their website for more information: josselynbotanicalsociety.org

August Issue Deadline:
 July 20, 2025 5pm Deliver material in any of the following ways:
 email: sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org
 U.S. mail to:
 Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350
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