

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

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? May question: Cobbosseecontee is a term familiar to many in Litchfield today. Far fewer could explain the origin of this word. Can you? Answer: "Land where the sturgeon are taken" in Abenaki. To read more about the history of Litchfield [WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org](http://WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org)

## LITCHFIELD TRANSFER CENTER

Happy June and welcome to the start of summer. The Transfer Station will be closed for a little bit on Town Meeting Day, June 14. We will re-open as soon as possible on that date. We will be moving the two-Conex boxes up next to the office in the next month or so. We will also be building a new used oil drop off shack next to the haz-mat building. 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 have seen an uptick in plastic bags going into the plastic container. A reminder to please **NOT** put bags in the container. 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.

## LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

We are getting fresh items every week. Stop in to see what you **HAVE** to get! If your summer clothes don't fit the way they did last year, it's the perfect place to shop. Fill a grocery bag for \$2 and don't feel guilty about it!

## LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Thanks to our great donors, we have reached the half way mark for our Generator Fund! Donations big and small add up! Got your garden in? We'd love to have your surplus produce! The local chickens have been very productive with the warmer weather (haven't we all) and we are grateful for the eggs delivered to us on Wednesday mornings! They are out the door Wednesday afternoons!

## RSU 4

**Kindergarten & Pre-K Registration, 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 Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>***

**Line Dancing instruction** for all on Mondays 9:30-11 at the Sportsmen's Club except on the following: The Senior Steppers (Line Dancers) are performing Monday, June 9, @ Mount Joseph, Waterville @ 2; The Steppers will be performing Monday, June 23 at Montello Heights, Lewiston at 10.

**The Senior Center** will open 8:30 to 9:15 on Mondays for indoor walking with Dian; Something new 9:30 for Tai Chi/Qigong with Sharon Thibault and Paula Bonarri and friends. Come in for exercise, check out the books or puzzles. We have new puzzles and books coming into the Center all the time.

**The Carol Bailey String Band** are performing: at the Gorham, Maine Seniors on Wednesday, June 4 at 10:30; on Sunday, June 22 at the fundraiser for the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club at 1pm.

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, on June 20 @ 12 a potluck lunch & celebration of monthly birthdays and then more cards and games in the afternoon. Pick out books and/or puzzles to take home.

**Come and join the book club** here at the Senior Center. The next book club meeting is on Monday, June 16 at 1. The book to be discussed is "The Midnight Library" by Matthew Haig.

**The Senior's Advisory Committee** meeting is held at the Senior Center at 1 on Thursday, June 26.

**We have a Road Runner trip** on Friday, June 6 to Sawyer Foundation, Greene to see **ANNI CLARK** a Yarmouth native at 7pm; and on June 13 to see

**THE MOLLYCKETT CHORUS** a local group of women singers; On Saturday, June 14 to see Forever Everly at the Public Theater, Lewiston; On Wednesday, June 25 Lakewood Theater, Madison to see **FOOTLOOSE**, a musical at 2pm.

**We are looking for Volunteer** drivers for our Senior Center small bus. Please contact the Senior Director.

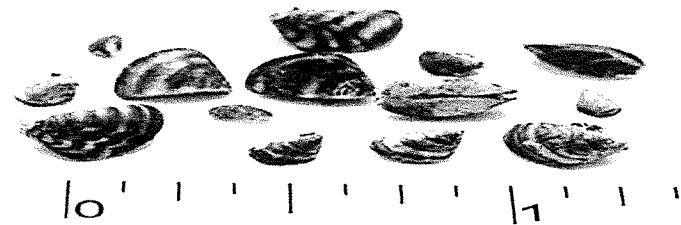
**Reminder:** We are located on Academy Rd. next to Libby Tozier Elementary School. Stop in, sign up for trips, or check out our books, puzzles and items on the table you may like. Donations are appreciated.

### Litchfield Sportsman's Club

**Yard Sale**—Sat. June 14, 9-1 \$20/table. Contact Gail Royer at 622-5471. **Benefit**—The Carol Bailey String Band will perform for the Sportsman's Club Benefit. Bring friends and family for the debut of our Fifties program, "The Time of Our Lives".

### Tacoma Lakes Association

**Zebra Mussels - A New Invasive?** The zebra mussel is a small freshwater mussel that originates from the lakes of southern Russia and Ukraine, but has been accidentally introduced to numerous other areas. It has become an invasive species in parts of the United States. Locally, zebra mussels are currently only found in the Saint John River mainstem from Madawaska downstream and not the rest of Maine. The Department of Environmental Protection conducted a study on many of Maine's lakes and found that over 90% of lakes they examined had a very low suitability level for zebra mussels based on water chemistry. However, a few lakes have been noted as possible environments for them to flourish. Consequently, we have a volunteer checking for them in Little Purgatory and Woodbury Ponds. Zebra mussels cause numerous problems, both ecologically and economically. They clog water intake systems, disrupt ecosystems by filtering out plankton, and attach to infrastructure, boats, and other surfaces. Be sure to let us know if you suspect one in your lake. In addition, the TLA invasive plant patrol continues to go out weekly to look for invasive aquatic plants! We have been successful in covering the littoral zone of all of our lakes and have so far found no "bad plants". But we still need new members, so if you wish to join us (or wish us to check a plant you've spotted in the lakes) please contact Diane Clay 207-754-9502 or the **Tacoma Lakes Asso.** This year's **TLA Regatta is Saturday, July 5.** Get your boat decorations ready and come grab an ice cream on the lake. Boats are meeting lakeside at Woodbury Pond Park at 10:30am. The Tacoma Lakes annual meeting will be held on June 28 at 9 AM at Carrie Ricker



### TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**Elections! Get to know your candidates!** Join us for a "Select Board Candidates Meet & Greet" on June 5, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Litchfield Fire Station meeting room, 2425 Hallowell Road. Each candidate will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and answer questions given to the candidates in advance. Following the formal question and answer period, candidates will stay and mingle, giving you an opportunity to get to know them and their position on local issues. Candidates running for Litchfield Academy Trustee, RSU4 School Board, and Budget Committee have also been invited to attend. Town elections, Municipal and the RSU#4 referendum election, are Tuesday, June 10th at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd, from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. The Annual Town Meeting will be on Saturday, June 14th, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Carrie Ricker School gym. Absentee ballots or in person voting is available at the Town Office. Sample ballots can be found at [litchfieldmaine.org](http://litchfieldmaine.org) on the elections page, or linked from the notice on the home page.

#### Select Board (1 position):

Thomas Pelletier  
Daniel Stevens  
Chris Raymond Sr.

#### RSU #4 (1 position):

Theresa Madore

#### Academy Trustee (2 positions) Budget Committee (3 posi.)

Earl Lamoreau  
Rayna Leibowitz

Larry Bell  
Bruce Doyle

**2025 ATV Registrations** You may register and re-register ATVs at the Town Office beginning May 1st. Reminder, the State (Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) has insisted that our customers bring either a previous registration or a photo of the current sticker when registering ATVs, boats, and snowmobiles.

**Woodbury Pond Park** Woodbury Pond Park opens on Saturday, June 14th and will be open 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM daily until August 24th – weather permitting.

**The Town Office will be closed** for the Juneteenth Holiday on **Thursday, June 19th.** The office will also close on **Monday, June 30th at 3:00 PM** for end-of-fiscal-year processing.

### Creators 4H

The last meeting of the Creators 4H is June 14th. It's mainly for dropping off finished projects. Our new season will start in October. We take summer off due to displaying in the fairs. Info call or text Lori at 207 754-3931.

**June Community Calendar**

1 Sun	<b>Transfer Station</b> — 8am—4pm	16 Mon	<b>Lit. Recreation Comm.</b> —6:15pm	
2 Mon		17 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire &amp; Rescue Meeting</b> —6pm, Central Office	
3 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting</b> , 6:00pm	18 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> —4p-6p; 56 Plains Rd	
4 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> —4p-6p; 56 Plains Rd	19 Thur	<b>Food Bank</b> —10am-2pm, 56 Plains Rd <b>Town Office Closed</b>	
5 Thur	<b>Food Bank</b> -10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd <b>Lit. Planning Bd.</b> , 6:30pm		20 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm <b>Lit. Sportsman's Club</b> -Pasta Night— All-Things Italian—5pm-6pm Public Welcome
6 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm		21 Sat	<b>Transfer Station</b> - 8am-4pm <b>Academy Thrift Store</b> —Open 9am-12pm
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8 Sun	<b>Lit. Sportsman's Club</b> —Country Music Sunday Noon to 4 pm \$8.00 <b>Transfer Station</b> — 8am—4pm	23 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen's Meeting</b> ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website	
9 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen's Meeting</b> ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website	24 Tue		
10 Tue	<b>Litchfield First Responders</b> -6pm, Central Station	25 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> —4p-6p; 56 Plains Rd <b>RSU4 School Board</b> -6:30, Central Office	
11 Wed	<b>Food Bank</b> —4p-6p; 56 Plains Rd <b>Lit. Sportsman's Club</b> meeting—6pm <b>RSU4 School Bd Meeting</b> -6:30pm <b>Last Day of School</b> —Early Release	26 Thur	<b>Food Bank</b> —10am-2pm, 56 Plains Rd <b>Senior Advisory Meet</b> -1pm, Senior Center	
12 Thur	<b>Food Bank</b> -10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd	27 Fri	<b>Town Office</b> , closed <b>Transfer Station</b> , 8am-4pm	
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15 Sun	<b>Transfer Station</b> — 8am—4pm 	30 Mon		

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 Closed: Every Fri.

## Litchfield Conservation Commission Conservation News

Litchfield Conservation Commission member Lindsay Nelsen has been working with State Botanist Eric Doucette to identify and survey a rare plant, the sandbar willow (*Salix exigua* ssp. *interior*), a species critically imperiled in Maine. \*The Litchfield Community Park hosts the largest sandbar willow population in the state\* and the Maine Natural Areas Program will be adding their findings to the state botanical database. **While we are glad** to have the sandbar willow, we are always working to \*prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plants\* both on our land and in our waterways. Invasive plants do not occur natively in our area and disrupt recreation and decrease water quality. The Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) is a group of friendly local volunteers who learn to identify aquatic plants then paddle the Tacoma Lakes to survey water vegetation to prevent the spread. Join us out on the lake this summer!

**\*Do your part\*:** To protect our beloved lakes, follow the **"Clean, Drain, Dry"** principle: inspect, clean, drain, and dry all equipment before moving to a new water body to avoid bringing invasives to our waterways. To learn more about IPP contact Diana Clay: [c112a3y4@gmail.com](mailto:c112a3y4@gmail.com) or 207-754-9502

**July Issue Deadline:**  
 June 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 Hallowell Rd. 04350  
**Hand deliver to:** Town Office 2400 Hallowell Rd

