

The Litchfield Sodalite

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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

June question: Early Potter town had among its mills a fulling mill. This type of mill dealt with what type of fiber? **May question:** In early Litchfield, surveyors defined an acre of land in both square rods and square chains. An acre contained one hundred and sixty square rods. How many square chains was that? answer: Ten square chains To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

We are extremely grateful for the wonderful Concert Honoring Mothers provided by the Carol Bailey String Band and Chorus to benefit the Food Bank Building Fund on May 13th. Over \$1,000 was realized! Great music and lots of mothers were honored and remembered. Our concrete work is finished and construction will start when our contractor finishes some jobs on his list ahead of us. If you would like to make a donation, please mail it to Litchfield Food Bank, PO Box 306, Litchfield with "Building Fund" on the Memo line. Many thanks.

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

Bargains galore ready to impress shoppers. So many great items and the Buck A Bag pricing is continuing. Great summer clothes for the whole family and it's fun to shop, too.

LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

Summer is here and the climate is right! Things are going on schedule here at the Transfer Station. Our new recyclable container set-up is working well. Many many THANKS to the residents who are utilizing our new container line up. It has improved the process of the recycling. The leaf and brush piles are going strong. The Swap Shop is doing tremendous business. Many treasures come and go. Stop by and see what is available. Stop in and say Hi to John C., Cheri C., and John U. on Friday and Saturday. Jim N. and Justin M. will be there on Sundays. Thank You

Old Town House Museum

The Old Town House Museum will be open on Saturday, June 24 from 2pm to 4pm.

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 are being held at the Litchfield Sportsman's Club. If the open flag is out at the Center, come on in. All dates and times are subject to change.

NEW CENTER PHONE # 446-6275

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NO Senior Center activities on Monday, June 19th, Juneteenth.

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., come in for exercise, cards or check out the books or puzzles. We have new puzzles and books coming into the Center all the time.

NO Tai Chi or Carol Bailey String Band & Chorus music practice June, July or August.

The Carol Bailey String band & Chorus will be giving concerts over the summer beginning on May 30th at Schooner Estates, Auburn @ 11 am; June 14 at Clover Manor, Auburn @ 10 am; Maine Veterans Home, Augusta on June 21 @ 10 am.

The Senior Center will be open on Wednesday June 7 & Wednesday June 28 9:30-12:30 stop in for books, puzzles, **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.

The book club meeting is on Monday, June 12 at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "Good Dog, Bad Cop" by David Rosenfelt.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1 on Thursday, June 15th.

Are you interested in joining a domino group? We have some interest in a Mexican Train game that would be during the day at the Senior Center on Fridays. If this is something you would like, please let the Director know. Also looking for anyone interested in playing cribbage on Fridays during the day at the Senior Center.

Sign up for the Roadrunner trips – Sunday, June 4 Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Free Entrance Fee day – leave at 9 am from Sportsmen's Club; Thursday, June 22 Pineland Farms, New Gloucester – leave at 10 am from Sportsmen's Club. **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.

Woodbury Pond Park

Woodbury Pond Park is excited for the summer of 2023 and it is almost time to open the park for all! Park gates will open on June 24 and rates will remain the same as last year: Park pass residents \$50, non-residents \$60 (available at town office or at attendant booth at the park) Entrance fee is \$3/adults and \$2/child. Seniors and veterans are free of charge. When it rains the gates may stay closed but you are still welcome to walk into the park. Please bring correct change for the attendants and when they are not at the booth you can put the fee in the mail slot at the office. We are a self-sustaining park so your fees and donations are important to keep things in working condition. We are looking to form a group of volunteers to help keep the park up to date and running smoothly. Please leave your name at the attendant booth or email woodburypondpark@gmail.com You can book your events at the park by email at above address or by calling Joline Bell at 592-3397

RSU 4 School News

The Oak Hill High School graduation will be Saturday, June 3rd. It will be held at the Augusta Civic Center. For more information call the high school at 375-4950. **Last day of school** for Pre-K will be Thursday, June 15. **Last day of school** for grades K-11 will be Friday, June 16. It will be an early release day, following the regular Wednesday early dismissal schedule. **School will begin for the 2023-23** school year on 8/30. This will be for grades K-9. It will be a full day of school. First day of school for grades 10-12 and LRTC will be on 8/31. The first day for Pre-K will be 9/5. RSU4 Pre-K and **Kindergarten registration**...If you are a resident of Sabattus, Litchfield or Wales and have a child that will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2023 (Kindergarten age) or a child that will be 4 years old on or before October 15, 2023 (Pre-K age), please call Libby-Tozier School at 268-4137 to register for the 2023-24 school year.

Tacoma Lakes Association

The Tacoma Lakes Association wishes you all a great Spring, and of course a great Summer! New this year on Saturday July 1, we will be having the first annual Tacoma Lakes Association Regatta. Starting at 11a.m., interested boaters can meet outside of the roped off swimming area at the Woodbury Pond Park. If you choose to, decorate your boat in the spirit of July 4th. We will take a spin around our amazing lakes, and show our colors and creativity. Our Annual meeting will take place on June 24th, at 9 a.m., at the Carrie Ricker school. TLA anticipates a busy summer as we continue to keep our lakes clean, and free of invasive plants. If you would like to help in any way please contact Jim Adams at 268-2070, or any of our board members.

Morning Star Lodge #41

The Morning Star lodge yard sale is happening Saturday June 3rd 8-3 and Sunday June 4th, from 8-noon. This event is back after a few years hiatus but should provide a thrift seekers paradise! Donations are used to help fund projects we support in the Litchfield area, like Books for Bikes and Oak Hill Project Graduation. 2422 Halloween Litchfield Road, right across from the Fire Station.

Town Clerk's Corner

Town elections, and the RSU#4 budget referendum are Thursday, June 13th at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd, from 8 am - 8 pm. **The Annual Town Meeting** will be on Saturday, June 17th, beginning at 10 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 on the elections page or linked from the notice on the home page. Candidates that will appear on the ballot:

Select Board (one position)

Gary Parker
Mark Russell

RSU #4 (one position)
Douglas Bumpus, II

Academy Trustee (Two Positions)

Elton Wade
Dian White

Budget Committee (three positions):

Ellery Barrett
Theresa Madore
Thomas Wood

Woodbury Pond Park opens on Saturday, June 24th.



The Town Office will be closed for the Juneteenth Holiday on Monday, June 19th. The office will also close on Thursday, June 29th at 3 pm for end-of-fiscal-year processing.

The Recreation Committee needs your help. If you can spare a few hours a month to help plan, organize, or otherwise contribute to the success of Litchfield youth sports, meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6 pm in the Town Office. If you can't make it to a meeting, but would like someone to contact you, please leave your name and number with the Town Office, ph. 268-4721.

Litchfield Town Meeting
Saturday, June 17, 2023
10:00am
Carrie Ricker School Gym



June Community Calendar

1 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd	17 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Lit. Town Meeting -10am; Carrie Ricker School
2 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm	18 Sun	
3 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Lit. Sportsman's Club —Public Supper & Jam \$10.00 Jam only \$5.00 Supper 5 to 6; Jam—6:30 to 8 pm	19 Mon	 Town Office Closed Lit Budget Comm — 6:30pm, Town Office
4 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club —Country Sunday noon to 4 \$8.00 OHHS Graduation -Augusta Civic Center	20 Tue	Lit Fire Assoc & Reg Meet -6:30pm, Central Sta
5 Mon	Lit. Recreation Comm —6:15pm, Town Off	21 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd RSU4 —Board of Directors; Central Office 6:30pm American Legion Post 181 Meeting ; 7pm—235 Plains Rd.
6 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers - 6:30pm; Station	22 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd
7 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd	23 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm
8 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd	24 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Tacoma Lakes Asso. Annual Meeting —9am; Carrie Ricker School
9 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm	25 Sun	
10 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm	26 Mon	Lit. Selectman's Meeting —6:30pm; Zoom available—see website
11 Sun		27 Tue	
12 Mon	Lit. Selectman's Meeting —6:30pm; Zoom available—see website Lit. Sportsmen's Club -meeting, 7 pm	28 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd
13 Tue	Lit First Responders ; 6:30pm-Central Station Town Elections -8am to 8pm; Lit. Sportsman's Club.	29 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd
14 Wed	Food Bank -4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd RSU4 —Board of Directors; Central Office 6:30pm Conservation Commission -6:00pm, Town Off	30 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm
15 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd Lit. Budget Committee — 6:30pm, Town Office Senior Advisory —1pm, Academy Rd		
16 Fri	RSU4 -Last day of school-Early Release Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm		

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www.litchfieldmaine.org
 Open: Mon.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Closed: Every Fri.

Conservation Commission

The Story Trail is up at the Litchfield Community Park! Come walk the trail and read the book. We are planning to select several stories that we can replace as the seasons change. In addition, we have longer walks around the ponds with benches to sit and enjoy the view. Dogs are welcome too. **The Conservation Commission** works with other groups in town on projects to protect the environment. Forestry Day for third graders at the Carrie Ricker School consists of 6 workshops designed to help the students learn about the environment, wildlife, and outdoor safety. We are also coordinating with Tacoma Lakes Association to provide invasive aquatic plant patrol, loon preservation, and lead sinker exchange. We'll be setting up an exchange at Woodbury Pond Park Saturday of the Fourth of July weekend, so stop by for a swim, picnic, and new lead-free fishing gear. **The loons are back** and settling into their nests. This is an important time of year to keep your boats away from the shoreline. If a nest is hit by a wave the eggs will be destroyed. The loon restoration project is monitoring their nests and several loon nesting islands are being used on our lakes as well. There has been a decline in the number of chicks in the last few years, so join us in protecting these classic Maine birds. Watch them from a distance, bring out your binoculars, and sit back to listen to their calls. Maine Audubon has information about what the calls mean on their website. Check it out.

July Issue Deadline:
 June. 22, 2023 5p.m.
 Deliver material in any of the following ways:
Email: sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org
U.S. mail to:
 Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350
Hand deliver to: Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd

