

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

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. **April question:** In early Litchfield (and still today) what spring delicacy bore the name of a musical instrument? answer: The fiddle head. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

LITCHFIELD TRANSFER CENTER

Happy May Day!!! We will be open on Sundays starting May 4th. The hours will be 8 AM to 4 PM. The Swap Shop is open and already doing a brisk business. We are looking for one or two more volunteers to come in and help out in the Swap Shop. We want to remind the residents of the location change for used oil drop-offs. It is up at the Hazardous Material building next to the Swap Shop. 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.

American Legion Post 181

Will meet on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Central Fire Station. All veterans are welcome.

William R, Bold American Legion Post 181 Memorial Day Parade

Invites local families and individuals to help us honor our fallen veterans by placing American flags on their grave sites. We will meet at Litchfield Plains Cemetery on May 24th at 9 a.m. Legionnaires and Auxiliary members seek local organizations to participate with us to march in this year's Memorial Day Parade. Youth sports teams, scouting groups, senior and Antique Auto clubs are among those encouraged to join us. We will meet at the Fire Station on May 26th at 8:30 a.m. The parade begins at 8:45 a.m. Memorial Day Services will be held at Litchfield Plains Cemetery at 9 a.m. Bring your own chair if needed. If it rains, the parade will be cancelled and Memorial Day Services will be held inside the Fire Station at 9:00am. For more information contact Post CDR Denise Emery at 207-212-9489.

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. Senior Center is closed on Monday, May 26, Memorial Day*

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 May 5, @ St. Mary's Residences, Lewiston @ 1:30; The Steppers will be performing May 19 at Maine Veteran's Home, Augusta at 2.

The Senior Center will open 8:30 to 9:15 on Mondays for indoor walking with Dian; 9:30 for knitting and crocheting with Sharon 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.

Final for winter/spring Qigong/Tai Chi exercises on Wednesday May 7 at 9 followed at 10-12 by Music practice for the Carol Bailey String Band and Chorus at the Sportsmen's Club.

The Carol Bailey String Band are performing: **at the Litchfield Fire Station on Saturday, May 3 for the Senior/Veteran luncheon which is from 10-1; at Plains Cemetery for Mary Blen's funeral service on Friday May 9 at 1; at Auburn Recreation at Pettengill Park on Wednesday, May 21 at 11; and on Wednesday, May 28 at Schooner Estates, Auburn at 10.**

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 May 16 @ 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, May 12 at 1. the book to be discussed is "First Lie Wins" by Ashley Elston.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is held at the **Senior Center** at 1pm on Thur. May 15.

We have a Road Runner trip on Sunday, May 18 to Maine Country Music Hall of Fame, McFalls for the 48th annual award show at 1, tickets \$20.; Sunday May 25, A trip to Lakewood Theater, Madison-The play is "In-Laws, Outlaws & other people (that should be shot). 4 pm show. **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 ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

The books are getting a make-over. Come look for your favorite authors and enjoy the reads. Great spring and summer clothes are now ready for you to enjoy. Bring a friend from out of town and share our secret! Still \$2 for a bag full!

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

We are enjoying handing out local eggs, thanks to our generous neighbors! Gardening weather is just around the corner. Plant extra for your neighbors! The generator fund is growing! Thanks for your contributions! A brief power outage on Easter morning reinforced the need to ensure we can protect the contents of several freezers and refrigerators.

Creators 4H

The Creators 4H is meeting on Saturday May 10th and Saturday, May 26th at the Senior Center on Academy Rd at 10am. For info text or call 754-3931.

**Come Join Us For The
Senior / Veteran
Luncheon**

**May 3rd, 2025
10 am - 1 pm**

At
**Litchfield Fire & Rescue Department
2400 Hallowell Road**

**Come and let us spoil you with some
Food and Music**

For more information contact:
**Tina Gowell
485-5565**

Woodbury Pond Park

Your help is needed for Woodbury Pond Park's annual Spring Cleanup Day on May 3rd between 10 am and 4 pm. In the event of rain, we will postpone to May 4th. There is something for everyone to assist with, including removal of tree debris, sprucing up the ticket booth, tidying up the changing rooms, raking, etc. Lend an hour or two of your time and have some fun getting the park ready for a wonderful summer season. Applications are being accepted for attendants at Woodbury Pond Park. If you're interested, please email Sue Weber at woodburypondpark@gmail.com.

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th, for Memorial Day. Plan to start your morning at the Veterans Memorial in the Plains Cemetery to honor those who gave their lives for our country. The Memorial Day parade will begin at 9:00 am from the Central Fire Station (which is also the rain day alternate location for the ceremonies).

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van will be available to transport those veterans that cannot march/walk the parade route from the fire station to the cemetery.

RSU4 Budget – Public Budget Meeting Wednesday, May 14th at the high school! The RSU4 budget that will be voted on in June must be approved by the public and may be adjusted by attendees at the Public Budget Meeting on May 14th. The Sabattus Primary School closure passed and those savings are included in the budget proposal to be presented on the 14th.

Elections are coming up in June! The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Road, from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Early voting will be available beginning May 15th at the Town Office. You can also request your ballot ahead of time at the Town Office and we will begin mailing them out May 15th. The Annual Town Meeting will be on Saturday, June 15th, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Carrie Ricker School gym. Municipal candidates that will appear on the ballot:

Select Board (1 position):

- Thomas Pelletier
- Daniel Stevens
- Chris Raymond Sr.

RSU #4 (1 position):

- Theresa Madore


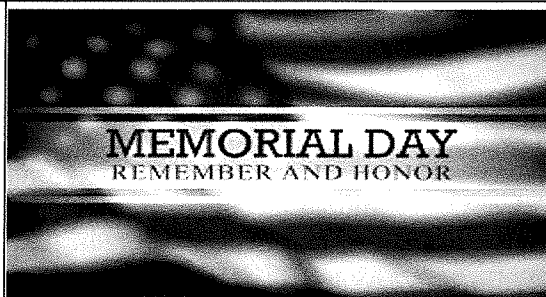
Academy Trustee (2 positions) Budget Committee (3 posi.)

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| Earl Lamoreau | Larry Bell |
| Rayna Leibowitz | 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.

Summer Road Work Road maintenance season is upon us. A more complete list will be available in mid-May, but some of the work that will be done this summer involves: tree grinding / pruning on Oak Hill and Buker Roads; ditching on Buker and South Adams Roads; and paving on Buker Road.

May Community Calendar

1 Thur	Food Bank -10am-12pm; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Planning Bd. , 6:30pm	16 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm
2 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm	17 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Sportsman’s Club Fishing Derby – Registration at 9am.
3 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm Lit. Sportsman’s Club -Public Supper & Jam \$10. Supper 5pm-6pm, Jam 6:30pm-8pm	18 Sun	Transfer Station — 8am—4pm
4 Sun	Lit. Sportsman’s Club —Country Music Sunday Noon to 4 pm \$8.00 Transfer Station — 8am—4pm	19 Mon	Recreation Committee – 6:15 pm
5 Mon		20 Tue	Lit. Fire & Rescue Meeting -6pm, Central Office
6 Tues	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting , 6:00pm	21 Wed	Food Bank —4p-6p; 56 Plains Rd RSU4 School Board -6:30, Central Office
7 Wed	Food Bank —4p-6p; 56 Plains Rd Lit. Sportsman’s Club meeting—6pm	22 Thur	Food Bank —10am-2pm, 56 Plains Rd
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11 Sun	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm 	26 Mon	
12 Mon	Lit. Selectmen’s Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website	27 Tue	Lit. Selectmen’s Meeting ; 6:30pm, Town Office-zoom available-see website
13 Tue	Litchfield First Responders -6pm, Central Station	28 Wed	Food Bank —4p-6p; 56 Plains Rd
14 Wed	Food Bank —4p-6p; 56 Plains Rd RSU4 Public Budget Meeting -6:30pm @ OHHS	29 Thur	Food Bank —10am-2pm, 56 Plains Rd
15 Thur	Food Bank —10am-2pm, 56 Plains Rd Budget Comm. , 6:30; Town Office Senior Advisory Com -1pm, Senior Center	30 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8am-4pm
		31 Sat.	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store —Open 9am-12pm

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 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 Preparing for Milfoil

On April 18, the Maine Lakes Association held their annual summit on invasive aquatic plants. As many of you know, there are infestations in some local waterbodies such as Cobbossee Lake, Peasant Pond, and Cobbossee Stream. Efforts are ongoing to confine and hopefully eradicate these species. So far nothing has been noted in Tacoma Lakes that isn't native to the area and fortunately there is a local plant patrol team checking those lakes every summer. If you are interested in learning more, check out the information, webinars, and workshops available at Lake Stewards of Maine www.lakestewardsofmaine.org If you would like to help with plant patrol please contact the Tacoma Lakes Association or members of the Conservation Commission. **New Story Trail** Did you happen to read about the bear hibernating while his friends party on? The book has been on the story trail at the Litchfield Community Park this winter. Well, now it's spring and the story has changed. Come see what happens to the bear next!

June Issue Deadline:
 May 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
Hand deliver to: Town Office 2400 Hallowell Rd

