

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

September question: Which of early Litchfield's abutting towns was once named "Bloomsboro".

August question: Mill stones, common in early Litchfield, worked in pairs composed of a "bed stone" and a "runner stone". What was the basic difference in their function? answer: The bed stone was stationary and the runner stone rotated against it. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

Takoma Lakes Association

TLA is having its busiest summer ever! On June 24th, we held our annual meeting at the Carrie Ricker school. Guest speakers were Alex Dyer from the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed, and Olivia Scott from the Maine Audubon Society. Both speakers were engaging, and educational, and answered all of the members' questions. Then on August 14th, we held our first ever friends and members event at Doolin's Pub. Everyone who attended had a great time, several members winning one of the many prizes raffled off. Thank you to all at Doolin's Pub for hosting this event, there will be more! Our plant patrol team has been out on the lakes inspecting for any signs of invasive water species. We love the fact that to date, they continue to report no invasive plants in the Tacoma's! TLA will be at the upcoming Litchfield Fair, seeking new members, and selling raffle tickets to win this year's grand prize, a Kamago Joe Classic Joe grill/smoker, this grill has a value of \$1299, and raffle tickets are only \$10. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold. The grill can be seen at Percy's Hardware, right here in Litchfield. Thank you to Percy Gowell for providing the grill. The winner will be drawn on Sunday September 10. Contact TLA President Jim Adams at 268-2070 for tickets. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support our efforts!

Going to the Litchfield Fair? And you like to fish? The Tacoma Lakes Association will have a table all three days at the Litchfield Fair September 8, 9 and 10. And, in addition to all the lake information they have to offer, there will be some information about Maine Audubon's free lead sinker exchange. If you have some lead gear that you would like to bring and take home some lead-free substitutes, bring them to the TLA table on Saturday afternoon between 2 and 5 PM. Enjoy all that the fair has to offer and come home with some new additions to your tackle box!

LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

We'll be winding down the summer clothing offerings in September until our seasonal changeover scheduled for Monday, Sept 25, 10 AM to 4 PM (or we run out of steam) and Tuesday, Sept 26, 2 - 4 and 7 to 9 PM. This schedule invites anyone who would like to help to have time that fits their availability. We will have plenty of fun items to unpack! Some great clothes have been donated over the summer and we can't wait to show them to you. Shopping will be allowed and you'll get first looks. Buck a bag has been so successful that we plan to continue it! So, mark your calendar NOW to participate!

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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Senior Center closed on Monday, 9/4 Labor Day

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. There will be Line Dancing on Wednesday, 9/6 @ 9:30-11.

Litchfield Senior Steppers will perform at the Litchfield Fair on Friday, 9/8 @ 2:30.

The Carol Bailey String band & Chorus will be giving concerts over the summer, on Wednesday, 9/13 they will be at Richmond Area Senior Center at 10:30 lunch is being provided after, band to bring dessert; Wednesday, 9/20 they will be at Clover Manor Health Care, Auburn @ 10am.

The Carol Bailey String Band & Chorus will perform at the Litchfield Fair on Friday, 9/8 @ 1.

The Senior Center will be open on Wed 9/27, 9:30 to 12:30 stop in for books, puzzles, etc.

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, 9/18 at 1 pm. at the Senior Center. The book to be discussed is "My Father's House" by Joseph O'Connor.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting held at the Senior Center is at 1 on Tuesday, 9/19 (New day)

Sign up for the Roadrunner trips - Sunday, 9/10 Wolfe's Neck State Park entrance fee \$4. for a country show, leave @9:30 from Sportsmen's Club; Sunday, 9/17 for a 4 pm show at Lakewood Theater "Lafferty's Wake", leave at 2:15 from Sportsmen's Club; Friday 9/29 Aging Well, Living Well Expo @ Sunday River, leaving at 6am 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, or check out our books, puzzles and items on the table you may like. Donations appreciated.

Litchfield Recreation Committee

With soccer season fast approaching, the Rec Committee would like to remind parents, athletes and guests that there are no dogs allowed at any practices or games, no smoking or vaping is allowed on the grounds. Thank you.

Litchfield Fair

It's What a Fair Should Be!

This year's fair will be held September 8, 9 and 10. Come join us for all of the fair favorites: Musical Entertainment, Agricultural and Livestock Events, Fun Contests, Red Neck Truck Pull, Demolition Derby, Youth Horse Show, Barrel Racing, Wee Farmers, Old MacDonald's Farm, Our Fair Museum, Fair Food (Yum!!) and so much more. **Remember to have your exhibits** to the Hall on Wednesday, September 6, between 9 am and 8pm. or Thursday September 7, between 8am - 9am. **Admission is:** Under 12 FREE, Ages 12-17 and Seniors \$5.00, Adults \$9.00. Senior's admission is free on Friday. 3 day passes and 2023 tickets are available online at www.litchfieldfair.com. The fair book and full schedule of events are also available online.

Litchfield Transfer Station

(Transfer Station is no longer open on Sundays)

It appears that the heat of summer has gone by. We are certainly glad of that. Thanks to all who visited on Sunday's this summer. We are very grateful for our Swap Shop volunteers. They are the one's that make the Swap Shop work. Thanks to them all. Our new recyclable container set-up is still working well. Many many **THANKS** to the residents who are utilizing our new recycle container parking line up. It has improved the process of the recycling. The Swap Shop is doing a tremendous business. Many treasures come and go. Stop by and see what is available. We want to let everyone know that we will be **stopping the input of items into the Swap Shop on September 30th**.

Litchfield Recreation Committee

Athletic Coordinator Position Available - The Town of Litchfield approved a stipend position for an individual/individuals to work alongside the Recreation Committee to provide the children of Litchfield the following sporting opportunities: Soccer, Basketball and Baseball/Softball. This/These position(s) can be seasonal – one person can do all three sports or it can be broken down to one, two or three different people. The stipend can be divided between each sport. The position would open prior to the beginning of each sport season, and close at the end of that particular season. The necessary skills for the job would include excellent communication skills, computer skills, and a very detailed, multi task oriented attitude. The duties would include, but not limited to: communicating with the Rec Committee, coaches, parents and town employees as needed. Attending monthly rec meetings - working with the online registration program, managerial work and fundraising for each sport and all other tasks necessary to make each sport opportunity a success. Chartering of teams, oversee registrations, email communications to all teams, organize team schedules, manage equipment, order uniforms, communicate with coaches and volunteers, schedule referees and umpires and other duties that may come up. If you are interested in more information, please reach out via email litchfieldrec@litchfieldmaine.org.

Town Clerk's Corner

School Budget Votes-The 3rd attempt at passing a school budget has two important steps in September: THURSDAY September 7: Public Budget Meeting at 6:30 pm at Oak Hill High School - TUESDAY September 19: Referendum Vote at the Sportsmen's Club

Property Taxes - 2023-24 property tax bills will be mailed out in late September, provided the school budget is passed on this next try. The first payment will still be due October 15th. If you would prefer to pay smaller amounts more frequently throughout the year, we accept payments at any time.

Last Year's Property Taxes - If you receive a "30 Day Notice" in the mail it means you have taxes remaining from last year and have a chance to get them paid in time to avoid the additional cost of having a lien on your property. Whether you forgot a payment, or are having some financial difficulties, if you have any questions or are concerned about the lien process, please don't hesitate to give us a call or stop by the Town Office (207) 268-4721.

Home Heating Assistance -Applicants for the KVCAP Fuel Assistance Program should contact KVCAP directly by calling either 1-800-542-8227 ext. 1500 or (207) 859-1500 to schedule an appointment. Applicants may also access the KVCAP website (www.kvcap.org) click "For The Home", and select "Heating Assistance" to book an appointment online. Information is available in the Town Office.


Rabies Clinic -Dog owners mark your calendars -- A rabies vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd from 9 – 11am at the Central Fire Station. Cost is \$20—with \$5 going to the Litchfield Fuel Fund.

The Town Office will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Another disappointment! Our building contractor had to back away from our project and we are waiting now for a quote from another one. We really, really, really hope we can get a building framed and weather tight this fall, so the interior work can be done ASAP. We are also finding that building costs continue to rise, so stretching our funds as much as possible will need to be done. Every week we are reminded of how tight our current space is as we scramble to assist our neighbors. We continue to be grateful to our neighbors who share their eggs and garden produce with us. Thank you

September Community Calendar

1 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8am-4pm	17 Sun	
2 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm	18 Mon	Lit. Recreation Comm—6:15pm, Town Off Lit. Budget Comm—6:30pm, Town Office
3 Sun		19 Tue	Lit Fire Assoc & Reg Meet-6:30p, Central Sta. RSU4-3rd Referendum Vote; 8am –8pm; Lit Sportsman’s club Senior Advisory—1pm, Academy Rd
4 Mon	Town Office Closed 	20 Wed	Food Bank-4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd
5 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers, 6:30pm—Central Station	21 Thur	Food Bank-10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd
6 Wed	Food Bank-4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd	22 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8am-4pm
7 Thur	Lit. Planning Bd., 6:30pm; Town Office Food Bank-10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd RSU4—3rd Public Budget Meeting; 6:30pm OHHS	23 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm
8 Fri	Town Office, closed Transfer Station, 8am-4pm Litchfield Fair	24 Sun	
9 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm Litchfield Fair	25 Mon	Lit. Selectman’s Meeting—6:30pm; Zoom available—see website
10 Sun	Litchfield Fair	26 Tue	
11 Mon	Lit. Sportsmen’s Club -meeting, 7 pm Lit. Selectman’s Meeting—6:30pm; Zoom available—see website	27 Wed	Food Bank-4pm-6pm; 491 Richmond Rd American Legion Post 181 Meeting; 7pm—235 Plains Rd. RSU 4 School Board-6:30pm, Central Office
12 Tue	Lit First Responders; 6:30 Central Station	28 Thur	Food Bank-10am-12pm; 491 Richmond Rd
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16 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm		

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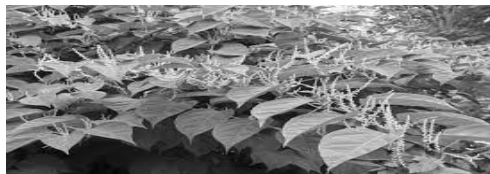
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 Closed: Every Fri.

Conservation Commission

Come volunteer with the **Maine Conservation Corps** three-person field team working in Litchfield September 18-22 to help us maximize their impact. The possible tasks are varied so hopefully you'll find something you'd like to do: we hope to cut and cover invasive shrubs at the ball fields; at the Litchfield Community Park there is trail work, using a chainsaw to cut down non-native woody invasive shrubs and making wildlife brush piles, installing benches. Call the town office for more information or visit Litchfield Conservation Commission Facebook page.

Save the Date!! October 14, 2023, Litchfield roadside clean-up day. The October Sodalite and our Facebook page will have all the details. Please round up your group, friends and family for this community beautification project by the Litchfield Conservation Commission in cooperation with the transfer station.



October Issue Deadline: Sept 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

