Senior Center Corner

466 Academy Road (next to Libby-Tozier School), Tel.: 215-4595; or Pat, 441-9005

Open: Every Mon. and Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Every Wed., 8:30 a.m.-noon

Closed: Fri., Nov. 11 (Veterans Day); Thu.-Fri., Nov. 24-25 (Thanksgiving Day)

Bowling, 1-7-10 Lanes, Augusta, Thu., Nov. 17, 12:30 p.m. Call 441-9005 to car pool. Meet at noon.

Book Club, Wed., Nov. 9, 12:30 p.m., at the Senior Center. Book: The Wedding Gift, by Marlen Suyapa Bodden.

Christmas Cards—Come in and decorate cards with Anne Thompson, Wed., Nov. 16, 1 p.m.

The pot luck lunch and celebration of November birthdays is Fri., Nov. 18.

Line dancing instruction (beginner and advanced) Mon.’s at 9:30 a.m.

Aerobics on Wed.’s and Fri.’s at 8:30 a.m.

Music Practice for The Carol Bailey String Band & Chorus is Wed.’s, 10 a.m., Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30; none on Wed., Nov. 23.

Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement Method Exercise Class, Fri., Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m.

Cribbage tournament is on Fri., Nov. 4, 1 p.m., $3 participation fee.

Cribbage Games for fun on Mon.’s, 11 a.m., and Fri.’s, 10 a.m. Bring a lunch and stay in the afternoon on Mon.’s for bingo, and Fri.’s for cards.

Thrift Shop open first and third Mon.’s, 10-11 a.m.

Seniors Advisory Committee, 10 a.m., Tues., Nov. 15.

November Roadrunner Trips:

Thu., Nov. 10—Christmas Tree Shop, Portland Mall, and lunch at the Country Buffet. Leave at 8:30 a.m. from Sportsmen’s Club.

Tue., Nov. 22—FEZtival of Trees, Lewiston. Time to be announced.

REMEMBER: Exercise equipment available for use 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.’s and Fri.’s, 9 a.m. to noon, Wed.’s.

Stop in at the Center or call for more information, a cup of coffee/tea, and activity/trip sign up. Check out our books, or work on the 1,000-piece puzzle.

Something New—A Wii Game has been donated to the Center, along with additional games, i.e. boxing, racing, hunting, golf, tennis, bowling, etc. Come in and try it out!! A good winter activity for men and women of all ages, standing or sitting as needed.
Town Manager
As discussed in last month’s column, a Special Town Meeting was held on Tue., Oct. 11, 2016 at Libby-Tozier School to vote on the two proposed ordinances relating to the recall of elected town officers. At that meeting, the first proposed ordinance—the citizens’ petition ordinance—was voted down. The second ordinance—the select board’s competing ordinance—was adopted, and went into force immediately.

“Thank You!!!!” to all the golfers/sponsors who participated in the annual Monmouth/Litchfield Fuel Assistance Golf Tournament held at Cobbossee Colony Golf Course. Approximately $2,754 was given to the Litchfield Fuel Fund for use in the upcoming winter season. That amount will go a long way to helping Litchfield families keep warm this winter. Again, your participation is appreciated.

Public Works is completing winter preparations by putting up winter salt/sand in the sand shed.

The Town Manager attended a 1-day training class covering municipal law. This includes any new laws and regulations which have been adopted since the last class.

Reminder—All are welcome to attend Select Board meetings. Come and see how town government operates.

Tacoma Lakes Association
We are excited that TLA has found a home in the historic Litchfield Academy Building.

Renovations are underway. To date, officers and directors have applied fresh paint to walls and window trim and removed carpeting. Existing woodwork/shelving will be cleaned and polished. New flooring will arrive and be installed soon. Once flooring is installed area rugs will be put in place, and the search will begin for office furniture. “THANK YOU” to the generous individual who donated a computer and printer to the space.

This space will provide TLA with much needed storage space for our records and a “home of our own” in which to have our meetings. More importantly, TLA anticipates being open to the public a partial day per week providing information on the history of the lakes and important literature regarding issues that affect the future health of our wonderful and beautiful lakes. TLA looks forward to seeing you all soon in our new home.

FMI: James Adams at jadams13@gmail.com; website at http://www.tacomalakes.org/; or like us on Facebook.

Community Holiday Craft Fairs
The following organizations and businesses will be holding holiday craft fairs on Sat., Nov. 19:

Sportsmen Club, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Local crafters; lunch available.

Plains Baptist Church, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Local crafters; cookie walk; lunch available.

Applewald Farm, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (also Sun., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.) Free hot cider; local crafters; collectibles, rustic décor, baked goods, winter vegetables, free door prizes.

RUS4 PTA at Oak Hill MS, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Crafters and vendors; raffle prizes; baked goods, soup and chowder.

Clerk’s Corner
Don’t forget the office is closed on Thu., Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving Day.

General Election and Referendum Voting will take place on Tue., Nov. 8, 2016, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at the Litchfield Sportsmen’s Club.

The six ballot questions that will appear on the referendum ballot (in the order they will appear on the ballot) are listed below:

Question 1: Citizen Initiative
Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?

Question 2: Citizen Initiative
Do you want to add a 3% tax on individual Maine taxable income above $200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?

Question 3: Citizen Initiative
Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?

Question 4: Citizen Initiative
Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of $7.50 to $9 in 2017, with annual $1 increases up to $12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to $5 in 2017, with annual $1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?

Question 5: Citizen Initiative
Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?

Question 6: Bond Issue
Do you favor a $100,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to

Special Small Business Event
If you have a Litchfield business that would like to be part of a special “Small Business Saturday” event on Sat., Nov. 28, please email Cynthia (Applewald Farm) at applewaldfair@gmail.com; or call 268-9276.

Board Needs
Both the Planning Board and Appeals Board are in immediate need of members, associate members, and secretaries. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please send a letter of interest to the Town Manager.
November 2016 Community Calendar

1 Tue  Fire/Rescue Officers Mtg., Station, 6 p.m.
2 Wed  TOPS, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.
3 Thu  Litchfield Food Bank, noon-2 p.m.
Planning Board, Town Office, 6 p.m.
4 Fri  Town Office, closed
Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
5 Sat  Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
6 Sun  DECMA Song Writing Awards, Sportsmen’s Club, 12-5 p.m.
7 Mon  Academy Thrift Store, 10-11 a.m.
Recreation Committee, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Hall, 7 p.m.
8 Tue  Election Day
All Voting at Sportsmen’s Club, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
9 Wed  TOPS, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
10 Thu  Food Bank, Thanksgiving Dinner Box Sign-up Deadline
Litchfield Food Bank, noon-2 p.m.
Snowmobile Club Meeting, Academy Bldg., 6 p.m.
11 Fri  Veterans Day
Town Office, closed
Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
American Legion, Legion Hall, Flag Retirement Ceremony with refreshments, 10:30 a.m.
12 Sat  Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Legion Auxiliary, Legion Hall, 10 a.m.
Public Supper, Sportsmen’s Club, 5-6 p.m.
Music Jam, Sportsmen’s Club, 6-8 p.m.
13 Sun  Country Sunday, Sportsmen’s Club, 12-4:30 p.m.
14 Mon  Select Board Meeting, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
Sportsmen’s Club Monthly Meeting, Sportsmen’s Club, 7 p.m.
15 Tue  Senior Advisory Comm., Academy Bldg., 10 a.m.
Fire/Rescue Station cleanup, 6 p.m.
Fire/Rescue Assoc. Mtg., Station, 6:30 p.m.
Fire/Rescue Mtg., Station, 7 p.m.
Masons, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.
16 Wed  Road Committee, Town Office, 5:30 p.m.
TOPS, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.
17 Thu  Litchfield Food Bank, noon-2 p.m.
18 Fri  Town Office, closed
Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
19 Sat  Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
Community-wide Holiday Fairs, Sportsmen’s Club, Plains Church, Applewald, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Oak Hill MS (RSU4 PTA), 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
20 Sun  
21 Mon  Academy Thrift Store, 10-11 a.m.
Food Bank, Thanksgiving Dinner Box Pick-up, 2-4 p.m.
Budget Committee, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
Historic Preservation Commission and Historical Society, Shroyer Family Research Room, 7 p.m.
22 Tue  
23 Wed  TOPS, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.
Franks & Beans, Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
American Legion, Legion Hall, 7 p.m.
24 Thu  Thanksgiving Day
Town Office, closed
Litchfield Food Bank, closed
Thanksgiving Dinner (free), Sportsmen’s Club, 1 p.m. Bring something to share.
25 Fri  Town Office, closed
Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
26 Sat  Public Breakfast, Masonic Hall, 7-10 a.m.
 Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
27 Sun  MCMA Christmas Country Show, Sportsmen’s Club, 12-5 p.m. Bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.
28 Mon  Select Board Meeting, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.
29 Tue  
30 Wed  TOPS, Carrie Ricker School, 6:30 p.m.
December Issue Deadline: November 20, 2016, 5 p.m.
Deliver material in any of the following ways:
- E-mail (sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)
- U.S. mail to: Town Office, 2400 Hallowell RD

Road Committee
Invasive Plant of the Month: Shrub Honeysuckle
https://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/loni1.htm
Exotic bush honeysuckles can survive in sun or shade, wet or dry soils; in the sun they can grow to be 10’ tall. In our town they infest areas not mowed like the road sides and edges of fields, and have invaded intact forest understories. They have two competitive adaptations that put them on the Considered Invasive in Maine list: they leaf out earlier and stay green later than other plants providing photosynthetic advantage and the birds spread the seed by eating the fruit. However, the fruit is called “the junk food of the wild” for the low nutritional value, said Nancy Olmstead of the Maine Natural Areas Program. Their website connects to Cooperative Extension’s large, site-specific list of native plants to use to feed the birds and help you learn what to plant and where after you remove an invasive or otherwise disturb the ground: https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/2500e/.

What’s a homeowner to do? Learn what plants you have at Maine Natural Areas Program and Cooperative Extension. Early detection leads to easier control. Find the fact sheet for each plant

Invasive Plant of the Month—(cont’d.):
and read up on how to control them at: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/invasives.htm
Come to the Road Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wed. of each month at the Town Office.
Since all roads need to be ditched and graded regularly, the Public Works Department does not want to spread invasive plants.
FMI: Lindsay Nelsen—to visit and help identify—at 268-4569.

Wanted!!
Litchfield Public Works is looking for a qualified full-time equipment operator/plow truck driver with a Class B license.
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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
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