

The Litchfield Sodalite

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A Newsletter for Litchfield, Maine

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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz?

November question: In the 1840's hundreds of Litchfield residents belonged to, "Washingtonian Societies". What was the avowed purpose of these Societies? **October question:** Early Litchfield's neighboring town of "Pond Town" preceded Litchfield by nearly a decade. At least two present day towns were originally part of "Pond town". Can you name them? answer: Winthrop and Readfield. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to

WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

William R. Bold Post 181 -We are having a Veterans Day ceremony at the William R. Bold American Legion, Post 181, on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 with Mr. Nunzio Biondello as our guest speaker. Mr. Biondello retired from the USAF but he served with the US Navy during WWII and was in the second wave of the assault on Omaha Beach at Normandy France on June 6, 1944. A light lunch and refreshments will follow the ceremony. After lunch, the Eagle Scouts will hold a ceremony behind the post to discard old U.S. Flags which are no longer in service.

Basketball Registration-Litchfield Recreation is now accepting basketball registrations for grades pre-k through 4th grade Registrations can be downloaded off of the Litchfield Maine website or picked up at the town office and are due back by Monday, November 13th. The cost is \$30 per child with the 3rd child in family free. If you have any further questions please notify Tiffany Caton, Recreation Director at the town office

Litchfield Holiday Fairs!

Saturday and Sunday, November 18 & 19, 2018

Plains Baptist Church 9-2 Saturday the 18th Local Crafters, Cookie Walk, Lunch will be Available

Litchfield Sportsmen's Club 9-2 Sunday the 10 Multiple local crafters, and white elephant items, lunch will be available

Applewald Farm 9-2 Saturday and Sunday

RSU 4 PTA – The Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 9-3 at Oak Hill Middle School in Sabattus. There will be raffle and baked goods tables. If you'd like to rent a table please email rsu4pta@rsu4.org.

NOVEMBER, 2017 SENIOR CENTER CORNER

The Center will be closed on November 23 & 24

The book club meeting is on Wednesday, 11/8 at 12:30 at the Senior Center, the book to be discussed is "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain.

Litchfield Senior Center is hosting the 4th. Senior Center Summit for area Senior Center Directors @ 10 on Thursday November 9.

Christmas Cards - come in and decorate cards with Anne Thompson, Wednesday 11/15 at 1p.m.

Bowling on Thursday, 11/16 at 1-7-10 lanes in Augusta. To carpool, call 441-9005.

The pot luck lunch and celebration of November birthdays will be on 11/17.

Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced. Aerobics classes are Wednesday and Friday at 8:30.

Music practice for the Carol Bailey String Band & Chorus is Wednesday at 10 on 11/1, 8,15,29 none on 11/22. On Wednesday 11/29 at 1:30, the Carol Bailey String Band will perform at the Sarah Frye Home in Auburn.

Cribbage games for fun on Mondays at 11 and Fridays 10. Bring a lunch and stay for **bingo on Mondays** in the afternoon & on **Friday cards**.

The thrift shop is open the first and third Monday 10-11.

The Seniors Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Tuesday 11/21.

The "Roadrunner" trip is Tuesday November 14: Christmas Tree Shop, Portland Mall, and lunch at the Country Buffet. Leave at 8:30 from Sportsmen's Club.

A trip to Lewiston - FEZtival of Trees, time & date to be announced.

Reminder: Exercise equipment & Wii games available for use 9-4 Monday and Friday; 9-12 Wednesday.

If the schools (RSU 4) are closed due to weather, the Senior Center will be closed also. Notification for the closing of the Center will be on Ch. 6, 8 & 13.

Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information, a cup of coffee or tea and to sign up for the **trips & activities**. The Center is located at 466 Academy Rd. next to the Libby-Tozier Elementary School. The telephone number is 215-4595 or call Pat at 441-9005.

THE CREATORS 4H Club- The next meeting will be held on November 13th and 27th at the Carrie Ricker school from 5.00 pm to 6:30 pm. For more info call Lori at 754-3931 or text.

Calling All Stray, Barn, & Feral Cats

Community Spay-Neuter Clinic of Topsham is offering FREE Spay/Neuter and Rabies Vaccination. Ask about their Free Trapping Services, with Return or Placement for Adoption. For more information please call 297-721-8395 and ask about the Community Spay-Neuter Clinic (Open to all Litchfield Residents)



Conservation Commission—Emma Christman, a new member of the Conservation Commission has been involved in a project called “Kelp for Kids” with Peak’s Island school children. She will be doing a presentation on the subject at our next meeting. Emma will talk about how she planted kelp; it’s benefits to the water as well as a positive impact on climate change. **Emma Christman will be our guest speaker on November 8th the public is invited to hear her talk at 7:00 after the 6:30 meeting at the Town Office.**

Town Manager/Clerk’s Corner:

Office closures: The Town Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Elections: There is a Maine State referendum on Tuesday November 7th. Please see our web page under “Elections and Annual Town Meeting” <http://litchfieldmaine.org/town-government/town-meeting/> for a link to the Citizen’s Guide to the Referendum, or stop by the Town Office to view our copy.

Dog Licenses—License your dog for the 2018 calendar year (must be completed by January 31st). Stop by the Town Office or apply online through the link under “Online Registrations” on the home page of our town website www.litchfieldmaine.org, or at https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl

Rabies Clinic – A rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th from 8:30 – 11 am at the Litchfield Fire Station. Cost will be \$20 per animal, which includes a \$5 donation to the Litchfield fuel fund.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Litchfield Recreation Committee. Please email, send a letter, or call the Town Office if you are interested.

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office—Recreation Committee, Nov 6th, 6:30 pm; Litchfield Planning Board, Nov 9th, 6 pm; Litchfield Board of Selectmen, Nov 13th and 27th, 6:30 pm; Conservation Commission, Nov 13th 6:30pm; Historical Society Oct 20th 6:30 pm; Budget Committee, Oct 20th 6:30pm

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Nov 4, Bring your own paper grocery bag and shop for Buck a Bag. Anything that fits, all for \$1. Bring a reusable shopping bag (like Hannaford sells) and it's \$2 a bag. Still a bargain!

Nov 11, Veterans Day Sale. Every Veteran shops for free. Bring your Vet proof.

Nov 16, Great bargains for children at 25 cents each.

Nov 25 closed so our volunteers can enjoy a family weekend.

THRIFT

All money raised by the raffles at this community event will be donated to the *Litchfield Fuel Fund*.

November 2017 Community Calendar

1 Wed	Order of Eastern Star -Masonic Hall-7pm TOPS — Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm	16 Thur	
2 Thur		17 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.
3 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.	18 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. Morning Star Hall -Public Bean Supper-6pm
4 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. Amer. Legion Ladies Aux , Legion Hall, 10am Sportsman's Club -Bean Supper (5pm-6pm) & music jam (6pm-8pm), \$7	19 Sun	
5 Sun	Country Sunday – 12-4:30pm, \$5 admission, Sportsmen's Club	20 Mon	Budget Committee -6:30pm Historic Preservation Comm — 7pm, Town Office Historical Society Meet , 7pm, Town Office
6 Mon	Lit. Recreation Comm -Town Office-6:30pm Order of Eastern Star -Masonic Hall-7pm	21 Tue	Senior Advisory Comm. , Center, 10am Masons -Masonic Hall, 7:30pm Fire Rescue Station clean-up , 6:00pm Fire/Rescue Assoc. , Station, 6:30pm Fire/Rescue Meeting , Station, 7:00pm
7 Tue	First Responders Meeting , Station, 6:30pm	22 Wed	TOPS — Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm RSU 4 School Committee -6:30, OHHS Franks&Beans , Legion Hall, 6:30pm American Legion Post 181 , Legion Hall 7
8 Wed	TOPS -Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm RSU4 School Board -OHHS-6:30pm Conservation Comm -6:30pm	23 Thur	
9 Thurs	Planning Board -Town Office-6:00pm	24 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.
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12 Sun		27 Mon	Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30pm
13 Mon	Select Board Meeting , Town Office, 6:30pm Sportsmen's Club Meeting , Sportsman's Club, 7:00pm Open to all	28 Tue	
14 Tue		29 Wed	TOPS —Carrie Ricker—6:30pm
15 Wed	TOPS -Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm	30 Thur	

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Tue.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed: Every Fri.

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INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL IN LITCHFIELD IS POSSIBLE WHEN WE ALL DO OUR PART

#1) Learn your plants so you can look them up online and understand their life cycle and best ways to control. Positive identification is important. Learn to identify plants with a field guide such as “A Field Guide to Trees and Shrubs” by George A. Petrides. Call retired horticulturalist Lindsay Nelsen for an identification visit, 268-4569. Speak with Nancy Olmstead at Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP). **#2)** Learn ways to control them. Can you mow weekly? A good control for Japanese knotweed/bamboo after cutting it down (dispose in garbage or burn as all parts can start a new plant). Can you dig up small plants? First cut loosestrife flowers and seeds into a bag in June-September when you can see them. Small shrubs pull easily from moist soil. Cut down and cover: With heavy linoleum for knotweed, with heavy contractor bags tied at base for woody shrubs to deprive the plants of light. Cut the stems of woody shrubs and dab with small amount of 50% solution of glyphosate using a sponge applicator or a paint brush. Call a licensed professional applicator. MNAP recommends controlling the outer perimeter of the infestation site and working your way in to get the outliers that will spread the site further. **#3)** Form a neighborhood team since your invasive plant will soon be on your neighbor’s property or theirs will come to yours. Set a 2-hour time slot to get together and do the simple work of control. None of the work is hard but getting started and persevering are important. And a group is always more fun. **#4)** Volunteer for control on public use lands and learn a lot with the Friends of the Litchfield Landscape /Conservation Commission. Sign up at: lmnelsen@fairpoint.net or c112a3y4@gmail.com.

Nov. Issue Deadline:
Oct. 21, 2017, 5 p.m.
Deliver material in
any of the following
ways:

E-mail
([sodalite@litchfield](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)
[maine.org](http://www.litchfieldmaine.org)
U.S. mail to: Town
Office, 2400 Hallow-
ell Rd.

