

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

NEWSLETTER

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the Litchfield Emergency Notification System. This emergency notification system enables the Town of Litchfield to provide our citizens with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

SIGN UP [HERE](#)

October 2025



CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT AWARD

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR THE LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY? EACH MONTH, WE INVITE READERS TO NOMINATE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR TOWN. THOSE NOMINATED WILL BE HONORED AT A BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING, WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE A PROCLAMATION FROM THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, A WRITE-UP WILL BE IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

TO NOMINATE SOMEONE, SIMPLY CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:

**[LITCHFIELD CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT
AWARDS](#)**

LET'S CELEBRATE THE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WHO MAKE
LITCHFIELD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- October 20 - 3:30pm, Sustainable Litchfield Special Meeting, Annex
- October 20 - 7:00pm, Board of Finance, LIS Art Room
- October 20 - 7:00pm, Planning & Zoning, Annex
- October 21 - 4:00pm, OWL Board of Trustees, OWL Library
- October 21 - 5:30pm, Board of Selectmen, Annex
- October 21 - 7:00pm, Pension Commission Special Meeting, Remote
- October 28 - 4:00pm, Housing Authority, Bantam Falls Community Room
- October 29 - 7:00pm, Economic Development Commission, Annex
- October 30 - 4:00pm, Social Services Board, Annex
- October 30 - 7:00pm, LCD BOD, Torrington Firehouse

Autumn Leaves

by Robert F. Piazza, Poet Laureate of Litchfield

Autumn Leaves

In October as winds turn chill,
the oaks withdraw their chlorophyll
deep within their mighty veins—
Outwardly, no leaf retains
its former glory of summer green—
Autumn leaves shall disappear
while solid trunks alone remain
enduring seasons of freezing rain—
but what does Mother Nature mean
by turning inward once a year?
Even so must I in times of grief
surrender leaf after yellow leaf,
counting rings of inner pain
in hail, sleet, or freezing rain—

by **Robert F. Piazza**, Poet Laureate of Litchfield

https://www.pw.org/directory/writers/robert_piazza

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TOWN OF LITCHFIELD WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGE



LITCHFIELD
CONNECTICUT

The Town of Litchfield's website address has changed!

The official website is now located at

www.townoflitchfieldct.gov

www.townoflitchfield.org will automatically be redirected to the new address for now, but we encourage users to update any saved bookmarks or links to ensure continued easy access.

The Town of Litchfield website is your go-to resource! Explore department contacts and services, meeting schedules, public notices, community events, and helpful resident resources, all in one convenient place.

Did You
KNOW?

Stay connected and informed, visit the
Town of Litchfield website today!

www.townoflitchfieldct.gov

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Town of Litchfield Early Voting Location: Lower Level of Town Hall (74 West Street)

NOVEMBER 4, 2025
GENERAL ELECTION

A General Election is where all eligible voters elect candidates to office. In Connecticut, there is a general election every year.

14 DAYS
EARLY VOTING
OCTOBER 20 – 31
NOVEMBER 1, 2
10 am – 6 pm
8 am – 8 pm on October 28 and 30

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Friday, October 17, 2025

- Deadline for voter registration **by mail** to be post-marked
- Deadline for voter registration **at the DMV** by close of business
- Deadline for voter registration **online** by 11:59 pm
- Deadline for voter registration **in person** by 8:00 pm

Same Day Voter Registration

- If you are not registered, but want to vote during the early voting period, you may register in person every day of Early Voting at the early voting location
- If you are not registered, but want to vote on Election Day, you may register in person on Election Day at your Election Day Registration site

To receive important election updates text **VOTE** to **860.321.4221**

To find your Early Voting location, and for all you need to know about elections in Connecticut, visit MyVote.CT.gov or call **860-509-6200**



Stephanie Thomas, Connecticut Secretary of the State

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EARLY VOTING

YOUR SAY. YOUR DAY. IN PERSON.

WHAT is Early Voting?

Early Voting allows you to vote in person safely and securely before Election Day.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT at the Early Voting location?

When you arrive at the Early Voting location, you will check in and be verified as an eligible voter. You will then receive your ballot with an envelope. You will complete your ballot at a privacy booth and seal it in the approved envelope. Before you leave, place the sealed envelope in the secure receptacle as instructed by the election officials. Ballots will be secured unopened until Election Day.

HOW MANY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS will be in each city or town?

Each town or city will have at least one Early Voting location. If the population is 20,000 or more, the local legislative body will decide whether to have additional locations. Additionally, registrars will designate an additional early voting location on the campus of certain public colleges that meet population requirements for students living on campus or in campus-owned housing. Check your municipality's website for its Early Voting location(s) or visit MyVote.CT.gov.

WHEN will ballots be counted?

Ballots cast during Early Voting will be sealed and stored securely in each town. They will be opened and counted on Election Day.

HOW DOES EARLY VOTING DIFFER from voting by absentee ballot?

Absentee Ballot voting requires a reason (from a list of six, found at MyVote.CT.gov). Early Voting is available to every eligible voter without a specific reason. Early Voting may be done only in-person, not via mail or drop box.

CAN I VOTE on weekends?

Yes. Early Voting includes Saturdays and Sundays for most elections (see calendar for specific dates).

HOW IS IT ENSURED people do not vote twice?

The election official at your Early Voting location will record that you have cast your ballot, preventing you from voting early at any other location, submitting an absentee ballot, or voting on Election Day.

MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE during the Early Voting period?

You may register and vote on the same day during the Early Voting period before regular general elections. For Primary Election details, see detailed instructions on MyVote.CT.gov.

DOES EARLY VOTING EXIST in other states?

Although new to Connecticut this year, 46 other states already offer some form of Early Voting.

WHAT hasn't changed?

You can still vote via Absentee Ballot or on Election Day as usual. Elections in Connecticut are still safe and secure.



VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT
WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE
MyVote.CT.gov/sampleballots



REGISTER TO VOTE OR
UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION
MyVote.CT.gov/register

www.townoflitchfieldct.gov

NEWS FROM THE PARK & REC DEPARTMENT

Exciting Updates from Park and Recreation!

September and early October have brought a plethora of thrilling new improvements, starting with the opening of our new tennis and pickleball courts at Community Field! As many of you know, this project has been in development for several years, but the wait has certainly been worthwhile. We officially opened the courts on Friday, October 10, with our Inaugural First Serve event. It was wonderful to see so many community members in attendance, allowing us to personally thank the Seherr-Thoss Foundation for their generous contribution that helped complete this project, as well as the residents for their ongoing financial support. The tennis and pickleball courts exemplify how Town Departments work collaboratively to bring projects of this magnitude to fruition. With a shared vision from Park and Recreation, the expertise of Brett Seamans and Raz Alexe, along with their incredible crew at the Department of Public Works, and the support of the Capital Improvement Commission, we made this vision a reality. As we always say, *"Teamwork makes the dream work!"*

Also, a big shout-out to Yield Construction and Classic Turf for their exceptional workmanship and timely completion of this project. Looking ahead, we are excited to complete the new safety surface and plantings for the playscape, which will look beautiful. We also have a Veterans' Day Concert co-hosted with Brandywine on November 11 from 6 PM to 7 PM, with desserts and coffee to follow. Additionally, we will hold a Senior Christmas Party on December 4 at the Bantam Fire House, co-hosted with the Salvation Army. Call to RSVP 860-567-7569.

Look for details regarding our new and improved Holiday Stroll/Christmas Parade on December 7 in next month's newsletter.

For more information on these and other fun upcoming events, check out our flyers, visit our website at litchfieldparkandrec.com, or call our office at 860-567-7569. We would love to have you get involved!

At Park and Rec, we run the fun!



LITCHFIELD PARK & RECREATION

www.townoflitchfieldct.gov

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Halloween Candy

Between October 1-24
for local kids



We are collecting pre packaged candy for Halloween
Trick or Treating 2025

Drop off locations:

Litchfield Town hall (74 west St)
Litchfield Park and Rec (80 Doyle Rd)

TRUNK OR TREAT



PARK & REC PROGRAMS

KIDS ART ENRICHMENT WITH THE BRUSH & PALLET



Weekly themed creative classes in various mediums that build off of each other week to week. Kids will explore creativity with paint, markers, clay, watercolors and more.

CLASSES APPROVED BY SCHOOLS AND RECREATION DEPTS.

Limited Bus transportation for Litchfield Students drop off available for ALL Reg. 20 students

EACH SESSION RUNS 6 WEEKS

EACH 6 WEEK SESSION WILL BE A NEW THEMED ADVENTURE!

New lower price due to special funding

\$30

sign up today program is filling up quick

Great for kids grades K-5

Classes run every six weeks. SESSION 2 - NOV 5 - DEC 17
Transportation from school via bus.

Classes will be held at the Bantam Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam
4:15-5:15 pm, on Wednesday.

SIGN UP NOW!

@ Litchfield Park & Rec.

Introduction to Sign Language

with Amy

Thursdays

4:15-5:15pm

November 13-December 11

Bantam Annex Kids Room

1st-5th Graders

\$10 for session

Limited Transportation available for students from Litchfield Center School and LIS

Drop off option for all region 20 students



REGISTER AT

WWW.LITCHFIELDPARKANDREC.COM

WMGL recreation BASKETBALL Programs

"The Hills" Parents' Mtg
10/15/25 ~ 7 pm
Litchfield Fire House

"The Hills" Travel Basketball

- open to all athletes in the Region 20 area
- boys and girls, 3rd - 8th grade
- weekday practices / weekend games
- competitive
- travel involved
- evaluations required
- evaluations held Oct. 27 - Nov. 5

WMGL Rec Saturday Morning Instructional Basketball

- open to all athletes in the Region 20 area
- boys and girls, K - 5th grade
- Saturday morning practices only
- recreational
- meets locally
- no tryouts required
- Registration opens November 10

HILLS BASKETBALL - EVALUATIONS -

PLUMB HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

MON & WED, OCT. 27 & 29

THUR, OCT 30

MON & WED, NOV 3 & 5

GR 5/6 BOYS 6-7PM

GR 7/8 BOYS 7-8PM

GR 5/6 GIRLS 6-7PM

GR 7/8 GIRLS 7-8PM

GR 3/4 GIRLS 5-6PM

GR 3/4 BOYS 6-7PM

PLEASE REGISTER AT:
LITCHFIELDPARKANDREC.COM
860-567-7569

ALL YOUR QUESTIONS
WILL BE ANSWERED AT OUR
PARENTS MEETING, WED. OCT 15 7PM
LITCHFIELD FIRE HOUSE

PARK & REC PROGRAMS

Ladies Conversation Coffee, and Cookies



Join your friends and neighbors
Friday's 9:30-10:30am

Bantam Annex
for coffee, cookies and conversation
Group will be lead by Lauren Sage, but
is an open forum and all are welcome and
encouraged to come and participate

860-567-7569
Litchfield Park & Rec/Social Services

The Glue & Glitter Gang

Monthly Craft Club
Second Thursday of the Month
(beginning February 13)
10am ~ noon
\$5 per month to help cover supplies
Please sign up by 1st of the Month to ensure we have enough supplies.

Sponsored by: Litchfield Park & Rec,
call to sign up: 860-567-7569

A collection of colorful craft supplies including jars of paint, glue, scissors, and other tools, arranged on a surface.

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 4**

OPEN GYM AND MOVIE

1:00 - 3:30PM

**BRING THE KIDS DOWN TO
RUN AROUND IN THE GYM,
PLAY BOARD GAMES OR
BUILD LEGGOS IN THE
KIDS CLUB OR WATCH A
MOVIE IN THE LOUNGE**

BANTAM ANNEX- BANTAM GYM
****PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS
NOT A DROP-OFF ACTIVITY;
A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST
BE PRESENT.****

A yellow basketball with a red stripe and a blue puzzle piece with a yellow star, set against a background of colorful circles and puzzle pieces.

GET ON BOARD & LITCHFIELD PARK AND REC

Charcuterie Boards 101

Enjoy an evening
learning to make a
beautiful charcuterie
board with a
Thanksgiving theme.

Thursday, November 13

**A beautiful, personalized
board is included to take
home and enjoy with
future boards**

Learn tips and tricks for making
a beautiful Charcuterie Board
and amaze your family with
your food creativity.

\$85 per person
includes transportation
departing DPW @ 5:30pm

**Sip on a refreshing beverage
while creating your masterpiece.**



Grab a friend and sign up today
Space is limited



Sign up at:

litchfieldparkandrec.com or call 860-567-7569

VETERANS DAY



A poster for a Veterans Day event. The top features a red banner with white stars and stripes. Below this, a circular seal on the left says "FREE EVENT" with stars around it. To the right, the text "LITCHFIELD PARK & REC" and "BRANDYWINE LITCHFIELD" is displayed. The main title "VETERANS DAY" is in large, white, serif font, flanked by two red stars. Below the title, the date and time "Tuesday, November 11th" and "Music 6-7pm" are listed. Further down, it says "Coffee and desserts following the concert". A section with red text and yellow stars reads "USE THEMED MUSIC", "DRESS TO THE 9'S OR MILITARY ATTIRE", and "STANLEY STREET BIG BANG". Below this, it says "A CELEBRATION TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR GREAT NATION". At the bottom of this section, it says "Please RSVP by November 4th to 860-567-7569". The bottom of the poster features logos for Brandywine Litchfield, Litchfield Park & Recreation, and funding sources: "Funding Provided By: Lenas Benas Memorial Fund and The Musicians' Performance Trust Fund". The bottom edge has a decorative border of white stars on a blue background.

FREE EVENT

LITCHFIELD PARK & REC
BRANDYWINE LITCHFIELD

VETERANS DAY

LOCATION:
BRANDYWINE

Tuesday, November 11th
Music 6-7pm

Coffee and desserts following the concert

USE THEMED MUSIC
DRESS TO THE 9'S OR MILITARY ATTIRE
STANLEY STREET BIG BANG

A CELEBRATION TO HONOR THOSE
WHO HAVE SERVED OUR GREAT NATION

Please RSVP by November 4th to 860-567-7569

BRANDYWINE LITCHFIELD
BRANDYWINE by MONARCH COMMUNITIES

LITCHFIELD PARK & RECREATION

**Funding Provided By: Lenas Benas Memorial Fund
and The Musicians' Performance Trust Fund**

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Energy Assistance Program

Call Social Services today to schedule appointments for **Eversource**

Assistance is available for eligible people who need help paying winter heating bills

This is for people 60 years of age and older and do NOT exceed the following annual income limits:
Single \$47,764 and Couples \$62,460

What is needed to apply?

- Proof of Current Income.
 - *Last 4 weeks pay stubs
 - *Interest & dividends (Bank Statement)
 - *Pension/Annuity (check stub or reward letter)
 - *Social security (2025 benefit letter from social Security)
 - *Any other income (work comp, alimony, lottery winnings, child support etc.)
- *If you receive SNAP benefits bring your current DSS benefit letter
 - *Latest Eversource bill
- *Latest fuel vendor statement or delivery receipt
- *Latest rent receipt if heat is included with rent payment.

Who To Contact:

Call Lauren at Litchfield Social Services to schedule your appointment
(860) 567- 7564

Please Note: September 29th -November 10 appointments

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE



HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE FOR GRADES K-5

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF HOLIDAY
ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR PLEASE
CONTACT LAUREN AT LITCHFIELD
SOCIAL SERVICES
(860)567-7564**

**IN ORDER TO MAKE THE HOLIDAY
SEASON A SUCCESS,
ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO
LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14**

LITCHFIELD FAMILIES ONLY

COUNCIL & COMMISSION VACANCIES

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

YOUR TIME AND SKILLS CAN HAVE A LASTING IMPACT!

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION: 2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 2/2026

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: 5 REGULAR MEMBERS 1-02/2026, 2-02/2027, 2-02/2028; 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 2/2028

CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL: 1 MEMBER 6/2025

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER 12/2025

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER 6/2027

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION: 1 REGULAR MEMBER 6/2025; 2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 6/2027

LITCHFIELD ARTS COUNCIL: 2 REGULAR MEMBERS 8/2027

LITCHFIELD PREVENTION COUNCIL: 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 1-6/2026, 1-6/2027, 1-6/2028

MILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION: 1 REGULARS 1/2030; 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 2-1/2027, 1-1/2028

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION: 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER 6/2029

PENSION COMMISSION: 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER 3/2030

SUSTAINABLE LITCHFIELD COMMITTEE: 1 REGULAR MEMBER 3/2026, 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER 3/2026

TOWN FACILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE: 4 REGULAR MEMBERS 3/2026; 2 ALTERNATES 3/2026

VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE: 1 REGULAR MEMBER 8/2026; 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER 8/2027

WASTE REDUCTION COMMITTEE: 1 REGULAR MEMBER 02/2026

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA): 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER 1/2026

WESTERN CT COALITION, CAC #22: 1 MEMBER 5/2027

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 3/2027



UPDATED 10/08/2025

CONTACT CARLISSA BAYETTE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CBAYETTE@TOWNOFLITCHFIELDCT.GOV

860-567-7550

www.townoflitchfieldct.gov

LITCHFIELD'S AMERICA 250

*History That Inspires,
A Future We Create*

1776-2026

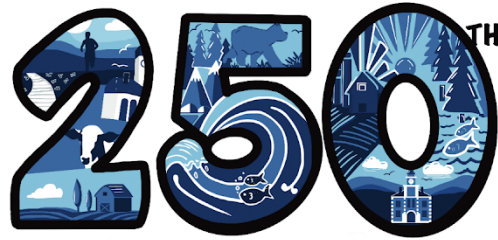
www.A250Litchfield.org



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AMERICA'S



LITCHFIELD, CT

Have you had a chance to check out
the Litchfield's America 250 website?

<https://www.a250litchfield.org/>

You'll find details on upcoming events,
ways to get involved, and how to
support the celebration!

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



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PERSONAL PROPERTY LEGAL NOTICE

To all owners of taxable personal property and persons conducting business in the Town of Litchfield Pursuant to C.G.S. 12-40, notice is hereby given that all persons conducting business or having taxable personal property as defined by CT State Statutes in the Town of Litchfield must file with the Assessor's Office a complete and accurate declaration of all tangible personal property as of October 1, 2025. Owners of unregistered motor vehicles, vehicles registered out of state and garaged in Litchfield, construction equipment, campers and trailers must also be declared in order to avoid penalty. Deadline to file declarations is November 1ST. In the event a person or business fails to file a declaration of personal property, the Assessor shall fill out a declaration of all personal property believed to be owned by the taxpayer, estimate an assessed value using the best information available and add a 25% assessment penalty for "Failure to File". C.G.S. 12-42 as a courtesy the Assessor's office has mailed Personal Property Declarations to anyone that the office is aware of having taxable personal property or is conducting business in the Town of Litchfield. New businesses should request forms from the Assessor. First time filers are required to submit an itemized asset list of personal property, including description of tangible items, acquisition dates and original cost (including transportation and installation). Extensions to file may be granted for good cause. Requests for extensions must be submitted in writing on or before November 1ST. Failure to receive a declaration does not nullify obligation to declare taxable personal property. Blank declarations are available in office and online at: <https://www.townoflitchfieldct.gov>. Anyone requiring additional information may contact the Assessor's office Monday thru Friday, 9:00am -4:30pm.



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74 West Street ~ P.O. Box 488
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Phone 860-567-7559
www.townoflitchfieldct.gov



Date: October 17, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 12-40 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that all persons conducting business in the Town of Litchfield must file with the Assessor's Office a complete and accurate listing of all taxable personal [property] used in the conduct of that business.

Such filing is to take place **on or before November 3, 2025**. Persons failing to file by that date are subject to a 25 percent penalty added to their assessment. An extension of 45 days may be granted for good cause upon request.

Taxable personal property shall include (but is not limited to): Business equipment, machinery, furniture/fixtures, farm machinery, data processing equipment, leased equipment... etc. Unregistered motor vehicles and horses must also be declared. Lists need not include real estate or registered motor vehicles,

Authorized forms can be obtained at townoflitchfieldct.gov

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS!



Bantam Community

Farmers Market
Alain White Field
273 Bantam Lake Rd
Fridays, May - October
3pm-6pm

<https://bantamcommunityfarmersmarket.mailchimpsites.com/>



May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9, August 16, August 23, August 30, September 6, September 13, September 20, September 27, October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25

The outdoor Farm-Fresh Market is open Saturdays, 10am-1pm.
Unless otherwise specified, it is at Center School Parking Lot

<http://www.litchfieldfarmersmarket.org/>

www.townoflitchfieldct.gov