

# 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](#)

## January 2026



### 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](#)**

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 20 - 5:30pm, BOS Meeting, Litchfield Firehouse  
January 20 - 7pm, Capital Improvements, Litchfield Firehouse  
January 20 - 7pm, Planning & Zoning, Annex  
January 21 - 7pm, Conservation Commission, Annex  
January 21 - 6pm, Sandy Beach Commission, TBA  
January 24 - 2pm, Annual Town Meeting, LIS  
January 24 - 2:30pm, Town Public Hearings, LIS

[Click here to view more upcoming meetings](#)

Let's celebrate the incredible people who make Litchfield a better place to live!

[www.townoflitchfieldct.gov](http://www.townoflitchfieldct.gov)

# JANUARY 24 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF LITCHFIELD TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2026

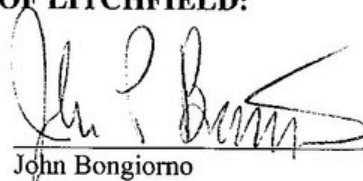
Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Litchfield and those qualified taxpayers lawfully entitled to vote in Litchfield Town Meetings pursuant to Sec. 7-6 of the General Statutes that the Annual Town Meeting will be commenced on January 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Litchfield Intermediate School, 35 Plumb Hill Road, Litchfield, for the following purposes:

- I. As recommended by the Assessor and Board of Selectmen, to consider and act on an ordinance amending Town of Litchfield Code Sec. 14-5, "Additional property tax exemption for veterans and their surviving spouses", updating the income level and extending the filing date for certain tax exemptions for qualifying veterans.
- II. To consider and act on a "*Municipal Electronic Voting Equipment Agreement*" between the Town of Litchfield and the State of Connecticut, and a "*Hardware Maintenance and Software License and Maintenance and Support Services Agreement*" between the Town of Litchfield and Election Systems & Software, LLC, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and First Selectman to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or convenient for those purposes.
- III. To consider and act on an Agreement for Town Clerk Records Management System and Services between the Town of Litchfield and Info Quick Solutions, Inc., and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, First Selectman, and Town Clerk to execute all documents and take all actions necessary or convenient to carry out that agreement.

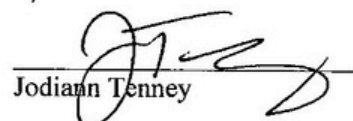
Dated at Litchfield, Connecticut, this 16th day of December, 2025.

**BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD:**

  
Denise Raap

  
John Bongiorno

  
Dan Morosani

  
Jodiann Tenney

  
Jeffrey Zullo

Any persons requiring special assistance should contact First Selectman Denise Raap between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 860-567-7550.

# JANUARY 24 – PUBLIC HEARINGS

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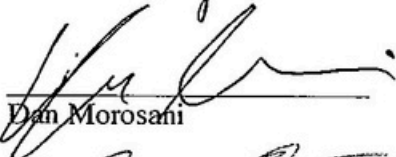
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Litchfield will hold public hearings on January 24, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at the Litchfield Intermediate School, 35 Plumb Hill Road, Litchfield, for the following purposes:

- I. To hear a presentation on restarting town constables in Litchfield, and the operational cost thereof, and to discuss the advisability of such proposal.
- II. Pursuant to Sections 14-307c and 14-307e of the General Statutes, to hear a presentation on automated traffic enforcement safety devices, including speed cameras, in Litchfield, and to discuss the advisability of such devices, as authorized by Chapter 249 of the General Statutes.

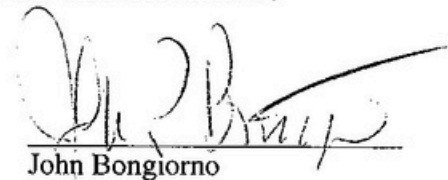
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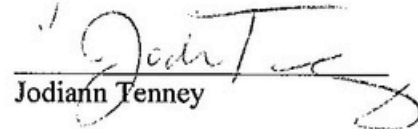
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# PARK & REC EVENTS & PROGRAMS

## 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.

**EACH SESSION RUNS 6 WEEKS**  
**EACH 6 WEEK SESSION WILL BE A NEW THEMED ADVENTURE!**

**\$40 Litch Residents**   **\$160 Value**   **\$50 Non-resident**

*Great for kids grades K-5*

Classes run every six weeks. 01/07/26-02/11/26. Local transportation available via bus.  
 Classes will be held at the Bantam Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam 4:15-5:15 pm, on Wednesday.

**SIGN UP NOW!**   [litchfieldparkandrec.com](http://litchfieldparkandrec.com)

## THE SOCIAL SPOON - THURSDAYS AT NOON

Get out with friends for a fun afternoon.  
 \$5 for transportation, lunch on your own

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 Mountainside Cafe  
 Falls Village  
 (RSVP By Jan 12th)  
 860-567-7569

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 American Pie  
 Sherman  
 (RSVP By Feb 23)  
 860-567-7569

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 Oliver's Restaurant- OWTS  
 Torrington  
 (RSVP BY March 16)  
 860-567-7569

**Sponsored by: LitchfieldPark&Rec**  
**"We Run the Fun!"**

SPONSORED BY LITCHFIELD P&R

COME ALONG AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS

CIRCLE TIME SONGS, STORIES & PLAYTIME  
 LED BY DENISE BUTWILL

**BIRTH - 2 YRS**  
**SIBLINGS WELCOME**

## PLAYGROUP

MONDAY JAN 26 - MAR 2 (NO CLASS FEB 16)  
 9:30-10:15AM

ENTRANCE ALL THE WAY AROUND IN BACK OF BUILDING

BANTAM ANNEX  
 80 DOYLE ROAD  
 BANTAM

**FREE PROGRAM. CALL 860-567-7569 OR REGISTER AT**  
**LITCHFIELDPARKANDREC.COM**

## ANNEX INDOOR WALKING CLUB

Control Blood Pressure   Bone Strength   Improve mental health   Lower risk of chronic disease   Better heart health   Immune System Booster

Steps for perfect weightline   Weight loss   Fight cancer   Stress reduction

**COME INSIDE WHERE IT'S WARM AND ENJOY A NICE WALK IN THE GYM WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS**

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
**9-10AM**  
**BANTAM ANNEX**

**QUESTIONS CALL PARK & REC 860-567-7569**

LITCHFIELD PARK AND REC

## Bus Trip to Flower & Garden Show

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

**\$26 pp**  
 admission & transportation

BUS DEPARTS THE ANNEX AT 9:30AM

REGISTER AT:  
[LITCHFIELDPARKANDREC.COM](http://LITCHFIELDPARKANDREC.COM)  
 OR BY CALLING 860-567-7569

**SEATING IS LIMITED SO SIGN UP TODAY**

# ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Energy Assistance Program

Call Social Services today to schedule appointments 860-567-7564

### 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

# THANK YOU!

## *Thank You*

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our amazing community for the overwhelming support of our

Community Giving Project this holiday season. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to assist over 100 children and their families in making the holidays special.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2026!

Sincerely,  
Litchfield Social Services and  
Park and Recreation



# NEWS FROM THE WASTE REDUCTION COMMITTEE



## ***Holiday Lights***

Unwanted or broken holiday lights? Please avoid throwing them in the trash. While they don't belong in the blue bin, they are recyclable as e-waste or through special mail-in programs such as [HolidayLEDs.com](http://HolidayLEDs.com).

## ***Recycle Right***

75% of what Americans throw in the trash could be recycled instead. In Connecticut, recycling is the law, and it's important to recycle right. "Wishcycling" is when you put an item in the recycling bin because you think it should be recyclable, or when you hope it can be given a second life. Wishcycling might be well-intentioned but it actually undermines recycling efforts. It can damage sorting machinery, or contaminate a load of recyclables that could have been recovered. [Read this list of what can go in the blue bin and what can not](#). For recycling items beyond the blue bin, such as mattresses, textiles, and much more, visit the [Litchfield Recycling Center](#).

## ***Winter Composting***

Snow has presented another challenge to taking those kitchen scraps out to the compost pile that many of you have.

Solution: When you drive to the Recycling Center with your cans, bottles, papers, and cardboard, take the food scraps to the town compost pile.

All those apple cores; banana, pear, orange, avocado, potato, and squash peels; lettuce, kale, and celery leaves; coffee grounds; tea bags; eggshells; and anything else from flowers and plants add up to 25-30% of the weight of our trash.

Help cut back on the amount of trash we are shipping to mid-western states. With full participation, we could save up to \$100,000 per year and add food scraps to our leaf compost to make the dark, rich humus that gardeners call "black gold." Your Waste Reduction Committee thanks you for making composting a daily habit.

# 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:** 2 REGULAR MEMBERS 1-02/2026, 1-02/2027, 3  
ALTERNATE MEMBERS 2/2028

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL:** 1 MEMBER 6/2025

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** 1 REGULAR MEMBER 12/2028, 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER  
12/2025

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:** 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER 6/2027

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION:** 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 REGULAR 1/2030; 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 2-  
1/2027, 1-1/2028

**PENSION COMMISSION:** 2 ALTERNATE MEMBER 3/2028, 3/2030

**SANDY BEACH COMMISSION:** 1 REGULAR MEMBER 12/2028

**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 12/18/25

CONTACT CARLISSA BAYETTE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CBAYETTE@TOWNOFLITCHFIELDCT.GOV

860-567-7550

[www.townoflitchfieldct.gov](http://www.townoflitchfieldct.gov)



# LITCHFIELD'S AMERICA 250



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



## TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Assessor's Office  
74 West Street ~ P.O. Box 488  
Litchfield, Connecticut 06759-0488  
[www.townoflitchfieldct.gov](http://www.townoflitchfieldct.gov)



### Legal Notice

Litchfield, CT  
Board of Assessment Appeals

Pursuant to the provisions of section 12-111 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the Board of Assessment Appeals will be meeting for the 2024 Supplemental Motor Vehicle, 2025 Personal property and the 2025 Real Estate in March 2026. Board of Assessment Appeal Applications are available in the Assessor's office or on the Town's website (<https://www.townoflitchfieldct.gov>). Applications are required to be filed starting February 2nd and no later than February 20, 2026. Forms postmarked or delivered after this date will NOT be accepted. Notification will be mailed to applicants advising date, time, and place of appointment.

Litchfield, CT. Board of Assessment Appeals



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Assessor's Office  
74 West Street ~ P.O. Box 488  
Litchfield, Connecticut 06759-0488  
[www.townoflitchfieldct.gov](http://www.townoflitchfieldct.gov)



### ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS PROGRAMS

Litchfield, CT. Assessor's Office

The Assessor's Office will be accepting applications from February 2, 2026 to May 15, 2026 for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowner Programs.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must own a house and be a resident of that dwelling as of October 1, 2025 to which the tax credit will be applied, be 65 years of age or over as of December 31, 2025 or be totally disabled. Eligible applicants can have an income of \$56,500 or less for a married couple or \$46,300 or less for a single person. Proof of 2025 income must be provided. Such proof may include a copy of 2025 tax return, if required to file one, 1099 bank statements showing interest earned, pension statements, dividend statements, statement of earnings from the Social Security Administration (SSA 1099 or SSA 2458).

Details about this program may be received by contacting the Assessor's Office at (860) 567-7559.

# CONNECTICUT PAID LEAVE INFORMATION

The following information is from CT Paid Leave. If you have questions or for further information, please contact CT Paid Leave directly: [CTpaidleave.org](http://CTpaidleave.org) or call 877-499-8606.



## Connecticut Paid Leave

### WHAT IS CT PAID LEAVE?

CT Paid Leave is a state-run program that provides income replacement to covered workers when they take time away from their job for a qualifying reason.

The worker should apply to their employer for job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or other laws and can apply to CT Paid Leave for income replacement benefits.



### HOW LONG IS CT PAID LEAVE?



Workers who are eligible for CT Paid Leave and have a qualifying reason may receive up to 12 weeks of paid leave benefits in a 12-month period for most\* leave reasons.

An additional 2 weeks may be available during pregnancy.

*\*Up to 12 days of the 12 weeks may be used for safe leave.*

### WHAT ARE QUALIFYING REASONS?

- Medical leave (for your own serious health condition)
- Caregiver leave (for a family member)
- Bonding leave (biological, adoptive, or foster child)
- Safe leave (for family violence or sexual assault)
- Military caregiver leave
- Qualifying exigency leave



### AM I ELIGIBLE?



- Do you work for a covered employer or did you within the 12 weeks immediately preceding your leave? Most private employers with 1 or more people working in CT are covered.
- Did you earn at least \$2325 in the highest earning quarter of the past 4 of the 5 most recently completed quarters?
- Are you experiencing a qualifying reason?

### HOW CAN I APPLY?

[CTpaidleave.org](http://CTpaidleave.org) or by calling (877) 499-8606



**CT Paid Leave provides income replacement, but it does not provide job protection. For job protected leave under FMLA or other laws, speak to your employer.**