

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](#)

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

Dan Morosani

Jeffrey Zullo

John Bongiorno

Jodiann Tenney

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TOWN OF LITCHFIELD TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2026

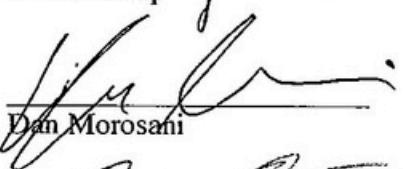
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Litchfield will hold public hearings on January 24, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at the Litchfield Intermediate School, 35 Plumb Hill Road, Litchfield, for the following purposes:

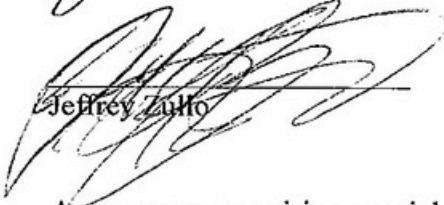
- I.** To hear a presentation on restarting town constables in Litchfield, and the operational cost thereof, and to discuss the advisability of such proposal.
- II.** Pursuant to Sections 14-307c and 14-307e of the General Statutes, to hear a presentation on automated traffic enforcement safety devices,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

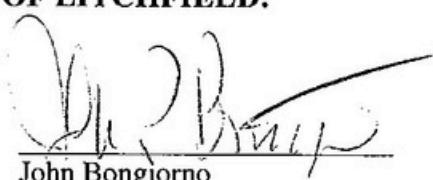
Dated at Litchfield, Connecticut, this 14 day of December, 2025.

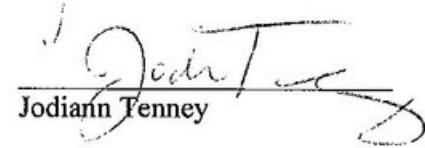
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PARK & REC EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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.

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

THE SOCIAL SPOON - THURSDAYS AT NOON

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

Jan 15th
Mountainside Cafe
Falls Village
(RSVP By Jan 12th)
860-567-7569

Feb 26th
American Pie
Sherman
(RSVP By Feb 23)
860-567-7569

March 19th
Oliver's Restaurant- OWTS
Torrington
(RSVP BY March 16)
860-567-7569

Sponsored by: Litchfield Park & Rec
"We Run the Fun!"

SPONSORED BY LITCHFIELD P&R

COME ALONG AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS

BIRTH - 2 YRS SIBLINGS WELCOME

PLAYGROUP

MONDAY JAN 26 - MAR 2 (NO CLASS FEB 16)
 9:30-10:15AM BANTAM ANNEX
 ENTRANCE ALL THE WAY AROUND IN BACK OF BUILDING 80 DOYLE ROAD
 BANTAM

CIRCLE TIME SONGS, STORIES & PLAYTIME LED BY DENISE BUTHILL

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

ANNEX INDOOR WALKING CLUB



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

Benefits listed in circles:
 Steps for perfect walking
 Weight loss
 Fight cancer
 Stress reduction
 Control blood pressure
 Bone strength
 Lower risk of chronic disease
 Improves mental health
 Better heart health
 Immune system booster

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
 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.

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

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



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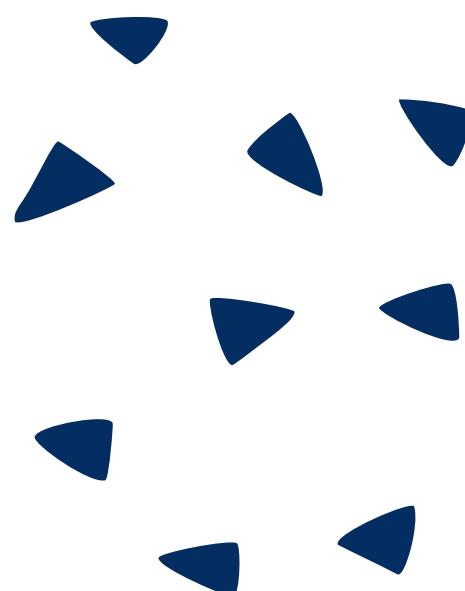


Legal Notice

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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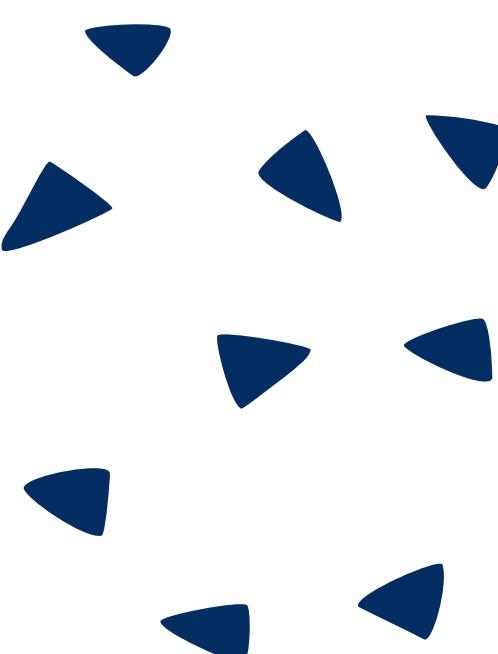
ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS PROGRAMS

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 or call 877-499-8606.



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 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.