

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](#)

February 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**](#)

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 2 - 6pm, Park & Rec, Annex
7pm, Planning & Zoning, Annex
7:30pm, East Litchfield Fire Company, East Litchfield Firehouse
8pm, Litchfield Fire Company, Litchfield Firehouse
- March 3 - 5:30pm, Board of Selectmen, Annex
7pm, Bantam Fire Company, Bantam Firehouse
7pm, Bantam Planning & Zoning, Bantam Borough Hall
- March 4 - 6pm, Litchfield Arts Council, Annex
- March 5 - 9:15am, Design Review Committee, Annex
6pm, Sandy Beach Commission Special Meeting, Annex
7pm, Historic District Commission, Pilgrim House

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

www.townoflitchfieldct.gov

THANK YOU LITCHFIELD DPW!

As we continue through this pattern of challenging winter weather, we would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the dedicated staff at the Litchfield Department of Public Works.

This winter has brought heavy snowfall, icy roads, freezing temperatures, and long nights. While most of us were safely indoors during storms, our DPW team was out on the roads, often before the first snowflake accumulated and long after the storm had passed, working tirelessly to keep our streets clear and safe.

Snow removal is demanding, high-pressure work. It requires skill, focus, and endurance to operate large equipment in low visibility and hazardous conditions. Drivers navigate narrow streets, manage drifting snow, avoid obstacles hidden beneath snowbanks, and make repeated passes to ensure thorough coverage.

Many of these dedicated professionals work extended shifts, overnight hours, weekends, and holidays. Storms do not follow a 9-to-5 schedule. Their commitment often means time away from their families so that the rest of us can travel safely.

The results of their efforts are easy to overlook once the roads are clear and daily routines return to normal. Yet every safe commute, every open business, and every emergency vehicle that reaches its destination without delay is made possible in part by their dedication and vigilance. With more than 127 miles of roads to maintain - one of the largest road networks in the state - Litchfield's crews have an enormous responsibility.

At times, snowbanks may appear higher than we'd prefer, or roads may not be cleared as quickly as everyone would like. We ask that you keep in mind the sheer scale of the work and the dedication required to complete it safely and thoroughly. As with any large-scale cleanup effort, it takes time. Your patience, understanding, and cooperation truly make a meaningful difference.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Department of Public Works. Their dedication, professionalism, and resilience throughout this winter season have not gone unnoticed and are deeply appreciated.

Thank you, DPW, for keeping our community moving - no matter the weather!

PARK & REC CALENDAR



LITCHFIELD PARK & RECREATION
sign up at: litchfieldparkandrec.com or call 860-567-7569

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>10am Girls Basketball Noon Tri-Town winter training 3pm Soccer for kids 7pm Adult Soccer</p>	<p>7:15am Before School 9am Align Yoga 9:30am Bouncing Babies 4:15pm BobCat Learning: icook 4:30p Essentrics 6:30 Pickleball</p>	<p>7:15am Before School 9am Indoor Walking 4:15 BobCat Learning: Cheering for the Hills 6pm Adult Volleyball</p>	<p>7:15am Before School 8:30am Essentrics 4:15Ppm BobCat Learning: Art 5pm Pickleball</p>	<p>7:15am Before School 9am Indoor Walking 4:15pm BobCat Learning: Sign Language 4:30pm Soccer for Kids 6pm Pickleball</p>	<p>7:15am Before School 9am Coffee & Conversation Noon 1st Friday Lunch</p>	<p>8:30am Essentrics 10am Tri-Town winter Training</p>
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PARK & REC EVENTS & PROGRAMS



Kayak

RACK STORAGE
LITCHFIELD TOWN BEACH, LITCHFIELD RESIDENTS ONLY
REGISTRATION OPENS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 @ 9AM
SPACE IS LIMITED
VERIFY THAT YOU CAN GET ON YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY
TO AVOID ANY TECHNICAL ISSUES ON THE 1ST
FOR ASSISTANCE: 860-567-7569
FOB AND VALID PERMIT ARE REQUIRED FOR BEACH
ACCESS
litchfieldparkandrec.com



LITCHFIELD PARK & RECREATION



Parks & Recreation
Little Learners Club
Play • Learn • Grow
Drop-Off Preschool Skills Program



Arts & Crafts Story Time Games & Play

Monday • Wednesday • Friday
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Ages 3-5
8-week program beginning April 20th

Designed & Taught by a
Certified Elementary Teacher

For more information call 860-567-7569 or register
at 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: LitchfieldPark&Rec
"We Run the Fun!"

Litchfield Town Beach access for Litchfield Residents and those with special memberships or day passes (Non-resident day passes, Ice Fishing, LHRC)

Access to Town Beach is
only available with a FOB.
FOBs and memberships are available at
Park & Rec.
80 Doyle Road
for \$20 cash or check



LITCHFIELD PARK & RECREATION

Monday thru Friday, 9-4pm
860-567-7569

PARK & REC EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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 waistline

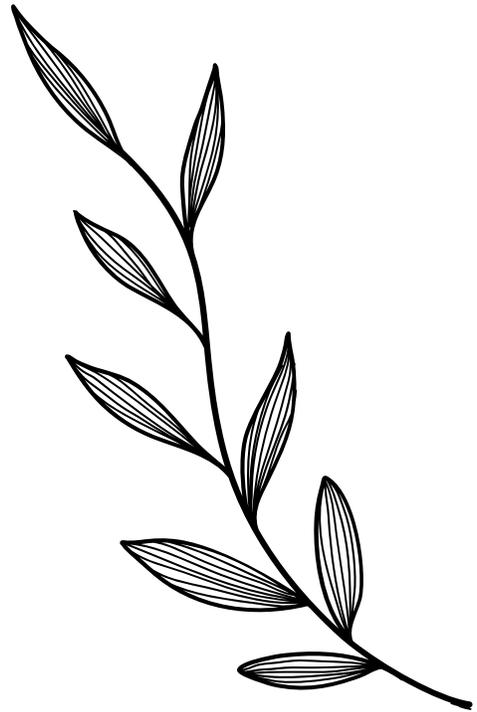
Weight loss

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



The Glue & Glitter Gang

Monthly Craft Club at The Brush and Pallet

Second Wednesday of the Month
(beginning February 11)

2:45pm ~ 3:45pm

\$10 per month to help cover supplies

Please sign up by 1st of the Month to ensure we have enough supplies.
Each participant must call to sign up for themselves.
Sponsored by: Litchfield Park & Rec,
call to sign up: 860-567-7569



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

WASTE REDUCTION COMMITTEE



Reducing Waste

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) requires the manufacturer, rather than the taxpayer, to bear the post-consumer costs of recycling or disposal when a product reaches the end of its lifecycle. EPR keeps harmful materials out of the landfill, supports recycling, and encourages more sustainable product design.

In CT, EPR applies to electronic waste, paint, mattresses, mercury thermostats, tires, batteries, and gas cylinders - CT passed the first gas cylinder EPR law in the country.

For safe disposal of small propane cylinders under 20 pounds, butane/isobutane cylinders, helium tanks, propylene (MAP), and handheld torches, there's a free drop-off program - [learn more about The Cylinder Collective program here](#). The Propane Gas Association of New England (PGANE) will recycle 20-pound propane tanks. [Learn more about the PGANE program here](#). Old paint cans can be brought to Litchfield's Ace Hardware for free disposal as part of the Paintcare program. [Learn about other locations and Paintcare here](#).

The Litchfield Recycling Center accepts, for no charge, mattresses, electronic waste, and batteries.

To learn about other items that can be recycled through special programs, visit the Litchfield Recycling Center, or [check out the list here](#).

WASTE REDUCTION COMMITTEE



What Belongs in the Blue Recycling Bin?

In Connecticut, it's the law to recycle, and it's important to recycle right. Putting non-recyclables in the blue bin can cause an entire load to be rejected and sent to the landfill. All items should be empty, rinsed, clean and open. Do not shred, box, bag or bundle. To learn more, go to RecycleCT.com



What's IN?

PAPER

- Cardboard & boxboard
- Food & beverage cartons
- Junk mail
- Magazines & newspaper inserts
- Newsprint
- Office paper
- Pizza boxes

GLASS

- Beverage bottles & jars
- Food bottles & jars

METAL

- Aerosol containers (food grade only)
- Aluminum foil Cans & bottles Foil containers Metal lids from cans & bottles

PLASTIC

- Plastic bottles (with or without caps attached)
- Plastic containers, tubs & lids
- Plastic one-use cups (no lids, no straws)



What's OUT?

- Gift wrap & gift bags Ice cream containers Paper cups (hot & cold)
- Shredded paper Take-out food containers
- Tissue paper

- Ceramic mugs & plates
- Drinking glasses

- Aerosol containers (deodorizers, cleaners, pesticides, etc.)
- Foil tops from yogurt containers
- Paint cans
- Pots & pans
- Small pieces of scrap metal
- Spiral wound containers

- Loose bottle caps
- Plastic bags & wrap
- Plastic plates, bowls & utensils
- Prescription bottles
- Single-use coffee containers
- Styrofoam cups, containers & packaging peanuts
- Water filters
- Black plastic trays & containers



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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: 2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 1-12/2027, 1-12/2028

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 1-06/2026, 1- 6/2027

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION: 2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS 6/2027

LITCHFIELD ARTS COUNCIL: 3 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: 2 ALTERNATE MEMBER 3/2028

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

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



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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!

CONGRATULATIONS, ROBERT PIAZZA, POET LAUREATE OF LITCHFIELD!

The editorial team at [Cathexis Northwest Press](#) in Portland, Oregon, has selected Robert Piazza's manuscript of original poetry, a sequence of villanelles depicting addiction versus recovery, as the winner of their annual chapbook contest! They will be publishing Robert's book, his debut collection entitled *Distilled Spirits: Coffee & Recovery*, on March 1st, with pre-orders starting on February 1st. To view the full press-release, please click [here](#).



LAKEVIEW PLAYERS

Lakeview Players
Present

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

Ticket Reservations:
Lakeview.ludus.com



Reserved Seats: \$18

General Admission
Adults: \$15
Students & Seniors:
\$10



"Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise."



March 13 & 14th @ 7 PM
March 15th @ 2 PM

Lakeview High School Auditorium
98 Wamogo Rd
Litchfield, CT

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR TICKETS

www.townoflitchfieldct.gov