
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

CONNECTICUT



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 26 - 4pm, Housing Authority, Wells Run Community Room

May 26 - 6pm, Advanced Tech Commission, Northfield Firehouse

May 26 - 7pm, Conservation Commission Special Meeting, Annex

May 27 - 6pm, Interlocal EMS Special Meeting, TOB

May 27 - 6pm, RSD20 BOE Strategic Planning Committee Special Meeting, Lakeview High School

June 1 - 6pm, Park & Rec Commission, Annex

June 1 - 7pm, Planning and Zoning Commission, Annex

June 1 - 7:30pm, East Litchfield Fire Company, East Litchfield Firehouse

June 1 - 8pm, Litchfield Fire Company, Litchfield Firehouse

Please Check the Municipal Calendar for Updates

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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 Awards](#)

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

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION * REGION 20
LITCHFIELD REPRESENTATIVE

— ★ BOARD OF ★ —
EDUCATION

FOR

REGION 20

Litchfield Representative



THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON

JUNE 15

★ AT 6 PM ★

AT LITCHFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



If you are interested in being a candidate, please send your credentials/résumé bio to the First Selectman's Office by **JUNE 10** so that we can let people know who the interested candidates are.



You do not have to send this information in order to be elected. You can be nominated from the floor during the actual meeting.



If you have any questions, please call the First Selectman's Office at **860-567-7550**

Credentials/resume bios can be sent to cbayette@townoflitchfieldct.gov

FARMERS' MARKETS



Bantam Community Farmers Market Alain White Field

273 Bantam Lake Rd
Fridays • May - October 3pm-6pm

Litchfield Hills Farm-Fresh Market Outdoor Season

May 23 - October 17, 2026
Litchfield Fire Dept Parking Lot
258 West St, Litchfield, CT
Saturdays • 10am-1pm



2026 PARK & REC SUMMER PROGRAMS



So many fun summer activities
to choose from - click [here](#) to
explore them all!



HAWKERS & PEDDLERS - PERMIT REQUIRED



HAWKERS & PEDDLERS



Door-to-door salespeople who sell goods or services directly to residents are required by Town ordinance to obtain a Hawkers and Peddlers Permit. At this time, the only companies holding valid permits are TRINITY SOLAR and EDUCATION BOOKS.

If someone representing any other company is conducting door-to-door sales in your neighborhood, residents are encouraged to report the activity to Troop L at (860) 626-7900.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, June 20th, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Falls Village Public Works Garage, 100 Railroad St, Falls Village, CT

WHAT TO BRING:

- Paints/Stains/Varnishes
- Paint Thinners & Strippers
- Wood Preservatives/Turpentine Resins & Adhesives
- Polishes for furniture, wood, & metal
- Cleaners for rugs & upholstery
- Cleaners for ovens, toilet bowls, & drains
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fungicides
- Flea & Tick Powder
- Moth Balls
- Spot Removers
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Lighter Fluids
- Septic Tank Degreasers
- Engine Degreasers
- Waste Fuels (Kerosene, Gasoline)
- Carburetor Cleaners, Brake Fluids Transmission Fluids
- Car Waxes
- Non-empty Aerosol Cans
- Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
- Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets Hobby/Artist Supplies
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Household Batteries
- Mercury Thermostats, Thermometers Antifreeze
- Smoke Detectors
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Propane Tanks (1 and 20 pound)



WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Electronics such as computers, DVD players, etc.
- Motor Oil
- Auto Batteries & Tires
- Ammunition
- Fireworks and other explosives
- Pharmaceuticals and other Medical Waste
- PCB Capacitors
- Radioactive Materials
- Unknown gases
- Controlled Substances
- Pathological Material
- Empty Aerosol Cans



You must register to participate.

**Contact your Town/City Hall
OR Scan Here to Register:**



Participating Towns: Canaan/Falls Village | Colebrook | Cornwall | Goshen | Harwinton | Kent | Litchfield | Norfolk | North Canaan | Salisbury | Sharon | Torrington

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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Enjoy Plastic-Free Picnics

It's the season for picnics and outdoor gatherings. Though single-use plastic cutlery and tableware might seem like the most convenient option, they can create a lot of harmful waste. They also raise health concerns—research suggests that chemicals in plastic products can leach into food. Plastics labeled “biodegradable” need industrial composters and high temperatures to degrade, and often they end up in the ocean, where they take a long time to break down. Re-useables are most economical in the long-run, and the best for the planet. Lightweight metal cutlery sets are a great option for on-the-go or camping; there are also plastic-free single-use options, made from bamboo and even edible cutlery made from rice and flours. With current levels of use, plastic waste is projected to nearly triple by 2060. The best way [to help the plastic waste crisis](#) is to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Are you composting yet?

If you enjoy plants at this time of year, help make “black gold” for the garden by composting your food scraps. If you don't compost at home, it's easy and free to bring your food waste to the [Litchfield Recycling Center's](#) composting facility at 72 Little Pitch Road. Keeping heavy food waste out of the trash saves on town tipping fees—costs residents pay in taxes to have trash hauled away to the landfill or incinerator— and instead helps create nutrient-rich compost that town residents can use.

RENTERS REBATE INFORMATION

RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT

- **Must be a CT resident for at least 1 year**
- **Must be 65 years of age by 12/31/25 or 50+ years and the surviving spouse of renter who at the time of death qualified and was entitled to tax relief**
- **Must be 18+ years old if receiving Social Security Disability or Disability benefits**
- **Qualifying income maximums: \$46,300 single, \$56,500 married**
- **All documents must be presented at the time of your appointment. Please make copies of all your documents, Documents will not be returned.**

[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION](#)

ROBERT PIAZZA - LITCHFIELD POET LAUREATE BOOK TOUR

Book Tour for *Distilled Spirits: Coffee & Recovery* By Robert F. Piazza, Poet Laureate of Litchfield

- Sat, March 14 Keats Workshop, Wisdom House, Litchfield 9:30AM
- Wed, April 8 Poetry Reading, The Spread, Norwalk 6:00PM
- Tue, April 14 Radio Show, Uncle Con's WAPJ, Torrington 9:00PM
- Sat, April 25 Poetry Reading, Trinity Church, Torrington 3:00PM
- Fri, May 8 Poetry Assembly, Hamden Hall School, Hamden 10:45AM
- Sat, May 16 Book Launch, Wisdom House, Litchfield 10:00AM
- Mon, May 25 Poetry Reading, Memorial Day, Litchfield 9:00AM
- Wed, June 3 Poetry Reading: Online, Ridgefield Library 7:00PM
- Fri, June 19 Poetry Retreat, Wisdom House, Litchfield 3:00PM
- Sat, June 20 Poetry Retreat, Wisdom House, Litchfield 9:30AM
- Fri, June 26 Poetry Reading, Waterbury Library, Waterbury 3:00PM
- Sat, July 11 D. Thomas Workshop, Wisdom House, Litchfield 9:30AM
- Sat, July 18 Poetry Reading, NYC Poetry Festival, Manhattan 12:00PM
 - "The Northeast Coast" Algonquin Stage (noon)
- Sat, Aug 8 Blake Workshop, Wisdom House, Litchfield 9:30AM



To view the full press release regarding *Distilled Spirits: Coffee & Recovery*, [please click here](#)

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A NOTE FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

OPEN BURNING INFORMATION

Open burning is limited to the burning of brush only, which is defined as shrubs, vegetation or pruning's, the diameter of which is not greater than three inches at the widest point.

PLEASE NOTE: LEAVES AND GRASS ARE NOT CONSIDERED BRUSH. OPEN BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLEARING LAND, OR FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, HOUSEHOLD TRASH, OR LEAVES.

Restrictions:

1. The burning must not take place when national or state ambient air quality standards may be exceeded. The burning must not take place where a hazardous health condition might be created or where there is an advisory from the DEEP Commissioner of any air pollution episode. The burning must not take place when the Air Quality Index (AQI) is predicted to be 75 or higher in any town listed in the table entitled "Predicted Daily AQI Maximums".
2. The burning must not take place when the Forest Fire Danger Level is identified by DEEP as high, very high, or extreme. [Forest Fire Danger Report](#) (click on link)
3. The burning must not take place where prohibited by an ordinance of the municipality.
4. The burning must cease if so directed by any member of the town Fire Marshal's office, Officer of the Fire Department, designated Municipal Official responsible for enforcing the open burning laws and ordinances, or any official of the Health Department or DEEP.

Before the Burn: All reasonable safety precautions are to be taken including but not limited: to the clearing of grass and trees from the burning area, and wetting down of the surrounding area, and placement of fire extinguishers and hose lines.

During the Burn: All reasonable measures to assure complete combustion and reduce excessive smoke are to be taken. At no time during the burn should the fire be left unattended. The permit must be available on site during the burn. Burning may not create a nuisance to nearby properties. Burning may only be conducted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a sunny or partly sunny day with the wind speed between 5 and 15 miles per hour.

Completion of the Burn Period: The burn pile must be completely extinguished by 5 p.m. and all embers/coals must be extinguished and wetted, so as to prevent smoldering and fugitive ash emissions.

If you have any questions about burn permits, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office: (860) 567-7568.

AMERICA'S 250TH



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!

LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL POPS CONCERT

Lakeview High School

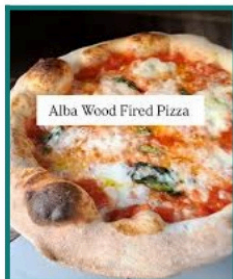
POPS CONCERT

Friday, May 29th 6:00 PM
PHMS Softball Field

LIVE MUSIC

RAFFLES

FOOD TRUCKS



Meraki

Free Admission!
Bring your lawn chairs
and picnic blankets.

Rain Date:
Saturday,
May 30th
6:00 PM

SPECIAL GUESTS:
PHMS
CHAMBER CHOIR &
JAZZ BAND!

LITCHFIELD HILLS ROAD RACE

49th Annual

LITCHFIELD HILLS ROAD RACE

Sunday, June 14th @ 1:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact LHRR at info@lhrr.com



NW CT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

 Northwest Connecticut
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Business Working Together

 **NHCOG**
— Northwest Hills —
Council of Governments

NWCT Chamber of Commerce and NHCOC present:

2026 NW CT Economic Development Summit

— **SAVE THE DATE** —

 **May 28, 2026**
5:00pm - 7:00pm

 **Five Points
Art Center**
855 University Dr.,
Torrington, CT

 **\$15 PER PERSON
CASH BAR**

 **Mashed Potato Bar by Little Red Barn included**

Join us for an evening of engaging conversation, strategic insights
and collaboration focused on strengthening our local economy.

 RELEVANT TOPICS for the Northwest CT Economic Development District	 CONNECT with local leaders, businesses and community partners	 EXPLORE opportunities that drive growth and investment	 BUILD a stronger economic future for Northwest Connecticut
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 **Who should attend:** Business leaders in ALL industries, business owners,
municipal officials, elected officials, economic development commissioners,
planning & zoning commissioners, tourism organization and any other
individual/organization that supports economic development in the region.

For questions contact
Rista Malanca at
rmalanca@nhcocgct.gov

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