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**LITCHFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

**ESTABLISHED 1719**

**LITCHFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

# TOWN OF LITCHFIELD CONNECTICUT

## 74 WEST STREET

### LITCHFIELD, CT 06759



*The Economic Development Commission of the Town of Litchfield* welcomes you to our town. Incorporated in 1719 by an act of the Colonial Assembly, Litchfield is nationally famous as one of the most beautiful residential communities in America and is considered to be New England's finest surviving example of a typical late 18th century New England town. The following information is provided to help you become familiar with our town. More information can be found on the official website of the Town of Litchfield, [www.townoflitchfield.org](http://www.townoflitchfield.org).

**LOCATION:** Litchfield is located 34 miles west of Hartford, 16 miles northwest of Waterbury and 6 miles southwest of Torrington, in the midst of the Litchfield Hills and is the county seat of Litchfield County, although there is no longer county government.

**AREA & TOPOGRAPHY:** Litchfield's land area of 57.3 square miles includes the Boroughs of Litchfield and Bantam and the Villages of East Litchfield, Northfield and Milton.

**CLIMATE:** Average annual temperature is 51.4°F (summer temperature 70°F, winter temperature 27°F). Annual precipitation averages just under 50 inches.

**POPULATION:** 2000 Census    8,316    |    2010 Census    8,466

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting: The Board of Selectmen meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. The First Selectman is the town's chief administrative officer and can be reached at (860) 567-7550.

### *Borough of Litchfield*

The political structure of Litchfield was changed in 1818, when the boundaries of a smaller village, separate from the town, were established by the Connecticut General Assembly. Then in 1885 the Borough was chartered and the present form of government was estab-

lished. As established by its Charter, the Borough of Litchfield is governed by a Warden and a Board of Burgesses, separate from the Town of Litchfield's Board of Selectmen. The Borough Board and its Historic District Commission work together to preserve the Borough's charm and history, while promoting a greater sense of community among its residents. Today the Borough of Litchfield functions as a village within the larger town. Residents of the Borough are governed by both the Board of Burgesses and the Litchfield Board of Selectmen. For more information visit [boroughoflitchfield.org](http://boroughoflitchfield.org) or call (860) 567-8866.

### ***Borough of Bantam***

The Borough of Bantam is located in the western part of Litchfield with a small commercial area near the intersection of Bantam Road (U.S. Route 202) and Bantam Lake Road (Connecticut Route 209). The Borough of Bantam has a Board of Warden and Burgesses and a Planning and Zoning Commission overseeing affairs in the borough. Comprised of approximately 750 residents, the one square mile borough was established by an act of the Connecticut State Legislature in 1915. The borough is one square mile. Today residents are considered residents of the borough and the Town of Litchfield and pay taxes to both the borough and the town. For more information visit Bantam Borough Hall at 890 Bantam Road, Bantam or call (860) 567-5681.



**Northwest Hills Council of Governments** is a coordinating body for chief elected officials maintained by 21 municipalities in Northwest Connecticut. NHCOC's mission is to make Northwest Connecticut a better place to live, do business, and visit by providing a forum for local officials to discuss issues of inter-municipal concern, promote regional cooperation, and direct various regional initiatives to enhance government planning, efficiency and service delivery. For more information call (860) 491-9884 or visit [northwesthillscog.org](http://northwesthillscog.org).





## **EDUCATION**

Litchfield serves its residents with four public schools: elementary, intermediate, middle and high. Litchfield Public school enrollment as of March of 2017 was 985. School district offices are located at 35 Plumb Hill Road, Litchfield. For more information please contact the school department at (860) 567-7500 or visit [www.litchfieldschools.org](http://www.litchfieldschools.org). There is also one regional high school in Litchfield Wamogo Regional High School, which serves the neighboring towns of Warren, Morris and Goshen. In addition there are also numerous independent schools in the area.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES: Dial 9-1-1 for all emergencies**

Litchfield County Dispatch: Established in 1989, Litchfield County Dispatch, Inc. (LCD) is the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Litchfield County, Connecticut and includes the Town of Litchfield. LCD dispatches fire, medical, and police services.

**POLICE:** Litchfield is served by the Town's police force and Connecticut State Police.

**FIRE:** Fire protection is provided by volunteer companies in Litchfield, Bantam, Northfield and East Litchfield.

**AMBULANCE:** Services provided by Litchfield Ambulance. Call 911 for service.

Receive alerts 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. Visit [www.townoflitchfield.org](http://www.townoflitchfield.org) and click the "Litchfield Emergency Notification Signup" tab to create a login.

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:** Information on the employment situation and job opportunities in the area can be obtained from the CT Dept of Labor at the Torrington American Job Center, 35 Field Street, Torrington, CT or by calling (860) 496-3500. The Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce also can provide information about employers and job openings in the area. Contact the chamber at 333 Kennedy Drive, Suite R101, PO Box 59, Torrington, Connecticut 06790, [www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org), or call (860) 482-6586.

**HOUSING:** The Town of Litchfield has two of its own housing complexes for the elderly. For more information please contact the Litchfield Housing Authority at (860) 567-5308. The Wells Run Complex, located on East Street, was opened in 1976 and the Bantam Falls Complex, located on Doyle Road, was opened in 1993.

**HOSPITALS:** The closest hospitals are:

- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, 540 Litchfield St, Torrington, CT 06790, (860) 496-6666, [www.charlottehungerford.org](http://www.charlottehungerford.org)
- New Milford Hospital, 21 Elm Street, New Milford, CT 06776, (860) 210-5000, [www.newmilfordhospital.org](http://www.newmilfordhospital.org)
- Sharon Hospital, 50 Hospital Hill Rd, Sharon, CT 06069, (860) 364-4000, [www.sharonhospital.com](http://www.sharonhospital.com)
- St. Mary's Hospital, 56 Franklin St, Waterbury, CT 06706, (203) 709-6000, [www.stmh.org](http://www.stmh.org)
- Waterbury Hospital, 64 Robbins St, Waterbury, CT 06708, [www.waterburyhospital.org](http://www.waterburyhospital.org)

All of the hospitals have 24/7 emergency departments.

**MEDIA:** Newspapers covering the Litchfield area include the Republican-American (Waterbury), Register-Citizen (Torrington), Litchfield County Times (New Milford). These newspapers can also be accessed online. Strictly online media coverage is provided by [www.litchfield.bz](http://www.litchfield.bz). Local cable coverage is provided by Cable 5, and radio coverage by WZBG FM 97.3.

**TOWN SERVICES:** Visit [www.townoflitchfield.org](http://www.townoflitchfield.org) for information about all town services.

**Litchfield Town Hall** is located at 74 West Street, Litchfield, CT 06759 and contains the offices of the First Selectman, Town Clerk, Finance Department, Police, Probate Court, Registrar of Voters, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector.

**Litchfield Town Hall Annex** is located at 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT 06750 and contains the offices of the Building Department, Fire Marshal, Land Use, Parks & Recreation, and Social Services.

**Litchfield Public Works Department** is located at 101 Russell Street, Litchfield, CT 06759.

**Litchfield Department of Parks and Recreation** offers a variety of programs and services year round for citizens of all ages. Programs include athletic leagues, summer camps, ice skating, and swim lessons. For details call (860) 567-7569 or visit [www.townoflitchfield.org/Pages/LitchfieldCT\\_Rec/index](http://www.townoflitchfield.org/Pages/LitchfieldCT_Rec/index).

**Litchfield Recycling Center** is located at 72 Little Pitch Road, Litchfield, CT 06759. Residents can obtain a sticker at Town Hall, 74 West Street, Litchfield. A list of accepted items can be viewed at [www.townoflitchfield.org/Pages/LitchfieldCT\\_Recycle/index](http://www.townoflitchfield.org/Pages/LitchfieldCT_Recycle/index). Call (860) 567-7579 for more information.

**Litchfield Sewer Department** is located at 29 Stoddard Rd, Bantam and can be reached at (860) 567-7580.

**Litchfield Economic Development Commission** stays informed about economic conditions and monitors trends within the Town of Litchfield. The commission members are volunteers and its mission is to make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies. The commission works to improve said economic conditions and seek to coordinate with the activities of various related commissions and unofficial organizations to further Litchfield's economic development well-being. For more information or for information about starting a business visit [www.townoflitchfield.org/Pages/LitchfieldCT\\_BComm/EDC/Index](http://www.townoflitchfield.org/Pages/LitchfieldCT_BComm/EDC/Index).

## CULTURE & RECREATION

Litchfield has two excellent public libraries that are privately maintained. The Oliver Wolcott Library is located at 160 South Street. For information call (860) 567-8030 or visit [www.owlibrary.org](http://www.owlibrary.org). The Gilbert Library is located at 38 Main Street in the village of Northfield. For information call (860) 283-8176 or visit [www.gilbertlibrary.org](http://www.gilbertlibrary.org).

**Litchfield Community Center** has been serving Litchfield since 2000 offering a wide range of programs and activities for residents of all ages. Located at 421 Bantam Road, the community center is a hub of activity. The community center can be reached at (860) 567-8302 or [www.thecommunitycenter.org](http://www.thecommunitycenter.org). A calendar of events can be viewed by clicking the “calendar” button on the site.

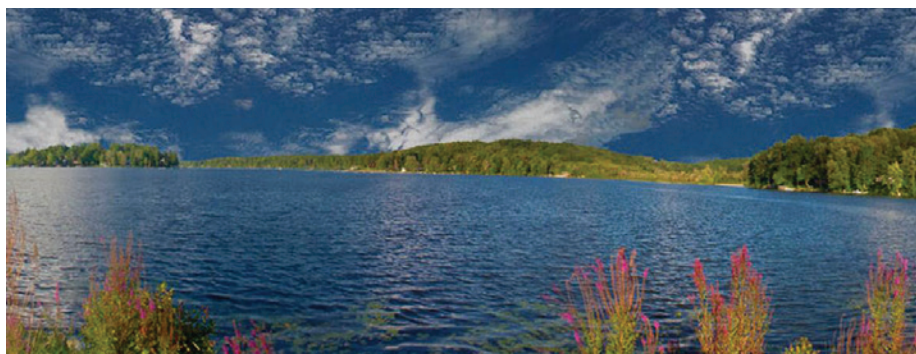


**The Litchfield Historical Society**, at the corner of South and East Streets, occupies a 1905 classical brick building which houses the Litchfield History Museum, a historical research library, and down the street is the Reeve House and Litchfield Law School. For information call (860) 567-4501 or on the web at [www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org).



**Litchfield Hills Farm-Fresh Market** is a nonprofit farmer's market featuring local farms. The market is a community-based program focused on sustainable, local food systems that are respectful of the environment in which we exist. Working to create awareness that "local food is healthier food," the market seeks to improve the economic viability of local and regional farms. The outdoor market is held weekly on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. from mid-June through late October at the Center School Parking Lot, Woodruff Lane, Litchfield. The indoor market is held at the Litchfield Community Center from November through May on dates listed at the market's website. For more information visit [www.litchfieldfarmersmarket.org](http://www.litchfieldfarmersmarket.org).

**Bantam Lake**, the largest natural body of water in the State, has summer cottages, camping, swimming, boating and fishing, and sports ice boats, skaters and ice fisherman in the winter. Bantam Lake is also host to the annual Bantam Lake Ski Club Show in August. The Litchfield Town Beach hosts a boat launch while Sandy Beach in Morris is open to the public for swimming in Bantam Lake. For more information visit [www.bantamlakect.com](http://www.bantamlakect.com).



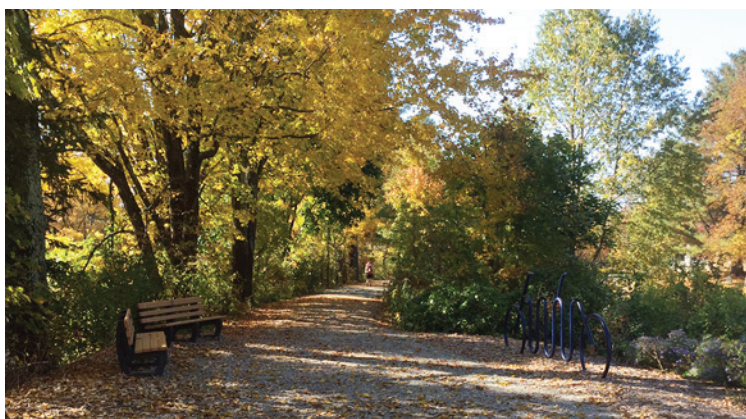


**The Litchfield Community Field**, North Lake Street, offers tennis and basketball courts, running track, three baseball fields, a pavilion for picnics and a playground.

**The White Memorial Conservation Center's** 4,000 acres offer public educational and recreational facilities for summer and winter – swimming, fishing, boating, camping, picnicking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, hiking and bike riding on miles of trails. The White Memorial's Nature Museum contains large dioramas showing wildlife in the area and many other exciting exhibits. There is a wooden boardwalk thru wetland habitats. For information call (860) 567-0857 or visit [www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org).



**The Litchfield Community Greenway** is working to provide a safe, serene, non-motorized route, accessible for people of all ages and abilities, to travel between the center of Litchfield and Bantam. The first phase of the greenway is open to the public. The trail can be accessed at the intersection of South Lake Street and White Woods Road, or from the other access point on White Woods Road near the intersection of Constitution Way. The vision is to one day link this greenway to the hamlets of Morris, Northfield, and East Litchfield; with other nearby trails and greenways; and with others being planned in Torrington and Waterbury. For more information visit [www.litchfieldcommunitygreenway.org](http://www.litchfieldcommunitygreenway.org).





**The Litchfield Hills Audubon Society** offers programs, field trips and events that promote and teach conservation, awareness of environmental issues, wildlife management and the overall enjoyment of nature and all that it has to offer. The organization currently owns three wildlife sanctuaries, two of which are located in Litchfield. Boyd Woods Audubon Sanctuary is a 102-acre location that includes well marked hiking trails. The Wigwam Brook Wildlife Sanctuary is a 35-acre location consisting of wetlands and woodlands. For more information visit [www.lhasct.org](http://www.lhasct.org).



Since 1977, the **Litchfield Hills Road Race** has attracted runners from all over the world. The race is held the second Sunday in June starting from the Litchfield Town Green. The race involves town residents as runners and volunteers for what has become a festive weekend filled with events. For more information visit [www.lhrr.com](http://www.lhrr.com).



**Topsmead State Forest**, formally the Edith M. Chase Estate, is located on Chase Road, off of Buell Road, featuring an English Tudor style house on 511 acres. Enjoy walking trails, horseback riding, cross country skiing and other types of outdoor recreation from 8:00 a.m. to dusk. Tours are held during the summer months. For information call (860) 567-5694 or visit [www.ct.gov/deep/topsmead](http://www.ct.gov/deep/topsmead). This estate is a favorite for summer wedding pictures.



**Mt. Tom State Park** is 3½ miles west of Bantam off Route 202. The stone tower at the summit of Mt. Tom, 1,325 sq. ft., is a favorite destination among hikers. The trail is about 1 mile long. Picnicking, swimming, hiking, and fishing are allowed at the park. Call (860) 868-2592 or visit: [www.ct.gov/deep/mounttom](http://www.ct.gov/deep/mounttom).



**Lourdes in Litchfield Shrine and Grotto**, Route 118, Litchfield, (860) 567-1041. A replica of the Lourdes Grotto in France, the 35-acre shrine was built by the Montfort Missionaries and dedicated as a place of pilgrimage. Open daily to the public. Spectacular hillside with Stations of the Cross path. Call (860) 567-1041 or visit [www.shrinect.org](http://www.shrinect.org).







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