

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

June 2011

Town Hall Hours:

Monday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed Tuesday,
Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Thursday 12:00 – 3:00 PM *and*
6:00 – 9:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
If you need an appointment outside of these hours, call 774-4111

Select Board

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays, June 9th and 23rd at 6:45 PM in their office. Please take note of the new time. To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Liz Johnson at 774-4111 or leydenselectboard@live.com.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

Wed, Jun 1	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Jun 6	6:00 PM	Leyden Local Cultural Council
Tue, Jun 7	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Jun 8	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thur, Jun 9	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Tue, Jun 14	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at Police Station)
Wed, Jun 15	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Jun 20	7:00 PM	Conservation Commission
Thur, Jun 23	6:45 PM	Selectboard

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

On Sunday, May 29th at 2:00 PM, there will be a flag-setting ceremony in South Cemetery.

On Monday, May 30th at 10:30 AM at the Town Common, a memorial plaque and stone will be dedicated to Glenn Hine, son of Darwin and Harriet Hine of East Hill. Glenn was killed in the line of duty during the Vietnam War.

All residents of Leyden are encouraged to attend these events.
—Board of Selectmen

Fire Department

The Fire department will hold training sessions on Mondays, June 13th and 27th at 6:30 PM at the fire station. Members of the general public are welcome to attend to observe and ask questions.

Also, we are currently looking for new recruits age 18 or older so that we may provide better coverage to the town (recruits under the age of 18 will still be accepted as junior firefighters). We will provide the necessary training as well as first responder and CPR training. Interested individuals can stop by or call the station at 413-773-7673 on Mondays after 6:00 PM or contact Chief Lester Cote at 413-775-3203 or Lt. Clifford Spatcher at 413-624-3247 for more information.

*Thank You, Clifford Spatcher, Lieutenant/EMT,
Leyden Fire Department*

Where's the Hook?

We ask yet again that you put a hook on your mailbox post for delivery of *Leyden Life*. We want to get a copy to every home, but cannot use the mail box or newspaper box. Thanks.

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births & Marriages None reported
Deaths Beverly H. Fiske, April 25
Dagmara Stiebris, May 14

CEMETERY BYLAW APPROVED

The Cemetery Bylaw passed at the Special Town Meeting on January 6, 2011, has been approved by the Attorney General's office with no changes. (A copy accompanies this newsletter.)

ELECTION RESULTS

Assessor, Robert DePalma; Board of Health, Andrea Zimmerman; Constable, Erik Johnson; Library Trustee, Cornelia Reid; Moderator, Katherine DiMatteo; Planning Board, Barbara Wallace; Selectman, William Glabach; and Tree Warden, Edmund Klaus.

OFFICE HOURS

The Clerk's office will be *closed* on Monday, July 4th, and Wednesday, July 6th.
—Bob Hardesty, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM and
Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:30 PM Phone 774-7769

Caffery Running Coast to Coast

East Hill Branch resident Glenn Caffery left Leyden on May 18th for the west coast of Oregon to begin his long run home, or more accurately, his long run to the east coast of Rhode Island. Glenn is running across the country to raise money and public awareness for Alzheimer's disease, an affliction that affects 5.2 million Americans and their families. Glenn's dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1990 at age 55, and died in 2002. Glenn began his run in Seaside, Oregon and plans to cover about 50 miles per day. He hopes to finish in Westerly, Rhode Island in late July.

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Internationally Famous Harpist Coming to Leyden

Internationally known harpist Maeve Gilchrist will give a concert at Angels' Rest in Leyden on Wednesday, June 22nd at 7:30 PM. Her program is based on traditional and contemporary folk melodies, with jazz and improvisational accents.

A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, Maeve is currently based in Boston, where she studied at the Berklee College of Music. She has just finished engagements in Scotland and Germany. Following her appearance in Leyden, she will leave to teach and perform in Ireland. She tours throughout the United States as well, collaborating with other artists, including Darol Anger, Shannon Heaton, and Kathy Mattea. Maeve's web site, with her schedule, is at www.maevegilchristmusic.com. In May, Maeve released a new CD, "Song of Delight." Copies will be available for sale at the concert.

Maeve has conducted a workshop, "Harp in the Hills," for Celtic harpers at Angels' Rest each of the past six years. The concert is the concluding event of the seminar, with the public invited. Admission is \$15 at the door; refreshments will be served following the concert.

Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday 1:30 – 6:30 PM; Wednesday 1:30 – 6:30 PM,
Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON, Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

Summer Hours: Beginning June 1st we will resume our summer schedule. On Mondays and Wednesdays we'll be open 1:30—6:30 PM to accommodate patrons who are out and about during the extended daylight hours!

New Railing: Johan Livingstone has been contracted to install a hand rail to facilitate entrance into the library for those folks who could use a little help climbing the stairs. The Trustees have selected a wrought iron design to complement the library building and to maintain its quaint appearance. We are excited that our patrons will feel more comfortable and safe as they enter and exit the building. Yeah!

Liza Ketchum, winner of the Massachusetts Book Award, spent Monday, April 25th, with the student body of Pearl Rhodes Elementary School. Arriving at 8:45, it took Liza no time to become engaged with a lively and enthusiastic fifth and sixth grade group who loved her novel *Newsgirl*. After conducting research with their teacher, Lisa Armstrong, kids understood the setting of the novel and quickly became engaged in the book as they read along with their teacher (multiple copies provided by PVRSD), discussed issues and characters and completed many pre- and post-reading activities while learning about character development, plot and theme. While engaging in active reading strategies, students also identified the strategies and tools of good writing. Before her morning session ended with this group, students used their own well-developed writing skills to create vignettes of their own. They were super!

After lunch, Liza visited the third and fourth grade class and answered their questions regarding their novel, *Orphan Journey Home*. They had read a portion of the book and engaged in a writing experience designed by the author. Finally Liza visited the pre-k through second graders. Their book *Good-Bye, Sammy* was enjoyed by all. The first/second grade teacher has been working on the writing techniques of Lucy Calkins, noted writing specialist, so when it was time for this group to write they reviewed some salient strategies and tried them out. In a follow up note, Liza said, "It was a wonderful day for me, and the school is sweet and warm. What lucky kids!"

Note: This is the fourth big event I've been able to bring to PRES through grants from the Foundation for Educational Excellence at PVRSD. If you haven't donated to this worthy group, I hope you will as an expression of gratitude for some wonderful enrichment programs.

Volunteers Needed: If you would be interested in donating two hours of your time on a Saturday morning, let me know. The faithful few could really use some additional helpers so that they don't have to volunteer so often. It's not rocket science, and I can teach you all you need to know in about five minutes.

Before we know it the **summer reading program** for kids will begin. I'll be making my visit to PRES in early June to introduce students to the idea that reading during the summer can be fun and rewarding. Anyone interested in participating can sign up at the library in early June. Young people from Pioneer Valley Regional School and home-schooled kids are encouraged to participate, too.

—Chris Johnston

Music on the Hill Continues With Cajun Dance

Sunday June 12th from 7:00—9:30 PM you can learn to Cajun dance, and then enjoy a social dance time with friends at the Leyden Town Hall. As part of the monthly *Music on the Hill* series, Stuart and Alice Kenney bring a little Louisiana to Leyden.

Learn the social dance of Louisiana in this fun-for-all-ages workshop—two-step and waltz with your friends (no partner is needed to attend), or just come check it out and enjoy some dessert potluck. Admission is \$10, which includes the workshop and social dance. For more information, email Alice Kenney at tophillmusic@aol.com.

—Stuart and Alice Kenney

Leyden Life Lowdown

EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn Asbury at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net.

Either attach a Word document or include the information in the body of the e-mail. If e-mail is not possible for you, hard copies of items for *Leyden Life* can be left in the book drop outside the Library. The deadline for inputs is the **15th of the month**.

LEYDEN LIFE BY E-MAIL

If you are interested in receiving *Leyden Life* in PDF format via e-mail, please notify Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

Thanks to Spirit Fire, the McCarthys, the Doughertys and the Foundation for Educational Excellence for contributions.

Thanks to collators Sue Howarth and John Wallace, and to deliverers Lauren Clary, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Jeanne Breeden and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

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Items for the next issue are due to Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob at bobxtwo@verizon.net by 5:00 PM on **Wednesday, June 15th**.

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the book drop outside the Library.

Donations are always welcome! Send to:
Leyden Life c/o Reid

Meetings, Gatherings and Announcements

Council on Aging

In May we watched a fascinating film about the Great Flood of 1939, including actual footage of the collapsing bridges, ice dams and flooded towns in the Pioneer Valley. On Thursday, June 9th at 10:30 AM, we will welcome back Zeke Hecker of Guilford, VT. Zeke is a musician and composer and has written musicals, operas, ballets and more. He will share some of his thoughts and methods related to composition, using his own musicals to illustrate his ideas. This promises to be an entertaining and thought-provoking program. Please join us!

We will meet in the church fellowship hall. After Zeke's presentation, we will share a tasty meal featuring locally grown, organic food. Visitors of all ages are always welcome. If you want to join us for lunch, please let Edith Fisher know at 773-7336 by Monday, June 6th, so we can plan the meal accordingly.

I am actively looking for people to help with planning and carrying out our monthly meetings. If that's something that appeals to you, on a regular or casual basis, please let me know. Your help can be as large or small as you wish; ideas for programs, cooking, set up and clean up, are a few of the possible ways to be involved.

The Leyden Council on Aging is dedicated to providing programs that support healthy and independent living for local seniors and is funded and supported by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Their funding allows the COA to offer delicious meals and interesting programs and to help support the newsletter and more.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet two times in June, first on Friday, June 10th at Peggy's house and again on Friday, June 24th at Laura's house. Both times are from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed. Knitters, stitchers, spinners, menders, quilters—all kinds of handicrafts are fine. Just come along for a relaxing evening. We look forward to spending time with you!

Facebook Group: Leyden Knitting Circle

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325 & Peggy Brown, 774-5764

Leyden Art Group

Calling all artists! Meetings are currently scheduled on the fourth Thursday of each month. If you are able to host at your home, please email me at nianticgirl@yahoo.com or call 774-5764. I'm also looking for art to share at Robertson Memorial Library. Contact me to sign up for a month or talk directly to Chris Johnston at the library. Thank you.

—Peggy Brown, 774-5764

Glenn Caffery Running Coast to Coast

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Glenn will be running with no support, using only a jog stroller (generously donated by the Baby Jogger Company) to transport his supplies, and camping or staying with friends or people he meets along the way. All of the money Glenn raises on his cross-country run will go to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund™, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for targeted research with the highest probability of slowing, stopping or reversing Alzheimer's disease (www.curealzfund.org).

Ways to participate include sharing your Alzheimer's story on Glenn's website at <http://alzrun.org>, alerting friends or family along Glenn's route who might be willing to share their backyard for a night, and getting the word out through social media. You may make a donation in honor of Glenn's run by sending a check payable to "Cure Alzheimer's Fund" to Cure Alzheimer's Fund, 34 Washington Street, Suite 300, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481. You can learn more about Glenn's run and follow his progress at <http://alzrun.org>.

—Colleen Caffery

Local Cultural Council

There will be a meeting of the Leyden Local Cultural Council at Town Hall on Monday, June 6th at 6:00 PM.

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Town Meeting and voted to support the Cultural Council. That money is quite significant because it represents one quarter of our budget.

—Alice Thomas, Chair

Zack Bates Graduates Magna Cum Laude

Zack Bates, son of Ann Pratt and Rick Bates, and stepson of Doug Pratt, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bridgewater State University on May 14th. Zack received a Bachelor of Science Degree, with a major in Economics and a minor in Mathematics.

Jack & Jill

There will be a Jack & Jill for Aimee Duprey and Jeff Cairney on Saturday, June 18th at the Greenfield Polish Picnic Grounds. For tickets email or call Deb Barton-Duprey at dbduprey@yahoo.com or 413-648-9608. Tickets are \$20 including gift; cash bar, DJ, buffet.

Free Concert Tickets

Mohawk Trail Concerts is a summer chamber music series which presents five weekend concerts during July. Concerts take place on Friday and Saturday evenings at the Charlemont Federated Church. Two free tickets are made available through the library of each town in our area as community outreach. Flyers about the programs are available in our library. For more information call Cornelia Reid at 774-5146.

Please note also that there will be a free outdoor concert on Sunday, July 3rd at 2:00 PM near the Deerfield River in Charlemont. Watch for more details!

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This year, National Arbor Day fell on April 29th, and Woody chose to do some much-needed tree trimming and brush clearing for the Leyden Recreation Committee by the pavilion. He offered a crew of four along with a bucket truck and chipper to trim some “dead wood” off of two very large maple trees. The crew also cleared some brush, which revealed four young maple trees which will now have the chance to mature into beautiful trees.

The Recreation Committee is very appreciative of his donation to us and our town. Thank you so much! Lanoue Tree and Landscape Service is an established business in the community for almost 30 years, 413 624-8862.

—David Curtis, Chair

Pastor's Corner

Easter has come and gone. Or has it? As Christians we celebrate the resurrected Jesus each Sunday morning. Worship each Sunday should be thought of as a little Easter in which we celebrate the eternal life offered through Jesus Christ. Easter should not be a once a year event, but an ongoing transformation of the self and the world by being in communion with the Risen God. Worship is one element of that transformation process, so come by any Sunday morning to join us.

With that in mind our “little Easter” (AKA worship services) will be moving to 9:00 AM starting on July 3rd. This is partly so people can enjoy the long summer days more quickly, as you hopefully celebrate a Sabbath day after church. It is also because Leyden UMC and First UMC of Greenfield are part of one charge now. In the United Methodist Church this is a common structure of local churches. It allows geographically close churches to share resources and leadership while remaining distinct entities. This is an exciting opportunity for both churches, as the whole will be greater than the sum of the parts. The churches will be stronger united than separate.

LUMC will be engaging in a summer sermon series entitled “Jesus on the farm.” Jesus lived in an agrarian society, and used images from the farm often to speak of something bigger. While probably not a farmer himself (most people think he was a carpenter, but it is just as likely that he was mason), farming was central to the lives of all in those days. As an industrial society, many of the farming parables have lost some meaning. This sermon series will be designed to reclaim those for a community where farming is still a way of life.

One last thing; LUMC is looking for someone to make some stained glass windows for the front of the church. If anyone knows anyone who is interested, please contact Gilda at 773-7932 or Mary Lou at 773-3548.

—Grace and Peace, Pastor Ken

Appreciate Music on the Hill

Sunday May 15th, as scheduled, Stuart and Alice Kenny delivered another fantastic music event in the monthly series with the Irish music group, The Press Gang. At the break the desserts were delicious as was the chance to meet, greet and catch up. Unfortunately there were only fourteen attendees, and three of them were from Bernardston. Please ask yourself if you wouldn't like to start your week with pleasant music in a venue in our Town Hall, topped with a chance to meet and talk with others. Stuart and Alice are making a remarkable effort, and the resulting music groups are just a delight. Please consider attending the next Music on the Hill! —Barbara and John Wallace



The Press Gang and too many empty chairs!

United Methodist Church

At our Council meeting today we voted to change our time for Church Service back to 9:00 AM as of the first Sunday in July. Pastor Ken has been appointed the Pastor of the Greenfield Methodist Church, and they have changed their time to 10:30 AM in order to accommodate his dual role. Also, the last day of “formal” Sunday School will be June 12th, with the Sunday School children doing their version of “How Did Moses Cross The Red Sea?”

We decided not to do a Town-Wide Clean Up this year as the grass and poison ivy will be growing shortly. We will attempt this much-needed task next May. The roof has been completed on the Fair Booth, so be sure to check it out during the Franklin County Fair. We will need volunteers and non-perishable items, so please be thinking about what you can do to help. You may contact Gilda at 773-7932 or Mary Lou at 773-3548. We sincerely appreciate any help and assistance we receive.

Also, thank you to Holly and Ken Spatcher for providing flowers for Mother's Day.

God Bless this Wonderful Town of Leyden.

—Mary Lou Barton, Church Council President
and Sunday School Superintendent

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Artists of Leyden

Welcome to Leyden artist **Alicia Hunsicker**, examples of whose work were recently added to Artists of Leyden. About Alicia, **Mark Alvin** of Healing Wheel Magazine says:

Alicia Hunsicker's art has a gentleness and a precision that weaves disparate themes and icons seamlessly and with remarkable effectiveness. We are drawn into a thoughtful world where we are asked deep and meaningful questions and where we are shown the exquisite fragility of life. Delicate eggs are suspended in perfect balance. Impending movement, breakage, loss and birth are all at play in the still and silent world of her compositions. There is a delicious mystery and magic to her images.

Alicia is in the studio creating new work for a solo show at Gallery in the Woods, 145 Main St., Brattleboro, VT for this Nov/Dec. She is currently showing paintings at Gallery in the Woods, and at Worcester State University, the Worcester Windows Exhibition, and is welcoming

visits at her Leyden studio. You can visit Alicia's pages at: www.artistsofleyden.org/Artists/Hunsicker.

Trish Crapo is offering the following hand bookbinding classes in June at her studio at 308 Main Street, Suite 2B in Greenfield: Wednesday June 1, 6:30-8:30 PM, Softcover Stab-bound Books, a simple Japanese-inspired binding, nice for poetry manuscripts or blank sketchbooks; Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Hardcover Books using found fabric (bring fabric); Saturday, June 18, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Coptic Binding, a beautiful exposed, woven binding that produces a book that lies perfectly flat (bring a handful of old postcards). Contact Trish at 413-774-2021 or at tcrapo@mac.com

For details on how to participate on the site, to offer any suggestion, or if you're having problems viewing the site, please email jnielsen@psi-ma.com or call 773-7948.

www.artistsofleyden.org, and on Facebook, search for Artists of Leyden
—Jim Nielsen

Unclassified Ads

Unclassified Ads Policy Statement

We welcome unclassified ads from Town residents, and will run them free of charge (though a small donation of \$1 or so is always appreciated). We will normally run an ad for one issue only, unless requested to extend it.

House Sitter Available During July: Teacher, reliable and mature, will be teaching summer school in the area and needs accommodation for any part of July. Contact Cornelia Reid at 774-5146.

2011 Leyden Hay For Sale 1st and 2nd cutting. If interested, please call Jim Muka at 774-6975 for details

Old Fashioned Buffet for Sale: Carved front, 3 cupboards, 3 drawers, \$100. Leave "rustic" or refinish. Call Jennifer at 413-624-3955 or mntnhiker@sprintmail.com.

Leyden Honey for Sale: "Persephone's Garden Honey" from Maple Run Farm, \$14 for 26-oz., suitable as a gift. Available while it lasts. Barbara Wallace, 774-7780.

Local Grass-Fed Beef for Sale at Castle Hill Farm in West Leyden. All our cows are raised and bred on the farm here, no hormones or antibiotics are used, and all food is produced on the farm. Our USDA certified beef is vacuum packed and labeled for quality and great taste. For a price sheet, e-mail antlerjahd@verizon.net. Call Jeff Neipp at 624-5512.

Spirit Fire

Free online meditation by webinar, podcast or join us at the Retreat Center Mon-Wed-Fri at 8:15 AM. Online Classes: Sunday night study group, "Ponder On This", for beginning levels. Summer Lecture Series begins on June 9th with "What is Tantra?" and June 23rd focuses on "The Kalachakra Tantra." Esoteric Psychology starts November 2011. You can contact Donna for more information on all programs at 413-624-3955 or info@spiritfire.com. Check out the website at www.spiritfire.com. You can also register for classes online!

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2011 FARM SHARES are up and growing! By the time you read this, the shares will have started! Right now spinach, kale, lettuce, kolrabi, radishes and more are nearly ready to pick and there are lots more vegetables and flowers on their way. Every day the plants are bigger and more seeds come up.

If you would like to receive detailed weekly emails of Farm News, call or send me an email. Or stop by the blog to see pictures of the shares, vegetable recipes, and more. (The shares are sold for 2011 but I could squeeze in a mini or two if you ask me real soon. Mini Shares: 16 weeks, cost: \$100.00)

Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325, laurat@crocker.com, <http://lastingimpressionscsa.blogspot.com/>

Linda Romano

◆Yoga- spring season continues till mid-June; try a class for free. ◆Yoga for Gardening- one hour class June 4th for \$15.00. Bring a tool to use as a prop at the Healing Sanctuary 9-10 AM. ◆Summer massage/bodywork specials, foot soak/reflexology session, chair massage, salt scrub treatment while sipping solar tea. ◆Outside sessions under the gazebo can be arranged. Seasonal sessions will be a yearly focus. Hope to see you soon! Enjoy!

—Linda Romano, 624-3334

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