

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

November 2012

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tax Collector:

Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Assessors Office:

Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 PM

Select Board

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursday, November 8th at 6:45 PM and Thursday, November 21st at 9:00 AM in their office. To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 or leydenselectboard@ crocker.com.

TOWN HALL MONTHLY MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

Tue, Nov 6	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Nov 7	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Nov 13	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Nov 14	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Nov 8	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Mon, Nov 19	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Nov 21	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Nov 15	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thu, Nov 21	9:00 AM	Selectboard

Any changes to these meeting dates or times will be posted separately. Meetings *not* held monthly will also be posted separately.

Note: Monthly meetings are now posted on the town web site at www.townofleyden.com. Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to Municipal Assistant.

TOWN HALL CLOSINGS

Town Hall Offices will be closed Monday, November 12th in observance of Veterans Day. —*Board of Selectmen*

**Please vote Tuesday,
November 6th.
Every vote counts!**

Town Clerk

STATE/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The State and Presidential Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Town Hall.

Absentee ballots are available at Town Hall in the Clerk's office and the Selectboard's office during regular business hours. Voters requesting absentee ballots must complete an absentee ballot application. The deadline for obtaining an absentee ballot is 12:00 NOON, Monday, November 5th.

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON and Wednesdays 4:30 – 6:00 PM Phone 774-7769

Please Consider a Donation

Thanks for the many donations we have received. They are greatly appreciated.

If you have not donated, please consider a donation to Leyden Life. The newsletter is strictly volunteer, and dependent on donations from our readers. Every penny received goes to the cost of printing and a small amount for postage for those readers who live out of town. All of the preparation, editing, layout and deliveries are volunteer at no cost.

Business card and Unclassified Ads advertisers: If you have not contributed, please consider a donation to the newsletter for printing and distributing your ads each month. Even though there is not always room to print all of them each month, they do get printed periodically and distributed to Leyden residences. Thank you.

If you appreciate the service provided by the newsletter, please consider helping to defray the cost.

Contributions can be mailed to: Leyden Life, c/o Reid, 30 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01337.

—*Thank you, Leyden Life staff*

www.townofleyden.com

Craft Workshop

Junk Relief Sculptures from Found Objects will be taught by **Rhonda Wainshilbaum** on Wednesday, November 14th, 6:30 to 9:00 PM at Town Hall for grade 5 to adults. Using small pieces of wood for a background, we will attach small objects such as screws, washers, metal bottle tops, can tabs, plastic junk, etc., to create funny faces. Please save things to bring, such as tabs from cans, screws, washers, nails, tacks, plastic caps, screw eyes, plastic small junk, beads, beer bottle tops, and flat pieces of wood about nine inches by seven inches. I will also provide materials. No art experience needed.

Please RSVP at rhondawain@verizon.net or 624-5175.

This project is sponsored by a grant from the Leyden Local Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



Holiday Craft Fair

The second annual Leyden Holiday Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, December 15th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall.

Please call Rhonda at 624-5175 or email at rhondawain@verizon.net if you would like to be a vendor, performer, or promote your local business.

Robertson Memorial Library

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

It's hard to fathom the speed with which summer sped by, isn't it? When the time was right, arborist/landscaper/trustee **Trueman Robbins** took action. He cut back the irises, spread wood chips (his own), and then helped me to plant six chrysanthemums to welcome autumn. Our window boxes are happily showing off their late season blossoms, and the place looks nice!

When almost eighty books arrived as a result of the **Libri Foundation Grant**, two patrons/volunteers spent several hours on two summer afternoons helping to process each book. By the time they were done, the books were ready to sit on the shelves and entice young readers. Thanks to **Cindy and Erin LeBlanc** these great books for children are coming and going like crazy. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Praise for our new railing is a daily occurrence. We are *so* glad that it is being used, appreciated, and a fait accompli. It is worth all the time and money spent on its evolution from idea to actuality.

At the conclusion of a yummy lunch, I grabbed the attention of the PRES student body and awarded the **2012 Summer Reading Program** awards and gift certificates. Soon students will visit the library to sign out books, and their teachers will select some of the Libri Foundation books to support their curriculum. If you are a parent of one of these kids, *please* visit the RML often and encourage your young one to love reading.

Centennial Anniversary celebration plans are underway. In addition to a big birthday party, we are planning several other cultural events throughout the coming year. We'll keep you posted and will probably be asking for volunteers to help make our dreams become reality.

—Happy Thanksgiving, Chris Johnston

WiredWest

PLEASE RESPOND TO OUR SUVEY

Thank you so much to all those who have responded to the WiredWest survey already. Leyden has had a response rate so far of over 21% of our residents, but it is extremely important that we get as many more surveys returned as possible. The response rates we get overall will determine whether WiredWest can show sufficient demand to get financing at all, and might mean that only towns that show sufficient interest may be included in that financing. Many of our small hill towns have a general store or post office or transfer station, etc., where forms can be posted or responses solicited. Some towns have homeowners associations which have been helpful; some have large broadband committees who have been able to spread the word, or extensive town email lists which provide another way of contacting people.

Since we do not have those routes available to us, I am asking that those of you who have filled out the survey spread the word to others in town. Talk to your neighbors, email anyone you can, mention it in groups you might belong to. If you have not yet filled out the survey which went out with Leyden Life in August, I can obtain extra copies. You can also go to WiredWest.net and fill out the survey online. I will be happy to help with that as well if you want to call me at 774-5922. Please remember that so much is at stake for all of us.

Even if you think you are not interested in getting WiFi, or are happy with your phone lines, or don't want the option of cable TV, please respond. Your answers are non-binding, and you will be protecting property values in Leyden, encouraging younger families to move here, strengthening our small businesses, and helping neighbors who really do want those options. You will be benefitting our school, library, and town hall, and will be vastly improving communications for our emergency services. The ability to get WiFi in Leyden will soon be as important as it was to get electricity in the last century. We need all your help to move our technology into the 21st century.

—Sheila Hourihan

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 **bobtwo@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 **bobtwo@verizon.net**.

THANKS

Belated thanks to Elaine Brooks and Jack Golden and Lisa Limont for donations back in June!

Thanks to collators Sheila and Leo Hourihan, Susan Howarth, Carolyn Asbury, and Cornelia Reid, and thanks to deliverers Lauren Clary, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Jeanne Breeden and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

Visit the Town web site at
townofleyden.com

Selectboard email address is
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and Bob at **bobtwo@verizon.net**
by 5:00 PM on

Thursday, November 15th

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

Donations are always welcome! Send to:

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30 West Leyden Road
Leyden, MA 01337

Meetings and Gatherings

Council on Aging

Next meeting: Thursday, November 8th at 11:30 AM

The Leyden Council on Aging will meet at 11:30 AM on Thursday, November 8th. It will be pizza and a movie! This is an opportunity for conversation and to share lunch together. Anyone over the age of 55 is invited to attend. If you're free the second Thursday of the month, come on over to the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. If you need a ride, just let one of us know. Please call Edith Fisher at 773-7336 before November 5th to let her know if you are planning to attend.

We are always open to ideas and suggestions.

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.

—Gilda Galvis, Barbara Wallace, Rev. Ken Mantler, Karen Sims and Paula Sayword.

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet on two Fridays this month, November 9th at Kathie Benson's house and November 30th at Laura Timmerman's house. We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and enjoy a relaxed evening of knitting and the company of our fellow stitchers. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed and all kinds of handicrafts are fine. Even if you don't know how to knit, come along and we'll help you get started.

Visitors and all ages are welcome. Call ahead to RSVP and confirm the location. If you would like to be on an email group for the Knitting Circle, get in touch with Laura.

—Laura Timmerman - 773-8325, Kathie Benson - 773-8595

Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle" Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, as well as interesting knitting-related links.

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

From the weekly PRES Newsletter, we will try to include items of general interest to townspeople, such as dates of important upcoming events or reports on exciting past ones. It is useful for all to know the school schedule, so as to know when to watch out for kids waiting for school buses, and why there are occasionally lots of cars, and other times none, at the school! Thank you to Chris Maguire, PRES Principal, for providing this information.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th. If your child missed the original picture day please send in the order form in advance or contact Carolyn at 772-6245. If you are not happy with how the pictures came out please return the entire picture package to the school by November 1st.

5th & 6th Grade Class Trip Meeting

A meeting will be held on Monday, November 5th at 3:15 PM to begin planning the annual class trip. Parents are invited to attend to share their ideas, thoughts and concerns.

Parent Teacher Conferences

This year conference times are available on Thursday 11/8, Friday 11/9 and Friday 11/16. Please call Carolyn at 772-6245 or stop by the office to schedule your conference at your earliest convenience.

School Hours

Grades 1-6: Monday-Thursday 8:40-3:00, Friday 8:40-1:45

Pre-school & Kindergarten: Monday-Thursday 8:40-3:00, Friday 8:40-11:30 (Half-day PK: 8:30-11:30)

Specials Schedule:

Monday: Technology with Ms. Cutter

Tuesday: Library with Mrs. Chapin

Wednesday: Music with Mrs. Spiro-Abedon

Thursday: P.E. with Mr. Herbst

Friday: Art with Ms. Wainshilbaum

Upcoming Events:

November 5; 5th & 6th grade class trip parent meeting

November 6; picture retakes, report cards go home

November 8; 12:00 noon release—lunch will not be served

November 8, 9 & 16; parent-teacher conferences

November 12; Veteran's Day—no school

November 13-16; Scholastic Book Fair

—Chris Maguire, Principal



Peer Mediators Matthew, Delaney, Sarah, Gavin, Bridget & Alex

Town of Leyden Septic System Repair Revolving Loan Program

Money is available to repair, replace or upgrade
failed septic systems in the Town of Leyden.

LOW INTEREST LOANS

The loan is between the Town and the homeowner.

The loans are serviced through Peoples United Bank.

Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is working with the town to administer this program.

For an application or information please contact:

Deb Little, HRA CDBG Program

42 Canal Road

Turners Falls, MA 01376

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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.

Maple Run Farm The Hubbard Golden Comet flock has gone south for the winter, so we have no eggs for now. Please remember Laura Timmerman has eggs for sale – buy local!

Persephone's Garden Raw Honey is available in lovely gift-appropriate jars – 26-oz for \$14.00; it's a limited supply, so order soon.

Natural Romney yarn is for sale for knitting or spinning, processed at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT, and chemical-free. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

The Log Cabin Bed & Breakfast can provide comfortable space for your out-of-town visitors. Please check the website at www.LeydenLogCabin.com or call 773-8595 to check availability or to make a reservation. *Please be sure to ask for the Leyden discount of \$50 off the nightly rate for Leyden residents and their guests!*

Beaded Jewelry for Sale: Carol Kuzdeba dba CJ Design does unique one-of-a-kind designs of natural stone, pearls, furnace glass, etc. Brides, graduation, birthdays or just because. See what is available, or special requests can be accommodated. Call Carol at 774-4491 or send an email to cjkuzdeba@yahoo.com.

Ed's Sugar Shack has fresh local maple syrup for sale. Available in gallons, half gallons, quarts and pints. Call 773-7619, Ed and Carol Johnson, 72 South County Road, Leyden. Member of MassMaple Producers Association.

Beautiful handmade stoneware functional pottery for sale. Mostly blues, greens, and purples. Microwave, oven, and dishwasher safe. Commissions accepted. Come check it out. Also would like to barter for housework. Call Rhonda Wainshilbaum at 624-5175.

LPs and Cassette Tapes to CDs: Will convert your favorite (or even your not-so-favorite) LPs and/or tapes to CDs. \$7.50 per CD. Call Jerry at 624-5546, or e-mail at jlevine4@verizon.net.

Excavating and Carpentry: Site work, driveways, land clearing, field mowing, septic systems, drainage, trucking loam and gravel products, backhoe, dozer or excavation work. Rich Allis at 624-5582.

Bill Maguire Painting serving Leyden's interior and exterior needs for 28 years. Staining, power washing, trim work, deck refinishing, paper hanging. Insured. Call Bill at 774-5330.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA (Timmerman Farm)

The farm share season is over for 2012. We made it to 24 weeks of fresh vegetables this year!

In the meantime, if you are interested in eggs, salad greens, kale, and spinach this fall and winter, email or call to sign up for the Eggs and Extras list for weekly updates on what is ready to pick.

Happy, healthy, and delicious holidays to you all.

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

Linda Romano

Massage and bodywork session designed for your health/wellness. SAD—tips for adjusting to the winter season. Kundalini Yoga begins on November 8th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM; ask about special rates for session. Holiday gift certificates/herbal gifts are available for the season.

Namaste' Linda Romano, 624-3334



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