

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

September 2014

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 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 Thursday, September 11th at 9:00 AM, and Thursday, September 25th at 6:45 PM 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 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

TOWN HALL MONTHLY MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

Wed, Sep 3	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Sep 9	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Sep 10	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Sep 11	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Sep 15	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Sep 17	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Sep 25	6:45 PM	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. —Selectboard

Select Board Corner

Mike Townsley of Townsley Plumbing and Heating in Bernardston was awarded the contract for the furnace replacement at PRES. Mike has been hard at work and the project should be completed well before the teachers and students arrive for school. Dave Brooks and Bill Brooks set the concrete pad for the propane tank and dug and prepared the ditch to hold the piping from the 1,000 gallon tank to the furnaces. An enormous "Thank You" to our Highway Department. Cliff Spatcher will set the propane tank in his job for Osterman and will approve the tank as Fire Chief.

The roofing contract was awarded to Doug Deane of Doug's Carpentry And Roofing in Ashfield. We expect the work to be completed by the end of October.

Two presentations for the replacement of the Town Hall windows have been made and a couple more are expected. Installation is fairly quick and we expect this to be completed before winter.

Paving on Brattleboro Road is complete, and the line painting with double yellow lines is complete all over town.

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births - George Andrew Goodridge, June 27, 2014

No marriages or deaths were reported

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

The State Primary Election is Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Absentee Ballots are available in the Clerk's Office and Selectboard's Office during normal business hours. Voters must fill out an Absentee Ballot Application to receive an Absentee Ballot.

ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW

The Animal Control By-Law revisions, adopted at Town Meeting, were approved by the Attorney General's Office on July 25, 2014. The amended by-law as approved is attached, and will become effective upon date of this publication.

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

Board of Health

The Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Temporary Occupancy Regulations on Tuesday, September 16th at the Police Station at 5:30 PM. A copy of the regulations will be available at Town Hall for review prior to the meeting. This hearing will end at 6:00 PM.

Save the Date—Sat., November 1

Leyden Town Hall

Charles Neville and his Concert/Dance Band



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



Leyden Church Fair Booth

The Franklin County Fair is just around the corner. The Leyden Church food booth will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner September 4th through the 7th. We will have three shifts, and we're looking for anyone who can volunteer for a shift or two. The church will provide you with a ticket into the fair for your shift. If you are not able to work a shift, you may want to help by baking a bread, dessert bars, pie etc. There is also a list of non-perishable items that are needed in the Fellowship Hall at the church, if you want to check that out. You may have an abundance of vegetables from your garden we can use. This is the 77th year the booth has been operating. Come meet your neighbors and have some fun. Lots of hands make light work.

Please call Valerie at 772-0924 for baking needs, Gilda at 773-7932 for scheduling or questions, or Rita Klaus at 774-5218.

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.)

Laura Timmerman found a very creative way to donate to the library. When someone was unavailable to pick up his/her pre-purchased veggies because of vacation, she was able to find an eager buyer. Of course, Laura thought of the library and donated her little bonus to help us move forward. Thank you, Laura!

Time is flying, and before we know it, the Summer Reading Program will be over. The last day to submit a record of books and pages read is Wednesday, September 3rd. Participants can drop their lists (with pages totaled) to their PRES teacher, to me at the library or in the return box outside the library. Remember, to qualify for a World Eye Book Gift Certificate, I must have book records no later than September 3rd!

The library is now officially connected to Broadband. Translation: we have faster Internet and its 'reach' extends further from the library, making it more available to people who need access to higher speed Internet. Often cars park near the library so that people can use their laptops without the long wait involved with the *slow* speed of dial-up and other 'snail' connections. Feel free to come in and sit at the table to do your work.

The library has a new laptop to replace the very old desktop (2005 and not 'updatable'!). My husband volunteered most of his time on August 5th, transferring data and creating quick access to the daily needs of the library for ordering books, etc. He then took the laptop home to show me how to do what I need to do to be efficient and *happy*. Thank you, Freddie Johnston, for sharing your expertise and time to help the RML and me! Back to the library on August 14th to double-check all systems, show me how to connect to the printer, and dispose of the cumbersome, multi-wired albatross that served us well for almost ten years.

Stop in soon; we have some great authors just for you! —Chris Johnston

Select Board Corner

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Other business has included meeting with our Council On Aging (COA) and also meeting with the COA and the Franklin Regional Transportation Assoc. (FRTA). The COA is growing by leaps and bounds – the Select Board highly recommends you try a meeting and lunch!

The Board of Health also has a lot of momentum: rabies protocol in process, new laptops with online permit and photographic ability, and a new Temporary Occupancy Regulation in process.

The Select Board and Conservation Commission continue to work toward the completion of the documentation for the Leyden Working Farms and Forest Conservation Partnership initiative which was awarded a Massachusetts Landscape Partnership Program grant in March of 2013. The remaining documentation is a Stewardship Memorandum of Understanding outlining the land trust's assumption of the stewardship responsibilities. Signs have been designed for each property and will be installed shortly. This has been a large project and congratulations are due to all involved!

A year ago August the town hired Kris Nartowicz as treasurer, hired the law firm of Berenson & Bloom to collect unpaid real estate taxes, and hired Arthur P. Jones Associates, Inc. as Deputy Collector of excise and personal property taxes. Most of their costs, if not all, are added to the delinquent tax bills. They have done and continue to do an outstanding job for the Town of Leyden.

Please remember all the Select Board meetings are open to the public. We would welcome more community involvement!

Contributions are always appreciated. Since our coffers are running low, please consider making a contribution to keep *Leyden Life* going. Thank you.

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. (Yes, please send it to *all three* of us.)

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**.

If you would like to receive the **electronic version of *Leyden Life*** in PDF format, please email the same three addresses listed above.

THANKS

We received a generous gift from Merton Fisher in memory of his mother, Edith Fisher, a long-time and important resident of Leyden who died last November. Thank you, Merton.

Thanks also to Phil and Ann Zimmerman for a contribution this month. *Leyden Life* depends totally on support from its readers for its existence, so we are always grateful. Thanks to collators Liz Kidder and Lois Feldman and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our apologies.)

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and Bob at bobtwo@verizon.net
by 5:00 PM on

Monday, September 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
30 West Leyden Road
Leyden, MA 01337

Leyden Council on Aging COA)

The COA Board – Who We Are:

The COA is dedicated to understanding the needs of seniors in our community and providing activities and services that enhance the lives of the town's growing older adult population (50+). The Selectboard recently appointed the following individuals to the COA Board for the coming year, and we welcome your questions or concerns: Gilda Galvis, Linda Baker (772-2606), Sue Howarth (774-3118), Linda Romano (624-3334), Dianne Ryan (624-0225), and Amy St. Clair (774-6907). Our Associate Members are Carol Johnson (773-7619) and Eva Baker.

Sue Howarth has also been appointed the new Activities Coordinator. Her job is to arrange the various COA activities and services during the year. She would welcome your ideas.

A big thanks to Dianne Cornwell, Bernardston's Senior Center Director, who coordinated senior activities last year and helped keep the Council on Aging alive while providing great guidance to a novice COA Board.

We're looking for an additional Board member or two. Please call one of us if you want more information on what is involved.

Saturday, August 30—9:00-11:00—Veggie Swap

For those of you with abundant vegetable gardens, here's a perfect opportunity to share with others less fortunate. Bring some of those vegetables that you can't eat, sell, can or freeze to Town Hall on August 30, and in return, take away some vegetables that perhaps you've never grown before. Or take some free veggies to a friend or neighbor. Any leftover vegetables will be given to the Church for distribution on Sunday.

Wednesday, September 3—4:30-5:30—Monthly Business Meeting of COA Board at Town Hall.

Anyone may attend.

Monday, September 8—10:30-12:30—Croquet and Picnic (Make-Your-Own-Salad)

Join us for some old-fashioned fun (and light exercise) with a vintage croquet set and a playful lunch – all at Avery Field on Brattleboro Road behind PRES. The location is accessible, and in case of rain, we'll be under cover and play some fun board games instead. Bring one or two of your favorite *salad ingredients* for lunch (tomatoes, peppers, edamame, nuts, etc.). Make it as traditional or as exotic as you like. We will provide the salad greens, dressings and bread.

Monday, September 22—12 noon-2:00—Lunch and Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Here's a low-key opportunity to socialize and explore common interests over lunch with some of your neighbors, followed by work on our Neighbor-to-Neighbor note-writing project.

Solid Waste Management

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its annual hazardous waste collection on **Saturday, September 20th**, concurrently at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

This collection provides residents an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, fluorescent lamps, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, go to www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

To participate, residents must pre-register between August 15th and September 12th. Starting in mid-August, registration forms will be available in local newspapers, at town offices, transfer stations, and at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

This collection event is free for residents of most towns. Gill, Orange, and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in the 2014 collection. Businesses will be charged for disposal.

For more information, please email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, call (413) 772-2438, or visit www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. *MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.*

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet twice in September, on the 12th at Amy St. Clair's house (774-6907) and on the 26th at Kathie Benson's house (773-8595) from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. There will be a potluck supper at Amy's at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed and all kinds of handwork 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; it's very relaxed and low-key. —*Laura Timmerman, 773-8325*

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

PVRS Class of 1969

Invites PVRS alumni to join us at the
Marriott Hotel

423 Russell Street (Route 9)
Hadley

Saturday, November 15, 2014
8:00 - 10:00 PM

A small donation to the Class of '69
Treasury would be appreciated.

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.

Spatcher Farm Blueberries Blueberry season is here and the crop is moderate with excellent quality and size. You can buy pints of blueberries at Fosters, Green Fields Market, McCuskers Market and Greenfield Farmer's Co-op. Cases of 12 pints are available for \$42. Order ahead at 624-3247 for pickup at the farm. *Thank you for supporting local agriculture, Holly & Ken Spatcher*

PRES After-School Program Director wanted: Looking for someone 18 or older to be in charge of the after-school program at Pearl Rhodes Elementary School. The program starts in September 2014, Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and Friday from 1:45 to 3:00 PM. Contact 772-6245 or maguirec@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us. —*Chris Maguire*, Principal

Timber Frame Buildings small, custom-designed and assembled. Locally milled lumber. Cabins, sheds, workshops, studios, pool houses, greenhouses, etc. Contact Patrick at Single Bay Timber Frames at 413-834-4285 or message me on Facebook at Single Bay Timber Frames.

Natural Lamb is available again from the Petersons at Orchard Valley Farm. No growth-enhancing hormones or antibiotics. Usual cuts generally available. Special orders on request. Call 624-5562 or email ovfarm@verizon.net. Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

Facey's Bree-Z-Knoll Farm & Sugarhouse invites you to think sweet thoughts! We have pure Leyden maple syrup in all size containers. Call ahead any time at 774-3757.

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 Massachusetts Maple Producers Association.

Maple Run Farm: Persephone's Garden Raw Honey will hopefully be available in the fall of 2014. We are searching for replacement nucs.

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!*

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, Land clearing, installing and repairing driveways, septic systems, drainage, field mowing, snow-blowing and sanding driveways. Also sweet maple syrup. Allis Construction 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.

Linda Romano

Fall tune-ups: Shiatsu, body sculpting, Reflexology, chair massage. Detoxing options are Swedish with aromas or salt rubs. Self-care sessions for individual or group, take home options for health and wellbeing.

Letting go meditation, breath work, yoga—new series, Thursday nights 6:30-7:30. Six weeks beginning mid- September

Tuesday morning Yoga class, AM awaking at 7-8 AM. call Linda Romano at 413-624-3334 C/L MT CYT. Enjoy! PS: Ask about discounted programs, call for appointment, RSVP, or info.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

Our farm shares are at peak summertime fullness! Farm Members are enjoying onions, shell beans, tomatoes, chard, mesclun, beans, carrots, beets, peppers, and more! Endive, radicchio, soybeans, cucumbers, and leeks will be ready soon. We like to grow a lot of different vegetables and we have extras available most weeks. Let us know if you would like to be notified about what is available each week.

Visit us at the Bernardston Farmers' Market August 30 and September 27, 10 - 1.

Eggs: Organically grown chicken and duck eggs for \$6.00/dozen.

Chicken & Duck: We are raising some chickens and ducks for meat. Organic, pasture-raised poultry that is really delicious will be available in the fall. Let us know if you are interested.

—*Laura Timmerman, Rob Creamer, Sweet Morning Farm, 413-773-8325,*

*aurat@crocker.com, <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>*

Spirit Fire

Free online: Meditation practice, M/W/F; Sunday World Service meditation; monthly full moon meditation for World Well-being on Aug. 10 and Sept. 7.

Monthly webinar presentation on August 28: What is Esoteric Astrology and what can it offer your Path?

Free teleconference: - Light of the Soul discussion group every Sunday

Tuition online courses: Seven Rays of Life level 2 begins Aug. 13; Esoteric Astrology 101 begins Sept. 8; Esoteric Astrology 201 begins Oct. 21.

—*Details for all are at SpiritFire.com or call 624-3955.*

Angels' Rest

Angels' Rest Retreat is hosting some great weekend events this September. Come as a "commuter" or stay to enjoy the amenities and wonderful food! To sign up, contact the leaders directly through their internet links.

September 5-7

Becoming the Mountain A Rite of Passage - Coming Home to the Wild Woman <http://www.earthandskyshaman.com/events.html>

September 19-21

Ingleside Therapeutic Massage & Yoga Yoga and teachings for all levels of practitioners with an upbeat and patient teacher, "J". <http://www.massagetherapyyoga.com/2014/06/18/annual-yoga-meditation-retreat>

September 26-28

Tophill Music's Quebecois Music Immersion Weekend Leyden's Stuart Kenny brings the musicians from Raz de Maree to demonstrate, teach, and enjoy the immersion into Quebecois music. Bring your fiddle, banjo, base, keyboard, or accordion and join in! <http://www.tidalwave-music.com>
—*Jennifer Paris*

Keep Leyden beautiful.
Please don't litter.



Jenna Strong: First Annual "Light the Night" Walk in a Box to Benefit the Leukemia&Lymphoma Society

NOVEMBER 2nd 2014 – 5:00 – United Church of Bernardston

Ryan and I had a loss of a dear friend, Jenna Mauthe, this past June to Lymphoma.

There will be an event being held in her honor called LIGHT THE NIGHT in Bernardston MA (her hometown). This is the first year it is being held and the hope is to continue the event in Jenna's honor each year.

This event will help raise money for the Leukemia&Lymphoma Society. Lymphoma had a devastating effect on Jenna, her family and friends. Please consider donating to this cause or join the event yourself:

<http://www.lightthenight.org/ma/>

For more details or **to donate online**, please visit:

<http://pages.lightthenight.org/ma/ltnstrng14/LClary#home>

If you would like to leave a cash/check donation, please contact Lauren Clary (624-3949 or Rae2577@yahoo.com) to arrange a drop-off / pick-up or leave checks (made payable to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) in a sealed envelope in my mailbox – 28 River Road

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.



THANK YOU, *Lauren Clary*