



Leyden Life



Leyden, Massachusetts

November 2016

Selectboard Office Hours:
 Monday — Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Tax Collector:
 Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM
Assessors Office:
 Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 PM

Selectboard

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays November 3rd and 17th at 9:00 AM and October 10th at 6:45 PM in their office. (Nov. 17th is at PRES.) 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. Anyone not on the posted agenda is welcome to address the Selectboard at the end of the meeting during the "Citizens' concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting" agenda item time slot.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Tue	Nov 1	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed	Nov 2	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu	Nov 3	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Thu	Nov 3	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed	Nov 9	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu	Nov 10	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Tue	Nov 15	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the
Wed	Nov 16	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors church)
Thu	Nov 17	9:00 AM	Selectboard (at PRES Cafeteria)
Mon	Nov 21	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
		(Posted Separately)	Board of Health (at the Police Station)

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 the Municipal Assistant. —*Select Board*

Select Board Corner

Leyden just received its draft of a Capital Planning Program submitted by Joe Markarian. Both the Finance Committee and Select Board will be sitting down with Joe until we're satisfied with the final version. The Capital Plan will then be discussed at an open forum of Leyden committees and departments so everyone is aware of the future needs of our town in controlling cost and expansions. It's better to have a solid plan as we move forward. A good example of this is our long-term commitment to bringing fiber to your home. The Capital plan will be updated annually by Municipal Assistant, Bob Hardesty, and reviewed yearly by the Select Board and Finance Committee.

With cold weather ahead we will move the sand and salt box back to the front of Town Hall for residents to fill their containers.

The Select Board will hold a **Special Town Meeting on**

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Town Clerk

2016 STATE/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The State and Presidential Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. 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 Select Board's office during regular business hours. Voters requesting absentee ballots must complete an absentee ballot application.

EARLY VOTING HOURS

The Town Clerk will hold early voting hours on October 25th, November 1st and November 3rd in the Town Hall. The hours will be during regular office hours of 6:00-8:00 PM. If you have any questions, please call 774-7769 Ext. 3 or email leydentownclerk@crocker.com.

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages: Kelly Ann Stasny and James M. Rosazza on September 24, 2016.

No births or deaths were reported for September.

INTERIM TOWN CLERK NEEDED

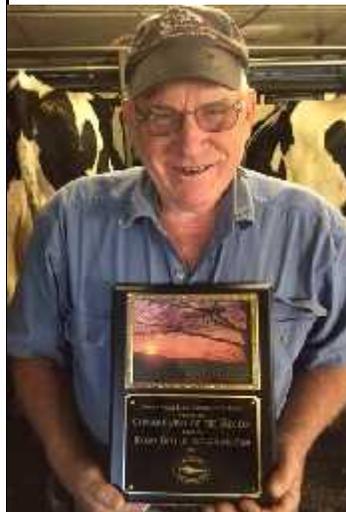
It is with deep regret that I must step down as Town Clerk before my term ends. Meeting my family obligations and doing my best work for the Town have proven too challenging for me to continue. Therefore, my last day will be November 30th. Anyone interested in filling this position until the May 2017 Town Election may contact me at 774-7769 Ext. 3, leydentownclerk@crocker.com or Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 Ext. 1, leydenselectboard@crocker.com. Thank you.

It has been my pleasure to serve my fellow residents of this great Town.
 —*Sincerely, Elizabeth Johnson*

Town Clerk Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 or by appointment — Telephone 774-7769 or 772-3739
 Email: leydentownclerk@crocker.com

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
 Monday, November 14th
 7:00 PM at Town Hall

Conservator of the Region



Warren Facey of Bree-Z-Knoll Farm was recently presented with an award for "Conservator of the Region" by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust.

Select Board Corner

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Monday, November 14th at 7:00 PM to finalize a few items that need attention. Free Cash certification has been submitted to DOR early again, thanks to Town Accountant Tracy Baronas. A tax classification hearing will be held as advertised and posted to set a single pay classification rate. The assessors have been actively working on getting our upcoming tax rate approved by DOR. Right now things look good as we stay on a level plane with the rate and evaluations. It's a job well done by the Board of Assessors and Chairman Ken Spatcher.

There was a great turnout for the recent cemetery tours sponsored by Leyden's Historical Commission. Great job to all who came out to listen to Leyden's history under a beautiful full moon. In the last few years we have asked Leyden residents at the Annual Town Meeting to set aside money to support a permanent place where the history of Leyden can be displayed for all to enjoy and remember. History is a fabric of our culture that must be preserved. Again we thank the Commission, participants and Town residents for making this a success. Well done!

Fiber to your home is finally moving forward. On **Thursday, November 10th** Leyden's Broadband Committee is holding an informational forum where you can hear about and ask questions concerning the path of fiber to the home in Leyden. The committee has been active now for over a year and things have rapidly progressed as plans have changed regarding MBI's active involvement. Leyden will be next on the list for its pole surveys. Please come and listen, as this is going to affect everyone in town and make a difference in all our lives. Please come and hear the progress of the hard work that has been done. Hot coffee and refreshments will be furnished for your enjoyment by the Leyden Café. Thank you to the café staff.

Please remember that the deer, bear and large game hunting season is now taking place in Massachusetts. Leyden continues to be a favorite place to hunt and enjoy the outdoors. Also, please take note of all the new signs in town as to our landowners and get permission where needed. If you carry in, please carry out your trash. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

—Respectfully yours, Jeff, Bill and Lance

Broadband Committee

Broadband is Getting Closer!

The Broadband Committee has been moving full steam ahead and we believe that Leyden will be included in the State's next group of towns approved to begin broadband implementation. This means we will begin an MBI paid pole survey as early as December, with wiring underway by this time next year. It is going to happen!

MBI has hired Osmose Utilities Services Inc. to act as Project Manager on our behalf. Over a 30-day period they will collect all of the necessary field data for our 800+ poles and complete the necessary utility company applications for an estimate on what it will cost to prepare the poles for our new fiber line. *You will see "Osmose Utility Services, Inc." trucks in Leyden in December, if not sooner!*

Once we agree on an overall dollar number, we will sign the necessary paperwork to actually start making the poles ready. At that point, late March of 2017, MBI will require \$321,000 as the first of three payments to cover Leyden's share of the total project.

The Broadband Committee, with the support of the Selectboard and Finance Committee, has asked that an article be added to the warrant of the planned **Special Town Meeting** on **Monday, November 14th** to make available for pending Broadband needs the \$62,911 that was added to the Technology Stabilization Fund at last May's Annual Town Meeting. Approximately \$20,000 of this money will be used in January 2017 to cover the application fees required by the utility companies and the remainder will be used in March of 2017 as part of the first payment of \$321,000 due to MBI. (The remainder of MBI's first payment will be covered from Bond Financing.)

The Broadband Committee will host a **Town Broadband Forum** on **Thursday, November 10th** at 7:00 PM at Town Hall to talk about the Broadband implementation schedule and cost involved. We invite you to join us then and hopefully we will be able to answer any questions you might have.

—Bob Ryan, Chair Broadband Committee

WiredWest

We hope all of you were able to read the front page article in the *Recorder* on October 12th to get a sense of what is being done by WiredWest to prepare for broadband after the buildout is finished. In the meantime, we continue to help our towns navigate the readiness requirements for MBI.

Most important right now is the forum that the Broadband Committee will hold on **Thursday, November 10th** at 7:00 PM in Town Hall. Please make every effort to attend that meeting. Things are beginning to move very fast, as you can see in Bob Ryan's article for the Broadband Committee which includes more detailed information. After years of waiting, you can attend the forum to have your questions answered and to find out what you will see around town in the very near future.

We would like to thank the Broadband Committee, especially Bob Ryan, for the work that has been done to meet all the readiness requirements. It has involved a lot of paperwork, as well as discussions with our Town Counsel and Town Auditor. Al Woodhull and Sheila Hourihan, as WiredWest delegates, are also members of the Broadband Committee. We have seen firsthand all the work it has taken to get us to this point. Our Select Board and Finance Committee also deserve much credit for having kept Leyden on a sound financial track. That has enabled us to move forward quickly. Other towns have not been so fortunate. We are truly on the move now to realize our vision for this infrastructure project that will help keep our towns vital.

—Sheila Hourihan and Al Woodhull, delegates to WiredWest



Pastel Workshop

The Leyden Cultural Council will host award-winning artist, Gregory John Maichak, at Town Hall on **Thursday, November 17th** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM for a free pastel workshop. "Stunning Still Lives: Pastel Paint like the Masters," is designed to benefit sheer beginners to advanced participants. All supplies are provided, and no experience is needed.

Seats may fill quickly, so, please contact Michael Frees at (413) 773-5123 or bunburyfarm@aol.com to pre-register for this class.

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.)

We need some volunteers for Saturdays! It's time for a little new blood to join our very dedicated team of volunteers. All that is required is a two-hour commitment on a Saturday here and there that fits into your schedule. Our steadfast and reliable team could use a little help! If you are interested, either call me or stop in to visit. Training takes all of ten minutes, and a clear, detailed reminder of your duties is always on the desk. Please consider helping out.

With the cold months looming, consider stocking up on good books, DVDs and CDs. I've been ordering lots of new titles, so stop by and take advantage of what *your* library has. It's all free!

A visit from PRES students and a grant for an author to work with fifth and sixth graders are in the planning stages. I've selected a book by Jane Buchanan entitled *Hank's Story* which deals with the orphan trains of the 1920s. Hank is placed on a farm in Nebraska, where he meets a curious and wonderful neighbor.

Many thanks to **Trueman Robbins** for his diligence in watering the flowers and edging the flowerbeds. A former trustee, Trueman is a real fan of the RML and enjoys helping to keep the grounds looking good! Thank you to **Pat Little**, too! She is incredibly kind with her art work, and often arrives with a new piece to replace something that's been on the mantel for all to enjoy. We are really fortunate to have such caring people involved with the library.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

—Chris Johnston

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

Thanks to Ken Lyman, Robin Symonds and Spirit Fire for donations and to Michele Higgins and Lois Feldman for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help collate and distribute the *Leyden Life* monthly newsletter for those who still want hard copies. It only takes a half-hour or so once a month, and it can be fun and interesting to catch up on the gossip around town.

DISCLAIMER

Leyden Life is not an official publication of the town, nor an official source of town business. We do our best to print accurately and distribute promptly the announcements and information we receive. Please check with the town to verify information regarding town business or activities.

Leyden Life

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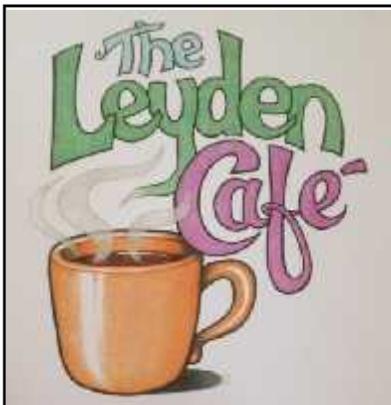
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Items for the next issue are due to Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob at bobtwo@verizon.net by 5:00 PM on

Tuesday, 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: Leyden Life c/o Reid 30 West Leyden Road Leyden, MA 01337



The Leyden Café is open for its 3rd season with new hours 9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn's delicious baked goodies and Pierce Bros. coffee. Have you seen the articles in the *Recorder* about us? Come and see what you're missing! We look forward to seeing you there. Sue Carlson donated a fall table decoration, which was raffled off on Sunday, October 16th at the Café. Flu shots were also available.

The Café will be open on Election Day November 8th.

Talent Night is coming! What is your special talent; Music—Skits—Stories—Poems? More details later!

Do you have something interesting to share? Let us know and we can plan a Sunday morning for you to present.

—Amy St. Clair

“What’s New in Local Finance?”



Town officials Administrative Assistant Bob Hardesty and Town Accountant Tracey Baronas attended a seminar at the Log Cabin in Holyoke recently to learn about Gov. Baker's "Municipal Modernization Act," presented by the DOR Dept. of Local Services.

The view from the Log Cabin

Leyden Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting group will meet twice in November. Tuesday, November 8, 1:00 - 3:00 is our usual time for meeting at the Town Hall. Contact Amy St. Clair at 774-6907 to confirm since that will be Election Day. We'll meet again on Friday, November 18, 6:30 - 8:30 at Peggy Brown's house. Call 774-5764. All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Happy knitting!



—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

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

Pottery-Making Lessons

Enjoy relaxing with fun people in a beautiful setting, while creating an object to be proud of and treasured for years to come. No experience is necessary. Cost includes all materials.

November 5, 2-5 PM: Make a three-dimensional clay fish garden sculpture. Embellish a pre-thrown shape. Add personality with fins, scales, lips, etc. You'll need to come back to glaze it. \$60.00 (includes 2 kiln firings)

November 13, 2-5:30 PM: Make personalized holiday gifts, plaques, tiles and ornaments. Use the slab technique, stamps and textured objects. \$50.00 (includes four items).

November 27, 2-6 PM: Make a painted round or oval platter. Use the slab technique to form functional plate. Carve your original design through colorful slips. I will glaze with clear and fire. \$55.00

Workshops will take place at 46 River Road in Leyden, or at Leyden Town Hall. \$5.00 off if you bring a new person. Please RSVP to: rhondawain@verizon.net or 413-624-5175.

Thanks from the Historical Commission

Thank You Leyden!

As October 15th's (almost) full moon rose and cast its shadowy, other-worldly light across South Cemetery's gravestones and illuminated them, some of Leyden's former residents appeared in period attire to relate their stories to the community. These shared stories educated, entertained, and provided us with insight to the Leyden of the past and urged us to consider our own roles in Leyden's current history. The Leyden Historical Commission offers its heartfelt appreciation and thanks to everyone who gave us their support and to the following people without whom this event could not have been as successful as it was. We are grateful for their time, energy, and initiative in helping us to celebrate Leyden's rich history and share it with the community.

Thanks to: Leyden South Cemetery Commission for providing permission for us to use the cemetery; actors Rene Bernard, Robin Neipp, Susan Howarth, Rhonda and Lew Wainshilbaum, and Levi Stone; the Leyden Police Department for its hay wagon escorts and parking management; the Leyden Fire Department for their ready willingness, even with short notice, to provide us with the fire pit out back; Sid Heron for providing us with his tractor and hay wagon to expertly transport participants; James Adams of Meadowcrest Christmas Tree Farm for the use of his hay wagon and to Sam Allis who offered to drive his tractor to transport it; Debbie Bernard who, among other things, created the exceptional display at the fork at Greenfield and Brattleboro Roads; JoAnn Helbig for preparing and facilitating the children's craft table; Robin Neipp whose amazing initiative, organization, and decorating skills created the splendid seasonal setting for the event; Emily Heron Clarke who assisted with postings on social media; Reba-Jean Pichette for providing some of the period attire; the *Leyden Life* staff, Cornelia Reid, Carolyn Asbury, and Bob Taylor, for their prominent display of our poster of the event in the newsletter; and Bob Hardesty for his support and who is ever helpful with answering questions and providing pertinent information.

We also thank the following for their generosity in providing donations for the raffle table and for refreshments: Ed and Carol Johnson; East Hyland Farm; the Four Leaf Clover; 7 South Bakery; Kringle Candle; Foster's Supermarket; Pine Hill Orchard; Stop & Shop; and BJ's.

We also thank the mysterious person who tied the festive balloons to the sign at the bottom of the hill where Leyden Road meets Greenfield Road. For sure no one entering town could have missed our sign!
—Virginia Rockwood

Wreath-Making Workshop

Sunday, November 27th

12:00 NOON to 4:00 PM

Leyden Town Hall

16 West Leyden Road

Leyden, Ma 01337

\$20 per Wreath



Raffle



\$10 from every wreath made and raffle money will go to fundraise for both the Leyden United Methodist Church and the Relay for Life, Crescent Moon Team #16

All ages are welcome

Please come and bring a friend

Questions Contact: Emily Herron-Clark,

Call/Text 413-336-6248 or

em_el_issa@yahoo.com

Veteran's Day Breakfast

Saturday, November 5th

8:00 to 10:00 AM

Downstairs at Town Hall



Presented by the
Leyden Council
on Aging



COA (Council on Aging)

Leyden COA November Events/Notices

The Council on Aging would like to thank Attorney Kate Downes for her excellent, lively and engaging presentation held on September 29th on staying in your home and how to afford nursing care. She handed out some informational leaflets which will be put up on the notice board downstairs at the Town Hall for those who could not attend the event.

Thanks also to Lisa White, the County Nurse for her friendly and helpful health checks during the September 'Wellness Fair'; this was very well attended and another session is planned (tentatively) for December 16th.

Welcome to the newest member of the Council on Aging Board – Michele Higgins! Michele joined the Board at the October meeting and we look forward to working with her.

***Veterans Appreciation Breakfast:** We would like to invite all Leyden Veterans and their families to a breakfast in their honor on Saturday, November 5th. Join us at Town Hall from 8:00 to 10:00 **AM** when the Council on Aging will be serving up scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, pancakes, coffee, and juice to show our appreciation for your service to our country. Call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 by Friday, November 4th to make your reservations. When you call, please let us know if there are special dietary requests and we will do our best to accommodate them. Give us this opportunity to say "Thank you!"

***"Go Wild" on Wednesday, November 16th**. The LCOA is excited to announce a special program from 11:00 **AM** to 12:00 **NOON** at Town Hall demonstrating the historic use of native plants to nourish people through times of hunger. Presenter Carly Leusner, co-founder of Acorn Kitchen, will introduce us to the bounty of nature found in the wild and show how native plants can be transformed into tasty and nutritious foods and, *yes, samples will be available!* This significant connection to Thanksgiving is apparent when we realize that many of these foods were common in Native American meals and were present at the first Harvest Celebration with the Pilgrims.

If you would like to continue the Thanksgiving experience, please join us for our luncheon immediately following Carly's program when traditional favorites will be served! Call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 to make reservations for lunch *by November 14th*. (Reservations are not needed for the "Go Wild" program.)

Harvest Celebration Menu: Stuffed Turkey Breast, Sweet Potato Casserole, Peas, Pumpkin or Apple Pie, Coffee, and Tea.

Please let Sue know if anyone in your party has special dietary considerations when you call - we are happy to make accommodations in the menu.

***"Movie Night!" (popcorn included!)** "Hunt for the Wilderpeople" (2016) on Friday November 18th on the Big Screen; 7:00 to 9:00 **PM** at Town Hall.

A national manhunt is ordered for a rebellious city kid and his cantankerous foster uncle who go missing in the wild New Zealand bush. *"Equal parts road comedy and rousing adventure story" ... "a hilarious, touching crowd pleaser"*. Rated PG-13.

***Keep an eye out at Town Hall for the "Leyden Neighbor to Neighbor Helpers"** brochure. These colorful brochures, which will also be mailed out to senior households, are jam-packed with helpful information. Many thanks to Amy St. Clair for putting this brochure together.

***Don't forget - exercise classes** led by Linda Allis continue on Mondays, from Noon to 1:00 **PM**, upstairs at the Town Hall with music, movement and strength building exercises. Call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436 to register or just come on Mondays at noon. See you there!

Volunteers for COA events are always very much appreciated. If you think you can help out (the monthly lunch is a good place to start!) please don't be shy. Would you like to drive a Cadillac? We really need volunteers for the Transportation Service! Please call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436. Thank You!

Please note: when School is cancelled owing to inclement weather, there will be no COA events taking place, either. 'Snow dates' will be announced, whenever possible.

NEIGHBORS HELPING EACH OTHER

The Leyden Council on Aging is looking for Leyden residents (including teenagers) to help our seniors, and those with disabilities, manage outdoor chores. This can be a volunteer service or a fee for service but our intention for senior residents living on fixed incomes, is to keep the charge within reason. Our Town population is aging, and not everyone has family close by. So we are seeking ways to provide some physical services that will allow residents to age in place and remain in their homes. Outdoor chores might include wood stacking, lawn mowing, brush cutting, snow shoveling/roof raking, roto-tilling, etc.

If anyone is interesting in making a little extra money by helping out our seniors, or wants more information, please call Paula Sayword at 774-3897 or leave a message at Town Hall at 774-4111. The Council is also looking for people to offer indoor household services/help such as light cleaning, washing dishes, preparing simple meals or just assisting with daily tasks. A little companionship goes a long way! This also can be on a volunteer basis, or for a reasonable fee. If interested, please call Paula Sayword at 774-3897 or leave a message at Town Hall at 774-4111. Thank you!

MONTHLY POETRY GROUP

We all have something to say—a story to tell, a childhood memory or the way we felt watching geese cross the sky. Join me once a month to read something written by a known poet, discuss some fundamentals of poetry and share our own work in a safe, supportive environment. The group is limited to eight participants, poets and non-poets alike. All ages are welcome.

Classes begin Tuesday, November 1st from 10:00 **AM** to 12 **NOON**, downstairs in Town Hall, and will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. There is no fee for this group. For more information or to register, please call Paula Sayword at 774-3897, or email psayword@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Leyden COA.

Paula Sayword has lived in Leyden for 27 years. Her work has appeared in numerous journals, and she has published two books of poetry.

Craft Fair

Save the Date

Saturday, December 10th

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Leyden Town Hall

Bake Sale — Raffle

Lunch served

Hosted by the Leyden

United Methodist Church

Crafters and Vendors Wanted

\$10 per space + donation to raffle

Contact Emily Herron-Clark

413-336-6248

em_el_issa@yahoo.com

Facebook Event Page

Proceeds will benefit the
Leyden United Methodist Church

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.

Antique Farm Equipment—Free: Two pieces—old mower and plow. Have been used as lawn décor. Please call Robin Symonds, Alexander Road, cell: 508-340-1264.

Free La-Z-Boy loveseat and couch with floral design. Call Peggy at 774-5764.

For Sale: Brand new Futon couch. Thick feather mattress and sealed blond frame. *Free* natural-colored cover. \$600. Call Leslie at 624-0235 or email enlakesh@verizon.net. *Will deliver.*

Boer Goat Meat is available at Frizzell Hill Farm. Goat is quite tasty, low in fat and cholesterol, and high in protein and iron. Give it a try! Visit frizzellhillfarm.com for information and a price list. Thanks for supporting local Leyden farms!

Bill Maguire Painting: Serving the Leyden area's paint and staining needs since 1978. Interior, exterior, deck refinishing, window sash work, power washing, dirt and mildew removal. Call 413-774-5330.

Erik's Handyman Service: Let me help you with your "to do" list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, rototilling, odd jobs, and miscellaneous projects. If you could use some help, give me a call at 413-774-9948 and ask for Erik, or e-mail to erikshandy1@yahoo.com. Reasonable rates. Insured.

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

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.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

VEGGIES: Our 2016 farm shares are over for the season but our greenhouse is full of young spinach and lettuce. Soon we will have Leyden-grown winter greens! In the garden we have escarole, radicchio, cabbage, broccoli, and leeks still growing but they will be ready soon. **EGGS:** Organically-grown chicken eggs.

⇒ **Come visit us at the Greenfield Winter Farmers' Market on November 5 and 19.**

⇒ **Sign up for our Egg & Extras email list if you would like to be notified about what is available each week.**

⇒ **Plan now for a 2017 Farm Share.**

It's been wonderful summer and fall. We are so grateful to be able to live and grow food in our peaceful and beautiful town.

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

laurat@crocker.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

Our CSA blog: <http://sweet-morning-farm-csa.blogspot.com>

Linda Romano

Sale on all heavenly herbal products, buy something and get a free 10-minute chair massage, if you like.

New! Holistic Fitness certificate: Using Yoga for health, wellness, recovery, and personal growth. Good for conditions from Anxiety- scoliosis and more. Available as private or in group classes!

Continuing to de-clutter—selling items—call for info.

Continuing to serve you with your Holistic wellness needs for Massage, Bodywork, and exercises. Gift certificates for the Holidays are also available. Giving thanks to all! *Linda Romano 413-624-3334*

romanohealing@gmail.com

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School**First & Second
Grade News**

Is it the end of October already? We jumped right in on the last day of August, and haven't looked back since!

We do a lot of work as a class with social-emotional thinking. You may have heard things like, "That is unexpected," because we refer often to "expected" and "unexpected" behaviors, and encourage each other to make good choices. "Whole Body Listening" is also an important part of our classroom vocabulary-- how we can show a speaker we are paying attention with many parts of our bodies, not just our ears. Andrea Franz, our School Adjustment Counselor, has been visiting our room on Thursdays talking about social thinking, and we do a Second Step lesson each Friday. We also have one student assigned as the Problem Solver, supporting peers who need assistance.

We have been settling into our daily routine, including Reading Cafe, with a "menu" of literacy-related activities, and Math Routines (we already completed the 120 Chart once!). In Social Studies, we have been traveling the world learning about other cultures. We are putting together a class book with what we have discovered. We shared our partner "How-To" books with a respectful audience of kindergartners. Amid all this hustle and bustle, we managed to fit in a field trip to Apex Orchards for apple and pumpkin picking, a tractor ride, and a delicious snack of cold cider and piping hot cider doughnuts! We used this fun and "fruitful" trip to launch our "Small Moments" Writing Unit.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conference times are still available on 11/23-25. Please call the office at 772-6245 to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Upcoming Events

November 11 -Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL

November 14 -Report Cards go home

November 16 -Early Dismissal @ 12:15

November 16 – 18 -Parent Teacher Conferences

November 23 -Early Dismissal @ 12:00

November 24 – 25 =Thanksgiving Recess

November 28 =Picture Retakes

December 7 =Holiday Concert, 6:30

December 22 -Noon Release (recess thru Jan 2, 2017)



Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of Leyden Life