

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

January 2013

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 Thursdays, January 3rd and January 17th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, January 31st 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.

TOWN HALL MONTHLY MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

No Meeting this month	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Jan 2 6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Jan 3 9:00 AM	Selectboard
Tue, Jan 8 5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Jan 9 7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Jan 10 4:00 PM	Building Needs Study Committee
Mon, Jan 21 7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Jan 16 6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Jan 17 9:00 AM	Selectboard
Thu, Jan 17 7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thu, Jan 31 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*

Tax Collector

Due to late hours, no Town safe, and a limited amount of change in the Tax Collector's office, *cash will no longer be accepted* as payment for tax bills. Checks and credit cards will be accepted, and tax bills can be paid on line at www.townofleyden.com. Thanks for your cooperation.

Leyden Portrait Project

The second book is done! The cost is \$18.90 plus 6.25% MA sales tax making it a nice, round \$20.00.

Once again, it's been so great to spend time with my Leyden neighbors and to hear your stories about how you came to live in Leyden, what you love about our town and what you might like to see that's not here now.

Books will be available for purchase *by check only* at Town Hall during Bob Hardesty's office hours, and at Robertson Memorial Library by check or cash.

If you'd like to work out an arrangement to swing by and pick up a copy from my home, please contact me at tcrapo@mac.com, or phone 774-2021 and leave a message. —*Thanks so much! Trish Crapo*



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.

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: Isla Ruth Gagnon, November 2

Deaths: Ashley Sims, December 11

STREET LISTINGS

Street lists for 2013 will be mailed out by mid-January. This year's form has been printed from the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Voter Registration Information System. Please make any necessary changes and mail it back in the return envelope provided as soon as possible. If there are no changes, please indicate that on the form so that I can scan the information into the system. Any changes will be entered manually.

In the past, I have received negative messages on the returned forms. Please note that as your Town Clerk, I am required by Massachusetts General Law to mail these Street Lists every January. Thanks for your cooperation.

—*Bob Hardesty*

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



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Wells Trust Scholarship Awards

The Fred W. Wells Trust is an organization that provides scholarships to students graduating from high school and to those enrolled in college or an advanced educational program. Recipients are selected based on scholarship, need, extracurricular activities and recommendations.

Applications may be obtained from high school or college counselors, or from the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please note that all applications, recommendation letters and official transcripts now need to be postmarked no later than March 20, 2013. *Please note: This is a new deadline date—moved from the previous April 1st date.*

Please call Lois at 774-4092 for further information if needed.
—*Thank you, Lois Feldman*

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.)

What is Leyden Reading?

January kicks off **Robertson Memorial Library's Centennial Celebration**. In honor of our library's 100th year, join us for "What Leyden is Reading." Each month the library will have a short selection available for people to read and discuss.* We hope the selection will be both entertaining and enlightening for a family discussion around the dinner table or a comment or two on the library's web page. It's a great way to have a common topic for conversation or some read-out-loud time together as a family. So shut off the TV, pull off the ear "buds," pull up a chair, and find out "What Leyden is Reading."

January's selection comes from *Lives of the Presidents: Fame, Shame (and What the Neighbors Thought)* by Kathleen Krull and Kathryn Hewitt (pp.51-2). Since Barack Obama will be inaugurated in January, we'll start our reading celebration with a few pages about the US President of 100 years ago, Woodrow Wilson. Like Obama, Wilson was a two-term President, from 1913 to 1921. He was a professor, president of Princeton University, governor of New Jersey and leader of the U.S. during WWI. What month was he inaugurated? Was Edith Wilson, his second wife, in fact our first woman president? You'll find it interesting to discover how things were done back then. Enjoy!

*Copies of the article are available from the school or the library.

—Pearl Rhodes Elementary School



PRES Fifth and Sixth graders perform "Hey, Little Ant"

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Subscriptions to *Leyden Life* are available by mail. The rate for 2013 is \$9.00. If you are already a subscriber, there will be a renewal notice enclosed with this month's issue. New subscriptions can be arranged by emailing or phoning Cornelia Reid (cr43wr41@gmail.com or 774-5146). As has been our tradition, subscriptions for college students, those serving in the military, or nursing home residents are free of charge.

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

Thanks to Carol Kuzdeba, Claire and Gordon Cobb, Sharon and Richard Mallory, Agnes Huber, Judy and Scott Healey, and Ellen Coty for donations this month.

Thanks to collators Glen and Kathie Benson, Paula Sayword and Jeanne Breeden, 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

Tuesday, January 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

Meetings and Gatherings

Council on Aging

January and February Meetings

January 10th at 11:30 AM Never been to Nepal? Now is your chance to see and hear about the Reid family's experience trekking this fall in Nepal. Angus and Colin made a video of their family's trip, which they will share with us. A healthful lunch will also be served. This is an opportunity for meeting new people, enjoying stimulating conversation and sharing lunch together. Anyone over the age of 55 is invited to attend. Come on over to the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the second Thursday of the month.

If you need a ride, just let one of us know. Please call Barbara Wallace at 774-77880 or Gilda Galvis at 773-7932 to let us know if you are planning to attend.

February 14th at 11:30 AM Valentine's Day Celebration of the collective portrait of Leyden

Trish Crapo has just completed her second book, *The Leyden Portrait Project, Too*. Both of the Leyden Portrait Project books provide photographs and life stories of people in Leyden. How better to celebrate Valentine's Day than to explore the lives of the people who have helped create the Leyden we love. Trish will share her books and explore with us what she has learned from photographing and talking with many of the residents. She will also bring some Valentine's craft material. A healthful lunch will be served.

If you need a ride, just let one of us know. Please call Barbara Wallace at 774-77880 or Gilda Galvis at 773-7932 to let us 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, **January 11th** at Michael Frees' house and **January 25th** at Peggy Brown'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. 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 Timmerman at 773-8325.

—Michael Frees - 773-5123, Peggy Brown - 774-5764

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

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events:

December 13; Freedom Credit Union
December 24—January 1; Winter Recess

Fundraiser Report:

On Saturday, December 15th, at the Leyden Craft Fair organized by Ms. Wainshilbaum, the fifth and sixth graders held a few fundraising events for their class trip in the spring. There was a bake sale, a raffle of craft items, and a bagged lunch sale.

Thank you to the many talented crafters who donated items to the raffle, and a special thank you to Ms. Avery who donated a large Avon gift basket. This basket was used as an incentive to purchase \$10 worth of tickets, and we had several entrants! Congratulations to Tyler's grandmother who won the top prize. Thank you to Gavin Curtis who entertained us with holiday music on the saxophone, and to Tyler DeAngelis and Bridget Kenney for selling raffle tickets and baked goods, and making lunches. A big thank you as well to Amanda and Carolyn for their huge contributions to the day.

In appreciation, Alice Kenney

—Chris Maguire, Principal

WiredWest

How many of you watched the Arab Spring almost two years ago and saw clusters of people in Tahrir Square crouched around Rube Goldberg contraptions of batteries and wires, keeping their cell phones charged so that they could keep the world informed about their revolution? We laughed when we saw that, realizing that those young people had better Wi-Fi than we did in Leyden! We have friends in the remotest parts of Vermont and Maine who have Wi-Fi, and yet we don't. That is amazing, considering that we live in an area with so many colleges and universities, rich with small businesses. The broadband that Verizon is bringing into the area is a step forward, but it is still the obsolete equipment pulled out of Boston. We start out behind already, primitive by all standards.

There are still 130 households in Leyden who have not filled out support cards for WiredWest. We are in the top six of the 44 member towns in the number of responses, but we still need to add more voices. Please go to wiredwest.net to fill out the form, indicating your support for getting the best fiber optic network into Leyden, or call me at 774-5922 to do it for you.

Thank you, Sheila Hourihan

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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.

Coffee table for sale: Heavy wood coffee table with glass inserts on the top. Excellent condition. \$20 obo. Call Bob at 624-8965.

Christmas Trees and Wreaths for sale: All trees are \$20 each with \$5 from each tree sold going to the Food Bank of Western Mass. Plain wreaths, \$10 each. 250 South County Road. Please call Jim Muka at 774-6975 with questions.

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: Do your holiday shopping in Leyden. Ed's Sugar Shack has fresh local maple syrup for sale, available in gallons, half gallons, quarts and pints. During the month of December 10% of all syrup sales will be donated to the Warm the Children program. Call 773-7619, Ed and Carol Johnson, 72 South County Road, Leyden. Member of MassMaple Producers Association.

Local Cord Wood for sale: dry, split and cut to stove length, \$225 delivered in Leyden. Call Ed Johnson at 773-7619.

Maple Run Farm: 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.

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.

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Sweet Morning Farm CSA (Timmerman Farm)

If you are interested in chicken or duck eggs, salad, or greens for winter eating, email or call to sign up for the Eggs and Extras list for weekly updates on what is being harvested. There are lots of beautiful, tasty, organically raised eggs available these days.

It's not too early to reserve a farm share for 2013! Please call, email or go to the farm web site for details.

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

Linda Romano

New year, new add-ons with massage/bodywork sessions; hot stones, hot towels, aromatherapy; reflexology for hands, feet, and ears. Each month will offer a new add-on. Yoga dates in January are Thursdays, chair yoga 1:00 to 2:00 PM and evening yoga 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Have a happy, healthy new year. —Linda Romano, 624-3334

SEEKING HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WORKER

The Town of Leyden is seeking a qualified individual to serve as a Highway Department Worker. Duties include, but are not limited to, the maintenance of streets, maintenance of Highway Department buildings, maintenance of vehicles and equipment, and operating heavy equipment and vehicles. This position reports to the Highway Superintendent. Valid MA Commercial Driver's License (CDL Class 2) and Hoisting License (2A) plus 4G with front-end loader, backhoe, and side mower endorsement required. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma, experience in varied construction and maintenance work, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. This is a full-time position with competitive salary and benefits. Finalists will be expected to undergo a three-day paid on-the-job evaluation. Send resume and cover letter to: Board of Selectmen, Town of Leyden, 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01337 by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Call (413) 774-4111 for job description. EOE



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