

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

July 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 Thursday, July 18th at 6:45 PM in their office (there is no meeting on Thursday, July 4th). 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, Jul 9	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Tue, Jul 2	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Jul 3	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Jul 15	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Jul 10	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Wed, Jul 17	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Jul 18	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

WiredWest

There's not a lot of new information to report from WiredWest this month. The work continues all the time toward getting funding, consolidating plans, and working out details for getting fiber optic hook-ups to our homes. Once again, if you have not filled out the form indicating that you think it is important for Leyden to have the best connectivity possible, I would be happy to do it for you if you call me at 774-5922. You can complete a support card online at www.wiredwest.net. We really appreciate all those who have done so already.

I don't know how many of you know that Bob Hardesty is constantly updating a Leyden email list. There are lots of reasons to call him to make sure you are on the list, or send your email address to him, at leydenselectboard@crocker.com. He can use the list to send out announcements about meetings, reminders about events in town, or as he has done several times recently, posted state emergency notices about dangerous weather headed our way. It is just another way we are linked as friends and neighbors in Leyden. The Internet is an important tool for all of us, and will only become more so. Let's work together to get the best and to use it well.

—Sheila Hourihan, 774-5922

Town Clerk

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

Town offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th for the Independence Day Holiday. —Bob Hardesty

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

Council On Aging

Paula Sayword, Karen Sayword-Sims, Gilda Galvis, Ken Mantler (minister at the Leyden church) and Barbara Wallace organized the monthly meeting programs and meals for the Council On Aging from July 2012 to July 2013. Thanks also go to the Leyden Cultural Council for funding a couple of the programs and to the Leyden Life for printing meeting information. The town has not had volunteers step forward to lead the Council on Aging for another year.

Both Colrain and Bernardston have strong Council on Aging programs and have generously offered both to help Leyden with its program and to welcome Leyden residents to their meetings. Both offer healthful meals, pleasure trips, shopping trips, SHINE

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Todd Ruggere of Grafton and Leyden residents enjoying the "Mass Beer Tour" at Angels' Rest on June 14th.

New Transfer Station Entry Rules

See Page 3 for details.

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.)

Summer Reading Program On Monday, June 10th, students and teachers from PRES hiked up the hill to select books and sign up for the RML Summer Reading Program. This year's program will run through September 4th. All students, K-16, are invited to participate! Visit or call for details. Remember, there is a rainbow over the horizon of September: a gift certificate to the World Eye Bookstore for all who participate and submit their reading lists by September 4th!

Be a Part of History If you read a poem, story, or essay at the RML Centennial Celebration on May 11th, we would really appreciate a copy of your piece to preserve for posterity. Drop off a copy, mail it in, or email it to leydenlibrary@gmail.com.

Don't Forget the Big Buys! History of Leyden, \$30; RML Historic Mug, \$10; Centennial's "More than a Recipe Book", price not set yet; Leyden Directory, \$5.00.

Free Vouchers for Mohawk Trail Concerts. To attend free of charge, come in to pick up your voucher and enjoy a wonderful evening of classical music. Performances are held at the Federated Church on Route 2 in Charlemont and run on Friday and Saturday nights through the end of July. —Happy summer, Chris Johnston

Meetings and Gatherings

Council on Aging

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Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet two times in July, on the 12th and the 26th. The locations are still to be decided, so call for more information if you want to join us for the evening.

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.

If you would like to be on an email group for the Knitting Circle, get in touch with Laura at aurat@crocker.com.

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

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

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to remind both students and parents that there are reading and math programs online that will continue to be available all summer. These programs are **Raz-Kids** (books and comprehension quizzes), **IXL** (math problems solving) and **Reflex Math** (basic math facts). These programs are a good way to keep students involved in learning and prevent regression over the summer. I know some parents are using them on their phones! If you have any questions about using these resources, ask us.

Links to these programs are available on the homepage of the PRES website. <http://pearlrhodes.pioneervalley.k12.ma.us/>.

Final words: Thank you for all your support over the year. We have great parents and great students at this school.

—Chris Maguire, Principal

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Leyden Life Lowdown

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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 the electronic version of *Leyden Life* in PDF format, please notify Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

Thanks to collators Susan Cohan, the Bensons, Laura Timmerman, and Lois Feldman, and thanks to deliverers 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

The Selectboard email address is

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

Monday, July 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
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Council On Aging


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counselors, and health programs and services. Bernardston's director is Dianne Cornwell, who can be reached at 413-648-5319. More information can be found on their website at <http://www.town.bernardston.ma.us/index.php/town-government-main/62-council-on-aging>. Amy and Richard Herzog, officers with the Colrain Council on Aging, are also very welcoming of Leyden residents and can be reached at 413-624-3454. More can be learned from their website at <http://colrain-ma.gov/boards/council-on-aging.html>.

New Transfer Station Entry Rules

Beginning July 1st, the Greenfield Department of Public Works will begin selling resident stickers. Residents of Greenfield and Leyden must purchase the sticker for \$5, and it will be good for two *fiscal* years (7/1/13 – 6/30/15). A sticker is required for every vehicle that you plan to drive to the Transfer Station.

You must show proof of registration when purchasing the sticker. The sticker must be purchased at the Department of Public Works in Greenfield Town Hall. Effective, August 1st, residents *must* permanently display the sticker on the bottom of the windshield on the *driver's side*. Upon entrance to the Transfer Station, if the sticker is not displayed, non-resident rates will be charged. Current disposal rates will not change at this time. A new sticker will be required to be purchased by July 1, 2015.





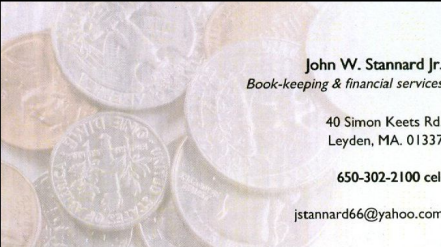
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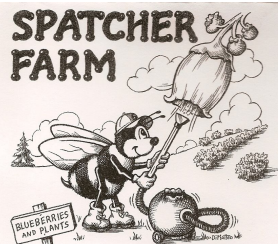
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Free Pachysandra Call Cornelia or Wally at 774-5146.

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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!*

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Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2013 CSA SHARES

The farm share season has started and farm members are enjoying mesclun, head lettuce, escarole, radishes, bok choy, kale, and more. More and more vegetables come into season each week, turnips, garlic scapes, carrots, and beans are on their way.

If you wish you had gotten a farm share, talk to me. We can work out a reduced price starting late. Also, we can work out a trade of your time weeding or picking in exchange for eggs or vegetables. Shares come in three sizes to suit a variety of needs and all sizes include flowers. Pick up at the farm on Thursdays.

EGGS & EXTRAS

I sell organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Duck eggs are \$3.00 a half dozen. To get weekly updates about eggs and vegetables, email me to be placed on the Eggs & Extras Email List.

FLOWERS

I am growing flowers for bouquets for the shares. However, the cut flowers are also my gift to the town. If you want to stop by and pick a bouquet for yourself or a friend, you are most welcome. If you feel like making a donation, that's fine, but not required. Just share the joy!

—Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325, laurat@crocker.com

Linda Romano

Cooling summer sessions for massage, bodywork, Yoga are available using outdoor space, water, and salt. Also available are Esalen, Polarity, lomi lomi, Yoga for heart opening, and holistic and self-care coaching.

Have an abundant, lovely summer. Thank you. —Linda Romano, 624-3334



Linda Romano



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COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY (2013)

We are interested in your opinions on the programs funded by the LCC so we can better set our funding priorities for the next few years. Please take a few minutes to complete this confidential survey and either drop it at the Library or Town Hall or fold and stamp it and drop it in a mailbox addressed to:

LCC, Leyden Town Hall, 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA. 01337. Thanks so much for your input.

Are you aware that artists, schools, educators and community groups can apply for grants from the LCC?

_____yes _____no

We encourage Leyden residents to go to the Mass Cultural Council web site at www.massculturalcouncil.org to see if you meet the criteria for funding, and if so, then we encourage you to apply for a grant.

What are the most important priorities our council should consider for funding? Please rate at least your top three recommendations with "1" for most important, "2" for next, etc. (Check all that are of interest)

____Enrichment programs in the schools.

____Youth-focused programs outside of school (including field trips to museums, performances, etc.)

____Professional development of local artists through community projects.

____Nature, science, and environmental education projects.

____Projects celebrating local history or historic preservation.

____Projects highlighting cultural diversity.

____Community-wide gatherings

	Local	Regional
____Festivals	_____	_____
____Concerts	_____	_____
____Plays	_____	_____
____Dance Performances	_____	_____

Other specific suggestions:_____

Would you be interested in serving on the Leyden Local Cultural Council now or in the future? If so, please provide contact information (name, address, email)._____