

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

January 2014

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, January 2nd at 9:00 AM and Thursday, January 16th and Thursday, January 30th 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:

Thu, Jan 2	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Thu, Jan 2	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Wed, Jan 8	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Jan 9	4:00 PM	Building Needs Study Committee
Tue, Jan 14	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Jan 15	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Jan 16	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Mon, Jan 20	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Thu, Jan 30	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*

Selectboard Corner

The Leyden Selectboard, Jeff, Barbara, and Bill wish you all a Happy New Year. We have a full agenda lined up for 2014 and we're eager to move forward on many of those items and projects.

We closed out 2013 with a Special Town Meeting on December 9th that transferred \$12,500 from Stabilization to cover town building maintenance and a door at PVRs. Leyden's Stabilization account is in good shape, with a balance of \$107,969, well above what the state recommends. Our finance team has been busy getting all financial data into Massachusetts DOR for Leyden's certification of free cash.

It was 50 years ago that the Leyden Selectboard used free cash to fund an article to install running water for the town hall, fire station and the church. Free Cash is an important part of our budgeting process. It gives the town a means of doing those types of projects. We are hoping to ask the residents to consider some of these funds to help refurbish the Town Hall kitchen and add some much-needed office space.

We're happy to report that the Paul and Phil Zimmerman families have given the Town the parcel of land the library sits on, along with enough land for future growth. Their Mother, Marion Zimmerman was an avid reader and

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

There were no births, deaths, or marriages were report this month.

STREET LISTINGS

Street lists for 2014 will be mailed out by mid-January. The 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.

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

Building Needs Study Committee Call For New Members

The Building Needs Study Committee (BNSC), a town committee appointed by the Select Board annually, is looking for new members. The committee puts together information on projects that the board is interested in accomplishing. The most recent visible project was the Town Hall ADA Compliance Renovation Project of a few years ago, which installed a new elevator, stage lift, and handicapped-accessible restrooms in Town Hall.

We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping the Town with building projects like this or smaller. It would be helpful if the person had some knowledge of renovating or building structures in a real or abstract sense, but that is not a necessity. It is important that an interested person be willing to spend a couple of hours every month or two meeting to discuss on-going plans. That usually means additional time doing some research to provide usable data for the Select Board. Then it might mean involvement in putting plans together to accomplish the building task.

Anyone interested in being a BNSC member should contact any present member of the BNSC or the Select Board, or contact the Town Administrator, Bob Hardesty, and leave your name and telephone number or email address. One of us will get back to you.

Call BNSC Chair Cliff Carlson at 624-3695 or the Select Board office at 774-4111 for further information.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks and deepest gratitude to Edith Fisher's Leyden friends and neighbors, past and present, for the expressions of sympathy, flowers, food and help.

Special thanks to the Leyden Methodist Women and Pastor Ken Mantle.

—*Wayne Fisher, Robert Fisher, Merton Fisher, Joy Whitney and Richard Fisher*

Meetings and Gatherings

Leyden Council on Aging (COA) - News and Upcoming Events

Happy New Year from all us to all of you! We all make resolutions in the New Year to try new things, work on our health concerns, and make good use of our time. If you are age 50 and over, or are just interested in our programs and services, please consider meeting your New Year resolutions by joining us for any of our upcoming events.

From January 1 through June 30, 2014 we will meet on the first and third Mondays unless there is a holiday.

We will begin **January 13th at 11:30 to 12:45 with a COA potluck lunch and business meeting.** Please bring a dish to share.

On January 27th at 10:00 there will be a Foot and Blood Pressure walk-in clinic with a registered nurse. Then **10:30-11:30 will be a Guest Speaker: Active Aging, health concerns and the importance of regular exercise.** Dianne Cornwell will demonstrate and lead the **RSVP Osteoarthritis free weight exercise program.** Participants will be encouraged to join in and try it out and will receive handouts and or DVDs to continue the program at home. This will be followed at **11:30 with a Light Luncheon.** No sign-up is required, but it is helpful if interested participants call Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 and let him know they will be attending.

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet twice this month, on January 10th at Laura's house, and January 24 at Michael's house from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. 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.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

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



Historical Commission

Merton Fisher sent the Leyden Historical Commission two photos that had once belonged to his mother, Edith Fisher. The photos show two sets of students and teachers posing in front of their school. One photo (see Page 2) lists the names of the people, and the other doesn't. We ask that you take a good look, and, if you recognize which school it is, to let us know. If you recognize any of the unnamed people, please let us know, too. If you have any other information about what is portrayed in the photos, please let us know about that, also.

We thank you for any assistance you may provide. Forward info to: wings@mtdata.com, rdsnow1@verizon.net, or lois187@gmail.com —Ginny Rockwood

Selectboard Corner

(Continued from Page 1) enjoyed the library very much. This gift by her sons, and her long community support, will be written into our annual town meeting for acceptance.

We also are happy to report that the Herron family has donated eleven-plus acres behind PRES for future plans that might include hiking trails. This also will be written into town meeting for acceptance. Both properties have been transferred over to the town and recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

The new highway truck has arrived, and David Brooks has been busy getting it into service and hauling sand with it. We have also declared surplus equipment that the town no longer needs. There is a 1993 Ford dump truck, including an eleven-foot plow and sander. There is also a 1986 police motorcycle, dual purpose bike (road and off-road) with only 1,000 miles on it. Minimum bids are \$3,000.00 for the truck and \$2,000.00 for the bike. All bids must be received by January 15th, addressed to the Board of Selectmen. Bids will be reviewed by the board and awarded to the highest bidder at or above the required minimum bid for that item.

In other news the Police Department has advised the Selectboard of excessive speed on Brattleboro road. They have politely put out the speed board for courtesy, but unfortunately it has been ignored. We support enforcement of speed limits. This is a warning by the Board that Police officers will issue speeding tickets, and not warnings, for speeds over the limit. There have also been reports of vehicles not stopping at the stop sign at the bottom of Frizzell Hill.

Also there are still some dogs that have not been licensed. This is a public health issue regarding rabies. This Board has used numerous Town resources and funds for enforcement. We have instructed the dog officer, handled by the Police Department, to take corrective action to ensure public safety.

Leyden Life is a very important tool for reaching out to the community, and the Selectboard will continue to use it to inform people and build support for our 2014 agenda.

Again, Happy New Year to all.

—Respectfully yours, Jeff, Barbara, Bill

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Seeking Bids on Town Vehicles

The Town of Leyden is soliciting bids on the following vehicles:

- ❖ **1993 Ford 8000 Series**, 250 hp diesel, 7-yard dump truck with 11-foot snow plow. 105,800 miles (7,845 hours). Fair condition. **Minimum bid — \$3,000.00.** This vehicle can be seen at the Highway Department at 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Call for appointment at 413-774-5520.
- ❖ **2006 ATK Police Motorcycle**, dual purpose (road and off-road), 1,000 miles. **Minimum bid — \$2,000.00.** This vehicle can be seen by appointment. Call 413-552-3185.

Bids are due in writing by Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 3:00 PM to Town of Leyden Selectboard, 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01337. Faxes are accepted at 413-7752-0146. Please mark the bid with "1993 Ford" or "2006 ATK" as appropriate. The Town has the right to reject any and all bids that it determines are not in the best interest of the town.

Call Bob Hardesty at 413-774-4111 with questions.

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

News from Preschool & Kindergarten

In math we are continuing to work on counting and number identification. Everyday a student leader helps us to count the number parade, and make addition equations on the 120 poster. Students have been practicing counting by tens and are learning about math drawings (how to represent numbers with a quick symbolic picture). We've also been playing number bingo and learning about shapes. Children have used pattern blocks to make shapes and fill in shape puzzles. The kindergarten class is working hard on the numbers 11-19 and learning to conserve the ten in teen numbers. For example, if we are thinking about the number 13 we can see it as one group of ten plus three ones. We use manipulatives, math drawings, and our fingers to help us do this work.

In literacy we continue to work on our alphabet. Children are learning to identify capital and lowercase letters and are thinking about the sounds that each letter can make. Kindergarten will soon be transferring these skills to their reading and writing. We also do weekly lessons in our Handwriting Without Tears books, where children focus on proper letter formation. Recently we introduced the stamp and see screens to the preschool class where they used mini magna doodle type boards to stamp letters with magnets, and then practice writing them on the boards with a magnet pen.

Please remember to send in warm mittens, hats, boots, and snow pants for outdoor recess. Also check to see that your child has an extra set of clothing appropriate for the winter season. If you have not sent in a snack for our classroom recently please consider picking up a snack over the winter break. We are down to our last boxes of Cheerios and goldfish.

—Ellen Dandeneau

Fred 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 college counselors, or from the Leyden Town Clerk during normal business hours. All applications, recommendation letters and official transcripts now need to be postmarked no later than **Thursday, March 20, 2014. Please note that this is a new deadline date, moved forward from the April 1st date used in previous years.**

Please call Lois at 774-4092 for further information if needed.

Town Clerk

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DOG LICENSES

2014 dog licenses have arrived and will be available on January 6th. Licenses cannot be issued without proof of current rabies vaccination. Also, residents are reminded that *cash is no longer accepted* due to security and the lack of a Town safe.

The following license fees apply:

Male neutered and female spayed	\$10.00
Male and Female intact	\$15.00
Kennel License 1-4 dogs	\$30.00
Kennel License 5-10 dogs	\$40.00
Kennel License more than 10 dogs	\$50.00

ABSENTEE VOTERS

Residents are reminded that all absentee ballot applications for Calendar Year 2013 have been deleted. In accordance with M.G.L. Ch.54, Sec. 89, absentee ballot applications are valid only within the calendar year in which they are received. Please remind out-of-town college students they must re-apply if they wish to vote absentee.

—Bob Hardesty

Note from the Editors

Thanks to all who have helped us "go electronic" by sending your email addresses, or letting us know your preferences. It will be a few more month before we are ready to make any significant changes. If you have already indicated that you are happy with an *e-Leyden Life*, please do not be dismayed if you still receive a hard copy. We're working on our lists, and trying to find a way to deliver paper copies only to those addresses that are not receiving the electronic copy.

—Editors

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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.

Free paint. Free cans of paint, various kinds, colors and vintages. Mostly quarts or interior latex semi-gloss or gloss. Call the Reids at 774-5146.

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. 10% of all purchases made in November and December will be donated to the Warm the Children Fund.

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, 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.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

EGGS & EXTRAS: I sell organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Winter crops include leeks, shoots, and microgreens. To get weekly updates about eggs and vegetables, email me to be placed on the Eggs & Extras Email List.

FARM SHARES: Call or email if you want to know more or to reserve a share of Leyden-grown, fresh, organic vegetables and flowers for 2014. For pictures of the shares, go to Sweet Morning Farm's blog or facebook page.

—Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325,
laurat@crocker.com, <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>

Lovely Leyden

Rivers, hillsides, meadows cascading down the valley
Sunsets, sunrises illuminating the sky, filling my palette
Soft spoken country folks whispering folklore
Animals peeking through forest vortexes
Sacred land and space with ancestors still present
We Leydenites are truly blessed with lives of
quiet, solitude and beauty.

—Linda Romano in honor of the RML Centennial

Fire Chief – Town of Leyden Volunteer Fire Department

The Town of Leyden is seeking a qualified individual to serve as Fire Chief for the Leyden Volunteer Fire Department. This is a part-time call position. Duties include, but are not limited to, responding to fire alarms and other emergencies; drafts and recommends fire service policy to Selectboard; conducts department-related inspections; prepares and controls the annual departmental budget; supervises, trains, assigns, and evaluates department personnel; interviews and recommends new appointees for Selectboard approval.

Valid MA Commercial Driver's License (CDL Class 2) required. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma, plus specialized firefighting training; minimum of 4-5 years firefighting experience; thorough knowledge of principles and practices of municipal fire service administration; thorough knowledge of fire suppression and inspection, and firefighting apparatus; considerable knowledge of principals and practice as applied to a fire department consisting of call personnel. Salary is dependent upon budget allocation approved at Town Meeting. Send resume and cover letter to Board of Selectmen, Town of Leyden, 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01337 by 3:00 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. EOE.

Call 413-774-4111 for job description.

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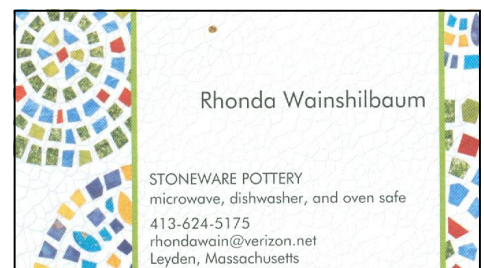
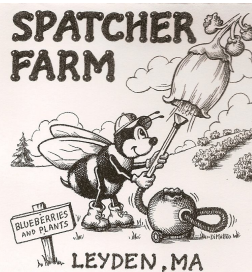
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—Ginny Rockwood

