

# Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

October 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 October 6<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 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 [leydeselectboard@crocker.com](mailto:leydeselectboard@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.

### OCTOBER MEETINGS

Tue	Oct 4	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed,	Oct 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu,	Oct 6	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Thu,	Oct 6	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed,	Oct 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu,	Oct 13	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Mon,	Oct 17	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue,	Oct 18	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed,	Oct 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu,	Oct 20	9:00 AM	Selectboard (at PRES Cafeteria)
Thu,	Oct 27	6:45 PM	Selectboard

(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](http://www.townofleyden.com). Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to the Municipal Assistant. —*Select Board*



## Pastel Workshop

The Leyden Cultural Council will host award-winning artist, Gregory John Maichak, at Town Hall on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bunburyfarm@aol.com) to pre-register for this class.

## Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

No births, deaths, or marriages were reported in August.

### 2016 STATE/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The State and Presidential Election Day is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Town Hall.

The last day to register to vote in the State Election is Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you will be out of town during polling hours, please consider applying for an absentee ballot. Thank you.

—Elizabeth Johnson

[leydentownclerk@crocker.com](mailto:leydentownclerk@crocker.com)

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](mailto:leydentownclerk@crocker.com)

The Leyden Historical Commission presents

# GHOSTS and GRAVESTONES

An Evening of Historical Tours  
at Leyden's South Cemetery

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**  
Adults \$10.00 & Children \$7.00  
Tours leave the Leyden Town Hall  
at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 PM  
by Hay Wagon  
Please call 774-2694 or 772-0924  
to reserve your seat, spaces limited

Come early to enjoy a film, children's seasonal crafts, a raffle, and refreshments.

Wear sturdy shoes and BYOF  
(bring your own flashlight.)

## 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.)

Fourteen young people participated in this summer's reading program, and as a group read 21,104 pages! Congratulations to all. Reading the greatest number of pages was Ben Hunsicker followed by Rebecca Rodgers, Harper Briggs, Sammy Underwood, Lucja Yagodinski, and Emma Snow. Others who also received certificates to the World Eye Bookshop include Amber Kowal, Aaron Meuse, Aaliya Johnson, Daniel Yagodinski, Sophia Manewich, Stella Lepore, Aaden Foley, and Abigail Lawall. Presentation of awards and gift certificates for PRES students was held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. A 'Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Party' was held on Saturday, September 24, at the Leyden Café.

As a result of weeding books from overcrowded shelves, a number of non-fiction books are available for \$1.00 apiece. They are located just inside the library door in the bookcase to the right. Come in and browse! Everything from self-help, cookbooks, science tomes and even art books are up for grabs.

Recent visitors from Rowe fell in love with our little library and marveled at our selection of materials and the welcoming, cheerful ambiance of our tiny space. If you haven't visited for a while, please do! Everything is available for your reading, viewing and/or listening pleasure, and there is no cost involved.

Happy fall to you!

—Chris Johnston



### 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 is donating a fall table decoration, which will be raffled off on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Café. You can get a free raffle ticket with your coffee that day! Flu shots may be available also.

The Café will be open November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election Day.

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

## 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Doris Glabach will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please help her celebrate by sending her a card or note at:*

*Doris Glabach, 88 Main Street, Apt. 17,  
Northfield, MA 01360*

*Thanks, Bill & Mary Glabach & Family*

## Leyden Life Lowdown

### EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com), Carolyn Asbury at [carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.asbury@gmail.com), and Bob Taylor at [bobxtwo@verizon.net](mailto:bobxtwo@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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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 Spirit Fire and Anonymous for donations and to Liz Kidder and Laura Timmerman 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

Published monthly in Leyden, Massachusetts by a non-profit group of volunteers.

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Layout and Design: Bob Taylor 624-8965

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

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## COA (Council on Aging)

### Leyden COA October Events & Notices

October already? Where on earth did September go??

⇒ Exercise classes with Linda Allis continue on Mondays, from 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM, upstairs at Town Hall. These classes are free and open to all, and incorporate music, movement and strength building exercises, not to mention a healthy dose of laughter, courtesy of Linda. Come and join the fun! You can call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436 to register or just show up on Monday at noon. See you there!

⇒ A discussion the Part D Annual Open Enrollment will take place after the exercise class on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at Town Hall. Lorraine York-Edberg, Program Director for the Western Regional SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone with Medicare) Program will discuss Part B enrollment and some of the important changes and updates for Medicare Beneficiaries. Lorraine will be available after the presentation for questions. In the (very) confusing world of Health Insurance, Medicare and additional coverage options, it is great to be able to have Lorraine share her knowledge of how to navigate through the system. *Light Refreshments will be served.*

⇒ The *Leyden Lunch Group* will enjoy the “Tastes of Fall” on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 NOON with a traditional autumn menu that will make your mouth water! The menu is: Butternut/Apple Soup, Pork Medallions w/Gravy, Rice, Spice Cake or no sugar added Baked Apples w/Topping.

If you would like to join us, but have special dietary needs, please let us know when you make your reservations – we are happy to accommodate guests’ requests whenever possible. To make reservations (strongly recommended) please call Sue Howarth at 774-3118 by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

⇒ The ‘MOVIE NIGHTS’ series this month will feature *Little Miss Sunshine* on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> on the Big Screen from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Town Hall. *All ages are welcome!* This is a quirky comedy with a wonderful ensemble cast. Pudgy, bespectacled, 7-year-old Olive voices her desire to take home the coveted Little Miss Sunshine crown at an upcoming beauty pageant. Her wildly dysfunctional family sets out on an interstate road trip to help her realize her dream. Family members include the family patriarch (outspoken motivational speaker Greg Kinnear), his increasingly annoyed spouse (Toni Collette), a teenage brother (Paul Dano) who has taken a vow of silence until he finds his fate as a fighter pilot; a grandfather (Alan Arkin) with a penchant for creative profanity; and a suicidal uncle and Proust scholar (Steve Carell) still reeling about losing both his lover and his

MacArthur Foundation genius grant. The stage is set for a road trip in which sanity takes a back seat. *Rated R (for language, and some sex and drug content.)*

⇒ Here’s something a lot of Leydenites may be interested in: on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a guided tour of Leyden Historical sites, led by Lance Fritz and Bill Glabach. The COA Cadillac will be pressed into service, with additional cars as necessary. The group will meet at Town Hall at 1:45 PM, and the tour will begin at 2:00 PM and continue until we’re all tired and want to go home. (And don’t forget: the Leyden Historical Society is having an event on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> in South Cemetery where we all get to dress up as someone from Leyden’s past. Who do you want to be? William Dorrill? Just don’t try walking on water....)

⇒ Coming soon: next month the final version of an illustrated brochure entitled: “Leyden Neighbor to Neighbor Helpers,” containing very useful information for the town’s seniors and disabled citizens, will be reviewed by the Board and approved for publication. Printing should take place during October (courtesy of Triad) and the brochure will be available at the beginning of November. Keep an eye out at Town Hall for these colorful brochures jam-packed with helpful information which will also be mailed out to senior households. Many thanks to Amy St. Clair for both the idea and for making it happen!

⇒ For those Leyden residents who are covered by MassHealth, a ‘Prescription for Transportation’ is available. Form PT-1 must be filled out by a MassHealth provider and submitted to the Department of Medical Assistance on your behalf. Once this is approved and in place, the FRTA bus service will pick you up at your home, bring you to the doctor’s office or hospital, and then return you to your home. For further details, please contact MassHealth at 1-800-841-2900.

⇒ How would you like to share photography, travel experiences or other special interests on a casual basis, once a month or so, with a small group of people with similar interests? If you are interested, please call Amy at 774-6907.

⇒ **SAVE THE DATE!** On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Leyden Veterans and their families are invited to attend a breakfast hosted in their honor from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at Leyden Town Hall. We look forward to serving you a hearty breakfast in appreciation of your service to our country. Please join us!

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

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.*

## WiredWest

The September WiredWest Board of Directors meeting was held in Cummington on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Leyden's representatives, Al Woodhull and Sheila Hourihan, both attended.

Some organizational issues were on the agenda. Delegates David Dvore (Rowe) and Jeremy Dunn (Beckett) were elected to fill vacant seats on the Executive Committee. Jim Drawe (Cummington) was elected Chairperson, Charley Rose (Worthington) is now Vice-Chairperson, Jeremy Dunn is now Vice-Treasurer, and David Dvore is Town Liaison. A first reading was made of a proposed bylaw change to set the size of the Executive Committee as at least five but no more than nine members.

We have been asked what is happening with WiredWest. We'll describe here three aspects. The first two are the roles WiredWest can have in the network design and building phase, and then later when networks are put into operation. The third is the role that WiredWest plays in helping people from small towns share information and learn from each other.

**Network design and construction:** The state, acting through the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), has decided that every town must completely own its own broadband network and must take complete responsibility for building it as a prerequisite for getting one third of the cost from state aid. This effectively makes one part of WiredWest's original plan, building a cooperatively owned regional network, no longer a possibility. However, WiredWest is still committed to assisting towns with the planning and construction phase. Currently many towns, including Leyden, are going through a process of demonstrating to MBI their ability to follow through on financing and operating a broadband network. A large part of the July Board of Directors meeting (which incidentally was held in Leyden, with a number of Leyden residents observing) was devoted to sharing information about the documents and procedures that MBI has asked each town to go through to be certified as ready to build.

Although towns have the option of taking a different course, construction of most town networks will likely be handled by contractors selected by MBI. Major construction projects inevitably deviate from best laid plans, and typically a municipality designates someone to be the Owner's Project Manager (OPM), representing the owner of what is being built. This person oversees the building process, negotiates about unforeseen or unbudgeted problems, and deals on behalf of the owner with change orders. Understanding that many towns may not have a town engineer or other person with the technical background to do this for a network project, WiredWest is looking into hiring someone to do this during design and construction on behalf of towns wanting such assistance.

**Network operation:** Designing and building a network will be a major step forward, but a network will not run itself. WiredWest always intended to do more than build a network. It also planned from the beginning to operate the network, believing that a regional network operated by a non-profit entity could overcome many of the obstacles that made private profit-seeking corporations uninterested in making the investments required to provide services to our towns. Now that the state and the towns have agreed to subsidize the capital expense of providing a network, these companies are more interested in serving us and making profit from it. But many who have been working with WiredWest over the years still believe that a non-profit cooperative can provide better and less expensive service. WiredWest is taking steps towards becoming a player when towns have completed building their networks. Since it became clear that WiredWest would not be the builder, the organization has focused on how to operate the networks to be built. There are many different aspects of operating a network, three

major ones being customer support (handling requests for service, billing, sales, technical support), maintaining the network (servicing and maintaining equipment, connecting new customers, repairing damage), and performing the services of an Internet Service Provider (ISP). WiredWest is looking at becoming an integrator of such services—contracting with other companies with experience in these aspects, with WiredWest serving as the contact point for customers. In August WiredWest issued a Request for Information (RFI) asking companies if they might be interested in responding to later Requests for Proposals (RFPs). Replies have been coming in. The WiredWest Executive Committee has meetings scheduled with several companies in the next month. There is detailed information about the RFI on the <http://www.wiredwest.net> website. A preliminary description of the new WiredWest operating plan, called model A2, also has been posted.

**Information exchange:** Leyden's continued membership in WiredWest has a value independent of the extent to which Leyden may or may not use services provided by WiredWest. Meetings and the network of people from other towns with similar concerns provide information about questions and problems encountered. For example, a question that has been discussed but not answered at meetings of the Leyden Broadband Committee is price elasticity. Since building a network as efficiently as was originally envisioned is no longer possible, basic Internet service is likely to cost more than the \$49 per month that was projected when WiredWest first started surveying interest. At this time nobody really knows how much people are willing to pay for various service levels. At the recent meeting Worthington delegate Charley Rose described a survey being conducted to answer these questions there, and we will make the survey forms (and results when compiled) available to the Leyden Broadband Committee.

As another example, a new section has been created on the web site to share useful information. The main website address is <http://wiredwest.net/>, click on the "Advice for Towns" tab to see the new section. Rowe, one of the first towns to complete the MBI readiness process, has posted all their documents and some suggestions for other towns. In the process Rowe looked carefully at a document MBI has created laying out a policy regarding the payment schedule for the Last Mile, now also posted on the Advice for Towns page. Rowe and several other towns are objecting to the terms, especially that the final payment in full is due 120 days after signing the construction contract, regardless of whether work has even started. That leaves towns with no leverage when it comes time to approve the completed project. We expect that Leyden will also want to weigh in on this.

WiredWest is trying to stay on top of how MBI is using state money. Of \$50 million originally budgeted for state aid to bring broadband to towns like ours, MBI reserved ten percent, \$5M, for financing its internal operations. Another \$5M was reserved for expanding service in towns partially served by cable. These towns are not happy that MBI decided it needed twenty percent of that, or \$1M, for administration of the gift of \$4M to Comcast to expand its cable service. Even so, the amount per household that the state is giving to Comcast is close to twice as much as the state will contribute per household for broadband in unserved towns. Our towns are supposed to contribute twice that amount themselves.

With years of experience working on this project, and with a Board of Directors that includes many Select Board and Financial Committee members who understand clearly how towns work, WiredWest is still helping us navigate our way to the completion of this project.

—Al Woodhull, delegate to WiredWest

—Sheila Hourihan, alternate delegate to WiredWest

## 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.

**Wood for sale:** We have one cord of split, stacked, seasoned hard wood for sale. It's 12-24 inches in length (the majority is 16-18 inches long). The buyer will need to pick it up (we'll help load it). The price is \$175. Call Ken or Beth at 774-2820.

**Selling many things**—if interested in items, please call Linda at 413-624-3334. Books, exercise equipment, wooden entertainment center, cedar hope chest, meat slicer, rotisserie, rug, runners, odds and ends. Time to de-clutter!

**Microsoft Surface Pro 3 Cover.** Brand new, non-keyboard cover, never opened. **Free.** Call Bob at 624-8965.

**FREE Janssen spinet piano.** Good condition, needs tuning. Call Michele at 773-7948.

**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](http://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](mailto: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

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**Maple Run Farm:** Natural Romney yarn is for sale for knitting or weaving, processed chemical-free at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

## Angels' Rest

Yoga, yoga, Tai Chi! Join a retreat weekend or come as a commuter and enjoy meals, instruction, and the facility at Angels' Rest.

♦ **October 7-10: Tao Basics/Associate Instructor Training Retreat with Marie Favorito and Sharon Smith**

♦ **October 14-16: Focused Flow Yoga with Michele Laura**

See our website [www.AngelsRestRetreat.com](http://www.AngelsRestRetreat.com) for more details and contact the group leaders for day or weekend pricing. Discount for Leyden residents.

## Sweet Morning Farm CSA

**VEGGIES:** Our farm shares are nearing their conclusion but we just planted spinach and salad greens for the winter. We have extra vegetables available most weeks. Let us know if you would like to be notified about what is available each week.

**EGGS:** Organically grown chicken and duck eggs.

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

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

## Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

## Principal's Office

Dear PRES Families,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many families who have given their time and talents to clean up and beautify our school grounds. If you are looking for other ways to get involved, please contact our PTO president, Jenny Blythe.

The PRES school council is looking for new members. We will hold our first meeting on October 5, 2016 at 6:00pm. The school council helps develop our school improvement plan, reviews the student handbook, and lends the family/community perspective in the budget process. If you are interested in participating, please join us on October 5 in the PRES cafeteria for a half hour prior to open house. Children are welcome during this meeting.

As the weather cools off, please remember to send students to school with an outer layer. The school is still quite toasty inside, but it is chilly in the mornings outdoors. Students will be going outdoors for PE and recess, where they may be cold.

—Warmly, Mrs. Deanna LeBlanc

## Revised Early Release Dates &amp; Times!

Please be advised of a new early release schedule for Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences. The new schedule is as follows:

## Elementary Only

NO early release on Thursday, November 10th

Wednesday, 11/16: 12:15 Early Release

Thursday, 11/17: 1:45 Early Release

## Upcoming Events

**September 21:** Instrument Rental Night, 6:30-7:30PM, NES Cafe

**October 5:** School Council Mtg., 6:00

PRES Open House, 6:30 – 7:30PM

**October 10:** Columbus Day, NO SCHOOL

**October 21:** No School, Teacher In-Service Day

**November 8:** Report Cards go home

**November 11:** Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL

**November 16 – 18:** Parent Teacher Conferences

**November 23:** Early Dismissal @ 12:00

**November 24 – 25:** Thanksgiving Recess

## Linda Romano

Fall wellness: Don't fall back in your wellness care. Massage/Bodywork/ Movement therapies await you. Short/longer sessions are available. Warming scents, colors flavor this season, Enjoy! Call Linda at 413-624-3334.

—Linda Romano

[romanohealing@gmail.com](mailto:romanohealing@gmail.com)

## Leyden Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting group meets two or three times each month, usually on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at Town Hall and on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday evenings at varying locations. Please call Peggy at 774-5764, Laura at 773-8325, or Amy at 774-6907 for more information.

All ages and all experience levels are welcome, and really any kind of portable handicraft is fine. Just bring your project, ideas, and questions.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle"

Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links.



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