

# Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

July/August 2018

**Selectboard Office Hours:**  
Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
**Tax Collector:**  
Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
**Assessors Office:**  
Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00 PM

## Select Board Office

### SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Mondays, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM upstairs in the meeting hall. To be added to the agenda email [selectboard@townofleyden.com](mailto:selectboard@townofleyden.com) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Anyone not on the posted agenda is welcome to address the Select Board at the end of the meeting during the “Citizens’ concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting” agenda item time slot.

### JULY MEETINGS

Mon, July 2	7:00 PM	Select Board
Thu, July 5	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed, July 11	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, July 16	7:00 PM	Select Board
Mon, July 16	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, July 17	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the
Wed, July 18	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors (church)

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).

### AUGUST MEETINGS

Wed, Aug 1	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Aug 2	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Mon, Aug 6	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Aug 8	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, Aug 14	9:00 AM	Board of Health (At the Police Station)
Wed, Aug 15	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Aug 20	7:00 PM	Select Board
Mon, Aug 20	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Aug 21	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the Church)

## Leyden List

### DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

We would like to start a list of people and service providers that you have had good experiences with, similar to Angie’s List but just for Leyden. This list would include electricians, plumbers, plowing, yard work, housecleaning, carpentry and contractors, handymen etc.

If you have had a good person do a good job, please let us know and we will put them on the list and we will recommend them to other people who are looking for someone. Amy at 774-6907 or [amy.woodsprite@gmail.com](mailto:amy.woodsprite@gmail.com).

## Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages — None  
Births — None  
Deaths — William Harris, May 15; Mary Beth Morgan, June 7.

### TOWN CLERK HOURS

As many of you know I work in the Greenfield Public School District, so my hours over summer vacation may vary starting June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please notify me by email or phone if you need to come in to the office at a specific time.

—Thank you, Nicole Glabach, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Office Hours are usually Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, or by appointment. However, hours may vary during the summer.  
Telephone 774-4111, Ext. 3, or Cell/Text at 413-362-9378  
Email: [townclerk@townofleyden.com](mailto:townclerk@townofleyden.com)

## Democratic Committee Leyden Democratic Town Meeting

Leyden Democrats will hold their August meeting on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall. The agenda will include support for the “Massachusetts Medicare for All” bill and other ballot questions, new voter registration, and preparation for the September primaries and the November elections.

For more information or your ideas for the agenda please contact Pam Brown at [413.774.3216](tel:413.774.3216) or [pambrown01301@gmail.com](mailto:pambrown01301@gmail.com). (Please call to request childcare as well.)

—Pam Brown, Chair, Leyden Democratic Committee



## New Leyden Telephone Directory is Available

The new Leyden Directory has been printed, and is available at Robertson Memorial Library and Town Hall

—Amy St. Clair



## Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday and Wednesday 1:00 – 6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON  
Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

**Marie Lovley** is the lucky winner of the art donated by **Pat Little** as a fund-raiser for the library. We raised over \$200 to support the library and child-related activities sponsored by the RML. Too bad, so sad for the rest of us who hoped to win Pat's beautiful fall scene. We sincerely thank Pat for her generosity! If you'd like to see other pieces she's done, visit the library.

Summer means flowers, and the window boxes are alive with color. **Ken and Holly Spatcher** gave us a number of flowers to decorate the exterior, and we thank them very much for their generosity! What would we do without the kindness of others?

**Trueman Robbins** keeps an eye on the flowers and is quick to drive up to the fire department water source, fill a couple of buckets, and water the plants. His help is greatly appreciated, and should you meander by, please stop and check the flowers. Because we are not open every day, I worry that they will be thirsty. The overhang of the roof prohibits the rain water from reaching them, so we have to be very attentive!

The **summer reading program** began on June 13<sup>th</sup>, and it will run until September 10<sup>th</sup>. Interested participants can sign up any time during the summer by merely calling me or visiting the library for a brochure and "Books Read" sheet. Parents, please involve your children in reading for pleasure this summer! PRES students visited the library on June 18<sup>th</sup>, and signed up to participate if they wished. What nice young people they are!

Another fund raiser is in the works. Visit the library to learn more!

Enjoy the beauty of nature!

—Chris Johnston



Pat Little draws the winning ticket, and the artwork goes to . . .  
Marie Lovley!

## 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 Lois and Fred Feldman, Angels' Rest, Spirit Fire for contributions and to Michele Higgins, Lois Feldman, David Curtis for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Barbara Wallace, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

**Don't Trash Leyden  
Please don't litter!**

**Take empty cans and bottles  
home with you for disposal.**

## 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 Café



The Café is closed  
for July and  
August.  
We will re-open on  
September 16th.

—Amy St. Clair

## Leyden Life

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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

**Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the drop box at the back of Town Hall.

**Donations are always welcome!** Send to:  
Leyden Life c/o Reid  
30 West Leyden Road  
Leyden, MA 01337

### Leyden Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting group meets several times each month. Evening/home dates have not yet been set, so contact Peggy Brown (774-5764) or Laura Timmerman (773-8325) for details or if you would like to host or attend a knitting group get-together.

Knitters meet most Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 at the Leyden Town Hall. Contact Michele Higgins (772-1924) about the Town Hall knitting time. Michele sends a weekly email with that week's details.

All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Happy knitting!

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



—Laura

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Leyden COA is compiling a list of people of all ages willing to help out occasionally with either indoor or outdoor chores for seniors or disabled persons. Indoor chores might be helping out with cleaning or minor indoor repairs. Outdoor chores might be snow shoveling or yard help. This can be on a volunteer basis or fee for service. Our goal is to help seniors and people with disabilities on limited incomes to be able to age in place and stay in their homes. Advocates to drive and go to medical appointments and help people without family nearby are also needed. Call Amy at 774-6907.



### Leyden Olympic Games

Here's a sampling of the activities at the first Leyden Olympic Games, held on June 2nd.

Kids and adults alike enjoyed the games and the lunch that followed.

Medals were awarded for each event. The games and lunch were sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Photos provided by Michele Higgins



**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.

**Massage Service:** Engage in your wellness and treat yourself at West Woods Massage in Greenfield. Whether you are looking for general relaxation or have a specific focus, I am here to support you. Call Abbi Pratt at 413-281-1755 or email [awestwood@massagetherapy.com](mailto:awestwood@massagetherapy.com).

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors Handywoman Service:** Are you looking for someone to help with light yard work such as mowing, brush clearing, weeding or someone to put up a garden fence or paint a wood shed, or other odd jobs? Or maybe you would like some help making lunch for an elderly parent or have someone spend time with them while you take care of other business.

I can help you with all those things and more. No job too small. Just ask! Affordable rates. Call Melissa Sims at 413-834-3843.

**Free Firewood:** Pine; cut, split, dry and covered. I can help you load. Good for outdoor boiler, campfires or sugaring. Call Bill Maguire at 774-5330.

**Glenbrook Structures:** Need a chicken coop or a dog kennel at a reasonable price? Various sizes and designs are available. Call Michelle Barton or Chris Kemp at 774-4545 to place an order. We're also on Facebook and Craigslist.

**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.

**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!

**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](mailto:ovfarm@verizon.net). Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

**Stall Clean-outs:** We are looking for manure, bedding, and other compostable materials such as old hay, leaves, etc. Call Robin or Laura at 773-8325.

**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

**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.

**Sweet Morning Farm**

2018 FARM SHARES Farm shares for 2018 are in full swing. It's fun to share the summer bounty—cucumbers, squash, beans, tomatoes, greens, lettuce, currants, carrots, flowers, etc.

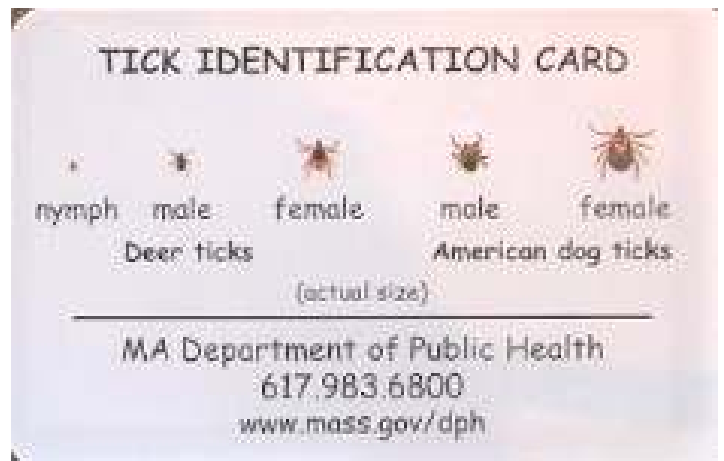
Sometimes our farm members travel or otherwise cannot use their share that week. When that happens, we like to give their share to someone else, (for free). If you would like to be on the list of potential people who would like to fill in, get in touch. It's a nice way to see what a farm share is like.

We generally have some extra items and keep the porch refrigerator stocked with eggs, pork, and extra vegetables. To receive notices about what's available, sign up for our Email News at [sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com). We always have organically-grown, pasture-raised eggs and pork.

You may also see us at the weekly **Shelburne Falls Farmers' Market** on Friday afternoons and at the **Hilltown Farmers' Market** in Colrain (at Greenfield and Coombs Roads) on the third Sunday of each month, 12:00 NOON to 4:00 PM. .

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

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<http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>



Olympic Champions



Who jumped the longest distance?

# Leyden Democratic Party Meeting

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7:00 PM at Town Hall



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