Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

December 2018

Select Board 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, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 7:00 PM upstairs in the meeting hall. To be added to the agenda email selectboard@townof leyden.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.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Mon,	Dec 3	7:00 PM	Select Board
Tue,	Dec 6	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed,	Dec 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon,	Dec 10	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed,	Dec 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon,	Dec 17	7:00 PM	Select Board
Mon,	Dec 17	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue,	Dec 18	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at
Wed.	Dec 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors the Church)
NO DECEMBER MEETING			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.



Select Board

The Select Board thanks Bob Hardesty for his many years of dedicated service and hard work for the town and wishes him the best.

Thanks also to Peggy Kaeppel for 30 years with School Committee. This has been a great service to the Town.

We have hired Michele Giarusso to fill the Administrative Assistant position, due to the retirement of Bob Hardesty,

effective November 30th. Michele is a former Town Select Board member and current Chair of the Finance Committee, as well as Chair of the Heart Committee and sits on the Advisory Committee at the FRCOG. Were very pleased to have her on board as this is a very important position for our Town.

Old Man winter has already been upon us by the time you read this, and the town is well prepared for the winter season. David has his salt shed loaded up, and the old Freightliner is back from having a new body put on it.

The new Ford 550 to replace the one that was lost to fire has been delivered and is being equipped with new plow and sander equipment. Remember that when the highway trucks are plowing, they are not to be passed and there is a 500-foot buffer

The new Ford 550 to replace the one that was lost to fire



Select Board (Continued)

zone from the rear of the truck. Please allow them to do their job without interference. As always, sand and salt will be available for town residents (non-commercial) in front of the Town Hall.

The highway and fire department buildings have all been painted, with the help of the Franklin Counties Sheriff's program. This allows some of the inmates to gain experience in work-related programs. They will be back in the next few weeks to paint the interior of the Town Hall. This program is a big benefit to local towns in Franklin County, and has saved the town thousands of dollars in tax-payer money.

Leyden Fire Chief Matt Muka has stepped down, and the Select Board is reviewing its options for fire protection for the town. The neighboring towns of Bernardston and Colrain still turn out when a call comes in. Our call fighters are still responding to calls, and Brian Pelitier has been appointed as officer in charge.

This is the time of year to make sure all your fire detectors are properly working and batteries have been checked or replaced, your furnaces and chimneys have been serviced or cleaned, and all combustibles have been removed from around your wood heating devices. Fire prevention is best measure, and these simple reminders are not costly.

Hunting for deer is now in season. Please respect the landowners and signs that are in place. What you carry into the woods should be carried out and disposed of properly at your home.

Wearing orange is required when you're hunting, and it's always recommended even if you're in the woods and not hunting. The season ends December 31st.

Coming in January, Leyden will initiate its demandresponse service. This is a State and locally funded service to provide rides (for a nominal fee) for individuals aged 60 and over. A care-giver may go along free. You may call to get a ride to an appointment, or to go shopping, etc.

Michele Giarusso, the new Town Administrative Assistant will have one-page forms for you to fill out to get you into the data base. Once you have been entered you simply call to schedule a ride. We encourage everyone 60 and over to fill out the forms, even if you don't believe you need it. You never know what tomorrow will bring, and when you need it there may not be time to fill out forms. *Please stop by Town Hall and fill out a form.* More information will be provided later.

—Happy Holidays, Bill, Lance and Jeff, Leyden Select Board

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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.)

It's difficult to fathom that Thanksgiving is past and Christmas will soon be upon us! Throughout the summer Priscilla Smith, a former BPL librarian, who now lives in Shelburne Falls, decided to visit the tiny libraries of western Massachusetts and to create a 2019 calendar featuring a dozen little buildings, including the RML, her favorite and the tiniest of all. Consider giving a 2019 calendar of The Tiniest Libraries of Western Massachusetts to friends and loved ones this Christmas. I will be taking orders until December 5, and the cost is \$16. One is on display at the library. Visit, email me (leydenlibrary@gmail.com) or call the library (773-9334) to place your order! 25% of each order will benefit the library.

Fall cleaning is underway! Erik Johnson did a marvelous job of cleaning the windows outside. He even removed storm windows to clean them, and now all surfaces are spotless. I worked on the inside, and now we can see the brilliance of fall, and we'll soon enjoy the splendor of winter through clean window panes. Thank you, Erik.

Next will be the bookshelves—cobwebs and dust be gone! Weeding old, unread materials will begin after January 1st.

In the early fall I submitted two lengthy forms to qualify for state aid. I'm thrilled to announce that we shall receive money to help pay for the extras that keep our library alive and well. It's nice to have a bit of money set aside for emergencies.

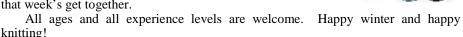
New books, DVDs and CDs await you! Visit soon!

—Happy Holidays, Chris Johnston

Leyden Knitting Group

The Leyden knitting group meets several times each month. Evening/home dates have not yet been set for December, 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.

Knitters meet every Tuesday, 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 about that week's get together.



Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle." Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links. —Laura Timmerman, 773-8325



Leyden Café



The **Leyden Café** is open **Sunday mornings**, 9:30—12:00, downstairs at Town Hall. Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn's delicious baked goodies along with Pierce Bros. coffee. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Café is going green! Bring your own mug and we will assign you a number and a hook to keep it on at the Café bar. Save a quarter on the price of coffee! We will be exploring having **Café mugs** made.

Holiday vendors are welcome all Sundays in December rather than one Market Day. Let Sue Carlson at 624-3695 or

susancarlson455@gmail.com know if you or someone you know is interested.

The Café will be **CLOSED** on DECEMBER 22nd and DECEMBER 29th for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

—Leyden Café Staff

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 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 <u>15th of the month</u>.

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 Angels' Rest and Spirit Fire for donations and to Michele Higgins and Lois Feldman for collating help.

Don't

Trash Leyden Please don't litter!

Take empty cans and bottles home with you for disposal.

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

Saturday, December 15th

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

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Meeting Santa Claus for the First time

Council on Aging

December's Holiday Celebration

Wednesday, December 19th at 11:00 AM.

The holidays are drawing near—it's time to celebrate!

So go and get your calendar and mark this special date.

For on this day, we have a plan that's sure to make you smile.

We'll sing some songs and share a mea all done in Yuletide style.

Yes, you can be included if you call the week before.

Come join us for the feast and song and share the joy galore! MENU: Baked ham, Scalloped potatoes, Vegetable casserole, and Tapioca pudding.

To make a reservation, please call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 by December 12, 2018.

CPR Training

The COA is going to sponsor CPR training on December 3rd at Town Hall from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. The fee will be determined by the number of participants. For sign-ups, call or leave a message with Karen Loomis at 642-3902.

Bright Lights Trip

The COA is offering a van trip to see the Bright Lights display on Monday, December 10th. We leave from Leyden Town Hall promptly at 5:30 pm. There will be a \$5.00 charge for each guest. To reserve your seat, please call Gilda at (413) 773-7932. Call soon—seats are limited!





Santa's Coming to Town!

Calling all Friends of Santa! He's making a special stop from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Auditorium on Sunday, December 16th to share cookies games and

16th to share cookies, games and *fun!* As we all know, Santa's a *very* busy gentleman, but he remembers his wonderful visit last year, and he looks forward to sharing treats and a story with all the children in our area again. Seeing the room *filled* with friends, young and old, will make him very happy. So invite everyone you know to join us and we'll put a big smile on Santa's face!

Call Sue Howarth at 774-3118 with any questions.

A very warm thank you to Michael and Irene Muka for the donation of an outdoor patio heater. This will certainly be appreciated during our winter skate parties!

—Sue Howarth, Recreation Committee

Annual Holiday Sing-Along

The annual Holiday Singalong at the Leyden United Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, December 23rd at 4:00 pm. Our neighbors are invited to join with friends and family for an up-lifting hour of songs we know and love throughout this joyous season. We would encourage solo and small-group performers of all ages to share their musical talents throughout the program. Don't be shy! Your contributions will make a wonderful event even more special! If you would like to share a favorite song, please contact Marilyn at (413) 522-1847.

PVRSD SPECIAL OLYMPICS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Calendar Raffle tickets are now available to purchase for just \$10! Your purchase will support our Special Olympics events that happen throughout the year. This is an *amazing* opportunity for our program to raise money.

Our district will receive all the money from every ticket sold, to support our program. We will be able to put the money towards new Special Olympics PE equipment, t-shirts, after-school unified bowling, awards, certificates and event celebrations! Please enter "PVRSD" for school group name when filling out the ticket info. This will give our district the money from each ticket sale.

If you are able, please help sell tickets—this is how our program is supported. You may also purchase raffle tickets online from the following link:

https://www.specialolymlpicsma.org/events/fundraising-events/calendar-raffle/

Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Sue Scott at scotts@pvrsdk12.org. Thank you for your support!



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Speed Warning

The Select Board has been receiving calls regarding vehicles speeding in the morning hours when the school buses are picking up students. Leyden Police are increasing patrols to monitor traffic during bus pick-up time periods.



Drug Disposal

Drug Disposal Box Now at Leyden Police Station

We can now safely dispose of unused medication at the Police Station!

Hours for disposal are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 PM.

If you are unable to get to the Police Station during those hours, just call the Leyden Police at the non-emergency number of 413-772-2369. State that you would like to have medication removed from your home, and be sure to leave your name and telephone number. A member of the police force will call you to arrange a pick-up time.



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-







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With the changing of the seasons shorter daylight hours. increasingly important to do we can to eniov outdoors safely. The best way to be safe outdoors is to visibility. increase vour Wearing a hunter's orange vest or other bright clothing is highly recommended when walking on the road and in the woods—for people as well as dogs.

BE SAFE, BE SEEN

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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.

Maple Syrup: Facey's Bree-Z-Knoll Farm & Sugarhouse invites you to think sweet thoughts about Christmas! We have pure Leyden maple syrup in all size containers. Call ahead any time at 774-3757.

For Sale & Free: Free: I have two 80# bags of concrete and an old oak three drawer dresser (good for storage) to give away. For sale: Four Michelin X-Ice snow tires 195/65R15 (fits Prius) in good condition- \$50 for set. Two Cordvan Centron P185/70R14 Mud and Snow tires in very good condition- \$15 each/two for \$25. If interested call Pam Brown at 413.774.3216 or email pambrown01301@gmail.com.

Free Rims and snow tires (215-60-R16) for 2003 Honda Accord. Call Wally at 774-5146.

Digitize your old slides: Your old 35mm slides scanned and digitized at 20 cents per slide (\$20 minimum order). You will need to provide a blank SD card or a thumb drive to which the scanned images will be saved. Call Jerry Levine at 624-5546.

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.

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 413-768-4618.

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. 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 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. 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

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If you are pondering gifts to share, consider the gift of healthful eating for you and your family or for friends. Farm Shares make an amazing gift, or you can give someone a farm gift certificate at our farm that they may use for eggs, meat, or vegetables of their choosing as they wish, or apply towards a farm share.

We will have fresh Leyden-grown spinach, salad and a variety of storage crops this winter. We also have pasture-raised pork and eggs all season. Our products are available at the farm or the Greenfield Winter Farmers' Market, December 1st and 15th. You can just stop by anytime during the day and see what we have, or sign up to receive updates about what's available.

We wish you all the best for a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2019.

—Robin Creamer and Laura Timmerman
Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325
sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm
http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/



Leyden Directory Update

There are additions to the Leyden Directory. These are available on address labels at the town hall and the library. Pick yours up and stick it in your directory to update it.



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