

# LEYDEN LIFE

LEYDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

SEPTEMBER 2019

<p><b>Select Board Office Hours:</b> Monday 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM Tuesday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM <b>Tax Collector Office Hours:</b> Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM <b>Assessors Office Hours:</b> Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NOTICE</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOWN HALL MEETINGS</b></p> <p><u>Board of Assessors:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30pm <u>Board of Health:</u> Not scheduled until there is a new chair <u>Conservation Commission:</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:30pm <u>Council on Aging:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 4:30pm <u>Historical Commission:</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00pm <u>Planning Board:</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00pm <u>Recreation Committee:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00pm <u>Select board:</u> Every Monday at 7:00pm (or as posted, not sure of summer months yet) (No meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of any month)</p> <p>* Any changes to these meeting dates or times will be posted separately. Meetings NOT held MONTHLY will be posted separately at Town Hall.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VITAL STATISTICS</b> No marriages, births or deaths reported.</p> <p>Town Clerk Office Hours are usually Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, or by appointment. Telephone 774-4111, Ext 3, or Call/Text at 413-362-9378. All calls and text messages to my personal cell phone will be answered when I am available (Mon-Fri)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you, Nicole Glabach, Town Clerk</i></p>	

## Selectboard Report

The Selectboard is very pleased with the exterior painting of the Town Hall by the Sheriff's Office Community Service Program. It is a huge savings for the town and the building looks brighter and clean.

At the same time we thank the volunteers for helping with the demolition of the kitchen to ready it for renovating. The sinks have all been replaced with stainless steel, the plumbing codes were followed to bring the kitchen up to current Board of Health standards for washing dishes and new tiles laid on part of the floor. The kitchen is now open to use. Please follow new instructions on how to use sinks.

The Council on Aging purchased new window shades to darken both the dining room and main hall for possibly adding more programs during the day where they show videos/movies.

The Highway Department is finishing up their summer maintenance projects. Mid County Road was repaved, East Hill Road widening and drainage issues were taken care of and more work will continue next year. Line painting of roads will be done shortly.

Foliage at the intersection of Zimmerman Hill and Brattleboro Road as you turn north/west up Zimmerman Hill makes it difficult to see. Please use caution. This is private land so the road crew cannot trim back.

We are still in talks with the School Committee on the intergovernmental agreement for the \$11,300 for payment for operating costs for the first year. Because our insurance company states we must occupy at least 31% of the square footage for a specified amount of time we may move a little faster in occupying the building. Insurance for vacant buildings is very costly.

Meanwhile, Bernardston will be voting on the school budget for FY 2020. Warwick is letting the time expire and not scheduling a town meeting vote so the full budget should be approved by late September.

In the future any utility company cutting of trees residents will have 2 weeks to remove for their own usage otherwise tree companies will be told to remove themselves. The downed trees are causing a hindrance to roadside mowing and maintenance of roads, not to mention future snow removal.

Respectfully,  
Jeff, Lance and Bill



## ROBERTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours:  
Mon.: 1-6:00 PM  
Wed.: 1-6:00 PM  
Sat.: 10-Noon

At some point in life the world's beauty becomes enough. You don't need to photograph, paint, or even remember it. It is enough." – **Toni Morrison**

Welcome to the last lazy and hazy days of summer! "A Universe of Stories" is wrapping up and I'm thrilled that all of the kiddos that participated read at least one thousand minutes. I can't wait to see the huge box of books that they earned for themselves! We will wrap up our program with a community event held on September 28<sup>th</sup> to sit under the stars. Come on over to the Town Common and bring a blanket and enjoy the night sky over our beautiful town. Let the world's beauty be enough.

We've had some busy days this summer, a few days we hit over 50 materials checked out! While we are talking numbers, here a few more that I calculated while doing our state aid report a few weeks ago: As of June 30<sup>th</sup> our little library had 5,279 pieces of material, 3,467 of those were checked out, folks walked in our doors 2,126 times and we were open a total of 686 hours. Leyden is full of readers!

Our small improvement projects will be starting this fall once school really gets going, our own personal honey-do-lists got a little too big this summer. Thank you to the amazing folks that help out – those that water the flowers, donate materials, donate prizes and most importantly donate their time.

Our shelves are overflowing with new material! New books from some of your favorite authors have, or will be arriving soon. Keep an eye out for the new C.J. Box, Louise Penny, Jacqueline Winspear, Archer Mayor, Jo Nesbo, Laura Lippman, Ann Cleeves, Ann Patchett, Margaret Atwood, David Baldacci and James Patterson. We also have a bunch of new movies on the way! There still is a big pile of overdue books- please don't be afraid to return them, we do not charge any late charges (but never turn down any volunteer time) In the next few weeks I'll start contacting those with tardy material.

Congratulations are in order for those that have won a prize from our monthly book review contest! We'll be drawing a gift certificate for West Woods massage, donated by Abbi Pratt, on September 4<sup>th</sup>, then our new prize will be for a beautiful journal made by Kathy Ruseckas.

Did you know that September is Library Card Sign up Month? If you haven't visited us in a while, come on in! September 6<sup>th</sup> is National Read A Book Day, and September 8<sup>th</sup> is International Literacy Day. It's a great time to pick up a book! Show us how you are celebrating by posting a photo on our Facebook page!

Karin Parks

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**School is back in session, please use caution on the roadways.**



## Leyden Council On Aging (COA)

We are back from our summer break and have some tasty meals planned as well as some new activities!

The first Wednesday luncheon will be Sept. 4th at 12 noon at the Town Hall. We will be serving pizza, salad and cookies.

The second luncheon will be on Sept. 18th at the PAVILION at the Ball Field (or the Town Hall in case of RAIN!) We will be serving hamburgers/hot dogs and ice cream! Come down and spend some quality time with your friends and neighbors! We will be serving up this tasty meal at noon.

Wednesday Coffee time will begin on Sept. 11th starting at 8:30a.m. The activity that day will be Applegams!

The next coffee hour will be on Sept.25th. We will be playing BINGO!

We are pleased to announce that Piper Sagan, who is a local nurse from Colrain, will be at the Town Hall on Sept. 25th at ten o'clock to do a foot clinic. Space is very limited. Please call Linda Allis (413-834-4417) to schedule an appointment. We will be adding more appointment times in the future if this proves to be popular. The cost is thirty dollars for a half hour session.

### MOVIE NIGHT!



The first movie of the season, *On the Basis of Sex*, will be on Friday, September 13th, 7-9 p.m. This inspiring and spirited true story follows young lawyer Ruth Bader Ginsburg (played by Felicity Jones) as she teams up with her husband Marty to bring a groundbreaking case before the U.S. Court of Appeals and overturn a century of gender discrimination. The movie premiered in 2018 in conjunction with Justice Ginsburg's 25th anniversary on the supreme court. It is rated PG-13. All ages are welcome.

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## Leyden Church

The Leyden Church Cafeteria is gearing up for the Franklin County Agricultural Society Fair in Greenfield. The dates are Thursday September 5th through Sunday September 8th. There are three shifts per day with eight volunteers needed per shift. We will be also looking for quick breads to go with our home cooked meals as well as baked goods for dessert.

With the three meals a day that are served we could use donations of non-perishable items to help cut down our cost so we can keep our little church on the hill stay open. (Our financial status is not good.)

You can call Gilda Galvis, 413-522-3186, Rita Klaus 774-5218 or Valerie Snow 413-772-0924 with any questions or to sign up for a shift.



## KNITTING CIRCLE

Leyden knitters meet every Tuesday afternoon, 1- 3, at the Leyden Town Hall. In addition, we will be meeting on Sunday, September 1, 6:30 - 8:30, at the home of Peggy Brown, 774-5764. On the first Sunday in October, we'll be meeting at the home of Laura Timmerman, 773-8325.

All are welcome to all our knitting times. Beginners and experts and other crafters.

For information, call Laura, Peggy, or Michele Higgens,  
[manerelejo@gmail.com](mailto:manerelejo@gmail.com)

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## Leyden Cultural Council

Save the Date! Thursday November 14 @ 6-8 PM with Gregory Maichack workshop "Sail away on the Craft of Pastel Painting", a hands on workshop : using sailboat references and Maichack's pastel version of Monet's Impressionist painting, "Sailboat at Le Petit-Gennevilliers." All participants create their own 12X18 pastel painting in this workshop. Call Peggy Brown @ 413 774-5764 or email [nianticgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:nianticgirl@yahoo.com) to reserve a spot.

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## Figtorium Open House and Farm Friends' Market

Celebrate Figtober at Dancing Bear Farm, 181 Frizzell Hill Road, Saturday, October 5, NOON to 5 p.m. Greenhouse tours at NOON, 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.; Frizzell Hill Farm goat barn tours at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Special fig appetizers provided by The Farm Table.

Music by Rob Skelton and Pitchfork, featuring forester/poet Mike Mauri.

In addition to figs, fig trees, tomatoes, peppers and other products from Dancing Bear Farm, we'll have Cheshire Garden's jams and vinegars; Ed Johnson's maple syrup; Frizzell Hill Farm's goat meat; Leyden Glen Farm's lamb — plus Kristin Nicholas' pottery and other creative goods — and hopefully more to come! End the day at The Farm Table in Bernardston for a fig-themed special entrée.

More info: Tom Ashley, 413-834-0143



## Leyden Life Lowdown

### EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com) AND Carolyn Asbury at [Carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.asbury@gmail.com) (it is important to send to both). Either attach a document, preferably in Word format, or include the information in the body of your text. If e-mail is not possible for you, call Cornelia at 774-5146.

The normal deadline for inputs is the 15th of the month by 5PM. Entries for the October issue are due Monday September 16th by 5PM.

If you would like to receive *Leyden Life*, either in e-mail or print copy, please email Cornelia and Carolyn at the above addresses, or call Cornelia. Please note that the e-mail version gets to you quicker, is more colorful, and saves us all time and money!

We still send a few copies by US Mail to former residents and Leyden lovers in other places. A year's subscription is \$9. Contact us please! Subscriptions are free to those in nursing homes or in the military.

### Thanks

Thanks to the Mallorys, Spirit Fire, Angels Rest, and the Council on Aging for donations this past two months. Many thanks to our faithful collators Lois Feldman, Michele Higgens, Liz Kidder, Barbara Wallace, and others, and to our wonderful deliverers Colleen Caffery, Marie Lovley, Marie Bartlett, Barbara Wallace, and Pat Little.

### WHAT WE ARE:

*Leyden Life* is published monthly in Leyden, Massachusetts by a non-profit group of volunteers.

We count on donations to cover the cost of our print copies, which are delivered by volunteers to the still-sizeable number of residents who do not receive email. A few extra paper copies are usually available at the Library.

To donate, volunteer, or ask questions, call or email Cornelia (774-5146; [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com))

### 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.



## LEYDEN CAFÉ

Welcome Back!

The Leyden Cafe is reopening for the Fall Season on September 15. We will welcome back everyone with a Seasonal Market Day to celebrate our return. Hours are 9:30-12 on Sundays. The library will be hosting children's story hour once a month this fall. We remain staffed by dedicated volunteers and have missed you all over the summer and each other. Please join us as we begin our 6th Season. Isn't it time you stopped by? Check out the kitchen improvements too.



## Notice from the Police Department

Section 120: Entry upon private property after being forbidden as trespass; prima facie evidence; penalties; arrest; tenants or occupants excepted

Section 120. Whoever, without right enters or remains in or upon the dwelling house, buildings, boats or improved or enclosed land, wharf, or pier of another, or enters or remains in a school bus, as defined in section 1 of chapter 90, after having been forbidden so to do by the person who has lawful control of said premises, whether directly or by notice posted thereon, or in violation of a court order pursuant to section thirty-four B of chapter two hundred and eight or section three or four of chapter two hundred and nine A, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or both such fine and imprisonment. Proof that a court has given notice of such a court order to the alleged offender shall be prima facie evidence that the notice requirement of this section has been met. A person who is found committing such trespass may be arrested by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or police officer and kept in custody in a convenient place, not more than twenty-four hours, Sunday excepted, until a complaint can be made against him for the offence, and he be taken upon a warrant issued upon such complaint.

This section shall not apply to tenants or occupants of residential premises who, having rightfully entered said premises at the commencement of the tenancy or occupancy, remain therein after such tenancy or occupancy has been or is alleged to have been terminated. The owner or landlord of said premises may recover possession thereof only through appropriate civil proceedings.

**Where a property owner prohibits hunting on her land by properly posting notice and a hunter enters that property, the hunter may be liable under the criminal trespass statute at G.L. c. 266 s. 120. Where a hunting dog, which is supposed to be under the control of the hunter and being used as an implement for hunting, runs onto the posted property, the hunter may again be liable under G.L. c. 266 s. 120.**



## UNCLASSIFIED ADS

**Erik's Handyman Service:** Let me help you with your "to do" list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, roto-tilling, jobs, and 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. .

**Angus Beef for Sale:** Locally raised grass-fed Angus beef. No hormones or drugs used. Minimum order 10 lbs. Call Jeff Neipp at Castle Hill Farm, 624-5512.

**Pet Care Services** and beyond. Pet sitting, drop in visits, and Doggy Daycare. Serving Franklin County and Southern Vermont. Please contact Ruth Ayers via email at ruth.a.ayers@gmail.com or call 413- 773-8325. Feel free to inquire about references and rates.

**Maple Syrup:** 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.

**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](mailto:awestwood@massagetherapy.com).

**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.

**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 [ovbecky324@gmail.com](mailto:ovbecky324@gmail.com). 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

We grow pork, eggs, vegetables and flowers. All vegetables are grown organically. All animals are pasture-raised. We keep the porch refrigerator stocked with eggs, pork, and extra vegetables. For more information about our farm or to receive notices about what's available, sign up for our Email News by emailing [sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com)

You may also see us at the weekly Shelburne Falls Famers' Market on Friday afternoons and at the Easthampton market on Saturdays.

Robin Creamer

### UPCOMING CLAY CLASSES WHEEL THROWING CLASS IN LEYDEN

WHEEL THROWING CLASS IN LEYDEN Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM, Six weeks for only \$175.00. Give it a try!

OPEN STUDIO SUNDAYS IN LEYDEN Come with an idea or picture, or just a creative spirit. 2-5 PM, \$35.00. Bring a friend or family member, get \$5.00 off. RSVP a week ahead.

KIDS AND TEENS HAND BUILDING AND THROWING CLASS In Leyden on Tuesdays, 4-5:30 PM. 6 weeks for \$175.00

Classes start the week of September 10.

Call 413-624-5175, or go to [rhondawain@verizon.net](mailto:rhondawain@verizon.net). —Rhonda Wainshilbaum is an art teacher, potter, and mosaic artist