

# LEYDEN LIFE

Photo courtesy of Lucia Saviano



## Selectboard

Leyden has been awarded a \$40,000 Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) Information Technology Grant. Many thanks to Michele for researching for the grant and submitting last November. The Selectboard has been discussing over the past few months the need for upgrading our computers from Windows 7 and the financial department's need for new software. The software our Town Accountant and Treasurer are using will no longer be supported after July 1, 2020. This grant was given out by the Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services and will be used for the software and hardware for several departments. *continued p. 2*

## OFFICE HOURS

### Municipal Assistant

Monday	8:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

### Tax Collector

Monday	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### Assessors Clerk

Wednesday	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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### Town Clerk (subject to change)

Monday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

*\*Available for emergencies @ 413-362-9378 Call/Text.*

### Town Office Phone Numbers

Main Number	774-4111
Selectboard	774-4111 ext. 1
Town Clerk	774-4111 ext. 3
Tax Collector	774-4111 ext. 4

## Notice: Town Office Meetings

Board of Assessors	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 PM
Board of Health	As announced
Conservation Commission	3rd Monday at 7:00 PM
Council on Aging	1st Tuesday at 4:30 PM
Historical Commission	3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Library Board of Trustees	2nd Tuesday at 4:30 PM
Planning Board	2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM
Recreation Committee	1st Thursday at 7:00 PM
Selectboard	every Monday at 7:00 PM (or as posted) (No meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> Monday)

*\*Changes to meeting dates/times will be posted separately. Meetings NOT held MONTHLY will also be posted separately.*

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## Selectboard *continued from p. 1*

It is very costly to the town to make these upgrades and this grant could not have come at a better time. Leyden had just appropriated money at the Special Town meeting in December in anticipation of these needs. We will now focus on the financial departments working together to purchase the best software to fit their needs.

Winter has been a roller coaster with temperature swings causing mud season in January. When frost gets into the dirt roads and temperatures go up, the water just pools on top and has nowhere to go. Gravel piles are frozen and it is just a difficult time, so we hope everyone understands we can only do so much with the dirt roads during these temperature swings.

We hope everyone has seen the articles and messages on the sign board regarding Reverse 911 and the importance of going to the town website and signing up. You can put as much or as little information as you want. We need everyone to sign up as soon as possible; delays in sign up will cause us to not be able to implement the system to its fullest potential. The website is [townofleyden.com](http://townofleyden.com).

Budget season is upon us and we are meeting with all town committees to discuss the annual 2021 expenditures that will be required to run the town. Everyone will be invited into a Selectboard meeting to go over your budgets. Our most challenging budget is the school. The school budget is set at a public hearing of the School Committee and any slight percentage increase can really change our budget and cut into town services. Last year we saw a \$56,000 increase in Leyden's assessment along with our school closure. We cannot continue to see increases like this and feel the district must be restructured to be sustainable for the future. The district remains in a deficit and we are still under the guidance and control of the 2018 Special Education Legislation. The Selectboard continues to attend school budget subcommittee meetings and School Committee meetings. All residents' involvement is needed: follow your school committee through the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee website and view the agenda and minutes to meetings. We support moving the sixth grade to the middle school at PVRs next year. Surveys and hearings will be forthcoming for input and discussion. We have heard from Leyden parents that they are pleased with the move to Bernardston Elementary School. Consolidation and restructuring can be a good thing as there are more opportunities for the children. In order to maintain the good programs that the district has to offer or to offer more we need to work together to see what is best for the children. State Aid is flat and student enrollment is still declining. The administration is trying to address some of these issues, and we all need to pay attention.

The town municipal building (the former PRES) has a new tenant and we are receiving rent. The revenue will go into the general fund until our next town meeting where we will present a warrant article to specify a special account for the money to go into to offset the operating costs of the building.

The community program of the Franklin County Sheriff's office is once again painting for us. This time it is the entire inside of the school. It looks bright and clean! The Historical Commission has been busy and we expect they will be displaying the history of Leyden within a few months.

The town departments are preparing for a spring open house at our new site for a walk through of the building.

We will officially be removing the "Pearl Rhodes Elementary School" sign and rename the building "Town of Leyden Offices".

In closing, we have ordered 2 new defibrillators for compliance of public buildings. One will be in the Town Hall dining room and the other in the town offices hallway. These are expensive and we urge everyone to respect that they are only to be used in emergencies. There will be instructions for proper use.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jeff, Bill and Lance*



Inside the town municipal building.

Photos courtesy of Jeff Neipp

### Knitting Circle

Leyden knitters meet every Tuesday afternoon, 1- 3, at the Leyden Town Hall. We will also meet on Sunday, February 2 at 6:00 at the home of Peggy Brown. (774-5764).

All are welcome to our knitting times ~ beginners, experts and other crafters.

For information, contact Laura 773-8325, Peggy 774-5764, or Michele [manerelejo@gmail.com](mailto:manerelejo@gmail.com)

### Poetry Corner

This is a call for poetry from our Leyden neighbors! I know there are several very accomplished poets in our town, and I'm sure there are more that I don't know. If you have a poem you would like to share, please send it to me by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication the following month. I will share two of mine to kick things off, one a limerick and one a haiku. I look forward to hearing from you! *Lisa Limont*

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

60 Stephen Lane. Leyden, MA. 01301

There was an old woman from Leyden  
Who had an old man to confide in  
The years came and went  
Their love stayed unspent  
If anything it seemed to widen



Love is a candle  
Burning with a fierce flicker  
No wind can blow out

### LET'S SPREAD THE WORD!

We believe that Leyden Life serves an important role in getting Town news out, both essential information and opportunities to get together and have fun. The majority of households in Leyden receive LL monthly, either by email or hand-delivered by volunteers to hooks near their mailboxes.

If you are reading this, you are one of them. However, we are aware that there are residents whom Leyden Life still does not reach, whether because they are new in town, don't have email, don't have mailbox hooks, or for some other reason. Please help us by reaching out to neighbors you think might not be getting Leyden Life! Share the easy instructions for contacting us ([cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com) or call Cornelia at 413-774-5146). For those who still wish paper delivery, please help us get the message across that we cannot by law put LL either inside or on the outside of anyone's mailbox. The USPS takes this seriously! There has to be a hook or nail available on which to hang the bagged copy, or some other means, such as a tube or old Town Crier box. (We also avoid Recorder boxes since their deliverers find this inconvenient). If anyone needs help please either help them or let us know. We have nails and can make suggestions. Thanks! ~Leyden Life Editors



## Recreation Committee

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

February 20th-Story Hour with John Porcino at the Town Hall 4PM

February 29th-Winter Carnival at the Pavilion 1-3PM, cardboard sled contest, snow sculpture contest, ice skating, sledding, and other fun stuff. Hot chocolate, cider, roasted hot dogs and marshmallows at the fire pit. Come and enjoy the outdoors.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Keep an eye out for information about square dancing, summer Arts in the Park, and much more.

I want to send a big THANK YOU to all the Committee members for all they do. Brian Pelletier, always answering the help! last minute calls, Mary Lou Barton, for all the yummy baked goods, Sue Howarth, always ready with new and crafty ideas, Lance Fritz, Master Daredevil Mower, and Karin Parks, Ms. enthusiasm suprema. Many thanks also to our "Auxiliary Members/Volunteers:" Barbara Berthiaume & family, Abbi Pratt & family, Beth Messer & family, Dick Parks, and Elwin Barton, the Hillside Weed Terminator. Lastly, the gifts given to all the children at Christmas would not be possible without the annual donations from the Leyden Rifle Club. Again many thanks to all.

Repairs to the kitchen and restroom areas at the Pavilion are ongoing. Age is taking its toll and we are running out of bandaids fixes. The timber foundation and subfloors are rotting and major renovations are needed in the very near future. More on these projects in the next issue.

If you have any suggestions or comments for the Recreation Committee, please contact John Higgins at [jphigginsarmy@yahoo.com](mailto:jphigginsarmy@yahoo.com).

### From the Town Clerk...

Dog licenses for 2020 are now available  
\$10 Spayed/Neutered, \$15 Intact



**March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 is the Presidential Primary**



**2/12/20 – Last day to register to vote**  
**2/24/20 – Early voting 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at the new town offices.**

ACCLAIMED STORYTELLER & MUSICIAN

# JOHN PORCINO

"A combination of Robin Williams, Pete Seeger, and Captain Kangaroo!"  
— lacawac nature sanctuary, pennsylvania

"John is a vessel of joy. He is a walking hug and his stories are like magnets!"  
— ko theater festival, massachusetts

**APPEARING AT:**  
**LEYDEN TOWN HALL**  
Thursday February 20, 2020, 4:00 p.m.  
"Heck of a Way to Stay Warm"  
Sponsored by The Leyden Cultural Council and The Recreation Committee  
[www.johnporcino.com](http://www.johnporcino.com) 413-549-5448

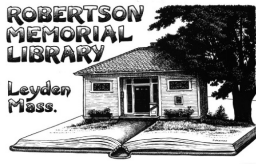
## Wells Trust Scholarships

The Fred W. Wells Trust is an organization that provides scholarships to students graduating from high school who are planning to enter college or an advanced educational program and to students who are currently enrolled in these programs. Recipients are selected based on scholarship, need, extracurricular activities and recommendations.

Applications may be obtained from high school college counselors, or from the town clerk during normal business hours. All applications, letters of recommendation and official transcripts need to be postmarked no later than March 20, 2020. Please note new address printed on application. For further information please call Lois at 774-4092.



## Robertson Memorial Library



### Library Hours

**Monday 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

*"Love seeketh not itself to please, Nor for itself hath any care; But for another gives its ease, And builds a Heaven in Hell's despair."*  
-William Blake

Happy February! We are one step closer to spring! As I write this I'm looking out my window at the new snow dripping off the roof and making the mud puddles bigger. It's winter in New England and anything can happen. I'm starting to collect my seed catalogs and have thoughts of opening a seed library this spring in our little space. I'm optimistic!

The library still has a limited number of canvas book totes for sale for \$20.00. Each purchase helps us get closer to a goal of an outdoor storage shed! We are halfway to our goal!

Have you put up your New Year's Resolution at the Library? Goals aren't only for January. Come share your goals with your neighbors! Current ones on display include: Reading more, breathing first, smile more, loving everyone, and perhaps my favorite – making cheese! If you are planning a new hobby or have a goal, we may be able to help you! Get inspired and make a difference!

Lots of things are happening here! **Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>** from 1-2pm we will be visited by Senator Jo Comerford to discuss what she is doing on our behalf, ask questions and talk about what's going on in our community. **Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>** from 11-12 there will be a special Valentine's themed Storytime at the Leyden Café. I'll share my favorite loveable stories with you and then will make wooden signs. If you let me know if you can attend by the day before, we can personalize your child's sign (no cost). **Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup>** 4pm John Porcino will help us get rid of the winter blues with wonderful story telling and music. **Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup>** head on down to the pavilion for the Winter Carnival from 1-3! March kicks off Read Across America Month and Libraries in the Woods- Many local libraries are working hard on some fantastic programs all centered around the book Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer. It is a beautiful collection of essays based upon the love of science, nature and culture. We will have multiple copies of this book for your reading pleasure.

Come on in and 'check' us out! Want to know all of the news first? Find us on Facebook! Do you have a question or want to volunteer? Feel free to email me at [leydenlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:leydenlibrary@gmail.com) or you can reach me at (413)522-2581 for call or text.

~Karin Parks.



Calling all creatives! A makerspace is coming to downtown Greenfield. What is a makerspace, you ask? It is a community center with tools. For a monthly fee, you can become a member and have access to the workspace, equipment, and a community of collaborators. **The Hive** makerspace, in development at 156 Main Street (the former World Eye Bookshop space) will have a wide range of tools appealing to traditional artisans as well as high-tech entrepreneurs. We expect to have a community loom, industrial sewing machines, a leather stitcher, 3D printers and scanners, a laser cutter, a CNC mill, drill presses and bandsaws, and a vacuum former, along with a variety of hand and power tools. Though we are currently in an early stage of development, with an expected launch in spring 2021, we are already hosting a variety of community events as we raise funds and tackle the predevelopment work required to take the makerspace from vision to reality. For more information and to check out our calendar, visit our website at [hivemakerspace.org](http://hivemakerspace.org). Join our email list for regular updates!

## Leyden Council on Aging (COA)

The Leyden COA has some fun activities planned, so come on down and join us for delicious food and friendly conversations!

**\*\* Coffee hours are Wednesdays Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 10:30 \*\***

We will have coffee and play Quirkle on **February 12th**.

On **February 26th** we will play Bingo!

Lunches are Wednesdays Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Come on down and have a hot bowl of homemade clam chowder on **February 5<sup>th</sup> at noon!** Also on the menu are sandwiches and cookies for dessert!

**\*\*\* A "NO-SURPRISES" Birthday Party \*\*\***

**On Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> the COA will host a "No surprise" birthday party for ALL of our guests at Town Hall at noon.** There will be **NO** gifts, **NO** games, and **NO** ponies! Just bring friends and family for a delightful lunch of quiche, salad, and sweet treats in a party atmosphere. **Prior to lunch**, our musical friend **STEVE DAMON**, will entertain us with a rousing game of **"NAME THAT TUNE" (11:15 A.M. auditorium)** and provide background music while we dine. This will be a special event so we are asking all guests to wash and press their birthday suits for this occasion!

**Make sure you have a seat by making a reservation with Linda Allis:**

**413-834-4417. Call today!**

## Movie Night

~ **THE FAREWELL** ~

7-9 p.m. at Leyden Town Hall

The film follows a Chinese family who, when they discover their beloved Grandmother has only a short while left to live, decide to keep her in the dark and schedule an impromptu wedding to gather before she passes. Billi, feeling like a fish out of water in her home country, struggles with the family's decision to hide the truth from her grandmother. Rated **PG. ALL ages are welcome!**



## Board of Health

On December 10, a seminar was held in Greenfield to address "Age-Friendly Communities". It was open to local residents, Councils on Aging, Boards of Health, Selectboards, Emergency Management and any other interested parties. The purpose was to start a conversation in our towns on how to make our communities age friendly, including young adults, single parents, working adults, retirees and our elderly. How do we accommodate and provide for the needs of ALL our residents while facing the challenges of our small towns?

I feel that we as a town need to start a dialogue on this. I will be providing additional information in the future but will be open to any comments/suggestions from you.

On another note, rules and regulations regarding Air BNB'S and any rental properties are changing, and the state should be adopting and implementing them soon. If this applies to you, please access the FRCOG website ([frcog.org](http://frcog.org)) to learn what you need to do to be in compliance.

Thank you. ~Beth Kuzdeba. 774-2820

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

People call our help line to ask for a ride, a reference or other assistance. Please feel free to call, and we will do our best to help you out as needed.

Current needs are for light housekeeping and meal prep and for rides and snow shoveling.

We are compiling a list of people of all ages willing to lend a hand 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 a volunteer 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 774-6907.

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## Climate Corner

Thank you to the Bernardston Community Newsletter for introducing me to a new term: wishcycling. I have since heard it during a news broadcast and encountered it on the internet. It has two interrelated meanings. The first: throwing questionable items in recycling bins in hopes that they will be properly sorted by the recyclers and end up in a better place than the landfill. Number two: looking at recycling as a solution for our collective waste management problem. And it is a solution, with a big “But” thrown in.

Reflect on the 3 R’s of wise waste management: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. There’s a reason that “reduce” is the first R. Using the plastic water bottle as an example, comparisons with tap water show huge benefits for reduction over recycling. It makes sense of course, but the numbers are shocking and some of the benefits are just emerging.

Humans buy 1,000,000 single use plastic bottles **per minute**. It is estimated that only 9% are recycled globally and between 19-23% in the U. S. Even when a plastic bottle is properly disposed of, clean and sorted, it may not be recycled. Many of the markets for recyclable plastic are closing globally, thus increasing costs, both environmental and economic. Additionally, the health effects of microplastic particles in bottled water are currently unknown, although a recent study reports an average of 325 microplastic fragments and fibers per liter from 19 bottled water sites in 9 countries. Ninety three percent of the sources showed evidence of microplastics in the water and among all samples the range was 0-10,000 particles per L. Finally, it takes three times the amount of water to produce the plastic bottle as it does to fill it.

So what’s the connection to climate change? Bottled water is **2,000 times** more energy intensive to produce as tap water. The plastic is derived from fossil fuels, 50 million barrels of oil a year, and you can figure the rest: factory, transportation, storage, marketing, stocking and selling and... recycling, if it happens. So, use a refillable water bottle and your own well water, if you aren’t already doing so. Get accustomed to taking it everywhere. At get-togethers and meetings, promote the idea of pitchers of ice water instead of bottles of water with gentle reminders to bring one’s own mug, bottle or thermos. Reduce more and rely on wishcycling less.

Sources of information: [waterdocs.ca](http://waterdocs.ca)    [forbes.com](http://forbes.com)    [ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc>articles>PMC6141690](http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc>articles>PMC6141690)

~Karen O’Neil    [pkoneil@crocker.com](mailto:pkoneil@crocker.com)





## Leyden United Methodist Church

15 W. Leyden Rd, Leyden Ma 01337, Leyden Center

Pastor: Lawrence Lake

**Sunday Service** 9:00 am **Sunday School** offered shortly after the start of the service for children 3 and over.

For prayer or visit request, call 413-774-6441

Facebook- Leyden United Methodist Church

Join us for a special Valentine's Day

# Storytime & Craft

**Sunday February 9th 11am at the Cafe-Town Hall**

**We'll be reading some loveable favorite stories and painting wooden signs. Children that sign up by Saturday will have their names personalized!**

Reserve your space by 2/8/20 for personalization. Email [Leydenlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Leydenlibrary@gmail.com) -  
Call/text (413)522-2581 or the facebook event page!

Sponsored by The Robertson Memorial Library



### *Café Hours*

*Every Sunday 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM*

*Downstairs  
in  
Town Hall*

Join us for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and delicious goodies baked by Karyn Brown.

## LEYDEN LIFE LOWDOWN

### Easy Submission

Submit by email to Cornelia Reid at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com) and Carolyn Asbury at [Carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.asbury@gmail.com). Attach a document, preferably in Word format, or include the information in the body of your text. If email is not possible, call Cornelia at 774-5146.

Entries must be submitted by 5:00 PM on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Distribution

To receive *Leyden Life* in digital or print copy, email Cornelia and Carolyn or call Cornelia (see contact info above).

Digital copies will get to you quicker, are colorful, and save time and money.

We still send a few copies by USPS to former residents & Leyden lovers in other places. A year's subscription is \$9. Subscriptions are free to those in nursing homes or the military. A few extra copies may be found at the library.

### Thanks & Appreciations

Thank you Lisa Limont, Pat Little & numerous Café guests for help collating this month. Thanks to deliverers Colleen Caffery, Lisa Limont, Pat Little, Barbara Wallace, Marie Lovley, Marie Bartlett & Karen O'Neil. We are grateful for donations made by the Pazminos, Linda & Andy Baker and Spirit Fire.

We could not exist without the help & generosity of our townspeople.

### What We Are

*Leyden Life* is published and delivered monthly in Leyden, MA by a non-profit group of volunteers. We rely on donations to cover the cost of the print copies.

## UNCLASSIFIED ADS

**Plowing Service:** Contact Sean Berthiaume for all your local plowing needs. (603)365-5195.

**Children's Books:** Lots of brand new, quality books available at a LOW price. Help me make some room. Many have already been donated to the school & library. Contact Karin (413)522-2581

**Fruit tree pruning:** We can help you restore abandoned fruit trees & maintain trees of any age. One-on-one lessons and consults available. Contact Ruth and Robin 413-773-8325, [robinc23@yahoo.com](mailto:robinc23@yahoo.com)

**2014 Prius - One Owner:** Very good condition, silver, kept in garage since new, 40,000 miles. \$14,500 Call Liz 624-5523.

**Ball/Freshtech Electric Water Bath Canner & Multi-cooker:** Only used once. Cooks & cans in large batches. VIRTUALLY BRAND NEW. All documents included. Asking \$75. Great present for anyone who cooks for large groups or likes to can w/hot water bath. Call Beth 413-774-2820.

**Leyden Life Delivery Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for help delivering our paper copies. If you would like to help in your neighborhood while walking your dog or just driving home, call Cornelia at 413-774-5146.

**Leyden Pottery Studio Offering Classes:** WHEEL THROWING CLASS: Tuesdays or Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm. 6 weeks for only \$175. Rolling admissions. OPEN STUDIO SUNDAYS: Come with an idea or picture, or just a creative spirit. 2-5 PM, \$35. Bring a friend or family member, get \$5 off. RSVP a week ahead. KIDS & TEENS HAND BUILDING & THROWING CLASS: Tuesdays, 4-5:30 PM. 6 weeks for \$175. Call 413-624-5175, or go to [rhondawain@verizon.net](mailto:rhondawain@verizon.net) -Rhonda Wainshilbaum is an art teacher, potter, and mosaic artist.

**Erik's Handyman Service:** Let me help you with your "to do" list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, roto-tilling, jobs & projects. If you could use some help, give me a call at 413-774-9948 and ask for Erik, or email to [erikshandy1@yahoo.com](mailto:erikshandy1@yahoo.com). Reasonable rates.

**Pet Care Services & Beyond:** Pet sitting, drop-in visits, and "doggy daycare." Serving Franklin County & Southern Vermont. Please contact Ruth Ayers via email at [ruth.a.ayers@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.a.ayers@gmail.com) or call 413-773-8325. Feel free to inquire about references & rates.

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

**Massage Service:** Engage in your wellness & 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 & designs are available. Call Michelle Barton or Chris Kemp at 774-4545 to place an order. We're also on Facebook & Craigslist.

**Bill Maguire Painting:** Serving the Leyden area's paint & staining needs since 1978. Interior, exterior, deck refinishing, window sash work, power washing, dirt & mildew removal. Call 413-774-5330.

### **Platter Making Workshop with Rhonda Wainshilbaum**

Feb. 2 from 1:00-6:30 at Looky Here, on Chapman St. Greenfield.

For \$55.00 have fun and make a lasting, functional, decorative plate.

No experience necessary! Go to [Looky Here](#) on FB or Website to register. Or call Rhonda at 413-624-5175

Space is limited.



## UNCLASSIFIED ADS - THANKS FOR SUPPORTING LEYDEN FARMS!

**Angus Beef for Sale:** Locally raised grass-fed Angus beef. No hormones nor drugs used. Minimum order 10 lbs. Call Jeff Neipp at Castle Hill Farm, 624-5512.

**Boer Goat Meat:** Available at Frizzell Hill Farm. Goat is quite tasty, low in fat & cholesterol, and high in protein & iron. Give it a try! Visit [frizzellhillfarm.com](http://frizzellhillfarm.com) for information and price list.

**Ed's Sugar Shack:** Local maple syrup available in gallons, ½ gallons, quarts & pints. Call Ed & Carol Johnson at 773-7619, 72 South County Road. Member of Massachusetts Maple Producers Association.

**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.

**Natural Lamb:** Available from the Petersons at Orchard Valley Farm. No growth-enhancing hormones nor antibiotics. Usual cuts generally available. Special orders on request. Get your holiday orders in now! Call 624-5562 or email [ovbecky324@gmail.com](mailto:ovbecky324@gmail.com) Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

**Sweet Morning Farm:** Pork, Beef, Eggs, Vegetables, and Flowers

It may be winter, but we still have some Leyden grown greens, root crops, eggs, pork and beef. All are available at our farm stand every day, or find us at the Greenfield Winter Farmers' Market on the first Saturdays of February and March. Call or email if you have a special request or questions.

Laura Timmerman and Robin Creamer

413-773-8325

<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

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

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

@sweetmorningfarm on IG

### **From the Police Department...The following explains the use & function of the Town of Leyden Rave Alert's Reverse 911 System. Please Read!**

#### ***Potential uses for Rave Alert's Reverse 911 System:***

Alert residents and businesses to significant risks to life or property due to severe weather, public health concerns, transportation disruptions and infrastructure damage.

#### ***The way it works:***

Rave Alert is not a typical reverse 911 system. Individuals and businesses must register to be included on the Rave Alert database by going to the Town of Leyden website, and under "latest news" click on Reverse 911 Signup. The system uses multiple channels of communication to alert people to the risk of danger by recorded message, SMS text, email, RSS, CAP, Alert us and social media. Rave Alert is also compatible with the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), so it can take advantage of IPAWS-compatible public alert systems to maximize its reach.

Furthermore, Rave Alert operates via a SaaS platform that can be accessed by safety officials from any Internet-enabled device. This means system administrators do not have to place themselves in danger in order to send an alert to the local population. Rave Alert can auto-translate emergency alerts into thirty-four languages and allows system administrators to send character-limited messages (for SMS text, Twitter and pagers) and long format messages (for email, Facebook and CAP) simultaneously.

Similar to a typical reverse 911 system, Rave Alert provides the facility for people to log into a management portal and add personal details about themselves. These details can include additional points of contact – such as the cellphones belonging to all the members of a family or their email addresses – and information that may be vital for first responders to know in an emergency such as primary language of communication, special medical conditions and mobility issues.

The Rave Alert database can be populated by integrating it with an existing directory or by asking people to register manually via the management portal. Alternatively, Rave Alert gives individuals the opportunity to "opt-in" to the emergency alert system by texting a specific keyword to a dedicated short code number – for example text "ALERT" to 12345. Different keywords can be used to assign people into different groups for easier management and in order to contact them quickly when required.

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*Cont'd from p. 10* The opt-out facility is provided because people have the right not to be included in a database, even if it might save their lives. It may also be the case that an individual is moving away from the area, or changing their cellphone number; in which case they could opt-out of receiving emergency alerts on the old cellphone number and opt in again to Rave Alert's reverse 911 system by texting the appropriate keyword from their new cellphone number.

**The People's Office  
Library Tour!  
with Senator Jo Comerford**

Libraries are vital institutions in our communities. They serve as gathering places, educational and cultural resources, introductions to literacy, and so much more. To celebrate the central role libraries play in our communities, Senator Jo Comerford will be traveling to a library in each of the 24 cities & towns in her district from October to May.

Join Jo for an informal gathering at your local library to learn more about the work she is doing on your behalf in the legislature, ask questions, and join in on the conversation about issues affecting your community.



<b>Saturday, January 25</b>	11:00am - 12:00pm	<b>Warwick Free Public Library</b> , 4 Hotel Rd, Warwick, MA
<b>Saturday, January 25</b>	12:45pm - 1:45pm	<b>Wheeler Memorial Library</b> , 49 E Main St, Orange, MA
<b>Saturday, February 8</b>	11:00am - 12:00pm	<b>Dickinson Memorial Library</b> , 115 Main St, Northfield, MA
<b>Saturday, February 8</b>	1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Robertson Memorial Library</b> , 849 Greenfield Rd, Leyden, MA
<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	11:45am - 12:45pm	<b>Wendell Free Public Library</b> , 7 Wendell Depot Rd, Wendell, MA
<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Erving Public Library</b> , 2 Care Drive, Erving, MA
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>Pelham Free Public Library</b> , 2 S Valley Rd, Pelham, MA
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Forbes Library</b> , 20 West St, Northampton, MA
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>Whately Public Library</b> , 202 Chestnut Plain Rd, Whately, MA
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Sunderland Public Library</b> , 20 School St, Sunderland, MA
<b>Saturday, March 28</b>	11:15am - 12:15pm	<b>Hatfield Public Library</b> , 39 Main St, Hatfield, MA
<b>Saturday, March 28</b>	1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Greenfield Public Library</b> , 402 Main St, Greenfield, MA
<b>Saturday, March 28</b>	2:45pm - 3:45pm	<b>Tilton Library</b> , 75 N Main St, South Deerfield, MA
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>South Hadley Public Library</b> , 2 Canal St, South Hadley, MA
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>	2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Jones Library</b> , 43 Amity St, Amherst, MA
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>New Salem Public Library</b> , 23 S Main St, New Salem, MA
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Goodwin Memorial Library</b> , 50 Middle St, Hadley, MA

# HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

*Providing interest-free loans to  
improve the safety of your  
home*



The purpose of the program is to provide income-eligible homeowners with interest-free loans to correct health and safety code deficiencies and improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

## Eligible improvements could include:

- Electrical and plumbing upgrades
- Structural repairs
- Accessibility modifications
- Septic repair or replacement
- Heating & hot water system repair or replacement
- Roof repair or replacement
- Replacement windows
- Wells
- Lead paint abatement
- Insulation and weatherization

## Combined household income may not exceed the following income limits

- 1 person - \$49,700
- 2 person - \$56,800
- 3 person - \$63,900
- 4 person - \$70,950

Please call for larger households  
Income guidelines as of 4-24-2019

*In many towns, 50% of the loan may be **forgiven** over a 15-year period as long as  
you own your home*

*Other restrictions do apply ~ Federally funded through the CDBG program  
Administered by Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority*



For more information and an application, contact:

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