
Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

July/August 2012

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and
Thursdays (July 5th & 19th and August 8th & 22nd) 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Tax Collector:

Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Assessors Office:

Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 PM

Select Board

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays, July 5th and August 2nd at 9:00 AM and Thursdays, July 19th and August 16th & 30th 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 leydenselectboard@crocker.com.

TOWN HALL MONTHLY MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

Tue, Jul 3	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Thur, Jul 5	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Tue, Jul 10	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Jul 11	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, Jul 16	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Jul 18	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thur, Jul 19	6:45 PM	Selectboard

(Any changes to these meeting dates or times will be posted separately. Meetings *not* held monthly will also be posted separately.)

—Board of Selectmen

Betsey Yetter Now Owns “Loose Ends”

I was recently approached by a woman who was ready to retire and looking for someone to take over her 15-year old business. I knew right away that this was a good match for me, so I've bought “Loose Ends”, a small business that does daily money management for elders. We work with clients, in their home or retirement residence, who want or need help keeping track of and paying bills, safeguarding important papers, balancing their checkbooks, and other organizing jobs connected with their finances. We do not give financial advice. For some clients, we put their bank accounts on QuickBooks in order to produce reports for responsible parties and facilitate preparation for the tax accountant. In general, it is “business housekeeping.” We also monitor their statements for fraud and scams, a growing need with elders. We offer a free initial consultation and work with clients to set up an individual plan that suits them and their needs.

Please call me at 624-0150 or email me at bet.loose.ends@gmail.com, if you have questions or know someone who might benefit from our services. —Betsey Yetter

**Reminder: There will be no
August issue of Leyden Life**

Leyden Church Fair Booth

Since there will be no newsletter in August I am starting now to plan for the Leyden Church booth at the Franklin County Fair. Dates this year are September 6, 7, 8 and 9. We will be looking for non-perishable goods for donations, such as bottled water, napkins, paper towels, simple green, plastic flatware, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, 8-oz. coffee cups, hot/cold cups, 25 cans of corn for the our famous Shepherds Pie, 25 cans of solid tuna for the tuna sandwich plate, macaroni, spaghetti sauce for American chop suey, Bisquick mix for the strawberry short cakes and our pancakes, mayonnaise, ketchup, dinner plates, (not Styrofoam) vegetable oil, beef bouillon cubes, and cooking spray just to name a few. When it gets closer to fair time, any fresh vegetables are much appreciated. Everything can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall downstairs in the church.

Next, we will need three shifts of volunteers per day with 10 people per shift. It's a great way to see your neighbors, do something for your community and have fun. The shifts run from 6:30 to 11:30 AM, 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and 4:30 to 10:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like to work a shift, please give Gilda a call at 413-773-7932.

Baked goods are also needed, such as pies, cookies, brownies, cakes, breads. Please call Valerie at 772-0924 if this something you may be able to help with.

—Thank you in advance, Gilda Galvis, Chair, Fair Committee

Council on Aging Director Needed

The Town of Leyden needs a new Council on Aging Director starting July 1st. This is an opportunity for positive change for the COA and an opportunity for someone who would like to help out the town and spend some time with some wonderful people. Our elders in town are a real treasure and it is great to get to hear their stories.

Although the COA has been meeting monthly for a program and meal, there are many ways that the COA can serve the elders in Leyden. Your energy and ideas are most welcome. If supporting positive aging appeals to you or you want more information, please contact the Selectboard.

—Board of Selectmen

Folk/Jazz Harpist

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 25th, when folk/jazz harpist and singer/songwriter Maeve Gilcrest will once again entertain and delight Leyden with an evening performance at Angels' Rest Retreat! The performance starts at 7:30 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Admission price includes dessert and hot beverages following the concert.

Please email jparis@angelsrestretreat.com to RSVP so the amount of yummy desserts can be determined.

—Jennifer Paris



Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday 1:00 – 6:30 PM; Wednesday 1:00 – 6:30 PM,
Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON, Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

On May 21st, the entire PRES community visited the library in waves to sign up for the Summer Reading Program and to sign out their first books of the season. It was great fun, and all went well except for the sudden downpour that caught the third and fourth graders at the top of the hill. Thank God for trees and their umbrella leaves; no one was soaked, and the rain stopped as quickly as it started, allowing the gang to return to school dry and happy. All but two of the forty-nine students signed up for the program. High school, home school, and private school readers have also signed on, so be sure you take advantage of the program if you are interested. The program ends on September 7th, so there is plenty of time to qualify for a gift certificate from the World Eye Book Shop!

Lots of people comment on how nice the library looks. The generosity of **Holly Spatcher**, who donated the flowers for the window boxes, and of **Trueman Robbins**, who donated the wood chips has certainly made a difference. Thank you for your kindness! Our library *is* very special!

Thanks in part to the support of our local Cultural Councils, Mohawk Trail Concerts is making a pair of free tickets available for each of this season's concerts. These concerts are held at the Federated Church on Route 2 in Charlemont. Children under twelve years of age, accompanied by an adult ticket holder, may attend free of charge. Stop at the library, pick up a voucher for the date/concert you'd like to attend, and present your voucher at the Mohawk Trail Concerts box office. Exchange the voucher for a ticket, and you're in! For more information, visit www.mohawktrailconcerts.org or call their office at 413-625-9511.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer! Visit the RML and make it even better!

—Chris Johnston

Knit for your Neighbors!

Calling all knitters, crocheters, weavers and sewers! As we enjoy our beautiful spring weather, we try not to think of those cold winter days ahead. However, winter will visit Leyden again, and keeping warm is essential.

When finances are tight, replacing that old hat or lost mitten can strain an already stretched budget. So dig through those baskets of yarn and shelves of remnants and join the Leyden Knitting Circle in making hats, scarves or mittens for our neighbors.

It's a great time to start a project that will help a neighbor to keep warm. Please call 773-8595 with any questions.

—Kathie Benson



On-Line Tax Payment is Here Now!

You are now able to pay your Leyden real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes on line through a service called "Unipay."

To use the service, go to the Town of Leyden web sight at townofleyden.com. Under the Tax Collector heading you will find a link that says "Pay Taxes Online."

First choose which type of tax you want to pay (in the upper left corner), then choose one of two options for method of payment. *Please read the options*, i.e., Electronic Check or Credit Card. There is no fee when you pay by electronic check. Credit cards have fees attached, based on the amount of the bill. There is a fee schedule at the bottom of the page where you can find the fee amounts. These amounts will be totaled with the amount of tax.

You will only be able to pay your bills on line when they are current. Any past due amounts will have to be paid in the office.

—Collector of Taxes, Roxanne Zimmerman

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.

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 **15th of the month**.

LEYDEN LIFE BY E-MAIL

If you are interested in receiving *Leyden Life* in PDF format via e-mail, please notify Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

Thanks to the many people who responded to our request for support! Betsey Yetter, Wallace and Patricia Herzig, Bernice Brooks, Roger and Susan Hewett, Carol Kuzdeba, Ken and Holly Spatcher, Joyce and Jim Muka, Lewis and Irene Muka, Ken and Shirley Lyman, Irmarie Jones, Neil Jones, and Linda Romano.

Thanks to collators Lois Feldman and Glen and Kathie Benson, and thanks to deliverers Lauren Clary, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Jeanne Breeden and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

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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

Meetings and Gatherings

Council on Aging

Next meeting: Pot Luck on Thursday, July 12th at 11:00 AM

Our June meeting was really interesting and fun. Paula Sayword and Karen Sims shared their stories, pictures and poems from their life out West. We saw beautiful scenes from Chaco Canyon, the Tetons, the Zuni reservation and the Grand Canyon. Thank you so much, Paula and Karen!

June was my last month as director of the Leyden Council on Aging. I have enjoyed my time with the council very much, especially having the chance to get to know some of the fine seniors in our town. Whoever takes on the role next is in for a treat! If you are thinking about helping out, talk to me or the Selectboard. Ideally, there would be several people to share the various responsibilities and pool their ideas and energies.

For a long time now, we have met for lunch and a program and that has worked very well; however there are many possibilities for supporting seniors in our town and the format does not need to be the same as it has been in the past. If you have creative ideas, that's great! Also, the Council on Aging is meant to support a broad range of ages. Activities that appeal to younger elders are appropriate and welcome.

In the meantime, the regulars plan on meeting on the second Thursday of the month and will decide on their plans on a month-to-month basis. On Thursday, July 12th at 11:00 AM, all who wish are welcome to come to the church Fellowship Hall for a pot luck lunch. Please call Edith Fisher at 773-7336 before Monday, July 9th to let her know you are coming.

The Leyden Council on Aging is dedicated to providing programs that support healthy and independent living for local seniors and is funded and supported by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Their funding allows the COA to offer delicious meals and interesting programs and to help support the newsletter and more.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet twice in July, Friday, July 13th at Laura Timmerman's house and Friday, July 27th at Peggy Brown's house.

We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and enjoy a relaxed evening of handiwork and the company of our fellow stitchers. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed and all kinds of handicrafts are fine, even shelling peas and darning socks. Visitors and all ages are welcome. Call ahead to RSVP and confirm the location. Generally we meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. If you would like to be on an email group for the Knitting Circle, get in touch with Laura.

We are planning a special event this fall to share our knitting/crocheting by making scarves, hats, mittens and other warming items to give away to those who would like them. If you would like to make something for the project, you are welcome to take part, even if you don't come to our meetings. Contact Kathie for more information.

—Laura Timmerman - 773-8325, Peggy Brown - 774-5764,

Kathie Benson - 773-8595

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

Town Clerk Hours

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON and every other Wednesday (July 11th & 25th and August 8th & 22nd) 4:30 – 6:00 PM Phone 774-7769

Town Treasurer Wanted

The Town of Leyden is seeking a part-time Treasurer (up to 15 hours per week). Duties include receipt, expenditure and custody of all municipal funds, payroll preparation and input, administration of employee benefits and withholdings, processing accounts payable checks, debt service management, managing tax title accounts and preparing internal and external reports as required. Treasury, on-line payroll systems, and municipal experience required, with knowledge of municipal finance statutes and regulations and thorough knowledge of MS Excel; must be bondable. Pay is commensurate with experience. EOE

Please submit a cover letter and resume by 3:00 PM, July 13, 2012 to: Selectmen's Office, Town of Leyden, 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01337.

—Board of Selectmen

Kids' Art Camp at Artspace

Rhonda Wainshilbaum will teach a kid's Art Camp at Artspace in Greenfield. July 9—13, "Art with Rhonda Wainshilbaum." Learn the clay techniques of pinch, slab, and coil. Use air drying clay to make a clay diorama, or a room of a scene from imagination or from a favorite book. Also, make a treasure box, and a sculpture of a fantasy animal. Students will also make junk sculptures from recycled materials, a mosaic, and sculpy clay creatures and jewelry.

Public Safety Day & Barbeque

The Fire Fighters Association will hold a Public Safety Day and chicken barbeque from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 28th at Avery Field. The barbeque starts at 12:00 NOON.



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Pearl Rhodes Elementary School PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are all very busy as the year comes to an end. We had a wonderful graduation ceremony for our sixth graders. Kyle Muka, a graduate of Pearl Rhodes and Pioneer, was our guest speaker. He was appointed to Annapolis and will be leaving very soon. Kyle gave an excellent speech about pursuing your dreams and setting goals for yourself. Our graduates are: Nick Baronas, Ryleigh Barton, Darren Fisher, Kurtis Kuenzel, Hannah MacLeod, Cody Podlesney, Chris Rewis and Rebecca Rodgers.

Next year, we will be starting a Peer Mediation program at school. Mediation helps students who are in conflict talk to find a solution. This helps our whole school community and is a lifelong benefit. Mediation helps students be more attentive so they are not thinking about a conflict they had with another student. This helps teachers and our whole school.

I'd like to thank all of you for your support this year. I hope that everyone has a great summer and I look forward to next year.

—Chris Maguire, Principal

SCHOOL LUNCH GUIDELINES

The Pioneer Valley Regional School District is committed to working with families while meeting the expectations of the Federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and the Massachusetts School Nutrition Standards to ensure that all school age children have adequate nourishment. Research has conclusively associated proper nourishment with a child's ability to learn.

The majority of the Massachusetts School Nutrition Standards will be in place by August of 2012. This will include changes in school lunches in regards to food content and offerings, as well as payment guidelines for families.

Our PVRSD School Meals Program operates on a non-profit basis and is not supported by the operating budget. Its budget comes from daily revenues and state and federal subsidies. *We encourage our families to complete an application for free or reduced meals.* Taking the time to fill out and submit this application has a great impact on how the Pioneer Valley Regional School District qualifies for additional State and Federal funds, which includes grants.

Current Guidelines: *You must pay for your child's/children's meals in advance or the day they eat or ahead of time.* Pre-payments may be made by cash or check to your child's school cafeteria. Only when your child eats breakfast or lunch will the money be deducted from his/her "account".

Pioneer Valley Regional School: High School students are presumed to be responsible enough to have money to purchase meals with them daily, or have a balance on their account. Non-payment of meals (breakfast or lunch) may not exceed \$12.50. Then parents/guardians will be notified by the cafeteria manager or school personnel to submit payment to clear any negative balance in their account. *The district can no longer allow the charging of lunches for an extended period of time without payment.*

Bernardston, Northfield, and Pearl Rhodes Elementary, Warwick Community School: Non-payment of meals (breakfast or lunch) may not exceed \$12.50. Then parents/guardians will be notified by the cafeteria manager or school personnel to submit payment to clear any negative balance in their account. *The district can no longer allow the charging of lunches for an extended period of time without payment.*



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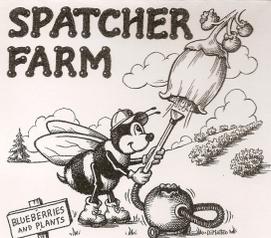
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Unclassified Ads

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.

For Sale: Maple hutch, five feet wide, glass top section, ten years old. Also a Kranick & Bach **baby grand piano**. Best reasonable offers. Call Jeanne at 772-2861.

For Sale: Camper, used 2004, 21' Tag-a-Long slide-out, price reduced to \$5,900.00. Call 624-3334 for more details.

Free Dog House: Well-made and very heavy wooden dog house for free. Has electric light inside for warmth. 110 Eden Trail, Leyden. David and Wendy Pomerantz, 773-7017.

Borrowed Goats or Sheep Needed: We have a small meadow the we want to keep trimmed, and are interested in talking to someone with goats or seep about "borrowing" an animal several times over the course of the summer. David and Wendy Pomerantz, 773-7017.

The Log Cabin Bed & Breakfast can provide comfortable space for your out-of-town visitors. Please check the website at www.LeydenLogCabin.com or call 773-8595 to check availability or to make a reservation. *Please be sure to ask for the Leyden discount of \$50 off the nightly rate for Leyden residents and their guests!*

Beaded Jewelry for Sale: Carol Kuzdeba dba CJ Design does unique one-of-a-kind designs of natural stone, pearls, furnace glass, etc. Brides, graduation, birthdays or just because. See what is available, or special requests can be accommodated. Call Carol at 774-4491 or send an email to cjkuzdeba@yahoo.com.

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Sweet Morning Farm CSA (Timmerman Farm)

Farm shares have started and farm members are enjoying a wide range of Leyden-grown vegetables already. Snap peas, lettuce, mesclun, garlic scapes, chard are some of the current crops. And there are plenty more vegetables coming along. If you want to jump in with a mini share or a prorated share, that is still possible. If you would like information, please ask or check our web site.

If you prefer choosing vegetables on a week by week basis, sign up for the Eggs and Extras list.

(See: <http://lastingimpressionsfarmstand.blogspot.com/>)

Full Shares - 20 - 24 weeks - \$600.00 - \$675.00, sliding scale;
Half Shares - 20 - 24 weeks - \$300.00 - \$350.00, sliding scale; Mini Shares - 16 weeks (just two items a week) - \$100.00. All shares include flowers.

Thanks for all the interest and support! Facebook: Sweet Morning Farm
Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325, laurat@crocker.com,
<http://lastingimpressionscsa.blogspot.com/>

Linda Romano

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