

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

February 2013

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 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 Thursday, February 14th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, February 28th 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, Feb 5	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Feb 6	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Feb 12	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Feb 13	5:00 PM	Library Trustees (at the Library)
Wed, Feb 13	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Feb 14	4:00 PM	Building Needs Study Committee
Thu, Feb 14	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Feb 18	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Feb 20	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Feb 21	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thu, Feb 28	9:00 AM	Selectboard

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. Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to Municipal Assistant. -*Selectboard*

What Leyden is Reading

February's "What Leyden is Reading" honors Black History Month. Not only is 2013 Robertson Memorial's 100th anniversary, but it marks the one hundredth anniversary of Harriet Tubman's death (March 10, 1913) and Rosa Parks' birth (February 4, 1913).

It is interesting to get a feel of a hundred years of change through historical figures. Our reading for this month, however, only goes back 51 years. It is a lovely gem of a book called *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. This book is on a list of 100 books that were written in the 20th century that all of us should read. Can you guess why? Enjoy the art and the simple story of a young child experiencing a day of snow. There is a marvelous website that you might like to check out, too: www.ezra-jack-keats.org. *Enjoy!* Copies of the book are available at the library and at PRES.

—Cindy LeBlanc, Volunteer Coordinator

PRES Winter Recess

The winter recess for PRES students will take place from Monday, February 18th through Friday, February 22nd.

Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses are now available, and all dogs are required to be licensed by May 15th. Licenses may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

If current up-to-date rabies information is on file in the Clerk's office, you may mail a check for the correct amount, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for return, to: Town Clerk, 16 West Leyden Rd., Leyden, MA 01337. Licenses cannot be issued without proof of rabies vaccination.

The following license fees apply:

Male neutered and female spayed	\$10.00
Male and Female intact	\$15.00
Kennel License 1-4 dogs	\$30.00
Kennel License 5-10 dogs	\$40.00
Kennel License more than 10 dogs	\$50.00

ABSENTEE VOTERS

Residents are reminded that all absentee ballot applications for Calendar Year 2012 have been deleted. In accordance with M.G.L. Ch.54, Sec. 89, absentee ballot applications are valid only within the calendar year in which they are received. Please remind out-of-town college students they must re-apply if they wish to vote absentee.

PRESIDENT'S DAY CLOSURE

Town offices will be closed Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day.
—Bob Hardesty

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON and
Wednesdays 4:30 – 6:00 PM Phone 774-7769

Board of Health

The Board of Health still has flu vaccine available to our residents. This year there are large numbers of cases of flu already being reported across the country. There have been at least 18 deaths related to the flu. If you or your loved ones have not had your flu shots, please consider protecting yourself and others by contacting Gloria at 774-7113 to arrange a time to get immunized.

To control the spread of the flu virus remember to wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, eat a healthful diet, get your rest and stay away from groups if you have a cold or flu.

Your Board of Health is working to keep the community free from the spread of disease. Call if you have concerns or questions that we can help you with.

—Gloria Fisher, Chair, Leyden Board of Health

New Leyden Telephone Book

I have updated the Leyden phone book, which is available at Town Hall and Robertson Memorial Library for \$5.00 each. Please keep in mind that all proceeds benefit the library.

—Thank you, Clint Davis

Robertson Memorial Library

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

Three cheers for our volunteers! Another year has zipped past, and it's time to publicly thank all who have so generously volunteered their time to open the library to patrons on Saturdays. A special thank you goes to Kathy Wells, who has so kindly covered for others on a minute's notice when they've had to bow out. Kathy has volunteered once and often twice a month, and her jovial spirit adds a little spice to the library whenever she appears. Other regular volunteers include Kathy Ruseckas, Lynne Podlesney, Tommy Foster, Lois Feldman, Robbi Browning, Glen Benson, Nick and Tracey Baronas, Rachel Rodgers, Pat and Drake Williams, and Cindy and Erin LeBlanc.

Karen Peterson Parks is our newest volunteer. On her first Saturday here she kindly provided Carol Johnson special tech support for her new Kindle. We welcome anyone else who would like to support the library in this most important way; just give me a call at 773-9334, and we'll go from there. Thank you all!

"I'd better take a shovel," I moaned as I headed to the library from our home in Shelburne after the early January snowfall. What a nice surprise met me upon my arrival, however. The entry to the library was *perfecto!* It wasn't until a few days later that I learned that Nate Messer and his son Eli were responsible for such a nice job. "I snow blew the area once," remarked Nate, "but Eli and I trudged up later to really shovel you out!" Eli, four years old and a regular patron, was pretty proud of his work, and we thank Nate and him for their generosity of spirit and *big muscles!* Thanks to you, too, Trueman Robbins, who arrived with his own shovel later in the week to remove residue from a final town plowing of the street. Super people all!

"Reading to the Little Ones" is my most recent project with PRES students and their teachers. On Monday and Wednesday, January 14th and 16th, I worked with Lisa Armstrong's fifth and sixth graders showing them how to make reading a story to first and second graders an active learning experience. Using Post-it Notes, the older kids created questions and discussion starters for the little ones with whom they were paired. Once they'd rehearsed their oral reading of the book with a classmate, the older kids met with Judy Shilling's class of first and second graders to read, discuss, and enjoy a high-quality picture book. Finally little ones drew a picture of a favorite scene or event from their book. Note: This process can be repeated throughout the year, and the RML has a great supply of children's books to support student efforts!

Regular donations of cash and checks make my days at the library feel a little like Christmas. Thank you to all of you who care enough to keep the RML alive and well! Your gifts will support our Centennial Celebration, the Summer Reading Program, and all other special events we plan!

Free music CDs: A patron has generously offered to give to an interested party (or parties) any of forty music CDs. All incorporate soft, peaceful, quiet music to feed the soul and calm the spirit. If interested, just call me at 773-9334, and I'll connect you with the donor.

—Chris Johnston

PRES Pennies for Patients - Please Give

Beginning January 28th PRES students will take part in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Program. During a three-week period, students will collect spare change to support LLS. Your donations will help people who are sick with blood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma & Hodgkin's disease. Every penny counts!

WiredWest

WiredWest still needs to have as many support cards signed from each town as possible. We are up to 171 households out of 385 that have responded, which is wonderful, but we need more. This information from all the 44 towns is a huge part of the data needed for potential funders and investors. This is a cooperative project to get our towns wired into the 21st century via fiber optic cable. None of our towns separately carry enough weight in numbers to get funding, but together, we carry some weight. In addition, the towns showing enough interest have a better chance of being wired earlier rather than later, and Leyden is now in the top six towns of the 44 in the WiredWest cooperative. Keep up the good work!

Please log on to wiredwest.net to fill out the support cards, or call me at 774-5922 to have me do it for you. Keep in mind that fiber optic does not just apply to internet connection. It means we will have the best telephone connection possible. Our family and friends would happily fill out the support cards if they could to help us get rid of the echo and static on our lines! It also means that we will have the option to get cable television with a wide variety of providers, and all of this at very competitive prices. In addition to this, because we are part of this cooperative, Leyden will actually see some income from this project down the line. You are helping your neighbors and your town by supporting this project.

—Sheila Hourihan

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

We had many generous donors and renewing subscribers this month. Thanks to the Mesloh-McNellys, Marie Giurdinella, Judy Carter, Fran Moretti, Kathleen Anderson, Roger and Susan Hewett, Marie Lovley, Lois Barton, Fred and Sue Pazmino, James Brodeur, Roger and Catherine Cayer, and Mike and Irene Muka.

Thanks to collators Glen and Kathie Benson, Sue and Cliff Carlson and Lois Feldman, 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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and Bob at bobxtwo@verizon.net
by 5:00 PM on

Friday, February 15th.

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

February 14th at 11:30 AM Valentine's Day Celebration of the collective portrait of Leyden

Trish Crapo has just completed her second book, *The Leyden Portrait Project, Too*. Both of the Leyden Portrait Project books provide photographs and life stories of people in Leyden. How better to celebrate Valentine's Day than to explore the lives of the people who have helped create the Leyden we love? Trish will share her books and explore with us what she has learned from photographing and talking with many of the residents. She will also bring some Valentine's craft material. A healthful lunch will be served.

If you need a ride, just let one of us know. Please call Barbara Wallace at 774-77880 or Gilda Galvis at 773-7932 to let us know if you are planning to attend.

We are always open to ideas and suggestions.

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.

—Gilda Galvis, Barbara Wallace, and Rev. Ken Mantler

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet on two Fridays this month, **February 8th** at Laura Timmerman's house and **February 22nd** at Barbara Wallace's house.

We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and enjoy a relaxed evening of knitting 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 if you don't know how to knit, come along and we'll help you get started. Visitors and all ages are welcome.

Call ahead to RSVP and confirm the location. If you would like to be on an email group for the Knitting Circle, get in touch with Laura Timmerman at 773-8325.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325 and Barbara Wallace, 774-7780

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

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2013 FARM SHARES

Shares are on sale! Sign up *soon* for yours. I'd love to have you as a farm member. Now is time to reserve your share of locally grown, organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Shares come in three sizes to suit a variety of needs and all sizes include flowers, as available.

Early Bird Special: Pay in full for your share by March 1st and receive one dozen eggs as a signing bonus. (Full shares get two dozen.)

Full Shares - 20 - 22 weeks - \$625.00 - \$675.00, sliding scale

Half Shares - 20 - 22 weeks - \$325.00 - \$375.00, sliding scale

Mini Shares - 16 weeks - \$105.00

Extended Mini Shares - 20 weeks - \$130.00

Pick up at the farm on Thursdays.

EGGS: I sell organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Duck eggs will be \$3.00 a half dozen, once the ducks start laying again. Call or email me for availability or to be placed on the Egg & Extras email list.

If you have questions, just give me a ring. I love talking about vegetables!

Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325, laurat@crocker.com, Facebook: Sweet Morning Farm, <http://lastingimpressionscsa.blogspot.com/>

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.

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.

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.

Maple Run Farm: Persephone's Garden Raw Honey is available in lovely gift-appropriate jars - 26-oz for \$14.00; it's a limited supply, so order soon.

Natural Romney yarn is for sale for knitting or spinning, processed at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT, and chemical-free. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

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.

Beautiful handmade stoneware functional pottery for sale. Mostly blues, greens, and purples. Microwave, oven, and dishwasher safe. Commissions accepted. Come check it out. Also would like to barter for housework. Call Rhonda Wainshilbaum at 624-5175.

LPs and Cassette Tapes to CDs: Will convert your favorite (or even your not-so-favorite) LPs and/or tapes to CDs. \$7.50 per CD. Call Jerry at 624-5546, or e-mail at jlevine4@verizon.net.

Excavating and Carpentry: Site work, driveways, land clearing, field mowing, septic systems, drainage, trucking loam and gravel products, backhoe, dozer or excavation work. Rich Allis at 624-5582.

Bill Maguire Painting serving Leyden's interior and exterior needs for 28 years. Staining, power washing, trim work, deck refinishing, paper hanging. Insured. Call Bill at 774-5330.

Linda Romano

Yoga continues for chair and regular classes on Thursdays, 1-2, and 6-7 PM. Massage and Aromatherapy for sinusitis, depression, insomnia, and sciatica. Valentine gifts (affordable), body products, certificates.

Feng shui talk on tips for the new year on Wednesday, February 6th, 11-12. Affirmation making and Art & Intension coming on March 2nd or 9th, three-hour workshop. Portable programs and sessions are available to go. Call for info or RSVP at 413- 624-3334.

—Linda Romano

Writers and readers wanted on April 27th

The Robertson Memorial Library will hold its Centennial Celebration Coffee House on Saturday, April 27th. All Leyden writers of any genre and all ages are enthusiastically invited to read. The event will be open to all Leyden residents and friends. Please save the date! More info in the next issue.