

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

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

Like our little library, the National Woman's Party was founded in 1913. The focus of this organization was the passage of a constitutional amendment for woman's suffrage. On the eve of Woodrow Wilson's inauguration in March, a woman's suffrage parade consisting of 5,000 people was attacked by a mob. Hundreds of women were injured, but no arrests were made. Hmmm—why might this be? It wasn't until 1920 that women won the constitutional right to vote. What lesson might one learn from this effort?

It was well before 1913 that many women started working for change. Children's books offer a quick, fun way to get a brief insight into what was brewing. We have a couple of options for a discussion around the dinner table. The first is "Bloomers" by Rhonda Blumberg (talk about a fashion statement), and the second comes from "Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)". Read the selection on Jeannette Rankin. She won a seat in the U.S. Congress before all the women in this country had the right to vote!

Copies of these books are available at the library and at PRES. Remember to support your library. We citizens must be informed in order to make wise choices, and reading is a great venue to reach this goal!

—*Cindy LeBlanc*

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths—Claire Cobb, February 8, 2013
No births or marriages were reported.

STATE PRIMARY

the Special State Primary to nominate candidates to fill the Senate seat vacated by the resignation of John Kerry will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2013. Polling hours are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The last day to register to vote or change party enrollment is Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

—*Bob Hardesty*

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

Robertson Memorial Library Centennial Celebration



There will be readings by local writers of all ages, art and history exhibits, delicious refreshments and special guest musicians,

Dave LeBlanc and Zydeco Connection, at the **Library Centennial Celebration Coffee House**, which now has a new date: Saturday May 11th at 6:30 PM! We guarantee it will be fun for everyone in the family (except maybe Rover and Fluffy). Save the date and stay tuned for a full-page announcement in April's *Leyden Life*. Call the Library at 773-9334 or email Carolyn Asbury at casbury@crocker.com or Cornelia Reid at cr43wr41@gmail.com with questions.

Sugar on Snow Supper

Saturday, April 6th

Sittings at 5, 6, and 7 PM

Adults \$10-Children 6 and under \$5

Call 774-2820 for reservations

Benefit Silent Auction for Jeff Stebbins

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.)

It's always fun to get back into the classroom. Working with Lisa Armstrong's fifth and sixth graders as they prepared to engage first and second graders in an active reading experience was really wonderful. Watching the older kids work with the younger children was really inspiring; kind, supportive, and engaging describe their interactions. The little ones really enjoyed their time with the 'big' kids and couldn't help but realize that reading is *fundamental*!

Upon my return to the library, all seemed copacetic; patrons arrived, the furnace hummed away, NPR's classical music filled the air. *Then* a technician arrived to clean the furnace. Not more than two minutes into his visit, he climbed the stairs and announced, "I have some really bad news for you!" In a nutshell, our furnace had cracks in its heat exchanger and could no longer be used. Well, Jeff Neipp soon arrived with an electric heater, a representative from E. Osterman Oil and volunteer trustee Rich DiMatteo arrived to discuss ideas for a suitable heat replacement, and twenty-five patrons visited!

By 5:30, I was just a bit chilled (you do remember our week of minus 10° F at the end of January, don't you?). Lois Feldman saved the day; she 'womanned' the desk while I raced to the town hall to pay bills and collect the mail. At six o'clock I closed the library and posted the furnace news to alert patrons that the library would be closed until further notice. What an eventful day!

Due to the hard work and research of Trustee Chair Carolyn Asbury, a new furnace was installed by Tognarelli Plumbing Company, and the library re-opened on Wednesday, February 6th. We are back in business!

Centennial Plans: On another positive note, our centennial plans are developing. Mark your calendars for May 11th, and the RML Coffee House event to be held at the town hall. Live music, readings by local writers, a song fest of 1913's most popular tunes by elementary students, food and more will make this an evening to remember. The library's birthday cake will be spectacular, too! Will there be 100 candles? Hmmmm.....
—Happy March, Chris Johnston

WiredWest

It looks as though the first big step toward getting the best fiber optic Wi-Fi into Leyden may be completed by April or May. Mass. Broadband, which laid all the cable two years ago along 91 from Springfield north will be bringing the lines into many of our towns' anchor institutions—town halls, schools, libraries, and fire and police departments. I am not sure yet if all of ours will be connected with this first hook-up, but since they are in such a straight line, they may well be. There will be a "go live" date after that, but Leyden is among the second group to be connected. Weather, of course, may put a bit of a crimp in those plans, but not by much. After that, those lines will become the connecting point from which WiredWest will do the last mile to our homes. That, of course, is down the line by at least a year or two, since we still have to raise lots of money from potential investors. And speaking of that, once again, I am so grateful that so many of you have filled out the support cards and continue to do so! The response from Leyden has been amazing. It is exciting each week to check the report to see that people are still filling out the form online at wiredwest.net. Thank you so much, and thanks, too, to *Leyden Life* for helping to keep you informed. This is a very exciting thing that we are all undertaking for the future of Leyden.
—Sheila Hourihan

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If you wish to continue to receive *Leyden Life*, and you do not have a hook or nail on the outside of your mailbox, please put one up by next month! The U. S. Postal Service will not allow us to use mailboxes, either the inside or the flag area outside; in fact, last month, many newsletters were removed from mailboxes by the mail deliverers and residents thus did not receive them. This will be your last issue if you are still have no hook or nail by next month! Email Bob Taylor at bobtwo@verizon.net if you prefer an electronic copy.

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 bobtwo@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 bobtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

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

Heartfelt thanks to Lauren Clary for somehow finding time, in the midst of her very busy work and family life, to deliver *Leyden Life* for the past five years (or even more—we've lost count)!

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by 5:00 PM on

Friday, March 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

Thursday, March 14th at 11:30 AM Join us to celebrate Sugaring Season in Leyden with Warren Facey

Leyden is known for producing delicious maple syrup! Warren Facey of Bree-Z-Knoll Farm will join us and explain how sap is turned into various grades of maple syrup and other delicious products. How many gallons of sap does it take to make one gallon of syrup? What determines the grade of syrup? Everything you ever wanted to know about maple syrup but were afraid to ask—ask Warren!

Please come and enjoy good company and an interesting and informative special presentation. A healthful lunch will also be served, and keep in mind that anyone over the age of 55 is invited to attend.

Join us at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the second Thursday of each month. If you need a ride, just let one of us know. 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, March 8th at Kathie Benson's house and March 22nd at Laura Timmerman'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.

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

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

Calling All Writers

How many of you remember the last grand poetry reading in Leyden? It was years ago, but wonderful, with poets and readers of all ages and stripes. Well, we are doing it again, on Saturday, May 11th, to celebrate our Library's 100th birthday! It would be great to hear writers from all corners of Leyden. If you are an active writer, contact us right now! (We know we have at least one prize-winning poet in town, and maybe more). Or if, like me, you have a dusty old poem or essay you always secretly wanted to share, this is your chance! Email Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com to get on the list, or with queries.

Library Patrons Beware !

An Act for the Preservation of Books and Other property belonging to Public Libraries

[Acts of 1872 chapter 42 incorporated in Public Statutes chapter 203 section 79]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Section 1. Whoever willfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys any book, plate, picture, engraving or statue, belonging to any law, town, city or other public library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months for every such offence.

Pearl Rhodes

Elementary School

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conference times are available on Friday, March 15th and Friday, March 22nd. Please call 772-6245 or stop by the office to schedule your conference.

MCAS Schedule

March 19, Grade 4 ELA Comparison; March 20 and 21, Grades 5/6 ELA Reading Comprehension; March 26 and 27, ELA Grades 3/4 ELA Reading Comprehension.

Upcoming Events

March 1, grades close; March 4-7, PRES Spirit Week; March 8, no school; March 12, report cards go home; March 15 and 22, Parent-Teaches Conferences

Music News



Students from all grades have been engaged in a variety of music activities. In Pre-K/K, students continue to build their repertoire and develop

good pitch and quality to their voices. We've enjoyed singing "BINGO", "This Little Light of Mine" and "Ten Little Children in the Band". The pieces help students develop timing, creative verse-building and counting. In addition, Pre-K/K students seem to *love* pantomiming the movement and expression of animals big and small as the piano is played. The tunes and style help inspire creative and individual expression.

In Grades 1/2, students are looking forward to using small, percussive instruments for accompaniment to songs that have strong rhythmic patterns. In addition, students will learn traditional dances and singing games that help forge cooperation and community-building; reinforce rhythmic patterns and creative expression and develop a repertoire of well-known songs, while also offering the opportunity for fun and enjoyment! Stay tuned.

Students in the upper grades just completed a unit that involved the wonderful book, "The Legend of Blue Bonnet" by author, Tomie DePaola. They were assigned characters from the story, while also using a variety of percussive instruments such as drums, rain-sticks, gongs and chimes to create sound effects as the story was read aloud. Students developed their ability to play effectively, recite lines with expression, and observe cues. In addition, the unit offered great fun and the opportunity for collaboration and team work. We look forward to more theater and stories as the year goes on. —Mrs. Spiro-Abedon



Local Emergency planners are reminding residents that every winter cold, ice, and storms come to western Massachusetts and preparing for these inevitable events can make the impact much less severe for you, your family, and your pets. Lindsey Britt, Regional Preparedness Planner at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, suggests keeping several days of food (that does not require cooking) in your home and storing five gallons of water per person in case your pipes freeze or burst. Having a battery powered radio is also very helpful during power outages, because many town officials and emergency responders will communicate important information, such as the location of warming centers, through local radio stations.

Ms. Britt notes that "Franklin County residents have already experienced very cold temperatures in 2013, which increases the risk of water disruption, and during extreme winter weather events the chance of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning also increases." Many of these tragedies can be prevented by checking the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, by having a multi-purpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher in the home, and by ensuring furnace vents are clear of snow so they can properly discharge.

During emergencies that cause disruption to utility service it can be particularly tempting to use generators, grills, gas camping stoves, and other similar devices inside the home, but Ms. Britt cautions that "generators or any gas-powered engines should never be run inside the basement, garage, or other enclosed structure—even if the doors and windows are open—unless the equipment is professionally installed and vented, because improper use can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning and possibly death." The same risks apply to using a gas range and oven to heat the home.

If you have already prepared yourself and your home, Ms. Britt suggests reaching out to neighbors and family members who may need help protecting themselves. "It is much easier to prepare than to react during a crisis when supplies are difficult to locate, traveling may be impossible, and emergency services can be stretched thin. You can also encourage your neighbors to visit www.westemmassready.org, which has a wealth of preparedness information," says Ms. Britt.

Contact: Lindsey Britt, Regional Preparedness Planner (413) 774-3167 x 136
12 Olive Street, Suite 2, Greenfield, MA 01301-3318 · www.frcog.org

Library Centennial Cookbook

We're working tirelessly on bringing our cookbook goal to fruition and are grateful for the generous submissions of recipes that residents have already sent us. However, we still need more. Many found their interest piqued and offered their support but have not yet sent us their favorites. We humbly request that you take a little time (it doesn't take long!) to copy and send us a recipe or two that you'd like to share. A sentence or two on their history and significance to you would be helpful. We believe it's important to include as much town participation as possible. You can leave your submissions at the Library with Chris or in the drop-off box, or you can e-mail them to wings@mtdata.com. The sooner the better; we'd like to complete the volume and have it ready for publishing by summer.

DSL Now Available on South County Road

DSL is now available to homes on South County Road, south of the switching equipment at the south end of Mid County Road.

Leyden Portrait Project

Many thanks to the Council on Aging for inviting me to speak at February's luncheon. It was a wonderful afternoon and I actually learned some things about myself through your insightful questions!

Copies of the second LPP book remain on sale for \$20 at the library and at Town Hall during Bob Hardesty's office hours. Please pay by check only at Town Hall. The first book is almost out of print, but there are a few copies at each location. I will arrange for another small print run if we run out and there is interest. I cannot give free prints to participants this time around but I am offering a 20% Leyden discount. I can print your picture in black and white, as in the book, or in color. Please contact me with questions.
—Trish Crapo, 774-2021, tcrapo@mac.com



This project is sponsored in part by a grant from the Leyden Local Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Leyden's Little Library

White clapboard siding,
Just one story high.
To find this tiny building,
You need an eagle eye.

A stranger might not notice
As he drove on past.
If he did (and I've heard him)
He probably would laugh.

But small packages
May be best of all.
For the things we keep in there,
Can't be imprisoned by a wall.

Thoughts of ancient thinkers,
Or of how to build a house,
Or the habitat and breeding grounds
Of the wild grouse

In this little building
We can chat with Hank Thoreau
Or share the long-lost love
Of morbid Edgar Poe.

Hitler's book, Mein Kampf,
Is there for us to read
To understand how holocausts
Spring from hatred's ugly seed.

This tiny little building
Where knowledge can be found
Is, I think, a sacred place.
It makes this hallowed ground.

Doug Pratt October 1993

Wells Trust Scholarships

Applications for the 2013-2014 Wells Trust Scholarships are due by Wednesday, March 20th. Please note that this is an earlier due date than in previous years.

—Thank you, Lois Feldman

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

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.

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.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

FREE FARM SHARES

I am looking for someone who would like to learn more about growing vegetables, flowers, and poultry to be a special working farm member. If you would enjoy helping me in the garden on a regular basis, we can work out a trade for a Free Farm Share. Call or email for details.

SWEET MORNING FARM 2013 CSA SHARES

Shares are on sale! Deposits are due March 20. Act now 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.

- 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 are \$3.00 a half dozen. To get updates about eggs and early season vegetables, email me to be placed on the Eggs & Extras Email List.

I don't know about you but I am getting pretty excited about the 2013 growing season!

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

Linda Romano

Spring is coming and the season for growth and change and increase in physical activity is upon us. Spring tune-ups are: shiatsu, deep tissue/ muscle sculpting and Polarity therapy; all are perfect for this season. Winter yoga continues; new spring sessions will begin in March. Chair yoga is just as beneficial as regular yoga but easier, so perfect for limitations, injuries etc. Six-week sessions are on the schedule.

Affirmation-making workshop takes place on March 9th, 1-3 PM, using art and intension. Create cards that are portable and assist you in thoughts, words, actions and character. This workshop is part of the Healing Art Series list. Please call 624-3334 for information or appointments. Linda Romano/ Holistic Practitioner

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