

# Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

June 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, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 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, Jun 4	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Tue, Jun 4	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Jun 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Wed, Jun 5	5:00 PM	Library Trustees (at the Library)
Thu, Jun 6	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Jun 10	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Jun 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Wed, Jun 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Jun 20	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.

*Note:* Monthly meetings are now posted on the town web site at [www.townofleyden.com](http://www.townofleyden.com). Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to Municipal Assistant. -*Selectboard*

## Xerox Transfer Workshop with Artist Alicia Hunsicker

I will hold a Xerox Transfer Workshop on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Town Hall. This workshop is available for eight to ten participants from Leyden, ages 16 and up. Please email me at [mahunsicker@netzero.net](mailto:mahunsicker@netzero.net) if you are interested.

I will teach workshop participants about a variety of Xerox transfer processes and the different ways they can be applied in creating paintings or other kinds of art. I will demonstrate the process I use in creating my work. Participants will then be walked through the process as they create their own. Participants will leave with at least one Xerox transfer work of art on heavy archival paper, a materials list and written directions for future projects. This workshop will last approximately three hours.

Topics covered include how to use digital technology to create an image, materials and multiple usage explanation, how to apply the xerox onto a variety of surfaces, how to seal the image and layer for use as a painting, and painting techniques in acrylic and oil for use with the xerox transfer method.



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.

## Town Clerk

### ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Assessor, John Rodgers; Board of Health, Kathie Benson; Constable, Vanessa Russell; Library Trustee, Carolyn Asbury; Moderator, Katherine DiMatteo; Planning Board, Clifford Spatcher; Selectboard, Barbara Wallace; Tree Warden, Edmund Klaus.

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING CONTINUATION

The Annual Town Meeting held on May 18<sup>th</sup> was recessed, to reconvene on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The last day to register to vote at the reconvened Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### SPECIAL STATE ELECTION FOR U.S. SENATOR

The Special State Senatorial Election will take place on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. Polling hours are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The last day to register to vote for the Special State Election is Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### TOWN HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

Town offices will be closed Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day Holiday. —*Bob Hardesty*

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

## What Leyden is Reading

In 1913, at an Armory in Manhattan, works by Cezanne, Picasso, and many other “modern” artists featuring cubism and abstraction were revealed to the American public. The reporters who covered the show were shocked and called it a “circus of freaks and clowns.” The MoMA web site writes, “1913 is a particularly important year within the history of modern art marked by events and objects that would fundamentally change the way art was conceived and understood.”

Adults can learn more by looking up ‘Culture Shock 1913’ on a computer search engine. Families can also visit Leyden’s little library and check out “No One Saw” and other books by Bob Raczka. A day trip to a museum would be a real great treat! There are many fabulous art museums an hour (or less) away. What style of art do you like the best?

## Mass Beer Tour comes to Leyden

What started as a trivia question about naming the towns in Massachusetts has now turned into a pledge for Todd Ruggere of Grafton to drink a beer in each of the 351 towns in Massachusetts by the end of 2013. Calling it the “Mass Beer Tour,” at each stop Todd gives the opportunity for folks to make a donation to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. So far, Todd has raised over \$21,000 in 154 towns.

Todd will stop in Leyden on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Since we have no restaurants or bars, you’re all invited to Angels’ Rest to toast with Todd the good work of Dana-Farber’s children’s cancer research. Additionally, Jeff Guy, one of the head brewers at Lefty’s Brewing Company in Greenfield (and member of the Leyden Fire Department) will present a beer sampling of several of Lefty’s brews. He will answer any questions about the brewing operation and share information about the company.

[www.LeftysBrew.com](http://www.LeftysBrew.com)

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## Robertson Memorial Library

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

Thanks again to Trueman Robbins for his gift of wood chips for the flower beds and stones to rebuild the crumbling wall adjacent to the cellar entrance. He and Tucker worked hard on a cold, blustery April day to get this place in order!

**Author visit at PRES** – The library brought author Amy Gordon to PRES on April 23 and 24. Working with first- and second-graders during her first visit, Amy discussed her novel “Star Baby” and engaged students in some creative writing of their own. On the second day, Amy spent the morning with fifth- and sixth-graders discussing “Gorillas of Gill Park”, a story filled with rich characters and exciting challenges for the protagonist. Each of these students completed a story employing numerous strategies for effective creative writing.

Thank you to both the Leyden Cultural Council and the Foundation for Educational Excellence for supporting us and for bringing Amy to PRES! The PVRSD purchased multiple copies of each novel so that each student was able to read along with the teacher and analyze text as they discussed their novel.

**More than a recipe book** – Ginny Rockwood and Lois Feldman have created a masterpiece. This book is a fund-raiser for the library and contains not only scrumptious recipes but Leyden history, great pictures, and more. This collector’s item is not yet ready, but it will be soon.

**History of Leyden** – Higginson Publishers is willing to sell us copies at a reduced price of \$30, so sign up ASAP, as I’d like to place an order soon.

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** – Comments about the big party included: “Last night was fabulous! It was great fun to see so many Leydenites! You chose events that were fitting to a celebration of 100 years of the library, but also displayed the talents hidden in the hills. Wonderful!” and “I’ve not been to an event at Town Hall that brought so many people out in fifteen years! It was great fun.” and “Saturday night kicked off my Mother’s Day in a special way! What a nice evening!”

Centennial Memorabilia mugs are decorated with the earliest picture we could find of the library, and have room for a great cup of coffee! The price is \$10.00, and they make a great gift. Come get yours at the library.

Special Thanks to Kay and Mike Dougherty for their surprise gift of the scrumptious birthday cake we all enjoyed. Trustee Chair, Carolyn Asbury, was ‘blown away’ by their generosity when she stopped at the 7 South Bakery in Bernardston to pick up her order. Thank you!  
—Chris Johnston

## Mohawk Trail Concerts Summer Festival

Vouchers for free tickets to the Friday and Saturday concerts (from June 28 to July 27) will be available to Leyden residents at Robertson Memorial Library. Posters and information about the concerts will also be found there.

## WiredWest

WiredWest and Mass Broadband are working hard on all the details for the “last mile” to our homes. They are working with our legislators to get the \$40 million grant pushed through the process. We will still need to raise another \$60 million to do the whole project, which is where the support cards come in. It is crucial in showing potential funders that our towns are really serious about getting the best Wi-Fi to our homes. If you can’t remember whether you have filled out a card, try it on wiredwest.net. I will be happy to do it for you if you call me at 774-5922. I am so proud of the fact that Leyden has one of the best response rates, but we need it to be even better.

I am also asking some of you to think about helping me form an IT committee for Leyden. As we move into better and better access, it might be good to have some knowledgeable people who could answer questions about networking, security, cloud storage, and levels of service we might want. There will be so many options we have not had before—exciting and a bit daunting at the same time. If you think you might be interested, please give me a call.  
—Sheila Hourihan, 774-5922

## Leyden Life Lowdown

### EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com), Carolyn Asbury at [carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.asbury@gmail.com), and Bob Taylor at [bobtwo@verizon.net](mailto: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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bobtwo@verizon.net).

### THANKS

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

Visit the Town web site at

[townofleyden.com](http://townofleyden.com)

The Selectboard email address is  
[leydenselectboard@crocker.com](mailto:leydenselectboard@crocker.com)

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## Leyden Life

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**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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

**June 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 NOON John Porcino, Storyteller-Musician**

The Cultural Council has funded a delightful performer, John Porcino, who for almost 30 years has been weaving stories, songs and music that tickle life's funny bone, touch the heart and give a little boost to our own hero's journey. Kindled from the flickering flames of story, song and music, his beloved programs are humorous, tender, and hopeful sparks from the fire of life. *This program will be held in the Town Hall, and all residents are welcome.* A light buffet lunch will be provided. Please join us. (This programs concludes the year.)

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, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Laura Timmerman's house and on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Peggy Brown'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.

If you would like to be on an email group for the Knitting Circle, get in touch with Laura.

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

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

## Mass Beer Tour comes to Leyden

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Todd is a full-time employee of an investment firm, and he wants to make it clear that his odyssey is no drunken binge. He observes strict rules. If he is visiting more than one or two places, he will travel with a designated driver. Someone from the town has to be present, and he has to have a photograph to prove he was there. He will not drink on public property or violate any other laws. When he is offered cash from patrons in pubs, he has them give the money to the proprietor, who writes out a check to Dana-Farber.

Although Dana Farber can't directly support Todd, they are no stranger to unusual fund-raising tactics. Pigeon races, a zucchini festival, and a tour of baseball stadiums are among the more exotic ways people have raised funds for the institute, said Molly McHale, Dana-Farber spokesperson. "It is inspiring when people take initiative to raise money to support cancer research and care," she said. "Todd's very creative approach isn't one that we would undertake ourselves, but we are grateful for his efforts, and wish him great success." (Boston Globe)

Come on out to Angels' Rest, 63 North County Road, from 5 to 7 PM on June 14<sup>th</sup>, sample Lefty's beer. You're invited (not required) to bring a simple snack to share with your neighbors. Angels' Rest will provide non-alcoholic drinks and some yummy snacks. No donation is too small, and if you can't come, you can send a donation made out to Dana-Farber to Angels' Rest (01337). Leyden may have been an unknown to Todd up to now, but let's give him a Leyden welcome to remember!

You can find out more about the Mass Beer Tour and track Todd's progress at <http://www.351samadams.com>.

## Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

### Upcoming Events

**June 6**

Field Day

**June 10 & 11**

Band Rehearsal at PVRS, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

**June 11**

Band Concert at PVRS, 7:00 PM

**June 14**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at the Town Hall, 5:00 PM

**June 19**

Last Day of School, 12:00 Release

### Field Day

Field Day will be held on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Lauren Avery, our interim P.E. teacher, is working hard planning & organizing fun activities for the whole school on this special day. A picnic lunch will be served at the pavilion. Parents are welcome to join us! If you would like to participate please let Carolyn know. Adult lunch price is \$3.40.

Students should dress in athletic/ comfortable clothing & sneakers. Bring an extra set of clothes to change into as some of the activities involve water. **NO** bathing suits please. Sunscreen must be applied at home. We cannot apply it at school without a doctor's order. Other suggested items: towel, hat, refillable water bottle.



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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.

**Free Pachysandra** Call Cornelia or Wally at 774-5146.

**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](http://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](mailto:cjkuzdeba@yahoo.com).

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## Sweet Morning Farm CSA

### SWEET MORNING FARM 2013 CSA SHARES

Share distribution has started! Farm members get a variety of vegetables and fruit each week, usually including some kind of cooking green, some kind of salad greens, root crops, onion family items, herbs, and whatever is in season that week, like beans, squash, tomatoes, or peppers. It's a great way to connect with the changing harvest as spring rolls into summer, and then fall, with special items for each time of year.

There are still some shares available, but please get in touch soon to save 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. Mini shares are starting June 6.

Full Shares - 22 weeks - \$625.00 (late start price)

Half Shares - 22 weeks - \$325.00 (late start price)

Mini Shares - 16 weeks - \$105.00

Extended Mini Shares - 20 weeks - \$130.00

Pick up at the farm on Thursdays.

**EGGS & EXTRAS:** I sell organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Duck eggs are \$3.00 a half dozen. I am currently picking mesclun, head lettuce, kale, and radishes for spring eating. Kohlrabi, pak choy and dill will be ready soon. To get weekly updates about eggs and vegetables, email me to be placed on the Eggs & Extras Email List.

**FLOWERS:** I am growing flowers for bouquets for the shares. However, the cut flowers are also my gift to the town. If you want to stop by and pick a bouquet for yourself or a friend, you are most welcome. If you feel like making a donation, that's fine, but not required. Just share the joy!

—Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325, [laurat@crocker.com](mailto:laurat@crocker.com)

## Linda Romano

Cooling summer sessions for massage, bodywork, Yoga are available using outdoor space, water, and salt. Also available are Esalen, Polarity, lomi lomi, Yoga for heart opening, and holistic and self-care coaching.

Have an abundant, lovely summer. Thank you. —Linda Romano, 624-3334



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