

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

August 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 Thursdays, August 1st and 15th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, August 29th 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:

Thu, Aug 1	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Tue, Aug 6	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Aug 7	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Aug 13	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Aug 14	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Aug 15	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Aug 19	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Aug 21	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Aug 29	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. Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to Municipal Assistant.—*Selectboard*

Town Email List

Please consider adding your email address to the town email list. This email list can be used for emergency contact, town announcements, and other useful purposes. It may even prove to be a conduit for Leyden Life distribution in the future.

Please send your address to Bob Hardesty at Town Hall at leydenselectboard@crocker.com to be added to the list.

Bookmaking Workshop

In honor of the Robertson Memorial Library's Centennial year a bookmaking workshop will be held on Sunday, August 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM downstairs at Town Hall. It is available to ten participants aged 13 and up. Please contact Ginny Rockwood at 774-2694 or at wings@mtdata.com to save your space and for further information.

You will learn how to make two to three books with different bindings. Once created, you will exercise your imagination by turning one into an art book. All materials will be supplied, but you should bring copies of photos, pictures, threads, and other ephemera to embellish and personalize your art book.

—*Ginny Rockwood*



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

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths —Maureen Manzelli, June 8
Robert Loomis, July 12

STREET LISTING — 2ND MAILING

The second mailing of street listings for residents who failed to respond to the January mailing has been completed. Residents must return the street list to remain on the active voter list. Inactive voters will be required to provide identification at the polls to verify residency.

—*Bob Hardesty*

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



Leyden Church Fair Booth

Here we are again preparing for the Leyden Church food booth at the Franklin County Fair in Greenfield. The dates this year are September 5th through the 8th. We are looking for donations of non-perishable items such as paper towels, napkins, plastic forks, soup spoons, cans of corn, cans of solid tuna, spaghetti sauce, macaroni, bottles of ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, Bisquick mix, complete pancake mix, 7-oz. hot & cold cups, bottled water, cream of chicken soup, and coffee, to name a few. There is a complete list downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

There will be a lot of baking needed for desserts and three shifts per day to volunteer. You will be given a vendor ticket to get in the gate free if you work a shift. This is a good time to meet your neighbors, and lots of hands make light work.

If you would like to help in any way, please call Gilda Galvis 773-7932, Rita Klaus, 774-5218 or Valeria Snow 772-0924.

WiredWest

At the supplemental budget meeting, there was a lot of discussion about taxes in Leyden and the diminishing tax base. That is precisely why it is so important for us to support WiredWest's project to get fiber optic connectivity into Leyden. If you have not already had this conversation, ask people if they would ever buy a home without a good Internet connection. I have not had anyone answer yes to that. The younger the

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Meetings and Gatherings

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet two times in August, on August 9th and August 23rd. The locations are still to be decided, so call for more information if you want to join us for the evening.

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 at laurat@crocker.com.

—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.

WiredWest

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We are an aging population, with a diminishing growth rate, which makes all of our taxes rise. Selling our homes, or seeing their value increase for our children, will be much more difficult without a good Internet connection. As residents, most of us can't even attract our own children to live here without access to the best internet connection, even though they love Leyden. The need to be connected increases almost by the day, and that will only speed up.

Even those who think they will never need it may be surprised by even the medical advantages we will see very soon, allowing us to live longer and more independently in our homes. Towns with lots of second-home owners report that those owners would often love to move there permanently and improve their homes (increasing the tax base) but can't do it without being able to work from home. I don't know how many of you have ever seen the pamphlet in Town Hall that lists businesses in Leyden. There are 33 listed there, and there are probably more that are not listed. That is a substantial base of people who desperately need to be connected, and will absolutely grow when we have fiber optic available to use.

All of this would increase our tax base and the viability of our town. If you have filled out the support card, helping us to be among those towns who will get connected earlier, thank you. If you have not yet signed the card at wiredwest.net, please consider it. You can call me at 774-5922 if you would like me to do it for you. This is important for Leyden's future.

—Sheila Hourihan, 774-5922

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 the **electronic version of *Leyden Life*** in PDF format, please notify Bob Taylor at bobtwo@verizon.net.

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Visit the Town web site at

townofleyden.com

The Selectboard email address is
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by 5:00 PM on

Thursday, August 15th.

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the book drop outside the Library.

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Free Pachysandra Call Cornelia or Wally at 774-5146.

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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.

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EGGS & EXTRAS

I sell organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Duck eggs are \$3.00 a half dozen. To get weekly updates about eggs and vegetables, email me to be placed on the Eggs & Extras Email List. It's summer and perhaps your own garden is in full swing, but I plan on having vegetables into the fall and winter, so if you are interested in Leyden-grown food in the cold weather, let me know.

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



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