
Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

March 2014

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 Thursday, March 13th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, February 27th 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 4	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Mar 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Mar 11	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Mar 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Mar 13	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Mar 17	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Mar 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Mar 27	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*

Selectboard Corner

In police news Rachel Capella has been appointed as a part-time Officer for the Town. She will be riding with Dan and other officers as she gets to know the hills of Leyden.

Town building maintenance and upgrade issues have been high on the Town agenda. We are doing our best to put together a decent plan, along with the Building Needs Study Committee, for the Annual Town Meeting. Everyone has spent a considerable amount of time to come up with the best plans. We look forward to your support at town meeting.

—*Respectfully yours, Jeff, Barbara, Bill*

School Committee Member

Town Moderator, Katherine DiMatteo, seeks a short-term appointee to the PVRs School Committee. Due to a resignation of one of Leyden's representatives on the School Committee, I am seeking interested individuals to fill the seat until the next election in November 2014. Do you have children in the Pioneer Valley school system? Are you curious about how decisions are made? Are you willing to give up some evenings to attend meetings? Can you work with the other Leyden Town committees to achieve the best for the Town and the schools? Please call Kathie at 413-624-5569 if interested.

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages — Diedrick Neipp and Kathryn Cadran.

TOWN CAUCUS

The annual Town Caucus to nominate candidates for the 2014 Annual Town Election on May 17th, will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. Offices open for nomination are as follows: Assessor (3-year term), Robert DePalma, incumbent; Board of Health (3-year term), Andrea Zimmerman (I); Constable (3-year term), Erik Johnson (I); Library Trustee (3-year term), Cornelia Reid (I); Moderator (1-year term), Katherine DiMatteo (I); Planning Board (5-year term), Andrew Baker (I); Planning Board (2-year term), William Harris (I); Selectboard (3-year term), William Glabach (I); Tree Warden (1-year term), Edmund Klaus (I).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

The Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held on Saturday, May 17th at Town Hall. Polling hours for the Election are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Town Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. The last day to register to vote at Town Meeting and Town Election is Monday, April 28th.
—*Bob Hardesty*

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

Community Partnership Meeting

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), with the assistance of the Franklin Land Trust, are conducting public outreach to determine the level of interest in a new model of assistance and involvement by the State and the U.S. Forest Service which could provide federal funds to expand forestry activities on privately-owned land and to support tourism-based businesses. The purpose of this initiative is to conserve forests, increase economic development that is based on sustainable forestry and recreational tourism, and improve the fiscal stability of municipalities. With enough interest from communities, the U.S. Forest Service could be requested to designate an area which would be eligible to receive this assistance.

The FRCOG will hold a public outreach meeting in Leyden on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public and municipal officials; residents, business owners, landowners, and foresters are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Please attend to listen and learn at this special meeting.

Annual Sugar on Snow Supper
Save the Date, Saturday, April 12th
Sittings at 5:00 and 6:30 PM

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.)

February and *frigid* seem to be synonymous terms this year. As I write, we've just cleaned up from a foot of snow which forced the library to close. Temps huddle in the single numbers and teens, and "reliable" forecasters suggest that a stormy pattern will continue...ho hum! Thank goodness for good books, good CDs and good DVDs to keep us sane!

Quilling, or paper filigree, is an art form in which strips of paper are rolled, shaped, and glued to create decorative designs. **Nan Rolstad** created a beautiful piece of quilling for the library, and her sister, **Ruth Tuller**, delivered it for her as Nan recovers from hip replacement surgery. The curled artwork, inscribed "*Open a Book and Open a Brand New Mind*" is three-dimensional and absolutely beautiful. It sits on the fireplace for all to enjoy. Thank you, Nan; we hope your recovery is quick and complete!

I'm currently working on a grant with PRES first/second grade teacher **Judi Shilling**. We're hoping to bring local artist/writer Astrid Sheckels, author of *Nic and Nellie*, of Greenfield to the school to work with students on personal narrative, character development, and theme in her book, and in their own creations.

Joyus Sky-Fox, a resident of Colrain but a frequent visitor to our library, has volunteered to create a catalog of all our DVD's. She'll organize them alphabetically, and list them in a notebook stored in the DVD area. As new ones arrive, I'll add them to the lists. Thank you in advance, Joyus!

Sometimes it takes more than *one* village to make things happen. When **John Rodgers** entered the library and moaned, "I need help!", I wanted to help; but I am technologically challenged. Could I scan pictures? No way!

As usual, I called my husband Freddie for advice. After fifteen futile minutes of frustration, I suggested that John drive to our house in Shelburne.

Freddie scanned the pictures needed by John's daughter Rachel for a PowerPoint presentation, mailed them off to Rachel, and saved the day. John sighed with relief, and Freddie went back to work filing our taxes!

Rachel has volunteered many hours of service to the library, so we were more than happy to help her with this project! She's a freshman at Sewanee University in Tennessee.

When you read this it will be March, and in three weeks, the official start of spring will bring smiles to our faces. I hope Mother Nature complies! —*Chris Johnston*

Who's in the School Photos?

Sharon Clark, of 67 West Leyden Road, sent this interesting response to the query about photos in the January *Leyden Life*. The Clarks' house was originally the Leyden Center School.

"Both pictures are the Center school. Edith [Fisher] told us the Severance family owned the property behind our place and there are Severances in the picture.

"Also you can see the granite slabs under the front, and you can still see them today. In the second one I was thinking one of the teachers, the centered one, could be Isabelle Slate. Three of the boys look like my brothers; the one on the far left looks like Barry Wiles, the one beside him looks like Norman Wiles, and the one on the far right, smiling, looks like Gregory Wiles. It is hard to tell for sure as the picture is blurry, but it definitely is our house."



Board of Health



It is against the law to dispose of needles and syringes in your regular garbage.

The Leyden Board of Health is now providing "Sharps" containers to safely dispose of needles, syringes, lancets and test strips. The containers are **free** and can be picked up at a Board of Health meeting (second Tuesday of the month at the Leyden Police station from 5:30 to 6:30 PM). You can also contact Kathie at 773-8595 or Gloria at 774-7113 to arrange to pick up a container. Containers may be used to dispose of "Sharps" products used by humans, as well as those used for your animals.

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. (Yes, please send it to *all three* of us.)

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.

THANKS

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Leyden Life

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and Bob at bobtwo@verizon.net
by 5:00 PM on

Saturday, 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

Leyden Council on Aging (COA)

Join Us: If you are age 50 and over, or a caregiver, or just interested in participating in healthful and active aging activities, we invite you to join us. All meetings are held at Town Hall.

Transportation needed to COA meetings? Amy St. Clair has volunteered to drive anyone who needs a ride. Call her at 774-6907.

Monday, March 10th

10:00–11:30: Foot and Blood Pressure Clinic, performed by a public health nurse; no appointment needed.

10:00–11:30: The Myths of Alzheimer's. Is memory loss a normal part of aging? If a relative has Alzheimer's, will you develop it too? Does Alzheimer's only affect the elderly? Is it preventable? Certified Dementia Practitioner Robin Martin will talk to us about the myths surrounding this disease, warning signs, and related conditions. She is certified as a Dementia Specialist by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and has worked with the dementia population for over 25 years. Come with your questions!

11:30–12:15 - a light lunch will be served.

Monday, March 24th

10:30–11:30: Outreach/Caregiver Assistance will again be available. No problem should go without a solution, especially when budgets are tight, and you are living on a fixed income. Nancy Wood, professional outreach worker and benefits counselor, will be at Town Hall to help with questions about programs for food, fuel, housing and home care assistance; discounts for electric or phone bills; compensation for caregivers, etc. She can also help you fill out applications as needed, or just help you figure out where to start. Walk-ins are welcome – and while you are there, consider staying for Lunch.

10:00–11:30 Our morning activity will be "Friend to Friend", which is a chance to come and socialize, share common interests, play cards or work on a neighbor to neighbor note writing project.

11:30–12:15 a light lunch will be served.

12:15–1:00 - COA business meeting will follow lunch.

Bridge anyone? Someone is still hoping to find fellow bridge players in town. Call Dianne Ryan at 624-0225 if interested, and we'll see what can be organized.

Bad Weather: Council programs will not be held if school is closed due to bad weather. —*Dianne Cornwell*

Call for New Members of the BNSC

Thank you for the response to our previous advertisement in January. We are anticipating a future opening so want to run this ad again.

The Building Needs Study Committee (BNSC), a Town committee appointed by the Select Board annually, is looking for new members. The committee puts together information on projects that the board is interested in accomplishing. The most recent visible project was the Town Hall ADA Compliance Renovation Project of several years ago, which installed a new elevator, stage lift, and handicapped-accessible restrooms in Town Hall.

We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping the Town with building projects like this or smaller. It would be helpful if the person had some knowledge of renovating or building structures in a real or abstract sense, but that is not a necessity. It is important that an interested person be willing to spend a couple of hours every month or two meeting to discuss on-going plans. That usually means additional time doing some research to provide usable data for the Select Board. Then it might mean involvement in putting plans together to accomplish the building task.

Anyone interested in being a BNSC member should contact any present member of the BNSC or the Select Board. Or call or email the Town Administrator, Bob Hardesty, and leave your name and telephone number or email address. One of us will get back to you.

Call the Select Board at 774-4111 or BNSC Chair Cliff Carlson at 624-3695 for further information. —*Cliff Carlson*

Pollinator Habitat Creation

On Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall Tom Sullivan, of "Pollinators Welcome" will cover the key elements of native bee habitat design, including flower types and nesting requirements to help the largest number of bees flourish. He teaches you how to increase pollinator resources in your landscape by following habitat design criteria and shows a wide variety of nesting options to attract pollinators this spring and summer.

Tom will have on hand bee condos and nifty inexpensive nesting tubes for sale and to order. Tom will also discuss the pollinator-positive aspects of the new farm bill and available grants available from the USDA and Natural Resource Conservation Service.



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.

From the Editors

Thanks to all who have helped us to "go electronic" by sending your email addresses, or letting us know your preferences. It will be a few more months before we are ready to make any significant changes.

If you have already indicated that you are happy with an e-LL, please do not be dismayed if you still receive a hard copy. We're working on our lists, and trying to determine which addresses still want hard copies on their hooks. It's not easy for our deliverers to pick and choose those hooks! —*Editors*

Fred Wells Trust

Scholarship Awards

The Fred W. Wells Trust is an organization that provides scholarships to students graduating from high school and to those enrolled in college or an advanced educational program. Recipients are selected based on scholarship, need, extracurricular activities and recommendations.

Applications may be obtained from high school college counselors, or from the Leyden Town Clerk during normal business hours. All applications, recommendation letters and official transcripts now need to be postmarked no later than **Thursday, March 20, 2014**. Please note that this is a new deadline date, moved forward from the April 1st date used in previous years.

Please call Lois at 774-4092 for further information if needed.

Historical Commission

The Leyden Historical Commission now has a web site. It is still in progress, but will contain its meeting agendas and minutes, updates on its projects and various historical information. Go to leydenhistoricalcommission.weebly.com

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.

Natural Lamb is available again from the Petersons at Orchard Valley Farm. No growth-enhancing hormones or antibiotics. Usual cuts generally available. Special orders on request. Call 624-5562 or email ovfarm@verizon.net. Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

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. 10% of all purchases made in November and December will be donated to the Warm the Children Fund.

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, Land clearing, installing and repairing driveways, septic systems, drainage, field mowing, snow-blowing and sanding driveways. Also sweet maple syrup. Allis Construction 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.

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events

March 3-6

PRES Spirit Week

March 6

Grades close

March 7

No school—Teacher In-service Day

March 12

Report Cards

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2014 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 Leyden-grown, organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Planning and planting are happening now for lots of yummy food for us all. Kale, mesclun, tomatoes, peppers, beans, carrots, onions, leeks, peaches, beets, flowers, and so many more delicious, nutritious, and beautiful crops are on their way. For details call or email me. Check out our farm blog and Facebook page for news and pictures.

EGGS: I sell organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Call or email me for availability or to be placed on the weekly Egg & Extras Email List. Currently we have leeks and microgreens available. It's winter now, but spring is on its way! *Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325*

*laurat@crocker.com, <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>*

Linda Romano

Spring sessions—Deep tissue massage, bodywork, healing modalities for pain and tension. Early morning appointments available can relax and rejuvenate all day. New detoxing options; appointments tailored to your needs. Call about movement classes in yoga, chi gong, and Zumba. Like-mindful meditation practices will be on-going. Enjoy this season of growth and change! Call Linda Romano, (624-3334) holistic practitioner of massage, bodywork, movement, and healing.

SATURDAY APRIL 12th, 2014

10AM-2PM

Rabies Clinic

At the **Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter!**

Look for our sign on Turnpike Rd and head to 10 Sandy Lane Turners Falls, MA

Call: (413) 676-9182

No appointment necessary

Town Clerks from the following towns will be on site to license dogs from their towns

**Bernardston
Gill
Montague
Northfield**

\$17 PER PET

All dogs **MUST** be leashed
All cats **MUST** be in carriers

Special thanks to **Dr. Funk!**



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