

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

July 2014

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 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, July 3rd at 9:00 AM, and Thursday, July 17th and Thursday July 31st 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	Jul 1	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed	Jul 2	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu	Jul 3	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Tue	Jul 8	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed	Jul 9	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Wed	Jul 16	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu	Jul 17	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Mon	Jul 21	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Thu	Jul 31	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*

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

On June 3rd, the third/fourth grade class enjoyed a field trip to the Springfield Science Museum. This trip was made possible through a grant from the Leyden Cultural Council. The students participated in two programs. One was called "Earth Rocks", which concerned volcanoes and other geological features of our planet. The second program, "Just Survive" was really fun. Students learned about animal adaptations. They got to dress up as animals and act as predators and prey.

Our school wants to thank the Leyden Cultural Council for their support.

Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program

The 2013 - 2014 A+ Rewards Program has come to an end! Thank you for a successful fundraiser! Your efforts have helped us raise \$107.00 in cash for our school. Again, thank you for taking the time to register your card to support our school.

—*Chris Maguire*

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

No births, marriages or deaths were reported for June.

—*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 Council on Aging (COA)

Thursday, July 10

4:00-5:30 ~ "If You Grow It, Show It!" (Garden Tour and Swap)

This is not a fancy garden tour. The idea here is not to see perfection, but to visit working gardens and gardens in progress - small and large, perennials or annuals, vegetables or flowers, in sun or shade. With luck and enough participation, this will be the first of several informal tours, and it will be a way to share plants and garden conversation during the growing season. Bring a plant to swap (or arrange for a future swap once the flowering is over), and come prepared to share the names of your favorite garden center and your favorite public or botanical garden.

This first visit will be to Dianne and Bob Ryan's garden (411 West Leyden Road, at the corner of Bell Road). Go directly there. *Rain date:* Friday, July 11 (in case of downpour only!)

Stay tuned for next month's garden....

Wednesday, July 30

2:30-4:00 ~ Neighbor to Neighbor We will make and send cards to seniors in our community. We will also be working on preparing a community survey to better understand what services are needed and wanted by seniors. Suggestions and comments would be welcome.

4:00-5:00 p.m. ~ official Council on Aging monthly meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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

—*Dianne Ryan*

Recent Graduates

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School - Delaney Archer, Tyler DeAngelis, Valerie Kasper, Logan Kreger, Stephanie Mercorelli, Sarah Podlesney, Devin Stone and Jaden Whiting

Oberlin College - Alexandra Post

Join the Finance Committee

The Town Moderator is seeking interested individuals to serve on the Finance Committee. You need to be able to attend regular meetings and have time for additional work on the budget prior to the Annual Town Meeting. You must be willing to work collaboratively with fellow committee members, the Select Board and other town committees, have active listening skills and be comfortable with compromise. Knowledge of budgets and financial reports is helpful but not required.

—*Contact Katherine DiMatteo, 413-624-5569*

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.)

The Zimmerman family has generously donated some land to the town for use by the library in memory of their mother, Marian Zimmerman. As of this writing, Dave and his crew at the town Highway Department have been depositing fill on the south side of the building to create a safe parking area for patrons to access the library. Because of the fine work Dave always does, we know that the final product will be something to admire! Please have patience. *Do not park in this area* yet as it is not safe and will not be completed for several months.

The annual Summer Reading Program began on June 11th, and it will run until Wednesday, September 3rd. The closing date will occur after school reopens. This will allow the children to turn in their logs to their teachers if they can't get to the library because of vacations and/or family commitments around Labor Day. Readers need only keep a record of the titles, authors, and pages read to qualify for their certificate and their gift certificate to the World Eye Book Shop.

The Summer Reading Program is open to all young people in Leyden, whether they are homeschooled or attend elementary, middle, or high school, private or public—the more the merrier. If you miss the start date, that is not a problem; just come in, sign up, and begin reading! PRES students visited the library and signed up on June 11th, until rain forced the fifth and sixth graders to postpone their trek up the hill until June 16th.

If a participant is *not* attending PRES, he or she can deposit his or her reading log in the return box outside the library.

The flowers at the library are in great shape. With the irises in full bloom in June and the flower boxes exploding as Holly Spatcher's gifts thrive, the library looks really nice! Don't you just love this time of the year?

—*Hope to see you this summer, Chris Johnston*

Mohawk Trail Concerts Free at the Library

During its forty-fifth concert series Mohawk Trail Concerts is offering a pair of free vouchers for each of their five Saturday concerts. Stop in at the library and pick up a schedule of concerts and your free vouchers. Children under twelve, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free of charge. Take advantage of this great opportunity! Free is *good*!

Shape Note Singing

All are invited to share a potluck supper and sing shape note music together at my home on Monday, July 7th. Listeners, beginners and all ages are welcome. We sing for the joy of singing and often go over parts. No special singing ability or experience is required. This particular annual singing is a very special evening dedicated to singing from a particular songbook that includes some songs that may be more familiar to the novice shape note singer, such as Precious Memories, Sweet Hour of Prayer, and Angel Band.

Come for all or part of the time. Potluck is at 5:00 PM and singing is from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

—*Laura Timmerman, 773-8325*

Alicia Hunsicker at Gallery in the Woods

Leyden artist Alicia Hunsicker will exhibit her recent paintings in a solo exhibition entitled NEXUS at Gallery in the Woods, located on Main Street in Brattleboro, VT. The show will open July 1st, and will conclude August 31st. The paintings on view reveal a cosmic discussion about the nature of all things at the intersection of science and spirituality.

You are invited to attend the artist reception which will take place on Friday, August 1st, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Brattleboro holds monthly Gallery Walks the first Friday of every month from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

More information can be found on Alicia's web site at www.aliciahunsicker.blogspot.com (See page 5 of the electronic version)

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. (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**.

If you would like to receive the **electronic version of *Leyden Life*** in PDF format, please email the same three addresses listed above.

THANKS

Thanks to the Snedekers, the Carlsons, and Jim Finney for contributions this month. Thanks to collators Lois Feldman and Sue Carlson and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

Visit the Town web site at
townofleyden.com

The Selectboard email address is
leydenselectboard@crocker.com

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

Tuesday, July 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

Farewell to Leyden

from Pastor Ken Mantler

It is with sadness that I am leaving the Leyden United Methodist Church. The Bishop of the New England United Methodist has appointed me to serve in Bridgewater, MA. Transitions like these are always full of mixed emotions. I am excited to be able to engage in full time ministry, but I am grieving over having to leave Leyden. I will forever remember the drive up the beautiful hill to the first church I served. It is breathtaking, especially in the autumn.

While I never thought I would be known as a “city boy” from Easthampton, MA, it has been a pleasure to get to know the people of little Leyden. I will miss my fresh milk from Bill Glabach. It doesn't get any fresher than drinking milk from a cow the day it was milked. Getting to know the farming community in Leyden was like being transported to another time and place. It has been a tremendous experience.

Perhaps the times that I will miss the most are when we gathered together in the Memorial Garden, which happened three times a year. Two of those were to honor those that sacrificed greatly for their country as we celebrated Memorial and Veteran's Day together. The other time was as we celebrated our Risen Christ on Easter morning. Each of those services was beautiful, as it never rained. Watching the sun rise over the hills and mountains was a wonderful way to worship a Living God in our lives.

As I reminisce about my time in Leyden, what I will miss most is the wonderful people that made this outsider feel welcome. I will especially miss the hugs from the women of the church and our time together in fellowship after worship. The joy of being a United Methodist is that we are connected church, so I hope and pray that our paths cross again in the future.

—Grace and Peace, Pastor Ken Mantler

Knitting Circle

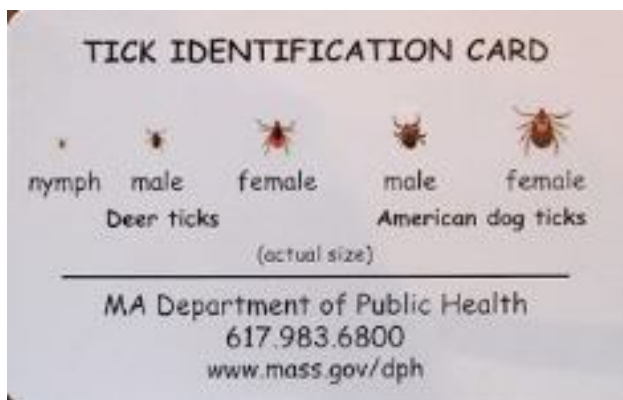
The Leyden knitting circle will meet once in July, on the 11th at Laura Timmerman's house from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed and all kinds of handwork are fine. Even if you don't know how to knit, come along and we'll help you get started! Visitors and all ages are welcome.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

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

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



Police Department

On behalf of the members of the Leyden Police Department I would like to thank the town of Leyden for their support of our budget at the annual town meeting. We look forward to continuing to serve the town. With that in mind, please report anything that seems suspicious immediately rather than waiting. We cannot investigate reports of suspicious activity days later. Remember 911 for emergencies or Shelburne Control at 625 8200 for non-emergencies that require immediate response. Please do not call my residence for Police business. We may not be the officer on call, and it will only delay a response. All calls need to be logged at Shelburne Control.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the acquisition of a replacement cruiser for the Impala, which is getting up in mileage. The replacement cruiser is a unique vehicle that we obtained from government surplus. This vehicle is an armored Crown Victoria that will protect Leyden's officers in the event that they are fired upon. The car has 16,000 original miles on the odometer and still has the original tires. The original cost of the car was \$100,000, and was acquired at no cost to the Town.

I would like to thank Jeff Neipp for arranging train transportation for me to Washington, DC, to pick up the car. I have been asked about the weight and its effect on gas mileage. The car is a little heavier than a standard Crown Vic, but the weight seemed to have little effect on mileage. The car got 23 miles per gallon in rainy stop-and-go traffic on the trip back to Leyden. This is probably due to some of the modifications done to the engine and driveline. The armoring is done with Kevlar, which is the same material used for bullet-proof vests. This will protect the occupants of the car up to a 50 caliber round.

We will be outfitting the car over the next several months using equipment we already have, along with surplus equipment and items to be transferred from the Impala. When we have finished we will display the car at Town Hall at a date to be determined. If you would like more information about the car, you may call the Police Department at 772 2369 to leave a message, and I will get back to you.

—Daniel Galvis, Chief of Police

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Board of Health

Tick Season is Here: Your Help is Needed

Leyden has been awarded 100 free tick tests for our residents. If you find a tick on you, please put it in a baggie and go to the Town website to find out what to do with it. This is very important so we can track where carrier ticks might be in town. This will be helpful in preventing Lyme disease. Remember this is a free service that will cost you nothing but a stamp. Help protect your loved ones and your fellow residents.

Yard Clean-up Desired

Your Board of Health has received several concerns regarding properties not being kept cleared of junk cars, junk piles and rubbish. The state sanitary housing code 105 CMR 400 gives the Board of Health the responsibility to correct these issues, working with the owner in a fair and timely manner.

The Board will be making rounds in town and taking photographs of properties that we will be working with. If you are in violation, you will receive a letter from us stating that we will be meeting with you to conduct inspections. We are hoping that by giving residents a heads up that many of you will look around your property and make the necessary corrections before we need to send the letters.

We will start by doing sections of town that we feel might be a possible threat to community health, such as water supply for Greenfield from Leyden Glen. Therefore, we will be checking all areas which may cause contamination to the water in that part of Leyden. This will include part of Greenfield Road, South Schoolhouse Road, and Glen Road.

If any resident has concerns over this process, please contact us. We wish to work with residents without causing any hardships or hard feelings. Communication will play a big role in the endeavor to insure that our town is in compliance with the law.

Let's all work together to make Leyden beautiful.

Please utilize "Sharps" Containers



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.

Your Leyden Board of Health is working for your safety.

—Gloria Fisher, chair, Leyden Board of Health

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.

Spatcher Farm Blueberries Spatcher Farm would like to thank everyone who bought our plants at the farm or at Foster's Supermarket. We appreciate your support! Now is the time to pre-order cases of blueberries. We will give priority to our local customers and make sure you get the freshest and most delicious berries! Call 624-3247 or email us at Fruits2@verizon.net
—Thank You, Holly & Ken

PRES After-School Program Director wanted: Looking for someone 18 or older to be in charge of the after-school program at Pearl Rhodes Elementary School. The program starts in September 2014, Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and Friday from 1:45 to 3:00 PM. Contact 772-6245 or maguirec@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us. —*Chris Maguire*, Principal

Timber Frame Buildings small, custom-designed and assembled. Locally milled lumber. Cabins, sheds, workshops, studios, pool houses, greenhouses, etc. Contact Patrick at Single Bay Timber Frames at 413-834-4285 or message me on Facebook at Single Bay Timber Frames.

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 will hopefully be available in the fall of 2014. We are searching for replacement nucs.

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!*

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.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

Our farm shares are in full swing, but we do sometimes have extra vegetables. Just ask!

EGGS: Organically grown chicken and duck eggs for \$6.00/dozen.

CHICKEN & DUCK: We are raising some chickens and ducks for meat. Let us know if you are interested.

—*Laura Timmerman, Rob Creamer, Sweet Morning Farm, 413-773-8325, aurat@crocker.com, <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>*



Convergence by Alicia Hunsicker, 2014
30" x 30", acrylic on paper mounted on cradle board
