

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

October 2015

Selectboard Office Hours:
Monday — Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 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 Thursdays October 1st and 15th at 9:00 AM and October 8th and 22nd 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 leydensselectboard@crocker.com at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Anyone not on the posted agenda is welcome to address the Selectboard at the end of the meeting during the “Citizens’ concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting” agenda item time.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Thu, Oct 1	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Tue, Oct 6	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Tue, Oct 6	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed, Oct 7	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Oct 8	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Tue, Oct 19	3:15 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Oct 14	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Oct 15	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Oct 19	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Oct 20	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Oct 21	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Oct 22	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 the Municipal Assistant.
—Selectboard

Select Board Corner

The Select Board has received notification back from DOR that free cash in the amount of \$89,623 has been certified for the town of Leyden. This early arrival is welcome news for the town, and we know that Roxanne Zimmerman, Kris Nartowicz, and Tracy Baronas worked hard to get this done. Thank you for securing this funding for the town. On Monday, October 19th at 7:00 PM we will have a **Special Town Meeting** to finish out some budget items and transfers of funds so we can get on with having an early start for planning the next fiscal budget year.

We are looking for one member for the Planning Board, one alternate member for the Planning Board, and one member for the ZBA. We’re also looking for someone to do shoveling on the walkways and stairs at the Town Hall. If anyone is interested, please call Bob Hardesty at 774-4111.

On Thursday, October 29th at 3:00 PM at Town Hall, we will have another auction of Town-owned property for non-

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

No births, marriages, or deaths were reported for August or September

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 PM to transfer funds to close out some budget items.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk’s office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. If you need to meet me outside of these hours, please call me at home at 72-3739 at least one day prior to make arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation!

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New Car for COA Transportation



Selectman Bill Glabach with the Cadillac sedan obtained for the Town for the Council on Aging to use for transportation of seniors who need rides.

JOB POSTING: Assistant to Leyden Council on Aging

Cheerful, well-organized person with good communication skills needed to assist Board members with COA programs, record-keeping, and publicity. Twelve hours per month; hours are flexible, except must be available 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Requires flexibility, computer skills, and ability to work independently. Salary: \$15/hr. Contact Sue Howarth at 774-3118 for more information.

Mosaic a unique cement birdbath for your garden!

Attend a Mosaic Workshop, to be held at the home of mosaic artist and potter Rhonda Wainshilbaum at 46 River Road in Leyden, MA, on Sunday, October 4th from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The fee of \$65.00 includes all materials. Pedestals will be available for sale for \$25.00.

Bring a lunch, hammer, safety glasses, and colorful ceramic crockery, (especially plates and tiles), mirror, beads, stones, glass globes, shells, jewelry, knick knacks, and small found objects, etc., to use or share, if you have it. There will be a myriad of clay chards to choose from, as well as all supplies.

Space is limited, and preregistration is required. No experience is necessary. In case of rain, the date will be changed. Contact Rhonda at rhondawain@verizon.net or at 413-624-5175.

Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday 1:00 – 6:00 PM; Wednesday 1:00 – 6:00 , and
Saturday 10:00 AM to NOON Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

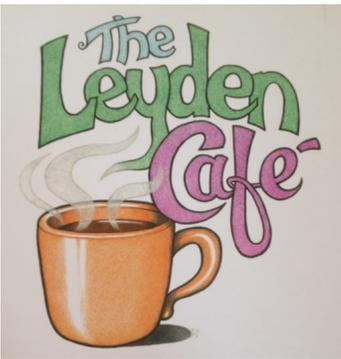
Many visitors to the library have commented on the flowers that add beauty to its exterior. The window boxes need constant watering as they dry out so easily, especially because of the overhang and the heat of the afternoon sun beating upon the plants. Thanks to 'retired' trustee, Trueman Robbins, the flowers have thrived all summer. Daily visits to check on their needs have made all the difference. Trueman has filled the water buckets and catered to the plants consistently, and we thank him sincerely for his assuming this job. Tucker comes along to help, so we thank him, too!

Twelve young people participated in this summer's reading program. They will each receive a gift certificate to the World Eye Book Shop and will celebrate their success at a 'make your own' sundae party at Town Hall (date and time to be announced). Readers submitted their reading logs no later than Wednesday, September 9, in order to qualify. Reading over 4,000 pages since June were Sophia Manowich, Ana Smith, Erin LeBlanc, and Rebecca Rodgers. (Rebecca read 8,509 pages, and will receive the top award, a twenty-five dollar gift certificate.) Great job and congratulations to all! Others who participated include Amber Kowl, Leah Potter, Aaden Foley, Emma Snow, Olivia Baker, Angel Lamore, Lucia Saviano, and Maggy Lawall. The total number of pages read was 29,514!

Fifth/sixth grade teacher Lisa Armstrong and I are working together to submit a grant application to the Pioneer district's FEE. If we are awarded the grant, author Michele Barker will spend two hours with Lisa's students. After they have conducted research related to the setting of the novel, "A Difficult Boy," read the book with their teacher while discussing, responding and actively participating in literary analysis, Ms. Barker will work with students to discuss the novel and engage them in a writing activity that will incorporate the strategies of effective writing they discover while involved in this unit of study. Indentured servants, life in New England in the mid-nineteenth century, prejudice toward Irish immigrants, and the roles of horses during this period are just a few of the history links students will investigate. Wish us luck!

Please visit this fall, and be sure to let me know if anyone needs books, CDs, or DVDs delivered to their homes.

—Happy autumn, Chris Johnston



Leyden Café

LEYDEN CAFÉ IS OPEN SUNDAYS!

We are open! Come on Sunday to our cozy space downstairs at Town Hall. We have a new flag outside the back door. The Leyden Café is open every Sunday for the month of October, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Bring a friend or a family member and spend a peaceful morning visiting with great coffee from Pierce Bros. and Karyn's popular baked goodies. We also have Ed's maple syrup, Marie's antiques and Rhonda's pottery for you to check out. We look forward to seeing you!



Fire Department Trophy Won

Chief Spatcher holding up the trophy the Fire Department won at the Franklin County Fair for the new tanker brush truck that was built and painted by the Fire Department.

Thanks to the Fire Department for helping with the safety of the town.

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 Spirit Fire for a donation and to Liz Kidder for collating, and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

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Leyden Life

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Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com,
Carolyn at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com,
and Bob at bobxtwo@verizon.net
by 5:00 on

Thursday, October 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

Selectboard Corner

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payment of taxes. These parcels have received no payment in taxes for decades, and the Town is moving forward on cleaning up these delinquent accounts at the urging of our Town auditors. The process has been slow, but we will continue to secure the well-being of the town and follow the Massachusetts General Laws. The three parcels are land on Brattleboro Road and two parcels on East Hill Road. Check the Town Hall bulletin board for information, or call Bob Hardesty for details.

The new tanker brush truck that the Fire Department built and painted is in service. They won a trophy with it at the Franklin County Fair this year. Thanks for a great job to Chief Spatcher and his crew for the many hard hours and team effort it took to build this truck for the safety of the town. Police Chief Dan Galvis spent some long hours researching and traveling a long distance out to New York to secure this vehicle for the town; it cost the town only the fuel to bring it back. Thank you, Dan.

In closing, we would also mention that at the September Council of Aging luncheon we rolled out the vehicle that we have secured for the community to help with the needs of residents who are in need of transportation. Please contact the COA if you would like to be a volunteer driver.

—Respectfully, Bill, Jeff and Lance

Knitting Circle

The Leyden Knitting Circle will meet two times in October on Fridays, October 9th and October 23rd, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, locations to be determined. We also hope to knit at the Leyden Café on a Sunday morning in October.

If interested, get in touch with Peggy at 774-5764 to set a date. You are welcome to join us. Please call Peggy at 774-5764 or Laura at 773-8325 for more information.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

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

Spirit Fire

Spirit Fire is happy to host Laurie Warren, nutritionist, for her weekend workshop/retreat: Creating Vibrant Health, Oct. 16-18. Commuter rates apply for locals not lodging with us. In addition to the impeccable information that Laurie will provide, Spirit Fire serves only the highest quality clean and delicious food. All around this retreat is one not to miss: for your ongoing health and well-being as well as the mouthwatering creative food inspiration that you will enjoy each meal.

—Donna Mitchell-Moniak, founder of Spirit Fire

www.SpiritFire.com 413-624-3955

Change yourself -- change the world!

LEYDEN ANNUAL FLU CLINICS

FRCOG's Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS) will hold a flu clinic in Leyden, Wednesday, October 21 from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7p.m. at the Town Hall.

In the past CPHS flu clinics were held with state-provided vaccine. This year due to a drastic reduction in state-supplied vaccine, CPHS is purchasing doses and has arranged to bill Medicare, MassHealth and other insurances so that we may continue to provide this valued service. Residents are also encouraged to obtain vaccine at primary care or other providers.

All are welcome, but residents DO need to bring Medicare Card or other Insurance Card to CPHS clinics. There is no out of pocket cost to residents with the following insurances:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- BMC Healthnet, Celticare
- Cigna
- Harvard Pilgrim
- Health New England
- Fallon
- MassHealth
- Neighborhood Health Plan
- Network Health
- Tufts
- Unicare
- Medicare
- Medicare Advantage (Blue Cross, Cigna, Fallon, HNE, Tufts)

Individuals without a billable insurance card can purchase vaccine for a fee of \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children (6 months through age 18). This fee may be waived for those with financial hardship.

Yearly flu vaccine is one of the most important actions you can take in fighting the flu and keeping you, your family and your community healthy. Preventive actions such as good hand hygiene and proper cough etiquette also stop the spread of germs.

For questions call Public Health Nurse Lisa White at 413-665-1400 x 114. Additional flu clinics open to Leyden residents will also be held in CPHS member towns throughout the region. A Schedule of all CPHS clinics will be posted on the Cooperative Public Health Service Page of FRCOG's website: www.frcog.org

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

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

CHICKEN & DUCK: We are raising some chicken and duck for meat. Organic, pasture-raised poultry that is really delicious! Available in October. Let us know if you are interested.

VEGETABLES: Sign up for our Egg & Extras Email List to learn what we each week. Coming crops will include chard, daikons, leeks, and spinach.

FARM SHARES for 2015 are ending soon but if you are interested in a share for 2016, get in touch.

A farm share would make a lovely holiday gift.

—Laura Timmerman, Rob Creamer

Sweet Morning Farm, 413-773-8325,
sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com, <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

Linda Romano

"Awakening to Yoga" will continue on Mondays, 9-10 AM at Town Hall or my studio in Leyden. Easy chair standing class. Special discount for seniors!

Energy medicine body work for all conditions. Call for info.

—Linda Romano C/L MT/BW, BSW 413-624-3334

Council on Aging

DID YOU KNOW...that our new Transportation Service for Leyden's Seniors is now in place? If you need a ride to medical appointments, grocery stores, barber or hairdressers, etc. all you need to do is call dispatcher Gilda Galvis at 773-7932 and arrange for a ride in our very own Cadillac! (A big thanks to Dan Galvis, who acquired the car from a government surplus auction.) There is no fee for the service, although voluntary contributions are accepted. The COA looked into FRTA bus service, which may be a longer-term solution, but the Cadillac gives us the opportunity to offer transportation to seniors right now. We have four volunteer drivers who are ready and waiting for your call.

Wednesday, October 7

4:30-6:00 PM ~ Monthly Business Meeting at Town Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please call Chair Carol Johnson (773-7619) if you wish to be added to the agenda.

Monday Mornings, October 12 to November 16

10 -11 AM ~ Chair Yoga with Linda Romano. Downstairs at Town Hall. The goal of Chair Yoga classes is to improve strength and balance, while gaining familiarity with various yoga poses. No previous experience with yoga is needed. Using a chair as prop, the class will include both seated and standing movements and exercises, as well as relaxation, breathing, and stretching techniques. Linda is a certified and licensed *yoga instructor with many years of experience. Please register by calling Sue Howarth at 774-3118.*

Wednesday, October 21

11 AM - 1 PM ~ Flu Clinic. For those who work during the day, the Flu Clinic will resume from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

12 NOON - 1 PM ~ Community Lunch at Town Hall. Please join us! October's menu is beef stew and pumpkin squares. *Please call Sue Howarth at 774-3118 for reservations at least 24 hours in advance so we know how much to order.*

1 PM - 3 PM ~ iPad/iPhone "Free-For-All"! Or as the dictionary defines it: "a disorderly argument or competition in which everyone participates....a chaotic situation lacking rules or structure". So bring your phone or iPad with you and be ready to ask away! Here's your chance to raise the basic questions you're embarrassed to ask at the Apple store; figure out syncing and the Cloud; learn about streaming audiobooks, ebooks, music and more. Technology consultant **Shirley Keech** will be back with us this month to try to answer any questions you have about your devices.

Monday, October 26

10 - 11 AM ~ SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) with **Lorraine York-Edberg.** Upstairs at Town Hall. Lorraine (a former resident of Leyden) is Director of the SHINE program at Franklin County Home Care. She will explain the Open Enrollment period and the importance of reviewing your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO or PPO) every year. You will soon receive a notice from your insurer about any changes to be made to your plan for 2016. These could include changes in your premiums or deductibles, changes in which drugs are covered, or changes in which tiers your drugs are in, all of which affect cost. With few exceptions, you can only change your plan for next year during Open Enrollment period - from October 15 to December 7th. Don't miss this opportunity to get a clear and concise understanding of what Open Enrollment means and how SHINE can help you.

The Council on Aging welcomes people of all ages to our programs. If something interests you, please feel free to join us.

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.

Do you have Two Hands, Two Feet and a Heart that cares?

Since our elderly parents moved in 4 years ago, we have found ourselves at a loss for basic household services/help. I know we are not the only ones in town who could use help. We are looking for someone to come to the house 1 or 2 times weekly, during lunch for a few hours (2-3) to help our parents make lunch, wash dishes, pick up a little, some conversation.

I know others need similar help and/or other services. I would like to start a list that would be available at the town hall and eventually on the Leyden web site. An "Angie's List" for Leyden.

Anyone who can cut hair, change a light bulb/smoke detector batteries, do any everyday tasks that we take for granted. If you want to charge a fee, that would be negotiable between you and the client.

The list would be continuously updated. Call/write/email me. I'll add you to the list. Thank you in advance.

Beth Kuzdeba and Ken Medvetz

60 Simon Keets Road, Leyden, MA 01337

Phone 413-774-2820 email: bobo-k@msn.com

For Sale: Two matching burgundy red twin sleeper sofas by England, a Lazy Boy company. Each measures 52" across, 35" deep, and the backs are 32" tall. The beds have never been slept on, and the sofas are in great shape. \$300 each. Call Marie at 624-0012.

Sale and donation to the Historical Commission: Brand new (still in sealed factory box) 22" Weber Premium charcoal grill with automatic ash collector. Great for grilling and smoking all kinds of food. Retail price is \$150, asking \$100 obo. **Proceeds will go to the Leyden Historical Commission.** Call Bob Taylor at 624-8965.

Bill Maguire Painting: Serving the Leyden area's paint and staining needs since 1978. Interior, exterior, deck refinishing, window sash work, power washing, dirt and mildew removal. Call 413-774-5330.

Erik's Handyman Service: Let me help you with your "to do" list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, roto-tilling, odd jobs, and miscellaneous projects. If you could use some help, give me a call at 413-774-9948 and ask for Erik, or e-mail to erikshandy1@yahoo.com. Reasonable rates. Insured.

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.

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

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.

Maple Run Farm: A limited supply of Persephone's Garden Raw Honey should be available late fall. 2015 should be a great year. Natural Romney yarn is for sale for knitting or weaving, processed chemical-free at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.



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Preparing for Market Day



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