

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

April 2017

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 Office

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays, April 6th and 20th at 9:00 AM in their office and April 13th and 27th at 6:45 PM. (April 20th is at PRES.) To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111, Ext. 1, or selectboard@townofleyden.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 slot.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Tue, Apr 4	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed, Apr 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Apr 6	9:00 AM	Select Board
Thu, Apr 6	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed, Apr 12	9:00 AM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Apr 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Apr 13	6:45 PM	Select Board
Mon, Apr 17	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Apr 18	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Apr 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Apr 20	9:00 AM	Select Board (at PRES)
Thu, Apr 27	6:45 PM	Select Board

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. —Select Board

Easter Egg Hunt



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 15th at the Leyden United Methodist Church. We'll meet at the church at 11:00 AM for some fun and games and crafts while the Easter Bunny is hiding the eggs all around on the Town Common. There will be treats and a toy from the Easter Bunny as well.

Please bring a basket for collecting eggs and six decorated hard-boiled eggs or treat-filled plastic eggs per child to help the Easter Bunny.

This event is hosted by the Leyden United Methodist Church and sponsored by the Leyden Rifle Club. Please call or text Emily Herron-Clark at 413-336-6248 for more information.

Facebook: Leyden Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages: Deborah Bernard to Sidney Herron, February 10, 2017

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

The Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held on Saturday, May 13th 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 the Town Election is Sunday, April 23rd.

DOG LICENSES

The 2017 dog licenses are available during regular business hours. Licenses cannot be issued without proof of current rabies vaccination.

Fees are as follows: Neutered and spayed - \$10.00; Not altered - \$15.00; Kennel License 1-4 dogs - \$30.00; 5-10 dogs - \$40.00; more than 10 dogs - \$50.00. Only checks or money orders are accepted.

—Thank you, Elizabeth Johnson

Town Clerk Office Hours are Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
Telephone 774-4111, Ext. 3. Email: townclerk@townofleyden.com

Select Board

March was everything the *Farmer's Almanac* said and then some. It only takes a few storms like we had recently to exceed our winter maintenance account. Looks like we'll be heading to Town Meeting once again to talk about snow and how much it will cost us. Let's hope April brings no more snow.

The Pioneer Valley Regional School District budget for FY18 is complete. Leyden's assessment of \$703,505 is down \$5,666 from FY17. The budget still needs to go before the four member Towns' school district for approval. Overall the total percentage increase is 1.95%. We met with Representative Paul Mark and discussed the flat revenues from the state regarding our schools, and offered some suggestions that Rep. Mark will take back to the State House. It's important that we began to collaborate with not only the towns in our district but other districts as well, as this is a State issue and not local. The new HEART committee that was formed for the district will be a great value to this process as well.

The Select Board, along with the Finance Committee, is finalizing the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The meeting will be on Saturday, May 13th at 8:45 AM. The warrant will be closed April 18th at noontime to provide Bob Hardesty with enough preparation time to get everything in order. There will be a Town informational meeting on Monday, May 1st at 7:00 PM upstairs in Town Hall to discuss and preview the entire warrant. This has been helpful to us in the past so that we can make sure all your questions can be answered prior to the meeting on May 13th.

—Happy Easter, Jeff, Bill and Lance

Leyden Town-Wide Tag Sale

The annual tag sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you are interested in participating, please call Marie Lovley at 624-0012 to sign up. The cost to participate will be a portion of the *Recorder* ad fee to advertise the event. FYI, the Annual Town Meeting is May 13th, and Memorial Day is May 29th.



Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday and Wednesday 1:00 – 6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

THE BIG RETURN! Books, CDs, and DVDs are lost to patrons if what you have borrowed is not returned. Busy? I know you are! But please take a good look around and return materials to the library as soon as possible. If the library is not open, merely place your returns in the metal box that sits on the step beside the door. *Thank you!*

Only one patron has expressed interest, so I'm repeating last month's query. Karen Stinchfield, director of the Cushman Library in Bernardston, would love to celebrate Henry David Thoreau's 200th birthday. Her idea is to sponsor a community-wide read of *Walden*, punctuated with book discussions or special programs (gardening, sustainable living, connecting with nature, etc.). One of her patrons is Barry Deitz, a very dynamic speaker who researches his topics thoroughly. He could present a very engaging talk on Thoreau. Karen wonders if anyone in Leyden would be interested in being a part of her 'big read.' Let me know if you're interested!

Your library allows you to go anywhere and learn anything. Read every day! It's free!
—Happy spring, Chris Johnston

Remembering Eva Baker

We are sad to note the death on March 15th of Eva Baker of East Hill. Eva was a dedicated volunteer for Leyden Life for many years. She was a kind and interesting person, and we will miss her.

Leyden Knitting Group

The Leyden knitting group meets four or five times each month. April dates are:

Friday, April 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Laura Timmerman's house (773-8325); Friday, April 28, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Peggy Brown's house (774-5764); and most Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall. Contact Michèle Higgins (772-1924) about the Town Hall knitting time. Michèle sends a weekly email about that week's get-together.

Get in touch with Laura (773-8325) to be placed on our email list. All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Happy knitting!

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325
Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle." Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links.



The Leyden Café is open

**Sundays 9:30 AM
to 12:00 NOON**

downstairs at Town Hall

Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn's delicious baked goodies and Pierce Bros. coffee.

You never know who you'll find there, or what interesting things you might learn about the town or its people just through conversations.

We look forward to seeing you there!

—Amy St. Clair



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 Bob and Dianne Ryan, Roger and Catherine Cayer, Kathleen Anderson, Agnes Huber, Linda Romano, Bob DePalma and Laura Schlaikjer, Angels Rest, and Spirit Fire for contributions and to Michele Higgins and Ijod Schroeder for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help collate and distribute the *Leyden Life* monthly newsletter for those who still want hard copies. It only takes a half-hour or so once a month, and it can be fun and interesting to catch up on the gossip around town.

DISCLAIMER

Leyden Life is not an official publication of the town, nor an official source of town business. We do our best to print accurately and distribute promptly the announcements and information we receive. Please check with the town to verify information regarding town business or activities.

Leyden Life

Published monthly in Leyden, Massachusetts by a non-profit group of volunteers.

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Items for the next issue are due to Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob at bobxtwo@verizon.net by 5:00 PM on

Saturday, April 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

WiredWest
Connecting Western Mass to the World

Things have been happening recently, it looks like broadband really may come to the small towns of western Massachusetts. In last month's *Leyden Life* article we mentioned the February 16th hearing at which MBI heard from many towns that, given the failure of MBI to attract private companies to serve most small towns, the towns want MBI to release money so the towns can go ahead and build networks. Many towns found Westfield Gas and Electric's proposal to do whatever the towns want at reasonable costs attractive.

WiredWest has been talking with WG&E about the possibility of their providing design and engineering, construction oversight, and eventual network operation services for a regional network, although WG&E is also prepared to do this for individual towns or small groups of towns. The Charlemont, Heath, and Rowe Broadband Committees worked together to organize a question and answer session with WG&E representatives on March 6th that was also attended by people from Leyden, Colrain, and Hawley. Another organization, Maine-based OTT, is also being considered as WiredWest's network operator and Internet Service Provider.

As Leyden's representative on the WiredWest Board of Directors, Al has attended several weekly meetings of the organization's Executive Committee, as well as some monthly Board of Directors meetings. Leyden has some unique concerns, being isolated from other towns currently active in WiredWest, and is actively looking at alternatives. Al has been trying to keep the Leyden Broadband Committee informed of discussions within WiredWest, while also keeping WiredWest leadership informed of Leyden's concerns that may be different from those of other towns.

Past estimates of operating costs of Municipal Lighting Plants included a depreciation allowance based on replacement cost of their physical plants. This was taken by many to be a required expense. WiredWest sought clarification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and an opinion from legal experts. It turns out this requirement only applies to MLP operations as electrical or gas utilities. This expense is explicitly not required for telecommunications operations. This means a substantial change in the projected operating cost of a broadband network. Although good business practice suggests allowing for replacement of electronic apparatus on a seven-to-ten year schedule, current thinking of WiredWest is that saving for replacement of optical fiber with an expected useful life of 50 years is something that can be postponed until after construction debts have been paid off.

Another recent event of interest in the past month was the MBI Board Meeting on February 27th. The headline from this meeting is that MBI will release professional services money to towns that want it to go it alone, including if they want to work with WiredWest. The other big announcement is that for towns that still want an MBI-assisted build, MBI will pay for make-ready costs up front. This is important—towns are wary of having to put up their own money before the full cost of building a network is known.

Another event of significance was that on March 9th a small group of individuals representing WiredWest and unserved towns met with representatives of the Governor's office and the Executive Office of Housing and Development. It was a very productive and optimistic meeting. The State officials reiterated their commitment to move ahead with the changes announced at

the MBI Board Meeting. They listened to the needs expressed and collaborated on a grant process draft that will meet towns' needs to move forward.

WiredWest is asking member towns for annual dues payments of \$1,000 next year; there will be an article regarding this in the warrant for Leyden's Annual Town Meeting on May 13th.

There is much more happening than we can report here. More information is available on the WiredWest website. Of particular note, Wired West Executive Committee members Bob Labrie and Tim Newman answered questions about WiredWest's Regional Broadband Solution on WGBY's Connecting Point: <http://wiredwest.net/2017/02/28/wgby-connection-point-interview-wiredwest-feb-27-2017/>.

Also, a video recording of the March 27th MBI Board Meeting is available at:

<http://wiredwest.net/2017/03/06/mbi-board-meeting-february-27-2017-pp-rfp-results/>

—Al Woodhull (413-773-3522) and Sheila Hourihan (413-218-6600), *WiredWest Delegates for Leyden*

LEYDEN COUNCIL ON AGING APRIL CALENDAR

EXERCISE CLASS W/LINDA ALLIS
TUESDAYS, 4, 11, 18, 25; NOON - 1PM:
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

WELLNESS CHECKS WITH LISA WHITE
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON
COMMUNITY ROOM TOWN HALL

MINI-LUNCH
THURSDAY APRIL 6, NOON - 1:30PM
COMMUNITY ROOM TOWN HALL

"PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS"
WITH RECORDER COLUMNIST PAT LEUCHTMAN
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1:30 - 2:30 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

COA BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY APRIL 6 4:30PM - 6:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM TOWN HALL

"E-CENTRIC STRETCHING"
WITH LINDA ROMANO
WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 1:00 - 2:30 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

SPRING LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, NOON - 1:30 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL

MOVIE NIGHT "LION" (2016)
FRIDAY APRIL 21, 7PM - 9PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

BEEKEEPING: PROTECT THE POLLINATORS
WITH BEEKEEPER CHRIS WAYNE
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

Council on Aging (COA)

The Council on Aging would like to THANK all our volunteers, drivers, presenters and others who have helped us to have successful programs during the past few months!

EXERCISE CLASSES: with Linda Allis on Tuesdays at Noon will now continue through May 9th due to further weather related cancellations. Roll on Spring....*please!!*

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES: with David Sund, concluded with the final class on TUESDAY, March 21st after several weather related cancellations. Many thanks to David for presenting a wide variety of information and encouragement to the aspiring artists! Stay tuned as we may be able to have David return for more classes in the future.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6th will be a GRAND SLAM for Leyden residents!

First, our favorite County Nurse Lisa White will be on hand providing Wellness Checks from **10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON** which will include blood pressure checks, prescription reviews and any other medical concerns.

Next, from **12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM**, the COA will be serving its final "mini-lunch" downstairs in the Community Room at Town Hall. Our "Triple-S" menu includes sandwiches, soup du jour & salad.

And THEN: (why not just bring your friends and make an afternoon of it)

PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS! Also on THURSDAY, APRIL 6th from **1:30 to 2:30 PM**, upstairs at Town Hall, Pat Leuchtman, columnist of the Recorder's "Between the Rows" fame, will be giving an illustrated presentation on the types of flowers and shrubs to plant which will attract our oh-so-important pollinators: Bees, moths, butterflies and all their kin. And later in the month (see below) we will be hosting Chris Wayne of the Franklin County Beekeepers Association to speak about beekeeping in general and how we can help to keep them safe and thriving! Bee there or bee square!



Also on THURSDAY, APRIL 6th at **4:30 PM**, the Council on Aging will hold its monthly Board meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please notify the Chair, Gilda Galvis (413-773-7932), if you would like to be put on the agenda.

Wow! – That's a lot happening on the 6th of April.

Join in at Angels' Rest Retreat

"The Identification of Self: Back to Innocence"TM with Carmen Carigan and Karen Tatro will be the weekend of March 31-April 2. The retreat includes organic food and a release end ceremony at the outdoor fire pit followed by drumming and music in the Great Room. The event includes morning meditations, free time, reiki sessions, massage, scalp massage and a lecture on integrating back into daily life after this powerful event. The retreat has been enlightening and life-changing for many. For more information, www.AngelicEssenceHealing.com. For more information on the healers, go to <http://www.spiritmusingsforsoulfulhealing.com>. As always, commuters are welcome.

—Jennifer Paris

WORKSHOP & CLASS on "E-Centric Stretching": This class will be presented by Linda Romano on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th**, upstairs at Town Hall from **1:00 to 2:30 PM**. This class will focus on aspects of aging and particular stretching exercises which can help to keep our bodies flexible. Please come and see what this is all about: if there is sufficient interest we will be able to offer a series of exercise classes led by Linda using these slow and deeply centered stretching techniques. Call Cecilia Tusinski at 413-624-3436 to reserve a spot, or email: cecilia.tusinski@gmail.com.

HAPPY EASTER!

On **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th**, a **SPRING LUNCHEON** will be held in the Town Hall Community Room from **12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM**. Please join us for a delicious meal of Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas and a Chocolate Mousse dessert.

Please call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 to make reservations, and let her know if there are any special dietary concerns for yourself or someone in your party. We do our best to accommodate all our guests!

Please come and support the COA's Lunch Program – your attendance means SO MUCH! And – thank you!

MOVIE NIGHT!! Complete with Big Screen, new sound system and our popular "Old-Tyme" Popcorn Wagon – on **FRIDAY, APRIL 21st** - "LION" (2016) from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** upstairs at Town Hall.

"A five year old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from his home, and survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia. Twenty-five years later, he sets out to find his lost family." This 2016 film received a nomination for Best Picture by the Academy Awards, Golden Globes and BAFTA. It stars Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman and Rooney Mara. *Rated Pg-13; All ages are welcome!*

On **Wednesday, April 26th**, from **7:00 to 8:30 PM** upstairs at Town Hall: **Bee-keeper Chris Wayne** will be giving a presentation on Beekeeping and how we can help to protect these invaluable pollinators survive and thrive in a world where toxic sprays, treated seeds and hive diseases threaten their existence. Come and learn about bees and the important role they play in putting fruits and vegetables on our tables! Chris will also have some of his local honey for sale at this event.

We hope there are no more snowstorms in our future, but just in case – when the schools are closed – no COA programs!
—Cecelia Tusinski



Colrain and Leyden diners enjoy the Maple Sugar Supper on March 18th at Town Hall

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

PTO The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, April 3rd at 3:15 PM at PRES. Agenda items include: Teacher Appreciation Week, Mother's Day, and a request from a community member for the PTO to help with an Earth Day event (cleaning the Leyden roadsides). I hope to see you all there!

Attention Volunteers!

There may be several opportunities to volunteer in the very busy last few months of school. In order to chaperone a field trip or volunteer in the school, all parents must have an up-to-date CORI form on file. The CORI form is required by State law and allows schools to screen volunteers for any criminal offenses to ensure the safety of all students and staff. If you have not filled out a CORI Form since March 2014, your information is outdated and must be renewed. Please stop by the office the next time you are at school to fill out a CORI form. We will also need to make a copy of your driver's license.

Technology News

Students at PRES use technology on a variety of devices including desktop computers, Chromebooks, and iPads.

The K students are feeling very accomplished as they locate letters on the keyboard and type familiar words. They seem to take a particular delight in sending completed work to the printer, and receiving a paper copy. (Most often their work is just on the screen.)

The Grade 1-2 Classroom completed their class project, *Many Ways to Name a Place*. Please have a look and listen, if you haven't already. There is a link on the PRES website (not far below the slideshow in the middle). On the afternoon of the Winter Fun Day, they continued the snow theme by cutting virtual snowflakes. In the weeks ahead they will be putting information from their lives into digital timelines and adding locations to maps.

The 3-4 Classroom used Google Forms to create a digital survey on animal preferences to share with other classes and the staff at PRES. They used photographs to illustrate the survey, so it will be appropriate for students at all reading levels. As responses come in, the students will watch the changing results graphs, and then will write about the final results.

The Grade 5-6 shared their Google Slides presentations on a nation in Central America, the Caribbean Islands, or South America with their classmates. To help review and compare information, they each added data about their country to a collaborative Google Sheet, which allowed for graphing. As they research their next set of countries, they are preparing for printed reports, but are using Google Slides to set up some pages with combined text and maps or other illustrations. They will also be doing research on ocean animals.



Waitress
Kaelynn
Chabot,
6 years old,
checking to
see if diners
need
anything
at the
Maple Sugar
Supper
on March 18th.

Agent Orange Meeting for Vietnam Veterans

Do you have questions about Agent Orange? It has been over 55 years since its first use, and Vietnam veterans and their families are still learning about the issues and the diseases they may have because of exposure to Agent Orange in and around Vietnam. This event will discuss issues and diseases caused by Agent Orange exposure, benefits you may be eligible for, and will include question and answer periods. Information on Agent Orange is constantly changing. Even if you are already rated for a 100% service-connected disability, you should attend—you may be eligible for additional compensation.

Family members are also welcome to attend this important event on Saturday April 22nd from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. The location is Greenfield Community College, Main Building, Dining Commons at 1 College Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301. Free Health Care Screening will be available from 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM prior to event starting. Guest Speakers will discuss: Agent Orange presumptive diseases and the resources available through the VA, heart issues related to exposure, 2nd & 3rd generation birth defects, other toxic exposures and the latest on treatment for Hepatitis C.

Sponsored by Greenfield Community College, the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District, Vietnam Veterans of Massachusetts Inc., Vietnam Veterans of America MA State Council, and the VA Central Western MA Healthcare System. Participants include: VFW, American Legion, D.A.V., V.V.A., AMVETS, MA Dept. of Veterans' Services, Marine Corps League, the Veterans Health Administration, and many more. For more information call (413) 772-1571 or (413) 775-1825 *GCC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.*



**Celebrate Earth Day in Leyden.
Become a Leyden Picker!**

Lets clean up our little piece of this beautiful planet.

Saturday April 22 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Meet at the Leyden Town Hall, bring your gloves and comfortable walking shoes.

We will pick a route, grab a bag and enjoy a country stroll while improving our local scenery.

Please email me at larineipp@verizon.net to let me know if you are planning on participating in this Community Event. A light lunch provided by Leyden Police Department will be enjoyed by all.

Needed:

Pickers

Pickups

Sorters

Lunch Workers

Join us, Celebrate Spring, Celebrate our town!



Clay Workshops

Three Clay Workshops with ceramic artist Rhonda Wainshilbaum are planned this spring at 46 River Rd. in Leyden. Dates and themes are:
March 5, 2:00 to 5:00 PM: Make a **toad house** for the garden. Cost is \$50.00.

April 23, 2:00 to 5:00 PM: Make a **clay duck or chicken** garden ornament about 12" wide. Cost is \$50.00.

May 7, 2:00 to 6:00 PM: Make **textured hanging bells** for porch or garden. Cost is \$45.00.

No experience is necessary. All materials are included. You will need to come back to glaze your items. Get \$5.00 off if you come with a new participant! Ten percent of the proceeds will go to "The National Environmental Law Center." Please RSVP to Rhondawain@verizon.net or 413-624-5175.

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.

Stall Clean-outs: We are looking for manure, bedding, and other compostable materials such as old hay, leaves, etc. Call Robin or Laura at 773-8325.

Boer Goat Meat is available at Frizzell Hill Farm. Goat is quite tasty, low in fat and cholesterol, and high in protein and iron. Give it a try! Visit frizzellhillfarm.com for information and a price list. Thanks for supporting local Leyden farms!

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, rototilling, 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.

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.



Waitress Kaelynn Chabot, 6 years old, taking care of Sue Howarth

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2017 FARM SHARES

Shares are on sale! It's time to reserve your share of Leyden-grown, organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Shares include 20 weeks of a wide variety of vegetables, and flowers plus pick-your-own pole beans, snap peas, and cherry tomatoes. This year we are offering delivery of larger shares in Leyden or Greenfield. Our farm is not certified but we are completely committed to organic and sustainable practices.

2017 PRICES:

MINI SHARE \$120

MINI SHARE with Pick-Your-Own privileges \$140 BIG SHARE \$400 - \$450 (sliding scale)

BIG SHARE delivered in Leyden or Greenfield \$500

FOR MORE INFO: Call or email Robin and Laura at the farm, or check out our blog, or Facebook page, or stop by the Leyden library to pick up a brochure. We invite you to become part of our little farm. Listen to our recent interview on WRSI here:

<http://www.buylocalfood.org/press-room/wrsi/>

EGGS: We sell organically-grown pasture-raised chicken eggs year round. Call or email for availability or to be placed on our News & Extras Email List. We currently have spinach, eggs, and spring mesclun available. No need to wait for your garden to eat some Leyden-grown fresh greens!

—Laura Timmerman and Rob Creamer

Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325

laurat@crocker.com

sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

<http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>

Linda Romano

Caregiver services, grief counselling, integrated cancer sessions. Meridian Yoga on Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Happy spring!

—Linda Romano 413-624-3334

romanohealing@gmail.com

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events

April 3

PTO Meeting, 3:15

April 6

Grades 3/4 to Pioneer Valley Symphony
@ GreenfieldHighSchool, 9:00-11:30

April 14

Grades 1 - 6 to Beneski
Museum, 9:00 - 1:30

April 17 - 21

Spring Recess

April 25

6th grade orientation @ PVRs, 11:45 - 3:00

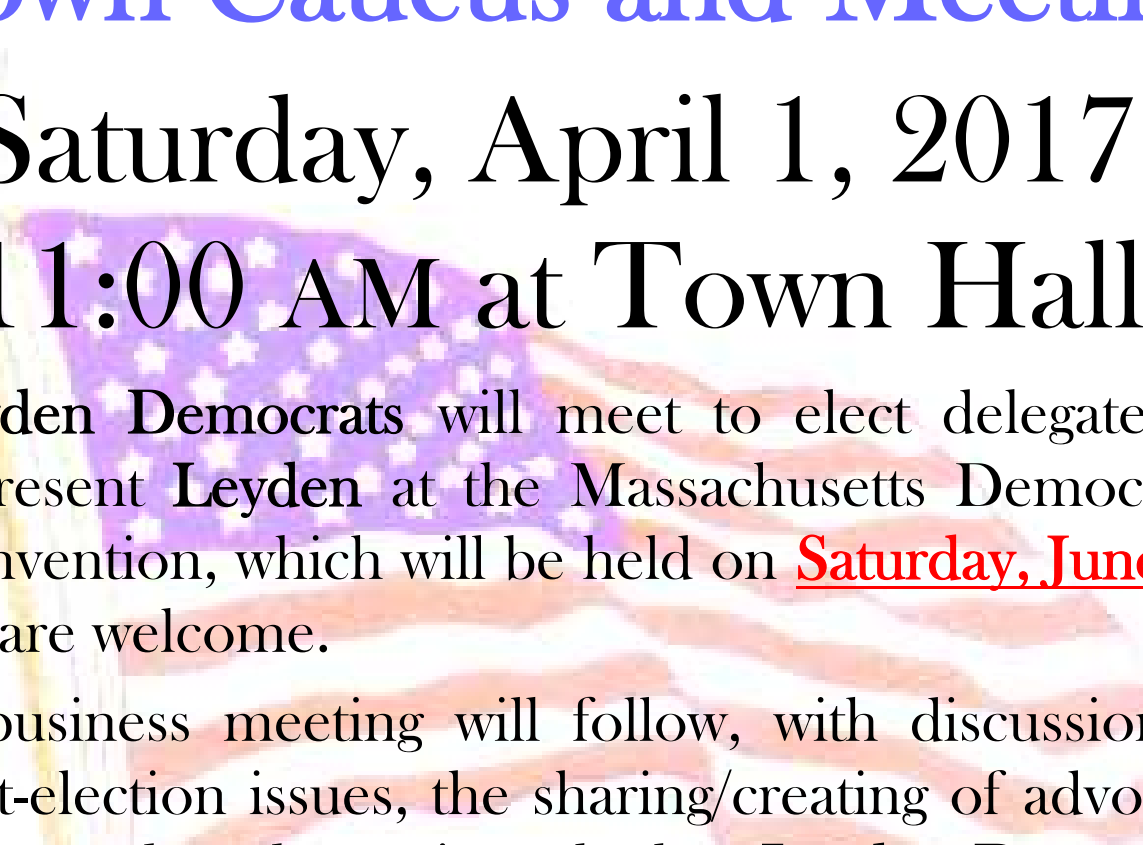
May 24

PRES Spring Concert

May 29

Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

—Deanna

An American flag is visible in the background, partially obscured by the text. The stars and stripes are clearly visible, with the stars appearing in the upper left and the stripes extending across the middle and lower right.

Leyden Democratic Town Caucus and Meeting Saturday, April 1, 2017 11:00 AM at Town Hall

Leyden Democrats will meet to elect delegates to represent Leyden at the Massachusetts Democratic Convention, which will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. All are welcome.

A business meeting will follow, with discussion of post-election issues, the sharing/creating of advocacy tools, and to determine whether Leyden Democrats would like to meet regularly. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or ideas for the agenda please contact Pam Brown at 413-774-3216 or pambrown01301@gmail.com. (Please call to request child care as well.)



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Become a Leyden Picker!**

Lets clean up our little piece of this beautiful planet.

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