

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

May 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 in their office on Thursdays, May 1st at 6:30 PM and May 18th at 6:45 PM and May 11th and 25th at 9:00 AM. 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 Select Board at the end of the meeting during the "Citizens' concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting" agenda item time slot.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Thu, May 1	6:30 PM	Select Board
Tue, May 2	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed, May 3	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, May 4	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed, May 10	9:00 AM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, May 10	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, May 11	9:00 AM	Select Board
Mon, May 15	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, May 16	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, May 17	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, May 18	6:45 PM	Select Board
Thu, May 25	9:00 AM	Select Board (at PRES)

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*

Vote for Bill Glabach for Selectman



I'm writing in support of Bill Glabach. Bill is once again running for selectman, to serve the town of Leyden. He has been there for all of us for many years, and devoted countless hours of volunteer time, to a town he loves. His commitment of keeping Leyden a farming community, the continued

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Vote for Art Baker for Planning Board



Hello Leyden! My name is Art Baker, and I am running to become a member of the Planning Board on May 13th. Although I have only lived in Leyden permanently for a little more than four years, I've been helping out on the farm at my grandparents' and now parents' home on East Hill Road since the 1970's. I

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths: Eva Baker, March 15, 2017; Paul Kuzdeba, March 29, 2017.

No Births, Marriages, or Deaths were reported in April.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

Candidates on the Town Election Ballot are as follows:

Moderator (1-yr) Kathy Di-Matteo, Incumbent; Select Board (3-yr) William Glabach, Inc., and Nikolas Adamski; Assessor (3-yr) Robert DePalma, Inc.; Town Clerk (1-yr) Nicole Glabach; Tree Warden (1-yr) David Brooks, Inc.; Library Trustee (3-yr) Cornelia Reid, Inc.; Planning Board (5-yr) Peter Tusinski, Inc. and Arthur Baker; Board of Health (3-yr) Ellen White, Inc; and Constable (3-yr) Erik Johnson, Inc.

—*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

The Select Board will host a meeting to **review the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting** on Monday, May 1st at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. It's a good time to *review the articles* and give residents time to understand what's taking place in our town for the coming year. Please attend this meeting to learn what the articles are about, and have a chance to ask questions of the Select Board in an informal atmosphere.

On Saturday May 13th at 8:45 AM we will have a short **Special Town Meeting** with one warrant article to address our Snow and Ice account deficit for FY17. At 9:00 AM our **Annual Town Meeting** will start, and we will be voting for FY18 budget items. There will be light refreshments and sandwiches after the meeting or during a recess if the discussion of articles goes beyond noontime.

Memorial Day is observed on Monday May 29th, and Bill Glabach will host the annual remembrance of our fallen veterans at 10:30 AM on the Town Common. The Council on Aging has volunteered to have light refreshments after the ceremony. It's a good time to meet up with your neighbors and give remembrance and thanks. As usual, Bill will give you a brief history of a piece of the Town we're so lucky to reside in. Also, if anyone is interested in placing the flags on the veterans' graves, we are planning on meeting at the rear of the Town Hall on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 PM to visit the four cemeteries in Town.

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Vote for Nikolas Adamski for Selectman



Hello, my name is Nikolas Adamski and I am running for Selectman. I am very interested in the future of the Town of Leyden and the future of the growing generations in our town. I feel I can be a great asset to our Selectboard, bringing in some new ideas as well as sticking with current traditions. Please consider voting for me for Selectman this May as I would love the opportunity to be able to provide some great insight for the future of this town. Thank you.

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.)

Thank you! Many people have searched for, found, and returned long-overdue books, CDs, and DVDs. I hope more patrons will do the same!

Fun! All winter long, two little girls, one from Bernardston and the other from Leyden, met after school at our little library. One always arrived earlier than the other, so we'd select books and my little friend would then read a book to me while we waited. When the second wild child arrived, she'd return her books and pack up her new books before the two girls would face their little chairs toward the wall and read to each other. Then the real fun would begin! Both would scramble into their ski pants, don their jackets, mittens, and hats before racing out the door to play! A bathroom run to Town Hall was mandatory, and then they'd be all over the place, sliding in snow banks and investigating *everything!* Meanwhile a grandpa and a daddy chatted and met other patrons as they came and went while giving their little ones the gifts of friendship and reading! I have a *great* job, don't you think?

I have almost completed the job of weeding out the old to make way for the new. Come in to see what's on our shelves! They aren't crowded right now, and the materials we have are top notch. If we don't have what you need here, I will gladly order a book, DVD, or CD for you through Interlibrary Loan!

Raking and cleaning up the flower beds and lawn have begun! Soon there will be flowers in the window boxes, and the warm weather will embrace us!

—Happy spring, Chris Johnston

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”
Walter Cronkite

Leyden Knitting Group

The Leyden knitting group meets several times each month. May dates have not yet been set, so contact Peggy Brown (774-5764) or Laura Timmerman (773-8325) for details. Knitters meet most Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall. Contact Michele Higgins (772-1924) about the Town Hall knitting time. Michele sends a weekly email about that week's get together.

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.



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 Julie McCarthy and Jerry Levine, Angels' Rest, and Marie Giurdanella for contributions and to Lois Feldman and Liz Kidder for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

GET INVOLVED!
VOTE ON MAY 13TH

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.

Editors: Cornelia Reid 774-5146,
Carolyn Asbury 774-2840

Layout and Design: Bob Taylor 624-8965

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

Monday, May 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



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

Market Day is Coming!
Sunday, June 4th

9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON



LASAGNA SUPPER

Saturday, May 6th

At Leyden Town Hall

16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01337

Lasagna, Meat or Vegetarian
Salad

Mixed Veggies

Bread and Butter

Ice Cream Brownie Sundaes



Sittings at 5:00 & 6:30 PM

Reservations Preferred

Mary Lou Barton 413-773-6248

or mlbarton@hotmail.com

Emily Herron-Clark, Text 413-336-6248

\$12 Adults, \$6 Children 10 and Under,

Free for 3 and Under

Host: Leyden United Methodist Church

Select Board

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In closing, it's been a privilege as your Select Board Chairman to get these news items out to Town residents through *Leyden Life* this past fiscal year. After Town Meeting Lance Fritz will be taking on the roll of Chairman of the Select Board and the board's submissions to *Leyden Life*. See you all at Town Meeting, your time to express your views and make decisions for your town.

—Respectfully, Jeff, Bill and Lance

Thank You from Melissa Adamski

My name is Melissa Adamski and I want to just recognize the Leyden community and the staff at Pearl Rhodes Elementary School, as well as some members of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. I want to thank everyone for their support and kindness as I am battling stage two breast cancer, and have been for the past year and a half. I want to thank everyone who has participated in the meal train and went out of their way with making some meals for my family and me, and made some donations of gift cards to grocery stores and restaurants.

Thank you to the following people for helping out just out of the kindness of their hearts: Deanna Leblanc, Principal at PRES, Ellen Bealer, Cathy Halberg, Jen Glazier, Kristin Potter, Lynette Snedeker, Carol Caldwell Kelley, Carolyn Curtis, Emma Sweitzer, Debbie Shedd, Emily Herron-Clarke, Jessica Provost, Rosa Kessler, Gilda Galvis, Lauren and Ryan Clary, Joyce Muka, Sue Scott, Sara Cohen, Patty Solomon, Sharon Fontaine, Susan Wright, Sharon Jones, and Marianne LeBlanc.

Everyone in the Leyden community has been wonderful toward us and we appreciate everyone who has.



Memorial Day Service
Monday, May 29th 10:30 AM
on the Town Common



GET INVOLVED IN YOUR TOWN
VOTE FOR TOWN OFFICERS AND
ATTEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 13TH



We thank the editors of *Leyden Life* for their patience in accepting this article shortly after the deadline for inputs. As has happened several times before, the formal deadline coincided with a monthly meeting of the WiredWest Board of Directors. We asked for an extra day so we could be up to date.

At its April meeting WiredWest took a big step forward. As everyone knows by now, despite the State's early encouragement of a plan to build and operate a regional broadband network, after a period of confusion the State decided individual towns should build their own networks. Since then WiredWest has been planning a role as operator of a regional network composed of connected town-owned networks. WiredWest will subcontract to other organizations various aspects of network operation. WiredWest received thirteen proposals from potential operators, and two were selected as final candidates. At the recent meeting a decision was made to begin contract negotiations with Westfield Gas and Electric (WG&E). A long list of criteria was considered. A factor that weighed heavily in this decision was that WG&E is a municipally owned entity dedicated to service rather than profits, and as such is immune to stockholder pressures and mergers or acquisitions that could change the character of a private company.

In April WiredWest subscribers in Leyden received a "WiredWest Update" e-mail summarizing the current state of efforts to bring broadband internet access to unserved communities. We are grateful that of the 148 Leyden households who signed up in 2015 when we were striving to demonstrate at least 40% support for WiredWest's plans, only one has asked for a refund. The money is safe in escrow and if Leyden's network ends up being operated by WiredWest the deposits will be applied to the first monthly bill. More information about the current status of WiredWest is available online at <http://wiredwest.net/>.

Thanks in large part to WiredWest's advocacy, the full amount of each town's State allocation of funds for the Last Mile are now available. Leyden has already applied for a grant, and many of the initial planning and design steps can proceed even though the way the network will be operated has not yet been decided. But at some point a decision will need to be made. Once Leyden has built its network the Town will need to contract with a network operator. A town could make a private one-town arrangement with an operating company. WiredWest is offering a regional solution of many towns.

Some members of the Leyden Broadband Committee have objected to the articles about WiredWest that your WiredWest Delegates have been writing for *Leyden Life* almost every month for several years now. They say that WiredWest should be treated as a vendor with a product to sell. But WiredWest is not a company trying to sell a product at a profit—it is an organization of towns of which our Town is a voting member. Our Town has power to shape, and not just respond to, the organization's proposals. WiredWest meetings are open and it is not just the designated Delegate and Alternate who can participate. Unlike external vendors, WiredWest has been talking to Leyden residents for several years and has an obligation to keep the more than 40 percent of households who have subscribed informed of progress.

—Al Woodhull (773-3522) and Sheila Hourihan (772-5922)
WiredWest Delegates for Leyden

LEYDEN COUNCIL ON AGING MAY CALENDAR

EXERCISE CLASS W/LINDA ALLIS
MONDAY, MAY 1st AND MONDAY, MAY 8th
NOON TO 1:00 PM, UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

COA BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 4th 4:30 to 6:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM AT TOWN HALL

EVENTIDE SINGERS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

SUMMER LUNCHEON WITH TRIAD
WEDNESDAY MAY 17th, 12:00 NOON – 1:30 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL

A CONCERT OF INDIAN MUSIC
PERFORMED BY PETER ROW ON SITAR
AND AJAY SINHA ON TABLA
TUESDAY MAY 30th, AT 7:00 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

MOVIE NIGHT
"HELL OR HIGH WATER"
FRIDAY MAY 26th, 7:00 TO 9:00 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

Managing Invasive Plants Workshop for Landowners

Saturday May 6th 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Sponsored by Franklin Land Trust
and John and Barbara Wallace

Location: 100 Alexander Rd, Leyden, MA (Maple Run Farm)

www.facebook.com/MapleRunFarm

Presented by Chris Polatin, Polatin Ecological Services

www.polatineco.com

The workshop is free of charge, but a donation for Chris is welcomed. Bring a brown bag lunch.

This workshop is intended for people who manage and care for lands who want to increase their applied knowledge regarding the identification, mapping, planning, prioritization and management of invasive plants in forests, fields and wetlands. We will use ongoing invasive management activities at Maple Run Farm—the Wallace's—as a basis for discussion and demonstration of common issues that may arise in efforts to manage invasive plants.

We'll invite and encourage questions and requests for topical discussions. We will emphasize methods that can be accomplished by landowners as well as those projects that may need outside assistance, such as dealing with the organic hay fields on the Wallace's land.



Council on Aging (COA)

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The Council on Aging would as always like to *thank* all our volunteers, drivers, presenters and others who have helped us to have successful programs during the past few months, for example:

Song Birds of the Northeast (which had to be postponed to a later date in March) was really well attended: we had visitors from Northfield, Gill, Greenfield, Shelburne and Turners Falls as well as a good turnout of Leyden folk. Thanks to the Leyden Cultural Council for making this program possible.

Planting for Pollinators also was very well attended and drew several new people, some from out of town. We would like to thank **Pat Leuchtmann** for giving us an idea of the kind of flowers and shrubs favored by bees, so now we just have to get out there and start planting!

(As of the time of this writing, we are still awaiting the presentation by **Chris Wayne** on the Bees themselves; and really looking forward to his talk)

The two final **Core Fitness** classes for the Spring season will take place on **MONDAY, May 1st and MONDAY May 8th, from Noon to 1pm** at the Town Hall. We would like to thank **Linda Allis** for her healthful eating tips, unflinching good humor and well balanced work-out sessions.

THURSDAY, MAY 4th at 4:30pm: The Council on Aging holds 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.

On WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH from 1pm to 2pm, at the Town Hall, some members of the 'EVENTIDE SINGERS' will be performing their beautiful a cappella songs of peace, hope and comfort. The mission of the Eventide Singers is to provide support and comfort to people who are nearing the end of their life's journey, visiting hospitals, nursing homes and private homes, when requested to do so. Please come, hear and enjoy a selection of their musical repertoire.

On WEDNESDAY MAY 17th at NOON we will be gearing up for summer with a simple luncheon of hot dogs, summer salads and ice cream. (mmmnnn!) Time to dig out your shorts and sandals and join us for what we hope will be a "bright, bright, sunshiney day"! The guys from **TRIAD** will be joining us to help out and give out information about all the services that they provide to area seniors.

Bill Glabach for Selectman

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work to bring broadband to Leyden, keeping your tax rate affordable, getting Town government to work through his leadership skills, supporting the schools, preservation of land, and being our ambassador at many Town events are just a few items to mention.

Bill has spent a lot of his time for you and our town. So I ask that on May 13th when you come to Town Hall to attend the Annual Town Meeting and to vote, that you cast your vote for Bill Glabach. Many, I'm sure, will also be casting a vote of thanks to a man who continues to serve this community so well.

I support Bill Glabach for Selectman. —Jeff Neipp

MOVIE NIGHT is FRIDAY MAY 26TH; "HELL OR HIGH WATER" 7pm – 9pm at Leyden Town Hall.

We're ending our movie season with a film for grownups. This modern-day Western thriller tells the story of two Texas brothers (Chris Pine and Ben Foster) who scheme to rob branches of the bank that is threatening to foreclose on their family ranch. Fighting to reclaim their future, they find themselves on the radar of a Texas ranger (Jeff Bridges) looking for one last grand pursuit on the eve of his retirement. This 2016 film won several awards, including an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture and Best Supporting Actor. Rated **R** (for some strong language, some violence and brief sexuality).

On TUESDAY, MAY 30TH at 7pm, we are privileged to be able to present a concert of Indian music performed by **PETER ROW** on the sitar and **AJAY SINHA** on the tabla. Peter is a renowned sitarist, ethnomusicologist and Professor at the New England Conservatory of Music, and has toured as a solo recitalist and lectured throughout North America and India. Ajay Sinha is a Professor of Art History (specializing in Indian and Asian art) at Mount Holyoke College, and has authored several books on the subject of Indian art and photography. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the entrancing and mysterious sounds of the music of India.

Save the Date: FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 16TH:

Join us for a Potluck Picnic at Avery Ballfield, followed by music and dancing with local jazz/rock band **PATTY and the CAKES!** Bring a dish to share and we'll provide drinks and a special dessert. We'll share more information next month about the band and its founder, **Patty Carpenter**, whose musical career has moved between UMass, Vermont and New York City. *All ages are welcome!*



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.

We would like to remind all Leyden residents over the age of 55 that they are able to attend programs and meals at other area senior centers, for example

Greenfield: 772-1517; Deerfield: 665-9508; Shelburne: 625-2502; Erving: 423-3649 and Gill-Montague: 863-9357 – just check on their websites for upcoming programs and events, and call to register.

Please check the Town notice boards for information on other services available to Leyden residents, and also the brochures on the tables downstairs in the Town Hall Community Room. Once again, Thank You to all who help to make our programs a success! —Cecelia Tusinski

Plant Swap

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, **Leyden Garden Friends** will host a **Plant Swap** on **Leyden Town Common** from **10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON**. Participants will set-up and browse from 9:30 to 10:00 AM, and the swap will begin at 10:00 AM. Please label items with names, light preferences, height, and any other important facts. Plants, seedlings, bulbs, seeds, and houseplants are welcome. Bring 1 - Get 1 ...Bring 10 - Get 10!!

Questions? Contact Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118.

Broadband Committee

Who Said This Would Be Easy?

We recently received the results of the MBI state-funded pole survey of our 917 utility poles in Leyden and were told that 336 of these poles (36%) were categorized as “needing replacement” before broadband cable can be hung on them. Apparently, we have some poles that are considered too short to carry an additional wire, some too thin to support the weight of additional cable, and some simply defective and in clear need of replacement by the utility involved (Verizon or Eversource). This categorization of poles “needing replacement” represents a first pass by MBI’s contractor, Osmose, and will be subject to negotiation with the utilities as we work to address the issue.

To put this problem into perspective, MBI originally estimated that the net cost (after State grants) for Leyden’s broadband network would be \$1,070,000. This assumed a 4% pole replacement rate, or 33 poles. Should it become necessary to replace an additional 303 poles, at an average cost of \$2,500 per pole, this would represent an additional cost of \$750,000.

The question now is who is responsible for paying for poles that need to be replaced? To get that answer, we need to continue with our original plan, which calls for filing pole applications with the utility providers (along with the required fees) so that a pole-by-pole assessment/negotiation process can begin. As planned, we are in the process of hiring an engineering firm to assist us with the pole applications themselves and a Project Manager to represent the Town in the pole negotiation process. These costs, which were included in the original overall cost of the project, will come to approximately \$80,000 - \$100,000. All of this money will be paid for from State grant monies under the State’s “Last Mile Infrastructure Grant Program”.

At the request of the Selectboard, I have met privately with Leyden’s State Representative, Paul Mark, to make him aware of our problem and the fact that this could ultimately prohibit us from going forward with the Town’s broadband network. The Selectboard has also spoken with State Representative Steve Kulik to make him aware of our problem as well.

I think it’s important to remember that any project of this size will always have problems that need to be resolved. With that in mind, we will keep you posted as we better define the situation and see whether Leyden can still manage to go forward with this project.
—Bob Ryan, Chair

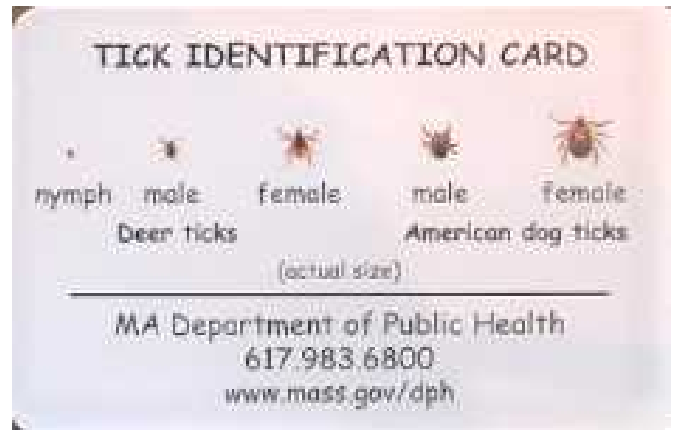
Art Baker for Planning Board

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received my Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut in 1994, and worked as a project engineer in the private construction field before entering the municipal field as a DPW Director. I worked most recently for the Town of Greenfield, where I had several interactions with the Town of Leyden.

I have always wanted to serve my town and feel that my 11 years of private construction experience combined with my 12 years of municipal experience, working closely with Planning Boards and several other boards and commissions, would make me a valuable asset to the Town of Leyden. I enjoy working as a team and believe in fair and reasonable decision making. I look forward to serving the Town of Leyden, so feel confident in a vote for me, Art Baker, on May 13th. Thank you.

Tick Season is (ALWAYS) Here.



CDC reports 2017 may be a record-setting year for Tick Infestation.

Leyden residents are eligible for *reduced-rate tick testing*. If you or your pet have been *bitten* (the tick was attached to your skin) by a Deer Tick, save the tick in a small, plastic bag.

Log on to www.tickreport.com and follow the instructions for mailing the tick, or call Kathie Benson 414-773-8595, and she will help you through the process.

The Leyden Board of Health, in Conjunction with the Cooperative Public Health Services of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), has negotiated a reduced cost to member towns. *Leyden residents need pay only \$15.00* of the \$50.00 cost of getting a tick tested.

Data collected for the 11 towns participating in the testing grant show that approximately *35% of ticks are infected with Lyme disease*. Additionally, several more diseases are now associated with tick bites.
—Kathie Benson

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Our fifth and sixth grade class shared inspirational quotes about how to be a good student, good friend and a good citizen. These quotes are now on the bulletin board outside the office for all students to see. We have included a picture in the newsletter for you to see as well. We appreciate the fifth and sixth grade students' work and the way they model how to be a great citizen for our younger students.

Save the Date!

Friday, June 16th

Potluck Picnic and Concert

with

Patty and the Cakes

at Avery Ballfield

Bring a Potluck dish to Share

Dessert provided by the Council on Aging

All ages welcome!



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.

Annual Plants: Spatcher Farm has annual plants for sale at Foster's Super Market and at Greenfield Farmer's Co-op exchange. If you would like to purchase plants at the farm, please call 624-3247.

Thank you for supporting local agriculture! Holly & Ken Spatcher
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.

Leyden Town-Wide Tag Sale



The annual Town-Wide Tag Sale is being held on **Saturday, May 20th** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, with a rain date of Sunday, May 21st, same hours. You can set up at your home or ask for space inside at Town Hall, or weather permitting, outside.

Maps to locate sellers around town will be made available at Town Hall that morning. The cost to participate will be a portion of the *Recorder* ad fee to advertise the event. Interested sellers should call Marie Lovley at 624-0012.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2017 FARM SHARES

It's not too late to reserve a farm share! Shares begin the first week of June and 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. You may listen to our recent interview on WRSI at <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, mesclun and pork available. No need to wait for your garden to eat some Leyden-grown fresh greens and pasture-raised pork!

—Laura Timmerman and Rob Creamer
 Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325

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Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events

May 24

PRES Spring Concert 6:30 PM

May 26

Grades 3/4 Field Trip to Old Deerfield

May 29

Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

May 30—June 1

5/6 Grades to Cape Cod Sea Camps

June 13

Field Day

June 22

Last day of school—12:00 NOON release

MCAS Dates

May 9 & 10

Math grade 5/6

May 16 & 17

STE grade 5

May 18 & 19

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LASAGNA SUPPER

Saturday, May 6th

At Leyden Town Hall

16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01337

Lasagna, Meat or Vegetarian

Salad

Mixed Veggies

Bread and Butter

Ice Cream Brownie Sundaes



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Students who enroll in our online learning program can also attend night classes for individual assistance.

Where:

The Literacy Project, Greenfield
15 Bank Row, 2nd Floor

When:

Wednesdays & Thursdays
6:00-8:00 pm

What we offer:

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Cost:

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"CLEAN SWEEP"

BULKY WASTE RECYCLING DAY



Saturday, May 6th, 9 a.m. to noon



Locations:

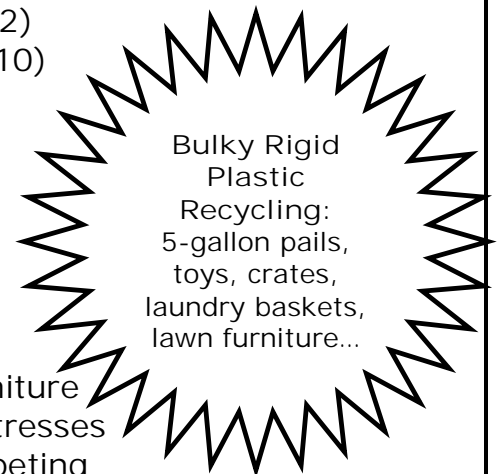
-) Buckland Recreation Facility, 66 Ashfield Rd, 112-S (½ mile south of Mohawk HS)
-) Northfield Highway Garage, 49 Caldwell Rd. (off Rt. 142)
-) Whately Transfer Station, 73 Christian Lane (off Rt. 5/10)

-) No pre-registration necessary.
-) Items will be recycled whenever possible.
-) There is a disposal charge on all items.
-) Cash only.



What To Bring:

-) • Tires
 -) • Televisions
 -) • Computers
 -) • Scrap Metal
 -) • Appliances: remove doors from refrigerators & freezers
 -) • FREE: Bring clean, dry bagged textiles and books for reuse or recycling!
- Electronics
 - Microwaves
 - BBQ Grill Tanks
 - Construction & Demolition Debris
- Furniture
 - Mattresses
 - Carpeting



PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

Yard Waste, Brush, Tree Stumps, Asbestos, Paint, Auto Batteries, Oil Tanks, Hazardous Materials, Trash

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or see the back of this sheet.

MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD)
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CLEAN SWEEP COLLECTION

May 6, 2017

9 a.m. to noon

Disposal Price Guide

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Asphalt, bricks, cement, mortar	\$35/cu.yd.
Clapboards, doors, plaster, sheetrock, shingles, siding, windows, wood	\$30/cu.yd.
Hot tubs, spas	\$30/cu.yd.

ELECTRONICS

Cell phones	free
Computer monitor, CRT	\$20
Computer monitor, flat screen	\$10
Copy machine	\$30
CPU (computer)	\$5
Fax, printer, scanner	\$5
Laptop computer	\$10
Satellite dish (large)	\$20
Satellite dish (small)	\$10
TV	\$25
TV: Console or large projection	\$40
VCR, DVD player, video game systems	\$5

FURNITURE/CARPET

Bookcases, end tables, kitchen/dining tables, and wooden chairs	\$5
Bureau	\$10
Carpet or area rug up to 10x10	\$10
Carpet (larger: up to 12x20)	\$20
Carpet padding	\$5
Couch	\$20
Futon	\$15
Mattress or box spring, any size	\$25
Mattress for water bed	\$15
Recliner chair, loveseat	\$15
Sink, toilet	\$15
Sleeper sofa	\$35
Upholstered chair	\$10
Vacuum	\$3

SCRAP METAL/APPLIANCES

Air conditioner/dehumidifier	\$15
Bicycle	\$5
Dishwasher	\$10
Fire extinguisher	\$10
Furnace (residential)	\$15
Helium tank, oxygen tank	\$10
Lawn mower, push (drain gas)	\$10
Lawn mower, riding (drain gas)	\$15
LP gas tank, 1 lb.	\$1
LP gas BBQ tank, 20 lb.	\$5
LP gas BBQ tank, up to 100 lbs.	\$10
Microwave, trash compactor, etc	\$5
Misc. metal items, small	\$5
Misc. metal items, BBQ grill & larger	\$10
Refrigerator, freezer (remove doors)	\$15
Rototiller, snowblower, etc. (drain gas)	\$10
Stove, washer, dryer	\$10
Water heater (residential)	\$15

Gasoline MUST be drained from all small engines!

TIRES

Passenger up to 19"	\$5
Truck, Semi-trailer	\$15
Tractor/Loader	\$75

TEXTILES & BOOKS

Textiles* (CLEAN, DRY , bagged)	FREE
Books (paperback, hardcover)	FREE

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recycle bins, plant pots, trays: NO crinkly 6-packs!

**Nothing longer than 4' in any direction!*

See website or call for more instructions!

Some acceptable items may not be listed. Cash Only.

The District reserves the right to price other items accordingly on site.

MATERIALS WILL BE RECYCLED WHENEVER POSSIBLE.