



Leyden Life



Leyden, Massachusetts

December 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 Mondays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7:00 PM in their office. 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.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Mon, Dec 4	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Dec 6	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Dec 7	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Mon, Dec 11	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Dec 13	9:00 AM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Dec 13	7:30 PM	Planning Board
Mon, Dec 18	7:00 PM	Select Board
Mon, Dec 18	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Dec 19	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Dec 20	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors

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 Bob Hardesty. —*Select Board*

Select Board

The holiday season is upon us, and we wish you and yours the best and a joyous season. May you all find joy and renewal during this time.

The Highway Department is busy getting ready for winter, going around town placing whips to guide them while plowing snow. Dave is actively working on a solution for the bridge over Keets Brook and an assortment of other tasks which keep him and his department busy. Thank you for your efforts, Dave and Bill.

We will hold a public hearing on December 4th for the citizens' petition concerning landowners' rights and safety. We hope the outcome of the hearing will be positive for all concerned.

The Recreation Committee is planning a Children's Christmas Party for Sunday, December 10th. Santa will be there by special invitation, so we hope it will be well-attended.

The Select Board will close the warrant on December 1st for the January 15th Special Town Meeting. No more Articles will be accepted after that date. The closure is designed to give the

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages: Suzanne Kreger and Randolph Ward
Births and Deaths: None reported

DOG LICENSES

DOG LICENSES Dog licenses for 2017 are still available. Fees are as follows: Neutered and spayed - \$10.00; Not altered - \$15.00; Kennel, 1-4 - \$30.00; Kennel, 5-10 - \$40.00; Kennel, more than 10 - \$50.00. Only checks or money orders are accepted.
—*Thank you, Nicole Glabach, Town Clerk*

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, or by appointment.
Telephone 774-4111, Ext. 3, or Cell/Text at 413-362-9378
Email: townclerk@townofleyden.com

Recreation Committee

Our Christmas Cookies with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall. Santa Claus will be talking to each child there, and will read a book to all the children, plus hand out a Christmas Cookie and a toy for each child. There will also be several arts and crafts activities for the children, such as making some Christmas ornaments. There will be hot chocolate for each child to go with the Christmas Cookie.



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All our students at Pearl Rhodes Elementary School are cordially invited, along with all Leyden children who attend schools in the area. Don't forget that younger brothers and sisters are *all* cordially invited too. An RSVP to Mary Lou at 773-3548 would be a big help for Santa and his elves.

We are also hoping to get the skating rink up and ready soon so you can all go skating and have lots of fun. We are working on getting some lights up this year so there will be evening skating. We also want to plan a Family Skate Party during the February school vacation. We will keep you informed.

We hope to see you all soon. —*Mary Lou Barton, Secretary, Leyden Recreation Committee (773-3548)*



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.)



It grows dark early; houses cozy up for long winter nights, and the season of snuggling up with a good book is upon us! Instead of spending your Christmas money on books, CDs, or DVDs, visit the RML and select from the most highly recommended books on the market today. If we don't have what you want, we can order it through ILL! Take advantage of your town library!

There's not much to report this month. Mondays and Wednesdays are always busy with lots of visitors and chatter as people 'catch up,' suggest good books or DVDs to each other, or fetch an ILL request. As I write on this November afternoon, I am amazed that the flowers in the window boxes are still in bloom, but by the time you read this winter greens will decorate the outside.

Winter is upon us. I hope it will be a 'best ever' for you. Visit when you can!

—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Chris Johnston

*Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend.
Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.*

—Groucho Marx

Leyden Knitting Circle

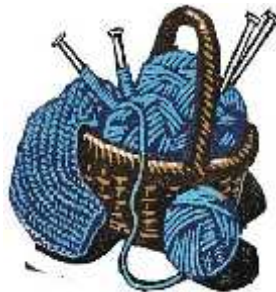
We'll be knitting in December. Please join us!

Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00, Town Hall, contact Michele Higgins (772-1924) Friday, December 15, 6:30 - 8:30, Laura Timmerman's house (773-8325)

All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Contact Peggy Brown (774-5764) or Laura to learn more about the group or to sign up for email updates.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

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



Leyden Café

The Leyden Café is open **Sunday mornings, 9:30 - 12:00**, downstairs at Town Hall. Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn's delicious baked goodies and Pierce Bros. coffee. We look forward to seeing you there!



Special for Leyden Café customers! A holiday gift—Coffee will be \$1.00 for the month of December! We will also be featuring a flavored coffee. Special treats for the holiday season will be caramel cake, gingerbread, and pumpkin scones besides our usual specialties. Please join us this holiday season!

**We will not be open on Sunday,
December 24th**

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 Gilda and Dan Galvis, Spirit Fire and Angels' Rest for contributions and to Michele Higgins, and Sue Howarth for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Sue Howarth, Michele Higgins, 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.

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

Friday, December 15th.

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the drop box at the back of Town Hall.

Donations are always welcome! Send to:
Leyden Life c/o Reid
30 West Leyden Road
Leyden, MA 01337

Comments on the Proposed Safety Bylaw

The proposed safety bylaw is in no way anti-hunting or hunters. It is recognized that most hunters are courteous and respectful of landowners and obey the hunting rules. The hunters causing the adverse situations with many town residents are usually from elsewhere.

This situation is resulting in a lot of animosity and feelings of usurped power from many residents. Most people who live in Leyden are here because they love and enjoy the rural setting and desire to be able to live, work, and walk on their land with a feeling of safety.

Leyden is historically and foremost an agricultural-based town, as evidenced by our zoning bylaws. Whatever level of agriculture one is involved in, it is necessary to know that you, your children, and your animals are safe, whether you're plowing, haying, gardening, climbing a tree or hanging out your laundry. (Remember the woman in Maine who was shot while hanging out her laundry because a hunter thought she was a deer?) It is increasingly difficult to feel safe when there are mounting evidences of incidences with hunters.

One would hope that the posting of one's land would seem like a viable option, but let's take a look at it. Firstly, there's the expense of all the signs, nails, etc. Then there's the amount of time involved in putting the signs up, and it has to be done annually. There are hunters who totally ignore the signs, tear them down, or vow that they never saw them. Many landowners are older and have impaired mobility, which makes posting difficult. Also, maybe you don't want to ban everyone from your property.

Here are a few stories of incidents on posted land:

➤A grandmother and granddaughter were sitting on their porch. There was a shot heard and then a bullet whizzed between them and lodged into the wall of the house. When confronted the hunter claimed he'd been hunting on that land for 40 years and we wasn't going to change. Keep in mind that posted or non-posted it is illegal to hunt within 500 feet of buildings.

➤Two horseback riders were riding on their posted land and came upon a hunter. The hunter had the arrogance to ask them

to be quiet as his friend had a deer in his sights.

➤A landowner with posted land had to escort the same hunter off his land for several years in a row. Then the hunter proceeded to harass the landowner.

➤Another landowner had his land posted, and the owner was hunting on his own land. A deer appeared and was in his sights when a hunter, ignoring the posted signs, shot the deer right in front of him.

What we can conclude from this sampling of incidents around town is that *posting one's land does not keep hunters off of it*. Remember the adage, "Locked doors only keep honest people out." Well, it seems posted land only keeps honest hunters out. If hunters cannot or will not police themselves, then homeowners must take a proactive stance and do what they deem necessary. In this day and age it is a wise idea, and an inherent right, to know who's walking around on your land with loaded guns, and it's your choice if you even want them there or who you will allow there.

How are other towns handling this? Upon investigation it was discovered that at least 80 towns in Massachusetts already have the bylaw that you must get written permission from a landowner to hunt on his or her property. Another 80 have some sort of restriction and some outright bans. Also, 22 states in our country have written permission as a statewide requirement. Whether or not to allow hunters (or anyone) on your land should be a right of ownership, and not the right of someone else just because they have a hunting license.

Where can hunters hunt? There are approximately 1,500 acres of public land in Leyden, of which more than half is owned by Massachusetts Fish and Game. This area is unrestricted for hunting. There are several hunting landowners in town who own large tracts of land and more than likely would continue to allow hunters to hunt. That is now approximately 3,000 acres. How many acres are enough? Surely many landowners will grant permission to hunters that they know and who are respectful of the privilege. And it is a privilege, not a right, afforded to them. —Marilyn Kugler



Leyden Historical Commission

It's with heartfelt gratitude that the Leyden Historical Commission thanks the following for their contributions of time and expertise and of donations to the "Ghost and Gravestones" cemetery tours. We are ever gratified by the generosity of the Leyden Community (and the community at large) and its willingness to assist in the continued success of our event.

Robin Neipp	Leyden Fire Department
Debbie and Sid Herron	Deb Collins & South Cemetery
Sam and Richard Allis	Leyden Life folks
Michelle and John Higgins	The Four Leaf Clover Restaurant
Carl and Eric Johnson	7 South Bakery Café
Diane and Ernie Royer	Kringle Candle
Rita Klaus	Foster's Supermarket
Emily Herron-Clark	Pine Hill Orchard
Shelby Ashline & Dan Little	Big Y
Reba-Jean, Piper, and Jordan	BJ's Wholesale
The Leyden Police Dept.	Stop & Shop
	Dillon Chevrolet

Glen Road Holiday Open House

Hello Leydenites! Kristin Nicholas and Julia and Mark Duprey are opening their Glen Road 1751 farmhouse for their **3rd Annual Holiday Open House**.

Come see the colorful decor that has been featured in several national magazines including *Yankee* and *Country Home*. Shop in the "Leyden Mall" for Kristin's handmade pottery, books, tea towels, Julia's Christmas ornaments, and our farm-raised Leyden Glen Lamb for holiday meals. Special guests are: Deborah Garner with her gorgeous textiles and jewelry, The Kangaroo Dyer aka Gail Callahan with her colorful yarns and silks, and fine artist Alicia Hunsicker (on Saturday only). Bring family and friends and meet the sheep and the sheep dogs. Refreshments served.

Address - 31 Glen Road

Saturday & Sunday, December 2/3, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For more information: www.kristinnicholas.com



Veterans at Pearl Rhodes

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School students learned why they're having a three-day weekend by meeting eight Leyden veterans during a Thursday assembly.

In honor of Veterans Day, Bob Clancy, principal of both Pearl Rhodes and Bernardston Elementary School, arranged for local Vietnam and Afghanistan veterans to come to the school and answer questions about their service.

The veterans involved were Bob Hardesty, William Glabach, Lance Fritz, Jeffrey Neipp, Aimee Rackham, Bob Snow, Matt Muka and Charlie Loven.

Clancy, a Vietnam veteran himself, said he regularly schedules an assembly about Veterans Day at Bernardston Elementary, and wanted to bring the same to Pearl Rhodes to give students "a sense of understanding of what a veteran is and who they are in their own community."

After saying the Pledge of Allegiance, students watched a video about the history of Veterans Day. First- and second-graders sang the eight veterans a song they rehearsed, and presented them with cards. Following questions that touched on what the veterans ate during the war and whether they were injured, students shook the veterans' hands.

Lisa Armstrong, who teaches fifth and sixth grades, said she hopes her students gain an understanding that serving the country is a sacrifice, and said the assembly tied in well with her students' recent readings. For sixth-grader Marshall Deveney, the assembly reminded him of his own family.

"I do have a lot of veterans in my family," he said.

The assembly was also a useful experience for the veterans, allowing them to connect with each other.

"I didn't know there were that many of them in town," said Loven, who served in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970.

Before the assembly ended, Clancy gave students a simple piece of advice.

"It is very likely that in your family, or in your neighborhood, you know veterans," Clancy said. "So what you should do when you see them is just say 'Thank you.'"

—Shelby Ashline ©Greenfield Recorder 2017



The Select Board took part in a Veterans Day program at PRES to teach the youngsters about veterans.



Leyden United Methodist Church

Wreath-Making Workshop: Sun Nov 26th. Back to back workshop from 12-2 PM and 2-4 PM. \$20. At Leyden Town Hall.

Leyden Craft & Vendors Fair: Sat Dec 9th, 9 AM-3 PM. Held at both the Church and Town Hall.

Living Nativity: To be held at the First UMC in Brattleboro. Sun, Dec.10, 5 PM to approx 7 PM. We will be helping out our fellow Church with this wonderful Drive-Thru event. 18 Town Crier Drive Brattleboro Vt.

Sing-Along: The Leyden United Methodist Church will open its doors on Sun Dec, 17th, at 4:00 PM for a community Holiday Sing-Along. Individuals and groups are invited to perform favorite songs of the season, and a family performance would truly make the season bright! If you would like to share instrumental and/or vocal skills, please call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 to sign-up.

Christmas Eve Service: Sun Dec 24, 5 PM for a Candlelight Worship.

Also join us for regular Sunday Worship at 9 AM. Followed by Fellowship, light refreshment and great conversation. All are welcome.

Contact Info:

(413) 774-6441

Pastor: Nami Yu, joynami@gmail.com

Facebook: Leyden United Methodist Church

15 West Leyden Rd. Leyden Ma 01337



WiredWest was formed to bring broadband to all hill towns. The recent promise of more state aid makes it likely that network construction can be completed. The focus now turns to preparing to operate the network. WiredWest is working on details of a network operation contract with WG&E (Westfield Gas and Electric) to be signed by the end of the year. Economic analysis shows that most small towns can't afford to operate stand-alone networks but that a regional network is viable.

WiredWest is now asking towns to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, indicating interest in being part of the regional network. The price WG&E will charge for data connections will depend upon the number of potential customers each town can offer. WG&E also has experience with administrative services that small towns are not ready to provide. Together, all towns can be connected. This was the original goal and is still the focus of WiredWest.

As always, your WiredWest Delegates want to hear from you: Al Woodhull, 773-3522, and Sheila Hourihan, 774-5922



Early Thanksgiving

Seniors (and guests) enjoyed an early Thanksgiving luncheon on November 15th.



Fire Chief Matt Muka explains to students where to go if there's a fire in the house.



Fire Chief Matt Muka explains proper use of a fire extinguisher to students at PRES



New Leyden T-Shirts Available

New Leyden T-Shirts are available. Adult sizes are \$20, and are available in S - M - L - XL - 2XL - 3XL. Colors are magenta and royal blue.

Children's sizes are \$15, and are available in S - M - L. Color is royal blue only.

All profits go to support the Leyden United Methodist Church.

Please Note: These shirts are only available in lots of ten. Please notify Mary Lou Barton at 773-3548 if you are interested so that she can make up orders of ten at a time.



Select Board

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Finance Committee time to review the completed Warrant. For those who may not know, the Warrant does not give the final Article language and is not necessarily the motion that will be presented at the Town meeting, but will set the boundaries of any and all motions related to the Article. The Warrant, which will be posted no later than 14 days prior to the meeting, sets the agenda for the meeting and informs the citizens of the Town of the subject matter.

—Respectfully, Lance Jeff and Bill

Crafters and Vendors Wanted...

for the Leyden Craft and Vendor Fair to be held on Saturday, December 9th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The fair, hosted by the Leyden United Methodist Church, will be held at the Church and at Town Hall, 15 and 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden.

Booth space, approximately 10' x 6', is \$20. Double spaces are \$35.

Contact Emily Herron-Clark at 413-336-6248, email her at em_el_issa@yahoo.com, by Facebook Messenger, or Facebook Event Page "Leyden Craft and Vendor Fair."

Council on Aging (COA)

Thank you to KAREN SIMS for her presentation on 'Herbs for Health & Healing', which was well attended, very informative and enjoyable, plus attendees were able to sample her own 'fire cider' which was good, warming and spicy!

We thank DAVID SUND for continuing his program of ART CLASSES through November 28th despite personal health issues. We wish him good health in the future!

EXERCISE CLASSES led by LINDA ALLIS will take a break over the holiday season, resuming on Monday, January 8th at noon in Town Hall: many thanks to Linda for making the time in her very full days to lead our classes!

We celebrated our third Veterans' Day Breakfast on November 11th to honor the men and women who have served our country so well. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came out early on Saturday morning to serve the Vets!

QUILLING! 'An introductory workshop will be led by NANETTE ROLSTAD on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH at 10:00 AM in the Town Hall Community Room, to be followed by a light lunch of soup and sandwiches at Noon.

PAPER-ROLLING, PAPER-SCROLLING, FILIGREE, MOSAIC and QUILLING are all names which have been given to this art-form during its long history. Some sources suggest that many of the techniques used today were originally practiced in Ancient Egypt. The popularity of Quilling has fluctuated through the ages: work of high quality was achieved by French and Italian nuns in the 16th and 17th centuries; genteel ladies in the Stuart period; ladies of leisure in the Georgian and Regency periods - and it is currently enjoying a modern revival. It also spread to North America with the settlers. Those who quill today find they have something in common with Elizabeth, daughter of George III, Jane Austen (who mentions it in her novel 'Sense and Sensibility') and the Bronte sisters: quite a distinguished gathering of enthusiasts! Materials will be provided. Donations are welcome, but there is no fee for the workshop. Please call Cecilia Tusinski at 413-624-3436 to register for the class.

Tis the season to show your love for family and friends! Invite them to share a delicious lunch of homemade lasagna with the traditional sides on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th. The festivities will begin at 11:15 AM with our third holiday singalong with Marilyn Kugler on piano accompaniment, followed by lunch. Festivities will conclude with a drawing for a variety of gifts! It is important to make reservations for this event by calling Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118.

There is no Movie Night in December; the Big Screen will return in January - stay tuned! Thanks to all who completed a Transportation Survey: most would love to have bus service.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Leyden Council on Aging is compiling a list of people of all ages willing to help out occasionally with either indoor or outdoor chores for seniors or disabled persons. Indoor chores might be helping out with cleaning or minor indoor repairs. Outdoor chores might be snow shoveling or yard help. This can be fee for service or volunteer.

Our goal is to help seniors and people with disabilities on limited incomes to be able to age in place and stay in their homes. Advocates to drive and go to medical appointments and help people without family nearby are also needed. For more information, please call Amy at 774-6907.

We need more input from the rest of you, please!

Please note: if school is closed due to inclement weather, lunches, coffee mornings or any other Council on Aging events will be cancelled.

The Council on Aging is seeking a replacement Assistant to the COA beginning on January 1, 2018, as Cecilia Tusinski is unable to continue in the position at present due to health issues. Interested parties please contact the Chair, Gilda Galvis at 413-773-7932.

The Assistant has the following responsibilities: Attend all monthly COA meetings and present report on planned/upcoming activities; organize and co-ordinate monthly programs (outreach to potential presenters, phone calls, emails, follow-ups as necessary, etc.). Keep track of attendance at all COA functions and prepare monthly record totals; file related paperwork. Prepare monthly Leyden Life COA Newsletter article; prepare monthly COA Calendar to be placed in the Town Hall. Prepare posters for upcoming COA events or classes and post them on Town Hall notice boards and any other appropriate locations. Forward information on COA events to the Town Administrator for dissemination on Town-wide email. Co-ordinate with Town Administrator on availability of Town Hall for such events. Post all COA events in The Recorder "Talk of the Town" article and/or "North County Notebook", usually a week ahead of time. Help with lunches, as needed; recruit volunteers; monitor other Senior citizen programs in the area.

The COA is also seeking another Board member to fill a recently vacated seat. Interested parties are encouraged to apply.

The next Council on Aging meeting will be held in the Town Hall Community Room at 4:30pm on Thursday, December 7th. All are welcome to attend.

—Cecelia Tusinski

Volunteers Needed

This year, the COA will be serving coffee, tea, and homemade baked items on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. If you have two hours to give as a volunteer, we would love to schedule you as a host/hostess on our Coffee Days! It might only be once or twice this year, but your help will be greatly appreciated!

If you have a very busy schedule but would like to bake a treat, volunteers are needed in that area, too. Please call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 if you are interested in hosting or baking.



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.

Breakfast cook wanted (2018) for occasional 4-6 hour shifts at Angels' Rest Retreat. Join us for a fun place to work, great co-workers, and wonderful customers! We'll train you! Call/text Jennifer 760-672-5336.

Free: 4-drawer dresser, General Altimax Arctic tire with worn studs 205/55/16, house hardware—white pull knobs for cabinets, small brass hinges, 75 watt flood lights. Call Jennifer at 760-672-5336.

For Sale: double 6" deep stainless steel sink with faucet \$25, Briggs and Stratton (White) heavy-duty, 8.5 HP, 33" deck, self-propelled lawn mower (needs some work) \$150. Call Jennifer at 760-672-5336.

Quilting books and Cookbooks for sale. Many of each available. Many in new condition. Call Gloria at 774-7113.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Are you looking for some help? I can clean your house; help with laundry and any other household chores. I'll run errands and do shopping. I also offer light PCA work if you have any need for home care. I will prepare meals; offer companionship, read a book, play cards. I am responsible, dependable and affordable. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you. Please call me at 413-834-3843. Melissa Sims

Glenbrook Structures: Need a chicken coop or a dog kennel at a reasonable price? Various sizes and designs are available. Call Michelle Barton or Chris Kemp at 774-4545 to place an order. We're also on Facebook and Craigslist.

Fire Wood for Sale: I have one cord of split, stacked, seasoned hard wood for sale. 12-24 inches in length (majority is 16-18 inches long). The customer will need to pick it up, and I will help load it. The price \$175. Call Ken and Beth at 774-2820.

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.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

THANK YOU for your encouragement and support in 2017. We feel honored and happy to grow vegetables, meat, eggs, and flowers to share with you.

If you are pondering gifts to share, consider the gift of healthy eating, for you and your family or for friends. Farm Shares make an amazing gift or you can give someone a farm gift certificate at our farm that they may use for eggs, meat, or vegetables of their choosing as they wish, or apply towards a farm share.

We will have lots of fresh Leyden-grown spinach and salad this winter. They will be available at the farm or the Greenfield Winter Farmers' Market, on first Saturdays each month. You can just stop by anytime during the day and see what we have, or sign up to receive updates about what's available.

We wish you all the best for a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2018.

—Robin Creamer and Laura Timmerman

Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325

sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com

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

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

Angels' Rest

Women's Yoga Retreat at Angels' Rest

Slow down from all the holiday hustle and bustle, reflect on 2017, and set intentions for 2018. This retreat weekend is an invitation to connect with other women, deepen your yoga and mindfulness practices, share delicious meals together, have time to relax, and take care of you. Saturday, January 13 - Monday, January 15. For more information, tri.ps/WomensWinterWeekend. Reduced rates for commuters or Leyden residents.

New Leyden Telephone Directory

Do you want your phone number listed in the new Leyden town directory? Do you not want your number listed in the directory? Either way, please contact Amy at amy.woodsprite@gmail.com or 774-6907. If you wish to be included, please give your name and address and your phone number, or specify non-published if you do not. Thank you for your help with this.



Leyden Business Advertisements

Leyden businesses are welcome to submit an ad to the new Leyden Directory. Please send to amy.woodsprite@gmail.com.

—Amy St. Clair



Season's Greetings



Livingstone Carpentry
Traditional Craftsmanship. Quality Service

—SPECIALIZING IN—
 WINDOWS • DOORS • FINE CARPENTRY
 WEATHERIZATION • FIRE & WATER RESTORATION
 NEW CONSTRUCTION • RENOVATIONS

Free Estimates
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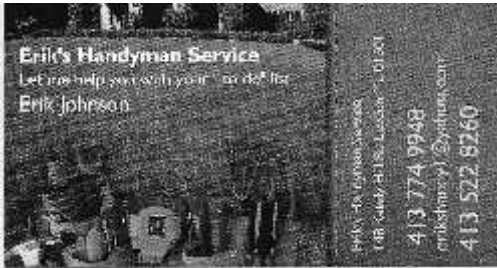
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NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY

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		OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	ANNUAL LIMIT
BLACK BEAR					
Black Bear	Zones 1-14	First Season	Sept. 5 – Sept. 23	See "Black Bear," below.	1
		Second Season	Nov. 6 – Nov. 25		
		Shotgun Season (restrictions apply*)	Nov. 27 – Dec. 9		

*Hunters must wear 500 square inches of hunter orange on their head, chest and back. Rifles and handguns prohibited.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS*					
Wild Turkey	Spring: Zones 1–13	April 24 – May 20		See "Wild Turkey," below.	
	Fall: Zones 1–13	Oct. 23 – Nov. 4			
	Youth Hunt: Zones 1-13	April 22 (see box below)			
Crow	Zones 1–14	Jan. 2 – April 10		—	—
		July 1 – April 10, 2018			
Pheasant	Zones 1–14	Oct. 14 – Nov. 25		2	4
	Youth Hunt	See page 47.			6
Quail	Zones 11–14	Oct. 14 – Nov. 25		4	8
Ruffed Grouse	Zones 1–14	Oct. 14 – Nov. 25		3	6

Upland game bird hunting is closed during shotgun deer season.

DEER					
Deer	Youth Deer Hunt	Sept. 30	See "Deer," below and pages 38–39.	1 antlered deer OR 1 antlerless deer in Zone specified in permit during season	
	Paraplegic Hunt	Nov. 2 – Nov. 4	See "Deer," below and pages 38–39.	2 antlered deer + antlerless deer by permit	
	Archery	Oct. 16 – Nov. 25			
	Shotgun	Nov. 27 – Dec. 9			
	Primitive Firearms	Dec. 11 – Dec. 30			

RABBITS AND SQUIRREL					
Cottontail Rabbit	Zones 1-12	Jan. 2 – Feb. 28, Oct. 14 – Feb. 28, 2018		5	10
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 2 – Feb. 28, Nov. 15 – Feb. 28, 2018		5	10
Snowshoe Hare	Zones 1–4	Jan. 2 – Feb. 28, Oct. 14 – Feb. 28, 2018		2	4
	Zones 5–12	Jan. 2 – Feb. 4, Oct. 14 – Feb. 5, 2018		2	4
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 2 – Feb. 4, Nov. 14 – Feb. 5, 2018		2	4
Jackrabbit	Zone 14	Nov. 15 – Dec. 30		1	2
Gray Squirrel	Zones 1–9	Sept. 11 – Jan. 2, 2018		5	10
	Zones 10–14	Oct. 14 – Jan. 2, 2018		5	10

Cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, jackrabbit, and gray squirrel hunting are closed during shotgun deer season.

FURBEARERS					
Bobcat	Zones 1–8	Jan. 2 – Mar. 8, Dec. 20 – Mar. 8, 2018		—	—
Coyote	Zones 1–14	Jan. 2 – Mar. 8, Oct. 14 – Mar. 8, 2018		—	—
Fox (red or gray)	Zones 1–14	Jan. 2 – Feb. 28, Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2018		—	—
Raccoon	Zones 1–14	Jan. 2 – Jan. 31, Oct. 2 – Jan. 31, 2018		3	* see Raccoon below
Opossum	Zones 1–14	Jan. 2 – Jan. 31, Oct. 2 – Jan. 31, 2018		—	—

All furbearer hunting seasons are closed during the shotgun deer season except for coyotes.

FURBEARER TRAPPING

		OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)
SPECIES		
Bobcat ^{1,2} , Coyote ¹ , Fox ¹ , Weasel		Nov. 1 – Nov. 30
Fisher ¹		Nov. 1 – Nov. 22
Mink ¹ , River Otter ¹		Nov. 1 – Dec. 15
Beaver ¹		Jan. 1 – April 15, Nov. 1 – April 15, 2018
Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk		Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2018

1 – Pelt sealing required; see page 44.

2 – Bobcats may only be trapped in zones 1-8



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