

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

March 2011

Town Hall Hours:

Monday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed Tuesday,
Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Thursday 12:00 – 3:00 PM and
6:00 – 9:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
If you need an appointment outside of these hours, call 774-4111

Select Board

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays, March 3rd, 17th and 31st at 6:30 PM in their office. Anyone interested in a copy of the agenda please contact Liz Johnson at 774-4111 or leydenselectboard@live.com.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

Wed, Mar 2	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thur, Mar 3	6:30 PM	Selectboard
Tue, Mar 8	5:30 PM	Board of Health
Wed, Mar 9	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Wed, Mar 16	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thur, Mar 17	6:30 PM	Selectboard
Mon, Mar 21	6:30 PM	Historical Commission
Mon, Mar 21	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Thur, Mar 31	6:30 PM	Selectboard

FY 2010 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT SUBMISSIONS DUE

The Selectboard Office is beginning the collection of reports for the 2010 Annual Town Report. All boards, committees and town departments are asked to submit their reports to Liz Johnson by March 31st. Reports can be mailed, dropped off or e-mailed to leydenselectboard@live.com. Please call Liz if you have any questions. Thank you.

DEER CROSSINGS!

Deer have been seen regularly on the way in and out of Leyden on the town roads. Please use caution while driving and be on the lookout for any wildlife that has wandered into the road. Slow down and be safe!
—Board of Selectmen

MUSIC ON THE HILL

Monthly Music Series at the Leyden Town Hall

Local musician and producer Stuart Kenney brings you a new monthly music series "Music On The Hill" at the Leyden Town Hall. Sunday March 13th at 2:30 PM, there will be a family dance led by caller Andy Davis. Stuart will play banjo and upright bass, and he will be joined by Peter Siegel on mandolin and Alden Robinson on the fiddle. Andy Davis is a master caller from Guilford, VT who will lead you and your family through traditional games and songs. Come experience the fun of music and dance! Bring a dessert/treat to share at the break (optional).

Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses are now available at the Clerk's office. Fees are \$10.00 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$15.00 for all non-altered dogs. Licenses can be mailed to residents by request. Please include a self-addressed envelope and \$1.00 for postage and handling.

HUNTING LICENSES

After discussing the new licensing procedures with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, other local Town Clerks, and consulting again with the Town Treasurer and Accountant, I have decided not to continue to sell hunting licenses. Licenses are available at Pipione's Sport Shop in Turners Falls and at Mohawk Hunting and Fishing Supplies in the Arrowhead Shops on Route 2 in Shelburne.
—Bob Hardesty, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM and
Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:30 PM Phone 774-7769

Wired West

Connecting Western Massachusetts to the World

The official beginning of WiredWest was in February 2010 and we have accomplished a great deal in one year! Even so, we still have an interesting road ahead to make our vision of fiber-to-home a reality in our town. On that note, we are happy to report that 13 towns in addition to Leyden have successfully passed

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Sugar on Snow Supper

Saturday, March 12th

Sittings at 5:00 and 6:30 PM

Featuring Rita's Famous Shepherd's Pie made with grass-fed ground beef from Jeff Neipp's Castle Hill Farm and/or ground lamb from Leyden Glen Farm
Adults \$10-Children 6 and under \$5

Call 774-2820 for reservations

Silent Auction — Historical Displays

Entertainment by FCTS FFA Band

Co-Sponsored by the
Agricultural Commission
and
Leyden Methodist Church



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.

Robertson Memorial Library

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

When you enter the library, your eye will immediately be drawn to the fireplace mantel and the colorful painting donated to the RML by Mike Wells. Entitled “Silent Sentinels,” Mike has captured the noble maples that line Zimmerman Hill. “They won’t be here too much longer,” Mike fears, as time is having its way with these stately gems. The colors of fall set in a bright blue autumn sky reflect so much of this beautiful New England town. These maples have witnessed much of the history of this village, and we truly appreciate Mike’s capturing them for all posterity.

Ginny Rockwood has created a Facebook page for the Robertson Memorial Library! It’s great! Let’s use it to suggest good reads, make suggestions for improving service and expanding patronage, and for anything else you deem worthwhile. Thank you, Ginny!

Dave Allen of Roberge Surveyors (land surveyors) has donated a number of maps of the “old” Leyden for use by any and all. These maps are the same size as the most recent topographical maps of the area (1997) so that they can be superimposed over each other to aid in research. Dave assured me that these maps are prints, not originals, and can be copied for private use. He even created tic marks that are useful for lines on the borders of the maps in an attempt to make their use as easy as possible.

Mike Wells enjoyed studying these maps. Why not try to locate *your* property and take a peek at its history? Thank you, Dave! *Note:* County maps are also available for serious researchers of original town boundaries.

Donations continue to pour in to the Friends of the RML! Please take a minute to help us ensure the permanence of this library during such difficult financial times. Make checks payable to “Leyden Friends of the Library” and mail to Robertson Memorial Library, 849 Greenfield Road, Leyden, MA 01301.

We have received two packets of Walking Routes, Franklin County, Massachusetts. Each set contains twenty-eight laminated maps for each town within our county. They showcase many scenic walking options of the region and also provide routes that connect destinations for everyday trips. You may obtain your own copy of a map set at the YMCA, the Chamber of Commerce, or the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

We plan to install a strong, easy-to-use handrail on the front steps of the library. Bids are being accepted now. Thanks to those who spurred us on to make use of the library easier.

Worth remembering: Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday, and all is well. Eva Baker shared this gem with us recently, and it’s really worth thinking about!

Winter is waning—Yeah!

—Chris Johnston

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.

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**.

LEYDEN LIFE BY E-MAIL

If you are interested in receiving *Leyden Life* in PDF format via e-mail, please notify Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

Thanks for contributions from Marie Giurdinella, the Mallorys, and Spirit Fire.

Thanks to collators Susan Howarth, Lois Feldman, and Glen and Kathie Benson, and to deliverers Lauren Clary, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Jeanne Breeden and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

DELIVERY ALERT

The US Postal Service has notified us that we may not use any part of the mailbox to deliver *Leyden Life*; the inside, the handle or the flag.

We need hooks or nails attached to the mailbox base or post.


See details on Page 3.

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.

Did You Know That . . .

It cost \$2.00 to register a dog in the town of Leyden in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Charles Robertson registered his three-month-old sable and white Collie, Rex, in the summer of 1927. Earl Brooks registered his seven-year-old black and tan hound dog, Buster, in June of 1929, and Austin Dobias registered his two-year-old black and tan Airedale, Chum, in August 1929. (*License from 192x below*)

		COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. <hr/> Town of Leyden. Town Clerk's Office, _____ 192	
		<i>In accordance with the provisions of the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, License is hereby issued to</i>	
No. _____ Name, _____ Age, _____ Yrs. _____ Mos. Sex, _____ male. Breed, _____ Color, _____		to keep the DOG described in the margin until the First Day of April, 192 Said dog is Numbered and Registered as required by said Laws, for which _____ Dollars have been paid.	
		<small>This License is granted subject to the condition that the dog here-in described shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing sheep, lambs, fowls, or other domestic animals. —Stat. 187, Chap. 146, G. L.</small>	
		Town Clerk.	
<small>N. H.—“The owner or keeper of every dog so licensed shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.” Town three months and over must be licensed.</small>			

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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 **Tuesday, March 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

Meetings, Gatherings and Announcements

Council on Aging

We had a very fun time in February watching a light-hearted film and an old comic short. We will meet next on Thursday, March 10th at 10:30 AM at the Leyden church Fellowship Hall. Jeannie Bartlett of Leyden will be sharing some stories and pictures from her recent four-month trip to southern Chili. Her trip included 2½ months with NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School), general touring, helping with the construction of a national park, and lots of camping! After Jeannie's presentation, we will have lunch, using locally grown organic food and perhaps including some Chilean recipes. You're welcome to join us for lunch, but please let Edith know at 773-7336 by Monday, March 7th so we can plan the meal accordingly. All are welcome, including first time and occasional visitors.

The Leyden Council on Aging is dedicated to providing programs that support healthy and independent living for local seniors and is funded and supported by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Their funding allows the COA to offer delicious meals and interesting programs and to help support the newsletter and more.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet two times in March, first on Thursday, March 10th at Laura's house and again on Friday, March 25th at Peggy's house. Both times are from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed. Knitters, stitchers, spinners, menders, quilters—all kinds of handicrafts are fine. Just come along for a relaxing evening. We look forward to spending time with you.

Facebook Group: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115188595195087&ref=mf>

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325 & Peggy Brown, 774-5764

Wired West

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their first votes at Special Town Meetings. Several more towns have their first votes over the next month. This is the very important first step in scheduling the two Town Meeting votes needed to form a Municipal Lighting Plant, which will allow Leyden to join a cooperative of other underserved towns in Western Massachusetts. All towns that have established MLPs by June 30, 2011 will be invited as founding members of the WiredWest Communications Cooperative. I can't help but think that it would be very short-sighted of us not to investigate and explore the potential opportunities that will become available through this initiative. Our intention is to have Leyden's second vote at our Annual Town Meeting in May. Maybe by then some of this snow will be gone! There will be a delegate meeting toward the end of February, and we should be able to provide more information from that meeting in the April newsletter. In the meantime, stay safe and warm and enjoy this old-fashioned New England weather.

—Sharon Mallory for Sheila Hourihan, Leyden representative to WiredWest and Massachusetts Broadband Institute.

Leyden Life Delivery Alert

The Post Office has informed us that we may not use any part of the mailbox to deliver Leyden Life: the inside, the handle or the flag. The only choices we have for delivery are: 1) a hook or large nail attached to the base or post; 2) a newspaper sleeve or box (at present the Recorder is allowing us to use their sleeves, and we hope this will continue), or 3) e-mail delivery of Leyden Life.

Starting with the next issue, we can only deliver to your house if you have a hook, or a newspaper box marked with your name inside. If your Leyden Life bag included a big nail this month, please hammer it into the base of your mailbox, on the front or side. Please show us you value the Leyden news!

Alternatively, opt for e-mail delivery (see page 2 for details), and we will put you on the list.

Wells Trust Scholarship Awards

The Fred W. Wells Trust is an organization that provides scholarships to students graduating from high school and to those enrolled in college or an advanced educational program. Recipients are selected based on scholarship, need, extracurricular activities and recommendations.

Applications may be obtained from high school college counselors or at the Leyden Town Hall during normal business hours. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2011 to be eligible for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Please call Lois at 774-4092 for further information if needed.

Artists of Leyden

Many thanks this month! First, thanks to the Leyden Small Business Association for their generous donation to support Leyden artists by donating to keep the website hosted for the foreseeable future. Awesome! Thanks to those who responded to our request for original works by Leyden artist Rich DiMatteo, including the Tusinski family, Tom Ashley, Ray Glabach, and Rob Risser-Sperry, who generously made their original artwork available to be included on Artists of Leyden.

A complete gallery of Rich's Leyden Town Report covers is now available for viewing. Most are copies of the printed report, while three are images of the original artwork. As we mentioned here last month, several of the original works were donated for fundraisers. If you happen to have an original drawing used for a Town Report cover, please consider allowing it to be digitized for inclusion in Rich's work.

Coming soon—Leyden artists Alicia Hunsicker and Deborah Gardner are both pleased to announce the addition of galleries of their paintings to the Artists of Leyden website. Alicia will also be displaying at the **20th Annual Woman's Film Festival & Gallery in the Woods Woman's Show** beginning March 4th in Brattleboro. See the Calendar page on Artists of Leyden for more information.

For questions on how to participate, to offer any suggestion, or if you're having problems viewing the site, please e-mail jnielsen@psi-ma.com, or call 773-7948.

www.artistsofleyden.org

And on Facebook, search for Artists of Leyden

—Jim Nielsen

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.

Local Grass-Fed Beef for Sale at Castle Hill Farm in West Leyden. All our cows are raised and bred on the farm here, no hormones or antibiotics are used, and all food is produced on the farm. Our USDA certified beef is vacuum packed and labeled for quality and great taste. For a price sheet, e-mail antlerjahd@verizon.net. Call Jeff Neipp at 624-5512.

LPs and Cassette Tapes to CDs: Will convert your favorite (or even your not-so-favorite) LPs and/or tapes to CDs. \$7.50 per CD. Call Jerry at 624-5546, or e-mail at jlevine4@verizon.net.

Leyden Honey for Sale: "Persephone's Garden Honey" from Maple Run Farm, \$14 for 26-oz., suitable as a gift. Available while it lasts. Barbara Wallace, 774-7780.

Natural Romney yarn for sale for knitting or spinning. Processed at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT, and chemical free. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

Wanted: Horse person to clean stalls and do some farm chores. Would consider keeping a pony or horse in exchange for stall cleaning and other horse and garden chores. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

Leyden Portrait Project books are still available at the Library during regular hours or at my home. The price is \$18, which includes MA sales tax. Prints of your portrait are also available in black & white or color. Prices are: \$15 for a 5x7; \$20 for an 8x10. Larger sizes or wallet sizes are available as well. Call me for prices: Trish Crapo, 774-2021.

Spirit Fire

Free online morning meditation by webinar, podcast, or join us at the Retreat Center Mon. - Wed 9 AM. Practice of Living Awareness Retreat at the Retreat Center, begins March 9 - 16. Online classes: Sunday Night Study Group begins March 6. Nurture and Nature: The Science of Energy and Seven Rays begins March 29 at 8 PM. Food and your Health begins April 13 at 8 pm. Esoteric Psychology starts November 2011. Contact Donna for information on all programs at 624-3955 or info@spiritfire.com. www.spiritfire.com. Register online.

"Change yourself—change the world!"

For Sale: Belgian "massive oak" furniture 1930s vintage in beautiful condition. Dining table seats 6 (\$450), 2 chair sets of six (\$450), oak buffet (\$500), set of 8 ladder-back oak chairs (\$450). Priced slightly less for complete dining set. Antique rectangular oak table with 2 leaves, decorative legs, top needs some work. Seats 8 with leaves \$200. Almost new Ikea Malm double platform bed \$150. White metal twin-full bunk bed frame \$50. Call Jennifer at 760-672-5336 or email mntnhiker@sprintmail.com.

Wool Blankets: Massachusetts-grown and made wool blankets for the cold weather. These are long throws, measuring approximately 72" long by 44" wide, wonderful for the recliner or rocker. The price is \$90. Call Becky at 624-5562.

Excavating and Carpentry: Site work, driveways, land clearing, field mowing, septic systems, drainage, trucking loam and gravel products, backhoe, dozer or excavation work. **Rich Allis** at 624-5582.

Timmerman Farm CSA

It's that time again! It's snowy and cold outside but it is time to think about ripe tomatoes, green beans, basil, mesclun and all our favorite vegetables, straight from the garden.

For the fifth year, I am offering memberships in my little farm. Farm members receive really fresh, Leyden-grown produce for the harvest season. I like growing a wide variety of vegetables, so the shares will include tomatoes, mesclun, kale, lettuce, peppers, chard, onions, garlic, carrots, potatoes, snap peas, shell beans, squash, beans, and more! Most weeks you will also get a beautiful, cheerful bouquet of flowers. (You can see pictures and descriptions of last years' shares at the CSA blog.) Full, Half and Mini-sized Shares are available to meet a variety of needs.

Although I have offered delivery in the past, this year, all farm shares need to be picked up at the farm.

I have a tiny farm and this year I will be growing fewer shares than in 2010, so contact me soon! For more information, call or email or visit my blog. I love growing fresh food and flowers for you all. Thank you for helping me pursue this wonderful dream.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

laurat@crocker.com

<http://lastingimpressionscsa.blog.spot.com/>

Bill Maguire Painting serving Leyden's interior and exterior needs for 28 years. Staining, power washing, trim work, deck refinishing, paper hanging. Insured. Call Bill at 774-5330.

Linda Romano

Yoga classes or personal sessions and gifts. Mini-spa session is revived: enjoy, a beverage, movement, body scrub, facial, foot soak and massage. Two-hour session; call for menu and price. Chair massage/ chair yoga can be affordable and portable! Spaces are still available for Vision Board workshop on 3/26/2011. Call 624-3334 for info.