

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

April 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, April 14th and 28th 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:

Tue, Apr 5	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Apr 6	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Wed, Apr 6	6:30 PM	Town Caucus
Wed, Apr 6	6:30 PM	Special Town Meeting (after Caucus)
Tue, Apr 12	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at Police Station)
Wed, Apr 13	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thur, Apr 14	6:30 PM	Selectboard
Mon, Apr 18	6:30 PM	Historical Commission
Mon, Apr 18	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Apr 20	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thur, Apr 28	6:30 PM	Selectboard

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A STM will be held at Town Hall on Wednesday, April 6th immediately following the Town Caucus. The warrant articles will include a second vote on establishing a municipal lighting plant to help facilitate the future rollout of fios (broadband) town-wide in Leyden, revisiting the resolution to join the National Flood Insurance Program, a vote to allow Leverett to join the Franklin Country Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD), and the reconciliation of a prior-year expense. The warrant is available by email and will also be posted at Town Hall. Contact Liz Johnson at 774-4111 or leydenselectboard@live.com for a copy.

FY 2010 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT SUBMISSIONS DUE

Annual Town Report submissions were due to the Municipal Assistant on March 31st. If you have not submitted your board's or committee's report, please do so by April 15th to be included in the printed report. Thank you.

POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI) PILLS

The current lot of potassium iodide pills has expired. If you have one, please dispose of it. If you have questions about this, please contact the Emergency Management Department at 772-2369.

—Board of Selectmen

Town Clerk

TOWN CAUCUS

The Town Caucus will be held on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30 PM. Offices up for nomination are:

Moderator (1-yr), Kathy DiMatteo, Incumbent; Selectman (3-yr), Bill Glabach, Inc; Assessor (3-yr), Bob DePalma, Inc; Library Trustee (3-yr), Cornelia Reid, Inc; Planning Board (5-yr), Jerry Lund, Inc; Board of Health (3-yr), Andrea Zimmerman, Inc.; Constable (3-yr), Erik Johnson, Inc; and Tree Warden (1-yr), Edmund Klaus, Inc.

To accept nominations, nomination papers must be signed by the nominee within 72 hours after the caucus.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is Saturday, May 14th. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The last day to register to vote at Annual Town Meeting and at the Annual Town Election is Monday, April 25th.

—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

Ice

It's not you, ice, that is slippery,
It is us who slip.
Ice, you hurt people!

Ice, I wonder about you—
The designs you make,
How I walk on you,
How you can only form at 32 degrees.
You're extraordinary!

You cry away when you melt.
Your friend is snow.
I guess you know you roam the ground.

The snow will always be first on
Christmas.

I feel bad for you.
You live out the winter, but
Your death will come when summer's
here.

By Max Saviano
(Seven years old)



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.)

Spring is in the air...joy! Winter was busy at the library. Lots of patrons visited to borrow books, DVDs and CDs to ensure their surviving the blowing snows and frigid temperatures of the winter of 2011. A welcome addition to our library is a new supply of DVDs that I was able to purchase at a very reasonable cost. I tried to choose some classics, comedies, mysteries, documentaries and Oscar winners as well as action thrillers and several other genres. Stop in and check the titles to see if any appeal to you. They are free to borrow, you know!

Soon Liza Ketchum, noted author who lives in the eastern part of the state, will spend the day with PRES students. Prior to her arrival, each of the three grade level combos will read one of her novels with their teachers as they engage in critical and creative thinking, learning to write, writing to learn, discussing ideas, conducting research and participating in other language arts. By the time Liza arrives, all will have read their novels with their teachers and be ready to engage in lively conversation as well as a writing experience with the author. Thanks to the Foundation for Educational Excellence and the PVRSD, Liza will be able to bring her expertise and enthusiasm for the written word to Leyden's elementary school students.

Still available for purchase is Trish Crapo's "The Leyden Portrait Project". Autographed and on sale for \$18, this beautifully written tribute to a number of Leyden residents is really quite beautiful. The photography is professional and creative, and the stories are authentic insights into the thoughts and ideas of many of your friends and neighbors.

On another note, it has been really fun to watch clusters of 'Leydenites' gather around the computer connecting to www.artistsofleyden.org to view the works of some incredibly talented artists. This is the brainchild of Jim Nielson, and it's very exciting to actually see the works of some of the library's patrons! Take a peek.

Linda Romano, always busy with a new project, banished her February funk by creating Sea Shell Valentines. They are on display on either side of Mike Wells' painting on the mantle of the fireplace for all to enjoy. This art form is an old craft developed by sailors who, when anchored at ports far away from home, collected sea shells to create gifts of love to those they'd left behind. Glued to wooden frames with centers shaped into hearts, ovals, circles, etc., these gems were homecoming gifts for family members.

A Special Gift from a Library Patron

Max Saviano, seven years old and a second grader at PRES, visits the library every week with his mom and sister Lucia. When I read his poem "Ice," I was so impressed, that I thought you'd like to read it, too. See it on Page 1. —Chris Johnston

Representative Paul Mark

Paul Mark, Leyden's new representative to the state legislature, now receives *Leyden Life* electronically. He has requested that we give Leyden residents his contact information:

District Office: P. O. Box 114, Dalton, MA 01227, 413-496-9666

Boston: State House, Room 473F, Boston, MA 02133, 617-722-2210, Fax 617-626-0249, e-mail paul.mark@mahouse.gov.

Office hours: Shelburne Town Hall, Mondays 9-12 AM; Northfield Town Hall, Mondays 1-4 PM.

A Fool For You, Baby

Gallery exhibit and open microphone with featured readers **Trish Crapo** and **Candance Curran**, Friday, April 1st. Gallery reception 5:00-6:00 PM, reading 6:00-8:00 PM at Art for Life, 7 East Mail Street, Orange, MA 01364.

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 bobtwo@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 bobtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

Thanks for contributions from Bob DePalma, The House on the Hill, and Susan Coan and Greg Doyle..

Thanks to collators Lois Feldman, Susan Coan and Sue Carlson, and belated thanks to Foster Ranney for last month, 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.)



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Leyden Life

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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

Our March meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. Fortunately, we'll be able to enjoy the presentation we had planned for March in April! On Thursday, April 14th at 10:30 AM, Jeannie Bartlett of Leyden will share some stories and pictures from her recent four-month trip to southern Chili. Her trip included two and a half 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 some Chilean-style recipes. You are welcome to join us for lunch, but please let Edith know at 773-7336 by Monday, April 11th, 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 April, first on Friday, April 15th at Laura's house and again on Friday, April 29th at the home of Barbara Wallace. 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: Leyden Knitting Circle

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325 & Peggy Brown, 774-5764, Barbara Wallace, 774-7780



Agricultural Commission

The Sugar on Snow Supper on March 12th was an even bigger success than last year. Thanks to everyone who contributed with donations, time, labor, and attendance at the event. Rita's Famous Shepherd's Pie wowed 'em again, and there were increased requests for the ground lamb version of the meal. Special thanks to

Mark and Kristin of Leyden Glen Farm for the ground lamb. The ground beef again came from Jeff Niepp's Castle Hill Farm and the fresh lettuce was donated by Tom Ashley's Dancing Bear Farm. So in terms of showcasing agricultural products from right here in Leyden, it was a spectacular success. The maple syrup came from Franklin Farm (the trees are in Leyden) and that special snow from East Hill.

Board of Health

The Board of Health is required to issue food permits to any organization that is planning to serve food for sale to the public. Please submit your yearly calendar of planned events to the Leyden Board of Health so that we can issue your organization a permit, free of charge, which will be good for one year.

State law mandates that vendors serving food to the public have a Serve Safe certificate posted at the function. Hopefully, someone at your organization already has this.

The Leyden Board of Health will be moving our office into the Police Station sometime in March. Our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM will also move to the Police Station starting with the April meeting. This move will free up our old office in the Town Hall for the Town Clerk's use and allow him to have his file cabinets in his office, while allowing us to have our file cabinets handy for us during meetings. The Board of Health would like to thank Chief Dan Galvis for coming up with the solution to both situations. Also we wish to thank the Selectboard for acting on our needs in a timely manner. A great big thank you to David Brooks for donating his time to move all the file cabinets. Please continue to call the same numbers for Board of Health issues, 774-4111 (Town Hall) or 774-7113 (Gloria Fisher, chair) Your local board of health continuing to work for a safe community.

—Gloria Fisher, Chair

Thanks to the Highway Crew

Dear Leyden Road Crew,

Thank you for the fabulous job you do taking care of our roads. I work on an inpatient unit at Baystate Franklin Medical Center, so as much as I may dread driving in a storm, there is never a "snow day" for me. Throughout this particularly challenging winter, I have had no difficulty getting to or home from work. In fact, it is often a relief to reach Leyden roads because they are in better shape than those in some other towns. Again, thanks.

—Sincerely, Kathy Ruseckas

We would like to give a big *thanks* to Dave Brooks and the rest of the highway maintenance crew for a marvelous job at keeping our roads usable this wintry season. What a snowy January we had, and the ice and snow continued through February and March, yet we were so impressed with how quickly our town crew were out there plowing and sanding on each weather occasion. Often, we found our Leyden roads in much better driving condition than many surrounding towns. Thank you for your diligence in this area, it is noticed and greatly appreciated.

—The Clary Family (River Road)

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Leyden Portrait Project Two

I'm very excited to announce that the LCC has given me another round of funding to produce a second book. I'd like to get this one up and running now that the weather is improving and we can do some outdoor shots. *Anyone* in Leyden is encouraged to take part! You don't have to have been born in Leyden or have grandparents here or be someone I already know. I'd love to meet and photograph some new people and I'd love to photograph more of the old families. Let's get some extended family portraits! If you were in the book solo before, you can still be in this one as part of a group. I'll just have someone else in your group answer my three simple questions: How did you come to live in Leyden? What do you love about the town? Is there anything you'd like to see here that's not here now?

If you haven't seen the first book, please stop by the Library. Chris Johnston has a copy that can be checked out as well as copies that may be purchased for \$18, including sales tax. A few of you never collected your free 5x7 print for participating. I have those at home now. Please contact me, Trish Crapo at 413-774-2021 or tcrapo@mac.com

Wired West News

Signs of Spring are starting to appear, but the most noticeable in our household was the buzz of the phone lines due to the heavy rains. After a call to Verizon, and a couple of days with intermittent phone service, and consequently no dial-up, our service was restored. Imagine having dependable phone service all the time. This is just another reason to pursue the Wired West initiative.

The Massachusetts Broadband Map for the Town of Leyden was updated and returned to MBI. Thank you to everyone we talked to. After lots of phone calls and voice mail messages, we filled in as much information as possible about the availability of DSL through Verizon. It was a little disheartening for those of us without DSL, to see the number of homes having access. Especially so when, in some cases, you can see your neighbors' houses, and they have access but you don't. Verizon is not interested in expanding their service. Did you know that the broadband Verizon brought into Leyden was already obsolete? We've recently learned that the hill towns received recycled wire that was pulled from the Boston area. This is yet another reason to be sure that all Leyden residents have choices when it comes to their internet access.

We will be attending an MBI meeting on March 19th, and hope to have more updates. We understand that all of the environmental groundwork has been completed and they are in the process of getting permits for work on existing poles. The work will be done by Verizon, etc., but for MBI and with all their guidelines. When they are done with that work (it must be done within 2 – 2 ½ years), the fiber optic cable will be within 3 miles of 98% of all the residences, businesses, schools and anchor institutions in the area involved. They are also in discussion with providers who might want to use the lines to bring us the services we need. Once again, this initiative is all about having choices for all of the residents of Leyden! Think Spring!

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

Artists of Leyden

Welcome to Leyden artist **Deborah Garner**, examples of whose work were recently added to Artists of Leyden. Deborah describes herself as *"A lifelong student of world culture, dealer in tribal and folk art, and independent researcher in cross-cultural symbolism, with a passion for the creative expression of others that has served to enrich my own art-making."*

You can visit Deborah's pages at www.artistsofleyden.org/Artists/Garner.

Little by little we are adding to **Rich DiMatteo's** on-line portfolio, the most recent additions being several illustrations originally drawn for Renaissance Greeting cards.

Enjoy and support your local artists:

Alicia Hunsicker is currently exhibiting at the *20th Annual Women's Film Festival & Gallery in the Woods Women's Show* in Brattleboro until April 30th.

Trish Crapo will be in a gallery exhibit and open microphone reading entitled *"A Fool for You, Baby!"* on Friday, April 1st beginning at 5 PM at Art for Life in Orange, MA.

Deborah Garner will be in a solo show at Augusta Savage Gallery, University of Massachusetts, entitled *Energetic Revelations* May 2nd through 6th.

Details on all these events can be viewed at the Artists of Leyden Calendar page.

For details on how to participate on the site, to offer any suggestion, or if you're having problems viewing the site, please email Jim Nielsen at jnielsen@psi-ma.com, or call 773-7948.

See www.artistsofleyden.org and search for Artists of Leyden on Facebook



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Leyden United Methodist Church

The following is an assumed schedule for the month of April for Easter Services:

- ◆ April 17th Palm Sunday. Come and receive your Palm and join the children in a Palm Sunday parade
- ◆ April 22nd Good Friday. Services will be at 6:00 PM at the Church unless otherwise noted on our message board on the outside wall of the church.
- ◆ April 23rd Easter Egg Hunt. Meet in the Fellowship Room for a story or crafts at 10:00 AM while we await the arrival of the Easter Bunny, who will be sneaking around the Town Common hiding eggs for us to search for. Juice and snacks will be available while we patiently wait. There will be a prize for the child who finds the most eggs. This is open to all Leyden children/Sunday School children from birth up through the 6th grade. Any teenagers who want to assist the Easter Bunny, please give Mary Lou Barton a call at 773-3548.
- ◆ April 24th Easter. Sunrise service at 6:00 AM with a delicious pot luck breakfast following the service. Regular Easter Service will be at 10:00 AM. There will not be any Sunday School on Easter.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call and I can find out the answers for you.

God Bless the Town of Leyden,

—Mary Lou Barton, Church Council President and Sunday School Superintendent

Leyden Recreation Committee

I would just like to thank everyone involved for a *great* Town-Wide Sledding Party which was held in the blustery weather on February 19th. We had about 35 attendees braving the chilly wind. There were Dave's *yummy* French fries, hamburgers and hotdogs provided by the Recreation Committee and hot chocolate with *yummy* baked treats provided by the Leyden United Methodist Church. Many thanks also to the members of the Fire Department and to Emily Herron-Clark for removal of the snow from the ice skating rink so the skaters could partake in that activity. It was really a lot of fun watching youngsters and grown-ups braving the cold for skating and sledding.

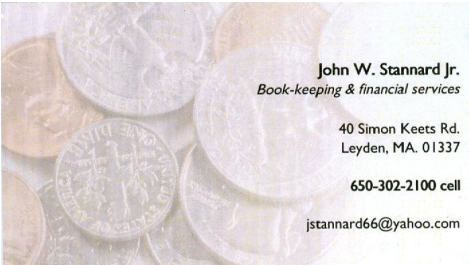
On another note, with summer approaching, if anyone is interested in renting out the Pavilion area for a picnic, the cost is \$35 for town residents and \$50 for out-of-towners. Please call Dianne Royer, Carolyn Curtis or myself to get your name on the calendar. Also the Recreation Department purchased a Bounce House, which is available to rent for \$50 for the day. This can be obtained for your function by calling the above names. There is a grill available for cooking, but you must provide your own propane tank.

Enjoy Leyden!

—Mary Lou Barton for the Leyden Recreation Committee

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Ladder-Back Chairs for Sale: Six ladder-back chairs with wicker seats from Andy's Oak Shoppe, honey-oak finish, \$450. Contact Jennifer at 413-624-3955 or mntnhiker@sprintmail.com.

Artist Seeks Studio Space in Leyden or nearby. Do you have a small barn or spare room? Call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436.

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 antlerjhd@verizon.net. Call Jeff Neipp at 624-5512.

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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.

Spirit Fire

Free online meditation by webinar, podcast, or join us at the Retreat Center Mon-Wed at 9 AM. Online Classes: Sunday night study group, "Ponder On This", for beginning levels. "Nurture and Nature: The Science of Energy and The Seven Rays" begins March 29th at 8 PM. "Food and your Health" begins April 13th at 8 PM. "Esoteric Psychology" starts November 2011. You can contact Donna for more information on all programs at 413-624-3955 or info@spiritfire.com. Check out the website: www.spiritfire.com. You can also register for classes online!
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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.

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.

Timmerman Farm CSA

There are still a few shares of all sizes available for this growing season, but they are selling quickly.

The short story: Full Shares: 20-24 weeks (weather dependent), sliding scale, \$600.00 to \$675.00; Half Shares: 20-24 weeks (weather dependent), sliding scale, \$300.00 to \$350.00; Mini Shares: 16 weeks, \$100.00. Distribution day will be Thursdays, all shares to be picked up at the farm. For more details, including pictures of typical shares, see my blog, call or email. I am getting really excited about growing food and flowers for you and me!

Happy Spring! Laura Timmerman, 773-8325
laurat@crocker.com
<http://lastingimpressionscsa.blogspot.com/>

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Linda Romano

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Coming this spring- Healing Mandala Garden at the Healing sanctuary! Call Linda Romano for all info. Happy Spring!