

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

May 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, May 12th and 26th 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, May 3 7:00 PM Agricultural Commission
Wed, May 4 6:30 PM Board of Assessors
Tue, May 10 5:30 PM Board of Health (at Police Station)
Wed, May 11 7:00 PM Planning Board
Thur, May 12 6:30 PM Selectboard
Mon, May 16 7:30 PM Conservation Commission
Wed, May 18 6:30 PM Board of Assessors
Thur, May 26 6:30 PM Selectboard

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 AM at Town Hall. A copy of the warrant is available by email or at Town Hall. To get an electronic copy, please email leydenselectboard@live.com.



—Board of Selectmen

Recreation Committee

We have recently cleaned up the area around the Recreation Pavilion at Avery Field. We are planning to also do some updates to the bathrooms and kitchen, as well as clearing some trees and brush surrounding the parking lot and buildings. This facility is available for rental for a nominal charge of \$35.00 for townspeople and \$75.00 for out-of-town renters. Included with rental is a BBQ grill, fire pit with BBQ racks, charcoal grill, restrooms, kitchen with sinks and refrigerator, and full use of the baseball field and surrounding area. We do require that you provide your own paper products and dispose of your trash responsibly. For available dates and rental information please call Dianne Royer at 773-3721.

A Bounce House is also available for rent. This is a children's bounce house, rated 500 lbs. total capacity. The rental cost is \$50.00, and includes a tarp to protect the bottom of the structure and a heavy duty extension cord. For available dates please call Carolyn Curtis at 774-2521.

We are always open to new ideas and help. If you are interested in joining the Recreation Committee please call David Curtis at 774-2521. Thanks and have a great summer!

—Dianne Royer

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Aaron Ryan Meuse born February 15th to Kellie-Ann and Ryan Meuse
Avery Thomas Barton born February 28th to Bethany and Carey Barton

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is Saturday, May 14th. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Candidates for open offices are:

Office	Term	Candidates (Incumbent)	
Select Board	3-year	William Glabach (Inc)	
Moderator	1-year	Katherine DiMatteo (Inc)	
Assessor	3-year	Robert DePalma (Inc)	
Library Trustee	3-year	Cornelia Reid (Inc)	
Constable	3-year	Erik Johnson (Inc)	
Planning Board	5-year	Jerry Lund (Inc)	Barbara Wallace
Board of Health	3-year	Andrea Zimmerman (Inc)	
Tree Warden	1-year	Edmund Klaus (Inc)	

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available at Town Hall during regular business hours until noon on Friday, May 13th.

OFFICE HOURS

The Clerk's office will be *closed* on Wednesday, May 11th.

—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



Did you know that...

... a number of sayings have evolved from Leyden's farm people?

Swallows flying under a cow's belly indicate that rain is in the offing. If one crow crosses one's path, sorrow is just around the corner. If two crows appear, then a joyous event is not far off. Thunder heard in September foreshadows a warm October. Lilacs planted on the north side of a house were said to keep away witches (this may not necessarily be a good thing!)

The Historical Commission kindly reminds you that if you have any materials directly related to Leyden that you no longer wish to keep, we would enthusiastically and gratefully welcome them into our collection. If you have materials and wish to keep them, please consider allowing us to copy or photograph them. We're interested in recent as well as "ancient" Leyden history.

We continue to sell Leyden T-shirts and laminated historic maps of Leyden to help us fund our myriad projects.

Contact Ginny Rockwood at 774-2694 or wings@mtdata.com, or Bob Snow at 772-0924, or any member of the Commission for more information.

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.)

Kyle DeAngelis, a seventh grader at PVRs, made a great suggestion, which I will pass on to you. Instead of putting your *family-friendly* Wii games in a corner to collect dust when you no longer want to use them, why not donate them to the library so that others can enjoy them without the cost of purchasing them? We think this is a great idea, and we welcome any Wii game that has been replaced by a new activity. Thanks, Kyle!

We have added **eighty-seven new DVDs** to our collection. Feel free to browse and select your favorites for viewing. DVDs are yours for only a week so that others can sign them out without too long a wait.

Sharon Fontaine has donated a book that genealogists will appreciate. Entitled *The Miner and Browning Families*, it was written by one of Sharon's relatives, Constance A. (Lincoln) Delaney. It deals with the ancestors and descendants of Alton and Jessalyn Browning Miner of Northfield, Mass., but there are many references to Leyden and other towns in our area. Come in and take a look. Thank you, Sharon!

Nate and Beth Messer shared some interesting information with me last week. If you have something that you no longer need but is not worth the effort of selling, go to **Freecycle.org** and register under the Greenfield group. Freecycle.org will help you to find 'stuff' as well as give away anything from egg cartons to rug remnants, paint, flower pots—you name it! Thanks, Nate, Beth and Eli (and Bubba, of course)!

Robin and Jeff Neipp have donated *A Living Treasure*, a history of Arlington National Cemetery, to the library in honor of **Ari Brown-Weeks** of Leyden. Pictures and clips of Ari will be included in the book, so we invite you to borrow it as Memorial Day approaches. Ari was a wonderful young man, and it is fitting that his memory be kept alive. A military radio operator and paratrooper, Ari was awarded the Bronze Star. He died while serving his country in 2007 and is buried in Arlington, VA, Section 60, Site #8062.

Happy spring!

—Chris Johnston



Three-Mile Tag Sale

Last year's Three-Mile Tag Sale was so successful, according to so many of you who participated in it, that we would like to try it again! (It started at the Town Hall and traveled west on West Leyden Road to the Ten-Mile Bridge over the Green River.)

We're hoping that everyone who participated last year will want to do it again, and we hope that some new people would like to join us. It's important that we have a significant number of people taking part, so that out-of-towners will find it attractive to come. (Last year we had 16 families at 12 locations.) We'd like to hear from you about your interest for this year.

We'll circulate messages again on West Leyden Road to see how many would like to take part, and we look forward to hearing from you. Once again we'll be happy to coordinate the preparations for the sale, putting an ad in the local papers, etc.

Please call Sue or Cliff Carlson at 624-3695 or email us at cliff.carlson@ymail.com.

—Cliff Carlson

Music on the Hill Continues

TopHill Music brings you the second Sunday music event on Sunday, May 15th at 7:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall. This month we share Irish music with you with The Press Gang—Alden Robinson on fiddle, Owen Marshall on guitar and harmonium, and Chris Stevens on button accordion and anglo concertina.

"There are three reasons for Boston-area Irish music fans to like this trio: They're young, they're from New England, and they've clearly got a strong dose of Irish trad in their collective bloodstream. Oh yes, one more reason: They're very good." —Sean Smith, The Boston Irish Reporter (June 2010)

Consistent with the Music on the Hill Series, there will be a potluck dessert at the break. Bring something to share with your friends and neighbors (optional).

Admission is \$10 for adults, children under 12 is \$5. Hope to see you there!

—Stuart and Alice Kenney

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 a contribution from Carol and Ed Johnson and Linda Romano.

Thanks to collators Cathy and Glen Benson and Sue Howarth, 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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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

Meetings, Gatherings and Announcements

Council on Aging

We had a really wonderful time at our April meeting and especially enjoyed the excellent presentation about traveling in Chile by Jeannie Bartlett. Thank you, Jeannie!

We will meet next on Thursday, May 12th at 10:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. The program is not determined at this time, but you can count on a relaxed gathering of fine people and a tasty meal featuring locally grown, organic food. Visitors of all ages are always welcome. If you want to join us for lunch, please let Edith Fisher know at 773-7336 by Monday, May 9th, so we can plan the meal accordingly.

I am actively looking for people to help with planning and carrying out our monthly meetings. If that's something that appeals to you, on a regular or casual basis, please let me know. Your help can be as large or small as you wish; ideas for programs, cooking, set up and clean up, are a few of the possible ways to be involved.

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

Leyden Local Cultural Council

There will be a meeting of the Leyden Local Cultural Council at Town Hall on Monday, May 9th at 6:00 PM.

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet two times in May, first on Friday, May 13th at Peggy's house and again on Friday, May 27th at Laura'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: Leyden Knitting Circle

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

Leyden Art Group

Calling all artists! I am currently looking to schedule art meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. Are you able to host at your home? Please email Peggy at nianticgirl@yahoo.com or call 774-5764. I'm also looking for art to share at Robertson Memorial Library. Contact me to sign up for a month or talk directly to Chris Johnston at the library. Thank you.

—Peggy Brown, 774-5764

Leyden Portrait Project

This is just another reminder that I am making a list of people who would like to be photographed for the second round of my project. If we spoke of it once casually when we were out walking or when you ran into me at the grocery store, could you please still contact me by phone or email to be added to my list?

People keep asking me great questions that expand the project. The answer to all of these is "yes":

- If I don't live in Leyden any more but I raised my children here, can we be in the book? Yes.
- Can part-time residents be in the book? Yes.
- I was in the book alone or with just my husband: can I be in the book again with my whole family? Yes.
- Can kids be in the book? Yes.

YES! Call me, Trish Crapo at 413-774-202 or email me at tcrapo@mac.com



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.

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Letter from Candidate Barbara Wallace

I am running for a five-year term on the Planning Board, and would like to take this opportunity to outline my background and qualifications.

My husband, John, and I bought our land in Leyden on Alexander Road in 1995, where we built a house that we moved into in January of 1997. We felt then, and even more so now, that we had found our true home. My desire to serve the town is in part an expression of my gratitude for being able to call Leyden home. In addition, my professional background has equipped me with skills and experience that make me a strong candidate for the Planning Board.

My early career was in education. While living in California, I taught all subjects in the 7th grade and also taught at Golden Gate College at night. I taught math and biology in North Carolina, and I was a part-time faculty member in the business school at Western New England College in Springfield. In addition, I spent a year working with emotionally disturbed children at the Pioneer Valley Collaborative.

After earning an MBA at the University of Massachusetts, I started my banking career at Bank of Boston in 1986 as an AVP of Commercial Lending. In 1989 I moved to The Bank of Western Massachusetts where I worked for almost 20 years, retiring in 2009. I held many positions while in the Springfield office, including VP Commercial Lender, analyzing requests for loans and managing a multi million dollar portfolio of loan relationships; and VP of Operations running technology, mergers, branches, building of branches, human resources and training. In 2001 I was able to transfer to the Greenfield office where I was SVP of Commercial Lending, managing sales for the Northern offices and Municipal Banking. I was part of the Bank's Senior Management team for nine years.

My volunteer activities included the Advisory Board of the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts; Trustee of Greenfield Community College; board member and Treasurer of the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts; Co-founder of Women on Board, a not-for-profit organization to put women on Boards in the Pioneer Valley; Treasurer of Springfield Theatre Arts; Finance Committee of the Springfield Library and Museum Association; board member of the Pioneer Plan for Progress; board member of Westmass Area Development Corporation; board member of CISA; supervisor at NRCS; board member and past President of Franklin County Chamber of Commerce; and board member of the Greenfield YMCA.

From this varied background I can bring to the Planning Board an ability to build team work, handle complex issues where different views are present, understand, educate and manage expectations about Leyden's development, and be proactive about developing and understanding the community's long-term goals. Having provided commercial loans to many real estate developments, I am familiar with many of the towns' regulations. My sense of humor and directness, key to my past success, would certainly be a part of what I would bring to the Planning Board.

John and I have two children and three grandchildren and another grandchild on the way. We are blessed that they all live in Massachusetts and visit often. Maple Run Farm has horses, bees, chickens, sheep, dog and cat. You have probably seen our ads in *Leyden Life*.

I welcome any questions and the opportunity to get to know you and your concerns, so please feel free to call me at 774-7780. I would appreciate your vote!

Thank you for your consideration, *Barbara Wallace*

Letter from Candidate Jerry Lund

To Leyden Voters:

I hope I may take a little of your time to share with you some of my thoughts as a member of the Leyden Planning Board running for re-election this year. I have served two terms on the board, most of it as chair, during which time we have accomplished a lot for our town.

Most recently:

—as the Planning Board representative and chair of the Leyden Open Space Committee I oversaw the successful revision of our 2004-2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan. After sixteen months of work, our committee, working together with the Franklin Regional Council of Government's Planning Department, has finished the 2010-2017 Plan and will be presenting it to town meeting for approval. Among many other aspects the Plan's renewal will help maintain Leyden's competitiveness for state grants as funds are becoming scarce.

In the past few years our Board:

—revised our outdated subdivision control bylaws,
 —worked to update and clarify the Special Permit criteria and procedures of our zoning bylaws with the assistance of the FRCOG Planning Department (only partly approved by town meeting), and

—developed a cell tower bylaw to protect the town from arbitrary siting of cell towers.

Present projects include adding a Flood Plain Overlay District to our bylaws so that the town may join the state Flood Plain Program (as decided at the April town meeting), revising our signage regulations, developing an accessory apartment bylaw, and finishing the revisions to our Special Permit bylaws. On top of all this the legislature may completely revise the Zoning Act this year, which will lead most towns to make changes to their local zoning laws.

I mention all this to make one simple point. Our (your!) Planning Board has shown by its hard work its complete commitment to making our town's land-use (zoning) laws work to maintain our town's most treasured asset for its people—our rural character. I hope you will give me the chance to continue this important work by giving me your vote on May 14th.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to take part in this work.

—*Jerry Lund*

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.

Potter's Wheel: Kick wheel with electric motor. \$100 or best offer.. Call Peggy at 774-5764.

Free mixed species logs and pine/hemlock building scraps, suitable for campfires and wood boilers. Call Patrick at 624-0055.

For Sale: 1984 Kaboda M4050 DT 4WD diesel farm tractor, loader w/detachable bucket, 3 pt hitch, 2 remotes, roof windshield, asking \$10,000. Skidder-style ice chains, fit 14-9-28, \$400. Landscape rake, 3 pt hitch, 7' woods, \$500. Trailer, tandem axle, 14' x 6'8", \$700. Call Ed Johnson at 773-7619.

Ed's Sugar Shack has fresh local maple syrup for sale. Available in gallons, half-gallons, quarts and pints. Call Ed & Carol Johnson at 773-7619., 72 South County Road.

Help Wanted: Conscious kitchen assistants needed for food preparation and clean-up. Must work well with a team, take initiative, follow lists and instructions, and have an eye for detail. Most retreats are on or around weekends. \$8-10/hr, depending on experience. Also, looking for a part-time, semi-professional cook aware of nutrition and natural food cooking \$12-14/hr. Call 413-624-3955 or email mntnhiker@sprintmail.com.

Interested in a Walking Group? Would like to organize a walking group interested in walking and learning about the history of Leyden and/or the plant and wildlife of our town. People who would enjoy walking and those knowledgeable in these areas and willing to inform others please call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

Old Fashioned Buffet for Sale: Carved front, 3 cupboards, 3 drawers, \$100. Leave "rustic" or refinish. Call Jennifer at 413-624-3955 or mntnhiker@sprintmail.com.

Bounce House for Rent by the Leyden Recreation Committee, \$50. Call Carolyn Curtis at 774-2521. **Pavilion and field** are also available for rent. Call Dianne Royer at 773-3721.

Free Kitchen Soap Dispenser that fits into the hole used for a sprayer. New (still in original package). Call Bob at 624-8965.

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.

Hand Bookbinding Classes Forming: At my studio in Greenfield, I teach several styles of stab-binding, hardcover binding and some more whimsical bookbinding forms such as accordion or cake-box books. I'm currently planning for spring classes. In addition to one-

day classes (which tend to be on Saturdays), I'd like to put together a group that's interested in working long term on art book projects. Thanks! Call Trish Crapo at 774-2021 or email tcrapo@mac.com.

Old Magazines Wanted: If you have old magazines with lots of photographs, I'd love to pick them up from your home and bring them to my studio where I cut them to bits for collage! Fashion magazines are great, as are gardening, science or any other magazine that includes lots of pictures. One magazine in particular I'd love to get ahold of is *The Sun*. Call Trish Crapo at 413-774-2021 or email tcrapo@mac.com.

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Jacuzzi Tub like new, \$295; bathroom sink w/ metal legs, \$25; toilet \$45. Jennifer 624-3955.

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Lots of vegetables already growing for the shares—broccoli, lettuce, arugula, mesclun, radishes, and snow peas, to name a few. Yum!

Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325, laurat@crocker.com, <http://lastingimpressionscsa.blogspot.com/>

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Linda Romano