
Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

August 2011

Town Hall Hours:

Thursday 9:00 AM–2:00 PM and 6:00–9:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Tax Collector:

Monday and Wednesday 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Assessors Office:

Wednesday 2:00 – 8:00 PM

Other hours by appointment at 774-4111

Select Board

TOWN HALL HOURS FOR AUGUST

The Selectboard's Office Hours for August will be Thursdays 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and Fridays 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (except August 26th). Other hours may be available by appoint, so please call 774-4111 on Thursdays or Fridays to make arrangements. There is a drop box by the back door of Town Hall if you need to drop something off. If there is an emergency, call Liz Johnson at 772-3739 or Lance Fritz at 773-9003.

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays, August 4th and 18th at 6:45 PM in their office. To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Liz Johnson at 774-4111 or leydenselectboard@live.com.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

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| Tue, Aug 2 | 7:00 PM | Agricultural Commission |
| Wed, Aug 3 | 6:30 PM | Board of Assessors |
| Thur, Aug 4 | 6:45 PM | Selectboard |
| Tue, Aug 9 | 5:30 PM | Board of Health (at Police Station) |
| Wed, Aug 10 | 7:00 PM | Planning Board |
| Mon, Aug 15 | 7:30 PM | Conservation Commission |
| Wed, Aug 17 | 6:30 PM | Board of Assessors |
| Thur, Aug 18 | 6:45 PM | Selectboard |
| Mon, Aug 22 | 7:30 PM | Historical Commission |

—Board of Selectmen

Amateur Radio Club

The Franklin County Amateur Radio Club will conduct an Amateur Radio License exam session on Monday, August 22nd. The session will begin at 7:00 PM downstairs at the First Parish of Northfield, Unitarian Church at Main Street (Routes 10 & 63) and Parker Avenue in Northfield.

For more information go to <http://www.fcarc.org/venews.htm>. If you would like to know more about amateur ("ham") radio licenses or any other aspect of this hobby, contact Al Woodhull, 199 Eden Trail, Leyden, phone 413-773-3522, e-mail nlaw@arrl.net.

Fire Fighters Association

The Leyden Fire Fighters Association will hold its next meeting on Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and can join the association by paying a \$5.00 membership fee.

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS—none reported

MARRIAGES—none reported

DEATHS—Daniel E. Bryant, June 11, 2011

OFFICE CLOSED FOR VACATION

The Clerk's office will be *closed* the week of August 8th through August 12th for vacation.

—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

Leyden Church Fair Booth

This is the 75-year anniversary of the Leyden church cafeteria at the Franklin County Fair. Starting in September 1936, a tent was used for a booth with horseshoe kegs used for seats. Now 75 years later we have a building with tables and chairs to seat about 70 people at a time. We still use the same clam chowder and beef stew recipes that were used the first year. In addition, we now serve breakfast, hamburgs, hotdogs, lunch specials, dinner specials, homemade baked beans, sandwiches w/ pickles and chips, shortcakes, pies, and more.

Only through the efforts of many people have we been able to keep our little white church on the hill fair booth open. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, have a good time, share your talents, and raise funds for the church, a good percentage of which goes back to the community through services and projects.

We have already started to take donations of non-perishable items (there is a list in the church Fellowship Hall and Town Hall). We will be looking for breads, pies, and desserts to be made. If you would like to help with the baking, please contact Valerie Snow at 772-0924.

The fair runs from September 8th through 11th. We will need workers for the morning shift (6:30—11:30 AM), afternoon shift (11:30 AM—4:30 PM), and evening shift (4:30—10:00 PM). If you would like to work a shift in the kitchen, on the counter, cashier, grill or out front, please give Gilda a call at 773-7932.

Come celebrate with us, and thank you in advance for any way you may be able to help.

Gilda Galvis, Chair, 773-7932; Rita Klaus 774-5218; Valerie Snow 772-0924

Fire Department

The fire department will be conducting training on August 1st, 8th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, and 30th, and as always anyone is welcome to stop by to see what's going on and ask questions. Also, we are still looking for new members. Anyone who is interested can stop by on any Monday night after 6:00 PM or call the Chief at 413-775-3203 for more information.

Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday 1:30 – 6:30 PM; Wednesday 1:30 – 6:30 PM,
Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON, Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

The **Summer Reading Program** is going really well this year with lots of young people visiting to borrow books to enjoy. If you are interested in becoming a part of this program, visit the library and I'll fill you in on the simple details and get you going.



Marie Bartlett recently published her children's picture book "The Little Yellow Trolley Car". She wrote and illustrated the story by combining fun, interesting sounds, the magic of railroads, a glimpse into days gone by, resiliency, and the hope and vision of restoration. You can check it out at her website at www.thelittleyellowtrolley.com or at most local stores.

Our flower beds are thriving, and the window boxes look great! Thanks again to the **Spatchers** and to **Fred Johnston** for their roles in bringing nature and beauty to 849 Greenfield Road!

Trustee **Trueman Robbins** has had knee replacement surgery. We all wish him the best as he recovers from unexpected complications!

Because so few people are borrowing VCR videos, we are going to move toward a collection of DVDs only. If you would like to see what we have available, please stop in and look at the videos. At a cost of 50¢ per video, you can't lose! The money we make will help to build our DVD supply.

Happy reading!

—Chris Johnston

Bed and Breakfast Opens in Leyden

The Log Cabin Bed and Breakfast will open for business in Leyden in August. The proprietor, Kathie Benson and her husband moved to Leyden last summer. They have spent the past year getting to know our beautiful town while their inn was under construction. Now the log cabin structure is near completion and set to open for summer travelers in just a few weeks.

The Log Cabin B & B will have two guest bedrooms, each with a king-size bed; a private bath and a private porch! Each guest room has separate controls for heat and air conditioning. The inn also features a great room with comfortable furniture, a big fireplace and books and games for guests to enjoy.

Homemade breakfast is served whenever the guests would like, accommodating both early birds and late sleepers. The small size of the inn allows for personalized service. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate are also available in room 24 hours a day.

The Log Cabin B & B is set on 12 acres of gorgeous woodland. It is perfect for hosting visiting relatives, leaf-peepers, or anyone who wants to spend some time enjoying our quiet New England town. The inn is open to adults only and is not equipped to accommodate children or pets. Later this month you can check the website for up-to-date information about the grand opening and to make a reservation.

The Bensons are grateful for the warm welcome they have received in town and want to give back to the community. They will donate 5% of their profits to Pearl Rhodes Elementary School general fund.

To contact the B&B, or for those would like to learn more: Log Cabin B & B, 44 Keets Brook Road, Kathie Benson – Innkeeper, 413-773-8595, and on line at www.LeydenLogCabin.com.

Time Trade Group to Form

Is anyone interested in joining the "Valley Time Trade"? This is a group of people who trade/share services and/ or things. For instance, I could help someone stack wood for 2 hours, then someone else could give me two hours of time doing carpentry. Your time/skill goes into a "time bank". If we form a Leyden group, someone will come out here to help us get organized and oriented. Call Rhonda if interested at 624-5175.

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 to Rhonda Wainshilbaum, Spirit Fire and the Council on Aging for contributions this month.

Thanks to collators Kathie Benson, Foster Ranney, Jeanne Breeden, Cornelia Reid and Carolyn Asbury, 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.)

Please "Hook" Your Post!
We don't want you to miss out!

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Leyden Life

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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 bobtwo@verizon.net by 5:00 PM on

Monday, August 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

Our July meeting was cancelled due to illness so we will try again in August.

On Thursday, August 11th at 10:30 AM, we will watch the documentary film "Awake, My Soul—the Story of Sacred Harp," a film by Matt and Erica Hinton. (<http://awakemysoul.com/>) Sacred harp singing is an important part of my life, and after the film I will answer questions and perhaps share a song or two. I am also inviting local shape note singers to come join us for the day, to watch the film, join in the discussion, perhaps sing a few songs and stay for lunch. In accordance with the shape note tradition of "dinner on the grounds", lunch this time will be pot luck. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. You are welcome to join us, no matter what your age. The Council on Aging is all about building community connections.

We will meet in the church Fellowship Hall. If you want to join us for lunch, please let Edith Fisher at 773-7336 know by Monday, August 8th, 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

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet two times in August, first on Friday, August 12th at Peggy's house and again on Friday, August 26th 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



Rhonda Wainshilbaum

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Artists of Leyden

Deborah Garner and **Trish Crapo** are both exhibiting at the **Atlantic Works Gallery in East Boston, MA July 21 – August 20**. Atlantic Works is a member-operated collaborative gallery and the show is entitled "With a Little Help from Our Friends".

Gallery hours are Fridays through Sundays 2-6 pm, opening reception July 21, 6-9 pm, closing reception August 18 6-9 pm. For more info, see www.atlanticworks.org. You can view examples of Deb Garner's work at www.artistsofleyden.org/Artists/Garner, and Trish's work, including collage at www.artistsofleyden.org/Artists/Crapo and on Facebook by searching for "Trish Crapo, Collage & Photographs".

Alicia Hunsicker is pleased to announce that she has won a grant award for excellence in painting from the Artists' Fellowship in NYC. Her work is currently being shown at **Gallery in the Woods in Brattleboro, VT**, and she has been invited to show in the Worcester Windows Summer Exhibition at Worcester State University, August 1 through November 30. In the studio, she is producing new work for her upcoming solo show at Gallery in the Woods. The opening reception will be on the first Friday gallery walk November 4th. Alicia's studio is open for scheduled studio visits and consultations. You can see examples of Alicia's work at www.artistsofleyden.org/Artists/Hunsicker and on Facebook at Alicia's new page "Alicia Hunsicker ~ Visual Artist".

Cecilia Tusinski announces her new studio opening Sunday, August 21st, from 2 to 4 pm at 32 Bridge Street, 2nd Floor; Shelburne Falls (the old stone bank building two doors up from Cafe Martin) "All are welcome - come on over and see my new work space in lovely down-town Shelburne Falls!" You can view examples of Cecilia's work at www.artistsofleyden.org/Artists/Tusinski.

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

See us on the web at www.artistsofleyden.org and on Facebook, search for Artists of Leyden

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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.

Free area rugs 8' x 10' bold stripes and 5' x 7' floral oriental style. Call Bob at 624-8965.

Free large kneehole desk 41"x28", 4 drawers, well-made, plain dark wood, very serviceable. Call Cornelia or Wallis at 774-5146

Free Unsplit Logs in our driveway at 555 West Leyden Road. Help yourself!

For Sale: Beautiful handmade stoneware functional pottery for sale. Mostly blues, greens, and purples. Microwave, oven, and dishwasher safe. Commissions accepted. Come check it out. Call Rhonda at 624-5175.

Leyden Playgroup: I'm a mom of a 1-yr and 4-yr-old. I'm interested in starting a Leyden Playgroup for the summer months of July and August. If interested, please email Lauren Clary at Rae2577@yahoo.com or call 624-3949.

Blueberries for Sale: Organically grown, high-bush blueberries for sale by the case (12 pints) at Spatcher Farm. Please call 624-3247 to pre-order yours. Crop starts in July and goes through mid-August. Holly & Ken Spatcher.

2011 Leyden Hay For Sale 1st and 2nd cutting. If interested, please call Jim Muka at 774-6975 for details

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.

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.

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.

Spirit Fire

Free online meditation by webinar, podcast, or join us at the retreat center Mon-Wed-Fri 8:15 AM. Online classes: Summer Lecture Series on August 11 "Divine Feminine for a Troubled World"; August 25, "The Gospel of Mary Magdalene"; September 19 "Revealing Soul through Esoteric Astrology". "Quietude, A Personal Retreat", August 23-25 and September 19-21. 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! "Change yourself--Change the World!"

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Timmerman Farm CSA

EGGS: I sell organically grown (not certified) eggs for \$4.00/dozen. Call for availability or email me to be on my Egg Email List. laurat@crocker.com

2011 FARM SHARES are all sold for the season. Thanks for your support! If you would like to receive detailed weekly emails of Farm News, call or send me an email, or stop by the blog to see pictures of the shares, vegetable recipes, and more.

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

Linda Romano

Summer yoga continues till 8/23/11, drop-ins welcomed. New fall class starts after Labor Day in Leyden. Fall massage/bodywork/yoga will reflect the seasonal changes and challenges. Monthly discount sessions will continue. Watch for a date for creating mandalas for relaxation and de-stress, possibly in September. New rate for two-hour session. Please RSVP for classes/workshops, other sessions by appointment. Enjoy the season. —Linda Romano, 624-3334



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