

# Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

October 2011

## Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and every other Thursday (October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>) 6:00 - 9:00 PM

## Tax Collector:

Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM

## Assessors Office:

Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 PM

## Select Board

### SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays, October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM in their office. To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 or leydenselectboard@live.com.

### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

Tue, Oct 4	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Oct 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Oct 11	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at Police Station)
Wed, Oct 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thur, Oct 13	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Mon, Oct 17	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Oct 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thur, Oct 27	6:45 PM	Selectboard

—Board of Selectmen

## Thanks to Liz Johnson

We would like to thank Liz Johnson for her many years of dedicated service to the Town of Leyden and wish her well as she begins an exciting new career path. She should feel proud of the many accomplishments that will serve as her legacy, most notably the Town Hall renovation. From ice storms to floods, from Town reports to grant applications, from budget crunching to late night meetings, with everything and everyone demanding attention now, and all tasks needing to be finished yesterday; we sincerely appreciate your dedication and hard work. It can only get easier from here! —Leyden Selectboard

### Interim Municipal Assistant Appointed

The Selectboard has appointed Robert Hardesty as interim Municipal Assistant. He began his duties on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Pastel Paint Flowers Workshop

On Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 PM "The Art of Georgia O'Keeffe: How to Pastel Paint Flowers" Pastel Workshop will be presented by Gregory Maichak downstairs at Town Hall. The workshop will include instruction, demonstrations and hands-on work. There is no charge, and materials will be provided. This workshop is appropriate for adults. Please call Ellen at 773-7583 if you plan to attend; space is limited.



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## Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

No births, marriages, or deaths were reported this month.

### OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

The Clerk's office will open Mondays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON and every other Wednesday (October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. —Bob Hardesty, Town Clerk

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## Town-Wide Tag Sale

We are planning on another town-wide tag sale for the Columbus Day Weekend, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We would like to operate it the same as last year and will have maps at each location (hopefully) to let the buyers know where all the locations are.

Call Mary Lou Barton at 773-3548 or Tracey Baronas at 774-9953 if you wish to participate in the sale. Please call ASAP to get your name and location on the map and in the newspaper ad.



Flu shots Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>,  
5-7 pm, \$7.00—See Page 3

## Bennie Goodman Tribute Concert

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00 to 6:00 PM**

**Paul Bouchard Orchestra**

**Bennie Goodman's 1938**

**Carnegie Hall Concert recreated**

**Leyden Town Hall**

**Toe-tapping and  
dancing are encouraged**

## 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** was a great success this year. Twenty-seven young people participated and read a total of over 60,000 pages! That's pretty impressive. These participants' reading fluency and skills have most likely advanced, making them ready to move on rather than review what was lost by *not* reading during school break.

**Nick Baronas** was this year's winner of the \$25 gift certificate to the World Eye Book Store for reading 13,318 pp. He was a regular visitor at the RML, so we applaud him for his commitment! Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library, participants who read over 5,000 pp. received gift certificates to the World Eye Book Store as well.

One afternoon in September, **Erin LeBlanc**, an avid reader and special young lady, visited the library and brought along a gift to the library, too. In her note, Erin explained that she and her friend had written and performed a play for neighbors and friends. Along with a colorful program designed by the girls, Erin and her friend sold refreshments as a fund raiser for the library! What is most special about this wonderfully creative 'event' is the fact that Erin added an additional \$5.00 of her own money to make her gift more substantial. Thank you, Erin! You are the best!

Please be aware that the Library is in need of tax-deductible monetary donations to support events/purchases, etc. that are not funded by our budget. The Friends of the RML has been extremely generous in providing such things as the printer, air-conditioner, book cases, and even the gift certificates to World Eye at the culmination of the Summer Reading Program each year. Thanks you, Friends!

In addition to *The Nation*, *Smithsonian*, *Consumer Reports*, and *the Reader's Digest*, we have a subscription to *ShopSmart*, a publication of Consumer Reports whose mission is to provide readers with "NO HYPE+NO ADS+JUST GREAT BUYS!" It is published six times a year, and the first issue has arrived!

As the evenings become chilly and the days shorten, remember the library! Books, CDs, DVDs—all free—can make for enjoyable times by the fireside.

Happy fall!

—Chris Johnston

## A Special Thank You to Ray Glabach

Meeting Ray Glabach and his wife was a real treat! Because I was an English teacher for a thousand years, however, I'm always looking for special ways to engage kids in meaningful learning. So, with a little arm twisting, Ray agreed to spend an hour with Lisa Armstrong's fifth and sixth graders at PRES on Monday, September 19. Ray's book, *The Last Village Smithy*, is so rich with his memories of Leyden in the late forties, fifties and sixties, that his stories captured the kids' interests, whetted their own creative juices, and led to a lively discussion and question/answer session.

Following Ray's visit Ms. Armstrong helped her students to identify one of their own special stories of life in Leyden. Their resultant rough drafts have been hidden away until next spring when kids, equipped with a tool box of writing skills and strategies that Lisa will teach them this year, will revise and edit their stories for publication.

Life as the director of the RML is good!

—Chris Johnston

## Music on the Hill to Resume

The Music on the Hill series will resume on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow in the November *Leyden Life*, but you can mark your calendars now. All are welcome!

Thanks for your support!

—Alice Kenney

## Leyden Life Lowdown

### EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com), Carolyn Asbury at [carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.asbury@gmail.com), and Bob Taylor at [bobxtwo@verizon.net](mailto: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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bobxtwo@verizon.net).

### THANKS

**Thanks to Bill Maguire for a contribution this month.**

Thanks to collators Lois Feldman, Jeanne Breedon, Cornelia Reid and Carolyn Asbury, and to deliverers Lauren Clary, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Jeanne Breedon and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

*Please "Hook" Your Post  
for Leyden Life!  
We don't want you to miss out!*

## DISCLAIMER

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## Leyden Life

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**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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

At our September meeting we enjoyed a very interesting, informative and nostalgic presentation about Leyden in the 1950s. Thank you so much, Ray and Joan Glabach, for making the time to share your collection of stories and artifacts with us. Ray's book, *The Last Village Smithy*, is available at the library or for purchase on line.

On Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM, we will welcome another local author and illustrator, Marie Betts Bartlett. Marie will share her recently published picture book, *The Little Yellow Trolley Car*, a lovely book and true history of the Shelburne Falls trolley car. Marie will read the story and talk about the process of writing, illustrating and publishing the book. All are welcome to join us for the program and lunch. This might make a fun morning outing if you have young children in your home, especially if they like books and vehicles! For more information, go to <http://www.thelittleyellowtrolley.com>.

After the program we will enjoy lunch together, and all are welcome to join us for the program and/or lunch. We will meet in the church Fellowship Hall. If you want to join us for lunch, please let Edith Fisher know at 773-7336 before Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

### Board of Health

The Board of Health is planning to administer **flu shots** on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The state is not providing the vaccine free of charge this year; therefore, we are offering them at our cost of \$7.00 each. It is our hope that this does not cause a hardship for any of our residents. We have ordered 70 doses, the same as we gave last year. This will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Your local Board of Health, working to keep our community safe.

—Gloria Fisher, RN, Chairman



### Local Cultural Council

The LCC will have its next meeting on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at Town Hall.

October 15<sup>th</sup> is the postmark deadline for submitting applications for LCC grants. Please review all of the new guidelines on the Massachusetts Cultural Council site for new specifics before completing your submission: [www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org), then select Applications/Forms, Local Cultural Council.

—Alice Thomas, Chair

### Art Group

The Leyden art group will meet at the home of Peggy Brown on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:30 PM at 13 Coates Road, Leyden. Please call 774-5764 to RSVP or email [nianticgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:nianticgirl@yahoo.com). Please come to visit or to work on an art project in progress.

We will meet at Town Hall to carpool to the Brattleboro Gallery Walk on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Call Peggy Brown at 774-5764 or Linda Romano at 624-3334 to RSVP.

We are looking for artists to share their art work this winter at Robertson Memorial Library. Speak to Chris Johnston to set a time or call Peggy Brown if interested or you have any questions. Thank you to local artists Pat Little and Cynthia Yackenchick for sharing inspirational art for the past couple months. It is always such a delight to come to our special local library and see the creative work of people in the community.

### Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Laura's house, and Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Peggy's house. We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, and enjoy a relaxed evening of handiwork and the company of our fellow stitchers. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed and all kinds of handicrafts are fine. Cooler weather is here so it's a great time to start a new project or pick up that unfinished one!

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

### Leyden Portrait Project

Unusual rain and travels (also unusual!) have interrupted the project more than I'd like this summer, but I've taken some photos and have willing portrait subjects on my list! I will start printing photos when I get a larger batch together. Your free 5x7 will be available for you at the book party, to be held this winter. I would like to set up in the Town Common some beautiful Saturday or Sunday this fall and have people stop by to have their portrait taken, as a way to speed the project up. Watch for signs around town telling you when. (It will be contingent on the weather.) In the meantime, please call if you'd like to be in the second book! —Trish Crapo, 774-2021

### Leyden Fire Association Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Town Hall. We're always looking for new members. If you would like to join, please come to our meeting. Membership is only \$5.00 per year.

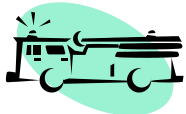
—Melissa Adamski, Secretary

### United Methodist Church

Just a reminder that our church service time has been changed to 9:00 AM, as Pastor Ken Mantler is now also affiliated with the Greenfield Methodist Church, and their service time has changed to 10:30.

Sunday School will be starting on September 25<sup>th</sup> during the church service. We will have arts and crafts and the wonderful stories of Jesus each week. Come join us! If you need any further information, please give Mary Lou Barton, Sunday School Superintendent, a call at 773-3548. God bless our wonderful town of Leyden and our "Little White Church on the Hill".

—Thanks, Mary Lou Barton



## Fire Station Open House

Come check out the trucks and equipment, tour the station, sit in a fire truck, and try on some real fire equipment. Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, free refreshments.

You are invited to sign up to join the Fire Department and/or the Fire Association.

Thank you.

—Leyden Fire Department

## Artists of Leyden

**Cecilia Tusinski** and **Trish Crapo** will be displaying in the Artspace Annual Members Exhibit located at the Artspace Community Arts Center, 15 Mill Street, Greenfield MA from September 12<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>. **Cecilia** will be displaying pieces from her "Letters/Fragments" series, and **Trish** from her collage series "Freud's New Orleans".

A public reception will be held on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The exhibit is open to the public Monday to Friday from 1:00 to 6:00 PM and on Saturdays September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**Deborah Garner** will have several ink paintings in a group show, entitled "Living Here", in Woodstock, NY from October 15<sup>th</sup> - December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Monastery, which is located on the top of Meads Mountain at 355 Meads Mountain Rd., Woodstock, NY. A talk about this exhibition will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Byrdcliff Kleinart James Center for the Arts, 35 Tinker St., Woodstock, NY.

**Trish Crapo** just returned from teaching collage workshops in Russia with Lola Baltzell and Mark Natale of East Hill Road. The three, along with Christine Johnson, were guests of the Leo Tolstoy Estate and Museum in the village of Yasnaya Polyana in Tula Province. They also toured three possible venues for the exhibition of The War and Peace Project, a collaborative project that is creating a collage on every page of a 1970s Russian edition of War and Peace. All 750 collages will be shown in Russia next summer. A sampling will also be exhibited at The New School for Social Research in New York City in February. This unusual project can be seen online at: <http://warpeaceproject.blogspot.com/>.

**Trish** will also be reading in the Greenfield Annual Word Festival on October 15<sup>th</sup>, time and venue to be announced. Over 67 readers are presently signed up to read. The Festival is being held in conjunction with the Brick + Mortar Video Festival, which should make for an exciting night downtown! Check the Calendar page on [artisofleyden.org](http://artisofleyden.org) for links to the festival.

**Alicia Hunsicker** will be showing her work in an invitational exhibition with the Worcester Windows Community Gallery August 1 - November 30. This exhibition was coordinated by Worcester State Gallery, Bethany Strothers, Curator. You may find Alicia's paintings at two locations;

\***Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts**, 2 Southbridge Street: 'Duality', 'Waterfall', and 'Divination'

\***60 Franklin Street**: 'Palmistry: Inherent Divinity #4', 'Iris: Inherent Divinity #5', 'Divinity Tree: Inherent Divinity #6', 'Hansa Eye of God: Inherent Divinity #7' and 'Illuminated Angel'.

**Alicia** will also be presenting her work in a solo show entitled "Moments of Creation" at Gallery in the Woods, Main St. Brattleboro, VT from November 4<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>. You are cordially invited to attend the opening reception on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. It will be one of the many First Friday Gallery Walk Events. This exhibition was funded in part by a grant award from the Brattleboro Essential Arts Network through the Brattleboro Museum and Arts Center. You may pick up a postcard for her show at the Robinson Memorial Library.

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

[www.artisofleyden.org](http://www.artisofleyden.org), and on Facebook, search for Artists of Leyden

## 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.

**Un-faced Insulation for Sale:** Pink un-faced insulation taken out as part of house upgrade. Price depends on quantity taken. Also, new white range hood for sale, \$20. Call Beth or Ken at 774-2820.

**Help wanted:** I need help splitting 1 to 2 cords of 18" logs. Please call Carolyn at 774-2840.

**Leyden Farm House for Rent:** 7 rooms, 1½ baths, washer and dryer. Very private dead-end road. First and last months' rent, \$1,200/month. Contact Jeff Neipp if interested at 624-5512.

**Free Doggy Items:** Outside white dog house "dog igloo", L L Bean dog round pillow, dog crate, leashes, harness, etc. Call Bob or Peggy at 774-5764.

**Snow Plow Service Needed:** Looking for someone to plow our driveway this winter at 110 Eden Trail, Leyden. Please call David & Wendy Pomerantz at 413-773-7017.

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**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 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 [antlerjagd@verizon.net](mailto:antlerjagd@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](mailto:jlevine4@verizon.net).

**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.

**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.

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## Unclassified Ads



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### Linda Romano

October news: 10/01/11 Medicine  
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—Linda Romano, 624-3334



Linda Romano

### Timmerman Farm CSA

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member. Next season I will be selling just a  
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adding a weekly email list for "Extras". The  
Extras list

will not be a commitment to purchase  
any particular amount of vegetables on any  
given week but rather a chance to request  
particular things on a particular week, when  
they are available. It will be an experiment.

HELP WANTED: There a few things  
that would help make my little farm be happi-  
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would make a big difference here. I need 1 or  
2 refrigerators; call me at 773-8325.

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near the sign in the driveway

Farm Workers! - I am hoping to have  
another working member next season. This is  
a great job for a young person who wants to  
learn more about growing food and get lots of  
yummy vegetables in exchange.

Stop by the blog to see pictures of the  
shares, vegetable recipes, and more. Laura  
Timmerman, 413-773-8325,

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<http://lastingimpressionscsa.blogspot.com/>

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