

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

November 2011

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and
Thursday (November 10th) 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 Thursday, November 10th 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@crocker.com.

TOWN HALL MONTHLY MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

Tue, Nov 1	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Nov 2	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Nov 7	7:00 PM	Local Cultural Council
Tue, Nov 8	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at Police Station)
Wed, Nov 9	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thur, Nov 10	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Mon, Nov 21	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Nov 16	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors

(Any changes to these meeting dates or times will be posted separately. Meetings *not* held monthly will also be posted separately.)

—*Board of Selectmen*

Letter of Resignation to the Community of Leyden

After serving four and a half years on the Select Board, I will be resigning from my position on December 31, 2011. I am retiring from my job as the school nurse at Franklin County Technical School, and will be dividing my time between Leyden and Ramah, New Mexico. As I will be gone for several months at a time it is neither possible nor responsible for me to continue my position. It has been a rewarding and humbling experience to have served the town I love and have lived in for over 20 years. Thank you to both the present and past board members I have worked with and to all the other citizens in town who devote hours of their time to make Leyden the awesome town it is. May we all continue to respect our differences and honor one another.

—*Respectfully submitted, Karen Sayword-Sims*

Help Celebrate 90 Wonderful Years!

Help celebrate 90 wonderful years! Please join us on Sunday, November 13th at the Town Hall from 1:00 to 5:00 PM to honor Doris Glabach on her 90th birthday. Please stop by to sign the guest book. Please bring only cards, old photos, memories, and hugs. Light refreshments will be provided. No gifts expected; your presence will be the best gift she could ever receive! Hope to see you there.

—*the Glabach kids*

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES —Melissa Dearborn and Nikolas Adamski, September 10th

—Wendy McAndrews and David Pomerantz, September 24th

—Kaitlyn Giard and Kyle Cardaropoli, October 15th

BIRTHS —Lucas Charles Adamski, April 18th

DEATHS —Glen P. Call III, August 21st

INACTIVE VOTERS

As a result of entering the 2011 Street Listings into the State Voters Registration Information System, the Secretary of State's office has informed me that 217 people did not return their census information. I have been instructed to place those names on the "Inactive Voters" list. These voters will be required to show identification at the next election. If these inactive voters fail to vote in at least one of the next two state elections, their names will be removed from the voters list.

Confirmation forms are being sent to these residents (at a cost to the Town of \$240). If you receive one of these forms, please complete it and return it as soon as possible.

OFFICE HOURS

The Clerk's office will open Mondays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON and every other Wednesday (November 2nd, 16th and 30th) from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

—*Bob Hardesty, Town Clerk*

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Town Hall E-Mail Address Change leydenselectboard@crocker.com

First Annual Spaghetti Supper Saturday, November 19th at Town Hall

1st Seating at 5:00 PM

2nd Seating at 6:00 PM

\$6.00 Adults — \$3.00 Age 5-12

Free for kids under 5

Tickets at the door

Hope to see you there!

Leyden Firefighter's Association

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.)

We have four copies of Ray Glabach's *The Last Village Smithy* at the library. They can be purchased for \$2.00 off the bookstore price, and the library will receive a gift from Ray of \$5.00 for each copy we sell. If you are interested in purchasing a book directly from Ray, simply go to his website: <http://www.lastvillagesmithy.com/>.

Volunteers needed! If you would be willing to donate two hours on a Saturday morning to make the library available to patrons who look forward to their weekend visits, please contact me at 773-9336 or stop in for a visit. Because it's not rocket science, I can fill you in on your duties in about ten minutes. Please consider becoming a part of our library team! Our numbers are down, and we're asking the same people too often to step in. Please help out if you can. Thanks.

On Wednesday, October 12th, all of the students and staff from PRES visited the library to kick off "The Big Read." Everyone selected a book to read at home and at school with a goal of having it finished in two weeks. At that point the entire student body will have worked on individual posters related to the books they read following the criteria established in a simple rubric that includes their creating three questions to entice others to read their book. If you have a chance to visit the school, students' posters should be decorating the walls of the building. Great job!

Tax-deductible donations are needed to keep the library viable and to offer the best of service to all. Please consider making out a check to the Robertson Memorial Library or dropping a few dollars into our 'money can' when you visit. Thank you!

Happy fall!

—Chris Johnston

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

We've had a very busy start to our new school year. We've had presentations from our Volunteer Fire Department; Ray Glabach came to visit; Roger Tincknell performed for the whole school (sponsored by the Local Cultural Council); and a walking field trip up to Robertson Memorial Library. Chris Johnston, our town librarian had initiated the "Big Read and Book Poster Project." Students will each read a book and produce a poster advertising the book with the idea that everyone will then want to read it.

We had our annual Open House and Harvest Dinner on October 13th. There was a lot of good food shared by families and friends of the Pearl Rhodes community.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to come and read with some of our students or provide some other kinds of help, please contact me at 772-6245.

—Chris Maguire, Interim Principal

Don't Forget. . .

**Flu shots Tuesday, November 8th,
5-7 pm, \$7.00—See Page 3**

Music on the Hill

On Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 PM, please join your neighbors at our wonderful Leyden Town Hall for an afternoon of dancing and dessert potluck as Music on the Hill offers a "Learn to Waltz" class.

Waltzing is a social couple dance enjoyed by all generations. It offers an opportunity to visit with your partner, enjoy wonderful music by New England musicians, and connect with your neighbors. No experience is necessary. All ages are welcome to attend. The workshop will run from 2:00 to 3:00 PM with a practice social dance until 4:00 PM. Participants will learn to lead, follow, turn, and appreciate the art of social dance. Come one, come all! Alice Kenney will make it very fun and accessible for everyone. Admission is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Hope to see you there!

—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 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 to David and Carolyn Curtis, Ken and Shirley Lyman and Angels' Rest for contributions this month.

Thanks to collators Kathie Benson, Lois Feldman, Jeanne Breeden, Cornelia Reid and Carolyn Asbury. Thank you, Kathie, for hosting us in your beautiful new B&B. Thanks 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
for Leyden Life!
We don't want you to miss out!*

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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, November 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

At our October meeting, Marie Bartlett shared her new book, *The Little Yellow Trolley Car*. It was wonderful to get a glimpse of the planning and thought that goes into creating a picture book. Thanks so much, Marie.

On Thursday, November 9th, we will meet at 11:00 AM for a simple gathering of friends to share news, stories and a simple meal. All are welcome to join us. 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, November 7th so that 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 on Saturday, November 5th at Peggy's house, and Friday, November 18th at Laura'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

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fairs

Calling Leyden artists and crafters: On Sunday, November 13th and Sunday, November 11th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, there will be holiday arts and crafts shows at Leyden Town Hall. These will coincide with Music on the Hill events. Please call me at 624-5175 if you would like to participate in one or both of these fairs.

—Rhonda

Board of Health

The Board of Health is planning to administer **flu shots** on Tuesday, November 8th 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, November 7th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

—Alice Thomas, Chair

Agricultural Commission



Just a quick reminder that the Right-to-Farm bylaw adopted by the Town requires that new buyers or renters must be made aware that Leyden is a right-to-farm community. The responsibility for notification falls upon the present owner. Notification forms are available at the Select Board office, and should be part of the sales closing or rental process, signed by the new owner or occupant, and returned to the office to be filed with the property record. We've noticed several for-sale signs around town, and this requirement often gets overlooked in the crunch of closing. It's good for all concerned, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated! The Ag Com will not meet in November or December. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd to begin planning the annual Sugar on Snow supper in March.

PVRS Land Management

What ideas do you have about the future of Pioneer Valley Regional High School's 84 acres?

The Pioneer Valley Regional School District approved a plan to initiate development of a resilient land management plan. Such a plan will include baseline assessment for possible conditions that could cause major ecosystem shifts from natural and human initiated disturbances, such as climate change and diminishing natural resources.

Additionally, it will provide management recommendations for on-site community / local food security with permaculture / edible forest gardens, invasive plant management, hiking/cross country trails that connect the region, and strategies of using landscape to reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

Please come to an informational workshop on Thursday, December 1st at 6:30 PM in the PVRS Library to share your views and vision in making this a regional model for middle and high school education. For further information contact John Lepore, Landscape Designer, at lepore1951@future-lands.com or leave a message at 413- 512-0644. —John C. Lepore, MALD

FUTURE LANDS: Resilient Design & Care Planning
P.O. Box 608, Bernardston, MA 01337 (413) 512-0644

Fire Department

The Fire Department will be training on Mondays, November 14th and 28th. Thanks to all who participated and came out and supported us. It was a big success with a lot of people showing up from town and out of town. We had a lot of fun with our demonstrations and hope everyone enjoyed the free donuts, coffee and hot dogs. Thanks for the support once again and hope to see you again next year at our 2nd Annual Open House!

—Leyden Fire Department

Leyden Firefighter's Association

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 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

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.

Beaded Jewelry for Sale: Carol Kuzdeba dba DJ Design has beaded jewelry for sale at Himalayan Views gift shop in the Tibetan Plaza, 265 Greenfield Road, South Deerfield. Unique one-of-a-kind designs of natural stone, pearls, furnace glass, etc. Stop by to see it. Special orders upon request. Remember, the holidays are just around the corner!.

Seasoned Hard Wood for Sale: One cord left, \$150, already cut, split and on pallets. You need to pick up; we will load the pallets onto your vehicle. Call Beth of Ken at 774-2820.

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 of 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.

Maple Run Farm has farm-fresh brown eggs for \$2.50/carton. The girl's are Hubbard Golden Comets. The Hubbard Golden Comet has been widely acclaimed in all areas of the world where brown eggs are preferred. The reason is simple: The Golden Comet pullet is easily one of the finest brown egg layers available today. They mature early and lay eggs of excellent size and quality. She is an extremely quiet bird, that seems to be able to withstand the colder, non-insulated, laying houses of the small flock owner, better than most breeds. Try our eggs. Call Barbara at 774-7780.

Ed's Sugar Shack has fresh local maple syrup for sale. Available in gallons, half gallons, quarts and pints. Call 773-7619, Ed and Carol Johnson, 72 South County Road, Leyden. Member of MassMaple Producers Association.

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. Also would like to barter for housework. 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. 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.

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.

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.

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

2012 FARM SHARES: The 2011 farm shares are over for the year—23 weeks of farm fresh, Leyden grown vegetables and flowers! It's wonderful to be part of the farming community here in town.

If you would like to be contacted directly when shares become available next year, please let me know. The farm is very tiny so I recommend letting me know early if you want to be a farm member.

Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325,

laurat@crocker.com,

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

Linda Romano

Fall Yoga continues till first week in Nov., then winter series starts on 11/14/11, Mondays 6-7:15 pm. RSVP ASAP for these six-week sessions.

Five-element massage is taking off, and back by request is Polarity therapy sessions a gentle, natural, healing bodywork that balances the body, relaxes, and revitalizes. It was developed by Dr. Randolph Stone. The new Yoga/ movement space is useful for Yoga, exercise, chi exercises, workshops, classes, private sessions. If you like to learn how Feng Shui can enhance your life, the season or new year, a talk can be arranged for \$ 5.00 per person in a group. Take time to enjoy the season ! Linda Romano Namaste

Call Linda at 413-624-3334 or e-mail, lindalla239@hotmail.com. Web site: holisticserviceswithlindamromano.com.



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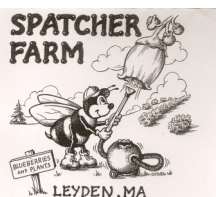
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