

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

October 2012

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—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

Select Board

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursday, October 11th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, October 25th 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, Oct 2	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Oct 3	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Oct 9	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Oct 10	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thur, Oct 11	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Oct 15	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Oct 17	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thur, Oct 18	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thur, Oct 25	6:45 PM	Selectboard

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

Note: Monthly meetings are now posted on the town web site at www.townofleyden.com. Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to Municipal Assistant.

EDUCATIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the committee to study Leyden's educational future will be held on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM at PRES. Principal Chris Maguire will be present to conduct a tour of the building, discuss current staffing, class configuration, and enrollment. Chris will also be available to answer questions. All meetings are open to the public, and attendance by interested citizens is encouraged.

TOWN HALL CLOSINGS

Town Hall Offices will be closed Monday, October 8th in observance of Columbus Day, and Monday, November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day.
—Board of Selectmen

Vote Tuesday, November 6th

Fall Craft Workshops

Polymer Clay Jewelry Techniques will be taught by Rhonda Wainshilbaum on Wednesday, October 17th, 6:30 to 9:00 PM at Town Hall.

Sculptures from Found Objects will be taught by Rhonda Wainshilbaum on Wednesday, November 14th, 6:30 to 9:00 PM at Town Hall. Save your small, interesting junk now to use in your sculptures.

Call Rhonda at 624-5175 for reservations.



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Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION

The State and Presidential Election is Tuesday, November 6th. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Town Hall. The last day to register to vote in this election is Wednesday, October 17th. Absentee ballots should be available during the second week of October. Call 774-7769 or 774-4111 for availability. Applications for absentee ballots are available at Town Hall during regular business hours. Anyone requesting to vote by absentee ballot must complete an application.

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON and Wednesdays 4:30 – 6:00 PM Phone 774-7769

Selectboard and Clerk Office Closures

The Selectboard and Town Clerk offices will be closed for vacation Friday, October 12th and Monday, October 15th.

Fire Department

The Fire Department recently competed in the fireman's muster at the Franklin County Fair, and brought home four trophies. Also we have begun hose testing to make sure all our hose lines work properly. As always, we can use more members. For more information, stop by on the second or fourth Monday of the month.

—Clifford Spatcher, Captain/EMT



Pearl Rhodes Elementary School first and second graders produced this beautiful harvest of tomatoes in their garden. They were enjoyed by all at lunchtime.

Robertson Memorial Library

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

Erin Rose LeBlanc and her good friend **Lucy Eileen Hodgman** held a private fund raiser for the library at Erin's house on West Leyden Road this summer. Together the girls wrote a play entitled "A Twist on Fairy Tales," created wonderful brochures, baked some goodies, and performed for a small gathering of family and friends. What a treat it must have been! Quite proudly Erin presented me with twenty dollars for the RML! Thank you, girls, for using your incredible creativity so generously!

The Summer Reading Program ran from early June through September 5th. Although over forty youngsters signed up, seventeen actually participated and submitted their reading logs. As usual, some of the recent PRES graduates participated but became so involved with Pioneer that their energies were diverted, and they forgot to submit their forms by the due date. Reading the greatest number of pages in all age groups was **Rebecca Rodgers** (10,878 pages) with **Nick Baronas** (10,477 pages) right behind her. **Gavin Curtis** (7,337), **Ben Hunsicker** (5,106), **Erin LeBlanc** (3,972), **Rachel Rodgers** (2,950) and **Delaney Archer** (2,295) were real stars, too. Each participant received a gift certificate to the World Eye Book Store. A whopping 54,246 pages were read in total. Congratulations all!

Note: One of the teachers at PRES noted that there is a noticeable improvement in reading comprehension and speed by those who read during the summer months!

Plans are underway for next year's centennial celebration of our library's founding. After a great brainstorming session we will soon begin the process of limiting our ideas to a workable several. Donating their time are **Ginny Rockwood**, **Marie Lovely**, **Cindy LeBlanc**, and our three trustees, **Carolyn Asbury**, **Cornelia Reid**, and **Trueman Robbins**. PRES principal, **Chris Maguire**, is definitely interested in involving students in projects related to our one hundred year celebration of the library, too! If you are interested in helping us make our celebration a success, please contact any one of us! I'll be able to give you more specific details in next month's article.

—Happy autumn, Chris Johnston

Robertson Memorial Library is on Facebook

For those of you who have already signed up, we ask that you "friend" us. We expect to keep this page updated with library and community information as well as information about the Library Centennial and its projects. Feel free to share your own information including book reviews and recommendations.



**Leyden Fire Department
Halloween Spaghetti
Supper
Saturday, October 27th
5:00 to 8:00 PM
Adults \$6—Kids \$3**

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

Belated thanks to Elaine Brooks and Jack Golden and Lisa Limont for donations back in June!

Thanks to collators Sheila and Leo Hourihan, Susan Howarth, Carolyn Asbury, and Cornelia Reid, and 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.)

Visit the Town web site at
townofleyden.com

Selectboard email address is
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and Bob at **bobxtwo@verizon.net**
by 5:00 PM on

Monday, October 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 and Gatherings

Council on Aging

Next meeting: Thursday, October 11th at 11:30 AM

The Leyden Council on Aging will meet on Thursday October 11th at 11:30 AM. Robin Neipp will join us to share her experiences on two relief trips to Haiti after the devastating earthquake. It is an opportunity for conversation and to share lunch together. Anyone over the age of 55 is invited to attend. If you're free the second Thursday of the month, come on over to the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. If you need a ride, just let one of us know. Please call Edith Fisher at 773-7336 before September 8th to let her know if you are planning to attend.

We are always open to ideas and suggestions.

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.

—Gilda Galvis, Barbara Wallace, Rev. Ken Mantler, Karen Sims and Paula Sayword.

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet on two Fridays in October, October 12th at Peggy Brown's house and October 26th at Kathie Benson'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.

Visitors and all ages are welcome. Call ahead to RSVP and confirm the location. Generally we meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. If you would like to be on an email group for the Knitting Circle, get in touch with Laura.

We're planning a special event this fall to share our knitting/crocheting by making scarves, hats, mittens and other warming items to give away to those who would like them. See separate article below for details. Contact Kathie for more information.

—Laura Timmerman - 773-8325, Peggy Brown - 774-5764, Kathie Benson - 773-8595

Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle" Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, as well as interesting knitting-related links.

Knit for Your Neighbors!

You *know* you've been meaning to start that project. Now is a good time!

When finances are tight, replacing that old hat or lost mitten can strain an already stretched budget. So dig through those baskets of yarn and shelves of remnants and join the Leyden Knitting Circle in making hats, scarves or mittens for our neighbors.

Starting in late September there will be drop-boxes around town to collect our finished projects. Watch this space for a listing of locations. Meanwhile, it's a great time to start a project that will help a neighbor to keep warm this winter. Please call me with any questions.



Cultural Council Grant Deadline

The deadline for grant submission (postmark or in the mail box) is October 15, 2012. Please follow the *new format and directions* on the web page of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Be sure to complete and sign your application.

Please call me if you have any questions.

—Alice Thomas, Chair, 475-3011



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Angels' Rest Fall Events

Leyden residents are invited to participate in many workshops at Angles' Rest Retreat. Group leaders welcome commuters, and you have access to these powerful and fun retreats from the convenience of your home in Leyden! Please see the <http://www.angelsrestretreat.com> for more details!

Here's the fall line-up: Stuart and Alice Kenny will once again host a music camp from September 28-30 with the members of Raz de Marie. Tune up your skill on your stringed instrument! Angels' Rest welcomes the Betty Borey Adventure Weekend for breast cancer survivors October 5-7 followed by Yoga with Andrea Fotopoulos October 12-14. Co-counseling International hosts their autumn retreat October 19-21, and Ona Sachs is coming for the first time to offer "Awakening the Sacred Feminine" November 1-4. Angels' Rest will support Flo Magdalena in her sacred work of "Soul Recognition," aligning and anchoring the energy, purpose, and patterning of the soul consciously into body and life. Contact Jennifer or the listed group leader to participate in any of these wonderful events.

Robertson Memorial Library Centennial Cookbook

In celebration of Robertson Memorial Library's Centennial and in conjunction with the Library's Trustees, the Leyden Historical Commission is planning a Library Centennial Cookbook. It's been 15 years since the last town cookbook, and the time is ripe for a new one. Our vision is to expand the idea of cookbook so as to include more of what nourishes us as a town than food alone.

Since we believe it is the diversity of Leyden residents that characterizes and enriches our town, we wish to have the cookbook reflect this diversity through the inclusion of a selection of photographs, art, stories, poetry, etc. to accompany the recipes.

Please start looking through your recipes and choose some tried and true (and delicious) ones to submit. Make sure the directions are clear, and be sure to include any associated stories. Please bring *all* types of submissions to the library along with your name and phone or e-mail attached. Alternatively, you may e-mail your submissions to wings@mtdata.com. Please direct any questions to Chris Johnston at the library, to Ginny Rockwood at 774-2694, or to Lois Feldman at 774-4092.

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

From the weekly PRES Newsletter, we will try to include items of general interest to townspeople, such as dates of important upcoming events or reports on exciting past ones. It is useful for all to know the school schedule, so as to know when to watch out for kids waiting for school buses, and why there are occasionally lots of cars, and other times none, at the school! Thank you to Chris Maguire, PRES Principal, for providing this information.

Principal's Corner

We have had a great start to the year! Please remember that we will have early release at 1:45 every Friday. After school care is available; just let us know.

Beginning Band

Students in grades 4-6 are eligible to participate in the Elementary Band Program.

School Hours

Grades 1-6: Monday-Thursday 8:40-3:00 PM, Friday 8:40-1:45
Pre-school & Kindergarten: Monday-Thursday 8:40-3:00, Friday 8:40-11:30 (Half-day PK: 8:30-11:30)

Specials Schedule:

Monday: Technology with Ms. Cutter
Tuesday: Library with Mrs. Chapin
Wednesday: Music with Mrs. Spiro-Abedon
Thursday: P.E. with Mr. Herbst
Friday: Art with Ms. Wainshilbaum

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 4th: Open House/Harvest Supper (for families), 5-7 PM
Monday, October 8th: Columbus Day—No School
Thursday, October 25th: School Committee Meeting at PRES, 7:30 PM
—Chris Maguire, Principal

Hilltowns History Conference and Fair

The Mary Lyon Foundation gratefully acknowledges the award of \$200 from the Leyden Local Cultural Council for the Fall 2012 public history event that is now called the "Hilltowns History Conference and Fair." It will be held on Saturday, October 13th at the Colrain Central School.

In our LCC application, the event was called "Raising the Flag," because it is being held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first raising of the flag over an American school house, which occurred on Catamount Hill in Colrain in 1812. We were in the early planning stages at that time. The new title better reflects our original intent, to host a day of learning about the history of the hilltowns. The conference program is packed with workshops on the history of agriculture, industry, Native American presence, landscape, transportation, abolition and more. An outdoor fair will include demonstrations, displays, and representation of hilltown historical societies.

Dennis Picard, director of Storowton Village at the Big E and a favorite public historian and re-enactor, will portray a Massachusetts Militia Man from the 1812 era. Dennis tells me that the Town of Leyden is still in possession of militia knapsacks and canteens from that era, and that the Leyden artifacts were used as models for reproductions. That is one special Leyden connection to this conference.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare's open enrollment period is **October 15 – December 7**. Medicare plans change every year. This is the time to decide on your coverage for 2013.

Massachusetts SHINE Can Help! The Serving Health Information Needs of Elders (SHINE) program was founded in 1988 and has helped more than 400,000 Massachusetts seniors and disabled persons save money on their health care costs. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs administers the program statewide, and the Central Massachusetts Association on Councils on Aging (COA) hosts programs in 63 cities and towns throughout Massachusetts. SHINE counselors provide **free** Medicare counseling.

You can call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636), then press or say "3". Once you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name and number. A volunteer will call you back as soon as possible. Or for assistance from a Medicare customer service representative 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, call 1-800-MEDICARE.



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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 Wooden Mail Box Some years ago a kind friend (we have unfortunately forgotten who) made a nice wooden mailbox, which was attached to the front of Town Hall for people to put their entries to Leyden Life in. We have gone electronic and no longer use it. We would like to give it either to the original maker or to someone else in town who might use it. Call Cornelia at 774-5146.

For Sale: 50" Mitsubishi rear projection TV Works great, on wheels with great speakers. Cabinet and screen in excellent condition. Very nice piece of furniture and TV. \$275. Jack Golden 774-3563.

The Log Cabin Bed & Breakfast can provide comfortable space for your out-of-town visitors. Please check the website at www.LeydenLogCabin.com or call 773-8595 to check availability or to make a reservation. *Please be sure to ask for the Leyden discount of \$50 off the nightly rate for Leyden residents and their guests!*

Beaded Jewelry for Sale: Carol Kuzdeba dba CJ Design does unique one-of-a-kind designs of natural stone, pearls, furnace glass, etc. Brides, graduation, birthdays or just because. See what is available, or special requests can be accommodated. Call Carol at 774-4491 or send an email to cjkuzdeba@yahoo.com.

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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.

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 Wainshilbaum at 624-5175.

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.

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Sweet Morning Farm CSA (Timmerman Farm)

By the end of October, the official farm share season will be over. It's been a pleasure to grow fresh, tasty, organic vegetables for you all! Next year's shares go on sale January 1, 2013.

If you are interested in eggs, salad greens, kale, and spinach for fall and winter eating, email or call to sign up for the Eggs and Extras list for weekly updates on what is ready to pick.

Thanks for all the interest and support!

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

Linda Romano

Mandalla garden can be visited for a massage/bodywork session. New caregiver's session/support; call for info. Choose any type of bodywork. Massage therapy week the beginning of October; schedule a free 15- minute session.

I'm planning another Healing Art workshop; call for list to see what's coming. Find balance this season by eating warmer foods and drinks. Yoga tip: Slow down and warm up chest/respiratory system; sun salutations daily. Try a private yoga session. Namasté Linda Romano at 413-624-3334.



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