



Leyden Life



Leyden, Massachusetts

December 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, December 6th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, December 20th 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, Dec 4	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Dec 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Dec 6	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Tue, Dec 11	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Dec 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, Dec 17	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Dec 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Dec 20	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thu, Dec 20	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.

SELECTBOARD OFFICE CLOSINGS

Town Hall Offices will be closed Friday, December 7th through Thursday, December 14th for vacation, and Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

TOWN EMAIL LIST UPDATE

The original Town email list has finally been retrieved for residents who wish to be notified by email of any important Town business and/or emergency situations. A message was recently sent, using that list. If you received the message, and wish to remain on the list, you need not reply. If you did not receive the message, and wish to be added, or if you want to be removed, please email Bob Hardesty at leydenselectboard@crocker.com.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TOWN COMMITTEES

The Selectboard and Town Moderator would like to compile a list of residents interested in serving on appointed Town boards and committees. This list will be used to fill any vacancies that may arise. If you are interested in serving, please notify Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 or by email at leydenselectboard@crocker.com. A list of appointed boards and committees can be found on the Town web site at townofleyden.com.
—Board of Selectmen

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

No birth, marriages, or deaths were reported for October and November.

ELECTION RESULTS

The November 6th election results have been posted on the town web site under "News & Events" (click on "Election Results"). Thanks, Jim.

TOWN CLERK OFFICE CLOSINGS

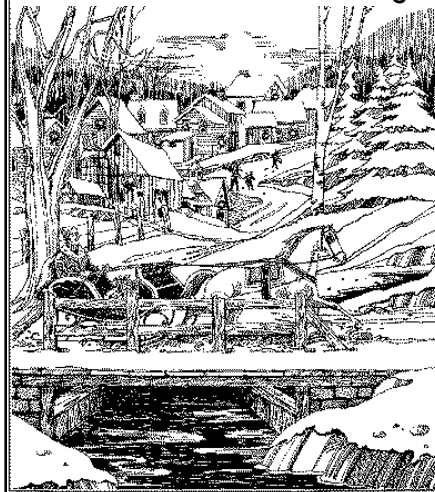
The Town Clerk Office will be closed Friday, December 7th through Thursday, December 14th for vacation, and Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

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

Parents Night Out

On Friday, December 14th, Leyden United Methodist Church will host Parents Night Out. This offers free childcare while parents enjoy a night out. Drop-off is from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and pick-up by 8:15 PM at Leyden United Methodist Church, 15 West Leyden Road in Leyden Center. Dinner and a snack will be provided, along with a holiday-themed movie and crafts. A Donation of canned or nonperishable food would be appreciated. Please RSVP to Emily Herron-Clark at 413-648-0560 or em_el_issa@yahoo.com.

Season's Greetings



Lenny Zarcone Show

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT NOON
Everyone is invited—Admission is free!

Come join us at noon on December 6th at Leyden Town Hall for music, mime, comedy, sing-alongs and fun with comedian and musician Lenny Zarcone.

With humor and warmth Lenny will tell stories, jokes and sing the songs of Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Elvis and more. All town residents are invited to attend, so come and join us for this fun event.

A light lunch will be served.

This event is sponsored by the Leyden Council on Aging and the Leyden Cultural Council and will replace the monthly Council on Aging meeting. For more information call Paula Sayword or Karen Sims at 774-3897.



This project is sponsored by a grant from the Leyden Local Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Robertson Memorial Library

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

On Monday, October 22nd, small groups of students, accompanied by their teachers and aides, hiked up Greenfield Road from PRES to visit the library and to sign out books. What a wonderful morning we had! Polite, friendly, cooperative are words that describe the student body of Leyden's Elementary School. Searching for a good book was followed by time spent outside perusing their novels while nibbling on a healthful snack. In good spirits and laden down with their books, each group tromped back down the hill to recess and lunch. What fun!

Rain water has been finding its way into our inner chimney walls, but Trustee Carolyn Asbury has worked to locate the cause of the problem and eliminate it once and for all. These little repairs cost money, so be sure to donate when you can to keep this little library pristine and healthy. Every little bit counts.

Once again we have been blessed with funds from the state to support the library. Although it is less than half the money accorded to us before the recession, this allotment will help us to maintain the library and provide you with the best of books, DVDs and CDs. Be sure to visit and borrow from your town library. *No fees and no charges* make this a great deal!

We await news from the Leyden Cultural Council regarding a grant I wrote to bring author Amy Gordon to PRES in the spring. I'll keep you posted.

Plans continue for our centennial year celebrations. Ginny Rockwood is still collecting recipes, so bring them to me at the library or to her at her home, and she'll begin the process of publishing. Cindy LeBlanc is putting the finishing touches on her reading selections commemorating 1913. Look for short, interesting articles to share with your families commencing in the January issue of *Leyden Life*.

I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with good food and good friends. Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and holiday break!
—Chris Johnston

Holiday Craft Fair

The second annual Homegrown Holiday Craft Fair featuring 20 artists and crafters will take place on Saturday, December 15th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall. There will be a corn husk doll-making workshop at 11:00 AM, a wreath-making workshop at 12:00 NOON, a clay bird-making workshop at 1:00 PM and a Native American concert with "Medicine Mammals" at 2:00 PM, food, raffles, music, and more! Please come to support local artists and to see your friends.

Please call Rhonda at 624-5175 or email at rhondawain@verizon.net if you would like to be a vendor, performer, or promote your local business.

Pastel Impressionist Workshop

On Tuesday, December 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM "Que Sera, Seurat: How to Pastel Paint Optically with Color," a pastel workshop, will be presented by Gregory Maichack downstairs at Town Hall. The workshop will provide insights into Pointillism, Seurat's and Signac's working methods in Neo-Impressionism. Mr. Maichack demonstrates how to use pastels in any style, coaching participants as they attempt their own pastel paintings. All materials are provided, including pastels and paper. This workshop is appropriate for adults.

"It's amazing to see adult beginners side-by-side with advanced painters enjoy and benefit from this deeply researched program," said Maichack, who has presented hundreds of similar workshops in pastel focusing on other artists' techniques, from da Vinci, through Monet and van Gogh, to Georgia O'Keeffe. Mr. Maichack's workshops have been so well-liked, many libraries and senior centers have booked and rebooked him, often twice a year.

Please call Sue Carlson at 624-3695 if you plan to attend; space is limited.



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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 Carol and Ed Johnson, Rhonda Wainshilbaum and Lewis Becker, Roxanne and Bill Zimmerman, Kevin and Ellen White, Caryl Dyer, the Brattleboro Collision Center, the Log Cabin Bed & Breakfast, and Linda Romano for donations this month.

Thanks to collators Glen and Kathie Benson, Lois Feldman, and Carolyn Asbury, 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
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Selectboard email address is
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Leyden Life is not an official publication of the town, nor an official source of town business. We do our best to print accurately and distribute promptly the announcements and information we receive. Please check with the town to verify information regarding town business or activities.

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and Bob at bobtwo@verizon.net
by 5:00 PM on

Saturday, December 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, December 6th at noon

See Page 1 for the Lenny Zarcone show. —Paula Sayword

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet on two Fridays this month, December 14th at Laura Timmerman's house and December 28th at Kathie Benson's house. We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and enjoy a relaxed evening of knitting and the company of our fellow stitchers. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed and all kinds of handicrafts are fine. Even if you don't know how to knit, come along and we'll help you get started.

Visitors and all ages are welcome. Call ahead to RSVP and confirm the location. If you would like to be on an email group for the Knitting Circle, get in touch with Laura.

—Laura Timmerman - 773-8325, Kathie Benson - 773-8595

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

Leyden United Methodist Church

The Christmas season is an exciting time in the church year. We actually call this time Advent, as we are preparing for God to come into the world in Jesus Christ. It is a critical time of the year. Many celebrate this time of year through shopping and buying lots of stuff. As Christians we are declaring something much different. We say that Jesus Christ is the most important thing in our lives, certainly not our possessions.

Leyden UMC will celebrate Advent and Christmas in a variety of ways. Each Sunday we meet at our regular worship time at 9:00 AM. The December 16th worship service will be a Christmas carol/hymn sing. Friday December 21st we will have our annual gingerbread house-making party at the church. We provide the gingerbread house for you to make and ask people to bring a bag of candy to share with others to help decorate the gingerbread house. Kids and parents leave with a sugar high, but it is a fun night. We will meet starting at 6:00 PM and the festivities will end around 8:00 PM.

On December 23rd, as part of worship, we will have a nativity Christmas pageant with children during our 9:00 AM worship service. If your child is interested, please speak with Mary Lou Barton. Christmas Eve we will have worship at the family-friendly time of 5:00 PM. It is a service of lessons and carols that takes us through God's relationship with humanity and Jesus coming into the world in the form of a little baby. It is a heartfelt worship experience that helps focus on the true meaning of Christmas. During this Advent and Christmas season I hope that you'll join us for the many activities that we have planned. Peace and tranquility be with you during this Holiday season,

—Pastor Ken Mantler

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events:

December 12; Winter Concert, 6:30 PM
December 13; Freedom Credit Union
December 24—January 1; Winter Recess

Winter Concert:

All students in Pre-K through 6th grade will participate in the Winter Concert, to be held on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

Hope to see you there!

—Chris Maguire, Principal

Western Massachusetts Recycling Reminder

Happy Holidays! Thank you for your recycling efforts over the past year. Following are some guidelines for recycling during the holiday and winter months:

DO include corrugated cardboard boxes; paperboard gift boxes; greeting cards (except those with foil, metallic inks, or glitter); paper shopping bags (any type of handle is OK); catalogs and calendars.

DO NOT include ribbons; bows; tinsel; packing peanuts and Styrofoam (re-usable—contact your local pack and ship store); holiday lights; and plastic bags.

If you have any questions about recycling, please contact Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at (413) 772-2438 or info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, or MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD), or call the MRF Recycling Hotline at 888-888-0784 ext. 2293.

Visit the Town web site at

townofleyden.com

Country Store in Leyden?

Hello Neighbors,

I don't want to raise false hope by this survey. I am just thinking, and need some input from all of you. We often talk about the need for a store in our little town again, and it was discussed again at the Flu Clinic. I thought it would be good to start with a short survey to determine need, feasibility and support. If you could take the time to share your thoughts it would be very helpful to me.

Points to ponder and comment on include: Do you think a Country Store would be supported in Leyden? What kinds of goods/services would you expect to be able to purchase there? Would a small coffee/lunch area be supported? What hours of operation do you envision? Is there a part of your business that could be represented there? Am I crazy?

Please share your thoughts with me at jarlneipp@verizon.net or drop me a note at 487 West Leyden Road, Leyden MA 01337.

—Thank you, Robin Neipp



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WiredWest Survey

Thanks to all those who took the time on election day to fill out the WiredWest support cards. You are helping Leyden get the best Wi-Fi possible. Eighty-three new names were added, to bring us up to 55% of our residents. One hundred sixty-two out of 294 households have added their votes for this incredibly necessary initiative. The support cards are not a survey about who has DSL and who doesn't, which is why we were particularly grateful for those of you who have some sort of Wi-Fi and still took the time to respond. Now we need the rest of you to help us as well. By my count, we still need responses from 132 households! Once again, I will do anything I can to help. Call me at 774-5922 if you would like me to enter your support. I will see to it that it is done immediately. You can also respond online at WiredWest.net. But please do something as soon as possible to add your voice for all of us. This is important because *funders are listening, as are interested service providers*.

Leyden is a charter member of the WiredWest Cooperative. WiredWest is a municipal co-op of 40 towns that are working together to build a fiber-optic network to offer ultra-high-speed internet, telephone and high definition video at reasonable rates to residents and businesses.

The WiredWest network is extremely important to the future of our town. It will create local jobs, improve education and healthcare, and support our regional economy. Even if you have DSL, wireless or cable from a private company, switching to WiredWest has enormous benefits for you personally, and for our community, including:

Far superior service – There is no other delivery system for telecommunications that provides service as quickly, reliably and affordably as fiber-optic. It is only technology that will support our data needs for decades into the future, and give you state-of-the-art service today.

Keeps revenues here – Today your payments for phone, internet and television service go to out-of-state companies and their shareholders. For just the WiredWest towns, that's over \$50 million per year. Imagine the effect on our local economy if that money stayed here?

Ensures all Residents and Businesses have access to high-speed internet – Many of our residents are cut off from the modern digital world through no fault of their own. They struggle with dial-up or satellite, which prevents working from home or operating home businesses. It penalizes our students from doing homework and accessing online education tools. It drives young families, professionals and college graduates from our towns, and it makes homes almost unsellable. Even if you're satisfied with your current internet service, doesn't it make better sense to support a network that provides service to all your neighbors?

Although the WiredWest network is still in the planning stage, you can do something important today to make sure it comes to fruition in our town. Complete a Support Card to show your interest in service with WiredWest, either at www.wiredwest.net, or pick up a card at Leyden Town Hall. We urge you to show support for this vital initiative. For more information, please visit www.wiredwest.net or contact the Leyden WiredWest Delegate, Sheila Hourihan at 774-5922. —Sheila Hourihan

Knit for your Neighbors is *not* just for Knitters

No time to knit? Don't know how? You can still join in this community project. Pick up a hat, scarf, gloves or mittens next time you are shopping.

Drop boxes for your finished or purchased project(s) are now available at Pearl Rhodes School, Robertson Memorial Library, Town Hall (front hallway and Bob's Office), and Leyden United Methodist Church. The drop boxes will be available until Sunday, December 9th.

All donated items will be displayed beginning, Saturday, December 15th at Town Hall, and for one week after on the porch of Town Hall. You can drop off an item, or help yourself to whatever you need. You still have plenty of time to join in this community effort. Call Kathie Benson at 773-8595 with questions.

Vehicles with Out-of-State License Plates

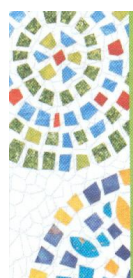
It has come to the attention of the Leyden Police Department and the Leyden Board of Selectmen that there are numerous vehicles owned by town residents with out-of-state license plates. Massachusetts General Laws require that any permanent residents of the State of Massachusetts must register their vehicles in Massachusetts within thirty (30) days of such permanent residence. The Leyden Police Department is monitoring the situation and will begin ticketing offenders within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

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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.

Coffee table for sale: Heavy wood coffee table with glass inserts on the top. Excellent condition. \$20 obo. Call Bob at 624-8965.

Christmas Trees and Wreaths for sale: All trees are \$20 each with \$5 from each tree sold going to the Food Bank of Western Mass. Plain wreaths, \$10 each. 250 South County Road. Please call Jim Muka at 774-6975 with questions.

Facey's Bree-Z-Knoll Farm & Sugarhouse invites you to think sweet thoughts about Christmas! We have pure Leyden maple syrup in all size containers. Call ahead any time at 774-3757.

Ed's Sugar Shack: Do your holiday shopping in Leyden. Ed's Sugar Shack has fresh local maple syrup for sale, available in gallons, half gallons, quarts and pints. During the month of December 10% of all syrup sales will be donated to the Warm the Children program. Call 773-7619, Ed and Carol Johnson, 72 South County Road, Leyden. Member of MassMaple Producers Association.

Local Cord Wood for sale: dry, split and cut to stove length, \$225 delivered in Leyden. Call Ed Johnson at 773-7619.

Maple Run Farm: Persephone's Garden Raw Honey is available in lovely gift-appropriate jars - 26-oz for \$14.00; it's a limited supply, so order soon.

Natural Romney yarn is for sale for knitting or spinning, processed at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT, and chemical-free. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

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.

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.

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)

If you are interested in chicken or duck eggs, salad, or greens 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.

It's not too early to reserve a farm share for 2013!

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

Linda Romano

On December 15th, I will attend the holiday craft fair at Leyden Town Hall, selling herbal body products, gift certificates for all my work, and offering a 10 to15-minute chair massage. Hope to see you there; should be fun.

De-stress for the Holidays—try a yoga class/ drop in, or chair massage. Both are short and affordable. All my work is portable, and I can come to your home, office, or facility. Have a happy, healthy holiday season! Thank you for your patronage this year.

—Linda Romano, 624-3334



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