

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

April 2013

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, April 11th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, April 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, Apr 2	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Apr 3	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Apr 9	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Apr 10	5:00 PM	Library Trustees (at the Library)
Wed, Apr 10	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Apr 11	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Apr 15	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Apr 17	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Apr 4	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thu, Apr 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. -Selectboard

Town Clerk

TOWN CAUCUS

The annual Town Caucus to nominate candidates for the 2013 Annual Town Election on May 18th will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. Offices open for nomination are as follows: Assessor (3-year term), Bruce Kaepfel, incumbent; Board of Health (3-year term), Linda Romano (I); Constable (3-year term), Vanessa Russell (I); Library Trustee (3-year term), Carolyn Asbury (I); Moderator (1-year term), Katherine DiMatteo (I); Planning Board (5-year term), Warren Facey, Jr. (I); Selectboard (3-year term), Barbara Wallace (I); Tree Warden (1-year term), Edmund Klaus (I).

STATE PRIMARY

The Special State Primary to nominate candidates to fill the Senate seat vacated by the resignation of John Kerry will be held Tuesday, April 30th. Polling hours are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The last day to register to vote or change party enrollment is Wednesday, April 10th.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTION

The Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held on Saturday, May 18th at Town Hall. Polling hours for the Election are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Annual Town Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. The last day to register to vote at Town Meetings and the Town Election is Monday, April 29th.
—Bob Hardesty

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

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\$10 Under 12

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www.arenacivictheatre.org

April 28 - 2:00PM
April 19, 20, 26 & 27 - 8:00PM



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

Sugar on Snow Supper

Saturday, April 6th

Seatings at 5, 6, and 7 PM

Featuring Rita's Famous Shepherd's Pie made with grass-fed ground beef from Castle Hill Farm and/or ground lamb from Leyden Glen Farm, fresh green salad, and Leyden maple syrup

Adults \$10-Children 6 and under \$5
Call 774-2820 for reservations

Benefit Silent Auction for Jeff Stebbins
to help defray medical expenses.

Historical Displays



Sponsored by the
Agricultural Commission
and prepared by the
Leyden Methodist Church

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.)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 11th! Commencing at 6:30 PM, the Robertson Memorial Library will mark its 100th birthday with a Coffee House Celebration. Poets, readers, musicians and artists will present their works. Featured will be the PRES Chorus, many local writers, and Dave LeBlanc and the Zydeco Connection! There will be dancing and refreshments! Contact the library or Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com with questions or to participate.

Trish Crapo's Leyden Portrait Project volumes 1 and 2 are available at the library. Purchase these beautiful books now, before they run out!

Great news for Louise Penny fans! *Still Life*, her first Armand Gamache mystery, has been turned into a film for television by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The film was shot in the fall of 2012, in the village of Stanbridge East, in Quebec's Eastern Townships, as well as other locations in and around Montreal. Nathaniel Parker plays Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. Many of you might know him from the Lynley series. Parker is now in his early 50s and a remarkable actor, the perfect Gamache! When I learn of the date of the film's US debut, I'll let you know.

We've added some great books, DVDs and CDs to the library collection. Come in and select what appeals to you from this treasure trove! —Chris Johnston

What is Leyden Reading?

In 1896, the first lot of Cracker Jacks was mass produced. Some peg it as the infamous first junk food! Sometime around 1912-13 the much-anticipated prizes were included in every box. I wonder if any patrons of the Robertson Memorial Library munched on a box while on the way to the new library or if it was an item that was even available or affordable in these parts.

A very interesting book about food that deserves a look is *What the World Eats*, by Faith D'Aluisio, with beautiful photographs by Peter Menzel. Even if you take a short time to just skim through it, you'll have a whirlwind tour of the world, its cultures, and a hint about the "obesity epidemic." There are some telling graphs on pages 54, 55, 100, and 101 that deserve some scrutiny! Play a Where's Waldo game and find all the brand name soda products the wealthier population drinks in a week by looking at the photos. This book certainly has some information to chew on. Bon Appetite! A copy of the book is available at the library, and a few copied segments will find their way to PRES for students to peruse with their teachers. A family event centered around this book would be super! —Chris Johnston

Select Board Corner

New Faces: Kris Nartowicz was appointed Town Treasurer on August 2, 2012. Kris has an Associate's Degree in Accounting from GCC. She has been the Treasurer in Heath since June of 2003 and full time in the accounting area at Sandri since 1998. The Treasurer serves as the municipality's cash manager. In this role, the Treasurer maintains custody of all municipal funds and is responsible for the deposit, investment and disbursement of these monies. The treasurer plays a principal role in municipal borrowing, manages tax title accounts and superintends tax foreclosure proceedings.

Tax Collection: The Town of Leyden has quarterly property tax bills. Mailings are sent twice a year, each containing two quarterly bills. When mailing tax information to a property owner, the Collector receives an affidavit of mailing and has certified the time of the sending of the tax bills (State Tax Form 214) and the date the bills are given into the custody of the post office. The post office records its attestation of the receipt of the bills and the date of the receipt on the original affidavit. The Collector has that affidavit notarized and filed with the Town Clerk, retaining a copy for the collector's files. If the property owner has moved, it is his/her responsibility to notify the Tax Collector. The property owner is responsible for the

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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 Bethany and Bill Goly for a contribution this month.

Thanks to collators Laura Timmerman, Susas Coan, Lois Feldman and Sue Carlson, and thanks to deliverers 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 bobtwo@verizon.net
by 5:00 PM on

Monday, April 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

Thursday, April 11th at 12:00 PM Join us to celebrate The History of Leyden

Leyden has quite the history! Some of you may have read *History of Leyden Massachusetts 1676 – 1959* by William and Marsha Arms. There are plenty of Leyden second- and third-generation folks who say there are more than a few errors in the book. Come and hear from Edith Fisher, Bob Snow and Bill Glabach and perhaps others who want to share stories about our town. Please come and enjoy the company of your neighbors and an interesting living history lesson.

A light healthful lunch will also be served, and keep in mind that anyone over the age of 55 is invited to attend. Join us at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the second Thursday of each month. If you need a ride, just let one of us know. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780 or Gilda Galvis at 773-7932 to let us 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, and Rev. Ken Mantler

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet on two Fridays this month, April 12th at Laura Timmerman's house and April 26th 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 Timmerman at 773-8325.

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

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

Select Board Corner

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payment of his/her tax bill and any interest and penalties even if the bill was not received, as long as the bill was mailed to the best address on record. Tax bills are due in the Collector's office on the due date. Postmarks are not considered. These policies are established by the Massachusetts General Laws on taxation and are not determined by the Town.

The Town is now using the law firm of Berenson & Bloom to collect unpaid taxes on real estate in tax title. In addition, Arthur P. Jones Associates, Inc. will be serving as a Deputy Collector to collect unpaid excise and personal property taxes. Interest is charged on all delinquent taxes, and the fees/costs for collection are further added to the taxes owed. Once a property is in tax title the contact person is the Treasurer, not the Collector.

Property is valued by the Board of Assessors, not the Tax Collector. If you have questions about property valuation, please contact the Board of Assessors. In addition, it is the property owners' responsibility to periodically check to make sure the assessors have the correct information about the property – acreage, out buildings, dimensions of buildings etc.

—Select Board

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events

April 5

Field Trip to Smith College Art Museum & Greenhouses, Grades 1 – 6

April 11

Field Trip to GHS, Pioneer Valley Symphony, Grades 3 & 4

April 12

Aloha Friday

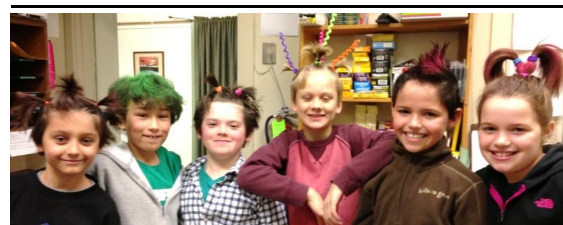
April 15 - 19

Spring Break



Pennies for Patients

Congratulations on a great job with the Pennies for Patients campaign! Your efforts helped save lives of cancer patients. Pearl Rhodes families raised \$272.25. Also, thank you to Cris Coffin & Roland Kinsman for their very generous donation of \$253.21.



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

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 Massachusetts Maple Producers Association.

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.

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Sweet Morning Farm CSA

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I am looking for someone who would like to learn more about growing vegetables, flowers, and poultry to be a special working farm member. This could be throughout the season, concentrated in the spring, or at other times that work for us both. Call or email for details.

SWEET MORNING FARM 2013 CSA SHARES

There are still some shares available, but please get in touch soon to save your share of locally grown, organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Shares come in three sizes to suit a variety of needs and all sizes include flowers.

Full Shares - 22 weeks - \$625.00 - \$675.00

Half Shares - 22 weeks - \$325.00 - \$375.00

Mini Shares - 16 weeks - \$105.00

Extended Mini Shares - 20 weeks - \$130.00

Pick up at the farm on Thursdays.

EGGS & EXTRAS: I sell organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Duck eggs are \$3.00 a half dozen. I am already picking mesclun, microgreens, sorrel and tatsoi for early spring eating. Spinach, lettuce, and radishes will be ready soon. To get updates about eggs and early season vegetables, email me to be placed on the Eggs & Extras Email List.

If you have questions, just give me a ring. I love talking about vegetables!

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

Linda Romano

Spring is coming and the season for growth and change and increase in physical activity is upon us. Spring tune-ups are: shiatsu, deep tissue/ muscle sculpting and Polarity therapy; all are perfect for this season. Spring yoga sessions began in March. Chair yoga is just as beneficial as regular yoga but easier, so perfect for limitations, injuries etc. Six-week sessions are on the schedule.

Please call 624-3334 for information or appointments.

—Linda Romano/ Holistic Practitioner

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Library Centennial Celebration

It's a Birthday Party!
May 11th - 6:30

Poetry & Stories — Music — Art
Refreshments — PRES Chorus
Zydeco Connection
Bring your friends and family
There will be cake!

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Leyden, Massachusetts

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