

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

May 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, May 9th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, May 23rd 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:

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| Wed, May 1 | 6:30 PM | Board of Assessors |
| Tue, May 7 | 5:30 PM | Board of Health (at the Police Station) |
| Tue, May 7 | 7:00 PM | Agricultural Commission |
| Wed, May 8 | 5:00 PM | Library Trustees (at the Library) |
| Wed, May 8 | 7:00 PM | Planning Board |
| Thu, May 9 | 9:00 AM | Selectboard |
| Mon, May 13 | 7:30 PM | Conservation Commission |
| Wed, May 15 | 6:30 PM | Board of Assessors |
| Thu, May 23 | 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*

Congressional Visits

Dan Johnson from Congressman Richard Neal's office and State Representative Paul Mark will visit Leyden Town Hall on Thursday, May 16th from 1:30 to 2:30 PM.

Memorial Day Events



Sunday, May 26 - Meet at South Cemetery at 2:00 PM to renew the Veterans' flags at the various town cemeteries.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day services at 10:30 AM at the Town Common.

Town Clerk

PRE-TOWN MEETING FORUM

The Select Board will host a Pre-Town Meeting Forum on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. This is an opportunity to join the Board and fellow residents to discuss the upcoming Town Meeting warrant.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 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.

Candidates are as follows: Assessor (3-year term), John Rodgers; Board of Health (3-year term), Kathie Benson; Constable (3-year term), Vanessa Russell (Incumbent); Library Trustee (3-year term), Carolyn Asbury (I); Moderator (1-year term), Katherine DiMatteo (I); Planning Board (5-year term), Warren Facey, Jr. (I) and Clifford Spatcher; Selectboard (3-year term), Barbara Wallace (I); Tree Warden (1-year term), Edmund Klaus (I).

The Annual Town Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM.

—*Bob Hardesty*

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

Landscape Partnership Program

Throughout last summer, our neighbors around Bree-Z-Knoll Farm worked with the Town, Franklin Land Trust, and Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust to create the "Leyden Working Farms and Forests Conservation Partnership" to protect our working lands and scenic natural areas. We applied for grant funding through the State's new "Landscape Partnership Program." In March, we found out that we were awarded the grant! By the end of next summer, we'll be able to conserve 800 acres here in Leyden, including Bree-Z-Knoll Farm. The landowners will still own the land, but each property will be protected with a Conservation Restriction (CR). Our neighbors will continue to farm, do forestry, and maintain trails on their land, while paying property taxes at the Chapter 61 "current use" rates, just like they do today. We'll be able to guarantee that this neighborhood will always be rural.

The State-funded grant works as a reimbursement program where the land trusts and the Town need to buy the CRs first. Collectively, the landowners are generously gifting 50% of the total CR acquisition costs to make this initiative happen. The land trusts have agreed to front nearly \$850,000 to cover the purchase of five CRs. At the Annual Town Meeting next month, we'll be asking Leyden residents to join the partnership by voting to authorize the Town to borrow up to \$350,000 to purchase the CRs on five additional properties. The Town will then be reimbursed by the Grant, and the interest costs will be funded by another source.

As part of this grant, the Town would also be reimbursed for working with a consultant to develop a new, natural resource-based zoning bylaw. The bylaw itself would be voted on in the May 2014 Town Meeting, but this year we'll vote to see if the Town will approve spending money to hire a consultant.

There will be an informational meeting about the warrant articles related to this initiative on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. —*Sarah Wells, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust*

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.)

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

Such good fortune! We will be offering copies of “History of Leyden, Massachusetts (1676-1959)” to anyone who is interested in adding this treasure to his/her book collection. Written by William Tyler Arms in collaboration with Masha E. Arms, this book has been the source of great genealogical information as well as a detailed history of the town of Leyden. Please contact me at the library (773-9334) to reserve your copy. I will place the order on July 1st, as we continue to celebrate the 100th birthday of the RML. Price per copy is \$30.00.

Clint Davis’ 2013 Leyden Directory is available at the library! Donations of \$5.00 will give you not only an alphabetized list of townspeople, their addresses and phone numbers but also a listing of residents by address. What a great way to get to know your neighbors. The print is large enough to save your eyes from the challenges of the typical phone book, too. Thank you, Clint, for this gift to the library!

Nice to know—a former resident of Leyden, who frequented the library during her school years, recently wrote to me and gave the RML a great compliment. “I’ve visited five libraries since living in Pennsylvania and now Maryland, and none has as good a selection of great books as the little Leyden library! And I’m talking about *big* libraries!” How’s that for good news?

Plans for our Saturday, May 11th Centennial Celebration have entered their final stages. We sincerely hope you’ll stop at Town Hall to enjoy the festivities and food beginning at 6:30 PM.

Another big thank you to Trueman Robbins, trustee and library fan! He appeared recently with a beautiful young evergreen which he planted on the south side of the library. After moving the yellow rose bush to a better place, Trueman dug and dug before planting and watering both plants. What a gem you are, Trueman! Thank you! —Chris Johnston

Council on Aging Needs Your Participation

The 2004 Town of Leyden Community Development Plan noted “The number of elderly residents aged 65 and over is expected to more than double, reaching 138 people total by 2025. The 2012 census data show:

| NO. OF RESIDENTS | AGE | % OF TOTAL POPULATION |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 4 | 90’s | 1% |
| 14 | 80’s | 2% |
| 61 | 70’s | 9% |
| 152 | 60’s | 22% |
| 173 | 50’s | 24% |
| 66 | 40’s | 9% |
| 67 | 30’s | 10% |
| 67 | 20’s | 10% |
| 97 | 19 and under | 13% |
| 701 | TOTAL | 100% |

Clearly, Leyden’s population is aging, and with that aging comes numerous needs: increased health care, transportation, social activities, intergenerational contact and fun, assistance in obtaining the best Medicare gap insurance, perhaps assistance with financial affairs, obtaining healthful meals and so on. One source of meeting some of these needs is the Council on Aging.

This year the COA has been run by four women volunteers – two in the first six months and two in the second six months. While in total agreement with the Town’s need, none of the four is able to continue this effort. It is time for an eight- to ten-member Council on Aging that can divide the effort into parts and begin to enable a stronger and more viable program for our growing elderly population. Both Colrain and Bernardston have strong programs and strong support from their town governments. Both have been visited and both have agreed to help Leyden develop a strong program.

This article is to inform you and request volunteers to form the COA and develop the needed program and resources for our elderly population. The four volunteers this year all qualified as elderly under the “55 years and over” definition of the COA. Most of the volunteers in both the Colrain and Bernardston COA efforts were elderly and all of them were joyful and excited about the program and the work being done.

Let your volunteer work begin here at home in Leyden! Call the Town office at 774-4111 and have Bob Hardesty put you on the council. We thank you in advance for your help! More info at www.mcoonline.com. —Barbara Wallace and Gilda Galvis

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 Dottie Howes and the McCarthy-Levines for a contribution this month.

Thanks to collators Laura Timmerman and Lois Feldman, 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

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by 5:00 PM on

Wednesday, May 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

The following two programs conclude the year. Please read the COA article on Page 2 to find out how you can help the COA continue.

May 9th at 12:00 NOON Join us to talk about Personal Management

Feeling overwhelmed? Having problems organizing things in your life and day-to-day activities? Trying to make sense out of the stack of paperwork? Appointments, correspondence, paying bills, keeping track of records (including medical records), identity theft protection—all important things that can add to the stress level in our lives.

Leyden resident Betsey Yetter has practical personal business organizing tips to share. In 2012, Betsey purchased Loose Ends, a dependable service to support elder independence, from Audrey Child of Amherst. This business has been providing dependable personal business organizing and daily money management to elders in their homes and retirement communities for over fifteen years.



In addition, a general discussion of the direction of the COA will take place.

Please come and enjoy the company of your neighbors and an interesting presentation. Anyone over the age of 55 is invited to attend. Join us at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the second Thursday of the month. If you need a ride, just let one of us know. Please call Barbara Wallace 774-7780 or Gilda Galvis at 773-7932 to let us know if you are planning to attend.

June 13th at 12:00 NOON John Porcino, Storyteller-Musician

The Cultural Council has funded a delightful performer, John Porcino, who for almost 30 years has been weaving stories, songs and music that tickle life's funny bone, touch the heart and give a little boost to our own hero's journey. Kindled from the flickering flames of story, song and music, his beloved programs are humorous, tender, and hopeful sparks from the fire of life. *This program will be held in the Town Hall, and all residents are welcome.* A light buffet lunch will be provided. Please join us.

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, May 10th and May 24th. The locations are still to be decided, so call for more information if you want to join us for the evening.

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.

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

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

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events

May 2

6th grade visit to Pioneer

May 6

Orientation for parents of incoming 7th grade students, 6:30 PM at PVRs

May 7

Puppet Show, PK – 4, 9 AM

May 8 & 9

5/6 Math MCAS

May 9

Freedom Credit Union

May 14

5th grade Science MCAS

May 15 & 16

3/4 Math MCAS

May 17

Field Trip to Old Deerfield, Grades 3/4

May 27

Memorial Day observed, No School

What is Leyden Reading?

Ebbets Field, home of "dem bums," the Brooklyn Dodgers, opened in 1913, the same year as our library. Fenway Park opened a year earlier in 1912. "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" is a beloved American classic. If you haven't had a chance to read it, now is a good time. It tells of a family's harsh life in early twentieth century Brooklyn. Because of various elements in the book, it is shelved in the adult section of the library.

Two other great books might interest you as well! Families with middle elementary students may enjoy reading and discussing different aspects of "In the Year of the Boar" and "Jackie Robinson". A third book in the baseball/Brooklyn genre is "Penny from Heaven". Many people know what happened to Japanese-Americans during WWII, but what about Italian Americans? Not being a history buff, I often learn much and enjoy the fast read of a good "kid" book.

—Cindy LeBlanc

WiredWest

As most of you may know from articles in the Recorder, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) has received a very large grant from the State to continue their work to the last mile. They are the entity which is already bringing fiber lines to our town halls, libraries and schools. WiredWest congratulates MBI on a job well done on the middle mile, and will continue to work with them to ensure that our towns get the best and fastest connection, right to our homes. To that end, *we still need to have responses to the support cards*, showing how strongly we want to get this connection into Leyden. Just go to www.wiredwest.net and you will see a link to the form. Once again, this is not a commitment to sign up for anything; it is just helping to show that residents of Leyden think that this important and necessary.

We need an alternate Leyden delegate to WiredWest. Sue Howarth, who has served for two years, is no longer available to attend any meetings (thank you, Sue, for helping for so long). Please think about volunteering for this job; it only requires attending a few meetings a year. We have meetings one Saturday morning a month, spread out over the member towns in western Massachusetts. It has been very exciting to be part of this whole project, to feel part of something so big, so new, and so important.

I am unable to attend some of the meetings, so we need someone who can attend often enough to vote on important decisions. Please think about it. If you think you could do it, you can speak to any of the selectmen, Bob Hardesty, or to me at Town Meeting or at any time. It really is a privilege to serve Leyden this way.

—Sheila Hourihan, 774-5922



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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!*

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Library Centennial Celebration



It's a Birthday Party! Saturday, May 11th



6:30 PM at Town Hall

Poetry & Stories — Music — Art

Refreshments — PRES Chorus

Zydeco Connection with David LeBlanc

Bring your friends and family

There will be cake!

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Local poets and story tellers

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Linda Romano

Remember Mother's and Father's day with a gift certificate for massage/ bodywork/ yoga. Pampering, relaxing, and rejuvenating for the spring season.

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—Linda Romano/ Holistic Practitioner



Linda Romano

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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, micro-greens, arugula, and radishes for early spring eating. Spinach, lettuce, and mustard greens will be ready soon. To get updates about eggs and early season vegetables, email me to be placed on the Eggs & Extras Email List.

Hurray for spring! Laura Timmerman 413-773-8325 laurat@crocker.com
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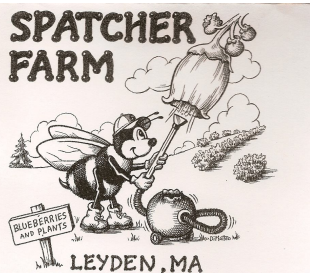


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