



Leyden Life



Leyden, Massachusetts

December 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 Thursday, December 5th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, December 19st 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 3	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Dec 4	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Dec 5	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Wed, Dec 11	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, Dec 16	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Dec 18	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Dec 19	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*



Selectboard Corner

The Selectboard wishes everyone a happy holiday season and best wishes for a peaceful 2014 around the world. A **Special Town Meeting** will take place on Monday, December 9th at 7:00 PM to handle six articles that require transfer of funds to finalize our 2014 budget process. Most of the articles will focus on Town building maintenance accounts.

We have hired Bill Brooks as the new full time highway employee. He grew up in Leyden and is building a house here in town. Welcome aboard, Bill. As a reminder, town residents can get sand from the salt shed if need be for those slippery days that are fast approaching.

The Selectboard has met with the Building Needs Committee. They will be working through the winter months to help us determine what will be required to get the best fix or replacement for the Town Hall roof. They are also going to come up with a plan to upgrade the kitchen and create much-needed additional office space downstairs, while keeping the cost down to a minimum. They will have these plans in place, along with the cost involved, for the Annual Town Meeting in the spring. We'll be able to debate and vote on what they present. We have a good-size building, and it would be nice to utilize more of it.

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths — Edith Fisher, November 16, 2013.

No births or marriages were reported.

—*Bob Hardesty*

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON and

Wednesdays 4:30 – 6:00 PM Phone 774-7769

Email Addresses Requested

Please call or email us with your email address. *Leyden Life* is going almost completely electronic in the new year, and we need your help. We are endeavoring to call all townspeople, to find out if email will work for you, and discuss other options. If you are reading this and have not yet talked to us it will be a *big* help if you can call or email one of us! Thank you.

Board of Health

We had a great turnout at the annual Flu Clinic, even though there was no election. Robin Neipp, R.N., still has some vaccine available for anyone who missed the clinic. Please call her at 624-5512 to make arrangements.

Coping with a new health diagnosis or ongoing chronic health issue? The Medication and Chronic Disease Self-Management Assistance Program can help.

Regional Public Health Nurse Lisa White is available to assist residents of Leyden with self-management of health issues. Effective symptom management can prevent unnecessary Emergency Room visits and enhance quality of life for individuals dealing with chronic illnesses such as COPD, heart disease, and diabetes. Medication reconciliation identifies if the client is taking medications exactly the as they are prescribed and provides an opportunity to screen for adverse drug reactions and other problems.

Disease-specific education, self-care checklists, pill organizers, blood pressure/heart rate monitors and other tools are available. The nurse can also provide assistance connection individuals with additional community resources that may be helpful.

Client visits can be provided both in the home and in community spaces. For more information, contact Regional Public Health Nurse Lisa White at 413-665-1400, Ext. 114.

There will be no Board of Health meeting in December.

—*Gloria Fisher, Chair*

Join the Finance Committee

The Town Moderator is seeking interested individuals to serve on the Finance Committee. You need to be able to attend regular meetings and have time for additional work on the budget prior to the Annual Town Meeting. You must be willing to work collaboratively with fellow committee members, the Select Board and other town committees, have active listening skills and be comfortable with compromise. Knowledge of budgets and financial reports is helpful but not required.

—*Contact Katherine DiMatteo, 413-624-5569*

Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday 1:30 – 6:30 PM; Wednesday 1:30 – 6:30 PM, and
Saturday 10:00 AM to NOON Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

So you know: We have an updated copy of the Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Town of Leyden at the library. If you would like to review it, please visit and sign it out.

I'll be visiting my daughter in Florida from December 5 to 9. Because I'll be returning on Monday afternoon, *the library will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 10th* (Wednesday open the usual hours, of course).

We can't keep up with the demand for copies of the RML Centennial Recipe Book. We are taking orders now and will have a third printing ready for you soon. Stop at the library for your holiday gifts! (You'll definitely want one for yourself, too.)

New materials continue to arrive. Starred reviews of books, CDs and DVDs line our shelves, so be sure to visit, enjoy our renovated space, and take something home to read, listen to, or watch on a cold winter's night.

Happy holidays to all,

—Chris Johnston

Selectboard Corner

(Continued from Page 1) Thanks to all who took part in the Veterans Day ceremony: Bill Glabach for his history of Leyden, Doris Glabach for sharing those memories of her brother Harry Wilder who was killed in action during WWII, Darwin Hines who read his own poetry written as a soldier in WWII, and Harriet Hines and Karen Brown, Gold Star Mothers, who lost sons in Vietnam and Iraq, respectively, and the Oak Ridge Color Guard. And thanks to our citizens who came out to honor and thank all veterans for their service.

—Selectboard

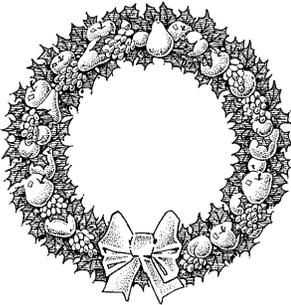
Wreath-Making Workshop

With Rita Klaus and Emily Herron-Clark
Saturday, November 30th, 10:00 AM
Leyden Town Hall, Cost \$25

Partial proceeds will be to the Leyden United Methodist Church. Materials and instructional bow making will be provided. Please bring pruner, plier/wire cutters and additional decorations and accents.

RSVP preferred at 413-774-5218 or 413-648-0560.

—Emily Herron-Clark and Rita Klaus



Bookmark Making Workshop Rescheduled

In honor of the Robertson Memorial Library's 100th year, there will be a **Bookmark Making Workshop** held downstairs at Town Hall on Sunday, December 8th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. It is open to 15 participants. Children aged 10 and up are welcome when accompanied by a parent.

A variety of art media will be used, and a variety of decorative art techniques will be demonstrated. All materials will be provided; however we encourage you to bring copies of photos or other ephemera to further personalize your bookmarks. It will be a delightful way to spend a fall Sunday afternoon in preparation for the holiday season: thinking creatively, enjoying the company of neighbors, learning some new art techniques, and completing a few beautiful and useful art-bookmarks.

Plan now and put the date on your calendars. Please contact Marie Lovley at 624-0012 or Ginny Rockwood at 774-2694 or wings@mtdata.com to save your space and for more information.



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.

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 the **electronic version of *Leyden Life*** in PDF format, please notify Bob Taylor at bobtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

Thanks to Irene and Mike Muka and to Jeff Gilman (belatedly) for donations. Thanks to collator Lois Feldman, and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

Visit the Town web site at
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Sunday, 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

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet only once this month, on December 13th at Peggy Brown's house, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. 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.

RSVP Peggy Brown at 774-5764.

—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.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan Demonstration Class

T'ai Chi Ch'uan (pronounced TIE gee chwahn), also transliterated as Taiji or Tai Chi, is a centuries-old Chinese internal martial art practiced for health, relaxation and self-defense. It is characterized by rounded continuous movements directed by a calm yet concentrated mind. The movements embody alternating action (yang) and relaxation (yin) causing a continuous cycle of energy (chi) flowing out to the extremities and back to the center (tan t'ien) of the body. Daily practice of T'ai Chi Ch'uan improves muscle tone, increases body awareness and joint flexibility, balances energy and metabolism, improves posture and breathing, relaxes the body, calms the mind, and brings healing energy to the internal organs.

Unlike exercise in the western world, which concentrates on the outer movements and develops the physical body, T'ai Chi Ch'uan develops both the mind and the body. Conditioning exercises build strength in the legs, spine, waist, and internal organs; the meditative aspects develop a firm foundation (root), deep respiration, a calm and focused mind and proper bone alignment.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan both builds and rebuilds the spirit and the body. Practitioners often tell of increased mental capacity, lucid thinking, a sense of peacefulness, sounder kidneys, better digestion, lowered blood pressure, and better injury resistance.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan not only promotes health but also applies to everyday life. For example, the posture "roll back" teaches relaxation, the ability to step aside from a quarrel or an attack—or to roll back—instead of meeting the attacker or stress with force.

In its advanced form, T'ai Chi Ch'uan can be studied for its meditative, medical, and self-defense aspects. Each posture has many functions for martial arts applications. The goal and highest use of T'ai Chi Ch'uan is the cultivation of robust health.

Sifu (teacher) Roy moved to Leyden in 2003. He is a 7th generation disciple in the Yang family T'ai Chi Ch'uan lineage from Grand Master T. T. Liang, an 8th degree Black belt in American Karate, a 5th degree Black belt in Modern Arnis and a Master Instructor of Bagua Zhang, Qigong and I Ch'uan. Sifu Roy has been studying eastern philosophy and practices since the 1960's and has operated the J. R. Roy Martial Arts Studio full time since 1978. He has taught seminars and training camps throughout the US and is internationally recognized as a Master Instructor.

There will be a *free information session and demonstration class* on Wednesday, December 11th from 8 to 9 AM at Leyden Town Hall. Contact Sifu Roy at www.jrroy.com (email: jroysifu@gmail.com) for more information.

Peace, Sifu/Richard www.JRRoy.com - Studio's Web Site

JRRoyMartialArts.blogspot.com - Studio Blog

J. R. Roy Martial Arts Studio - Est. 1972

1 Osgood St.

Greenfield, MA 01301

413-774-2888

Leyden United Methodist Church

December is always an exciting time in the life of the church as we celebrate the coming of God into the world through Jesus. We call this the incarnation, and it is the whole point of Christmas. Anticipating this momentous event requires preparation, which is why we have the season of Advent. In the church, Christmas is only the time between Dec. 25 and January 6 (Epiphany, which is when the Magi bring gifts to baby Jesus.) The bottom line is that Advent is exciting and we have lots of great things planned throughout the month.

On Sunday, December 1st we will have the Hanging of the Greens after church. This is simply a fancy way to say that we are decorating the church. This is a tradition that is done across the world in Protestant churches to begin our preparation for Christmas.

On Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 PM we will have a hymn/carol sing. We will sing all the favorites. If you have a Christmas song you like to sing, please join us. We have traditional songs we like to sing and some oldies but goodies (some of which were new to me when I first came to the Leyden UMC).

On Friday, December 20th at 5:00 PM we are going to have a family Christmas party. We will continue to build gingerbread houses, but this year we are hoping to build them as a family. In the past, we just let the kids go nuts, but this year I hope it is more collaborative. There will be other activities planned as well. This is a potluck, so feel free to bring a dish to share (and candy to decorate with, but we usually have plenty of it.)

Finally on Tuesday, December 24th at 5:30 PM will be our Christmas Eve service to celebrate the birth of Jesus. With all the commercialization of Christmas, it is important that we take time to remember what the season is all about. So join this family-friendly service as we sing and hear about God coming into humanity. I hope to see you at any or all of these events.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ken Mantler

Registered Holsteins and Brown Swiss
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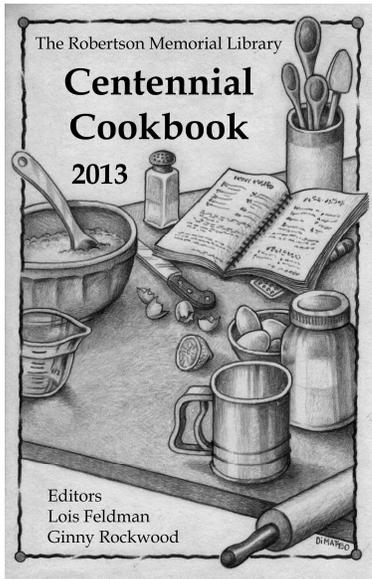
Dairy Farmer Cooperative

Bree-Z-Knoll Farm, LLC

Warren Facey

160 North County Road, Leyden, MA 01337
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It's not Just a Cookbook



The Robertson Memorial Library Centennial Cookbook is published and out to rave reviews. Not only does it contain a wide assortment of tempting recipes from Leyden residents, but, there are photos and a concise history of the library. There are additional photos of historical buildings and maps of current and previous farms in town—all in all a little gem of a book.

Books are available at the library for \$12 during regular library hours. They can also be ordered by calling Ginny at 774-2694 or Lois at 774-4092. Delivery can be arranged.

WiredWest

WiredWest continues to work for funding to get fiber optic cable to our homes in western MA. We are working with Mass Broadband Institute to get passage of the IT Bond bill before the legislature which includes \$40 million dollars for last-mile infrastructure. Several WiredWest board members and managers, including our own member, Albert Woodhull, attended a recent hearing to urge passage of the bill. In addition, we are applying for other government monies through the Rural Utilities Service at the US Dept. of Agriculture. We are looking to attract capital from private businesses which might want to help with the last mile so that they can also provide services. This is where our support cards are so important. Our towns are small, but together we provide an attractive potential marketplace. The amount of money we need to raise is very substantial, as is our desire to maintain as much ownership as possible. The more we own, the more we can return to our towns once this project is thriving, and the more control we will have over quality and variety of services.

If you have not filled out a support card, you can go to wiredwest.net, or you can call me at 774-5922 and I will do it for you. We can't emphasize enough how important that indication of support continues to be. Thank you again to those of you who have indicated your support.

The November WiredWest meeting was held at our Town Hall on the 2nd. Albert Woodhull and I were helped by Sharon Mallory, Leo Hourihan, and Bill Howarth. Bill Howarth and Kathie Benson of Leyden Log cabin B&B provided refreshments for the breakfast we served. Thank you so much to all of you for making the morning go so smoothly. One of the interesting benefits of our meetings is that we meet in a different town each month, which gives us a chance to get an overview of those we are working to connect. I was proud to have the group in Leyden.

—Sheila Hourihan

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events

December 11 PRES Winter Concert, 7:00 PM

December 12 FCU Banking Day

December 19 School Committee, PVRS

December 23—January 1 Holiday Recess

PRES Winter Concert

Who: All students in PK – 6th grade

When: Wednesday, December 11th @ 7:00PM

Where: Leyden Town Hall

All families and friends are invited to attend. Arriving early is a good idea as seating is limited; students should arrive no later than 6:45 and be dressed in their best outfits for this special occasion.

Light refreshments will be served after the concert. Refreshments are provided by parents; if you would like to donate a snack, please drop it off downstairs in the Town Hall before the concert. Thank you!

News from the Music Class

I hope this finds you all well and staying warm! Your students are certainly warming my heart during each and every music class. We are hard at work preparing for our winter concert in each and every class. You can expect to see and hear a plethora of different and exciting things at this years concert. We're working on everything from singing to dancing, Hebrew to Sign Language, classic carols to silly songs. If you want to hear songs about penguins, America, marshmallows, and peace, this is a concert you don't want to miss! I am looking forward to this concert, not only to present our hard-working music students, but also because it is one of the first chances I will have to meet you! I hope to see you there.

—Yours in music, Ms. Czajka

Leyden Fire Department

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, Lester Cote resigned as Fire Chief. Lester served the Town of Leyden as a firefighter for at least twelve years prior to July of 2011 when he became Fire Chief. The town is grateful for the service Lester has provided and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

The Fire Department is working with the Select Board, in particular liaison Barbara Wallace, and other town employees to review the equipment and staffing of the department and to strategize what the next steps should be. The firefighters have been 100% supportive in making this a successful transition.

Presently the town has the Bernardston and Colrain Fire Departments on call for support. The alert system works through the Shelburne dispatcher. Please direct any questions to Bob Hardesty at Town Hall at 774-4111.

Visit the Town web site at

townofleyden.com

The Selectboard email address is

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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.

Christmas trees, wreaths, and cemetery boxes for Sale. All trees are \$30, with \$5 from each tree going to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Jim Muka, 413-774-6975, 250 South County Road.

Free to good home: Cedar closet liner boards, 1/4-inch thick, approx. 48 square feet, tongue and groove, ready to install. Call Cornelia or Wallis at 774-5146.

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.

Buy your holiday gifts in Leyden. 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. 10% of all purchases made in November and December will be donated to the Warm the Children Fund.

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, Land clearing, installing and repairing driveways, septic systems, drainage, field mowing, snow-blowing and sanding driveways. Also sweet maple syrup. Allis Construction 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.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

Thank you for your encouragement and support in 2013. It is a great honor and joy to grow vegetables, eggs, and flowers to share with you.

We wish you all the best for a happy and peaceful 2014.

—Laura Timmerman and Rob Creamer, 413-773-8325, laurat@crocker.com, <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>

Linda Romano

Warming winter sessions, hot stones, heat pack, warm lotion. Gift certificates for holiday, etc. Buy 3 sessions and save \$ 5.00 off the price. Massage, bodywork, yoga. Herbal body products, special orders only! Call for item info. Thursday, December 5th, mindful meditation and activities for six weeks, 5:30-6:30 See the recorder Talk of the Town for Yoga for Life series. Best to all for the Holiday season. Call 413- 624-3334.

—Linda Romano

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New Leyden Town Truck



November 2013

The Leyden Working Farms and Forests Conservation Partnership

12 Neighbors Protecting our Town's Rural Heritage

—800 acres protected along North County, West Leyden, Mid County, Greenfield, and Bell Roads—

A joint effort of local landowners, the Leyden Conservation Commission, the Leyden Select Board, Franklin Land Trust, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, and the New England Forestry Foundation.

LOCAL PRODUCTS and ECONOMY



- This project permanently protects the working landscape and economy. Dairying and wood products were once the largest industries in Leyden, and this project supports both.
- As dairy farms are disappearing across the state, this project saves Bree-Z-Knoll, the last active dairy farm in town.
- Several of the properties are managed for maple sugar production, which is now the biggest industry in Leyden.
- Most of the land is already enrolled in the Chapter 61 programs, so the Town will keep getting tax revenue.
- Bree-Z-Knoll Farm, Spirit Fire Meditative Retreat Center, and Angel's Rest Retreat Center each provide employment opportunities.
- This project conserves a scenic, rural neighborhood. People moving to Leyden appreciate the scenic quality, privacy, and small-town feel of the area. Regionally, conservation land has been shown to boost value of surrounding homes.
- Several landowners have reserved house lots to allow for future development, and everyone has the option to sell their homes and conserved land in the future.

LOCAL RECREATION and TOURISM



- Bree-Z-Knoll Farm, Spirit Fire Meditative Retreat Center, and Angel's Rest Retreat Center all draw visitors to Leyden, from near and far.
- All protected properties will have public access of some kind, especially for passive recreation activities like hiking, nature viewing, and horseback riding.
- Several properties will continue to allow hunting.
- Existing snowmobile trails will stay open.
- All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) use will not be allowed for recreational purposes.
- The project conserves woods and streams that are important for the movement of many animals, including birds, Eastern Brook Trout, bear, and moose.

LOCAL CHOICES



- The project supports long-term residents and families.
- It was initiated by local landowners and organized through neighborhood meetings.
- All of the landowners will continue owning their properties and will be able to sell it in the future. They can keep doing things they're already doing on the land, including farming, forestry, firewood cuts, and hiking.
- No land is being sold to a land trust or to a state agency.

Neighborhood Land Choices— Good for Leyden

HOLIDAY RECYCLING REMINDER

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

Please **DO** include the following items in your paper recycling mix:

YES

- ✓ corrugated cardboard boxes
- ✓ paperboard gift boxes
- ✓ greeting cards (except those with foil, metallic inks, or glitter)
- ✓ wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue wrap (except those with foil, metallic inks, or glitter)
- ✓ paper shopping bags (any type of handle is okay)
- ✓ catalogs and calendars



TIP: Keep a recycle bin or paper bag near gift wrapping and unwrapping.

Please **DO NOT** include the following items in your recycling mix:

NO

- ribbons, bows, and tinsel (reusable from year to year)
- packing peanuts and Styrofoam (accepted for reuse at Greenfield UPS Store)
- holiday lights (WtE scrap metal recycler in Greenfield pays .20/lb. for light strings)
- plastic bags (clean, dry plastic bags marked #2 or #4 recyclable at some retailers)
- blister packaging (formed plastic package used to hold toys and electronics)
- photographs

Questions about recycling? Please contact Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at (413) 772-2438; info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, or visit www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.
MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).