Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

April 2014

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 <u>Thursday, April 10th</u> at 9:00 AM and <u>Thursday, April 24th</u> 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 1	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Apr 2	6:30 pm	Board of Assessors
Tue, Apr 8	5:30 pm	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Apr 9	7:00 pm	Planning Board
Thu, Apr 10	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Wed, Apr 16	6:30 pm	Board of Assessors
Mon, Apr 21	7:30 pm	Conservation Commission
Thu, Apr 24	6:45 PM	Selectboard
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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

VITAL STATISTICS

No births, marriages or deaths were reported this month.

TOWN CAUCUS

The annual Town Caucus to nominate candidates for the 2014 Annual Town Election on May 17th, will be held on <u>Wednesday, April 2nd</u> at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. Offices open for nomination are as follows: Assessor (3-year term), Robert DePalma, incumbent; Board of Health (3-year term), Andrea Zimmerman (I); Constable (3-year term), Erik Johnson (I); Library Trustee (3-year term), Cornelia Reid (I); Moderator (1- year term), Katherine DiMatteo (I); Planning Board (5-year term), Andrew Baker (I); Planning Board (2-year term), William Harris (I); Selectboard (3-year term), William Glabach (I); Tree Warden (1-year term), Edmund Klaus (I).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

The Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held on Saturday, May 17th at Town Hall. Polling hours for the Election are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Town Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. The last day to register to vote at Town Meeting and Town Election is Monday, April 28th. —*Bob Hardesty*

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:00 AM - 12:00 NOON andWednesdays 4:30 - 6:00 PMPhone 774-7769

Selectboard Corner

It's a welcome sight to finally see the sugar shacks producing the first product of 2014. Winter is officially over. We ran over budget with winter maintenance, but not by much considering the cold winter we had.

This month we have a few topics that the Planning Board has been working on with outside consultant, Jeff Lacy. On <u>Monday April 7th</u> at 7 PM we are holding an informational meeting for the public regarding changes to our zoning bylaws. On <u>Monday April 21st</u> at 7 PM we will hold a public hearing regarding the same topic to finalize a warrant article for Annual Town Meeting. The Planning Board, along with Jeff Lacy, will be there to explain everything in detail. This is a very important topic, and residents are strongly encouraged to attend as this is a building block for Leyden's future growth and how it will impact us.

The Annual Town Meeting is set for <u>Saturday May 17th</u>, and we're working on a number of things to present. We are continuing our efforts with the Building Needs Study Committee to finalize updates to Town Hall. Estimates are coming in for the work involved. We'll have an informational meeting for the public on <u>Monday May 5th</u> at 7 PM to reveal our warrant for Annual Town Meeting and all the topics and numbers that we have been working on with all the committees. We're not trying to do everything at once, but build on a plan that can take us forward so we continue to strengthen the assets of the town. —*Respectfully, Jeff, Barbara, Bill*

Robertson Memorial Library

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

If you are not able to drive to or from the library but would like to have access to our materials, we will make every effort to help you through a delivery service. Several patrons and I would be more than happy to help you out. We have great books, CDs and DVDs available, so think about it. Don't let travel issues interfere with your using the library! Just call me at 773-9334, and I'll do my best to help you out.

The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art is housed in a converted factory building complex located in North Adams. It is one of the largest centers for contemporary visual art and performing arts in the United States. Several patrons have expressed interest in our investing in a pass to Mass MoCA. For \$150, the library can purchase a full year's pass which would be available to all patrons on a first-come, first-served basis. Merely borrow the pass, use the pass, and return it to the library for the next in line. If you would like to contribute to this, please stop in or send a check. It costs \$15 for one person to visit Mass MoCA. Just think of how much money you could save if you were to visit three or four times this year!

Just a reminder—we are unable to accept your discarded books at the library because space is scarce. You might consider donating books to either the Greenfield or Bernardston libraries for their book sales. Both libraries send us ILL materials, so helping them out indirectly helps the RML. Thanks.

Several Leyden cookbooks and two Library mugs await someone's purchase. With well over a hundred cook books sold, you know it's been a hit. If birthdays or a desire to make someone happy occurs, come in and buy a copy. The mugs are really nice, and once they're gone, that's it—no more will be available.

March is waning; spring is approaching—finally!

-Chris Johnston

Leyden Fire Department Inspections

Fire Departments in Massachusetts are required to conduct inspections as defined in MGL Chapter 148 (State law), 527 CMR (Mass. fire codes), and NFPA 58 (propane tanks). The inspections insure that the Fire Departments have the most up-to -date information to better serve the residents in case of an emergency. The Leyden Fire Department is in the process of conducting inspections to make sure the information is current and accurate. These inspections will occur approximately every five years.

In the case of propane tanks, a permit is applied for by your gas company. The Fire Department receives a copy of the permit. Upon receipt the Fire Department will then call the resident, if the phone number is listed, to set up a time and date for the inspection. The Fire Department inspector will arrive in a Leyden Fire Department vehicle, will knock on the door to let the resident know they are on the property and will provide a Fire Department-issued photo identification upon request. The inspector will go to the tank or tanks to check that all equipment is in date compliance (yes they do expire), is the correct size, the correct distance from windows and doors, that all tanks are level and sturdy. He or she will check for obvious signs of damage, and that the name and contact number of the company on the tank matches the permit. If the Fire Department inspection passed, the resident will be handed a signed permit and an inspection sticker will be placed on the tank(s). If the inspector finds issues, the Fire Department will inform the gas company to make corrections by installing or removing the equipment.

If the Fire Department's inspection request is denied by the homeowner/resident, the gas company may disconnect the service until it is properly inspected. Further, a house cannot be bought or sold until the Fire Department conducts an MGL Chapter 148, Section 26F and 26F¹/₂ inspection. Oil burning equipment and wood stoves are subject to 527 CMR inspections as well. All are conducted with similar procedures.

If anyone has questions they can contact the Leyden Fire Department at 413-773-7673 and leave a message. —*Cliff Spatcher, Fire Chief*

Leyden Life Lowdown

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. (Yes, please send it to *all three* of us.)

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 bobxtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

Thanks to Bob DePalma and Laura Schlaikjer, Carolyn Doerpholz, Michael and Carol Dougherty, and James Brodeur for contributions this month. Thanks to collators Lois Feldman and Kathie Benson, and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

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Items for the next issue are due to Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob at bobxtwo@verizon.net by 5:00 PM on

<u>Tuesday, April 15th</u>. If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the book drop outside the Library. <u>Donations are always welcome!</u> Send to: Leyden Life c/o Reid 30 West Leyden Road Leyden, MA 01337

Leyden Council on Aging (COA)

We need your input! As we plan next year's activities, we need your input on the best days and/or times to schedule events and meetings. Do you work every day? Certain days? Do you prefer evening meetings? Please give a quick call or email to either Sue Howarth (wmhowarth@hotmail.com or 774-3118) or Amy St. Clair (amy@woodsprite.org or 774-6907) and let them know what would work best for you. We're trying to be flexible with our thinking and would appreciate your thoughts. Then we'll try to plan accordingly.

Monday, April 14th

NEW—Come pick up your free book! The Council is sponsoring an author visit and book discussion of Eve Brown-Waite's wonderful book, *First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage: How a Peace Corps Poster Boy Won My Heart and a Third World Adventure Changed My Life!* There are ten signed copies available at no charge, and without age restriction, on a first-come, first-served basis. These can be picked up during the April 14th and 28th COA meetings. Books can also be borrowed through the Library.

Eve will join us in May (date to be determined) to talk about the book and her experiences in the Peace Corps. Former Peace Corps volunteers and travelers to Africa are especially invited.

10:30-11:30 - morning activity and social time

11:30-12:15 - a light lunch will be served.

Monday, April 28th

10:30-12:00 - Morning activity and social time, with coffee and light refreshments

12:15-1:00 - COA business meeting.

Upcoming Events in May/June

Eve Waite-Brown author talk

Build a Terrarium

Local lawyer will discuss aspects of elder law

Consumer Affairs representative from DA's office to discuss common scams

We also have hopes of arranging a small-scale **Summer Garden Tour** of Leyden gardens. Please call Dianne Ryan at 624-0225 or Sue Howarth at 413-774-3118 if you can assist with the planning of this one-time event. We would appreciate any help you can give.

Transportation needed to our meetings? Amy St. Clair has volunteered to drive anyone who needs a ride. Call her at 774-6907. —*Dianne Ryan*

Leyden's Public Health Nurse Lisa White, RN is available to you!

- Walk-in clinic every first Friday of the month at Conway Town Hall, 9:00 AM—NOON; Charlemont Federated Church every second Tuesday, 10:30—NOON; Deerfield Town Hall every Wednesday, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM; Shelburne Falls Senior Center every fourth Tuesday, 10:30 AM—12:30 PM.
- Assisting any resident of Leyden with medication management, assessment, and monitoring of health conditions
- Preventive and diagnostic health screenings
- Community vaccination clinics and home vaccination to home-bound residents in need
- Individual help for people living with chronic health conditions
- Mercury thermometer and sharps disposal and container exchange To reach Public Health Nurse Lisa White BS, RN email lwhite@frcog.org or call 413-665-1400, Ext. 114

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Leyden United Methodist Church

The Lenten season is the most exciting part of the year for the church as we prepare ourselves for the Risen Christ to come on Easter. In preparation for this glorious day, Christians throughout the world do many things. Some people will fast by not eating something. For example, many Catholics won't eat meat on Fridays, and eat fish instead. Other Christians choose to sacrifice something in their lives that they hold dear like chocolate. This little sacrifice helps remind us of the sacrifice Jesus would ultimately pay on the Cross.

Lent culminates with Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday on April 13th. We will have worship at 9:00 AM to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is an odd way to begin the week, but Palm Sunday has a celebratory feel to it, as we declare Jesus to be our Eternal King. As we continue through the week, we reach Maundy Thursday where we celebrate the Last Supper in a special Communion service at First UMC in Greenfield at 7:00 PM. We arrive at Good Friday in which we honor the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross; the service for this begins at 6:00 PM at the Leyden UMC. It is a somber service as we trace Jesus' steps until his death on the cross. We of course know that this is not the end, and as the sun rises on Sunday morning we celebrate the rising of God's Son. We gather at 6:30 AM behind Town Hall in Leyden. We then gather for a potluck breakfast before our 9:00 AM Easter service. I hope to see you at any or all of these events as we deepen our relationship with God.

-Grace and Peace, Pastor Ken

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place <u>Saturday, April 19th</u> at the Leyden United Methodist Church. All Leyden kids up to 6th grade are invited. Each family is asked to bring six colored Easter eggs. We'll meet at the church for some fun and games while the Easter Bunny is hiding the eggs all over on the Town Common. There will be treats and toys from the Easter Bunny as well. This event is co-sponsored by the Leyden United Methodist Church and the Leyden Rifle Club. Call Mary Lou Barton at 773-3548.

Historical Commission

The Leyden Historical Commission now has a web site. It is still in progress, but will contain its meeting agendas and minutes, updates on its projects and various historical information. Go to leydenhistoricalcommission.weebly.com



WiredWest

Why WiredWest is Asking our Member Towns to Pay a \$1,000 Fee for FY 2015

Since our formation almost three years ago, WiredWest has worked diligently on behalf of our member towns to bring "last mile" fiber-optics broadband to your residents and businesses. We are now at a pivotal point in that project, actively pursuing financing opportunities, and we need your continued support.

We are an all-volunteer organization comprised of a Board of Directors, with one delegate from each town; an Executive Committee of nine members elected from the Board; and many others who have contributed their professional expertise and dedicated effort. Working together, we have leveraged about \$130,000 in grants and donations with volunteer labor to accomplish these essential tasks:

Formation of WiredWest Communications Cooperative Corporation, expansion of our membership from 22 to 42 towns, and adoption of policies and procedures governing our operations; Retention of an Executive Director on a contingent-fee basis tied to the success of WiredWest; Development of a GIS database identifying every single utility pole structure (over 70,000 of them), and road in our territory; High -level engineering and cost estimates for building the last-mile network; Development of a comprehensive and dynamic pro forma financial model for construction and operation of the last-mile network; Research and evaluation of potential financing strategies; Study of the regional economic impact of deploying the last mile; Research on the market for and pricing of broadband services such as internet connectivity, digital phone service and video programming; Acquiring signatures on over 12,600 "Support Cards" of people interested in using such services, and building a database of contact information for future sales and marketing efforts; Ongoing outreach to our delegates, town officials, residents and volunteers; Continuing communication of the WiredWest story through traditional and online media; Advocacy with state and federal officials on broadband issues affecting our member towns.

We estimate the value of volunteer work provided to WiredWest thus far to be more than \$1,000,000. Every month going forward about 500 hours of volunteer labor will be contributed to the project on behalf of our member towns in furtherance of our mission of "bringing broadband home."

Under the WiredWest bylaws, upon joining the co-op each town paid a one-time membership fee of \$1,000. Those bylaws also provide that the Board may, if it deems necessary, assess on a year-by-year basis an annual fee from each town of up to \$1,000 to provide operating capital for WiredWest. We did not assess such a fee in our first three fiscal years.

However, in December, the Board voted unanimously to assess a fee of \$1,000 for Fiscal Year 2015, beginning July1, 2014. To keep the project moving forward at this critical time, we require services from legal counsel and other professionals which are vital to the project but for which we must pay. We also have some out-of-pocket expenses, but rest assured that we operate on a very stringent fiscal basis.

WiredWest believes our member towns have received—and will continue to receive—outstanding value for your investment in the initiative. We understand that your town's budget is tight, but the long-term social and economic benefits of the last-mile network to your town and the region will be significant. Can you imagine a bright future for your town and its citizens without 21st century broadband service?

—Sheila Hourihan

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Principal's Corner

We are starting a fundraising campaign with Mixed Bag Designs. The purpose of this fundraiser is to raise money for field trips. We'll be offering all kinds of bags: lunch, storage, totes, backpacks, cosmetic, etc. You name it, it will be available. Many of the bags are made with recycled and/or organic materials. Samples will be available at the school to look at. More information and catalogs will be coming home soon.

Please don't forget about our Pennies for Patients program. Shake out that spare change and send it in with your children. All of that money goes towards cancer research. Thanks to all of you who have already donated!

Upcoming Events

April 10

Grades 3/4 to Pioneer Valley Symphony @ GHS

April 18 Aloha Friday

April 21 - 25

Spring Vacation

May 20

Spring Concert, 6:30 PM @ the Leyden Town Hall



Unclassified Ads

Unclassified Ads Policy Statement

We welcome unclassified ads from \tilde{T} own 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.

Spatcher Farm will have a full range of plants for sale this year at Foster's Supermarket in Greenfield. Look for early pansy, viola, and herb plants. Thanks for supporting local agriculture. Holly Spatcher

Dog Walker Wanted Tucker the Spaniel needs someone to take him for walks! Trueman Robbins would like to hire someone to walk his English Springer Spaniel. If you would like to earn some money while getting some exercise, please call Trueman at 774-3890.

Natural Lamb is available again from the Petersons at Orchard Valley Farm. No growth-enhancing hormones or antibiotics. Usual cuts generally available. Special orders on request. Call 624-5562 or email ovfarm@verizon.net. Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

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. 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 will hopefully be available in the fall of 2014. We are searching for replacement nucs.

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.Leyden LogCabin.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.

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet twice in April, on the 11th at Peggy Brown's house (774-5764), and the 25th at Kathy Benson's house (773-8595) 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. *—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325*

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

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

Spring is here! It's time to sign up for your share of Leyden -grown vegetables and flowers. Shares come in three sizes to meet a variety of needs and will be starting up by the end of May. (Mini Shares start June 5.) Pick up will be on Thursdays at the farm and all shares include flowers and pick-your-own pole beans, snap peas, and cherry tomatoes. Our farm is not certified but we are committed to organic practices.

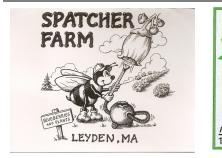
In the meantime, there are weekly pickings of micro greens, sunflower shoots, and eggs. Soon there will be salad greens, radishes, and more. Sign up for our Egg & Extras Email List for weekly notices of what's available.

Full Shares - \$650.00 for 20 to 22 weeks, weather dependent; Half Shares - \$350.00 for 20 to 22 weeks, weather dependent; Mini Shares - \$105.00 for 16 weeks starting June 5; Extended Mini Shares - \$130.00 for 20 weeks starting June 5. Only 12 Mini shares available.

For details call or email me. Check out our farm blog and Facebook page for news and pictures.

EGGS: Organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325 laurat@crocker.com, http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/ https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm









Rhonda Wainshilbaum

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STONEWARE POTTERY microwave, dishwasher, and oven safe 413-624-5175 rhondawain@verizon.net Leyden, Massachusetts

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Leyden's Public Health Nurse Lisa White, RN is available to you!

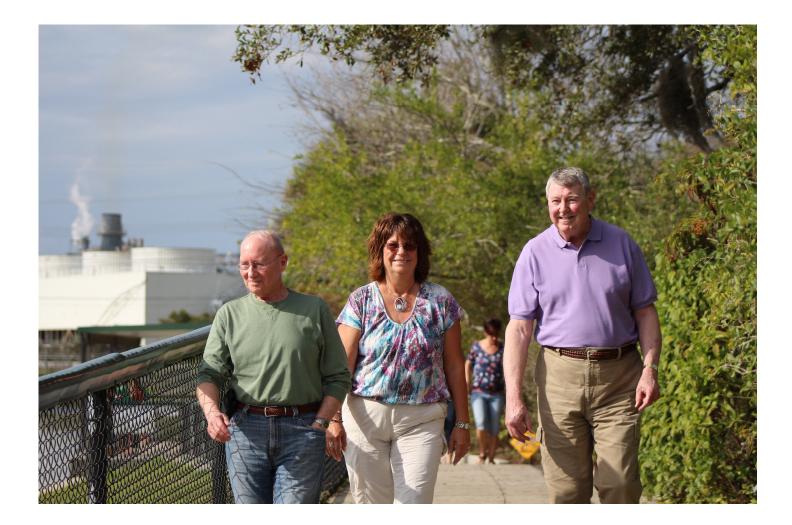
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- Assisting any resident of Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Deerfield, Gill, Hawley, Leyden, Monroe and Shelburne with medication management, assessment, and monitoring of health conditions
- · Preventative and diagnostic health screenings.
- · Community vaccination clinics and home vaccination to home-bound residents in need.
- · Individual help for people living with chronic health conditions.
- Mercury thermometer and sharps disposal and container exchange (collaboration with the Franklin County Solid Waste Mgmt. Program).

TO REACH THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE LISA WHITE, BS, RN: <u>LWHITE@FRCOG.ORG</u> OR (413) 665-1400 EXT.114



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Bob and Bob and friend Ann Banash (of Gill and Cape Coral, FL) enjoying the sun and scenery at Manatee Park in Ft. Myers, FL