
Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

June 2014

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 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, June 5th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, June 19th 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	Jun 3	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed	Jun 4	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu	Jun 5	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Tue	Jun 10	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed	Jun 11	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu	Jun 12	7:00 PM	Business Needs Study Committee
Mon	Jun 16	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed	Jun 18	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu	Jun 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 board of Selectmen thanks everyone for their support in passing all 42 Articles at the Annual Town Meeting. The debate on all the articles was very helpful, and the amendments clarified what was needed to move the process along. A lot of work is now ahead of us as we prepare to draw up plans to start some of these much-needed improvements.

—*Respectfully yours, Jeff, Barbara and Bill*

Recreation Committee

We would like to inform everyone that the price for the Leyden Pavilion has recently been raised to \$75 to rent the pavilion for the day. This is the price for both residents and out-of-town people who want to rent it. There are a few dates already taken, so if you are looking to rent the Pavilion please call Mary Lou Barton at 773-3548 to be put onto the calendar and to make arrangements to pick up the keys. Checks should be made payable to the Leyden Recreation Department.

Diane Royer will continue to be an active member of the Recreation Committee while Mary Lou has volunteered to be the Secretary and to take all rentals.

Thank you very much, and enjoy our wonderful pavilion for a family outing or reunion.
—*Mary Lou Barton*

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

No births, marriages or deaths were reported for May.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Results of the Annual Town Election are as follows: Assessor (3-yr term) – Robert DePalma, incumbent; Board of Health (3-yr term) – Ellen White; Constable (3-yr term) – Erik Johnson, inc.; Library Trustee (3-yr term) – Cornelia Reid, inc.; Moderator (1-yr term) – Katherine DiMatteo, inc.; Planning Board (5-yr term) – Warren Facey; Planning Board (2-yr term) – William Harris, inc.; Selectboard (3-yr term) – William Glabach, inc.; Tree Warden (1-yr term) – Edmund Klaus, inc.

Question 1, to change the Tax Collector to an appointed position passed 82 to 48.
—*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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Join the Building Needs Study Committee

Thank you for the response to our previous advertisements earlier this year. We are anticipating a future opening on the Building Needs Study Committee (BNSC) so we're running this ad again.

The BNSC, a town committee appointed by the Select Board annually, is looking for new members. The committee puts together information on projects that the board is interested in accomplishing. The most recent visible project was the Town Hall ADA Compliance Renovation Project of several years ago, which installed a new elevator, stage lift, and handicapped-accessible bathroom in the Town Hall.

We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping the Town with building projects like this or smaller. It would be helpful if the person had some knowledge of renovating or building structures in a real or abstract sense. But that is not a necessity. It is important that an interested person be willing to spend a couple of hours every month or two meeting to discuss on-going plans. That usually means additional time doing some research to provide usable data for the Select Board. Then it might mean involvement in putting plans together to accomplish the building task.

Anyone interested in being a BNSC member should contact any present member of the BNSC or the Select Board. Or call or email the Town Administrator, Bob Hardesty, and leave your name and telephone number or email address. One of us will get back to you.

Call the Select Board at 774-4111 or the retiring BNSC Chair Cliff Carlson at 624-3695 for further information.

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.)

Rich DiMatteo is truly a working trustee! Glue gun in hand, he arrived at the library and with the assistance of trustee Trueman Robbins, attached the colorful PRES-created end caps in less than an hour. What a difference these lively creations make! Come to enjoy as you select a new book, CD, or DVD.

True to form, Holly Spatcher has again donated flowers for the window boxes. It is so nice that she reaches out like this to help the RML look special and inviting. Thank you, Holly! I promise to keep the geraniums, marigolds and dusty miller watered and happy!

New materials arrive weekly, so be sure to stop in for the chance to get your hands on the most popular books, CDs, or DVDs of the season. If we don't have what you want on hand, I can order it through our interlibrary loan program. Save money and use your library!

Word from Judi Shilling, first and second grade teacher at PRES, is that we have been awarded the FEE grant applied for during the winter. Since school is rapidly coming to a close and Judi is working on a poetry unit with her students, she's hoping to postpone Greenfield artist and author Astrid Sheckels' visit until the fall. I'll keep you posted. This will be the fifth time the library has written grants to bring authors to the elementary school! Her book Nic and Nellie is really a treat!

Reminder: If you are unable to get to the library, we can get materials to you. Just call and we'll make it happen!

Happy spring and early summer,

—Chris Johnston

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. (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**.

If you would like to receive the **electronic version of *Leyden Life*** in PDF format, please email the same three addresses listed above.

THANKS

Thanks to The House on the Hill and the Cayers for contributions this month. Thanks to collators Lois Feldman, Laura Timmerman, Susan Coan and Sue Carlson 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
townofleyden.com

The Selectboard email address is
leydenselectboard@crocker.com

Mohawk Trail Concerts Free at the Library

During its forty-fifth concert series Mohawk Trail Concerts is offering a pair of free vouchers for each of their five Saturday concerts. Stop in at the library and pick up a schedule of concerts and your free vouchers. Children under twelve, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free of charge. Take advantage of this great opportunity! Free is *good*!



Board of Health



It is against the law to dispose of needles and syringes in your regular garbage.

The Leyden Board of Health is now providing "Sharps" containers to safely dispose of needles, syringes, lancets and test strips. The containers are **free** and can be picked up at a Board of Health meeting (second Tuesday of the month at the Leyden Police station from 5:30 to 6:30 PM). You can also contact Kathie at 773-8595 or Gloria at 774-7113 to arrange to pick up a container. Containers may be used to dispose of "Sharps" products used by humans, as well as those used for your animals.

TOWN OF LEYDEN TAG SALES

Saturday, May 31st — 8 am to 3 pm
on Greenfield Road, Old Frizzell Hill Road,
and West Leyden Road
12 families — 9 sites

Antiques, collectibles, kids stuff, electronics, plants, furniture, art,
frames, books, tools, vintage fabrics, linens, clothes.

Something for everyone!

Look for ads in the Greenfield Recorder
on Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st

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Leyden Life

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

Sunday, June 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

Leyden Council on Aging (COA)

Monday, June 9

10:30-11:30 ~ Scam Stories! Cautionary tales told by Janice Garrett, Director of the Consumer Protection Unit at the Northwestern District Attorney's Office. She will share stories about various scams that have occurred in Franklin and Hampshire Counties, including computer tech scams, telemarketing scams, scams involving money wiring and prepaid debit cards, and most intriguing - the mystery shopper scam! Garrett's programs have been a great success at the Bernardston Senior Center.

11:30-12:15 ~ A light lunch will be served. All are welcome.

Monday, June 23

2:30-3:30 ~ Build a Terrarium. Leyden resident Sue Howarth will guide us in making a simple terrarium out of found objects and obscure plants in our very own yards. Bring a wide-mouthed jar (or similar type of glass container) and collect any mosses, unusual stones, and tiny plants you discover - even spring violets might work depending on the size of the jar. Just *think small* and let those creative juices flow! Light refreshments will follow.

4:00-5:00 p.m. ~ official Council on Aging monthly meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.

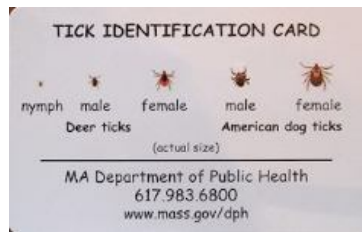
Transportation needed to COA meetings? Amy St. Clair has volunteered to drive anyone who needs a ride. Call her at 774-6907.

—Dianne Ryan

Tick Season is Here

Thanks to a grant from Community Innovation Challenge, Leyden will each receive 100 free tick tests, effective immediately.

Leyden Residents are eligible for **FREE** tick testing. If you have been bitten by a **Deer Tick**, save the tick in a small plastic bag. Log on to www.tickreport.com and follow the instructions for mailing the tick, or call Lisa White, R.N. at 413-665-1400, Ext. 114 and she will help you through the process



Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet twice in June, on the 13th at Peggy Brown's house (774-5764), and the 27th at Kathie 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 handwork 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.

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

PRES Upcoming Events

May 29

PK – 2 Field Trip to Butterfly Museum

June 3

5/6 Field Trip to Boston Museum of Science

3/4 Field Trip to Springfield Science Museum

June 10

District Elementary Band Concert, 7:00 pm @ PVRs

June 12

Field Day

June 13

Preschool Last Day

6th Grade Graduation, 5:00 p.m.

June 20

Last Day of School

Important Message to Leyden Life Readers

We are grateful for all who have decided to receive *Leyden Life* by email, *but* we do not want anyone to be unhappy about that decision! The most important thing to us is that *Leyden Life* be read by as many Leyden residents as possible. We have gotten a hint that some people who agreed to stop receiving paper copies (probably to be helpful to us) actually miss the paper copy enough to go looking for one at the library. We are trying to get our costs down, and so do not print a lot of extra copies for the library, but will deliver to you if you let us know – you can receive it both ways! Please let us know if you have changed your mind about receiving by email, or want a paper copy but cannot print your own at home, and therefore would like us to resume delivering to the hook or tube by your mailbox. If you do not have a hook or tube, please put one up– there is no other legal way to get it to you!

Call or email one of us (see page 2 for addresses and numbers) if you wish to make a change!

—The Editors: Cornelia, Carolyn and Bob

Registered Holsteins and Brown Swiss
Maple Syrup
Raw Milk



Dairy Farmer Cooperative

Bree-Z-Knoll Farm, LLC

Warren Facey

160 North County Road, Leyden, MA 01337
Phone: 413-774-3757 Cell: 413-522-2512

WiredWest

When a group of 7-10 people began meeting in Leyden several years ago, thanks to Kristin Nicholas and Alicia Hunsicker, we were desperately trying to figure out how to get something better than dial-up internet service to our town. Although we didn't know it at the time, similar groups were meeting in many other hill towns in western Massachusetts. That group of concerned citizens has morphed into WiredWest, a very effective group moving steadily toward fiber optic to the home. It has been very much a work in progress. None of us knew when we began what this would look like. We have had to form municipal lighting plants to conform to state law. Each step of the way has meant incurring legal fees, consultants' fees, etc. We estimate that over a million dollars has been donated to the project by its members, with more contributed every week.

We are moving ahead, working to raise huge sums of money, meet all the legal requirements, and get this project in place. I don't know how many of you saw the article in the Recorder recently about the medical care being provided to people via the internet. That kind of activity is growing every day; it may mean the difference between being able to stay in our homes as we age or requiring nursing home care. The better the connection - fiber optic cable - the more prepared we will be for whatever confronts us. In addition to that, every piece of property in Leyden will be more valuable because of it.

I appreciate so much the support of so many in Leyden. You recognize our need to move ahead, for a thousand reasons. I appreciate so much the work that Al Woodhull, or alternate to WiredWest, has done to keep us informed while I was wimping out of this awful winter in Florida. He attended the meetings, kept me informed (another reason I am so thankful for the internet), and sent me copies of what was happening in the local news regarding this project. He met with the Finance Committee to justify our request for the assessment you voted on at the Town Meeting. He is a wonderful addition to Leyden's membership in WiredWest.

I also appreciate, more than I can say, what the team at *Leyden Life* does to keep us all connected. Without them, all that we do would be like working in the dark. They make us a community in the truest sense of the word. Leyden is lucky to have Bob, Cornelia, and Carolyn donating so much time and effort to being the heart of Leyden.
—Sheila Hourihan

Leyden United Methodist Church

We want everyone to know that Pastor Ken Mantler gave us his notice and is transferring to another Church as of the end of June. We wish him well in his new endeavor as a full time Pastor down in Bridgewater, MA

In the meantime, the Pastor Parish Relation's Committee has gotten together with our District Superintendent, Heidi Chamberlain and will be welcoming a new Pastor for the Leyden United Methodist Church the first Sunday in July. Her name is Cheryl Meachen, and she comes to us from the Methodist Church located in Brattleboro, VT. We have had to change our time of worship just slightly since she will have to leave Leyden go to Brattleboro for their services. Starting July 6th, our Worship time will be 8:45 AM. It's only 15 minutes earlier than what we are used to. She is also planning on being down in Leyden one day a week, possibly on Wednesdays; I'll let you know next month for sure.

We offer Sunday school for children age three and up, which starts shortly after the 8:45 service start. Services are followed by some great fellowship at the coffee hour. God Bless our Leyden Church aka "The Little White Church on the Hill".
—God Bless you all, Mary Lou Barton

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School Notes from the 5th and 6th Grades

In Math the 6th grade will finish their work in Chapter 8, Making Sense of Data. Many of the topics in this chapter such as finding the mean, median, and mode were previously covered as part of our MCAS prep work. However, certain topics, such as understanding histograms and box plots will be new.

The 5th grade has completed their work in the textbook. Some areas need further practice, so we will begin by reviewing previous topics, and then continue to the end of the year by exploring new areas of study.

The MCAS tests are behind us! Most students reported feeling confident that they were well prepared for the math test, which is great news for me! The students in our room practiced for these tests in many ways.

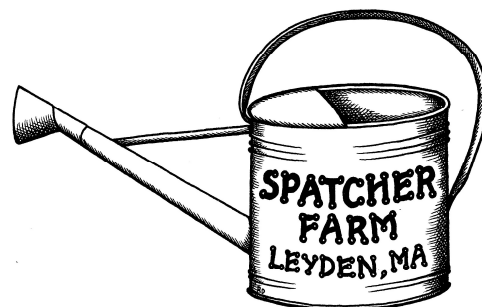
In Science we are winding up our study of the Solar System. Students will begin studying for the end of unit test. This study included a great deal of reading comprehension work, and will include an essay and PowerPoint about a planet.

In Social Studies we will begin a study of the American Colonies and the causes of the American Revolution. This exciting study delves into our very roots as Americans. Among other things, the students are asked to read and answer comprehension questions from a Social Studies textbook, do independent research on a Colony, and work with a partner to complete a Colony poster.

As our school year winds down, the entire class is looking forward to our trip to Boston. It is with mixed emotions that we are preparing to send off another group of 6th graders. The 6th grade students will soon begin work on their yearbooks and preparing for graduation. Like a Monarch butterfly ready to emerge from a cocoon, the 6th graders are ready to spread their wings

Thanks to Marie Bartlett

Students at Pearl Rhodes Elementary school were very fortunate to have Marie Bartlett, local resident and author of *The Little Yellow Trolley* come to do some workshops at our school. These workshops were funded by the Leyden Cultural Council, which we appreciate very much. Marie was able to work with students in grades K - 6 on various, grade appropriate aspects of her book. The students enjoyed hearing the story and working on the activities that Marie presented. Again, we are grateful to the Cultural Council for supporting literacy activities in our school.
—Thanks, Chris Maguire



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.

Handyman/Yardwork Needed

Handyman/Yardwork needed for home in Leyden. General building skills plus mechanical aptitude will be applied to a wide variety of tasks and grounds equipment. **Please call 773-0205.**

Timber Frame Buildings small, custom-designed and assembled. Locally milled lumber. Cabins, sheds, workshops, studios, pool houses, greenhouses, etc. Contact Patrick at Single Bay Timber Frames at 413-834-4285 or message me on Facebook at Single Bay Timber Frames.

Spatcher Farm still has plants for sale at Fosters Supermarket in Greenfield and at the farm by appointment. We will be wrapping up plant sales by early June. Blueberries will be our next crop; pre-orders of cases are welcome. Call 624-3247 or email fruits2@verizon.net. Thank you, Holly and Ken 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.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!*

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.

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Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2014 FARM SHARES: The shares are starting June 5 but I still have a few openings. Get in touch soon for a share of Leyden-grown vegetables and flowers. Pick up is on Thursday afternoons at the farm and all shares include flowers and pick-your-own beans, snap peas, and cherry tomatoes. Our farm is not certified but we are committed to organic practices. For details call or email Laura. Check out our farm blog and facebook page for news and pictures

EGGS: Organically grown chicken and duck eggs for \$6.00/dozen.

CHICKEN & DUCK: We are raising some chicken and duck for meat. Let us know soon if you are interested.

FLOWERS: Our cut flower garden is a sharing garden. Stop by and pick some flowers to enjoy or share. Donations accepted but are optional.

Laura Timmerman, Rob Creamer, Sweet Morning Farm, 413-773-8325
laurat@crocker.com, <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

Linda Romano

Summer Sessions: A time for abundance, warmth, integration, wholeness of body. Essalen, lomi lomi massage, polarity, shiatsu bodywork options. Four detox options, call for info. Foot soaks/ Reflexology with minerals, seaweed, salts. Self-care- program options, try five, sixth one free. Private Yoga on Monday's AM/ PM. Seasonal yoga class Wed. evenings 5:30-6:30. Discounted Programs.. Enjoy! Linda Romano, MT, 413- 624-3334

Farewell to Pastor Ken

Pastor Kenneth Mantler has been with our church for four years now. Ken joined out church right out of seminary school. He has grown so much as a pastor and by the events which life bring. Ken is now married to Meghan, and they share a home in Westfield. Ken also added the challenge of ministering two churches when he took on the Greenfield Methodist Church. Ken is learning to adjust to our small town farming ways. Ken and Meghan have discovered the love of Bill Glabach's fresh cow's milk, and the closeness and the fellowship our small town brings. We have both learned so much from each other, and sometimes we don't always have the same views, but we all share the same passion for the Lord and our savior Jesus Christ.

With Kens recently becoming officially ordained as a pastor, he and Meghan will be moving on to a new home in Bridgewater, MA. Ken will be a full-time pastor leading a church of an average of 80 people in attendance.

On the behalf of the church, I would like to send a farewell to Ken and Meghan as they start their new journey, as Ken furthers his career as a pastor. Meghan continues of pursue her passion to be a leader of a church as well. What a wonderful opportunity for both of them. We wish them well, and hope the future will bring great things.

With great thanks for the time they have spent with us and the spiritual leadership they have brought to us, God Bless.

—The Leyden United Methodist Church



Baystate
Health Ambulance

TO: Baystate Health Ambulance Communities
FROM: Mark Dion, Baystate Health Ambulance & John Ferguson, MedCare Emergency Health
Date: May 8, 2014

We'd like to thank you for your patience over the last few months while we evolve ambulance services for the future. We appreciate that you are sharing the positive message about this transition with community members to maintain their confidence and referrals.

Our discussions have been fruitful and we are pleased to inform you that the date we expect to transition ownership of ambulance services from Baystate Health Ambulance to MedCare Emergency Health is planned for Sunday, May 25, 2014. This is two weeks later than originally anticipated, as we are working with the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) to obtain state certification and wanted to give all parties time to process the appropriate documents. We are also taking time to be sure all our referrers and community partners are well-informed.

As we prepare for the official transition on May 25th, we thank you for your efforts and look forward to making a difference in the lives of the patients and families and the communities we serve.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Dion at Mark.Dion@baystatehealth.org or John Ferguson at John.Ferguson@medavieems.com.

More about MedLife and the Medavie EMS Group of Companies

MedLife is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Medavie EMS, a dynamic health care solutions organization. Headquartered in Nova Scotia, Canada, Medavie EMS manages a number of subsidiary companies in the fields of pre-hospital emergency medical services (EMS), public safety delivery, and clinical training. These services are provided by members of the Medavie EMS Group of companies through long-term and performance-based contracts. Medavie EMS is currently contracted to provide EMS services in six Canadian provinces, making it the largest provider of EMS management services in Canada. Medavie EMS also recently expanded its scope of services by establishing a presence for itself in New England over a year ago, when acquiring EasCare in Boston, Massachusetts.

Medavie EMS is currently practicing community paramedicine in Canada and MedLife is working with the Office of Emergency Medical Services, legislators and insurers to introduce community paramedicine to Massachusetts. Community paramedicine is an expansion of the traditional role of an advanced paramedic and can include emergency response and care delivery onsite (such as in someone's home), thereby avoiding the need for ambulance transport to emergency care at a hospital.