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# Leyden Life

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Leyden, Massachusetts

November 2015

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**Selectboard Office Hours:**  
Monday — Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
**Tax Collector:**  
Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
**Assessors Office:**  
Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 PM

## Selectboard

### SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and November 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:leydenselectboard@crocker.com) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Anyone not on the posted agenda is welcome to address the Selectboard at the end of the meeting during the “Citizens’ concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting” agenda item time.

### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

|             |         |  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| Tue, Nov 3  | 7:00 PM | Broadband Committee                              |
| Wed, Nov 4  | 6:30 PM | Board of Assessors                               |
| Wed, Nov 4  | 4:30 PM | Council on Aging                                 |
| Thu, Nov 5  | 9:00 AM | Selectboard                                      |
| Wed, Nov 11 | 7:00 PM | Planning Board                                   |
| Thu, Nov 12 | 6:45 PM | Selectboard                                      |
| Mon, Nov 16 | 3:15 PM | Board of Health (at the Police Station)          |
| Mon, Nov 16 | 7:30 PM | Conservation Commission                          |
| Tue, Nov 17 | 7:00 PM | Agricultural Commission                          |
| Tue, Nov 17 | 7:00 PM | Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church) |
| Wed, Nov 18 | 6:30 PM | Board of Assessors (the church)                  |
| Thu, Nov 19 | 9:00 AM | 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](http://www.townofleyden.com). Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to the Municipal Assistant. —Selectboard

## Selectboard Corner

The “Right to Farm” sign at the beginning of Greenfield road has been repainted thanks to Pat Little. Bill Glabach, along with the Agricultural Commission and Pat are working on new signs that will be placed at the west, north and east entrances of town. Farming continues to be a big part of our culture and heritage, as well as beauty in Franklin County.

The Bernardston Postmaster has notified us that the Postal Box in front of Town Hall might be eliminated. Due to the small volume of mail generated from there it’s not meeting the Postal Service standards required to keep it in place. The mail is still being picked up there until we hear further.

Dog complaints to the Selectboard have again called attention for the need to remind everyone that your dog must be licensed. It’s our only verification that a vaccination is up-to-date. We have asked the Town Clerk for an up-to-date list, and will be checking from the previous year. Time spent on this issue could be well served

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## Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

Births: Agnes Ruth Livingstone, September 10, 2015 to Cairtin and Johan Livingstone

Deaths: Harriett Hine, September 8th, Donald Cole, Jr. September 13th  
Marriages: None

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk’s office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. If you need to meet me outside of these hours, please call me at home at 772-3739 at least one day prior to make arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation!

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 – 8:00 PM

## Leyden Celebrates A Centenarian

*Leyden residents are cordially invited  
to attend a reception to celebrate*

## *Edith Facey’s 100th birthday*

*at Leyden Town Hall  
on Sunday, November 8th at 2:00 pm.*

*Birthday cake and light  
refreshments will be served.*



## 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.)

*Soul Writer* is Leslie Brooks' most recent book, and she has kindly donated a copy to the library for patrons to enjoy. The summary on the back cover is wonderful: "My soul walks this planet Earth, housed in every cell of my physical body. . ." So begins the author's description of her soul, which speaks with breathtaking wisdom and beauty about faith, forgiveness, guilt, grief, intimacy, and the soul itself, in a loving discourse with its 'person of this lifetime.' This is a groundbreaking book that gives readers an intimate look into the soul and its role in our lives.

If you are on a journey of discovery regarding the spirit within you, you might enjoy this book! Thank you, Leslie!

On Saturday, October 3, the library hosted a 'make-your-own-sundae' party for this year's Summer Reading participants at the town's Café! It was a great time; parents gabbed while kids (whose eyes were bigger than their tummies) chowed down after being very creative in designing their own ice cream delights. Yummy! Congratulations, readers!

PRES fifth/sixth grade teacher, Lisa Armstrong, and I have submitted a grant application to the PVRSD Foundation for Educational Excellence. Now we await the outcome and hope to be able to bring author, Michelle Barker to the school to work with students after they read and discuss her novel, *A Difficult Boy*. I'll keep you posted.

Come and visit! Lots of new materials are free for your pleasure on cold nights!

—Chris Johnston



### Leyden Café

LEYDEN CAFÉ IS OPEN SUNDAYS!  
Come and join us Sunday morning!  
The Leyden Café is open on Sundays through November, 9-11:30 AM downstairs in the Leyden Town Hall. We feature Pierce Bros coffee, Karyn's special baked goods, town crafts and business items and good conversation. Here's a chance to meet up with your neighbors and chat over coffee and a treat in a cozy nook!

The use of the downstairs space at Town Hall for the Café on Sundays is greatly appreciated. The Café was formed to promote community and

provide a congenial place to meet neighbors and chat. We operate on a shoe string and are grateful for the continued use of this space. Any group in town is welcome to use this space at any time. Let us know if you would like us to move things out of the way for your event and we will make sure it is ready for you. The Café has been used for the community meal by the Council on Aging, the Cultural Council for special events, the library for reading awards events, and for committees to meet. We are more than happy to have Leyden residents use this community space. Just let us know so we can accommodate you!

Bread from 7 South Bakery in Bernardston, owned by Mike and Kay Dougherty of Leyden will be available for pick-up on Sundays through November. If it is something you would like to continue, please let us know! Preorders must be called in by the Friday morning before delivery. Leave your name and let them know that you will pick it up at the Café, and homemade fresh bread will be available right here in town! French braid is \$3.00 unsliced; onion rye is \$3.00; and whole wheat is \$3.00. Please specify if you would like your bread sliced. Call Mike and Kay at 413-648-0070.

### Leyden Life Lowdown

#### EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com), Carolyn Asbury at [carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.asbury@gmail.com), and Bob Taylor at [bobxtwo@verizon.net](mailto: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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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 Ann and Phil Zimmerman, Ken and Shirley Lyman, Angels' Rest, and Spirit Fire for donations and to Heather Loomis and Foster Ranney for collating, and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)



Happy 100th  
Edith  
Facey

### DISCLAIMER

*Leyden Life* is not an official publication of the town, nor an official source of town business. We do our best to print accurately and distribute promptly the announcements and information we receive. Please check with the town to verify information regarding town business or activities.

### Leyden Life

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**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

## Selectboard Corner

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in other important town business. Numerous calls have been placed to Shelburne control where the police have spent a sum of taxpayer money chasing down unlicensed dogs. They now have been advised to take the dogs directly to the kennel where they will remain until the owner proves that the dog has been vaccinated and licensed. Owners will be responsible for kennel fees and fines. Please do the right thing and get your dog licensed for the safety of the community and your pet.

The fall crisp air of the changing season has made us aware that winter is not far off. The Selectboard met with Highway Boss David Brooks and went over some changes that we think are necessary for the safety of everyone who uses the salt shed. Salt cost this year has increased by 17% which will cause about a \$5,000.00 increase for Leyden.

During storms, heavy equipment and bad lighting near the shed and highway garage have made for some close calls when residents have been loading their containers. This year we will be putting a small shed out in front of Town Hall from which to fill your containers. David will keep it stocked with the mixture of salt and sand for the personal use of town residents.

—Happy Thanksgiving, Bill, Jeff and Lance

## Knitting Circle

The Leyden Knitting Circle will meet on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, location to be determined.

You are welcome to join us! Bring your knitting, mending, embroidery, or any craft work you enjoy.

Please call Peggy at 774-5764 or Laura at 773-8325 for more information.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

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



## Holiday Craft/ Tag Sale

The United Methodist Church will have a Holiday Craft/Tag Sale on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Tables will be \$5.00 (plus a portion of the cost of the newspaper ad) and can be reserved by calling Marilyn Kugler at 413-522-1847. Brunch and lunch will be available. There will be a Chinese raffle and a bake table and we are accepting donations for both. Save the date!

## Clay Workshop

There will be a clay workshop at Leyden Town Hall on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM with ceramic artist Rhonda Wainshilbaum.

Make a clay candle holder, a trivet, a tile, and several ornaments. Pieces will be fired before Christmas, and will make great gifts. \$50.00 covers the cost of all materials. No experience is necessary.

Call 624-5175 or email rhondawain@verizon.net to register.

## Council on Aging

Leyden Council on Aging News

**DID YOU KNOW...** that the Medicare Open Enrollment period ends on December 7? So you still have time to make an appointment with a SHINE counselor and find out if it makes sense to change your Prescription Drug Plan or your Medicare Advantage Plan for 2016. SHINE is a non-profit program located at Franklin County Home Care (413-773-5555). There is no charge for these appointments.

If you want to do the research yourself, go to <https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan>.

**Reminder:** Call Gilda Galvis (773-7932) if you need free transportation for medical appointments or shopping in our own Leyden Cadillac.

### Wednesday, November 4

**4:30-6:00 p.m. ~ Monthly Business Meeting** at Town Hall.

Anyone is welcome to attend. Please call Chair Carol Johnson (773-7619) if you wish to be added to the agenda.

### Continuing: Monday Mornings, November 2, 9 and 16

**10 -11 a.m. ~ Chair Yoga with Linda Romano.** Downstairs at Town Hall. Improves strength and balance. Includes both seated and standing movements and exercises, as well as breathing and stretching techniques. No previous experience needed.

### Thursday, November 12

**1 p.m. – 3 p.m. ~ iPad/iPhone “Free For All”! Re-scheduled**

**from October.** Free for All: “a disorderly argument or competition in which everyone participates...a chaotic situation lacking rules or structure”. Are you ready? Bring your iPad or iPhone with you and ask away! Here’s your chance to raise the basic questions you’ve been embarrassed to ask at the Apple store; figure out syncing and the Cloud; learn about streaming audiobooks, ebooks, music and more. Technology consultant **Shirley Keech** will be back with us this month to try and answer any questions you have about your devices.

### Saturday November 14

**8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ VETERANS’ DAY**

**BREAKFAST. Town Hall.** All Leyden veterans (and any guests you would like to bring) are invited to come together for breakfast at Town Hall. No speeches, no ceremony – just our way of acknowledging that you all gave up a piece of your life for the benefit of the rest of us in Leyden and throughout the country. Please sign up in advance if you possibly can, so we know how much food to prepare. Call Sue Howarth at 774-3118.

### Wednesday, November 18

**12 noon ~ Thanksgiving Community Lunch** at Town Hall.

Please join us! Friends and family members are welcome too. Turkey Shepherd’s Pie is on the menu. *Please be sure to call Sue Howarth (774-3118) in advance – especially if you are inviting guests. We need to know how much food to order!*

Medicare Enrollment period is from October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>. Don’t miss this opportunity to get a clear and concise understanding of what Open Enrollment means and how SHINE can help you.

*The Council on Aging welcomes people of all ages to our programs. If something interests you, please feel free to join us.*

## 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.

**Help Wanted:** We're looking for a responsible person to occasionally care for our house and indoor male cat, especially the first two weeks of February. Call 774-3897 if interested. Also looking for someone to help with seasonal chores like wood stacking, snow shoveling and clearing snow off the roof in winter. Call 774-3897 if interested.

**Help Wanted:** Angels' Rest Retreat is looking for part-time assistance with clean team tasks and some kitchen assistant hours through mid-November retreats. For more information, please email or call Jennifer at [jparis@angelsrestretreat.com](mailto:jparis@angelsrestretreat.com) or 760-672-5336.

**For Sale:** Hearth pad, 40" x 40", gray slate with wood trim, very handsome. Yours for a donation to the Leyden Firefighters' Association! Call Linda at 773-8088 or Cornelia at 774-5146.

**For Sale:** For sale: 4 barely used studded snows, size 195/65R15. Bought the set for \$400 last season, selling for \$200. Also, a high-end lightly used Rowing Machine. Bought 6 yrs ago \$800 for my disability, but now can no longer use it. Would love to get \$250 for it. It's a good machine and would make a great Christmas or Life-betterment gift for anyone. Call Donna (Steve or Tim): 624-3955 for either item.

**Bill Maguire Painting:** Serving the Leyden area's paint and staining needs since 1978. Interior, exterior, deck refinishing, window sash work, power washing, dirt and mildew removal. Call 413-774-5330.

**Erik's Handyman Service:** Let me help you with your "to do" list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, rototilling, odd jobs, and miscellaneous projects. If you could use some help, give me a call at 413-774-9948 and ask for Erik, or e-mail to [erikshandy1@yahoo.com](mailto:erikshandy1@yahoo.com). Reasonable rates. Insured.

**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

**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](mailto:ovfarm@verizon.net). Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

**Maple Run Farm:** A limited supply of Persephone's Garden Raw Honey should be available late fall. 2015 should be a great year. Natural Romney yarn is for sale for knitting or weaving, processed chemical-free at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.



Beautiful fall foliage and rainbow in beautiful Leyden  
Looking east from Bree-Z-Knoll Farm  
*Photo by Carolyn Asbury*

## Sweet Morning Farm CSA

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

VEGETABLES: Sign up for our Egg & Extras Email List to learn what we each week. Coming crops will include carrots, daikons, leeks, microgreens, and spinach.

FARM SHARES for 2015 have ended but if you are interested in a share for 2016, get in touch. A farm share would make a special gift.

MARKETS: We'll be at the Leyden Café and Market on December 6<sup>th</sup> and hope to be at the Greenfield Winter Farmers' Market November - March. See you there!

—Laura Timmerman, Rob Creamer

Sweet Morning Farm, 413-773-8325,

[sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com), <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

## Spirit Fire

Plan ahead and make the New Year Meditation Retreat your gift to you and your life. This annual retreat provides guided contemplation on the wisdom gained from the year that is passing. With that wisdom recognized, we then set the tone for 2016. The retreat is January 8-10, 2016. Commuter rates are available for locals. Also, every day online free group meditation, including monthly full moon and every Sunday World Service meditations. [www.SpiritFire.com](http://www.SpiritFire.com)

—Donna Mitchell-Moniak, founder of Spirit Fire

[www.SpiritFire.com](http://www.SpiritFire.com) 413-624-3955

*Change yourself -- change the world!*

## WiredWest

Have you ever noticed how many utility poles there are on any given stretch of road? WiredWest continues to work with Mass. Broadband as it moves ahead to get over 60,000 of those poles ready for fiber, and to help our towns with financing issues. We are part of a truly historic project, the biggest of its kind in the country, connecting western MA hill towns to sustainable broadband for the foreseeable future. Major newspapers, The Wall Street Journal and the Boston Globe among others, are writing about what we are doing. It is clear that quality broadband will have a huge economic impact for this whole region, so we are being watched very closely by economists.

The new Leyden Broadband Committee met for the first time on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Bob Ryan chairs the group, with Tom Luck, Dave Curtis, and Bob Anson as voting members. Jeff Neipp for the Selectboard and Al Woodhull and Sheila Hourihan, Leyden's delegates to WiredWest, are non-voting members. We had a long meeting on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> with two representatives from Crocker Communications. Our second committee meeting was on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet with a couple of other for-profit groups who want to tell us what they think they can do for Leyden as service providers. We will keep you informed as we continue to meet.

WiredWest is still taking the pre-commitment forms which indicate that you want fiber to your home. We are either very close to, or over the 40% count that we hope to have as an indicator of strong interest in each town; we expect those numbers to grow much higher as this project progresses. If you have not already sent in your refundable \$49 fee, please go to [wiredwest.net](http://wiredwest.net) to fill out the application online or for a copy you can mail in with a check. If you need help with this or have questions, please call Sheila Hourihan at 774-5922 or Al

