

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

April 2016

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 April 7th and 21st at 9:30 AM and April 14th and 28th at 6:45 PM in their office (the third meeting on April 21st will be at PRES). To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 or 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 slot.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Wed, Apr 6	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Wed, Apr 6	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Thu, Apr 7	9:30 AM	Selectboard
Tue, Apr 12	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Tue, Apr 12	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Apr 13	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Apr 14	6:45 PM	Selectboard
To be posted separately		
Mon, Apr 18	7:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Mon, Apr 18	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Apr 19	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Apr 20	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Apr 21	9:30 AM	Selectboard
Thu, Apr 28	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 the Municipal Assistant. —Selectboard

Select Board Corner

Three years ago the State fined the Town of Leyden \$3,700.00 for a late elevator inspection at Town Hall. We challenged that inspection report because we were not given the customary 60-day prior notice that the inspection was due. Bob Hardesty has been back and forth to Boston three times to meet with the Public Safety Board. Thanks to Bob's efforts the state finally refunded the \$3,700.00.

We're pleased to see that Town Hall is being used more and more for the community. Meals, COA functions, classes and private parties are now a regular thing. Recently Emily Herron-Clark organized a great dinner put on by the Leyden Methodist Church. This truly benefits our community along with the organizations that use the building. Nick Adamski recently stripped and waxed the kitchen floor. Thank you, Nick. If you're interested in using the kitchen and dining or meeting hall for your event, just call Bob Hardesty at Town

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths: Rita Mary Kuzdeba, February 18th.
There were no births or marriages reported in February.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

The Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 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 April 25, 2016.

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses for 2016 are now available during regular business hours. Fees are as follows: Neutered and spayed - \$10.00; Not altered - \$15.00; Kennel, 1-4 - \$30.00; Kennel, 5-10 - \$40.00; Kennel, more than 10 - \$50.00. Checks or money orders are encouraged. The office does not have change, so please bring the exact amount. Thank you.

TOWN CLERK HOURS

Town Clerk Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM or by appointment. Telephone 774-7769 or 772-3739 email: leydentown-clerk@crocker.com

—Elizabeth Johnson

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MAPLE SUGAR SUPPER

Hosted by Leyden United Methodist Church

Saturday, April 2nd

Continuous Seating 5:00-6:30 PM

Shepherd's Pie,

Maple glazed carrots

Salad with maple vinaigrette dressing,

Bread and Butter,

Maple Upside-down cake w/Ice cream

Adults \$12, Kids 10 & Under \$6, 3 & Under Free

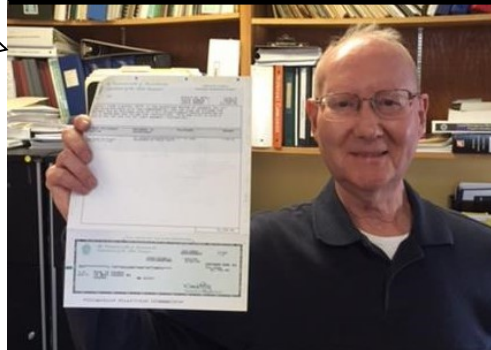
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Leyden Town Hall

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Bob Hardesty accepts the refund check of \$3,700 from the State Public Safety Board

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.)

Spring! It's time to think about gardening, and you may need some fresh ideas! If that's the case, stop in and browse through the materials we have on the shelves and/or place an ILL request for a special title.

Winter was pretty tame this year, so the hope is that we've saved a little money on fuel. Lacking insulation, this building can become cold quickly, but our new energy-efficient furnace, replaced two years ago, is doing a great job.

This spring/summer we hope to paint the north and east sides of the library. Signs of peeling are appearing, and we want to keep the RML as pristine as possible. I'll scrub the dust, dirt, and grime off the front of the building in May, plant our flowers, and welcome warm weather joyfully!

In late February I worked with fifth and sixth graders on the book they are reading as a class due to the grant I wrote last fall. On March 23, author, M. C. Barker, spent an entire morning with students discussing her methods of research, her writing strategies, and the characters, plot and theme of *A Difficult Boy*. After lunch students became the writers using the strategies they've learned from teacher, Lisa Armstrong, and the author. Our library/school connection is really valuable and acts as a useful catalyst for students to become thinking readers.

Don't forget to visit RML—everything is *free*!

Happy spring!

—Chris Johnston

Select Board Corner

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Hall so he can reserve your time.

The Select Board recently met with Greenfield Mayor Bill Martin over a number of common topics that could benefit both our towns. Discussions involved how both towns could work together to form an internet network. Greenfield would also like us to join into their electrical aggregate program where electrical rates would be secured over a longer time to lesson the spike of current electrical bills due to higher demand during peak times. Public Safety was also discussed regarding 911 calls through Shelburne Control. Greenfield is setting up its own dispatch center that could serve other communities as well. These were all interesting topics that could make for better services and savings for both towns.

Leyden is applying with Northfield, Warwick and Heath to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center for the aggregation of multiple small-scale solar PV installations for homeowners. The program will make it more affordable for the homeowner to purchase solar power installations. Goals of the program would increase education and awareness of solar PV, reduce costs associated with solar PV and increase local adoption of solar PV.

Leyden is readily working towards getting our new web site up and running in the next few weeks. Information will be more available and kept updated to keep the community better informed on everything that is going on in Leyden.

—Respectfully yours, Bill, Jeff, and Lance

Leyden Life Lowdown

EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn Asbury at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net. (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 Jack Golden and Linda Romano for donations. Thanks to Liz Kidder for help with collating, and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

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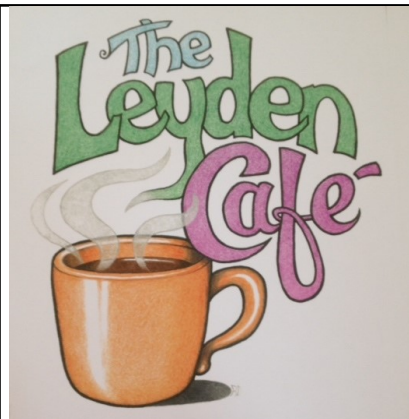
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and Bob at bobxtwo@verizon.net
by 5:00 PM on

Friday, April 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



The Leyden Café Open 9:00 to 11:30 AM every Sunday morning, downstairs at Leyden Town Hall

Come to the Café as part of your Sunday morning routine and enjoy the great coffee and Karyn's wonderful goodies while you visit with your friends and neighbors. Some people are bringing their knitting! You never know who you will meet here, but you will certainly

see friendly faces and get a welcome chance to catch up with your neighbors, with the news, and with your town. **Join us for a Sunday Market Day on April 17th!**

Council on Aging

Leyden Council on Aging News

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED: We're delighted to report that our Cadillac transportation service is seeing an increasing number of trips to grocery stores, COA lunches, and medical appointments. The result is that we could use more volunteer drivers! If you have time and interest, and like to drive, please give Gilda Galvis a call (773-7932) to find out more details. Whether you're available once a week or once a month, every additional volunteer allows us to take on more rides for people.

Thank you for considering this request for volunteers. We will be grateful for whatever help you can offer.

And if YOU need a ride....don't forget to call Gilda Galvis (773-7932) at least 24 hours in advance, in order for us to reserve the car and arrange for a driver. Rides to grocery shopping, haircuts, movies, doctor visits, or COA programs to name a few, are available to Leyden residents 60 and over, as well as to people of any age with a permanent or temporary disability who are unable to drive.

REMINDER: It's tax time! You may be eligible for the Mass. Senior "Circuit Breaker" Tax Credit. If you are 65 or older and your property tax is greater than 10% of your total income, you may be eligible for a state tax credit, up to a maximum of \$1,070 this year. There are rules and guidelines that apply. More information is available at www.mass.gov/dor. AARP Tax Aides provide free tax help at the Montague, Orange, Northampton, Amherst and Brattleboro Senior Centers, but you must call ahead for an appointment.

The Town of Leyden also offers Property Tax Deferrals for seniors who are having trouble paying their property tax. More information is available from Assessors' Clerk Marilyn Kugler.

Exercise Tuesdays Continue – April 5, 12, and 19

12 noon -1 p.m. ~ Core Strength Training with Linda Allis. Continuing by popular demand! Upstairs at Town Hall. A series of strengthening exercises to help with building muscle, improving balance, and keeping on the move. The class is a combination of seated and standing exercises. *For more information, call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436.*

Wednesday, April 6

4:30-6:00 p.m. ~ Monthly Business Meeting at Town Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. Call Chair Carol Johnson (773-7619) if you wish to be added to the agenda.

Wednesday, April 20

11:45 a.m.-noon ~ Nutritionist Karen Lentner from LifePath (formerly FCHCC) will discuss current food and nutritional trends. Karen will stay during lunch to talk with individuals and respond to specific questions and concerns.

12 noon ~ Leyden Lunch Group ~ a Celebration of Spring! Join us for asparagus & ham casserole, peas, and choice of fruit cup or tapioca pudding. *Please call Sue Howarth at 774-3118 by Monday, April 18, to make a reservation.*

1 p.m.-2 p.m. ~ "Bee-ing Real: A Bee Primer" ~ A how-to presentation ranging from creating a bee-friendly environment to starting a productive hive in your own backyard. No reservations are needed for the program. All are welcome!

Friday, April 22

MOVIE NIGHT!! ~ The Martian (PG-13) 7-9 p.m. at Town Hall.

During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded and alone on the hostile planet. With only meager supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity, wit and spirit to subsist and find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive. The Martian was an Academy Award nominee and Golden Globe winner (for both Best Film and Best Actor). *All ages welcome.*

—Dianne Ryan

Seniors and friends enjoy a corned beef and cabbage COA-sponsored St. Patrick's luncheon on Wednesday, March 16th at Town Hall



WiredWest

I wish there were some way to describe to you the kind of activity that is taking place within the various committees of Wired West. Despite the fact that Governor Baker has put a temporary hold on dispensing the funds designated for broadband to western Massachusetts, and despite the fact that the leadership at MBI is in transition, WiredWest continues to work in every way possible to be sure that our towns are positioned to move ahead when those factors change. If anything, all of this has served to galvanize our end of the project. We have teams negotiating with MBI, working on all the technical and financial issues in ever more minute detail, helping our towns sort out the issues that are holding some of us back.

Our delegates and our broadband committees are looking at all kinds of suggestions that are popping up as the towns try to deal with yet more delays. All of us are frustrated that we are not seeing progress, so it is understandable that there would be some scrambling to put together something that they think might work faster. I can assure you that Leyden is being very well represented at every meeting, with Al Woodhull for WW, Jeff Neipp representing the Select Board, and Bob Ryan and others from the Broadband Committee attending meetings and presentations of each possibility. When this is done, we hope there will be no doubt that we have come to the best solution for Leyden.

So far, all the plans seem to just prove that WiredWest is by far the best vetted, best studied, most thought-out plan we have. vSeven years of hard work have produced a plan that still provides the best option for all our towns if we are serious about bringing the best broadband to all our residents at the best price possible. It is clear that the estimates for time and money for us all to be connected can't be improved upon. We know that these delays are frustrating and that many of you wonder if this will ever happen. It will happen. It has to happen if western Mass. is to survive as a viable part of the state. Unfortunately, there are no shortcuts. This is a massive, complicated project, but one that is drawing our region together in new ways. We are really shaping the future of this part of the state for generations to come.

—Sheila Hourihan and Albert S. Woodhull

Leyden T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

Thank you to everyone who ordered the "Hills are Alive" T-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts and hoodie sweatshirts. I have enough now to order from Silver Screen Design, and the orders should be ready for pick up in a few weeks. ☺ They also told me we could order XXL and XXXL if needed. My home phone is 413-773-3548 if there is anyone else out there interested in our wonderful "Hills are Alive" shirts and sweatshirts.

Thanks you.

—Mary Lou Barton



Broadband Committee

Over the course of the last month, the Committee has had a series of meetings with several other towns in our ongoing exploration of possible broadband options beyond WiredWest.

Early in March, we visited Leverett and met with the Chair of the Selectboard, the MLP Chair and Town Administrator. They chose not to wait for the state (MBI) and built their network themselves without any assurance of state grant monies. They have been up and running for nine months and have high speed broadband connected to all but five of the approximately 800 homes in Leverett. We talked at length about how they went about building their own network and the problems they encountered.

We were surprised to read in the *Recorder* that Leyden was exploring the possibility of joining with Colrain, Wendell, New Salem and Shutesbury in a standalone five-town cooperative network. This concept was apparently floated by Wendell. We met with their broadband committee and later with representatives from the other towns to listen further to Wendell's arguments for such a cooperative. We have since notified Wendell that we see no value in Leyden joining the cooperative they are proposing.

Finally, two members of the Selectboard and myself met for the second time with Greenfield's Mayor Martin to continue exploring the possibility of building out our own network, but having Greenfield's MLP (Municipal Light Plant) service it, i.e., providing internet service and repairing lines, poles, etc.

As we continue our review of the various alternatives available to Leyden, the state continues to freeze the distribution of any of the \$40 million of grant monies to unserved towns. The Baker-Polito Administration is committed to continuing its own review "to better understand the broadband expansion strategies being proposed." We hope that this will ultimately be to our benefit.—Bob Ryan, Chair, Leyden Broadband Committee

Leyden United Methodist Church Holy Week at the Church on the Hill

Please join us at the Leyden United Methodist Church at 15 West Leyden Road for a potluck dinner on Thursday, March 24th that will include informal teaching about the Passover Seder and foot-washing associated with Maundy Thursday along with crafty, fun prayer stations to deepen your Lenten journey with spiritual exercises.

Friday, March 25th is Good Friday. There will be an ecumenical service at the Guilford Community Church at 38 Church Road from 12:00 NOON to 3:00 PM with seven different area preachers speaking about the seven last words of Jesus, along with beautiful music and inspired prayers and scripture reading. Pastor Cheryl of our Leyden church will be doing the second word. The Brattleboro United Methodist church will also present a Good Friday drama at 18 Town Crier Drive at 6:00 PM.

Easter Sunday, March 27th, will start bright and early with a sunrise service on the Leyden Town Common at 6:30 AM, followed by a brunch at the church and then our regularly scheduled worship service at 8:45 AM. All are welcome!

—Rev. Cheryl L. Meachen

Pastor Cheryl preaches at the Leyden United Methodist Church which holds inspired worship at 8:45 each Sunday morning at 15 West Leyden Road across from Town Hall. Our facilities are handicap accessible and we offer Sunday School during our worship services. Come as you are, there are no fashion police. We welcome everyone to share communion on the first Sunday of each month. After worship every week you are invited to join us in our downstairs fellowship hall for delicious fresh baked goodies and friendly conversation.

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.

For Sale: "Massive oak" table, solid oak with solid carved legs and wrought-iron supports. Believed to be 1930s vintage. Seats 4 (or 6), excellent condition. *Note: See the e-edition for a picture of the table.* Also, a Jacuzzi bathtub that was working perfectly when removed to make the bathroom handicapped-accessible, \$100, most hardware included. Contact Jennifer at 760-672-5336 or mntnhiker@sprint mail.com.

Walking Watson: Looking for a friendly person to walk our dog during the day when we are both away. There will be a week in March, a week in April, and a week in May. If it's easier, he could stay at your house – we could drop him off in the morning and pick him up at the end of the day. Watson is a very sweet 10-year-old miniature schnauzer mix with a heart of gold. Interested? Give us a call and we'll talk about money and other details. Call Jack and Lisa at 774-3563.

Boer Goat Meat is available at Frizzell Hill Farm. Goat is quite tasty, low in fat and cholesterol, and high in protein and iron. Give it a try! Visit frizzellhillfarm.com for information and a price list. Thanks for supporting local Leyden farms!

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Maple Run Farm: 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.

Leyden Knitting Circle

The Leyden Knitting Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 12th, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Cafe at Town Hall and on Friday, April 22nd, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Laura's house (773-8325). Other dates are to be announced. Just ask!

You are welcome to join us! Bring your knitting or other handicrafts.

Call Peggy (774-5764) or Laura (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.

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EGGS: We sell organically-grown pasture-raised chicken eggs for \$6.00/dozen. Call or email for availability or to be placed on our News & Extras Email List. See you at the Leyden Market & Cafe on Sunday, April 17!

We invite you to become part of our little farm.

—Laura Timmerman, Rob Creamer
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Angels' Rest

In April we look forward to Fusion of the Five Elements Meditation and Iron Shirt Chi Kung Weekend Retreat with Senior Universal Tao Instructors, Marie Favorito and Sharon Smith.

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For more info go to <http://www.newenglanduniversalhealingtao retreats .com> Commuter rates are available for local residents.

—Jennifer Paris

Linda Romano

Spring healing sessions continue through the season: Mindfulness Meditation and activities, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 PM, with private or group sessions, and Reiki I attunement, 6/4/16 from 10:00-2:30 PM. Call or message me on Facebook: Linda Romano or Massage & Holistic Services. Phone 413-624-3334, or romanohealing@gmail.com.

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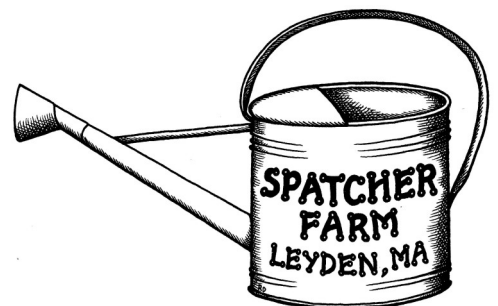


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New England Maple Sugar Supper

Hosted By the Leyden United Methodist Church

Sat. April 2nd 2016

Continuous Seating

From 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Leyden Town Hall

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Shepherd's Pie

Maple Glazed Carrots

Salad w/Maple Vinaigrette Dressing

Bread and Butter

Maple-Upside Down Cake w/Ice Cream

Adults \$12, Kids 10 & Under \$6

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50/50 Drawing

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Bob Hardesty holds the hard-won refund check from the State



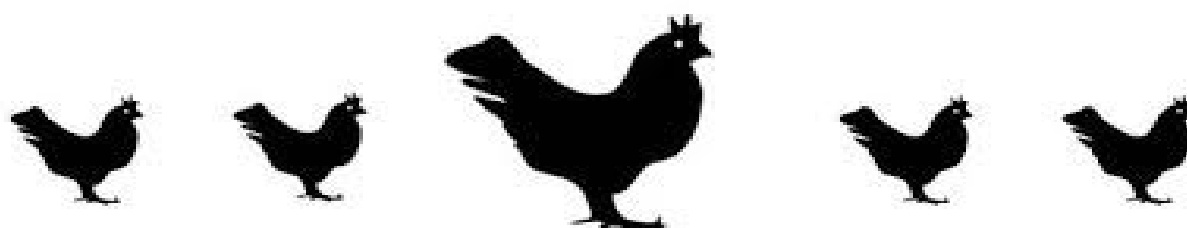
Seniors and friends enjoy a corned beef and cabbage COA-sponsored St. Patrick's Luncheon on Wednesday, March 16th at Town Hall



Belgian “massive oak” table for sale. Solid oak with solid carved legs and wrought-iron supports. Believed to be 1930s vintage. Seats 4 (or 6) Excellent condition. \$250.

Call Jennifer at 760-672-5336 or email to
mntnhiker@sprintmail.com

Protect Your Backyard Flock From Avian Flu



In 2015, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) struck the American Midwest and devastated the poultry industry. HPAI is not in Massachusetts now, but wild birds like ducks and geese could bring it here during their migratory travels. Although HPAI is a threat to all domestic poultry, no human transmission has occurred in the U.S.

Simple Steps to Keep Your Birds Safe

Backyard chicken owners can help to prevent HPAI from harming their birds by using safety practices the USDA calls "biosecurity."

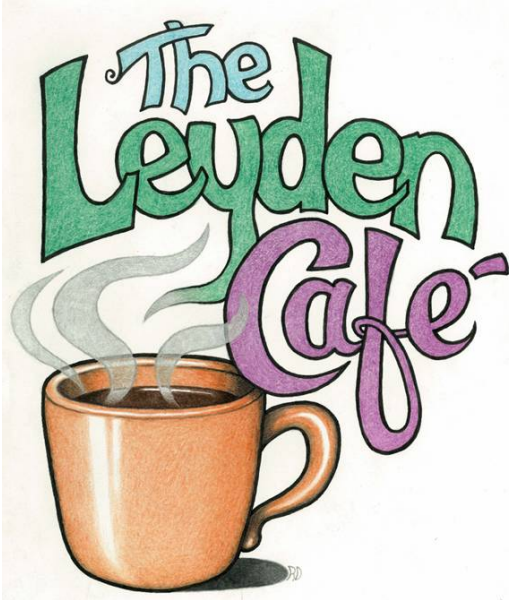
- 1) Keep your poultry out of contact with wild birds – especially ducks and geese - and the places they visit.
- 2) Do not share equipment with other backyard flock owners.
- 3) Do not expose your poultry to footwear or tires that have visited the home of another backyard flock.
- 4) Isolate new birds from your flock for 30 days.
- 5) Limit the number of people who visit your flock.

- Learn more about biosecurity at: <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>
- FAQ (in Resources section): frcog.org/boards-committees/maphco
- Other questions? Contact Greg Lewis, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planner, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, (413) 774-3167 x155, glewis@frcog.org



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**The Leyden Café is
open 9:00 to 11:30
every Sunday
morning downstairs
in the town hall.**

Come to the Café
as part of your Sunday
morning routine and
enjoy the great coffee

and Karyn's wonderful goodies while
you visit with your friends and
neighbors. Some people are bringing
their knitting! You never know who you
will meet here, but you will certainly see
friendly faces and get a welcome chance
to catch up with your neighbors, with the
news, and with your town."

**Join us for A Sunday Market Day on
April 17th!**

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RESIDENTS: Please separate these batteries and cell phones from your trash and hand them to your town's transfer station attendant. They can also be brought to Hazardous Waste Collections.

1. Rechargeable batteries, cell phones: in *Call 2 Recycle* box.

Rechargeables also accepted at Radio Shack, Staples, and Lowe's.

Please bag each single rechargeable battery separately; bags provided.



Nickel-cadmium (Ni-cad):



Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH):



Lithium Ion (Li-ion):

(From laptops/ ipods)



Small Sealed Lead (Pb):



Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn):



Cell Phones and their batteries



Rechargeable razors, toothbrushes, flashlights, hand held vacuums and their batteries:



2. Button and lithium batteries: recycle in bucket marked "Button + Lithium Batteries."

Button:



Lithium:



3. Alkaline, Carbon Zinc, Zinc Chloride batteries: All sizes: AAA, AA,

C, D, 9 volt, lantern size can go in the trash.

Before storage or disposal, tape contacts on 9-volts.



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PRESS RELEASE

To: District Town Newsletters and websites
Contact: Amy Donovan, Program Director: 413-772-2438 or
info@franklincountywastedistrict.org
Date: February 22, 2016
Re: Articles for town newsletters and websites

Battery Recycling and Proper Disposal

Free battery and cell phone recycling is available at all transfer stations within Franklin County Solid Waste District. Hand batteries and cell phones to the transfer station attendant for separate processing; never place in recycling dumpsters!

There are many different types of batteries and some contain mercury and other heavy metals. Batteries can release mercury, cadmium or other heavy metals into the air and water, ultimately entering the food chain and posing health threats to people and the environment. Please read below for disposal instructions for specific battery types.

Rechargeable batteries are found in those electronics and appliances that can be recharged, such as cell phones; cordless phones; ipads/tablets; laptops; power tools; Roomba vacuum cleaners, some toys; kids ride-on toys; baby monitors; some digital cameras; and rechargeable toothbrushes, razors, flashlights, and handheld vacuum cleaners. In addition, rechargeable batteries that can be recharged with a battery recharger should also be recycled when they can no longer hold a charge. Rechargeable batteries and cell phones contain heavy metals and should never be thrown away; they should always be recycled. Hand rechargeable batteries to your transfer station attendant. Cell phones should also be recycled in this manner.

The specific batteries accepted are: Nickel-cadmium (Ni-cad), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), Lithium Ion batteries (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb). These abbreviations are printed on rechargeable batteries.

"Call 2 Recycle" boxes for free rechargeable battery recycling are available at Home Depot, Lowe's and Radio Shack. Rechargeable batteries can also be taken to Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

Alkaline batteries are the most common household batteries. They are available in many sizes and shapes such as AA, C, D and 9 volt. Alkaline batteries manufactured since 1996 do not contain mercury or other hazardous materials. Alkaline batteries are safe to throw in the trash, but tape the contacts on 9-volts before storage or disposal. **All batteries should be checked carefully before disposal, as some rechargeable and lithium batteries resemble alkalines.**

If you would like to reduce the number of alkaline batteries you are using, consider purchasing an inexpensive battery charger and some compatible rechargeable batteries. These batteries can be recharged over and over again, but remember to recycle them (as above) when they cannot be charged anymore.

Carbon Zinc and Zinc Chloride batteries may be disposed of in the same manner as alkaline batteries; see above.

Lithium batteries are used many applications but most often in cameras. The word "lithium" is printed on the battery. Be sure to check all batteries; some lithium batteries, such as the AA size or the short and fat lithium batteries used in cameras, resemble alkaline batteries, but should be recycled by handing them to your transfer station attendant. Lithium batteries can also be taken to Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

Button batteries are the small round silver batteries found in watches, calculators, hearing aids, toys, remote car locks, flameless "flicker candles," electric fence dog collars, singing greeting cards and

singing balloons. Many button batteries contain mercury; therefore, button batteries must be disposed of properly: hand to your transfer station attendant. Button batteries can also be taken to Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

Lead Acid batteries from cars, trucks, kids ride-on toys, etc. must be recycled by law. Recycling programs, some for cash or credit back, are available at auto supply stores, local scrap metal recyclers, and at some transfer stations. Lead acid batteries are also accepted at household hazardous waste collections.

For more information please contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438, email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, or visit www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

Spring "Clean Sweep" Collection for Bulky Items

Save the date: **Spring "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Day: May 21st** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The three drop-off sites are: the Buckland Recreation Facility on Rt. 112 South, the Northfield Highway Garage, and the Whately Transfer Station. Bring tires, appliances, scrap metal, mattresses, construction debris, computers and equipment, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. You can also bring clean and dry (bagged) textiles and books for reuse or recycling. Certain bulky rigid plastics are accepted for a special recycling program. Materials will be recycled whenever possible. Pre-registration is not required. Disposal fees, subject to change, are listed at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html

For more information on any of these programs or events, contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District: 413-772-2438, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.