

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

July-August 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 July 7th and 21st and August 4th and 18th at 9:30 AM and July 14th and 28th and August 11th and 25th 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 leydeselectboard@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.

JULY MEETINGS

Tue, July 5	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed, July 6	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed, July 6	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, July 7	9:30 AM	Selectboard
Wed, July 13	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, July 14	6:45 PM	Selectboard
No July Meeting		Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Tue, July 16	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at
Mon, July 18	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission the church)
Wed, July 20	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, July 21	9:30 AM	Selectboard
Thu, July 28	6:45 PM	Selectboard

AUGUST MEETINGS

Tue, Aug 2	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed, Aug 3	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed, Aug 3	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Aug 4	9:30 AM	Selectboard
Wed, Aug 10	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Aug 11	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Mon, Aug 15	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Aug 16	7:00 PM	Historical Comm (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Aug 17	3:15 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Aug 17	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Aug 18	9:30 AM	Selectboard
Thu, Aug 25	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.
—Select Board

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

There were no births or marriages or deaths reported in May.
2016 STATE PRIMARY

The 2016 State Primary will be held on Thursday, September 8th. Polls will be open at Town Hall from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

The last day to register to vote in the State Primary will be Friday, August 19th. If you will be out of town during polling hours, please consider applying for an absentee ballot. Thank you.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer! *Elizabeth Johnson*

Town Clerk Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
or by appointment — Telephone 774-7769 or 772-3739
Email: leydentownclerk@crocker.com

Leyden Cultural Council Needs New Members

Help! Several of our council members are retiring this year, and the Cultural Council needs a minimum of five to seven members to remain a recipient of grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Here is the sales pitch: This is an *easy and fun* committee. We meet only two or three times in the fall, *and* get to give away money! What's not to like?!?

The council provides grants for concerts, plays, art projects, guest lecturers for Pearl Rhodes School, and field trips for our students.

Please contact Kathie Benson (777-8595) or Michael Frees (773-5123) for questions, or better yet, to say that you want to join!
—Kathie Benson

Mosaic Classes in July

Enhance your yard or garden, with a unique mosaic cement bird bath or stepping stone. (Please forward to friends, thanks.)

Relax and enjoy creating your dazzling mosaic, and then enjoy seeing it sparkle every time you pass it! (They look even more magical when filled with water.)

The same workshop will be offered twice, on two Sunday afternoons, July 10th or 17th, 12 NOON to 6 PM, at 46 River Road, Leyden, the home of mosaic artist and potter Rhonda Wainshilbaum.

The cost is \$45 for a stepping stone, \$50.00 to \$60.00 for a bird bath (depending on size), including all materials. Please let me know ASAP which size or item you want. There is a discount of \$10.00 off if you bring a companion.

Although everything you need is provided, bring colorful ceramic crockery (especially plates and tiles), mirrors, beads, stones, glass globes, shells, jewelry, nick-knacks, and small found objects, etc., to use or share if you already have them. There will be a myriad of clay chards to choose from.

Preregistration is required, and space is limited. No experience is necessary. Contact Rhonda at rhondawain@verizon.net or 413-624-5175. (Note: See pictures in the e-edition of *Leyden Life*.)

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.)

Directories Available: We have town directories (names, street addresses and phone numbers) available for **\$5.00 per copy**. The supply is limited, but we can order more as needed. We also have a number of discarded but great *books for sale for \$1 apiece*. If you are interested in visiting the Clark Art Museum, we have a *free pass*, and we have brochures regarding the *Mohawk Trail Concerts'* summer festival of events.

The Summer Reading Program is underway. This year's program began on Wednesday, June 8th, and it will end on Wednesday, September 7th. In order to participate, come in or call me to register, pick up your information packet and Books Read sheets, and read! Maintain a running record of the books you select and the number of pages you read, and submit your tallied lists to me no later than September 7th. Not only will participants' reading improve, but they will be eligible for a gift certificate from the World Eye Book Shop and the annual 'Make Your Own Sundae' party to be held in the Leyden Café at Town Hall in late September. Parents are encouraged to support this program and support their children's reading, while reinforcing skills learned at school.

In conjunction with the start of the Summer Reading Program, the entire gang from Pearl Rhodes Elementary School trekked up the hill to visit the library on Wednesday, June 15th. After giving my spiel about the program, each selected a book and signed up for the program if parents gave the okay. What nice young people they are! It's always a joy to welcome each class with their teacher and aides.

Pat Little's art work continues to draw praise. Stop in at the library and enjoy her work! People often ask if her art is for sale. I have to check with Pat!

New books, CDs, and DVDs continue to arrive! Please visit and take advantage of what is available to you at no cost!

Happy summer,

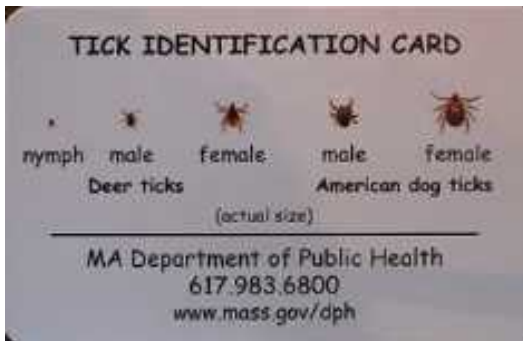
—Chris Johnston

Leyden's Summer Reading Program

Thirty-nine youngsters have signed up to participate in the RML Summer Reading Program! Parents, please help your children to become successful readers...bring them to the library and make this summer one of growth and connectedness!

Board of Health

Tick Season is Here (Always)



OUR GRANT HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

Leyden Residents are eligible for *reduced-rate tick testing*. If you or your pet have been *bitten* (the tick was attached to your skin) 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, extension 114 and she will help you through the process.

The Leyden Board of Health, in Conjunction with the Cooperative Public Health Services of the Franklin Regional Counsel of Governments, has negotiated a reduced cost to member towns. **Leyden residents need pay only \$15.00** of the \$50.00 cost of getting a tick tested.

Data collected over the last year for the ten towns participating in the testing grant, show that approximately *35% of ticks are infected with Lyme disease*. Additionally, several more diseases are now associated with tick bites.

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 The Farm Stand, Spirit Fire, and Angels' Rest for donations. Thanks to Ann McNelly 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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Leyden Life

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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

Monday, August 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

Council on Aging

Leyden Council on Aging News

There will be no COA programs or lunches in July or August. We'll be back in September, but first just a few quick notes.

We have been successful in convincing Sue Howarth to stay on the COA Board for another year! She will continue to run the monthly Leyden Lunch program with her usual flair. We also want to welcome *new* members Paula Sayward and Kathy Fritz to our Council on Aging Board, which also includes Linda Baker, Gilda Galvis, Dianne Ryan, and Amy St. Clair. Together we're all looking forward to another productive year.

Our end-of-year Potluck Picnic and Concert on June 17th was a great success. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the varieties of kale salads were almost as impressive as the ice cream sundaes! Most of all, it was the music of Zydeco Connection that made our night. A crowd of about 60 people danced, laughed, boogied and twirled until dark, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the Leyden Cultural Council for underwriting this event!

The Transportation Service will continue throughout the summer for seniors who need rides. Call Gilda Galvis (773-7932) at least 24 hours in advance.

If you are available to give a ride, whether regularly or just occasionally, please call Gilda Galvis (773-7932) for more details.

Don't forget to check out Free Fun Fridays: The Highland Street Foundation is again underwriting free Friday admission to a wide variety of museums and other venues this summer throughout the state, including western Mass. Participating sites are open at no charge to the public on specified dates. Great for grandkid visits!

For more information, go to: <http://www.celebrateboston.com/free-fun-fridays.htm>

Another money-saver: the Senior MassParks Pass is available to seniors 62 and over for a one-time fee of \$10 and waives parking fees at all state parks.

We'll see you in September ~ with more exercise classes, a visit from County Public Health Nurse Lisa White, and our rescheduled elder law program. We hope you have a healthy, happy summer!
—Dianne Ryan

WiredWest

WiredWest people who have met with the new MBI Town liaison person, Bill Ennen, feel he is an ally. He is from an unserved part of Shelburne and understands the problems caused by lack of broadband. In meeting with the Leyden Broadband Committee and Selectboard on June 16th, he mentioned more than once his strong conviction that a regional solution is the most likely path to sustainable broadband access for all towns. However, he is constrained by the MBI policy that each town must own all of the network assets it pays for. His mission is to get towns to build individual networks first and then regionalize when actual operation becomes possible. Some in WiredWest are afraid this approach may not work for towns, especially small towns that cannot demonstrate sustainability as a single town network. Leyden has submitted a "Readiness Request Form" that will lead to the next step in getting state aid for the detailed engineering studies that are necessary before network construction can start.

WiredWest has announced a new operating plan, called the A2 option, which accepts the MBI's requirement that each town individually own its network assets. The new plan also makes it easy for a town to withdraw from WiredWest membership, and anticipates outsourcing operations. Details are now available on the WiredWest website, <http://wiredwest.net>. WiredWest Executive Committee members have met with the new leadership of MBI, but came away feeling that the MBI people did not appear to have read or be familiar with A2. One WiredWest negotiator was told by Bill Ennen that WW was hoping to hear something that MBI is not yet able to say. We don't know what this means. We have also heard that the state may be working on its own "consortium" model that they will be presenting to towns sometime soon. This appears to be happening simultaneously with the town readiness assessment process. They are saying very little about what that will look like. It has been suggested that town officials and residents should be writing to the Governor and Peter Larkin, insisting that MBI engage in constructive dialog with WW to find a common solution to the need for regionalization necessary to make operating expenses affordable for small towns.

As you may know, WiredWest Delegates constitute the Board of Directors of WiredWest, which normally meets once a month in a different WiredWest town, usually in the Town Hall. Over the past several years Sheila and Al have had a fantastic tour of Western Massachusetts Town Halls, schools, and other public buildings. In November 2013 Leyden hosted one of these meetings, and we have volunteered to do so again. The WiredWest Board of Directors will meet in Leyden Town Hall on Saturday July 23rd at 9:30 AM. We invite Leyden residents to come and observe the meeting. You'll see a group of committed and intelligent, informed people from all over our region seriously discussing our way forward to broadband. Some members will have driven for up to an hour and a half to get to this meeting and for that reason the host town always provides coffee and breakfast snacks starting at 9:00 AM. We would appreciate help from a few people with this by making coffee or donating baked goods.

For more information about WiredWest, or to volunteer to help with hosting the July meeting, please contact Sheila Hourihan at 774-5922 or 413-228-6600 (cell) or Al Woodhull at 773-3522 or 413-348-1932 (cell).

—Sheila Hourihan, alternate, and Al Woodhull, delegate to WiredWest

Leyden Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will be meeting in July and August. Exact times have not been set, but we generally meet in the afternoon on the second Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall and in the evenings on the second and fourth Friday of the month at varying members' homes. We are very casual and relaxed. You are welcome to visit. Bring your knitting or other hand crafts.

For information contact Peggy Brown (774-5764), Laura Timmerman (773-8325), or Amy St. Clair (774-6907).

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

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



The café is closed all of July

We thank our patrons, Karyn, our baker, and all of our volunteers for a wonderful year. We will be **re-opening on August 7th, with new hours, 9:30 to 12:00, Sundays, down-stairs at Town Hall.**

Market Day is Sunday, August 28th!

If you would like to join the Café group or volunteer to work Sunday mornings at the Café call or email Amy – 774-6907 – amy.woodsprite@gmail.com. We would enjoy having you join us.
—Amy St. Clair

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Principal's News

Hello and Good Bye, but see you around the district anyway?! It is with mixed emotions that I write my last piece for the school newsletter. I have greatly enjoyed working with the staff, students and parents of Pearl Rhodes Elementary School. But I will continue to be in and out of this school as I continue to work for the district. I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement over the last few years. I'm sure your new principal will enjoy the same level of support from this community.

Please be watching for an article in the Greenfield Recorder regarding our rain garden. There is a need for volunteer help with a big planting on Saturday, June 25th. We'll start early, @7:30. The plants are already purchased. We still need some compost if you have any extra to donate. Hope to see you then!

—Chris Maguire

New Principal News

We are pleased to announce the selection of Deanna LeBlanc as the new Principal of Pearl Rhodes Elementary School, effective July 1, 2016. Deanna will be working in the PVRSD full time, with half of her time designated as the PRES principal.

Deanna is currently the assistant principal for the three elementary schools in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. She has also been a music teacher and a band & chorus director.

Deanna received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Rhode Island and a Master of Education degree from Cambridge College in Springfield, MA. Her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in School Administration was conferred at American International College in Springfield.

Thank you to the eight members of the search committee that was made up of many PRES faculty, school committee, and central office administrators. Six candidates were interviewed and two were selected by the search committee to move forward to finalists, for site visits and reference checks. Both candidates visited PRES and participated in a public question and answer session. Thank you to the parents and community members who attended.

We thank Chris Maguire for the leadership and contributions she has made to PRES over the past five years.

Upcoming Events

August 31—First day of school
 September 3—Full Day, 3:00 Release
 September 5—No School, Labor Day
 September 7—PK/K Open House
 September 8—PK/K First Day
 September 13—School Picture Day

Linda Romano

Summer Sessions: Foot Soaks/Reflexology; Chi Massage; Reiki Sessions and Attunements; Energy Medicine/Shiatsu.

One-half, one, and one and a half-hour sessions are available. Some body products are for sale as well.

Have a great summer! —Linda Romano 413-624-3334 or romanohealing@gmail.com.

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: Package Deal—Otter “Old Town” kayak with 2 oars, Sports Rack adjustable roof carrier, life jacket and size 8½ water shoes. All for \$75! Phone Linda Lutz at 773-8088

Summer work wanted for two high school students: I have two teenagers looking for summer work. Both are very responsible kids. Girl would be a great mother's helper or babysitter and help with work around the house. Boy would be able to do work around the house and yard that you may need help with. Please call 774-0019 if interested in talking to their Mom about the possibilities. We are here in Leyden. Sorry, but I have purposely omitted names.

For Sale: Logitech wireless computer keyboard and mouse set. Like new, in original box. \$85 value, will sell for \$20 obo. Call Bob Taylor at 624-8965.

Wanted: Leaves, wood chips, manure, waste hay, etc. for compost. Please call Robin or Laura at 773-8325.

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.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2016 FARM SHARES

Shares started June 2. We have just a couple of shares available so contact us right away if you were wishing you had signed up for one. <http://sweet-morning-farm-csa.blogspot.com/>

EXTRA SHARES: From time to time a farm member is unable to use their share on a given week and will offer it as a gift to someone who might like it. If you would like to be contacted when there is a share available, please get in touch. It's nice way to try out what a farm share is and it is a nice way for neighbors to help each other. (Call Robin or Laura 773-8325)

EGGS: Organically grown chicken eggs for \$6.00/dozen, medium eggs \$5.00. We always have eggs, so do stop by.

LEYDEN MARKET

Sweet Morning Farm has been going to the Leyden Cafe Market at the Town Hall. The next market day will be Sunday, August 28, 9:30 - 12:00. We'll bring Leyden-grown fresh eggs and vegetables and flowers. See you there!

Thanks for all your interest and support. It's great to be farming in Leyden!
 —Laura Timmerman, Rob Creamer

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PRESS RELEASE; for Immediate Release

Contact: Amy Donovan, Program Director: (413) 772-2438
Date: June 24, 2016
Re: Press Release for Household Hazardous Waste Day

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its annual household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, October 1st at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register between August 25 and September 26.

Online registration forms may be completed online at that time:

www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html. Paper registration forms will be available at participating town offices and transfer stations. Participants will be assigned an appointment time to bring wastes to the collection; appointment time will be provided by mail after registration is processed.

The collection is free for residents of the following towns: Athol, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately. Barre, Gill, Orange and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in the 2016 collection.

Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible; call 772-1528 for info on year round disposal in Greenfield.

Businesses must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438.

This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, fluorescent lamps, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, see:

www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

For more information, contact the District office 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). The District is an equal opportunity provider.