



Leyden Life



Leyden, Massachusetts

December 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 December 1st and 15th at 9:00 AM and December 8th and 22nd at 6:45 PM in their office. (Dec. 15th is at PRES.) To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 or selectboard@townofleyden.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.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Thu, Dec 1	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Thu, Dec 1	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Tue Dec 6	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed, Dec 7	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Dec 8	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Wed, Dec 14	9:00 AM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Dec 14	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Dec 15	9:00 AM	Selectboard (at PRES Cafeteria)
Mon, Dec 19	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Dec 20	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Dec 21	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Dec 22	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

Municipal Assistant

Change of E-mail Addresses. Town Hall offices and Departments are in the process of transitioning to new e-mail addresses which are *in effect now*. As of December 31st, e-mail addresses that end with crocker.com will no longer be active. Updated Public Records law states that all e-mails are public record, and therefore are required to be archived. The new addresses will be associated with our website, www.townofleyden.com, and can be archived. New addresses are: Selectboard – selectboard@townofleyden.com;

Assessors – assessors@townofleyden.com;

Town Clerk – townclerk@townofleyden.com;

Tax Collector – taxcollector@townofleyden.com.

Please start using these new addresses *now*. As of December 31st, we will no longer be able to check e-mails sent to the crocker.com address.

Town Hall Exterior Bulletin Boards. It is becoming

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: Brody Walker Neipp, born September 30th to Kathryn and Diedrick Neipp. No births were reported in October.

Deaths: Edith J. Facey, died September 17th. She was 100 years old. No deaths were reported in October.

Marriages: No marriages were reported in October.

WELCOME TO THE NEW TOWN CLERK

Please join me in welcoming the new Town Clerk, Mary Lou Barton. Mary Lou will officially take over the office on December 1st. She has always been a great asset to the town, serving previously as Town Clerk, serving on the Recreation Committee and serving as Registrar. Mary Lou will do a great job for the Town, and I hope everyone will make her feel as welcome as I did when I started. Congratulations and thank you Mary Lou!

JUST SAYING THANKS . . .

Thanks to everyone who has helped me during my time as Town Clerk (Bob H. and others—you know who you are!) Also I want to say how nice it has been to hear the sentiments of those wishing me well. You will still see me at election time, since I will take Mary Lou's place as Registrar. However, I will truly miss seeing all of you at Town Hall. It has been my pleasure to be your Town Clerk.

Thank you!

—Sincerely, Elizabeth Johnson

NEW TOWN CLERK

I'm looking forward to returning to the position of Town Clerk starting December 1st until elections in May 2017. I am adding Wednesdays from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, along with the current schedule of Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The phone number will remain 774-4111, Ext. 3. My home phone is 773-3548.

—Mary Lou Barton

Town Clerk Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM and Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM or by call me at home — Telephone 773-3548
 Email: townclerk@townofleyden.com

Select Board Corner

We're very pleased with two great recent turnouts, the Broadband Forum on November 10th, and the STM on Nov. 14th. Our town committees and boards have been very busy getting our broadband project with MBI started. STM saw five warrant articles pass to finish last-minute business for fiscal year 2016.

Loose dog reminder: Complaints and extra call-outs for Police are time-consuming, and the burden of cost is placed on everyone in town. We have specific bylaws regarding dogs. Please take care of your pets, and don't let them roam all over town.

The Select Board recently sold a parcel of land on Eden Trail for \$25,000.00 to cover back taxes and legal fees. As we stated before, the goal is to get these parcels of non-payment of taxes back on the collection books where they belong. When we set a tax rate it's based on our cost to run the town, based on the amounts approved on warrant articles passed at Town Meetings. We don't have extra funds to cover non-payments.

A special *Thank You* to the walkers who keep our roads cleared of trash. We see you out there keeping Leyden looking good. In closing we wish everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

—Respectfully yours, Jeff, Bill and Lance

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.)

The old adage, 'Ask and ye shall receive,' proved to be true once again! My plea for a few new volunteers resulted in four people signing up to help out on Saturdays. Kerry O'Dea, Michelle Higgins, Liz Walz, and Jennifer Van Pelt have signed on! Kerry has already had her first adventure at the library. Michelle, Liz, and Jennifer will follow soon. Please make them feel at home!

On Monday, October 31st, the gang from Pearl Rhodes Elementary School hiked up the hill and selected books to their liking for a three-week reading unit. Each teacher will engage kids in a post-reading activity that will involve some creativity. One option is to create a poster incorporating title and author, a picture of one's favorite scene from his/her book and three bubble questions to entice others to read the book. Each class was wonderful; their good nature and positive attitudes made my day special!

Christmas is coming fast! Kathy Heilgman, a retired teacher living in Rowe, and her husband visited the RML in October to take some pictures of our library. They traveled throughout Franklin County to learn about and photograph hill town libraries. Low and behold, our library made the cover of the **calendar** they created! The pictures are phenomenal, bright and clear. With a little arm twisting, Kathy agreed to order ten copies for me to sell to interested Leydenites. The price of \$19 will cover the cost of publishing and will act as a fund raiser for the library. If you are interested, please contact me immediately. I have a sample in the library if you want to check it out!

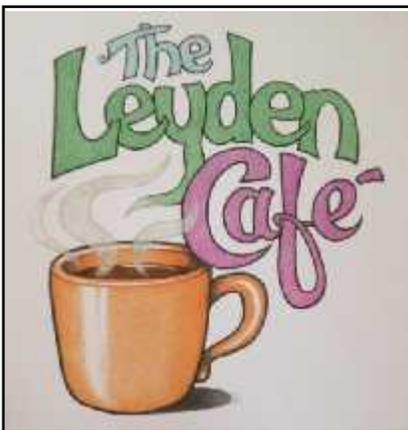
Interest has also been expressed in our **centennial recipe book** and the Arms' *History of Leyden*. If enough people sign up, I will do my best to make both available.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

—Chris Johnston

Leyden Life Contributions Encouraged

Leyden Life has depended since its creation over thirty years ago on dedicated volunteers and contributions from its recipients. Although a majority of townspeople are now electronic subscribers, many in town, particularly senior citizens, still depend on and look forward to, hand-delivered paper copies. Please consider making a donation to *Leyden Life* so that we can stay in print. Several of our local businesses have been steady supporters, and we are very grateful. If you have benefitted from running regular ads or business cards in *Leyden Life*, we encourage you to express your gratitude with a donation! Send checks to *Leyden Life*, 30 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01337.



The Leyden Café is open on
Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON
downstairs at Town Hall.

Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn's delicious baked goodies and Pierce Bros coffee. We look forward to seeing you there!

Market Day is on Saturday, December 10th, with the Leyden Methodist Church Craft Fair and Christmas Sale!

The Café will be *closed* Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
—Amy St. Clair

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 Angels' Rest and Spirit Fire for donations and to Michele Higgins, Lois Feldman, and Liz Johnson for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help collate and distribute the *Leyden Life* monthly newsletter for those who still want hard copies. It only takes a half-hour or so once a month, and it can be fun and interesting to catch up on the gossip around town.

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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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

Thursday, December 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

Municipal Assistant

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more and more difficult to post meetings on our Town bulletin boards, as required by the Open Meeting Law, due to personal and recreational postings, and postings of Town functions. Departments and Committees are required to post their meetings 48 hours in advance of any meeting. I often have to post meetings over non-required postings. So please be aware that a meeting may be posted over another town function notice, but will be removed after the posted meeting has concluded. Thanks for understanding.

—Bob Hardesty, Municipal Assistant

Recreation Committee

The skating rink has been delivered. All we need now is to drop that old maple tree.

Thanks to Brian Pelletier for coaching our Leyden soccer team. The kids had a great time.



Reading from Alannah

Leslie Brooks will read from her magical fantasy, *Alannah*, for ages 8 to 98, at 11:00 AM at the Craft Fair on December 10th. Autographed books will be for sale all day for \$15 each. If you miss the event, you can email her at enlakesh@verizon.net or call her at 413-624-0235 to buy a copy. Give a gift of inspiration, hope, courage, and love that lasts forever!

—Leslie Brooks

Craft Fair

Save the Date

Saturday, December 10th

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Leyden Town Hall

Bake Sale — Raffle

Lunch served

Hosted by the Leyden

United Methodist Church

Crafters and Vendors Wanted
 \$10 per space + donation to raffle
 Contact Emily Herron-Clark
 413-336-6248 em_el_issa@yahoo.com
 Facebook Event Page
 Craft & Vendor Fair in Leyden

Proceeds will benefit the
 Leyden United Methodist Church

WiredWest

When networks have been built, each town, as the owner of its own network, must make a decision as to how to manage and operate it. Probably towns will want to begin considering alternatives before their networks are complete. It is likely that there will be multiple organizations offering competing plans. By late December WiredWest expects to begin meeting with Select Boards, Finance Committees and Broadband Committees with a competitive proposal to manage multiple town-owned networks using third party providers. Some competing proposals may be for service to individual towns. WiredWest's proposal will be for a regional solution. There are fifteen thousand potential customers in the region. It is not expected that all towns will select WiredWest, but it is the hope that enough will do so to bring economies of scale and strength in numbers.

There was excellent turnout at the Broadband forum on Thursday, November 10th, led very well by Bob Ryan, Chair of the Broadband Committee. There was a record turnout at the Special Town Meeting on November 14th. Seventy people voted almost unanimously to transfer funds for bills pertaining to pole work, which will be starting soon. It is clear that the town is fully behind this project. By the end of November or early December we should begin to see trucks doing pole surveys. Things are really beginning to happen!

—Sheila Hourihan and Al Woodhull, delegates to WiredWest

LEYDEN COUNCIL ON AGING DECEMBER CALENDAR

EXERCISE WITH LINDA ALLIS
 MONDAYS NOON - 1:00 PM
 TOWN HALL

HOLIDAY RECESS FROM DEC 5th

FOREST PARK BRIGHT LIGHTS TOUR
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th
 DETAILS LATER

LISA WHITE HEALTH CHECK-UP
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 10AM-NOON
 TOWN HALL

GCC CHORUS AND COMMUNITY
 CHRISTMAS SING WEDNESDAY,
 DECEMBER 19th AT 11 AM
 TOWN HALL

LEYDEN LUNCH CLUB
 WEDNESDAY, DEC 19th AT NOON
 TOWN HALL

Council on Aging (COA)

COMING UP IN DECEMBER:

Exercise classes upstairs at Town Hall from 12:00 **NOON** to 1:00 **PM**, with music, movement and strength-building exercises led by Linda Allis will pause for the Holiday season on Monday, December 5th.

We anticipate a trip to the Forest Park "Bright Nights" on Thursday, December 8th. Keep an eye out for details to be sent out and posted shortly!

It's time for a coffee break! Join us on Friday, December 14th, from 10:00 **AM** to 12:00 **NOON** for a break from your holiday preparations! Put your feet up, relax, and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with a nice treat while you chat with friends and neighbors. What's the best part? Our county nurse, Lisa White, will join us to do blood pressure checks and medication reviews. Remember that she always brings little gifts for participants! Let's get together before the holidays! Please join us in the Community Room downstairs at Town Hall.

Our Holiday Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 19th from 12:00 **NOON** to 1:30 **PM**. Starting the festivities at 11:15 **AM** will be a half-hour musical presentation given by members of the Greenfield Community College Chorus, led by Margery Heins and accompanied by Marilyn Berthelette. They will perform some lovely seasonal music and you will be invited to join in and sing along at the end of the program. A mouth-watering luncheon will follow at 12:00 **NOON** in the Community Room downstairs at Town Hall. The menu includes Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Mini-Cheesecakes and No-Sugar-Added Cookies, and coffee or tea.

Lunch will conclude with an exciting drawing for festive gifts! Please make reservations by calling Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118. Let her know if there are special dietary needs in

your party. We will gladly accommodate our guests whenever possible. Invite your family and friends—"The more the merrier" at this wonderful time of the year!

COMING UP IN JANUARY:

Painting with Acrylics led by artist **David Sund** is a six-week class on Tuesday afternoons, January 24th through February 28th, at Town Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 **PM**. All materials are provided, but there is \$1 fee per session used to purchase supplies. *All experience levels are welcome!* David uses an individualized open-ended approach to teaching a variety of skill levels. The class is limited to 12 participants, and Seniors (age 60+) will have priority. Call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436 to register and confirm a space.

Also, starting in January the COA will be serving **casual lunches** at 12:00 **NOON** on the first Tuesday of each winter month. Join us on Tuesday, January 3rd for a light lunch of chicken soup, assorted sandwiches, salad, and fresh fruit. Gluten-free options will be available. Reservations are suggested in order to guarantee a lunch, but drop-ins willing to take a chance are welcome! Call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118.

"**Leyden Neighbor to Neighbor Helpers**" brochures, jam-packed with helpful information, are now available at Town Hall and are also being mailed out to senior households. (Thanks, Amy!)

Volunteers for COA events are always very much appreciated. If you think you can help out please call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436, and Thank You!

Please note: when School is cancelled owing to inclement weather, there will be no COA events taking place, either. 'Snow dates' will be announced, whenever possible

Leyden Knitting Circle

We'll meet on Saturday, December 10th, for a potluck dinner at 5:30, and knitting from 6:30 to 8:30 at Laura Timmerman's house. Call 774-5764 for information.

We'll meet again on Tuesday, December 13th, 1:00 - 3:00 **PM** (our usual time for meeting) at Town Hall. Contact Amy St. Clair at 774-6907 to confirm.

All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Happy knitting!
—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle"

Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links.



NEIGHBORS HELPING EACH OTHER

The Leyden Council on Aging is looking for Leyden residents (including teenagers) to help our seniors, and those with disabilities, manage outdoor chores. This can be a volunteer service or a fee for service but our intention for senior residents living on fixed incomes, is to keep the charge within reason. Our Town population is aging, and not everyone has family close by. So we are seeking ways to provide some physical services that will allow residents to age in place and remain in their homes. Outdoor chores might include wood stacking, lawn mowing, brush cutting, snow shoveling/roof raking, rototilling, etc.

If anyone is interesting in making a little extra money by helping out our seniors, or wants more information, please call Paula Sayword at 774-3897 or leave as message at Town Hall at 774-4111. The Council is also looking for people to offer indoor household services/help such as light cleaning, washing dishes, preparing simple meals or just assisting with daily tasks. A little companionship goes a long way! This also can be on a volunteer basis, or for a reasonable fee. If interested, please call Paula Sayword at 774-3897 or leave a message at Town Hall at 774-4111. Thank you!

MONTHLY POETRY GROUP

We all have something to say—a story to tell, a childhood memory or the way we felt watching geese cross the sky. Join me once a month to read something written by a known poet, discuss some fundamentals of poetry and share our own work in a safe, supportive environment. The group is limited to eight participants, poets and non-poets alike. All ages are welcome.

Classes begin Tuesday, November 1st from 10:00 **AM** to 12 **NOON**, downstairs in Town Hall, and will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. There is no fee for this group. For more information or to register, please call Paula Sayword at 774-3897, or email psayword@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Leyden COA.

Paula Sayword has lived in Leyden for 27 years. Her work has appeared in numerous journals, and she has published two books of poetry.



Bob Taylor

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: 4 studded snow tires Firestone Winterforce 215/65R16, \$100; Green floral wool runner rug 2 ft x 8 ft., \$45; Amaryllis bulbs, potted and can foil wrap for gifting \$3 and up. Call Carol at 413-539-4684.

Free Sofa: Blue sleeper sofa couch: Call Pam at 774-3216. .

For Sale: 4 mud and snow tires on rims, Nokian 195/60 R15 92R XL M&S, call Peggy at 774-5764. \$200 Or Best Offer.

Antique Farm Equipment—Free: Two pieces—old mower and plow. Have been used as lawn décor. Please call Robin Symonds, Alexander Road, cell: 508-340-1264.

Free La-Z-Boy loveseat and couch with floral design. Call Peggy at 774-5764.

For Sale: Brand new Futon couch. Thick feather mattress and sealed blond frame. *Free* natural-colored cover. \$600. Call Leslie at 624-0235 or email enlakesh@verizon.net. *Will deliver.*

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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We have lots of fresh Leyden-grown spinach and salad this winter, available at the farm or the Greenfield Winter Farmers’ Market. Also available this month at the Leyden Market on Dec. 10th.

We wish you all the best for a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2017.

—Laura Timmerman and Rob Creamer
Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325

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Our CSA blog: <http://sweet-morning-farm-csa.blogspot.com>

Linda Romano

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Frizzell Hill

Carolyn Asbury



North County Road

Carolyn Asbury

November Election Results				
Leyden Total Votes Cast	502			
		Sheriff, Franklin County		Question 1
				Yes 123
Electors of President and Vice President:		Christopher J. Donelan	414	No 365
Clinton and Kaine	306	All Others	0	Blanks 14
Johnson and Weld	23	Blanks	88	Total 502
Stein and Baraka	20	Total	502	
Trump and Pence	139			Question 2
All Others		Councillor- Franklin Council of Governments, Franklin County		Yes
Blanks	10	Jay D. DiPucchio	389	No 350
Total	502	All Others	0	Blanks 12
		Blanks	113	Total 502
Representative in Congress, First District		Total	502	
Richard E. Neal	317	Senator in General Court, Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District		Question 3
Frederick O. Mayock	61	Stanley C. Rosenberg	380	Yes 261
Thomas T. Simmons	92	Donald Peltier	99	No 228
All Others	0	All Others	0	Blanks 13
Blanks	32	Blanks	23	Total 502
Total	502	Total	502	
				Question 4
Councillor, Eighth District		Representative in General Court, Second Berkshire District		Yes
Mary E. Hurley	391	Paul W. Mark	410	No 201
All Others	0	All Others	0	Blank 23
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Total	502	Total	502	

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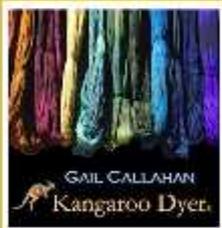
LEYDEN'S 2ND ANNUAL GLEN ROAD OPEN STUDIO ~ OPEN FARMHOUSE

Holiday Event

LEYDEN GLEN LAMB FARM & ALICIA HUNSICKER FINE ART STUDIO
31 & 40 GLEN ROAD, LEYDEN, MA

DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH, 10 AM TO 4 PM

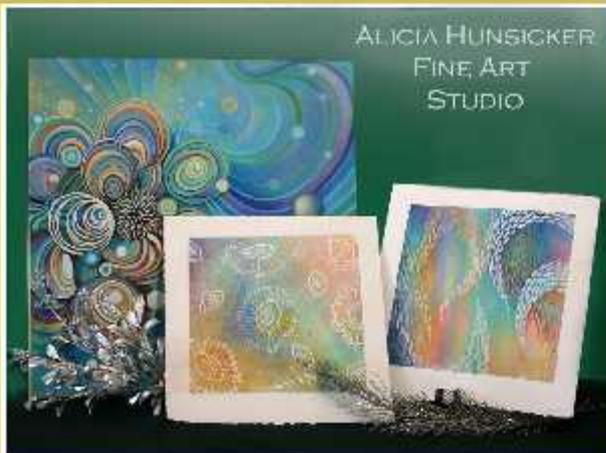
Three Leyden artists; Kristin Nicholas, Alicia Hunsicker, and Deborah Garner have joined together to present to you a very special weekend event for the holiday season. We are pleased to share with you a wide range of masterful original art, prints, pottery, textile, jewelry, craft, and much more that we guarantee will excite you and fill your holiday celebrations with joy and delight! Special Guests will include Debbie Bernard with wreaths and Gail Callahan, The Kangaroo Dyer with hand dyed luxurious yarns and silk.



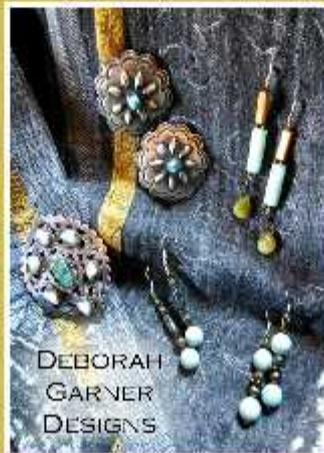
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KRISTIN NICHOLAS
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Upcoming Events

November 23

Turkey Trot @ BES 9:00 – 11:30

Early Dismissal @ 12:00, NO Lunch

November 24 - 25

Thanksgiving Recess



November 28

Picture Retakes

December 7

Holiday Concert, 6:30

December 22

Noon Release (NO Lunch) to begin Holiday Recess thru January 2, 2017

Book Fair Follow Up

It was a very successful book fair this year. With everyone's support, we did \$1377.58 in gross sales (\$518.62 in earned book dollars). That is very impressive for a school this size! This will go a long way in supporting our librarian and teachers! A BIG thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped make this all possible.

Beth Messer, PTO

Picture Retakes



Monday, November 28th

Please call the office or send in the original picture package if you are planning to have your child's picture retaken or if your child missed the original picture day. 774-2521

Last Call for Original Works!!

There is still time to place an order! Please send artwork and your order to school by **tomorrow, Friday 11/18**.

5th & 6th Grade Crafts



The hard-working 5th and 6th graders are making things happen toward meeting their goal of raising money for their big field trip. Let's keep it up! We will meet again on **Monday,**

November 21st from 3:00-4:00 to continue our crafts. After the Thanksgiving break, we will switch to **Fridays (12/2 and 12/9) from 1:45-2:45** for the final craft sessions.

Important!

On **Wednesday, December 7th**, buses will be dropping students off directly at the Town Hall first thing in the morning and will not be stopping at the school. If you transport your child please bring them directly to the Town Hall at the regular time, 8:30 – 8:40^{AM}. The breakfast program will not be available that morning; however, special arrangements can be made if necessary. Please contact the office.



Third and Fourth Grade News

This fall we have been learning about the geography of Massachusetts. With the help of technology teacher Susan Wright, we have been creating an interactive online map. Pins on the map show locations of interest described in short information paragraphs by our students. Students are really enjoying this project.

Students have also been busy writing personal narratives based on their own life memories. These stories will be sure to be treasured for years to come. We have some very creative and hardworking writers in our class and everyone is doing excellent work.

We are doing something a little different with the *Math Expressions* units this year. In order for the two grades to have more opportunity to work together, we are switching up the order in which we do the units. This is what the other three/four class in our district over in Warwick does, and has worked well there. It's going well here too!

A special thanks to parents who donated supplies to our classroom or books from the book fair. Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Ms. Solomon

Principal's Office

Dear PRES Families,

This week, I wanted to share how thankful I am to be here at Pearl Rhodes Elementary School. The community, staff and students have such a supportive nature. I appreciate everyone coming together to make the book fair happen, and for the many people who volunteer their time for our students.

I would like to remind all of our community members to keep sticks and other debris off of our playground areas, as these items are dangerous during recess. Please also remind students to begin sending in those cold-weather clothes for recess.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our students on having filled three coin jars! They are working hard to demonstrate safe, respectful and responsible behaviors throughout the school. They earn paw coins for positive behaviors, which earn the school fun activities like pajama day and a school-wide hike.

Warmly,

Deanna



The Pearl Rhodes Annual Winter Concert

Please join us for an evening of joyful sounds!

Performances by all Pearl Rhodes students & band students

Wednesday, December 7th

6:30^{PM} ~ 7:30^{PM}

Leyden Town Hall

All are welcome to attend the special event

Reception to follow ~ please bring a treat to share

Students should arrive no later than 6:15 and are encouraged to dress in their best holiday outfits.



All Electronic Tolling Starts October 28th

FAQ for Public Officials

Massachusetts goes to all electronic tolling this Friday at 10pm.

As you know, Massachusetts will begin All Electronic Tolling (AET) this Friday. The following are some questions your constituents may have about AET.

Constituent Resources

MassDOT Information: www.massdot.state.ma.us/allelectronic tolling

General Questions: AETinfo@dot.state.ma.us

Ordering E-ZPassMA Transponder: www.ezpassma.com

E-ZPass/Pay By Plate Service Hotline: 1-877-627-7745

Highway Call Center: 857-368-3500 (Mon. - Fri. 7:00am to 7:00pm excluding holidays)

What Happens October 28th?

Cash toll collection ends on Friday night at 9:45pm. At 10pm the gantries will “go live” and all toll collections will either be by transponder or Pay By Plate. Preparations to demolish all toll plazas in the state (with the exception of the Sumner Tunnel Plaza) will begin immediately. As you know, the gantry rates for transponder customers are significantly lower than Pay By Plate. You should encourage your constituents to get transponders.

Toll Plaza Demolition

What will happen to the existing toll plazas?

At 10pm on Friday October 28, crews stationed at each toll location will begin setting up the new traffic patterns, laying new pavement markings, and turning on electronic message boards for the initial stage of toll plaza demolition. Various signs related to manual toll collection will be covered, and new signage for AET will be uncovered. On October 29, by 5:00 am, the appropriate toll demolition configurations will be in place at every toll plaza location statewide, where vehicles will be channeled to the outer lanes of the toll plaza.



Over that weekend, work will begin to demolish the center lanes of the toll plazas and reconstruct portions of the roadway. The **stage 1** demolition will include relocation of utilities, removal of concrete pads, the filling of tunnel areas, (passages manual collectors use to travel between booths and buildings), and the paving of the center lanes of travel after center plaza infrastructure is removed and tunnels are filled in. During this period, vehicles will be channeled into lanes and guided through the former toll lanes. The

speed limit through this phase will continue to be 15 miles per hour, as it is today. This work will be completed in 30 days or less.

How long will the work take to complete?

Stage 1 will begin on the the weekend of October 28 is anticipated to end no later than November 22, 2016, at such time all center areas of I-90 toll plazas will have been removed. Traffic patterns will be shifted at the end of **stage 1** of demolition, and will involve shifting vehicles to the newly paved travel lanes where the centers of the toll plazas once stood. At all times, drivers will be warned to drive slow

and proceed at appropriate speeds in these active construction zones. **Stage 1** of toll plaza demolition work is scheduled to be completed no later than November 22, 2016.

Stage 2 is scheduled to begin after stage 1 when demolition work will begin on the toll plaza booths and tunnels to the right and left of center. In this phase, toll administration buildings will be demolished, ramp geometry and pavement will be reconstructed, and signage and pavement markings will be modified for a final configuration. At all times drivers will be warned to drive slow and proceed at appropriate speeds in these active construction zones.



(Stage 2 – Begins no later than Nov 22, 2016)



(Final – By end of 2017)

Drivers will begin to gain the benefit of this project during **stage 2**, and will gain the full benefit of AET once the toll booths have been removed and they can use the highways, bridges, and tunnels at safe highway speeds.

Transponders

Why should I get a transponder?

Transponder gantry rates are set lower than Pay By Plate rates to reflect the lower cost of collecting tolls via transponder than via monthly invoices mailed to turnpike users.

How to obtain an E-ZPass transponder?

The easiest way to obtain a transponder is by going online to www.ezpassma.com. Transponders are also available all RMV locations, AAA locations (for members), and E-ZPass Customer Service Centers (East Boston, Auburn, Natick, Saugus, Boston, and Lee), during their normal business hours. Those hours are listed online at www.mass.gov/ezpassma.

Under AET, how will I know when my E-ZPass balance is low?

Starting on November 1, customers will be able to elect to receive email or text notifications when their balance is low, since the yellow “balance low” warning lights will no longer be active at toll plazas. MassDOT encourages customers to utilize automatic replenishment on their accounts and reminds customers to keep their accounts in good standing.

Will transponders be used to track where I am going or how fast I am traveling?

No. All information collected by gantries is private, protected information that MassDOT and its contractors cannot give out to third parties without a court order. Massachusetts state law does not allow information gathered by gantries to be used to issue speeding tickets. MassDOT will not keep the gantry information longer than necessary for toll collection in accordance with Records Conservation Board approved retention schedule for this data.