

# Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

June 2017

**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

## Select Board Office

### SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet in their office on Thursdays, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and June 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 PM. To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111, Ext. 1, or [selectboard@townofleyden.com](mailto:selectboard@townofleyden.com) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Anyone not on the posted agenda is welcome to address the Select Board at the end of the meeting during the "Citizens' concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting" agenda item time slot.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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. —*Select Board*

## Select Board

The Annual Town Meeting has come and gone, and we congratulate those who have been re-elected or are newly elected. We wish all of you success, and hope that you find your position enjoyable and rewarding.

The Select Board is beginning the process of reorganizing the board and renewing appointments to committees. For those of you who wish to continue in your current position, no action on your part is required. If you have reached the end of your term and do not wish to be reappointed, please contact Bob Hardesty and let him know. It is the custom of the Select Board to rotate the chair, and this year Jeff Neipp, outgoing chair, informs me that it's my turn. Lucky me!

Dave Brooks is busy replacing culverts and maintaining dirt roads. He plans to replace some guard rails on Brattleboro Road and pave a portion of Greenfield Road starting at the Greenfield Town line.

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## Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

No Births, Marriages, or Deaths were reported in April.

### TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Moderator (1-yr.) Kathy DiMatteo, Incumbent; Selectman (3-yr.) William Glabach, Inc.; Assessor (3-yr.) Robert DePalma, Inc.; Tree Warden (1-yr.) David Brooks, Inc.; Library Trustee (3-yr.) Cornelia Reid, Inc.; Planning Board (5-yr.) Arthur Baker; Board of Health (3-yr.) Ellen White, Inc.; Constable (3-yr.) Erik Johnson, Inc.; and **Town Clerk (1yr.) Nicole Glabach.**

### DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses for 2017 are still available. 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. Only checks or money orders are accepted. Thank you.

—*Thank you, Elizabeth Johnson*

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays,  
5:30 to 7:00 PM, or by appointment.  
Telephone 774-4111, Ext. 3, or Cell/Text at 413-362-9378  
Email: [townclerk@townofleyden.com](mailto:townclerk@townofleyden.com)

## Thanks for Town Clean-up

Thank you for your participation, assistance and support of our "Earth Day Town Clean-up".

Many years ago I remember Gil Stacy organizing this annual event that fell to the wayside over the years. It truly is a town-wide effort that benefits each of us. We have a beautiful town and we had a great turnout for our event to keep it that way.

We had great pickers, haulers, drivers, grill masters and good cheer. The Pioneer students did all of West Leyden Road, which was much appreciated. The Select Board provided the dumpster and the Police Department grilled a great lunch for us all. The Fire Department continued on in the evening by picking up some large items that we could not get alone. Bags and gloves were provided by the Leyden Rifle Club.

Everyone came back safe, and we only forgot one picker on the road (sorry, Sue H.). There are too many to name but we had participation from many town groups and residents. It is all greatly valued, and please share your ideas with me for improvements for next year. We did not get the entire town done but what we did was very thorough.

It was a bit shocking and "sobering" to see the amount of alcohol consumed by those driving through our Town so please be careful as you walk along our scenic lanes.

—*Thank you again, Robin Neipp jarlneipp@verizon.net*

**Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Potluck Picnic and Concert—5:30 PM**

**Patty and the Cakes**

**at Avery Ballfield**

**Bring a Potluck dish to Share**  
**Dessert provided by the Council on Aging**  
**All ages welcome!**



## Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday and Wednesday 1:00 – 6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON  
Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

As I write on this *cold* May 8, 2017, I wonder if spring will ever truly arrive! Patrons have been visiting in droves to select books and DVDs as they would rather sit by the fire than fight the biting wind and mid-forty temps. New England weather does play games with our spirits, doesn't it? (I hope that by the time you read this, it will be warm, sunny, and summer-like!)

The Summer Reading Program is fast approaching. Participants can sign up anytime in June, and the program itself will run from June 12- September 8. Just keep a record of the pages read from the 12<sup>th</sup> through the end date and submit your reading record no later than Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Those who follow the guidelines and submit their reading logs on time will be treated to an ice cream sundae party and will receive a gift certificate to the World Eye Book Shop.

Perhaps because I taught English and reading for so many years, I know it is incredibly important to encourage children to read regularly throughout the summer months. The summer reading program supports and rewards young people, and our supply of good books is really impressive. But our library is not the only source of materials! Books in the home, other libraries, and summer reading academies—all offer a great selection to meet the interests and reading levels of young people. It is a fact that young people who read regularly during their summer vacations return to school reading more fluently and with greater comprehension while those who don't lose up to two years of reading proficiency.

—Happy days to you, Chris Johnston

*“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”* Marcus Tullius Cicero

### Leyden Knitting Group

The Leyden knitting group meets several times each month. Evening dates in June have not yet been set, so contact Peggy Brown (774-5764) or Laura Timmerman (773-8325) for details or if you would like to host a knitting time.

Knitters also meet most Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall. Contact Michele Higgins (772-1924) about Town Hall knitting times. Michele sends a weekly email about that week's get-together.

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.



### 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 Michele and John Higgins, Denese and Donald Bassett, Spirit Fire, and Angels' Rest for contributions and to Michele Higgins and Liz Kidder 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](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com), Carolyn at [carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.asbury@gmail.com), and Bob at [bobxtwo@verizon.net](mailto:bobxtwo@verizon.net) by 5:00 PM on

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the drop box at the back of Town Hall.

**Donations are always welcome!** Send to:  
Leyden Life c/o Reid  
30 West Leyden Road  
Leyden, MA 01337



### The Leyden Café is open Sundays 9:30 to 12:00

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! The Café closes for the summer after Market Day, June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will re-open Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

We sincerely thank all of our volunteers who have given of their time on Sunday mornings to make the Café possible. Have a wonderful summer!

—Amy St. Clair

### Market Day is Coming! Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON



## Select Board

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The Broadband Committee continues its work, and we expect a recommendation from them in the next week or two. The Select Board is grateful for their many hours of hard work, which has taken a dream to a point where it appears to be possible; not an easy task. We especially thank Bob Ryan, Committee Chair, for so ably guiding us through the process.

—Respectfully, Lance Fritz, Chair



Leyden was not represented at the May WiredWest Board of Directors meeting because it took place at the same time as Leyden's Annual Town Meeting. We don't have much new to report at this time. The next Board meeting will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and we will report on that in the July Leyden Life.

Scattered among Western Massachusetts' small towns, there are many people with experience and knowledge that, if shared, can make up for lacks in any single town. Currently Leyden is concerned about the fact that our initial pole survey indicated the make-ready costs for stringing fiber along our roads could be higher than the estimates originally provided by the state. Even though those estimates were not based on solid data, so far there is no hint of additional state money based on reality. But other towns are having problems similar to our own, and they may find solutions or exercise political pressure that can help us.

On the table in the lobby of Town Hall we provided printed copies of two new documents, printed back-to-back on a single page. If you did not pick one up at Town Meeting, you can get copies from the WiredWest website. The "WiredWest One-Page Public Description" can be downloaded at <http://wiredwest.net/2017/04/09/wiredwest-one-page-public-description-april-2017/>. The back side, "Understanding WiredWest's Role" can be found at <http://wiredwest.net/2017/04/23/understanding-wiredwests-role-one-page/>.

Leyden's WiredWest Board of Directors representatives welcome questions and concerns of Leyden residents.

—Al Woodhull (773-3522) and Sheila Hourihan (772-5922)  
WiredWest Delegates for Leyden

## No August Leyden Life

The next issue will be a combined July/August issue.

Since things slow down in the summer, there often is not enough information to fill a normal-sized newsletter.

—Editors

## Leyden Democratic Committee



The Leyden Democratic Committee will hold its next meeting on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Leyden Town Hall. Sara Seiberg, Delegate and Pam Brown, Chairperson will give a report on the Democratic State Convention, which will have taken place the week before on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Committee will seek to fill the office of Affirmative Action/Outreach Coordinator and look at the gender distribution of our officers to assure compliance with the Massachusetts Democratic Party Committee By-Laws. For further information please contact Pam Brown at 413-774-3216 or [pambrown01301@gmail.com](mailto:pambrown01301@gmail.com). All are welcome!

—Pamela Brown



## PRES Visit to Beneski Museum of Natural History at Amherst College

On Friday, April 14, most of Pearl Rhodes Elementary School (the first through sixth graders) went on a field trip to the Beneski Museum of Natural History at Amherst College. Transportation costs were paid with a grant from the Leyden Cultural Council, so there was no cost to students and families. Upon entering the museum, we were greeted by the director, Fred Venne, who led us in a 90-minute presentation of some of the amazing exhibits of the collection. We studied the fossils of a mastodon, mammoth, saber-tooth cat, cave bear, and Irish elk.

Mr. Venne showed us how the bones of these extinct animals mirror the bones in our own bodies. We learned about the evolutionary progression of the horse through fossils. We saw the skull of a T-Rex, and were able to interact with the large collection of dinosaur footprints. After lunch in a lounge in the Student Center, small groups did an independent investigation of the museum for about forty minutes, until we had to meet the bus. We are so grateful to the teachers and other chaperones, the Leyden Cultural Council, and Fred Venne of the Beneski Museum for helping to make this a fun and educational outing. Thank you!



This project is sponsored in part by a grant from the Leyden Local Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## South Cemetery Notes

As spring is (finally) upon us, it is time to remove those winter decorations. Please remember:

Do NOT empty pots on or over the stone wall. There is an area in the northeast corner where dirt and plant material may be dumped. Take pots and any plastic nonorganic materials home with you.

NO work is to be done in the cemetery without the permission of the board. We'd love to know who did the tree work and burning in that NE corner.

Overgrown or dead shrubs will be cut down by the spring cleanup crew.

You can receive information regarding lot sales and burials from Jessica at Snow's—774-2604. If you have questions, call Deb Collins at 802-380-2562, or Wally Herzig at 774-4073.

We thank you for your cooperation.

—Deb Collins



## Council on Aging (COA)

### LEYDEN NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017

**THE COA** would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all those people who have worked together and helped our Board members to make our programs and presentations a success over the last year. A big “thank you” to **Robbie Milner, Karen Loomis, Lou Becker and many other volunteers** who have cheerfully helped with setting up, cooking and serving lunches and cleaning up afterwards; to **Dan Galvis** for his great help setting up and running the projector for our monthly movies (which will resume in the fall) and also for driving a group to ‘Bright Nights’ in Forest Park last winter; and to **Bill Glabach, Lance Fritz, Nan Rolstadt and Linda Lutz** for driving the Cadillac and making the Transportation Service a reality. Also thanks, **Bill and Lance**, for leading the ‘Leyden Historical Tour’!

Thanks to **Lisa White**, our County nurse, for her friendly and helpful ‘Wellness Clinics’; to the **Triad** officers for cooking for us and explaining what they do to help seniors; to **Carol Johnson** for faithfully posting our events in the Greenfield Recorder; to **Bob Taylor** who sends out all the reminders via email and is patient when we are not right on time with Newsletter submissions; to **Bob Hardesty** who somehow finds the time to keep the Town Hall calendar updated with our events; and to **Peggy Brown** for sending out our monthly Birthday greeting cards.

Thanks also to the following program presenters who have one way or another enriched our lives over the last few months: **Linda Allis**, for her awesome exercise classes, and keeping us all laughing; **David Sund**, for his excellent and educational painting classes; **Linda Romano** for a great workshop on gentle stretching, exercise and nutrition; our stargazing neighbor **Robin Symonds** who gave us such a wonderful presentation on our unfolding universe; Attorney **Kate Downes** on her excellent program on MassHealth long-term care and asset protection; **Lorraine-York Edberg**, Director of the ‘SHINE’ program for her very helpful explanations of the various health insurance choices for seniors; The **Greenfield Community College Chorus** for our Winter Concert, led by **Margery Heins** and accompanied by **Marilyn Berthelette**; and Naturalist **John Root** for his delightful program on local Songbirds;

Thanks to **Pat Leuchtmann** for her well-attended program on Planting for Pollinators, and to **Chris Wayne** of the Franklin County Beekeepers Association. Lastly, many thanks to the group of **Eventide Singers** who came and sang so beautifully and touched all who heard them; and to **Peter Row** and **Ajay Sinha** for their concert of Indian music performed on Sitar and Tabla at the end of May.

If I missed anybody, I apologize! But we thank you, one and all.

No ‘mid-month’ lunch or movie this month, **BUT** we are hosting a **GRAND END** of the **SEASON POTLUCK PICNIC** followed by **DANCING to “PATTY & THE CAKES” ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>** at the **EVERY BALL FIELD**.

**The Potluck picnic will begin at 5:30 PM.** Please bring a hot or cold main dish or salad. Drinks, plates, cutlery, napkins and a special dessert will be provided by the COA. **Music will begin around 7:00 PM** – bring your dancing shoes!

#### About Patty and the Cakes:

‘Patty and the Cakes’ is a homegrown, rockin’ dance band. **Patty Carpenter**, vocals and keyboard, is widely known to local audiences for her work in a number of different musical genre-bending forms including Blues, R & B, Jazz, Americana and original compositions. She studied jazz at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with the great Archie Shepp and Max Roach, and was heavily influenced by many great women artists ranging from Joan Baez and Roseanne Cash to Billie Holliday and Carmen McCrae. She also works and performs as a singer-song-writer together with her long-time friend, local Vermont poet Verandah Porche. Their compositions are rooted in their lives in Vermont. Patty divides her time these days between Guilford, VT and Brooklyn, NY. As she says “I have a home and a band in each place, so I feel very lucky. It is truly the best of both worlds.”

The “Cakes” also feature the great New Orleans influenced vocals and guitar work of **Tony Hecht, Jeremy Gold** on fiddle, **Dave Fuller** on harmonica, all underscored by the driving rhythm combo of **Wim Auer** on bass and **Lou Trombley** on drums.

**Thursday, June 1, at 4:30 PM:** The Council on Aging holds its monthly Board meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend; please notify the Chair, Gilda Galvis at 413-773-7932 if you would like to be put on the agenda. It is with regret that the Council is saying farewell to **Dianne Ryan** who will be leaving the Board. Thank you, **Dianne**, for your dedication and many hours of service over the past four years. The Board will be actively seeking new members to join us in the fall. Please come to the June meeting if you have an interest in being on the Board, or call one of the Board members, Amy St. Clair, Gilda Galvis, Paula Sayword, Michele Higgins, Sue Howarth, Kathy Fritz, or Linda Baker if you prefer.

**Speaking of the Fall:** Artist David Sund will be returning to host more painting classes, dates not yet set but likely a six-week period ending the week before Thanksgiving; Movie Nights will continue with a fixed Friday date each month (to be determined at the next meeting) and exercise classes will also continue, with days/dates also yet to be determined. So stay tuned!

Not forgetting a big thank-you to all who have attended any of the COA events—you make it happen! **Thanks!**  
from the Leyden COA! —Cecelia Tusinski



We would like to let the community of Leyden know how things are going in Leyden's community church. On July 1, 2016 a new pastor named Nami Yu was appointed to the Leyden United Methodist Church. With Pastor Nami we have begun a new congregational journey of faith in Christ our risen Lord. By holding regular worship services, a Sunday School ministry, and ministering to folks in need, we are endeavoring to glorify God by loving people in God's holy name.

But Leyden UMC is a small church and with its size comes the serious challenge we are outlining in this letter. The Bible tells us to speak the truth in love. Our prayer is that you will take what is written below as an effort to be forthright because of a genuine desire to continue loving and serving the wonderful town of Leyden. We live during a time when truth is in short supply and spin reigns supreme, thus this appeal will be as straightforward and honest as possible.

Leyden UMC is struggling financially, which is a polite way of saying that on paper the church will be insolvent within six months unless people who care about its continuation are generous with their prayers and pocketbooks.

Such a statement sounds like an exaggeration designed to manipulate emotions and thereby solicit sympathy, but that most certainly is not the case. The facts of the matter are these:

The church treasury contains slightly less than \$6,000.00.

The congregation is small, with the average Sunday attendance hovering around 15 folks each week. Consequently the weekly collection is likewise small, despite generous giving on the part of the congregants.

The expenses are large by comparison, although they are hardly extravagant, consisting primarily of the pastor's salary and the building's utility bills.

Bottom line: The cost of keeping the doors open will exhaust Leyden's UMC's financial resources before the end of 2017 unless the Leyden congregation and community choose exuberant generosity rather than ecclesiastical extinction.

God provides, indeed He does. But the days of dropping manna from heaven are ancient history. Today the Lord uses women, men, even children, as the means of His provision—folks like you and me—people who see value in keeping the only house of worship in town viable and vibrant.

So, if you want Leyden United Methodist Church to continue shining God's light throughout the hills and valleys of our lovely area, please give to whatever extent possible.

Give, yes, but come as well. The Gospel always prioritizes people over money. You are welcome to join our congregation as a member, participate in Communion, or simply be a guest at our worship services and fellowship dinners. We'll even give you a ride to church if that would be helpful. Our pastor is certainly available for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and pastoral counseling. And never hesitate to ask for prayer; we will keep you before the Throne of Grace always.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Barton  
Church Council President

Gilda Galvis  
Lay Leader Sincerely,

## Broadband Committee

### Who Said This Would Be Easy?

We recently received the results of the MBI state-funded pole survey of our 917 utility poles in Leyden and were told that 336 of these poles (36%) were categorized as “needing replacement” before broadband cable can be hung on them. Apparently, we have some poles that are considered too short to carry an additional wire, some too thin to support the weight of additional cable, and some simply defective and in clear need of replacement by the utility involved (Verizon or Eversource). This categorization of poles “needing replacement” represents a first pass by MBI’s contractor, Osmose, and will be subject to negotiation with the utilities as we work to address the issue.

To put this problem into perspective, MBI originally estimated that the net cost (after State grants) for Leyden’s broadband network would be \$1,070,000. This assumed a 4% pole replacement rate, or 33 poles. Should it become necessary to replace an additional 303 poles, at an average cost of \$2,500 per pole, this would represent an additional cost of \$750,000.

The question now is who is responsible for paying for poles that need to be replaced? To get that answer, we need to continue with our original plan, which calls for filing pole applications with the utility providers (along with the required fees) so that a pole-by-pole assessment/negotiation process can begin. As planned, we are in the process of hiring an engineering firm to assist us with the pole applications themselves and a Project Manager to represent the Town in the pole negotiation process. These costs, which were included in the original overall cost of the project, will come to approximately \$80,000 - \$100,000. All of this money will be paid for from State grant monies under the State’s “Last Mile Infrastructure Grant Program”.

At the request of the Selectboard, I have met privately with Leyden’s State Representative, Paul Mark, to make him aware of our problem and the fact that this could ultimately prohibit us from going forward with the Town’s broadband network. The Selectboard has also spoken with State Representative Steve Kulik to make him aware of our problem as well.

I think it’s important to remember that any project of this size will always have problems that need to be resolved. With that in mind, we will keep you posted as we better define the situation and see whether Leyden can still manage to go forward with this project. *Bob Ryan, Chair*

## Angels’ Rest

Join in at Angels’ Rest

Radiant Yoga Retreat 5/27-5/29. Get away from the grind and celebrate the peak of spring. This 3-day/2-night retreat offers yoga, meditation and delicious food. For more information visit their website: [radiant yogaboston.com](http://radiant yogaboston.com). Commuters welcome!

Reflect.Rejuvenate.Retreat 6/2-6/4. Retreat offers four premier classes in yoga, cooking, nutrition and personal growth. For more information visit their website: [vivaciousliferetreats.com](http://vivaciousliferetreats.com). Commuters welcome!

Tango Mujer: Retreats for Women 6/8-6/11. Join Sharna Fabiano and special guest DJ Adriana Pinto for a 3-day retreat to reconnect with nature and your own expressive, creative energy. Dance—yoga—express yourself! For more information visit their website: [tangomujer.com](http://tangomujer.com).

—Jessica Miller and Jennifer Paris

## 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.

**Doghouse wanted:** Is there anyone out there who has a medium-sized dog house to sell or give away? If so, please call Paula or Karen at 774-3897.

**Annual Plants:** Spatcher Farm has annual plants for sale at Foster’s Super Market and at Greenfield Farmer’s Co-op exchange. If you would like to purchase plants at the farm, please call 624-3247. Thank you for supporting local agriculture! Holly & Ken Spatcher

**Stall Clean-outs:** We are looking for manure, bedding, and other compostable materials such as old hay, leaves, etc. 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](http://frizzellhillfarm.com) for information and a price list. Thanks for supporting local Leyden farms!

**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.

## Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2017 FARM SHARES: By the time you read this, the farm shares for 2017 will have started!

EGGS: We sell organically-grown pasture-raised chicken eggs year round. Call or email for availability or to be placed on our News & Extras Email List. We currently have bok choy, mesclun, parsnips, eggs and pork available. If you are interested in hot pepper plants, we have some of those, too. We hope to have extra items all season so stop by!

You may also see us at the weekly Shelburne Falls Farmers’ Market on Friday afternoons and at the Leyden Market Day on Sunday, June 4, 9:30 - 12:00.

—Robin Creamer and Laura Timmerman

Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325

[sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

<http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>

## Plant Swap



**Garden Friends Plant Swap!** Please join us for a town plant swap on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to NOON** on the **Town Common**. Participants should have their labeled and potted items on tables by 10:00 AM for the start of the swap. Houseplants, bulbs, seeds, annuals, and perennials are welcome and should be identified by name, light requirements, and any additional information needed to make a good transition to a new home. Swap rules will be distributed upon arrival. Questions? Call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118.





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