

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

July-August 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, July 6th and 20th at 9:00 AM and July 13th and 27th 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 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.

JULY MEETINGS

Wed, Jul 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Jul 6	9:00 AM	Select Board
Thu, Jul 6	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
No July Meeting Board of Health (at the Police Station)		
Wed, Jul 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Jul 13	6:45 PM	Select Board
Mon, Jul 17	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Jul 18	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Jul 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Jul 20	9:00 AM	Select Board
Thu, Jul 27	6:45 PM	Select Board

AUGUST MEETINGS

Wed, Aug 2	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Aug 3	9:00 AM	Select Board
Thu, Aug 3	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed, Aug 9	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Aug 10	6:45 PM	Select Board
Tue, Aug 15	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Aug 16	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Aug 17	9:00 AM	Select Board
Mon, Aug 21	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Thu, Aug 24	6:45 PM	Select Board
Wed, Aug 30	9:00 AM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)

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

Thank You

I would like to add a huge "thank you" to the **Leyden Council on Aging** for such an amazing time at their potluck picnic and then dancing with music from Patty and the Cakes. There was lots of great food and lots of fantastic music and dancing. —Mary Lou Barton

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

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

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, Nicole Glabach

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

Select Board

Summer's upon us and outdoor living is easy. The Select Board hopes that you all are enjoying the warm weather and are taking time to smell the roses

The bridge on Simon Keets road is down to one lane with a three-ton restriction. We have submitted a small bridge grant request for repairs. Here's hoping. Dave tells us that all other bridges have passed their inspections. That's good news.

Leyden has received the first installment of our State grant for broadband; this will be used for design and preparation work. Hopefully within the month we will sign a contract with WG&E to manage the project for us.

Clifford Spatcher has stepped down as Fire Chief. We thank him for his service and dedication in providing oversight of the Fire Department. We wish him well. The Board has named Matt Muka as the new Fire Chief. Please wish Matt success in this new roll.

—Respectfully, Lance Fritz, Chair

Recreation Committee

We are working on placing one or even maybe two Bocce courts down near the ballfield behind the bleachers. We're also exploring the possibility of putting some horseshoe courts over by the fence by the brook, and possibly several corn hole game boards also. Keep your eyes open to see our progress.

The tree pieces from that big old tree will be removed shortly. Anybody needing any of the wood, go help yourself, except for the one piece that has been earmarked. Please don't take that one. Give Carey Barton a call or Brian Pelletier if you are interested in any of that wood.

There are a few more weekends available if you are thinking about having a party or a picnic down there, so give Mary Lou a call at 773-3548 to reserve a date. The cost is \$75 for the rent of the pavilion. —Mary Lou Barton

SUMMER
Vacation

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.)

It's summertime, and it's busy time! The **Summer Reading Program** is underway, but interested participants can sign up anytime. Parents, don't let the summer pass by without your child's reading for pleasure. If not reading yet, reading to your youngster is incredibly important to cultivate language, an awareness of story, and a love of reading.

Fun at the library is an everyday event. In late May Abbi Lawall arrived with a less-than-day-old baby goat...*adorable* inadequately describes this little one as he was cradled in the arms of this young animal lover. A few days later, Abbi returned with Sandy, a tiny bunny rabbit, whose life is guaranteed by his caretaker. Abbi and her friends, Sophia, Stella, and Avery took Sandy across the street to the town common where he could move around a little. Such fun! Doggies, kitties...and now a goat and a bunny have visited the RML! Pretty nifty, don't you think?

New materials continue to arrive weekly. Please stop in and take advantage or what we have. If you are looking for a specific title, call to see if we have it. If we don't, I'll order it through ILL and call you when it arrives.

Special thanks to Trueman and his partner Tucker for keeping the flowers watered!

—Happy days to you, Chris Johnston

Leyden Knitting Group

The Leyden knitting group meets several times each month.

Evening dates have not yet been set for July and August, so contact Peggy Brown (774-5764) or Laura Timmerman (773-8325) for details or if you would like to host or attend a knitting time.

Knitters also meet most Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall. Contact Michele Higgins (772-1924) about the Town Hall knitting time. 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, 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 Bernice Brooks, Angels' Rest, and Gordon Cobb for contributions and to Michele Higgins, Lois Feldman and Ijod Schroeder 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

Published monthly in Leyden, Massachusetts by a non-profit group of volunteers.

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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

Tuesday, August 15th.

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



Leyden Café Sundays 9:30 to 12:00

Downstairs at Town Hall

The Café is closed for the summer and will re-open Sunday, September 10th.

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

Hubbard
Glacier
in Alaska
taken from
the cruise
ship
Radiance
Of the
Seas



Bob Taylor

Council on Aging (COA)

The COA will be taking a break from programs and lunches during the months of July and August. This will allow everyone to do their own thing, go on vacation, work in the garden or just simply hang out and enjoy doing nothing much. We will, however, be working on programming for the fall and winter. You can look forward to another series of exercise programs, more art classes, and of course, the popular monthly lunch program. A lunch committee has been formed to brainstorm the menus for nutritious, delicious meals. Movie Night will continue, usually on the third Friday of each month, under the guidance of Dianne Ryan. She is not able to continue on the Board, but has kindly offered to continue the movie program. Thanks, Dianne!

We hope to continue to offer interesting, educational or simply entertaining programs on a monthly basis in addition to the classes listed above.

Please keep an eye out for notices posted about registration for art classes with David Sund. These will begin in the first couple of weeks in October on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, as previously. Exercise classes for core strength and fitness will be led by Linda Allis, on Mondays from 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM, probably also beginning in early October (dates to be announced).

Last but not least, a big THANK YOU to all who brought tasty dishes (and cupcakes!) to the end-of-year 'potluck picnic' (held in Town Hall due to the heavy rain) and to all who set up the tables and decorated them with beautiful flowers, and of course to the great band "Patty and the Cakes" who got most everyone up and dancing to their excellent playing and singing.

Enjoy your summer – see you in the fall!

—Cecelia Tusinski

Leyden Democrats

Interested in connecting with fellow Democrats in Leyden? We are hoping to have an outreach event with speakers in the autumn for all interested people. If interested, please email Peggy Brown, Affirmative Action and Outreach Adviser for the Leyden Democratic committee at nianticgirl@yahoo.com



Mark your calendar for the Second Annual
The Leyden Historical Commission presents

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An Evening of Historical Tours
at Leyden's South Cemetery

Saturday, October 7th
At 5:00 PM

accompanied by
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Photo credit: The Leyden Historical Commission



Working on the bridge on Simon Keets Road at Keets Brook Road.

There is now a three-ton weight limit on the bridge.



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.

Free Lazy-Boy: Free Lazy-Boy Couch with floral pattern. Call Peggy at 774-5764.

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 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. 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

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Are you looking for someone to help with light yard work such as mowing, brush clearing, or weeding? Someone to put up a garden fence or paint a wood shed, or other odd jobs? Or maybe you would like some help making lunch for an elderly parent or have someone spend time with them while you take care of other business.

I can help you with all those things and more. Just ask! Affordable rates. Call Melissa Sims at 413-834-3843.

Angels' Rest

July 7 - 9: Restorative Reiki with Kelly McDermott-Burns of HeartSong Reiki for a weekend of self-care and spirit renewal. Please visit her website at: www.heartsongreiki.com for more information. Commuters welcome!

July 13 -16: Storyteller's Journey with Teresa Whittaker. Join Teresa for a weekend of women's writing and storytelling. For more information please call Teresa @ [860-930-9480](tel:860-930-9480) or by email ftzj@cox.net.
—Jessica Miller and Jennifer Paris

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

SWEET MORNING FARM

2017 FARM SHARES

Farm shares for 2017 are in full swing. It's fun to share the summer bounty—cucumbers, squash, beans, tomatoes, greens, lettuce, currants, carrots, flowers, etc.

Sometimes our farm members travel or otherwise cannot use their share that week. When that happens, we like to give their share to someone else, (for free). If you would like to be on the list of potential people who would like to fill in, get in touch. It's a nice way to see what a farm share is like.

We generally have some extra items and keep the porch refrigerator stocked with eggs, pork, and extra veggies. To receive notices about what's available, sign up for our Extras email. sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com. We always have organically-grown pasture-raised eggs and pork. We currently have some nice duck, and we are taking orders for chicken in September.

You may also see us at the weekly Shelburne Falls Famers' Market on Friday afternoons.

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

sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>
<http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>



Atrium on the
Cruise ship
Radiance of the Seas

Leyden Garden Friends

On Sunday, September 17th, Leyden Garden Friends will host a **second Plant Swap** on the **Town Common** from **10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON**. Participants may set up and browse from 9:30 to 10:00 AM, and the swap will begin at 10:00 AM. Please label items with names, light preferences, height, and any other helpful information. Plants, seedlings, herbs, seeds, bulbs, and **houseplants** are welcome! Meet fellow gardening enthusiasts and take home an unexpected treasure! If you have questions, please call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118.
—Happy



The COA potluck picnic and music by Pattie and the Cakes moved indoors due to the rain. Everyone had a good time, and the music and dancing was a hit. Photos by Michele Higgins



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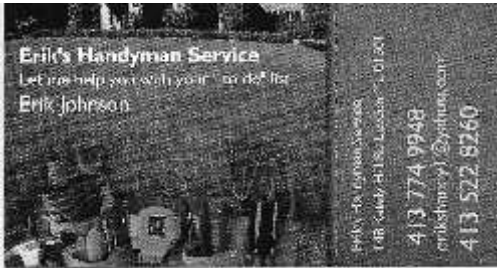
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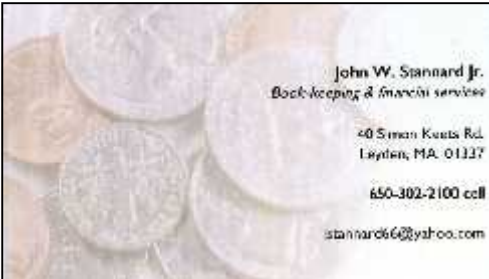
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Board of Health

DEET and Permethrin

...the Double Whammy for Tick-Bite Prevention

It is a record-breaking year for tick infestation in our area, and the percentage of infected ticks continues to rise. As of May, 2017, data collected for the 11 towns participating in our testing grant show that approximately 44% of ticks are infected with Lyme disease. Additionally, several more diseases are now associated with tick bites. Until a vaccine is available (perhaps 2 years from now,) prevention is our best protection against Lyme Disease, and the other illnesses spread by ticks.

DEET (25%) is the most recommended repellent to prevent tick attachment. DEET must be applied directly to the skin. It is **not** effective if sprayed on clothing. Carefully follow package directions for application and re-application.

Permethrin is a spray-on product applied to clothes. Once treated with Permethrin, especially on shoes and socks, there is a **76% reduction** in tick attachment. Clothes should be sprayed outdoors away from children and pets—especially cats. **Please read and follow label directions carefully.**

Both the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Defense (DOD) recommend the combined use of DEET and Permethrin as the most effect method to reduce the likelihood that ticks will attach to your skin.

How to Remove a Tick

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible.

2. Once you have a firm grasp, pull upward with steady, even force. Don't twist or jerk the tick as you may cause the mouth to break off and remain in the skin.

3. If you do accidentally break the tick in half, try removing the mouth with the tweezers. If you can't, leave it alone and let the skin heal.

4. Once the tick is removed, thoroughly clean the bite area, and your hands, with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.

5. Check the bite area for several weeks after removal; if you develop a rash there (or have a fever at any point in that time-frame) see a doctor about getting tested for Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

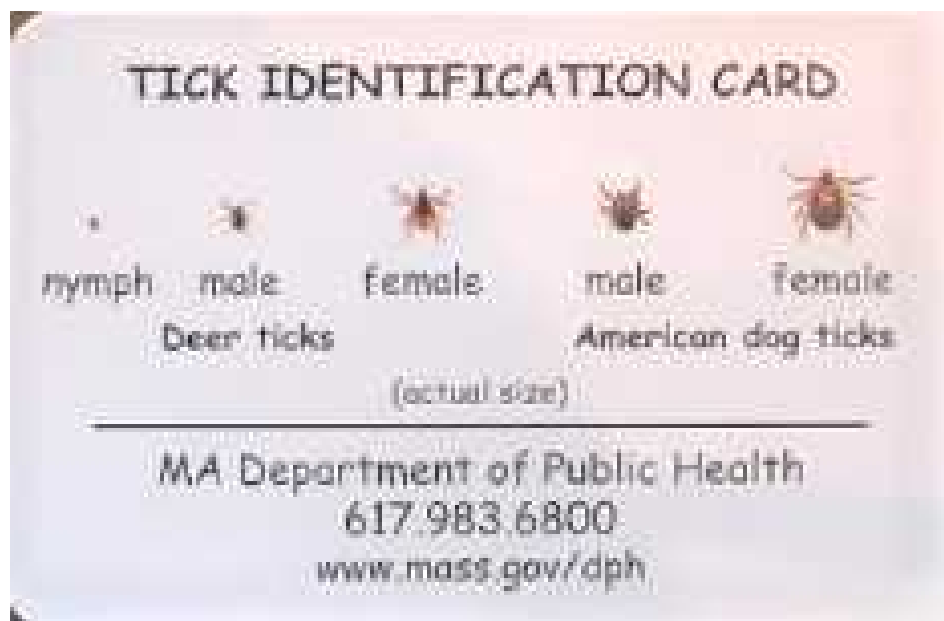
What Not to Do

There is no shortage of alternative tick removal strategies to be found online. Most of those folk remedies have long since been debunked. A 1985 study in the journal *Pediatrics* compared several popular strategies (Vaseline, nail polish, and a hot kitchen match) to the tweezers technique described above and found that none worked nearly as well. There are several tick removal devices on the market, but the CDC says that a plain set of fine-tipped (pointy) tweezers is really all you need.

How to get a tick tested

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 Kathie Benson [414-773-8595](tel:414-773-8595), 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 Council 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.



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Leyden United Methodist Church Fair Booth

It's fair time again. The Leyden Cafeteria will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Franklin County Fair in Greenfield, and the time is fast approaching. This year the fair runs from Thursday, September 7th through Sunday, September 10th. We are looking for people to help work a shift or two or help with baking, setting up, preparing, etc. The shifts are breakfast from 6:30 to 11:30 AM, lunch from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and dinner from 4:30 to closing. You will receive a ticket into the fair for your volunteer work. Our biggest fund raiser for the year is lots of fun and lots of work. Come meet your neighbors and catch up on the gossip while you work.

We are also looking for non-perishable items such as bottled water, canned corn and cream of corn soup for our famous Shepherd's Pie, boxes of elbow macaroni for the mac & cheese and American Chop Suey, Bisquick mix, complete pancake mix, pickles, mayonnaise, ketchup, plastic forks and spoons, coffee, ice tea, hot chocolate, solid white tuna, peanut butter, napkins, sponges, Brillo pads, dish detergent, and spaghetti sauce, just to name a few.

We are also looking for baked bean makers. We will supply the beans and salt pork.

For any questions or to sign up for a shift call Gilda at 773-7932. If you will be baking pies, bars, cookies, or cupcakes, call Valerie at 772-0294.

Thank you in advance and hope to see you there.



Leyden Police Department

The Leyden Police Department has several openings for police officers. If you are interested, apply to: Leyden Police Department, 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA 01301.

Tuition for the reserve-intermittent academy, which starts near the end of December or the beginning of January, will be reimbursed for candidates who successfully complete the course and commit to at least five years of employment with the Leyden Police Department.

The starting salary is \$18.00 per hour, with a 50¢ per hour increase each year culminating in \$20.00 per hour. Successful candidates will have to pass a background check.
