

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

October 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 on Mondays, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 7:00 PM in their office. 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.

NOTICE: Select Board Meetings are now on Mondays.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Mon, Oct 2	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Oct 4	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Oct 5	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Mon, Oct 9	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Oct 11	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, Oct 16	7:00 PM	Select Board
Mon, Oct 16	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Oct 17	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Oct 18	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Oct 23	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Oct 25	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 Municipal Assistant Bob Hardesty. —*Select Board*

New Leyden T-Shirts Available

New Leyden T-Shirts are available. Adult sizes are \$20, and are available in S - M - L - XL - 2XL - 3XL. Colors are magenta and royal blue.

Children's sizes are \$15, and are available in S - M - L. Color is royal blue only.

All profits go to support the Leyden United Methodist Church. Contact 774-2694 or e-mail wings@mtdata.com to get yours.



Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages: Karilynn Vigneau and Jack Edward Chapin, September 9, 2017

Births and Deaths: No births or deaths were reported.

DOG LICENSES

Dog licensing is very important. Please see me to get your 2017 dog license. If you need to see me on days that I am not in the office, email me at townclerk@townofleyden.com or call/text 413-362-9378.

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

Schools are in session, and the Select Board wishes to remind drivers that school busses are again on the roads. Please use caution and give the bus drivers and the kids a break.

The Greenfield Road paving project and installation of guard rails on Brattleboro Road were completed in September.

We failed to get the small Bridge grant this round—hopefully we'll get it in the next round.

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are interested, contact Bob at 774 4111, Ext. 1.

—*Respectfully, Lance Jeff and Bill*

Use of Firearms on Private Property

Massachusetts is the third most densely populated state falling behind New Jersey and Rhode Island and just ahead of Connecticut. Young people are spending less time outdoors than any previous generation as noted by such authors as Richard Lorev in *Last Child in the woods*. Leyden's status as a Right-to-Farm Community, as having land conserving development rights developed by the Planning Board and approved at Town Meeting, and as having a large amount of conserved land through land trusts, Audubon, Mass Fish and Wildlife, 61, 61A, 61B, etc., creates a rich environment both for hunting and access to nature for all.

The balance of hunters' rights to access private land and the rights of private property owners has created tensions with a continuous history of State law.

The State law (Chapter 131, Section 58) states that a person cannot discharge any firearm or release any arrow across or within 150 feet of a "hard-surfaced highway" or "possess a loaded firearm or hunt by any means on the land of another within 500 feet of a dwelling in use, except as authorized by the owner or occupant thereof." This State statute has been around for over 50 years to provide a "safety zone" for the public, landowners, and hunters alike. In fact, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife provides landowners with "safety zone" signs to help demarcate the setback on the ground. Recent discussion with MDFW noted signs available only to those not posting against trespass. We have three samples for those interested.

Further restrictions are set forth in a public safety statute (Chapter 269, Section 12E) that prohibits the discharge of a rifle or shotgun within 500 feet of a dwelling or building in use without the consent of the owner or legal occupant.

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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.)

Twenty-six young people signed up for our library's Summer Reading Program; fourteen actually participated. Congratulations to them and to their committed parents! With a total of 21,356 pages read, these youngsters are stars! A make-your-own ice cream sundae party will be held soon for each participant and his/her parents. Readers will also receive a gift certificate to the World Eye Book Shop.

Use your library! Volunteer at PRES as a Reader's Helper! Help Leyden youth to become lovers of reading!

The ability to read for comprehension and to communicate effectively is vital, and needs to be taught at a young age. Reading for pleasure provides a wealth of benefits for kids as they go through school and grow into adulthood. A study of more than 17,000 people who recorded their reading habits as children revealed that those who read for pleasure were more successful academically, had stronger vocabularies, and even did better in math than those who did not!

Parents and Friends Can Help Leyden's Children!

1. Develop a child's oral language

Depending on the child's language skill level, give him/her a story to read or read to him/her. When the story is finished, ask the child to pinpoint favorite parts of the story. A follow-up discussion is always beneficial.

2. Read several stories every day

The more a child is exposed to literature, the more reading will become part of his/her daily life. A child is introduced to new information, concepts, and phonemic awareness with every story.

3. Surround a child with reading material

A child with a large collection of reading resources at home scores higher and performs better on standardized tests. Support a reading habit in a child by having a large array of interesting books and magazines at his/her reading level. Let a child see *you* reading for pleasure as well!

4. Encourage a wide variety of reading activities

Make reading an essential part of a child's life. Ask him/her to read menus, movie names, roadside signs, game guides, weather reports, and other practical everyday information. Always try to make sure a child has something to read in his/her spare time. Set aside time for reading!

5. Consider an e-reader

E-readers can be adapted to each person's specific needs. If you have a child who needs larger font or fewer lines per page in order to improve his/her reading ability, e-readers are perfectly suited to this kind of tailoring. E-readers are adaptive for students with learning disabilities as well and can help level the playing field for children who learn differently.

6. Let a child choose what he/she reads

Reading for pleasure is one of the best ways for a child to improve his/her performance at school. Letting a child select his/her own books goes a long way in raising life-long readers.

7. Help a child choose age-appropriate books

Help a child choose age-appropriate books on topics of interest to spark a passion for reading. **Take your child to the library!** Access to a wide-variety of options helps make it easier for parents to help a child find the stories that will intrigue him/her.

8. Show interest in a child's reading

Teaching a child to love reading involves a lot more than simply handing him/her a book. A person's response or feedback has a strong effect on how hard a child will try to become good readers.

Best wishes for a happy autumn!

—Happy autumn to all, Chris Johnston

Leyden Knitting Group

The Leyden knitting group meets several times each month. We will meet on Tuesday, October 3 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Town Hall and Thursdays, October 12, 19, and 26, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Town Hall. Contact Michele Higgins (772-1924) about the Town Hall knitting time. Michele sends a weekly email about that week's get-together.

We will also meet on Sunday, October 22, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Laura's house. Other evening dates have not yet been set. Contact Peggy Brown (774-5764) or Laura Timmerman (773-8325) for details or if you would like to host or attend a knitting session.

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 Sue Howarth, Spirit Fire and Angels' Rest for contributions and to Michele and John Higgins 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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Carolyn Asbury 774-2840

Layout and Design: Bob Taylor 624-8965

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

Sunday, October 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 is well on its way to getting fiber to the home. It has been a cooperative effort for sure. Both the Broadband Committee, now the MLP Board, and those of us representing WiredWest have worked hard to that end. Bob Ryan and the Broadband Committee have done a wonderful job of keeping us in the first tier of towns to be connected. There are still many issues to be ironed out, of course, but we are fortunate too in having a Select Board that has kept Leyden fiscally sound enough to move forward.

The Broadband Committee's concern has been the details of getting Leyden wired and ready. WiredWest's concern is with operating the network for all our small towns. WiredWest is currently negotiating a contract with Westfield Gas & Electric. We have an agreement on the terms and prices, and have submitted a very comprehensive contract detailing the responsibilities and key performance indicators which is now being reviewed by WG&E.

We are hoping to have many of our towns sign a Memorandum of Understanding as soon as possible. It will take several months to complete the negotiations with WG&E based on the expected number of towns and subscribers, and several more to negotiate the details of the contract between WW and the towns. WG&E would like to have a potential of at least 5000 customers as they start the details of building the network, so obviously we need many towns to sign on.

Some of our towns, Leyden included, are scheduled to go online next year. WW would like to be functional and have contracts signed when it goes operational. If not enough towns sign on now, there may not be an option when the time comes, and many of our smaller towns will be left out completely. The job of operating a network is almost as big as getting it built. None of our towns is prepared to do it as a stand-alone project. We are working hard to get this solved in a timely and responsible way.

As always, your WiredWest delegates from Leyden welcome questions and concerns of Leyden residents.

—Al Woodhull, 773-3522 and Sheila Hourihan, 774-5922

Leyden Café



The **Leyden Café** is open **Sunday morning, 9:30 -12:00**, downstairs at the 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!

—Amy St. Clair

Do you have a skill you would like to share with the Leyden community? This coming year the Leyden Café would like to showcase Leyden residents and their talents and interests. We are looking for musicians, artists, crafters, hobbyists and travelers who would be willing to share with friends and neighbors at the Café. Please contact Amy at 774-6907.

Flu Clinic at the Café

Sunday, October 29th — 9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

The Leyden Historical Commission presents

GHOSTS and GRAVESTONES

Cemetery Tours

Saturday, October 7 • 5:00-9:00 PM
Adults \$10 • Children \$7

Tours start on the hour and half hour
from Town Hall via Hay Wagon to
South Cemetery
where you will meet and learn about
some of Leyden's former residents.

• Refreshments • Raffle • Children's Table
• T-Shirts • and more!!!

Reservations: call 774-2694 and leave
a message or wings@mtdata.com

BYOF (bring your own flashlight) and
wear sturdy shoes.

Don't forget to write it on your calendar!

Sponsored by the Leyden Historical Commission
and the Leyden Local Cultural Council



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.

We could use a few more actors to represent some of Leyden's former residents, and we are looking for a storyteller. Interested people can call 774-2694 or e-mail wings@mtdata.com.

Leyden Democratic Committee

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



Use of Firearms on Private Property

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This statute is different from the previous statute in that it does not relate specifically to hunting or release of arrows.

To continue to further address this balance, "posting statutes" were enacted. Massachusetts has such a posting statute in Chapter 131, Section 36 of the Mass. General Laws that states: *A person shall not fish, hunt or trap on private land without permission of the owner or tenant thereof, after such owner or tenant has conspicuously posted thereon notices which bear the name of such owner or tenant and which state that fishing, hunting or trapping on such land, as the case may be, is prohibited.* "Conspicuously posted" suggests that posted signs, to be enforced, should be visible to a person entering the property from any location.

In Massachusetts as of 2003, 161 cities and towns, or 45% of all municipalities in the commonwealth, had restricted hunting access in some way. The result is that about 41 towns prohibited the discharge of firearms within municipal boundaries, 85 towns require hunters to obtain written permission from the landowner or town authorities, and 35 towns have special restrictions which may include restrictions on the release of arrows. We were unable to get updated information, but from our communication with the Attorney General's Office the number of towns with restrictions has certainly grown.

Currently some municipalities, especially those with hunting restrictions, are resolving wildlife issues with, for example, landowners working together to reduce deer populations reflecting general public concern over Lyme Disease and desire to enjoy being in nature. We have been in contact with Carlisle, which has a special committee approved to research the issue of specific wildlife population concerns.

Hunting recommendations/laws are presented on the web at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/hunting-on-private-property-in-massachusetts> :

Hunting on private property in Massachusetts

Finding a place to hunt on private lands involves research and planning, but can be well worth the effort. Learn about resources, best practices, and more.

Getting started

Get started by identifying several areas where you're interested in hunting. Then, get familiar with town bylaws on hunting in the communities where you want to hunt. Some bylaws require you to get written permission from the landowner to hunt on private property. Barring a town regulation, in Massachusetts you don't need permission to hunt on private land that is not posted against trespass. However, it's strongly recommended that you ask the landowner and get written permission well in advance.

How to find out who owns land

To find out who owns a parcel of land, you can use OLIVER, an online geographical data viewer for Massachusetts. By zooming into an area of interest, you can:

- View property boundaries

- Identify names and contact information of landowners

- Learn about habitat features and housing density, which can be helpful when looking for a place to hunt

Etiquette for hunting on private lands

- Ask permission, and make sure everyone in your party has permission.

- Respect special requests by the landowner.

- Understand where you can and cannot drive or park.

- Provide the landowner with your name, address, phone number, and vehicle description.

- Know the property boundaries of the land you have permission to hunt and

stay within those boundaries.

Show your appreciation.

Landowners need to understand that many Leyden hunters have hunted in Leyden for generations. The changing hunting landscape throughout the state is increasing pressure for all. Due to the reduced hunting access in municipalities across the state, municipalities and towns have increased pressure from hunters not living in their town. This is happening in Leyden as well.

Should a resident have an incident, the following action should be taken: Call Shelburne Dispatch 1-413-625-8200; Call Environmental Police Violations 1-800-632-8075; Call Mass Fish and Wildlife Belchertown 1-413-323-7632. Unfortunately, there is no one entity responding to or collecting data to analyzing hunting incidents. We have only three Environment Police for all of Western Massachusetts, and thus, I have been told by Boston Environmental Police that they are willing to help.

To create a safe environment for all and to recommend a Public Hearing to be called by the Select Board, Michele Higgins, Sue Howarth, Marilyn Kugler and Barbara Wallace are circulating the Citizen Petition below. It is our hope to have a community discussion, such as a Public Hearing, with all concerns and positions respectfully heard and presented. We are anxious to see a Special Town Meeting held as soon as possible.

Leyden Citizens Safety Petition 2017

The undersigned registered voters petition the Select Board to have a Special Town Meeting to vote the article below. We would welcome a Public Hearing should the Select Board choose to have one.

Section 1. In addition to any applicable provision of state law regarding the regulation and licensing of hunting and/or firearms, no person shall fire or discharge any firearm or weapon of any kind within the limits of any park, playground or other public property of the Town, except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, or other Town governmental body with jurisdiction over such property. Nor shall any person fire or discharge any firearm, or weapon of any kind on any private property, except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof. The written consent is to be in the firearm user's possession at all times while on the private property.

Section 2. This bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties.

Section 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be fined \$200 for each offense, and any weapon used in the commission of said offense shall be confiscated by a law enforcement officer. This by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property or to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his or her duties. The Leyden Police Department, the Massachusetts Environmental Police or any sworn police officer who has jurisdiction in the Town of Leyden may enforce this by-law. Any person in violation of this by-law may also be subject to Massachusetts laws and regulations, where applicable.

Note: This article is an effort to elaborate/educate on the balance between private property rights and the use of weapons on private property. Much of the material is taken from a 2009 article by Tom O'Shea, who at the times was Assistant Director of Wildlife for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MDFW) and a licensed Massachusetts forester. The entire article can be found at <http://www.massland.org/files/Losing%20hunter%20access%20MW%234-%202009.pdf>

Managing Invasive Plants, Part 2

Workshop for Landowners—Second Half

Sponsored by Franklin Land Trust and John and Barbara Wallace

Location: 100 Alexander Road, Leyden, Massachusetts (Maple Run Farm) www.facebook.com/MapleRunFarm

Sunday, October 15th, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
Please note change from Saturday due to Memorial Service.

Presented by Chris Polatin, Polatin Ecological Services www.polatineco.com

Workshop is free of charge, but a donation for Chris is welcomed



Please call 774-7780 to let us know you are coming!

This workshop is intended for people who manage and care for lands who want to increase their applied knowledge regarding the identification, mapping, planning, prioritization and management of invasive plants in forests, fields and wetlands. We will use ongoing invasive management activities at Maple Run Farm – the Wallace's – as a basis for discussion and demonstration of common issues that arise in efforts to manage invasive plants. We will invite and encourage questions and requests for topical discussions. We will emphasize methods and tools that can be accomplished by landowners as well as those projects that may need outside assistance such as dealing with the Wallace's organic hay fields.

Council on Aging (COA)

ART CLASSES led by DAVID SUND will be starting on Tuesday, October 10th in the Community Room of Town Hall, running from 1:00 to 3:00 **PM**. A registration fee of \$35 and a small materials fee of \$1 per class will be charged. Class size is limited to 14 participants; priority will be given to Leyden residents. To register, call Cecilia Tusinski at 413-624-3436. Don't wait too long to call—this class fills up fast!

EXERCISE CLASSES led by LINDA ALLIS will begin on Monday, October 16th upstairs at Town Hall. These classes incorporate core strength training, balance, stretching and cardio. Come along and have some fun with Linda. No registration is necessary!

MOVIE NIGHT! FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH we will show "Hidden Figures" from 7:00 to 9:00 **PM** at Town Hall. This is an eye-opening story about a talented team of African-American women whose mathematical skills and personal determination overcame racial and gender stereotypes and played a vital role in NASA's mission to launch astronaut John Glenn into space.

This 2016 film was nominated for Best Picture. If you haven't seen it yet, here's your chance! Rated PG.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd the COA will be repeating the very popular "LEYDEN HISTORY TOUR", once again led by 'LANCE & BILL. The tour will run from 2:00 to 4:00 **PM** (or so) meeting up at 1:45 **PM** in the parking lot at Town Hall on West Leyden Road. A caravan of cars will proceed to various points in Town, where you will be treated to some interesting tales, some tall, some short! Cider and donut holes will be served.

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd at 7:00 **PM**, TERRY GABERSON and LEA APPEL will give a presentation on "HOSPICE": covering the range of services which this program is able to provide. This will take place in the auditorium of Town Hall, and all are encouraged to come and hear about this wonderful program of care. Terry Gaberson is the Executive Director of Hospice of Franklin County, which recently received a 'perfect' score from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the quality of its care. Lea Appel is a Certified Nurse Practitioner specializing in palliative care for Hospice of Franklin County. In addition to her clinical practice Lea gives educational presentations on advance care planning and palliative care. We thank Terry and Lea in advance for giving this informative presentation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, from 11:00 **AM** to 12:00 **NOON**, KAREN SAYWORD-SIMS, Certified Herbalist, will present a program entitled: "From Garden to Kitchen: Herbs for Health and Healing", on using herbs medicinally and for cooking. Karen will discuss some of the common herbs in kitchen gardens, such as thyme, oregano, basil and rosemary. She will also discuss Fire Cider, a tonic used for overall health and well-being; small samples will be given out.

Karen's daughter, Melissa Sims, will offer samples of her Turtle Back Products—lotions and creams made from Shea Butter and essential oils. The program will be followed by the first "mini-lunch" of the month, and program participants are encouraged to stay and enjoy lunch in the Community Room downstairs in Town Hall.

—Cecelia Tusinski

More Pictures

Take a look at more pictures and articles in the E-Edition of Leyden Life following the business card page.

LEYDEN COUNCIL ON AGING OCTOBER CALENDAR

BUTTERNUT APPLE SOUP, ROLLS, LUNCHEAT, SALAD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 — NOON
COMMUNITY ROOM TOWN HALL

ART CLASSES LED BY DAVID SUND
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 10, 17, 24, 31 — 1 TO 3 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL

MORNING COFFEE & BAKED SWEETS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 — 8 TO 10 AM
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL

EXERCISE CLASSES WITH LINDA ALLIS
MONDAYS, OCTOBER 16, 23, 30 — 1 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

SHEPHERD'S PIE, SALAD, COOKIES
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 — NOON
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL

MOVIE NIGHT "HIDDEN FIGURES"
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 — 7 TO 9 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

LEYDEN HISTORY TOUR WITH BILL AND LANCE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 — 1:45 PM
MEET AT TOWN HALL

HOSPICE PRESENTATION
BY TERRY GABERSON AND LEA APPEL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 — 7 PM
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

MORNING COFFEE WITH MINI BAGELS & BREADS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 — 8 TO 10 AM
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL

FROM GARDEN TO KITCHEN: HERBS FOR
HEALTH AND HEALING
PRESENTED BY KAREN SAYWORD-SIMS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — 11 AM TO NOON
UPSTAIRS AT TOWN HALL

SOUP, SALAD, ROLLS, SANDWICH FILLINGS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — 12 NOON
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL

Volunteers Needed

This year, the COA will be serving coffee, tea, and homemade baked items on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. If you have two hours to give as a volunteer, we would love to schedule you as a host/hostess on our Coffee Days! It might only be once or twice this year, but your help will be greatly appreciated!

If you have a very busy schedule but would like to bake a treat, volunteers are needed in that area, too. Please call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 if you are interested in hosting or baking.

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.

Glenbrook Structures: Need a chicken coop or a dog kennel at a reasonable price? Various sizes and designs are available. Call Michelle Barton or Chris Kemp at 774-4545 to place an order. We're also on Facebook and Craigslist.

Lawn Mower for Sale: Ariens riding tractor grass mower for sale. Purchased in 2015, used once. In almost new condition with a Powerbuilt 17.5 hp engine, 500cc displacement. Asking \$800. Located near Leyden center. Please reply to infobyte02@gmail.com. Franz Huber

Fire Wood for Sale: I have one cord of split, stacked, seasoned hard wood for sale. 12-24 inches in length (majority is 16-18 inches long). The customer will need to pick it up, and I will help load it. The price \$175. Call Ken and Beth at 774-2820.

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

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. Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.



Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day
Franklin County Solid Waste District's "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day is Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, at 3 locations. The three drop-off sites are: the Buckland Recreation Facility at 66 Ashfield Rd. (Rt. 112 South), the Northfield Highway Garage at 49 Caldwell Rd., and the Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane.

Residents from any District town may bring bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible; disposal fees apply for most items. Clean and dry (bagged) textiles and books accepted free for reuse or recycling.

Residents and businesses do not need to pre-register

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

VEGGIES: Our farm shares are nearing their conclusion but we have planted spinach and salad greens for the winter. We have extra vegetables available most weeks, even in the winter! Let us know if you would like to be notified about what is available each week.

EGGS: Organically-grown chicken eggs.

MEAT: We have pork, chicken, and duck, raised on pasture and organic grain.

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New Leyden Telephone Directory

Do you want your phone number listed in the new Leyden town directory? Do you not want your number listed in the directory? Either way, please contact Amy at amy.woodsprite@gmail.com or 774-6907. Please give your name and address and your phone number, if you wish to be included. Or specify non-published if you do not. Thank you for your help with this.
—Amy St. Clair

Keep Leyden Beautiful

for the collection. However, there are charges for most items. Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected during check-in at each site. A complete list of prices for the most common items is online at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html, and will be made available to participating town halls, town transfer stations, and the District office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Did you know? Staples accepts computer equipment (no TVs) free of charge: call store for details. Various charities and non-profits accept donations of working electronics, including local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores. Always call ahead to ask if they can accept your item.

For more information, contact the District office at (413) 772-2438; email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

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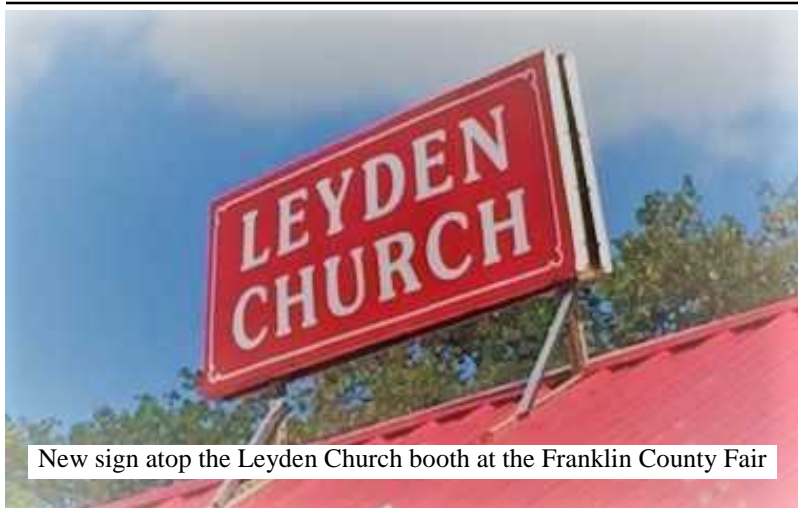
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New sign atop the Leyden Church booth at the Franklin County Fair



Market Day — Robin Creamer with fresh produce



Market Day — Sue Carlson with needlework



Market Day — Jerry Levine with photography

40th Anniversary and 75th Birthday

Bob Hardesty and Bob Taylor celebrated their 40th anniversary together on September 4th (married since 2004), and Bob Taylor celebrated his 75th birthday on September 11th.

They celebrated these two milestones with a party on September 9th, with many friends in attendance. All these friends prove that Leyden is indeed the best place to live. The people, the beautiful scenery—what's not to like? No more city life for us!

Thanks to all of our friends for all the good wishes we received.



Happy Anniversary

Happy Birthday





Jeff Neipp

Leyden flag (third from left) hanging in the State House in Boston

Your Article Here

From time to time the we have solicited articles and pictures from our readers telling us about happenings around town. Unfortunately, we rarely receive any article inputs.

Let us know what's going on with you and your family and friends. Has someone been ill, traveled somewhere interesting, gotten a promotion, whatever is happening with you. Your Leyden neighbors would like to know what's going on.

—Thanks, the Editors

**Build Community
Immunity!**

**Come to your local
FLU CLINIC**



**Tuesday,
November 7th
7—9:30 AM & 5—7 PM
(open at polls)**

**Leyden
Town Hall
&
Sunday October 29th
9:30—11:30 AM
at Leyden Café**

**Most insurance accepted.
Bring your
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**Fee, if no insurance:
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For updates and information, contact:
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<http://frcog.org/flu-clinic/>

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Two-hour Workshop after Georgia O'Keeffe. All Materials Included. No Experience Needed. Visit www.GregoryMaichack.com

Day: Thursday
Date: November 16th
Time: 6-8 pm
Place: Leyden Town Hall

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Leyden Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



As seats may fill quickly, please contact Michael Frees at 413-773-5123 to register.

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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.

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Upcoming Events

October 4

PRES Open House, 5:30PM

October 9

Columbus Day, No School

October 23

School Pictures

October 27

No School, Teacher In-Service Day

November 10

Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL

November 20

Picture Retakes



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Leyden Recreation Committee



Clean-up Day at the Pavilion

The Recreation Committee has planned two important events for our Leyden residents. **On Saturday, October 14, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, the committee will sponsor a **Clean-Up Day at the Pavilion**. This will include yard clean-up and small repairs in preparation for winter (yes, folks, it's coming!). Volunteers are needed, and asked to bring gloves, rakes, shovels, hammers, drills, and any other favorite tools! A light lunch of hot dogs and chips will be served to show our appreciation! In case of rain or snow, we will try again on Saturday, October 28, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



Halloween at the Pavilion

For fun, the Recreation Committee will celebrate **Halloween with a costume parade and safe Trick-or-Treating** at the **Pavilion on Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 PM**. Children should be dressed in their costumes and accompanied by parents, grandparents, or an adult family member. Each family is asked to donate a bag of individually wrapped treats for a Trick-or-Treating event after our parade around the pavilion grounds. Everyone is welcome!

—Thank you! Sue Howarth
