

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

February 2018

Selectboard Office Hours:

Closed until further notice

Tax Collector:

Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Assessors Office:

Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Select Board Office

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Mondays, February 5th, 12th, and 26th at 7:00 PM in their office. To be added to the agenda email 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.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Thu, Feb 1	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Mon, Feb 5	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Feb 7	4:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Feb 12	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Feb 14	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, Feb 19	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Feb 20	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Feb 21	4:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Feb 26	7:00 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. —Select Board

Bob Says a Big "Thank You"

Hi Everybody. I would like to thank all our wonderful friends and neighbors for all the good wishes and wonderful lunches and dinners delivered while I continue to recuperate from quadricep surgery. I would especially like to thank Lance Fritz and Tracey Baronas for managing the Select Board's office during my absence. They have done a wonderful job, and I am truly grateful.

This has truly been a frustrating and humbling experience. With all the good wishes and support I have received, I must say that I am quite proud and lucky to be living in this close knit community. —Bob Hardesty, Municipal Assistant



Happy Valentines Day

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages, Births, or Deaths: None reported

DOG LICENSES

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, Nicole Glabach, Town Clerk

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

Democratic Committee

Leyden Democratic Town Caucus and Meeting

The Democratic Town Caucus will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall.

Leyden Democrats will hold their annual Caucus to elect a delegate and alternate to represent Leyden at the Massachusetts Democratic Convention, which will be held this spring. All are welcome.

A business meeting will follow, and bylaws will be voted on. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or ideas for the agenda please contact Pam Brown at 413-774-3216 or pambrown01301@gmail.com.

(Please call to request child care as well.)

—Pam Brown, Chair, Leyden Democratic Committee



Recreation Committee



The Leyden Recreation Committee has planned a Morning of Winter Fun on Saturday, February 17th at the Leyden Pavilion from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON. Families are invited to share a morning of sledding, ice skating, and winter games while enjoying hot chocolate and treats. Children must bring a fun-loving adult in order to participate.

This event requires cold weather and snow so let's all cross our fingers and wish for a perfect winter day! Call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 for information.



—Sue Howarth

New Assessors Hours

The Assessor's office has new hours. Clerks hours are 12:00 to 6:00 PM Wednesdays. Assessors meetings are at 4:30 PM the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

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.)



Arriving to find three feet of packed snow blocking the entrance to the library after a storm can be pretty discouraging. But recently, thanks to Erik Johnson and the town crew, all but a very little remains at our door front. Trueman Robbins hacks away at what remains! Thank you so very much! Doing a little bit of shoveling is no big deal; after all I have to do at home, but I definitely appreciate the help! J

Our Saturday volunteer crew has been fantastic this past year. I never worry that we will have Saturday coverage as this group maintains itself by calling the

next week's volunteer and making sure to be here him/herself on chosen dates. If you see these folks, please let them know how appreciated they are: **Amy St. Clair, Ben Hunsicker, Cindi and Erin LeBlanc, Glen and Kathy Benson, Jennifer Van Pelt, Liz Walz, Karin Parks, Kathy Ruseckas, Kerry O'Dea, Lois Feldman, Michele Higgins, Pat and Drake Williams, Peggy Brown, Robbi Browning, Steve Richter, and Rebecca Rodgers.**

FREE PASSES! Yes, free! *Your* library has a pass for admission to the Clark Art Museum in Williamstown as well as two car passes for free parking at Massachusetts parks. These latter come from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. I hope they'll be used often throughout the year!

Reminder: if you know of anyone who is homebound and would like materials from the library, please let me know. We can make arrangements for delivery and pick up!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF BEGINNING READERS

If you are a parent of a young reader and want to support/reinforce what he/she is learning in school, we have something that might help a lot! While reading instructor Claudia Christmann was at PRES, she introduced me to this program, and I have purchased it for the library. Published by Flyleaf, "the Decodable Literature Library provides beginning and struggling readers with abundant opportunities to transfer their newly acquired phonics knowledge to meaningful, engaging, and complex fiction, informational texts, and poetry."

The pieces of art Pat Little shares with us at the library are greatly appreciated and admired. Every season, Pat kindly changes art that sits on the stone mantle so that we can enjoy a new display of her talent. Recently Pat donated a beautiful original for us to raffle off to support the library. The trustees and I hope to meet soon to get this little fund raiser going! We'll keep you posted!

Happy February!

—Chris Johnston

Leyden Knitting Circle

We'll be knitting in February. Please join us!

Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00, Town Hall, contact Michele Higgins (772-1924); Friday, February 16, 6:30 - 8:30, Laura Timmerman's house (773-8325)

All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Contact Peggy (774-5764), Michele or Laura to learn more about the group or to sign up for email updates.

—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 bobtwo@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 Ellen Coty, Bernice Brooks, Sue and Fred Pazmino, Cliff and Sue Carlson, Ruth Bellows and Don Clark, Chris and Bill Maguire, Spirit Fire and Angels' Rest for contributions and to Liz Kidder and Michele Higgins, for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Barbara Wallace, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

*Keep Leyden
Beautiful
Please don't litter*

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Leyden Life

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Thursday, February 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

The **Leyden Café** is open **Sunday mornings, 9:30 -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!

Council on Aging (COA)

We hope you are all staying warm and keeping healthy in these challenging climactic times. It has been a pleasure getting to know some of you and I look forward to serving the interests of the residents of Leyden. Our best wishes are with Cecilia on her journey to a new hip.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, Karen Loomis, at 624-3902 if you have a skill to share or would like to see any particular events happen at Town Hall. During these winter months, please remember that in the event of school cancellations, COA events are also cancelled.

We had good attendance for those brave enough to try their hand at pine needle basket making with me. I look forward to sharing photos with you of the finished baskets!

Lunches at **NOON** and Coffee from **8:30-10:00 AM** will continue on Wednesdays with the schedule as follows:

Feb 7th: Mini lunch of soup, salad, sandwich, to be followed by "Cooking for 1 or 2" with Chef Heather Loomis in the Community Room.

Feb 14th: Coffee Morning from **8:30-10:00 AM** with baked goodies in the Community Room.

Feb 21st: "Name That Tune" Jazz Standards with Steve Damon at **11:00 AM**, followed by Main Monthly Luncheon at **NOON** of Mac n' Cheese, kielbasa, salad and dessert, in the Community Room. Music will play through lunch! Please be sure to call Sue Howarth at 774-3118 to reserve your place and/or indicate any food allergies you might have.

Feb 28th: Coffee Morning from **8:30-10:00 AM** with assorted baked goodies.

Thanks to Mary Lou Barton for making sides for the lunches, and to Dianne Ryan for baking coffee cakes!

Exercise Classes with Linda Allis will meet Mondays, February 5th, 12th, and 26th, with no class on the 19th. Classes will continue through March and end on Monday, April 2nd.

Movie Night Continues: Friday, February 16th at 7:00 **PM** upstairs at Town Hall on the *big screen* with *popcorn*! The feature film is "Maudie", a 2016 film set in Nova Scotia that tells the story of an unlikely relationship between a recluse (Ethan Hawke) and the fragile but determined woman he hires as his housekeeper (Sadie Hawkins). Although badly crippled with arthritis, she yearns to be independent from her protective family and to create art. Rated PG-13. —Karen Loomis

WiredWest

Fifteen towns, totaling just under 8,000 residences, have now signed on to work with WiredWest to be their network operator. This gives WiredWest bargaining power with Westfield Gas & Electric to set rates and participate in designing the network. It also makes it more likely that some of the smaller hill towns can eventually get connected.

Shutesbury's joining was a real turning point. They sent out a very detailed Request for Information to a number of companies to see if they might be interested in bidding to operate their network. They got two responses, one of which was from WG&E which was the standard bid we have all accepted, and the other did not match WiredWest's plan. You can see the bids at www.wiredwest.net, always a good source of information about the work being done for all our towns.

—Al Woodhull and Sheila Hourihan, *WiredWest delegates*

Angels' Rest

January 27 -28; Find Your Inner Compass: A Rejuvenating Weekend Yoga, Meditation and Cleanse Event with Sarah Brassard, Siri Bani and special guest Jessica Weston. To learn more or to register to the event, please visit them here: <http://siribanikaur.com/events-classes/>

Did you know Angels' Rest is on Facebook and Instagram? You can find us at Angels Rest Retreat Center.

January 2018

Thanks from Bob & Bob

Thank you to all who have given us best wishes and "get well soon" for Bob Hardesty's leg injury and surgery.

Thanks also to the many people who have brought such good dinners and treats. (We're getting fattened up for winter.)

We always knew Leyden was a great little town, but this really hits home and proves it! —Bob Hardesty and Bob Taylor

February 2018

Thanks from Bob & Bob

Ditto. (And we *are* fattened up.)

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. If you wish to be included, please give your name and address and your phone number, or specify non-published if you do not. Thank you for your help with this.



Leyden Business Advertisements

Leyden businesses are welcome to submit an ad to the new Leyden Directory. Please send to amy.woodsprite@gmail.com. Price will be around \$25 to cover the cost of printing.

—Amy St. Clair

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 Ginny Rockwood at 774-2694 for information.



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 Firewood: Pine; cut, split, dry and covered. I can help you load. Good for outdoor boiler, campfires or sugaring. Call Bill Maguire at 774-5330.

Bonded pair of Pet birds looking for a new roost! A lutino Cockatiel and a young Budgerigar parakeet that are best buds are looking to relocate to a home where they could be greatly appreciated. These odd couple birds are very healthy, and happy to entertain themselves, but do enjoy inclusion in human domestic environments! If you have the inclination to chum around with these two avian pals, please call Chris at 624-3077.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Are you looking for some help? I can clean your house; help with laundry and any other household chores. I'll run errands and do shopping. I also offer light PCA work if you have any need for home care. I will prepare meals; offer companionship, read a book, play cards. I am responsible, dependable and affordable. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you. Please call me at 413-834-3843. Melissa Sims

Free: 4-drawer dresser, General Altimax Arctic tire with worn studs 205/55/16, house hardware—white pull knobs for cabinets, small brass hinges, 75 watt flood lights. Call Jennifer at 760-672-5336.

For Sale: double 6" deep stainless steel sink with faucet \$25, Briggs and Stratton (White) heavy-duty, 8.5 HP, 33" deck, self-propelled lawn mower (needs some work) \$150. Call Jennifer at 760-672-5336.

Quilting books and Cookbooks for sale. Many of each available. Many in new condition. Call Gloria at 774-7113.

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.

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, reroofing, 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.

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Sweet Morning Farm

2018 FARM SHARES

Shares are on sale! It's not too early to reserve your share of Leyden-grown, organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers. We offer two share sizes, regular and mini, to meet your needs. Regular Shares include a weekly assortment of vegetables and flowers, plus pick-your-own pole beans, snap peas, and cherry tomatoes. Mini Shares include your choice of two items a week plus flowers and optional PYO privileges. Our farm is not certified but we are completely committed to organic and sustainable practices. Our farm now accepts SNAP cards for all sales, including farm shares. Shares run for 20 weeks starting on or before June 7. Regular Shares are \$400 - \$500 on a sliding scale and Mini Shares are \$120, or \$140 with PYO.

Signing Bonus: All who pay in full for their share before March 20 receive a free dozen eggs as our thank-you.

Planning and planting are happening now for lots of delicious food for us all. Kale, chard, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, beans, spinach, carrots, onions, leeks, garlic, beets, flowers, and so many more delicious, nutritious, and beautiful crops are on their way. For details call or email Laura or Robin at sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com. Check out our farm blog and Facebook page for news and pictures.

EGGS & MEAT: We sell organically grown eggs and pork, chicken, and duck. Call or email to be placed on our email list. Currently we have spinach available and will have greens and mesclun in the early spring. You can also find us at the Greenfield Winter Farmers' Market. (Next markets are February 3 & March 3.)

We invite you to become part of our little farm..

—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/>

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Leyden COA is compiling a list of people of all ages willing to help out occasionally with either indoor or outdoor chores for seniors or disabled persons. Indoor chores might be helping out with cleaning or minor indoor repairs. Outdoor chores might be snow shoveling or yard help. This can be on a volunteer basis or fee for service. Our goal is to help seniors and people with disabilities on limited incomes to be able to age in place and stay in their homes. Advocates to drive and go to medical appointments and help people without family nearby are also needed. Call Amy at 774-6907.



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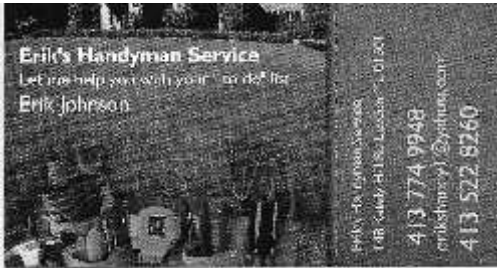
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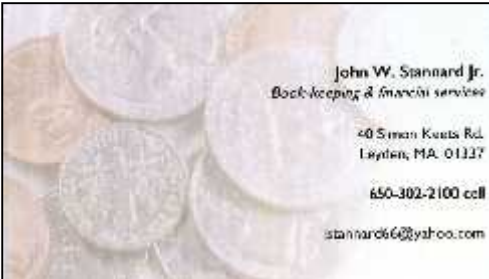
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