

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

June 2018

Selectboard Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
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, June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th at 7:00 PM upstairs in the meeting hall. 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.

JUNE MEETINGS

Mon, June 4	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, June 6	4:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, June 7	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Mon, June 11	9:00 AM	Board of Health (At the Police Station)
Mon, June 11	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, June 13	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, June 18	7:00 PM	Select Board
Mon, June 18	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, June 19	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, June 20	4:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, June 25	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

Broadband Committee

We want to meet with YOU!

The Town has now received detailed drawings of how fiber will be connected to each home in Leyden, and we are in the process of bidding out a construction contract to hang 35 miles of fiber to the curb of every home in Leyden. Accurate site information is vital to the overall success of our town-owned, fiber-optic network! To that end, we are asking all town residents over the *next three weeks* to verify the information that has been collected about your property. *It is especially important if you are one of the 140 households with a long driveway, underground utilities, or other special site considerations.*

We will be available downstairs at Town Hall **between 2-5 PM on the following Tuesdays: May 22nd, May 29th and June 5th or between 5-8 PM on the following Thursday evenings: May 24th, May 31st and June 7th.** This is your best chance to verify the information we have on your property. The more accurate the information, the better, faster, and more cost effective this project will be. Please stop by and help us out.

Additional Project Updates:

- In early April, once pole attachment applications were filed

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages — None
Births — None
Deaths — Michael Dougherty, April 17th

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Results of the May 19th Town Election are on Page 4.

—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

Select Board

"June is busting out all over" and summer begins soon. Where does the time go? By the time you read this the Select Board will have reorganized, and it is expected that Bill Glabach will be the new Chair. The new year will see us starting the search for a new Administrative Assistant. As many of you have heard, Bob Hardesty has decided to retire this fall. As this is my last newsletter, as Chair, I'll take the time to personally thank Bob for his dedicated service to the Town and the extraordinary help he has been to me, making this year as chair a breeze. Bob, I give you my personal thanks and wish you only the best.

The Select Board has declared several pieces of equipment as surplus and has asked Dan Galvis to put them up for sale online. Any funds received will go to the General Fund of the Town, and will be seen in our free cash next year.

David Brooks has been able to obtain a used Ford pickup with an eight-foot plow and sander. It will allow us to plow the Simeon Keets Road bridge and allow greater flexibility in doing routine work around town. The smaller but versatile truck should reduce wear and tear on the bigger trucks and save on operational cost of the fleet. We should be able to proceed with guard rail work on Brattleboro road as Verizon has finally removed the old poles.

Your Recreation Committee has been busy down at the Avery Field pavilion, repairing the tables and doing plumbing repairs, mowing exterior areas and general cleanup. Special thanks go to Sue Howarth for organizing events and her super vision in seeing what's possible. John Higgins has been instrumental in helping Sue with event planning and putting his carpentry skill to work. Thank you, John. Brian Pelletier has spent hours doing various things from carpentry to plumbing to get the facilities ready for summer. Brian, I personally appreciate all that you do. Mary Lou Barton also is to be thanked for her administrative services in being the point person for facility utilization by various organizations and individuals. Thank you, Mary Lou for performing this thankless task for the Town. If you get the chance, please thank each of these individuals for helping to make Leyden a better place to live.

—Lance Fritz, Chair

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.)

Can it be June already? Summer vacations and school break sound appealing, don't they! Stop by regularly and select a book or two for relaxation and fun in the sun!

The Summer Reading Program will begin with a visit by students from PRES on June 13th. It is open to all young people in the area, no matter what grade. High schoolers included! Sign up and become a part of the action that culminates in early September with awards to all who participate.

The flower beds and window boxes are alive with color. It's nice to see our little library surrounded by an array of flowers and plants. Thanks again to Trueman Robbins for trimming bushes and keeping an eye on things.

The following quotation speaks to the specialness of our little library.

Happy days to you all, Chris Johnston

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.

—*Sidney Sheldon*

Leyden United Methodist Church

We want to let everyone know that June 17th will be Pastor Nami Yu's last Sunday with our wonderful Leyden Church. She will be moving on to Lenox, MA as a full time Pastor at their Church. We have been cordially invited by the Brattleboro Methodist Church at noon on the 17th for a Farewell BBQ Party so we can also meet Nami's sister and brother-in-law who will be arriving from Korea to help Nami pack up her things from the Brattleboro Methodist Church Parsonage for her move to Lenox. Nami will be much missed but we wish her the *best* at her new church in Lenox.

Our new Pastor, Lawrence Lake, from North Adams, MA will be starting with our wonderful Church on July 1st, so please, if you can, show up and welcome him and his wonderful family to our Leyden church. Services start at 9:00 AM. See you there. God Bless Leyden and ALL the wonderful people in this wonderful town.

—*Sincerely, Mary Lou Barton, Church Council President*

Mohawk Trail Concerts

Mohawk Trail Concerts will mark its 49th consecutive season of fine chamber music this summer. The wonderful acoustics of the air-conditioned Federated Church of Charlemont, 175 Main Street (Rte. 2), will host six concerts from June 30th through July 28th this year. Ticket prices remain at \$20; those 16 and under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at our website, and at the door. More information on the concerts is also on our website at <http://www.mohawktrailconcerts.org>.

The season opens on June 30th with the Adaskin String Trio, joined by Thomas Gallant, oboe, and Sally Pinkas, piano. Music by Mozart, Martinu, Dubois, and Bridge is on the program.

The annual *free* July 4th program will feature Miro Sprague, piano, Erik Miller, trombone, and Marty Jaffe, bass, a 4:00 PM jazz concert for all.

July 7th will feature UMass faculty Cobus du Toit, flute, with Nadine Shank, piano. Cobus and Nadine present exciting programs, and this will be no exception.

July 14th will feature another wonderful UMass faculty member, William Hite, tenor, with Estela Olevsky, piano. William wowed everyone in our audience three years ago. We are delighted to have him back.

July 21st will feature the renowned Steigerwalt and Muller piano duo, performing works of Schubert, Spratlan, Mendellsohn, and Ravel.

The season concludes on July 28th with the perennial favorites, "The Directors", featuring Masako Yanagita, violin, Mark Fraser, cello, and Estela Olevsky, piano. Works of Bach, Brahms, and Shostakovich are on the program.

This season will see a continuation of our "Bring a friend" policy. Bring a friend who has never been to a Mohawk Trail concert before, for *free*. They will be forever indebted to you! More information is available at info@mohawktrailconcerts.org / mohawktrailconcerts.org

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 Ellen and Kevin White, Angels' Rest, Spirit Fire and the Leyden Council on Aging for contributions and to Michele Higgins, Barbara Wallace and Lois Feldman, for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Barbara Wallace, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

Don't Trash Leyden
Please don't litter!

Take empty cans and bottles
home with you for disposal.

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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and Bob at bobxtwo@verizon.net
by 5:00 PM on

Friday, June 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

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.

Leyden Knitting Circle

We'll be knitting in June. Please join us!
Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00, Town Hall, contact Michele Higgins at 772-1924. Home knitting times have not yet been set, but they will happen. Contact Laura at 773-8325 or Peggy at 774-5764 for dates. All ages and all experience levels are welcome!

Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle." Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links.
—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325



Leyden Café

The Leyden Café is open **Sunday mornings, 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!

—Amy St. Clair

Café Calendar

Market Day, Sunday, June 10th

Closed for Father's Day, June 17th (for Firemen's Breakfast)

Closed for July and August

Last day Café is open is Sunday, June 24th

The Café will be closed for July and August

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.

Thank you Café volunteers and patrons who joined us this year to work or visit and enjoy a cup of coffee and Karyn's baked goods. We look forward to seeing you in September. Have a fantastic summer.

Thanks to Dave and Bill

Thank you to David and Bill Brooks for doing a stellar job keeping the Keets Brook bridge open all winter, and for miraculously grading it this spring. Terrific effort, much appreciated. —Carolyn Asbury

Leyden List

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

We would like to start a list of people and service providers that you have had good experiences with, similar to Angie's List but just for Leyden. This list would include electricians, plumbers, plowing, yard work, housecleaning, carpentry and contractors, handymen etc.

If you have had a good person do a good job, please let us know and we will put them on the list and we will recommend them to other people who are looking for someone. Amy at 774-6907 or amy.woodsprite@gmail.com.

Earth Day Thanks

Thank you everyone for being "Leyden Pickers" on Earth Day! You all make our world a better place. Special thanks to Dan and Gilda for lunch, The Leyden Gun Club for bags and gloves, The Leyden Café for coffee and to all our volunteer drivers.

—Sincerely, Robin Neipp



LEYDEN

Farmers Market



Sunday, June 10th
At Town Hall

Crafts — Plants — Veggies

TICK IDENTIFICATION CARD



MA Department of Public Health
617.983.6800
www.mass.gov/dph

Council on Aging (COA)

Summer is here and we have some meals and exciting events planned! We are offering a light lunch on Wednesday, June 6th. Our last coffee morning will be on Wednesday, June 13th. The last meal for the summer will be the Pot Luck at the Pavilion at Avery Field on June 22nd at 5:00 PM. Desserts will be provided. The all-female band "She Said" will perform from 6:00 until 9:00 PM.

"She Said" features sisters Tanya (lead guitar) and Torie Bryant (rhythm guitar), who grew up singing and strumming together at their mom's horse farm in Leverett. Two years ago they decided to pull a band together. Tanya was determined to create an all-female group to roll out original tunes that she, Torie and Tanya's wife Margaret Fitzpatrick (keyboard) were writing. Nina Rossi (bass), and Gail Hegeman (drums), have joined them and added their own songs, lyrics, and rhythms to make a truly unique mix. Audiences have responded enthusiastically to "She Said's" catchy lyrics and *danceable songs*, as well as the vibe created when five women, all over 50, finally get a chance to rock it on stage. We hope you'll join in the fun!

Chair Yoga Plus with Linda Allis will continue on Tuesday's from 12:00 ~ 1:00 PM, for the month of June. Movie night will start up again in the fall. Thanks to Dianne Ryan for her efforts in making Movie Night happen. Everyone who expressed an interest in CPR certification class will be pleased to know that we are still planning on having the class, but not until fall. Thanks for your patience.

We hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer!

—Karen Loomis

Recreation Committee

FIRST ANNUAL LEYDEN OLYMPIC GAMES

The Leyden Recreation Committee will host its First Annual Leyden Olympic Games at Avery Field on Saturday, June 2nd from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Young Olympians will enjoy the following seven events: 1) Standing Broad Jump, 2) 50-Yard Dash, 3) 100-Yard Dash, 4) Relay, 5) Frisbee Throw, 6) Corn Hole Toss, and 7) the "Egg-stra Special" Egg Run. Medals will be awarded after each event and the *Lunch of Champions* for all participants will follow at 12:00 NOON. Our athletes will be grouped by age, 5 and under, 6 through 9, and 10 through 12.

Participants must be accompanied by a fun-loving adult with friends and family to cheer them on! Call Sue Howarth at 413-774-3118 for early registration. Children may also register the day of the games.

This will be a great way to get outside and have some *fun*!

Residents over the age of 12 are invited to share in the fun as volunteers! *Help is needed* to organize and run events, register the athletes, and distribute medals. Call Sue at 413-774-3118 if you are available! Thank you!

—Sue Howarth

No August Leyden Life

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

Please try to get any information regarding August into this combined issue. —Editors

LEYDEN ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

MAY 19, 2018

Assessor		Board of Health		Constable		Library Trustee	
Kenneth Spatcher	90	Marcia Miller	98	Nikolas Adamski	95	Richard DiMatteo	96
Blank	16	Blank	8	Blank	11	Blank	10
Total	106	Total	106	Total	106	Total	106
Moderator		Planning Board (5-Year)		Select Board (3-Year)		Town Clerk	
Katherine DiMatteo	94	Robert Snow	68	Jeffrey Neipp	88	Nicole Glabach	97
Arthur Baker (W-I)	1	Peter Tusinski	37	Blank	18	Robert Hardesty (W-I)	1
Blank	11	Blank	1			Blank	8
Total	106	Total	106	Total	106	Total	106
Tree Warden							
David Brooks	95						
Nikolas Adamski (W-I)	1						
Blank	10						
Total	106						
Total Ballots: 106		(W-I) = Write-In					

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

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.

Massage Service: Engage in your wellness and treat yourself at West Woods Massage in Greenfield. Whether you are looking for general relaxation or have a specific focus, I am here to support you. Call Abbi Pratt at 413-281-1755 or email awestwood@massagetherapy.com.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Handywoman Service: Are you looking for someone to help with light yard work such as mowing, brush clearing, weeding or 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. No job too small. Just ask! Affordable rates. Call Melissa Sims at 413-834-3843.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

Ed's Sugar Shack has fresh local maple syrup for sale. Available in gallons, half gallons, and pints. Call 773-7619, Ed and Carol Johnson, 72 South County Road, Leyden. Member of Massachusetts Maple Producers Association

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.

Sweet Morning Farm

2018 FARM SHARES

By the time you read this, the summer farm shares will have started. Get in touch ASAP if you want to join. We have big shares, mini shares, and big shares delivered to Greenfield.

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 mesclun, pea shoots, shiitake mushrooms, eggs and pork available. If you are interested in seedlings, we have some of those, too.

Please come see us at the weekly Shelburne Falls Farmers' Market on Friday afternoons, at the Leyden Market Day on Sunday morning, June 10th and at the new monthly Hilltown Farmers' Market on 3rd Sundays.

—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/>

Broadband Committee

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with Verizon and Eversource, the State released \$220,000 of grant monies to the Town. This brings the amount received to date to \$532,000 of the \$680,000 promised, with another \$130,000 expected within the next 45 days. To date \$55,000 of state money has been paid out for design engineering, pole applications and surety bonds.

- Four bidders so far are interested in the initial phase of network construction, which will likely begin in early 2019, or perhaps sooner if the utility companies have made room on their poles for the new fiber-optic wires.

Thanks to all for your ongoing support.

—Your Leyden Broadband Team, Bob Ryan, Chair

Plant Swap

Please join your local Garden Friends for a Plant Swap!
Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 10:30 AM to Noon

Location – Town Common, Leyden, MA

Divide those bulbs! Dig up seedlings! Split perennials!
Root some clippings! Bring some seeds! Houseplants welcome!

Looking for new homes for your garden books and magazines?
Bring those along with any tools you would like to trade for flowers!

Follow these guidelines for a successful event:

Start collecting used pots, yogurt containers, plastic bags, and anything that can hold a plant after you dig it up.

If using clippings, cut them 2-3 weeks before the swap and give them time to root.

The week before the swap, dig up your plants, collect seeds, divide bulbs, set them in containers, and *water them!*

Label each plant item with the plant name, preferred light conditions, and height.

Extra information is always appreciated, too!

Bring your plants, seeds, etc., to the Green by 10:15 AM on Sunday, June 10, 2018.

This will give you time to set up and browse.

The swap begins at 10:30 AM!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Questions? Call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118



WHY WE WEAR **ORANGE** NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEKEND

Orange is the color that Hadiya Pendleton's friends wore in her honor on her birthday after she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15 — just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013.

We wear **Orange** for Hadiya and to honor the more than 96 lives cut short and the hundreds more injured by gun violence every day in America— and to demand action.

Orange is what hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others from harm.

Orange is a bright, bold color that demands to be seen.

Orange expresses our collective hope as a nation — a hope for a future free from gun violence.

Seven children and teens (age 19 or under) are killed with guns in the U.S. on an average day.

**Greenfield Town Common
14 Court Square
Greenfield, MA 01301
Friday June 1**

We will meet on the Town Common at **4 PM** with as much **ORANGE** as we can muster. We will have a few readings of incidents and victims, some sharing time and a moment of silence.

If you believe that there is more we can do to save American lives from Gun Violence, Please Join us

Help us turn America Orange

For more information: everytown.org , momsdemandaction.org,
or besmartforkids.org



Help us support the fight against hunger in our community



Sunday, June 24, 2018
(rain or shine)

Short ride: 15 miles (9:30 start)

Long ride: 43 miles (8:30 start)

Pre-registration fee: \$25

Same day registration: \$30

Refreshments & water/snack stops

Start/Finish at Just Roots (Greenfield Community Farm)
34 Glenbrook Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301

Catered lunch from the kitchen of Stone Soup Café

**Fundraising (suggested and appreciated) for each rider with
goal of raising \$100/person to \$350/team**

All proceeds go to Stone Soup Café

**For questions about Food Justice Bike Ride, including registration, fundraising,
route maps, contacts, ride sponsors, and more about Stone Soup Café, visit our
website at foodjusticebikeride.com or email roark.herron@gmail.com**