

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

April 2019

Select Board Office Hours:
Monday 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Tuesday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Tax Collector Office Hours:
Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM
Assessors Office Hours:
Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Select Board Office

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Mondays, April 1st, 8th, and 22nd at 7:00 PM upstairs in the Hardesty Room. 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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Mon, Apr 1	7:00 PM	Select Board
Wed, Apr 3	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Wed, Apr 3	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thur, Apr 4	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Thur, Apr 4	7:00 PM	Recreation Committee
Mon, Apr 8	7:00 PM	Select Board
Mon, Apr 15	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Apr 16	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the Church)
Wed, Apr 17	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Apr 22	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

Simon Keets Bridge paperwork is progressing faster than expected thanks to the continued effort of Michele Giarusso and Lance Fritz in researching an engineering firm that could get the project done in our time frame. We have signed the letter of acceptance of the grant project and have selected Gill Engineering out of Needham, MA to design and submit the necessary paperwork back in to DOT. We hope construction will start this fall. We assume that during the construction and rebuilding stage the bridge will be totally closed. For the residents who rely on its passage every day, be prepared to start taking alternate routes during the rebuilding.

An informational presentation on Fire Service protection for the Town of Leyden will be held at the COA Coffee Morning in the Leyden Town Hall dining room on Wednesday, March 27th at 9:30 AM. A second presentation will be held at the Leyden Café at the Leyden Town Hall dining room on Sunday, March 31st at 10:30 AM. A third presentation will be held on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 PM in the Hardesty Room upstairs in Town Hall. These are informational meetings prior to our Annual Town Meeting. We should have an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to fund the first year of the agreement. If passed, that funding article would be presented every following year for

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Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages — None reported
Births — None reported
Deaths — None reported

—Thank you, Nicole Glabach, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Office Hours are usually 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

Important Message to All

This issue of *Leyden Life* is the last one that Bob Taylor will be putting together! All entries for the next issue, and in forthcoming months, should be sent to Cornelia Reid at cr43wr41@gmail.com and Carolyn Asbury at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com. Please *do not* send entries to Bob. He'll be in Ohio and will *not* receive them.

The deadline for next month is extremely important, due to editors' schedules. The due date for the May issue is Monday, April 15th. We will give you two days grace, but entries received past April 17th will not be included in the May issue.

The “Unclassified” section of *Leyden Life* needs a spring cleaning. Will all who wish their ads and/or business cards to continue to be included please contact us to let us know? If we do not hear from you, we will assume you no longer wish the ad to be run and it will be deleted.

Thanks, Cornelia (774-5146) and Carolyn (774-9432)

A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES OF ROBERTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Christine Johnston, our librarian for the past 14 years, has decided to retire from the position, and we have accepted her letter of resignation, effective the end of April. Chris has brought joy, kindness, book learning, and just plain fun to the library, and our gratitude is unbounded. Chris (or Mrs. J, to those who knew her as beloved English teacher at PVRs for many years), has asked that we “not make a fuss” about her retirement. Let us all do our best to honor that request, and thank her personally and with as much restraint as possible for what she has given us over these years.

SEEKING NEW LIBRARIAN

The Trustees of the Robertson Memorial Library are accepting applications for the position of part-time librarian. If you are interested, email your letter of application to all the trustees:

Carolyn Asbury, Chair: carolyn.asbury@gmail.com

Cornelia Reid: cr43wr41@gmail.com

Richard DiMatteo: katherine@dimatteoconsulting.com

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.)

THE BIG RETURN! Books, CDs, and DVDs are lost to patrons if what you have borrowed is not returned. Busy? I know you are! But please take a good look around and return materials to the library as soon as possible. If the library is not open, merely place your returns in the metal box that sits on the step beside the door. **THANK YOU!**

We have some DVDs and CDs freebies if you want to sort through materials that have not been signed out for five years. Soon they will be gone, so stop by and perhaps you'll find something that appeals to you!

How nice is it to have two part-time policemen stop in to introduce themselves and chat for a bit! Officers Ben and Nick didn't just visit, though; they noticed that the window housing the air-conditioner could be an invitation to potential intruders. So...saw and wood at the ready, they cut a perfect length, and the window is 'jimmy' proof! What an act of thoughtfulness! And what observant men!

Another cause for joy is that the miles of cords under the computer desk are no more! A bit of creative wiring and the library is SO much neater! New plugs in a bookcase wall provide just what we need for computer, telephone, radio, etc.

As we say so long to winter, remember that your library allows you to go anywhere and learn anything. Read every day! It's FREE!

Happy spring!

—Chris Johnston



Annual Town-wide Tag Sale

It's back! The annual Leyden Town-Wide Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sellers can sell from their homes or reserve some space at Town Hall. Set-up and take-down will be the responsibility of anyone wishing to use the Town Hall location. Tables are available but will need to be moved from their current location and then returned. Participants will share the cost of the Recorder ad for the event. A map of the tag sale locations and list of goods will be created for the shoppers.

For more information or to sign up, call Marie Lovley at 624-0012.

Leyden Knitting Circle



Leyden knitters meet several times each month.

Knitters meet every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 at the Leyden Town Hall. Contact Michele Higgins (772-1924) about the Town Hall knitting time.

In April, we will also meet on Sunday, April 28, at Laura's house, 6:30 - 8:30.

Contact Peggy Brown (774-5764) or Laura Timmerman (773-8325) for details or if you would like to host or attend a home knitting group. All hand crafts are welcome, mending, spinning, crocheting, etc. All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Happy knitting and crafting!

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

People are calling our help line to ask for a ride, a reference or other help. Please feel free to call and we will do our best to help you out as needed.

Current needs are for light housekeeping and meal prep and for rides and snow shoveling.

We are 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 volunteer 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 774-6907

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 Rhonda Wainshilbaum, Marie Lovley, Arlene Bernard, the Hunsickers, Spirit Fire, and Angels Rest for donations, and to Michele Higgins, Lois Feldman and Barbara Wallace for collating.

Leyden Life is still looking for a person to help with layout and design.

If this intrigues you and you have a few hours available monthly, please email Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com; or call her at 774-5146. We *really* could use the help!

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.

Editors: Cornelia Reid 774-5146,
Carolyn Asbury 774-2840

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Monday, April 15th.

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please call Cornelia at 774-5146.

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 Brown's delicious baked goodies along with Pierce Bros. coffee. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Café is going green! Bring your own mug and

we will assign you a number and a hook to keep it on at the Café bar. You'll save a quarter on the price of coffee, and we'll be exploring having **Café mugs** made.

We are welcoming new members to the Café group. If you would like to join us, call Amy at 774-6907, or if you want to see what it's like come by the Café some time on a Sunday morning for a free coffee. We have a good group of people and enjoy providing a place for our Leyden community to visit and share stories.

We have continued to have a great turnout on Sunday mornings, with lively discussions on a variety of interesting topics. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help our staff. If anyone is interested in a minimal commitment please consider joining us! A few more staff would make it even a smaller commitment.

Karyn Brown continues to supply the Café with standby and seasonal goodies which are enjoyed by all. —*Leyden Café Staff*



Books! Books! Books!

Leyden's 5th and 6th grade students will each make a book of art & poetry, then donate their work to the Bernardston Elementary Library. They will produce their books under the supervision of their classroom teachers: Ms. Clary and Ms. Palasciano as well as Alice Thomas. They will each present their book to Ms. Fajans, School Librarian. This program is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the generosity of a Local Leyden Cultural Grant this year.



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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On **Saturday, April 20th** at 11:00 AM, *all the children here in Leyden* and all those who go to Pearl Rhodes Elementary School are welcome to come to the Leyden United Methodist Church for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny. Please meet downstairs at the Church and spend some quality time with Emily Herron-Clark. She will have some *super fun activities* for you to do while we patiently await the arrival of the Easter Bunny at the Town Common. We ask that each child also bring along 6 colored or decorated Easter Eggs to help the Easter Bunny make sure that there are plenty of eggs for you all to find. Last year was tons of fun, and had lots of youngsters in attendance, so I am praying that you *all* will come again this year.

Please give Mary Lou a call at 413-773-3548 with any questions. —*Looking forward to Easter, Mary Lou Barton*

Council on Aging (COA)

The COA will continue providing **Lunches at Noon and Coffee Mornings from 8:30 ~ 10:00 AM on Wednesdays with the schedule as follows: Wed. April 3rd ~ Light Lunch. Wed., April 17th ~ Community Meal. Coffee Mornings will be Wed., April 10th and Wed., April 24th.** Please see April's Menu below for details. There will be a *suggested* donation of \$2.00 for the lunches.

Donations have been generous and we are grateful. Many thanks to TRIAD and the crew doing the cooking and baking!

The Field Trip to the Spring Bulb Show at Smith College was enjoyed by all. The greenhouses were filled with the scents of hyacinths and freesias and the color displays were spectacular. We hope you'll join us next spring.

Ginny Rockwood talked to us about an oral history project that the **Historical Commission** would like to undertake for Leyden. Acknowledging that one was done a long time ago, they feel it's time to begin another one. They would like to video record current and former residents about their recollections of life in Leyden. The COA will be asking people attending the coffees and luncheons if they want to participate at times convenient to them.

Artist Alicia Blaze Hunsicker will continue to host **"Creative Studio Time" after coffee mornings**, for the month of April. A wide variety of art materials will be available to explore and create with. No experience is necessary and all levels are welcome. Please call Karen Loomis at 624-3902 to sign up.

Friday, April 12th ~ Movie Night ~ Instant family ~ 7-9 PM at Town Hall. *"A surprisingly winning movie, packed with just the right combination of laughs and sniffles."* When Pete (Mark Wahlberg) and Ellie (Rose Byrne) decide to start a family, they stumble into the world of foster care adoption. The plan is to take in one young child but when they meet two other siblings, including a rebellious 15-year-old girl, they find themselves speeding from zero to three kids overnight. Now they must hilariously try to learn the ropes of instant parenthood in the hopes of becoming a family.

Inspired by real events from the life of writer/director Sean Anders. Rated PG-13 (for language, some sexual material and drug references).

Karen Loomis has stepped down for health reasons and a change in her work schedule. Linda Allis will be the new Assistant to the COA. We welcome Linda's enthusiasm and look forward to seeing more of her around Town Hall.

—*Your friends at the COA*

April 2019 Menus

Wednesday, April 3rd

"Soup-er" Lunch at 12:00 NOON
Minestrone soup, sandwiches, dessert

Wednesday, April 10th, Coffee 8:30 to 10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 17th, Community Meal
Homemade lasagna makes a meal grand!
Homemade lasagna, always in demand!

If you think lasagna is great,

We're serving it on this April date!

Wednesday, April 17th, at NOON

For reservations, Call Sue Howarth at 774-3118

Wednesday, April 24th, Coffee 8:30 to 10:00 AM



Townpeople enjoy the St. Patrick's COA luncheon at Town Hall on March 20th

townofleyden.com
selectboard@townofleyden.com
413-774-4111

**Leyden United Methodist Church
 Lenten/Easter Services & Events**

15 West Leyden Rd. Leyden Ma 01337

- Sun. April 14th - Palm Sunday, 9:00 AM
 - Sat. April 20th - Easter Egg Hunt
 & Bake Sale, 11 AM - 2 PM
 - Sun. April 21st - Easter Sunrise Service &
 Potluck Breakfast, 6:30 AM
 Easter Service 9:00 AM
- Rev. Lawrence Lake, Pastor
 413-774-6441 (Church)
 413-398-5407 (Home)
 518-645-4783 (Cell)
 pastor-larry@live.com

Facebook: Leyden United Methodist Church
All Are Welcome

Recreation Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Volunteers are needed for the spring clean-up of the Avery Field/Pavilion Area on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 AM until done. Lots of assistance is needed to build the horseshoe area and fire pit, re-seed areas, and general clean-up, but your hard work will be rewarded with refreshments (coffee, donuts, and hot dogs) and *many* expressions of gratitude from the Recreation Committee! Please bring tools like rakes and shovels. *Rain date is Saturday, May 4.*

REMINDER- Square dancing returns to Leyden when the Falltown String Band with caller Doug Wilkins performs on Saturday, April 27, at Leyden Town Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. You still have time to find your favorite dancing shoes in the back of the closet! A suggested donation of \$5.00 per person will be greatly appreciated, and guests 18 and under are free.

This promises to be fun for *all* ages!



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Select Board

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services using Greenfield personnel, as outlined in the agreement.

On March 20th the Select Board met with Greenfield's City Council Ways and Means Committee. After discussions it was voted on by the committee to go before the full City Council. The 10-year agreement offers stability for our community, with a professional full-time Fire Department that would handle our fire suppression services along with inspections and code enforcement.

On Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM we will have a Special Town Meeting to address our end-of-year items that need attention. These are transfers to fund some accounts that could go into a deficit position before the 2019 fiscal year ends. The Town only has authority to deficit-spend for snow or ice during winter months, and the other accounts involved are important to keep our town running without interruption. We had a good free cash certification this year due to good management practices. Other accounts that were not used will be correctly put back for future spending. We feel good going into the new fiscal year of 2020, and we'll present a fiscally sound budget at our Annual Town Meeting.

The Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRSD) remains an open discussion of many factors. Budget numbers are still not totally accepted by the Towns, even though the School Committee had their public hearing and voted for a 2020 budget. The special legislation that was voted on by our State congress will allow the School Committee to make additional changes to the budget with the recommendations of the State

Overseer. We're hoping everything is in place that allows us the time frame to post the correct numbers prior to the Town Meeting. Otherwise we could be forced to pass over the school budget until we get numbers that are acceptable.

There is no firm decision on whether Pearl Rhodes Elementary School (PRES) will remain open in the district. Low student enrollment in the whole district is causing the need for major changes in the budget if we're to remain a viable stable school district. If PRES remains open, it will require Leyden to increase our annual assessment by \$56,000. By closing PRES and moving our students to Bernardston, that \$56,000 will be reduced, and other services will remain in place that otherwise might have to be cut. With flat State aid and lower enrollment figures the towns can simply not afford to continue at this pace without major changes in the system.

We feel confident that if PRES does close, our students will be warmly welcomed into Bernardston Elementary School. Bernardston is still in PVRSD and will need our continued support of public education. We're also hoping that the School Committee moves on the revised district agreement that the HEART committee has been working on for the past two years. There is specific language in the agreement regarding revenue that would go back to the Towns where school buildings were closed by the district until they are fully repurposed.

It's been a very busy year, with the school and other needs that the Town has looked into. We're confident that if change does take place to the school system and fire services, we will be able to keep our school district viable for the future and have a full-time professional fire service to service the needs of the town. High speed Internet is on the horizon for Leyden, and all your Town boards have continued their great work. It's the many dedicated volunteer hours that make our community so special and peaceful. Thank you, Leyden Select Board.

—Bill, Lance and Jeff

Sweet Morning Farm

2019 FARM SHARES are on sale! It's time to reserve your weekly share of Leyden-grown, organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Shares include a wide variety of vegetables, plus flowers and pick-your-own items. Shares come in two sizes. Our farm is not certified but we are completely committed to organic and sustainable practices. We invite you to become part of our little farm.

PORK: We grow pork on pasture and organic feed. We have pork available year around in our farm stand. You also have the option to reserve a hog or half a hog for this spring, and we are now offering 20 lb. bundles of your favorite cuts of pork. Both are great ways to get some organic, pasture-raised, delicious pork at a reduced price. The next batch will be ready in May.

Eggs and Produce are available in our farm stand year around. We currently have spinach, pea shoots and microgreens.

SNAP Customers: You may use your SNAP card to pay for all our products including Farm Shares. Credit cards are also accepted. When you pay for your farm share with SNAP, you gain significant savings through the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP). More information is available on our web site.

Please call or email with any questions. Happy Springtime!

—Robin Creamer and Laura Timmerman
Sweet Morning Farm, LLC —413-773-8325
910 Greenfield Road, Leyden, MA 01337

sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com

NEW: <https://www.instagram.com/sweetmorningfarm/>

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

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



Nancy Robbins and father, Trueman, enjoy the COA luncheon

**Earth Day Annual
Leyden Town-wide Clean-up**
Saturday, April 20
9:00 AM - 12 NOON
**Let's all do our part to keep our
Planet clean and beautiful**
RSVP Robin Neipp
jarineipp@verizon.net
Or 413-624-5512

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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors—Melissa of All Trades I offer house cleaning; help with laundry and any other household chores. I will walk your dog; feed your animals while you are away. I'll run errands and do shopping. I can take you to local doctor appointments. I also offer PCA work if you have any need for home care. I will prepare meals; offer companionship, read a book, play cards. I can also do light yard work, garden cleanup and painting. I am responsible, dependable and affordable. References upon request. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you. **Call me at 413-768-4618. Melissa Sims Corrected phone number**

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.

For Sale: Two grey metal four-drawer filing cabinets \$25 each; one two drawer filing cabinet \$15.00. Pair of Bookshelf Speakers \$150. ADS Model L7802 (\$680 new). Please call John Wallace 774-7780 if interested..

Angus Beef for Sale: Locally raised grass-fed Angus beef. No hormones or drugs used. Minimum order 10 lbs. Call Jeff Neipp at Castle Hill Farm, 624-5512.

Pet Care Services and beyond. Pet sitting, drop in visits, and Doggy Daycare. Serving Franklin County and Southern Vermont. Please contact Ruth Ayers via email at ruth.a.ayers@gmail.com or call 413-783-8325. Feel free to inquire about references and rates.

Home Orchard Pruning: We can help you to restore abandoned fruit trees and maintain trees of any age. One on one lessons available upon request! Serving Franklin County and Southern Vermont. Call Robin and Ruth at 413-773-8325.

Maple Syrup: Facey's Bree-Z-Knoll Farm & Sugarhouse invites you to think sweet thoughts! We have pure Leyden maple syrup in all size containers. Call ahead any time at 774-3757.

Digitize your old slides: Your old 35mm slides scanned and digitized at 20 cents per slide (\$20 minimum order). You will need to provide a blank SD card or a thumb drive to which the scanned images will be saved. Call Jerry Levine at 624-5546.

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.

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.

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, quarts 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-

Upcoming Clay Classes

HAND BUILDING FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Mondays, 7:00 -8:30 PM, at Arts Council of Greenfield. 413-772-6811. Clay is easy, relaxing, forgiving, and fun to use. Learn coil, slab, pinch, and several decorating techniques. Make functional and sculptural objects you will treasure for years. We will make animal garden sculptures, painted and carved platters, mugs, and more. No experience necessary.

WHEEL THROWING CLASS IN LEYDEN

Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM, starting March 26 and 27. Six weeks for only \$175.00, plus materials fee of under \$30.00.

OPEN STUDIO SUNDAYS IN LEYDEN

Come with an idea or picture, or just a creative spirit. 2-5 PM, \$35.00. Bring a friend or family member, get \$5.00 off. RSVP a week ahead.

KIDS AND TEENS HAND BUILDING AND THROWING CLASS

In Leyden, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 PM. Starting March 26. 6 weeks for \$175.00

Call 413-624-5175, or go to rhondawain@verizon.net. I have taught art in schools for 30 years and I'm a potter and mosaic artist.

—Rhonda Wainshilbaum

Employment Opportunity

Angels' Rest Retreat needs a Kitchen Assistant & Clean Team.

Part-time work is available for a person willing and able to work in both capacities to support retreats of conscious growth, family gathering, and other wonderful retreats. Work is scheduled around retreats and varies week-to-week. Please email ewhite@angelsrestretreat.com or call Ellen White at 413 - 772-0693 to find out more about the work and set up an interview.



COA members visited the Bulb Show on March 13th



Earth Day Annual Leyden Town Wide Clean UP

Saturday April 20, 9 AM-12 PM

Let's all do our part to keep our planet clean and beautiful.

RSVP Robin Neipp

Jarlneipp@Verizon.net or 413-624-5512

This year it is important that we involve more of the Community to keep this event successful. If you have not helped before, please consider joining us this year. We really need Trash Walkers, Truck Drivers and perhaps a Cook or two. A Community Lunch will be served at 12 for all workers.

Last year there was less roadside trash scooped up then the year before, so progress is being made. The biggest offenders seem to be travelers tossing out their beer cans, nips and fast food packaging.

If you can't help that day but can walk and pick up your road or another, let me know and I will plan to get your "Treasures" and take your road off our list.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hosted By The Leyden United Methodist Church

Sponsored By Leyden Rifle Club



Sat. April 20th

11:00 am

**Leyden United Methodist Church
15 W. Leyden Rd, Leyden Ma 01337
Leyden Center**

**Games and Crafts
Treats and a Toy from the Easter Bunny**

**Please bring six colored hard boiled or treat filled plastic
eggs (per child)
for hiding on the town common**

**Contact Emily Herron-Clark for more info
413-336-6248**

Easter Bake Sale

To Benefit the Leyden United Methodist Church

Carrot Cake - \$15

Maple Pineapple Upside Down Cake - \$10

Death by Chocolate Brownies - \$10

Possibility of Other Baked Items Available!!

Items are in family-sized Aluminum Containers



Saturday, April 20th

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Pick-up will coincide with

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Alternative pick-up time by request

Town Hall, Leyden Center

16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA

Drop-ins welcome,

although pre-order is preferred

Call or Text: Emily Herron-Clark 413-336-6248

Notice from the Leyden Select Board Office

The Fire Department Information Meeting scheduled for April 17th is **canceled**.

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Respectfully
Bill, Lance and Jeff

March 23, 2019

Bye from Bob

It has been an honor and a privilege to work on our Town Newsletter, **Leyden Life**, for the last 19 years, and it has been a pleasure to work with editors, Cornelia Reid and Carolyn Asbury throughout the years.

I feel a sense of regret that I'm leaving the newsletter behind, but I know this is the right time to do so. Bob Hardesty and I will be spending more time with relatives in Ohio, so I won't be around all the time to do it. And let's be honest—I'm getting a little long in the tooth to keep up the monthly pace (a little more lazy, too).

Cornelia is going to take over the newsletter preparation for print, but this will hopefully be temporary. We're still looking for a qualified and enthusiastic younger person to step in and take over.

Leyden Life will continue to bring you all the latest information about what's going on around town. Please support it and the editors through the coming years.

—Regretfully yours, Bob Taylor



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