


Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

May 2019

<p>Select Board Office Hours: Monday 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM Tuesday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Tax Collector Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Assessors Office Hours: Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00 PM</p>	<p>VITAL STATISTICS No marriages, births or deaths reported. <i>-Thank you, Nicole Glabach, Town Clerk</i></p> <p>Town Clerk Office Hours are usually Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, or by appointment.</p> <p>Telephone 774-4111, Ext 3, or Cell/Text at 413-362-9378.</p> <p>Email: townclerk@townofleyden.com</p>
<p>May dates for Select Board and Committee meetings had not been posted as of the LL publication date. Please check the town website (townofleyden.com) or call the Select board office (774-4111 ext 1) for more information.</p>	<p>Memorial Day Service Monday May 27th at 10:30 AM On the Town Common</p> <p>See Selectboard report for further information Refreshments will be served afterward by the COA in Town Hall.</p> 

Select Board

Leyden's Annual Town Meeting will be held Saturday May 18th at 9:00 AM. Town elections will also be held the same day. Light refreshments will be available for a noontime recess.

The Selectmen still don't have the corrected figures for Pioneer's assessment. We have been told that PRES is closing, but the figures we have are based on its staying open. Numbers at town meeting might have to be amended. We anticipate a lengthy discussion on Pioneer, as the Selectboard is not in favor of the decisions the school committee has made in regard to the savings from the closure of PRES. This district remains in a \$450,000 deficit and they continue to spend with no regard to the needs of the towns. The closure of PRES will result in roughly a \$2500 savings for the town; we feel this is totally unacceptable for closing our school. We were successful in convincing the budget subcommittee to return \$11,300 to Leyden to offset the cost of heating the building until it can be repurposed for town use, possibly in 2020.

The Leyden school advisory committee has met numerous times with Bernardston's advisory committee and have been working to make the transition of Leyden students very smooth and inviting into their new school building in Bernardston. Parents will be invited as well in the near future, as many events are planned to make this change go well. During April we held three informational meetings in regard to the inter-government agreement we reached with Greenfield about contracting out our fire service. During the process we continued to gather information, and prior to going before Greenfield's City Council, it was determined that evaluations and remapping the ISO maps would not be complete prior to the agreements being voted on. It was decided by both Greenfield and Leyden to wait and further the study with the help of the FRCOG and outside sources, to determine if remapping into one map would work for both communities. We were originally told both ISO maps would work for insurance rates, but after the second informational meeting we were told both maps would have to be combined, possibly changing some of the ratings in both communities. Those evaluations and remapping would not take place until after the fact and that was obviously unacceptable. Additional expenditures for bringing in personnel and equipment will be added to the Warrant at Town Meeting as there is not time on our side to get everything done.

Chapter 90 road projects this year will include the repaving of Mid County Road. It was a relatively mild winter and winter

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maintenance money was returned into the machinery account, so David could replace the body on our 4-wheel dump truck. We have also met with Eversource officials in Hadley regarding why it is taking so long to reroute the three-phase power that serves West Leyden residents. We were told work would begin in the first quarter of 2019.

Nicole Glabach has been appointed inspector of barns and animals. We thank Chuck Foley for his dedicated years in making sure livestock in Leyden had a safe environment with proper shelter and clean water. Nicole will be making the rounds later in the year if you have livestock.

There will be a Memorial Day service on the Town Common Monday May 27th at 10:30 AM. Sunday May 26th at 2:00 PM Bill Glabach will be looking for help in placing flags on the graves of veterans who have served this country. All veterans should have a brass or aluminum flag holder with the war or time period they served. If you find that one is missing, please make notation and give to Bill so we can get flag holders. This is a day of remembrance for the men and women who have served to secure our freedom and democracy for all Americans. I recently had the pleasure to speak with one of our World War II residents at a Veterans lunch. He remarked to me, "You know, we would look at one another and say, 'Which one of us is going to die today?' as we were parachuting out of the plane in the Pacific Theater". We live in a very peaceful community because of these men and women. Please join Bill and remember your thoughts of what Memorial Day means for you.

Respectfully Yours

Bill, Lance and Jeff

HEARTFELT THANKS TO BOB T!

Bob Taylor who has been co-editor, layout artist, and main producer of *Leyden Life* for too many years to count, has retired. We will try to carry on without him, but the bar he set is very high! We are so deeply grateful to him for his skill, artistry, calm humor, and steadiness. Happy retirement, Bob!

Carolyn Asbury and Cornelia Reid

ROBERTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours:

Mon.: 1-6:00 PM

Wed.: 1-6:00 PM

Sat.: 10-Noon

After fourteen wonderful years as director of the RML, I am retiring. It's time for fresh ideas, new energy and vibrant creativity to take over. My tenure here has been rewarding and truly special. I've met so many interesting, kind people, enjoyed the opportunity to be surrounded by good books, and loved being a part of the growing-up years of numerous youngsters. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome. I have been blessed.

Your new director is a very special young woman. Karin (Peterson) Parks has been a Saturday volunteer often over the years and absolutely loves our little library. She brings enthusiasm, incredible computer skills, a love of books, and a fervor for making the RML even more special. Doubtless, you'll meet her four-year-old daughter Abigail Grace...a delight! Because of Abby, Karin will maintain close ties with Leyden students attending Bernardston Elementary School and will lure them to the library with wonderful programs.

Barbara Bush wrote before she died, "You must read to your children, you must hug your children, and you must love your children. Your success as a family and as a society depends not on what happens at the White House but what happens inside YOUR house!" Live with joy! Read, read, read as you hug and love your little ones!!!!

Thank you for fourteen wonderful years.

Chris Johnston

P.S. Thank you to all who have looked for and returned overdue materials. There are more out there...hiding in a book case or under the bed? No overdue fines! Just bring what you borrowed back to the library so that others can enjoy, too

Council on Aging (COA)

The COA is rolling out those "lazy, hazy, crazy, days of summer" with seasonal favorites! Check out the menu below and mark your calendars. You won't want to miss these delicious and fun lunches!

Triad Luncheon- The triad officer will be up and grilling our lunch on **Wednesday May 15th at 12 noon**. Potato and broccoli salad will be included. Followed by **Ice Cream Sundaes!**

Wednesday June 5th at 12 noon is the last lunch we will be serving until September. We will be serving sandwiches and salads.

Don't forget coffee hour on May 8th and May 22nd from 8:30 to 10 AM. Chat with your neighbors while enjoying our homemade baked treats and of course coffee!

Friday, May 17th- Movie Night- *The Green Book*- 7-9 pm. Based on the true story of piano virtuoso, Don Shirley's road trip through the South during the 60's, the film pays tribute to his genius and courage as a black man who tries hard to soar above the ugliness of the times. A working class Italian bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American Classical pianist on a tour of venues through the south. Starring Mahershala Hayes Currie and Viggo Mortenson

Memorial Day- the COA will be offering coffee and treats after the service. Sit down and relax with your neighbors!

Potluck- June 14th- Mark your calendars! We will be having Charles Neville and The skeletons for entertainment! More info will follow in the June newsletter.

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 .

West Leyden Cemetery

West Leyden Cemetery is now doing green burials, as well as conventional burials. Lots are \$400.00 or 4 for \$1500.00. The Association is planning its annual spring cleanup on May 19th at 9:00 AM; volunteers are welcome. Light raking, weedwhacking, mowing and placing of flags will take place. Contact Jeff Neipp at 624-5512, or Herman Drost at 624-3213 if interested in lots.

Leyden Life Lowdown

EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an email to Cornelia Reid at cr43wr41@gmail.com and Carolyn Asbury at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com.

Either attach a Word document or include the information in the body of the text. If e-mail is not possible for you, call Cornelia at 774-5146. The deadline for inputs is the 15th of the month by 5PM.

If you would like to receive *Leyden Life*, either in email or paper version, please email Cornelia and Carolyn at the addresses listed above, or call Cornelia. Please remember that the email version is quicker, sometimes prettier, and saves us time and money!

To donate, volunteer, or ask questions, call or email Cornelia (774-5146; cr43wr41@gmail.com)

WHAT WE ARE:

Leyden Life is published monthly in Leyden, Massachusetts by a non-profit group of volunteers. We count on donations to cover the cost of our print version, which are delivered by volunteers to the still-sizeable number of residents who do not receive email. A few extra paper copies are usually available at the Library.

THANKS

Huge thanks to Karin Park for volunteering to help with layout and production! Very belated and heartfelt thanks to Gordon Cobb for a generous donation back in January!

Thanks also to Julie McCarthy, Carol and Ed Johnson, the Peterson family, Spirit Fire, and Angels Rest for contributions, and to Lois Feldman, Michele Higgins and Barbara Wallace for collating.

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SOUTH CEMETERY NEWS

Happy Spring! As Memorial Day approaches, and you are cleaning off your loved ones graves, remember to take your plastic pots with you. The organic materials may be dumped on the pile in the northwest corner. Please, no ribbons, plant markers, plastic flowers, etc. Keep your plantings and mementos close to the stone so they don't interfere with mowing...or get mowed over. IMPORTANT! Any work other than graveside planting REQUIRES PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD. There have been incidents lately that were a gross violation of this bylaw. You can call the numbers below. On the other side of the coin, if you would like to volunteer to help with small projects, we'd love to have you. This is one of the oldest cemeteries in town, and is in need of some love. Call Deb Collins at 802 380-2562, or Wally Herzig at 774-4073 if you would like to volunteer. Most of the time, it's just an extra pair of hands for whatever time you can spare.
Regards, Deb Campbell Collins, Treasurer

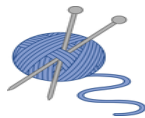
LEYDEN KNITTING CIRCLE

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.

Home dates have not yet been set for May. 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!



ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE

The annual Leyden Town Tag Sale will be held on Saturday May 11th from 9AM to 3PM. 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 salers' 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 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



MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday, May 17 ~ *Green Book* ~ 7-9 p.m. at Town Hall.

Join us for the last movie of this season!

In addition to winning the Academy Award for Best Picture this year, *Green Book* is also a thoroughly entertaining and uplifting film about a black man and a white man on the journey of a lifetime.

Tony Lip, a bouncer from an Italian-American neighborhood in the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class Black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South in the 1960s. They must rely on "The Negro Motorist Green Book" to guide them to the few hotels and restaurants that were then safe for African-Americans. Confronted with racism, danger, as well as unexpected humanity and humor, they are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive.

Sponsored by the Council on Aging

Annual Town Meeting and Election

May 18th, 2019 @ 9:00 am

Attend the meeting and
Let your voice be heard!

***Please note that you need to be a
Registered voter in the town of Leyden to vote.
Last day to register is April 26th, 2019***

**If you have any concerns please contact the Town Clerk
413-774-4111 or townclerk@townofleyden.com**



LEYDEN CAFÉ SPRING MARKET DAY

SUNDAY MAY 19 9:30-12 NOON

LEYDEN TOWN HALL

JOIN US TO SUPPORT LOCAL MERCHANTS
WE WELCOME NEW VENDORS AND PRODUCTS

PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH SUE CARLSON TO
RESERVE A SPOT/TABLE

SUSANCARLSON455@GMAIL.COM

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, Six weeks for only \$175.00.

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. (Great Mother's Day gift!)

KIDS AND TEENS HAND BUILDING AND THROWING CLASS In Leyden, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 PM. 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

SWEET MORNING FARM-----2019 FARM SHARES

It's not too late 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 round in our farm stand. You also have the option to reserve a hog or half a hog for this spring or fall, 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.

Eggs and produce are available in our farm stand year round; currently we have spinach and mesclun.

Get in touch if you would like to receive emails about what is available.

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

Call or email with any questions.

Robin Creamer and Laura Timmerman

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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**

Erik's Handyman Service: Let me help you with your "to do" list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, roto-tilling, jobs, and 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. .

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.

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 413-774-5330.

THE ART GARDEN

PRESENTS THE

Fabulous

FUN!

draw, color,
take a workshop
listen to live local music
visit with friends
come for an hour!
stay for all 12!



for more information
visit our website
theartgarden.org
Find us on Facebook

food

Visit the pop-up
Doodle Cafe
for delicious
soups, and
snacks!



Saturday April 27
Noon - Midnight

The Cowell Gym
51 Maple St
Shelburne Falls, MA

a pay-what-you-can
drawing party fundraiser
for our ARTeens program

Thank you
Local Cultural
Councils



Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont/Hawley, Colrain,
Conway, Deerfield, Heath, Leyden, and Shelburne