

LEYDEN LIFE

LEYDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

JUNE 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	NOTICE JUNE TOWN HALL MEETINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Board of Assessors</u>: Wednesday June 5 and June 19 at 6:30pm• <u>Conservation Commission</u>: Monday June 17 at 7:30pm• <u>Council on Aging</u>: Tuesday June 4 at 4:30pm• <u>Historical Commission</u>: Tuesday June 18 at 7:00pm• <u>Planning Board</u>: Wednesday June 12 at 7:00pm• <u>Recreation Committee</u>: Wednesday June 5 at 7:00pm pavillion• <u>Selectboard</u>: Every Monday at 7:00pm (or as posted, not sure of summer months yet) (No meeting on 5 th Monday of any month) * Any changes to these meeting dates or times will be posted separately. Meetings NOT held MONTHLY will be posted separately at Town Hall.
VITAL STATISTICS No marriages, births or deaths 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	

Select Board Report

On May 16th the School Committee held their meeting at the Leyden Town Hall. The main topic was to reconsider the closure of the Warwick Community School. The vote failed. In our opinion the school committee has again failed to meet the necessary steps to address the emergency legislation passed last year to help the PVRSD get out of debt.

At our Annual Town Meeting on May 18th we postponed indefinitely our assessment to fund the PVRSD schools in hopes that the school committee would make the right choice by closing the Warwick school to help with future financial stability of the district. Since this failed the four towns Selectboards and Finance Committees will meet again on June 3rd to discuss further options. All four towns will be holding Special Town Meetings on **Monday, June 17 at 7pm**. At this point there is no guarantee that the recommended school budget approved by the school committee will pass.

Leyden is still looking at a \$53,000 increase over last year even with our school closing. This was not the plan we were hoping for and is causing great concern amongst all four towns that this is not affordable even at the low percentage increase. Unfortunately, we cannot rely on possible school choice children attending the schools to help fund the budget. Over 60% of the town's yearly budget goes to the schools and we cannot continue to maintain these increases.

We encourage all voting residents to attend the June 17th meeting, hear all the facts and have an open discussion regarding the PVRSD school budget before we vote.

The board reorganized on Monday, May 20th. Jeff Neipp is the chair for the coming year.

Sincerely,
Jeff, Lance and Bill

ELECTION RESULTS

Assessor- John Rodgers
Library Trustee- Carolyn Asbury
Select board- Lance Fritz
Constable- Vanessa Russell
Moderator- Katherine DiMatteo
Planning Board 5 yr- Warren Facey
Planning Board 2 yr- David Curtis
Board of Health- Beth Kuzdeba
Tree Warden- David Brooks

ROBERTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours:
Mon.: 1-6:00 PM
Wed.: 1-6:00 PM
Sat.: 10-Noon

“With freedom, books, flowers and the moon, who could not be happy?” Oscar Wilde

Whew! What an exciting time it's been at the library! I'm continually amazed by our wonderful patrons. Our little building radiated so much love during Christine's retirement party, we were filled with 49 members of the community. Everywhere you looked there were hugs, laughter and perhaps a few tears. As many of you know, I have been blessed to have Chris (Mrs. J) as a part of my life for 20 years. I'm honored to follow in her footsteps.

This building does more than just hold books; it fosters community. A place where folks meet up and let their kids safely play. Where the young and old discover the joy of reading, whether for expanding their knowledge or traveling to a different world with. It is thrilling to watch young readers blossom while learning to love the joy of words. It's a place where we share our joys and losses and pieces of history. I'm grateful every day to be a part of it.

Our baking contest was a success! We had a handful of excellent entries and the judges had very tough decisions to make. In the end our winner was Michele Higgins with her amazing Yogurt Lemon Cake and our runner up was Pat Little with Double Chocolate Biscotti. Thank you all for entering and purchasing these treats.

There are so many wonderful new additions to the materials in our building. Many new books, DVDs and audiobooks grace our shelves. If you can't find what you are looking for, please remember that we can always request a copy from other libraries and have it usually within a week. You are welcome to email any special requests to us at leydenlibrary@gmail.com or leave a message on the phone.

We are revving up for an exciting summer reading program this year. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories". 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. We will have themed activities and challenges 'spaced' out through the summer. At the end of the season we will host a star gazing event at the Town Common. The winners of our challenges will receive tickets to the Springfield Planetarium. Fun things are planned for our adult patrons too!

Have you written a book review yet? Our friends at Cameron's Winery in Northfield have very generously donated a prize for May's review drawing. We will randomly draw a review from the jar on June 3rd, then we will start a brand new drawing for a new prize!

Thank you all for making me feel so welcome!

Come on in and 'check' us out! Want to know all of the news first? Find us on Facebook!

Karin Parks

Michele's Award Winning Lemon Yogurt Cake

Recipe from Ina Garten

READY IN: 1hr 10mins

SERVES: 8

INGREDIENTS	DIRECTIONS
1 ½ cups all-purpose flower 2 tsp baking powder ½ tsp kosher salt 1 cup plain yogurt 1 ⅓ cups sugar, divided 3 extra-large eggs 2 tsp lemon zest, grated zest of 2 lemons ½ tsp pure vanilla extract ½ cup vegetable oil ⅓ cup fresh lemon juice	Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease an 8 1/2 by 4 1/4 by 2 1/2-inch loaf pan. Line the bottom with parchment paper. Grease and flour the pan. Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt into 1 bowl. In another bowl, whisk together the yogurt, 1 cup sugar, the eggs, lemon zest, and vanilla. Slowly whisk the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients. With a rubber spatula, fold the vegetable oil into the batter, making sure it's all incorporated. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for about 50 minutes, or until a cake tester placed in the center of the loaf comes out clean. Meanwhile, cook the 1/3 cup lemon juice and remaining 1/3 cup sugar in a small pan until the sugar dissolves and the mixture is clear. Set the lemon syrup aside.
For the Glaze 1 cup confectioners' sugar 2 tbs fresh lemon juice	When the cake is done, allow it to cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Carefully place on a baking rack over a sheet pan. While the cake is still warm, pour the lemon-sugar syrup over the cake and allow it to soak in. Cool. For the glaze, combine the confectioners' sugar and lemon juice and pour over the cake.

Council On Aging (COA)

Spring has sprung in Leyden! We actually had some sun for our Triad Luncheon on May 15th. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and lively conversations! A big thank you to the Triad officers that cooked up some tasty hot dogs!

Wednesday June 5th- Noon

We will be serving our last lunch until September. Menu will be sandwiches and salads.

Monday June 10th at Noon

The Y.M.C.A. in Greenfield will be holding a community forum on Alzheimer's disease, dementia and memory loss. Please call the welcome center to preregister (phone 773-3646). Lunch will be provided.

Share your thoughts about how the Alzheimer's Association can help people in your community. Bring a friend who has been affected by the disease.

June 14th- 5PM

Leyden Community Potluck

We will be having Charles Neville's Skeletones playing! COA will be providing the desserts. Bring a dish to share and dance the night away! See you at the pavilion in Avery Field. In the event of rain we will be up at the Town Hall.

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, meal prep, 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 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

Thanks this month to Patricia Sanville, the Petersons, Susan Coan and Greg Doyle, Spirit Fire and Angels Rest for contributions, and to Lois Feldman, Michele Higgins, and Laura Timmerman for collating. Thanks to Karin Parks for doing layout and design

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.

LEYDEN LIFE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE: Important!

Please note that we will have one combined issue for July and August. All announcements of July **and** August events should be submitted by **June 20th** (note extended deadline!). Call or email Cornelia Reid with questions or problems.

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 June. 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!

LEYDEN CAFE

Cafe will be closed June, July and August. Looking forward to seeing everyone after summer...if it ever comes

Thank you. Robin



Blessing of the Animals

Pastor Larry Lake of the Leyden United Methodist Church will be available on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. to bless your large and small pets in their homes. Appointments may be scheduled by calling Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118. Please call at your earliest convenience - there are only 5 spaces available on that day.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Acadia Mae Wyckoff, daughter of Scott and Lisa Barton Wyckoff, granddaughter of Patricia Sanville of Eden Trail, has graduated with a B.S. degree *magna cum laude* from Brooks College of Health at the University of North Florida. She majored in dietetics and is working as a dietetic intern for the Jacksonville School District.

Cameron Scott Wyckoff, son of Scott and Lisa Barton Wyckoff, grandson of Patricia Sanville, has graduated from Central Florida College with an Associate's Degree *cum laude*. He will attend the University of North Florida in the fall, studying business. While in college he will be working for TPC Sawgrass PGA Golf Course in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

THANKS!

Peter, Foster, and I thank the Leyden and Colrain fire departments and Dan Galvis for aiding us when our Outback inexplicably caught fire on N. County Rd. The vehicle was a complete loss but the woods were spared. Carolyn Asbury

Community Potluck

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School
To celebrate our school

Thursday June 6th 5-7
Please bring a dish to share

Summer Carnival and Olympics

Fun and Games for Everyone!

June 22nd 11-3

Avery Field



Let's soak up the sun and have tons of fun, for FREE!

Games – Sporting Events – Bounce Houses – Food – Music – Raffles- Face Painting and More

Sponsored by the Leyden Rec. Committee and the PRES PTO

UNCLASSIFIED ADS

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 ovbecky324@gmail.com. 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.

SWEET MORNING FARM

2019 FARM SHARES Our farm shares start the first week of June; get in touch if you would like to participate.

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, produce and pork are available in our farm stand year round. You do not need to be a farm member to stop by the stand. Get in touch if you would like to get 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.

HIP is being re-instated on May 25. It's a terrific program.

Sweet Morning Farm will be going to two farmers' markets this year. Friday afternoons, 2:00 – 6:30 in Shelburne Falls and Saturdays in Easthampton, 9:00 – 1:00. See you there!

Call or email with any questions. Robin Creamer Laura Timmerman Sweet Morning Farm, LLC 413-773-8325
sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm> <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>

UPCOMING CLAY CLASSES WHEEL THROWING CLASS IN LEYDEN, Ma.

Always wanted to try it? You will love it!

Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM. Six weeks for only \$175.00. Rolling admission. Includes all materials. Classes do not have to be consecutive.

MOSAIC SUNDAYS IN LEYDEN Make a birdbath or stepping stone. From \$45-\$60.00, depending on size. July 7,14,21,or 28.12-6 PM

CLAY ANIMAL PLANTER For outdoor or indoor use. June 16, 12-6 PM.

CEMENT LEAF SHAPED BIRDBATH Use a rhubarb leaf as a mold. June 30, 12-6 PM.

413-624-5175, rhondawain@verizon.net

Rhonda Wainshilbaum is a potter, mosaic artist, art teacher.



You're invited!

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School will host its final potluck dinner on Thursday June 6th from 5-7pm.

Please join us for a community potluck and an evening of sharing memories and paying our respects to 68 years of education at Pearl Rhodes Elementary School.

Place settings and beverages will be provided.

Please bring your favorite dish to share.

IT'S PARTY TIME!

SUMMER CARNIVAL AND OLYMPICS

FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL AGES

**June 22, 2019 from 11-3
Avery Field, Leyden**

Let's soak up the sun and have loads of fun!

**Games, Sporting Events, Bounce Houses, Food
Music, Raffles, Face Painting**

Sponsored by the Leyden Rec Committee and the PRES PTO

**We are looking for Volunteers to run booths and events.
Do you have something special to offer? Pony Rides,
Music, Games? Interested in being a vendor?
Please contact Karin 522-2581**





