LEYDEN LIFE

LEYDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

JULY - AUGUST 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

VITAL STATISTICS

Birth- Liliana Faith Carballeira, April 1st, 2019 Death- Richard P Wright, April 17th, 2019

Please make sure your dogs have been registered. It is easier to identify them if they have gone missing or if there is a call of concern.

Town Clerk Office Hours are usually Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, or by appointment.

Telephone 774-4111, Ext 3, or Call/Text at 413-362-9378.

All calls and text messages to my personal cell phone will be answered when I am available (Mon-Fri)

Thank you, Nicole Glabach, Town Clerk

NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Board of Assessors: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm Board of Health: Not scheduled until there is a new chair Conservation Commission: 3rd Monday at 7:30pm Council on Aging: 1st Tuesday at 4:30pm Historical Commission: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm

<u>Planning Board:</u> 2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm Recreation Committee: 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm

<u>Select board</u>: Every Monday at 7:00pm (or as posted, not sure of summer months yet) (No meeting on 5th 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.



Selectboard Report

Work is being done on East Hill Road to prepare for the laying down of oil and stone in the summer of 2020. This project has been on the Highway Department's planning list for the past 6 years. We are in the prep phase now. Laying of oil and stone will start from the intersection of Frizzell Hill and go to the old intersection where East Hill once went to the town of Bernardston. We have received multiple complaints over the years of flat tires, ball joint replacements, the ripples in the road and dust during summer months, not to mention mud season in the spring. The Highway Superintendent and Selectboard hope to resolve these issues while still keeping the character of a country road. Trees will need to be cut, which have been marked, and the tree Hearing will take place on July 10 at 8pm. Dirt roads require constant upkeep and getting this section done will help for a better and safer passage for the residents of East Hill/

Our Town Treasurer, Kris Nartowicz will be retiring effective June 30th. We thank Kris for her years of service to the town. She did a great job with our finances. We wish her well as she will be opening up a blueberry farm.

Results of the Special Town Meeting on June 17th resulted in a no vote for the school budget. All four district towns held a Special Town Meeting on the same date. Three out of the four towns turned the budget down, which will require the state to impose a 1/12th budget. This results in a monthly assessment from last year's budget. For Leyden our assessment will be much less than the proposed assessment we were given by the school. In the next few months the School Committee and the district towns will be discussing options on how to put a budget together that will pass another Special Town Meeting.

We also passed a vote to establish a Regional School Planning Committee in accordance with MGL Ch.71 section 14, which we will need three residents from Leyden to serve on. If you are interested please submit your name to the Selectboard's office.

With the closure of PRES, the Selectboard along with an appointed subcommittee of the School Board will be putting forth a municipal agreement to maintain the heat and lights for the building as well as define what "repurpose" means. We will also need to come to a mutually-agreed upon time period for which the district will help pay for these utilities. Many questions have arisen on what the town will do with the building. We will continue to maintain the grounds and building until a final plan is put into place as to what the town's most urgent needs are. We have no plans at this time. We certainly feel the building is going to fit the needs of our town and be an anchor for many years to come. Yes, we did see our little community school close but we have been in this district for many years. We hope to partner with Bernardston Elementary School as they educate our children. We have been warmly welcomed into their school and look forward to following our children from Leyden for all their community events and programs as they grow through BES. We hope Leyden citizens will embrace this new start for our children and their parents.

There are a few more projects taking place at Town Hall this summer. New kitchen sinks and counters will be installed. This is being done by contractors and volunteers so we anticipate the kitchen will be out of service until September. We have received notice that the Sheriff's office has agreed to our request to paint the outside of Town Hall. We have purchased 25 gallons of white paint for the project, just in time to use FY 2019 maintenance and repair funds before the start of FY2020. This is the third building this year the Sheriff's office has painted for us at a huge cost savings of well over \$40,000.

The cost to the town is paint, brushes and other small items. The solar light on the town common is being refurbished and hopefully will shine again shortly. The town hall stage curtain will be repaired at the end of June. Mid County Road will be repaived this summer and line painting of roads will follow. The all-wheel dump truck body will be installed. Dave and Billy will be stripping down the truck and prepping for installation. This is the second rebuild of town trucks and the highway crew have saved us thousands of dollars from total replacement cost of new trucks. Well done, highway crew!

Reminder to all dog owners: All dogs must be licensed in the Town of Leyden. Please obtain your license from the town clerk.

ROBERTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY



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

"That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind." -Neil Armstrong, July 20th 1969

Summer Reading has blasted off! Because 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, this year's theme is 'A Universe of Stories'. All summer long we will be enjoying space-themed activities including slime, tie dye, and cosmic yoga. Each participant's goal is to read for 1000 minutes during 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.

Summer fun isn't just for the youngsters in town, though! Adult patrons, come in during the month of July and play Library Tic-Tac Toe! Just keep the noise down, please!

This year is bittersweet with the closing of our little red school house. When you visit the library, please stamp our thumbprint tree. Choose the category that applies to you: student, staff, alumnus, or community member. At the end of the summer the tree will be framed and kept in the library to commemorate our sweet little community school.

Are you a literary critic? Our friends at Cameron's Winery in Northfield very generously donated a prize for our book review drawing, which was won and enjoyed by Ginny Rockwood. On July 3rd we'll be drawing a random review, the winner of which will enjoy four lamb chops donated by Orchard Valley Farm. The next prize will be a gift certificate for Antonio's Pizza in Bernardston.

More news! Construction will begin this summer to install a window bench in our children's area. In lieu of the cumbersome table we'll add some very valuable seating and shelf space. We'll also be putting together a 'Little Free Library' out front so that you can borrow books at all hours! We'll also have a beach read box, filled with paperbacks that can go on vacation with you. No worries if you spill your lobsta butta on them.

On another note, do you have an extra patio set or picnic table and umbrella you would like donate? The library is looking for a sturdy furniture to be enjoyed by patrons in the warmer months. Imagine sitting next to our garden reading a book while your children play in the common across the road? Sounds like heaven to me!

We have lots of new materials here! Some shelves are looking a little sad and sparse waiting for some overdue materials to come back. No need to be scared to bring them back in- we do not issue any fines for tardiness!

Come on in and 'check' us out! Want to know all of the news first? Find us on Facebook! Do you have a question or want to volunteer? Feel free to email me at leydenlibrary@gmail.com or you can reach me at (413)522-2581 call or text.

Karin Parks

Leyden Council On Aging (COA)

The Leyden COA would love to hear from you!

The COA would like to have suggestions for upcoming programs or trips you would like made available. Remember the COA is not just for "old" people. We are a group of fun-loving adults trying to keep the townspeople connected. We would love to hear about what you would like to do with your friends. I know we can make this the best COA ever! Please send your suggestions to **Lindajean323@yahoo.com**.

We are looking forward to hearing from you! Have a happy and safe summer. See you in September! Linda Allis, Chair

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

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Jeremiah Sheehan Kemble-Lund (Jeremy), son of Jerry Lund and his late mom, Dr. Sarah Kemble, graduated on May 19th, 2019 from the University of Vermont, Burlington with a BA degree. He majored in psychology and minored in music. He is working this summer at a restaurant on the shore of Lake Champlain while he considers his future plans.

Sierra Annette Barton has graduated with honors from Mount Wachusett Community College, with an R.N. degree in nursing. She is the daughter of Heather Aiken Barton and Lance Barton of Bernardston, and granddaughter of Patricia Sanville of 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 for July have not yet been set. 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!

MOHAWK TRAIL CONCERTS

The Mohawk Trail Concerts chamber music series begins its 50th season June 22nd and runs through July 29th. Concerts are every Saturday at 7:30 in the Charlemont Federated Church. In gratitude to towns who support the concerts through LCC grants, **two free passes** to each concert are offered to town residents. Passes can be picked up at the Robertson Memorial Library. First-come, first-served! The annual jazz concert on July 4th at 4PM is **free**, and this year features Kimaya Diggs. For program information, check the Library bulletin board, or go to mohawktrailconcerts.org

MUTTS IN NEED

Mutts in Need is the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter's Annual Fundraising Event, held this year on August 10th. This celebration is months in the planning, and includes a wide range of wonderful activities: dinner, music, live auction, K-9 demo, magician, raffles – we have it all! A very special event is meeting and hearing about the featured shelter dog.

Tickets are \$30. See the attached poster for more details, or contact me with questions. I hope to see you there!

Wendy Pomerantz (wlp092411@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE

The COA **Movie Night** will return for a 4th season on **Friday night**, **September 13**. This year's series will start with *On the Basis of Sex*, the story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg's path to the Supreme Court. Look for more information in the September newsletter.

Square Dancing Returns!

The Falltown String Band with caller Doug Wilkins will perform <u>Saturday, July 27th</u> at Leyden Town Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. A suggested donation of \$5.00 per person will be greatly appreciated, and guests 18 and under are free. Families are encouraged to bring children because *no one* is too young or too old to enjoy this event. Put it on your calendar today!

This project is sponsored in part by a grant from the Leyden Local Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



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.

Entries for the next issue are due August 15th.

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!

THANKS

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Dorothy Howes and Pam Messer,
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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.

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

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 CAFE

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



NEED BAGS?

Plastic single-use bags will be going away soon, but we can all begin training for that day now! Coming soon to the downstairs area of the Town Hall will be a collection box for reusable cloth or other sturdy shopping bags. If you have extra such bags (many of us do!), please donate them to the box. They will be washed and placed on a coat and hat (and bag!) tree near the box, where they will be free for the taking. If you are unable to drop off your bags or pick up your free bags, please call me and I can pick up and deliver. Michele Higgins has also suggested that some talented souls might make bags from cloth scraps. Any such support is welcome. Start using your bags immediately. Hint: keep them in your car or near your keys/purse so as not to forget them. When I was learning, I would often forget them! Thank you for your assistance. Questions? Call "The Bag Lady," (a.k.a. Karen O'Neil) at 413-774-5009 or email pkoneil@crocker.com)

Leyden Church

Ok, here we are with another year gone and the Leyden Cafeteria is gearing up for the Franklin County Agricultural Society Fair in Greenfield. The dates are Thursday September 5th through Sunday the 8th. There are 3 shifts per day with 8 volunteers needed per shift. We will be also looking for quick breads to go with our home cooked meals as well as baked goods for dessert.

Unfortunatly over the winter we have two refrigerators that are not working so we are in need of two. Maybe you are getting ready to upgrade and need to get rid of your old one, let us know.

With the three meals a day that's searved we could use donations of non-perishable items to help cut down our costs so we can keep our little church on the hill stay open. Our financial status is not good.

You can call Gilda Galvis (413)522-3186 Rita Klaus (413)774-5218 or Valerie Snow (413)772-0924 with any questions or to sign up for a shift. Here is a list of most of the non-perishable items we need. If you are able to purchase any items they can be dropped off at the church downstairs in the fellowship hall. If you would like to send a monetary donation to help please make the check out to the Leyden Church with a footnote 'fair booth' and mail to 15 West Leyden Rd. Leyden, MA 01337.

Hot Chocolate	2 Boxes
Relish	6 Jars
Canola Oil	2 Large
	10 Large
Chopped Clams (BJ's)	Cans
Beef Bouillon	3 Jars
Coffee	5 Cans
Decaf Coffee	3 Cans
Clorox	2 Bottles
Cooking Spray	4 Cans
Mayonaise (BJ's)	3 Large
Bottled Water	15 Cases
Cream of Chicken Soup	10 Cans
Paper Towels	12 Rolls
Corn	10 Cans
Elbow Macaroni	8 Boxes
Ketchup	10 Bottles

Tuna Solid (BJ's)	3 Large Cans
Sponges	5 Pkgs
Dish Detergent	6 Bottles
Simple Green	2 Bottles
Gallon Freezer Bags	5 Boxes
Quart Freezer Bags	5 Boxes
Sandwich Bags	10 Boxes
Brillo/SOS Pads	2 Boxes
Spoons (BJ's)	3 Boxes
Forks (BJ's)	5 Boxes
Knives (BJ's)	1 Box
Bisquick Mix	3 Boxes
Panacke Complete Mix	5 Boxes
Pickles	10 Bottles
Spaghetti Sauce	6 Bottles
Napkins	5000

A Refresher on Town Meeting Procedures

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Special Town Meeting on June 17th. The meeting took up a number of topics that were postponed from the Annual Town Meeting in May, many to do with the PVRSD budget and related issues - topics of concern and impact, both financial and emotional.

Whether due to the weight of these topics or lack of clarity on my part as the Town Moderator, there was a moment of great confusion on the vote for the PVRSD budget. To help avoid confusion at our next Special or Annual Town Meeting, here are some basics about Town Meeting procedures.

The Warrant is written and approved by the Selectboard based on submissions from town committees, citizens, and the Selectboard. The Warrant is posted in advance of the Town Meeting (7 days prior for the Annual Town Meeting and 14 days in advance for Special Town Meetings) to inform citizens of the topics to be discussed.

The Articles often contain language that allows options, for instance "raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds." The moderator asks for a motion on the Article. If the Article is written with options as in the above example, the person who makes the motion must state clearly what action is to be taken, for instance, "raise and appropriate." If the motion receives a second from another person, then the motion is open for discussion.

Each Article on the Warrant is presented based on the information available at the time it is approved and posted. Information may change between the time the Warrant is posted and the Town Meeting. Motions on Articles can change the written Article if those changes are within the scope of the Article, for instance, the amount of funding stated in the Article can be changed by the person who makes the motion. However, the person cannot introduce something completely unrelated to the written Article when they make the motion. It is the motion (Main Motion) made on the Articles, not the Articles as they are written that are open for discussion, although questions and opinions about why changes were made to the Article can be part of the discussion. During the course of the discussion, or even immediately after a Main motion is made, a citizen when recognized by the moderator could amend the Main Motion, for instance to restore the original amount of funding. The amendment needs a second and then is followed by discussion. Voting on the amendment is taken and depending on the outcome of the vote, the Main motion is changed (Amended Motion) or not. A vote on the Main Motion or the Amended Motion is then taken.

There are several ways to close discussion on an amendment or on any motion. The moderator can determine that there has been sufficient discussion, someone can "call the question" or "move the previous question" when recognized by the moderator, not a shout-out from the floor. If there is such a request made, the moderator asks for a vote by restating the amendment or motion to be voted on.

If everyone is satisfied with the vote, the moderator moves on to the next Article. If there are still citizens who wish to return to the Main or Amended Motion in order for more discussion or amendments, a motion to reconsider can be made by a person who supported the motion, not someone who voted against the motion, and must receive a second. If the Reconsideration Motion is passed, the Main or Amended Motion is opened for discussed, can be amended and another vote will be taken. If the Reconsideration Motion fails, the Main or Amended Motion and vote stands.

The procedures are complicated and can be confusing. There is much more to say about Town Meeting procedures so look for future articles in the newsletter. For more information, the State of Massachusetts has a very simple primer about Town Meetings if you want more information:

https://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twnidx.htm. Also, The Town Meeting Times, the manual of procedures that is used for Leyden Town Meetings is available in the Leyden Library or you can contact me at 624-5569.

Katherine DiMatteo, Town Moderator

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- 773-8325. 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.

Free: about 200 feet of black soaker hose. Also 20 French drains. Call Wally or Cornelia at 774-5146

SWEET MORNING FARM

2019 FARM SHARES

Farm shares for 2019 are in full swing. It's fun to share the summer bounty - beans, tomatoes, greens, lettuce, carrots, flowers, etc. Sometimes our farm members travel or otherwise cannot use their share that week. When that happens, we like to give their share to someone else (for free). If you would like to be on the list of potential people who would like to fill in, get in touch. It's a nice way to see what a farm share is like.

We generally have some extra items and keep the porch refrigerator stocked with eggs, pork, and extra vegetables. To receive notices about what's available, sign up for our Email News. We always have organically-grown, pasture-raised eggs and pork. Contact us at sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com.

You may also see us at the weekly Shelburne Falls Famers' Market on Friday afternoons and at the Easthampton market on Saturdays.

Happy Summer! Robin Creamer

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 413-624-5175, rhondawain@verizon.net

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



Irene Baker at recent School committee meeting where she spoke about her days as a student at PRES in recognition of Leyden's school building that officially closed June 14, 2019 for the last day of school.



A good time was had by folks of all ages at the COA potluck and Charles Neville and the Skeletones!



Huge Thanks to the Leyden Rec Committee and the PRES PTO for working together on the children's Olympics and Carnival! There was a great turn out and lots of fun!

