

# LEYDEN LIFE



Keets Brook Road, Leyden

Photo by [Ron Cogswell](#)

## Selectboard

The Selectboard will be holding an auction of town-owned properties on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the conference room of the Pearl Rhodes Elementary School (PRES). These four parcels were acquired for nonpayment of taxes. For years the town has tried to collect taxes on the properties to no avail. There will be minimum bids on each property to try and recoup the substantial revenue loss.

The Selectboard has secured a onetime payment of \$11,300 from the Pioneer Valley School District to help offset the cost of utilities for the first year at PRES. We are moving forward into establishing better offices for town committees and boards at the school. *continued p. 2*

## OFFICE HOURS

### Selectboard

Monday	8:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

### Tax Collector

Monday	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### Assessors

Wednesday	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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### Town Clerk )subject to change[

Monday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

*\*For an appointment, call 774-4111, ext. 3 or call/text 413-362-9378. Calls 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 & 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 PM
Board of Health	TBA
Conservation Commission	3rd Monday at 7:00 PM
Council on Aging	1st Tuesday at 4:30 PM
Historical Commission	3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Planning Board	2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM
Recreation Committee	1st Thursday at 7:00 PM
Selectboard	every Monday at 7:00 PM

## Disclaimer

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## Selectboard *continued*

Occupying the building was a major concern after talking with our insurance company. Michele has been busy getting the fire alarm, phones, electricity and internet reinstalled and hopefully we will have everyone in the building by Thanksgiving.

The Council on Aging will continue to hold their functions at the Town Hall. The Highway Department will be moving to the Selectboard office in the Town Hall and the Police Department will stay where it is. All the historical artifacts in the church where we have been renting space will be moved into the two north classrooms of the school. One for storage and maintaining records, the other for displaying the history of our town. We are really looking forward to the display and hope the town will also enjoy seeing the many interesting antiquities.

The Governor's Office has just committed another \$5 ml in broadband funds to help the towns offset drop costs for high speed internet. Although we have no idea what this means for Leyden in dollar amounts this is very welcome news from the Governor.

The Fire Dept. has secured a surplus truck from the state which is a diesel automatic 4 wheel drive. Old Engine 1 will be retired and put out to auction. It is parked at the school for now. Acquiring a diesel truck will complement the fleet of trucks we have and we can fuel the trucks right from the highway filling station.

It is that time of year when Mother Nature could strike anytime and make for hazardous conditions on our roads. The Highway Department will have salt and sand available at the front of the Town Hall again for residents to take. Remember to allow for extra time in travelling.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Respectfully,

Jeff, Bill and Lance

**Climate Corner** Too many tomatoes this year... Hedging my bets, I grew more tomatoes than last year, insurance against a possible early blight such as we experienced last year. But now as unused and rotting tomatoes sit on the ground, there is waste.

Fully one third of the food raised and prepared in this country "does not make it to the fork," according to Project Drawdown. That represents 4.4 gigatons of CO2 released per year, an estimated 8% of all carbon emissions worldwide. Project Drawdown (drawdown.org) has ranked solutions to carbon emissions by a combination of impact achieved and cost to accomplish by the year 2050.

Reducing food waste is ranked **third** on their list of 80 solutions and could save between 70 and 93 gigatons of CO2 per year depending on how much waste is reduced.

There are many actions larger groups, such as nonprofits, church ministries, social service agencies, and governments can do. There are very large organizations, such as the National Gleaning Project and Feeding the 5,000 events as well. Locally, Rachel's Table in Springfield and the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts have sponsored volunteer gleaning projects which collect food at farms, missed by the harvesters or deemed too imperfect to sell. Then, there is also the matter of what we can do personally: buy only what you think you will use, don't forget the leftovers, and share your extra produce.

That leads me back to the tomatoes. I should have tried harder to share them with people who don't have them. I did some of that, but not enough. Will I plant as many tomatoes next year? I'm still weighing that decision. It was so nice to enjoy a tomato from the vine right up until mid-October.

Thank you. And don't forget that there are plenty of sturdy, reusable bags available downstairs in the Town Hall. You will need them in Greenfield within 2 months.

*Karen O'Neil pkoneil@crocker.com*

## Robertson Memorial Library

### Library Hours

Monday 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

“It was November--the month of crimson sunsets, parting birds, deep, sad hymns of the sea, passionate wind-songs in the pines. Anne roamed through the pineland alleys in the park and, as she said, let that great sweeping wind blow the fogs out of her soul.”

~L. M. Montgomery, [Anne of Green Gables](#)

It's time to bring out your thick sweaters and scarves! The season's colors have been marvelous this year, and the view from the library window can't be beat! We were open on Columbus Day, and had many out-of-towners (and some locals) park in the lot to take pictures of the hillside. Of course, they couldn't resist stopping in to see what treasures this little building holds. We have been quite the landmark lately! Have you stopped in to see our feature on the front cover of 'Public Libraries in Western Massachusetts: A Photographic Essay?' Mr. and Mrs. Heiligmann created a beautiful book showcasing all of the local libraries. Inside you'll see pictures of Chris (Mrs J), Trueman, Tucker the dog and Early the cat.

Our star gazing event took place at the end of September and it was a blast! Kids looked up at the sky and spotted stars and planets and named their own constellations. Thanks to the Leyden Fireman's Association for serving warm drinks and sweet treats!

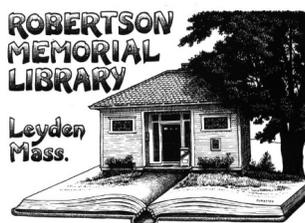
The Library is part of THE Town Halloween Party, and will be open and decorated. Come trunk or treat with us! Halloween is tough in rural towns like ours. It's hard to walk the block in a costume and so many of us turn off the lights or just buy candy for ourselves (I'm guilty). Let's change that! Come on over to the center of town to participate on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Dress up, decorate your car, have a snack, visit the town departments and HAVE FUN! The library will get spooky and have plenty of treats to enjoy for all ages. Also, on the 31<sup>st</sup> we will be passing out candy here.

Thank you to all who have donated some fantastic material for us lately! Due to our small size we do not take material donations as a general rule, but occasionally we judiciously will accept them. Thank you to donations from Steve Kramer, Jennifer Van Pelt and Kathy DiMatteo! We are however looking for donations of time from our community members. Would you like to donate some Saturday morning hours? Deliver books in the winter? Help with events? Would you be interested in joining in on an idea share or steering committee? We do not have an active Friends of the Library group, but I am interested in starting a casual group. Please let me know if you would be interested.

As we edge into November, I begin to think about what I'm truly thankful for. It's this town. I'm thankful for living in a safe quiet town. I'm thankful for the views of nature that we see every single day. I'm thankful for this community. I'm thankful for this little library, which is a sanctuary to many.

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](mailto:leydenlibrary@gmail.com) or you can reach me at (413)522-2581 for call or text.

Karin Parks



### Leyden United Methodist Church

15 W. Leyden Rd, Leyden Ma 01337, Leyden Center

Pastor: Lawrence Lake

**Sunday Service** 9:00 am **Sunday School** offered shortly after the start of the service for children 3 and over.

For prayer or visit request, call 413-774-6441

Facebook- Leyden United Methodist Church

## Leyden Council on Aging (COA)

### Happy Fall!

Veteran's Day breakfast will be held in the **Town Hall** on **Saturday Nov. 11th** from 8:30-10:00. **Lou Becker** will be cooking pancakes, scrambled eggs and bacon! On **Nov. 6th** we will be serving breadbowl soup and sandwiches, with cookies for dessert. Coffee hour will be at the Town Hall on **November 13th**. We will be playing *Applegams*!



### Calling all Turkey Lovers!!!!

We are serving up a delicious **Turkey Dinner** on **November 20th** at the **TOWN HALL**. It will include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy and pumpkin pie. To **reserve your seat** please call **Linda Allis** at **413-834-4417**!

We will be doing another foot clinic with Piper Sagan on **Nov. 27th**. Please call **Linda Allis** at **413-834-4417** to make a reservation.

## Recreation Committee

### Save the Last (Square) Dance for Me

The Rec. Committee will host a square dance  
Nov. 23 7-10 pm at the Town Hall.

This is the last dance of the year, so dust off your dancing shoes & come join the fun. The Falltown Swing Band & caller Doug Wilkins will keep things twirling & swirling. A suggested donation of \$5 per person will be greatly appreciated. 18 & under are free. Families are encouraged to bring kids & share a little history with them.

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

Call John Higgins at 772-1924 or email  
jphigginsarmy@yahoo.com

## Knitting Circle

Leyden knitters meet every Tuesday afternoon, 1- 3, at the Leyden Town Hall. In addition, we usually meet one evening per month at a knitter's home. Details for the November "Knit Night" have not yet been arranged so get in touch if you are interested.

All are welcome ~ beginners, experts and other crafters.

### For information contact:

Laura 773-8325, Peggy 774-5764 or  
Michele [manerelejo@gmail.com](mailto:manerelejo@gmail.com)

## Leyden Cultural Council

Save the Date! Thursday November 14 @ 6-8 PM with Gregory Maichack workshop "Sail away on the Craft of Pastel Painting", a hands on workshop: using sailboat references and Maichack's pastel version of Monet's Impressionist painting, "Sailboat at Le Petit-Gennevilliers." All participants create their own 12X18 pastel painting in this workshop. Call Peggy Brown @ 413 774-5764 or email [nianticgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:nianticgirl@yahoo.com) to reserve a spot.

## 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 a 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.

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## Coming Soon - Art Exhibit

Leyden Artists, Deborah Garner and Karen Loomis, cordially invite all to our November solo exhibitions in Amherst. The Hampden Gallery openings are a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon and light refreshments are served! We'd love to see you there!

### **Deborah Garner "Upstream"**

Improvisational Paintings via Personal Immersions in the Collective Stream of Consciousness.

### **Karen Loomis "Kintsugi"**

Paintings and sculpture inspired by "wounded" nature, re-imagining cellular, dendritic, and crystalline healing formations.

Hampden Gallery at University of Massachusetts  
131 Southwest Circle  
Amherst, MA

Opening Reception:

Sunday, November 10th 2-4pm

On view November 10 - December 6, 2019

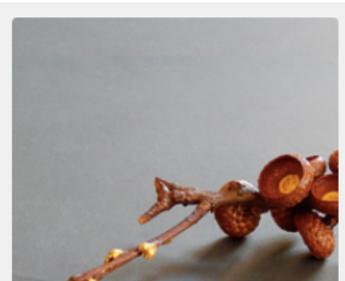
(closed for Thanksgiving recess 11/24 - 12/3)

To learn more about these exhibits and for directions to Hampden Gallery go to

[https://fac.umass.edu/Online/default.asp?BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::permalink=Hampden Gallery](https://fac.umass.edu/Online/default.asp?BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::permalink=HampdenGallery)



Upstream: Deborah Garner



Kintsugi: Karen Loomis

## Board of Health

### FLU CLINIC

Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>

9:30 - 11:30

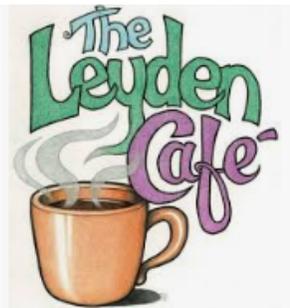
Leyden Town Hall

Lisa White from FRCOG will administer shots.

Please bring insurance cards.

### EEE

Until we have a hard frost, Eastern Equine Encephalitis is still a threat. Please take necessary precautions when working outside close to dusk (long sleeves, bug repellent). Special care should be taken with children around Halloween if they are outside trick-or-treating near dusk. Horses can be vaccinated against EEE. They may need a booster since we are staying warmer longer into the fall. Please check with your veterinarian.



### *Café Hours*

*Every Sunday*

*9:30 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Downstairs*

*in*

*Town Hall*

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*

## LEYDEN LIFE LOWDOWN

### Easy Submission

Submit by email to Cornelia Reid at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com) *and* Carolyn Asbury at [Carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.asbury@gmail.com)

Attach a document, preferably in Word format, or include the information in the body of your text. If email is not possible, call Cornelia at 774-5146.

Entries must be submitted by 5:00 PM on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Distribution

To receive *Leyden Life* in digital or print copy, email Cornelia and Carolyn or call Cornelia (see contact info above).

Digital copies will get to you quicker, are colorful, and save time and money.

We still send a few copies by USPS to former residents & Leyden lovers in other places. A year's subscription is \$9. Subscriptions are free to those in nursing homes or the military. A few extra copies may be found at the library.

### Thanks & Appreciations

To Lois Feldman & Barbara Wallace for collating this month. To Spirit Fire & Carol Kuzdeba for donations. To Angela Saviano for doing our layout.

We could not exist without the help & generosity of our townspeople.

### What We Are

*Leyden Life* is published and delivered monthly in Leyden, MA by a non-profit group of volunteers. We rely on donations to cover the cost of the print copies.

UNCLASSIFIED ADS

**Ariens 64 snow thrower for sale.** Has electric start/pullcord, 6HP, 2 stage, 24 inch. Bought in 2004, well-maintained, serviced professionally yearly at end of season. Kept in garage, good condition. Asking \$375. Call Carol at 774-4491.

**Free treadmill.** Needs tune up. Call Peggy @ 774-5764 or email [nianticgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:nianticgirl@yahoo.com)

**Wood for Sale:** Maple & oak boards, rough cut 5/4" thick, minimum 8" wide, various lengths. Call Peggy @ 774-5764 or email [nianticgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:nianticgirl@yahoo.com)

**Leyden Life Delivery Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for help delivering our paper copies. If you would like to help in your neighborhood while walking your dog or just driving home, call Cornelia at 413-774-5146.

**Leyden Pottery Studio Offering Classes:** Call Rhonda @ 624-5175 or email [rhondawain@verizon.net](mailto:rhondawain@verizon.net)

**Potters wheel classes:** Learn to use the pottery wheel to make dishes you can use. Learn to create, decorate & glaze pottery. Tuesday or Wednesday 7-8:30 pm. **Kids clay hand-building & wheel-throwing classes:** Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm. **Sunday afternoon one day workshops:** \$50 includes instruction & materials. Call to discuss what you would like to make. \$175 for 6 classes & do not have to be consecutive. This includes all supplies! Learn to make pottery in a friendly supportive environment.

**House Hunting:** I've been living away from the US for some time, and I'm increasingly wanting a home base here, so I can spend longer periods of time close to family with a view to eventually moving back. I've been searching for properties for 2.5 years, but nothing has come through. I'm looking for a small house to refurbish, or a 3-4 acre parcel of land to self-build on, as my partner is an architect. We would look for a home with good aspect - ideally southwest facing, with a prospect of views over the hills. Finding a place in Leyden would be special. If you've been considering parting with property or land & would be interested in discussing, please contact me at [olivia.tusinski@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.tusinski@gmail.com) ~Thank you! Olivia Tusinski

**Wreaths:** Available for purchase. Contact Emily Herron-Clark @ 413-336-6248 or visit Facebook Wreath-Making Workshop in Leyden.

**Erik's Handyman Service:** Let me help you with your "to do" list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, roto-tilling, jobs & projects. If you could use some help, give me a call at 413-774-9948 and ask for Erik, or email to [erikshandy1@yahoo.com](mailto:erikshandy1@yahoo.com). Reasonable rates.

**Pet Care Services & Beyond:** Pet sitting, drop-in visits, and "doggy daycare." Serving Franklin County & Southern Vermont. Please contact Ruth Ayers via email at [ruth.a.ayers@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.a.ayers@gmail.com) or call 413-773-8325. Feel free to inquire about references & rates.

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

**Massage Service:** Engage in your wellness & 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](mailto:awestwood@massagetherapy.com)

**Glenbrook Structures:** Need a chicken coop or a dog kennel at a reasonable price? Various sizes & designs are available. Call Michelle Barton or Chris Kemp at 774-4545 to place an order. We're also on Facebook & Craigslist.

**Stall Clean-outs:** We are looking for manure, bedding & other compostable materials such as old hay, leaves, etc. Call Robin or Laura at 773-8325.

**Bill Maguire Painting:** Serving the Leyden area's paint & staining needs since 1978. Interior, exterior, deck refinishing, window sash work, power washing, dirt & mildew removal. Call 413-774-5330.

## UNCLASSIFIED ADS - THANKS FOR SUPPORTING LEYDEN FARMS!

**Angus Beef for Sale:** Locally raised grass-fed Angus beef. No hormones nor drugs used. Minimum order 10 lbs. Call Jeff Neipp at Castle Hill Farm, 624-5512.

**Boer Goat Meat:** Available at Frizzell Hill Farm. Goat is quite tasty, low in fat & cholesterol, and high in protein & iron. Give it a try! Visit [frizzellhillfarm.com](http://frizzellhillfarm.com) for information and price list.

**Ed's Sugar Shack:** Local maple syrup available in gallons, ½ gallons, quarts & pints. Call Ed & Carol Johnson at 773-7619, 72 South County Road. Member of Massachusetts Maple Producers Association.

**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.

**Natural Lamb:** Available from the Petersons at Orchard Valley Farm. No growth-enhancing hormones nor antibiotics. Usual cuts generally available. Special orders on request. Get your holiday orders in now! Call 624-5562 or email [ovbecky324@gmail.com](mailto:ovbecky324@gmail.com) Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

**Sweet Morning Farm:** Stop by the farm for fresh vegetables, eggs & meat.

**VEGGIES:** Our 2019 farm shares are over for the season, but our greenhouse is full of young spinach, greens & salad. Soon we will have Leyden-grown winter greens! In the garden we still have rutabagas, parsnips, napa cabbage, daikons & leeks. **EGGS:** Organically-grown eggs.

**MEAT:** Pork, raised on pasture & organic feed. Soon we will also have some organically grown beef.

-Come visit us at the Greenfield Winter Farmers' Market on November 2 & 23.

-Sign up for our News & Extras email list if you would like to be notified about what's available.

It's been a wonderful summer & fall. We feel grateful & happy to be growing food to share with you all. Thank you for your support & encouragement. We wish you a peaceful & joyful winter.

-Call or email Rob Creamer or Laura Timmerman for more information 413-773-8325

[sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

Instagram: [sweetmorningfarm](https://www.instagram.com/sweetmorningfarm) Farm Blog: <http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>

### *Leyden Craft & Vendor Fair*

*Hosted by the  
Leyden United Methodist Church*

**Sat. Dec 7th**

**9am - 3pm**

*Leyden Town Hall & Church  
16 W. Leyden Rd. Leyden Ma 10301*

*Lunch prepared by the Church  
Bake Sale  
Silent Auction*

*Facebook Event Page  
"Leyden Craft and Vendor Fair"*

### **WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP**

Hosted by  
The Leyden United Methodist Church

**Sun Dec 1st  
Workshops at 12pm-2pm & 2pm-4pm**

Leyden Town Hall  
16 W. Leyden Rd. Leyden Ma. 01301

**\$20 Per Wreath  
Instructional Bow Making**

Please bring additional accents  
if you wish to add more than a bow  
Gardening Gloves & pruners, if you have them

All Ages Welcome

Wreaths Available for Purchase

Question Contact  
Emily Herron-Clark 413-336-6248  
Facebook-Wreath Making Workshop in Leyden



The Leyden Library entered these book characters in Bernardston’s annual Scarecrow in the Park. Do you know who they are?

Photo courtesy of Karin Parks.

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## SIGN UP!

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**Cut at the dotted line and drop off at the Library or the Town Hall!**