

NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF LEVERETT

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October 2017

Notes From Around Town

- If you have Leverettnet or **internet questions** please call OTT at 866-746-3873.
- The Select Board recently voted to join the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter. If you are not able to reach the dog officer, and you have a lost dog you may call the police or bring the dog to the shelter in Montague. For more information about the facility go to fcrdogkennel.org
- **NEW Dog Officer phone number: (413) 336-1081**
- **Harvest Festival, October 14, LES** See enclosed info.
- Go to the Coop to meet your neighbors and have a coffee and muffin—it's a cozy fall thing to do.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

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Send news items, and civic-minded, enthusiastic, Leverett-loving volunteers to: Lisa Stratford at P.O. Box 300, Leverett, MA or townclerk@leverett.ma.us or call 548-9150 for guidelines.

From the Select Board

A list of topics and actions the SB has addressed since June 1 runs the gamut: **police union** contract negotiated and signed, in collaboration with Chief Scott Minckler; **conservation** restriction policies in collaboration with Rattlesnake Gutter and Franklin Land Trusts; Leverett Alliance **community projects**; study, RFP, and adoption of a contract with Regional Resource Group to supply services to the **Board of Assessors** following retirement of Steve Schmidt (and a gala retirement party for Steve!); application for a **MA DoER technical assistance grant** to assist planning for a solar array at the elementary school; investigation of a neighborhood "good fences—good neighbors" dispute; response to **MA DEP concerns about school water** systems, in collaboration with Facilities Manager John Kuczek and Principal Margot Lacey; appointment of George Drake to the **LMLP**, in collaboration with that body; study and decision to join the regional **dog shelter** program, in collaboration with the police and Dog Officer Roberta Bryant; executive sessions regarding **Town employee matters**; coordination of payment for the **fire vehicle** authorized by Town Meeting, in collaboration with Chief John Ingram; letter of concern to MA DESE about mistakes in **charter school funding calculations** affecting Pelham, a fellow town in the regional school system; joint meeting with ZBA to coordinate their operations after Town Meeting approval of changes in **responsibilities for special permits**; clarification of

"half-time" at LES, in collaboration with LES and Union 28 administration and the School Committee; discussions and site review with Gregg Woodard and Highway Superintendent David Finn to clarify access to and responsibilities for **parking areas between Town Hall and the Post Office**; hiring **Fire Department personnel** and promoting to Captain(s) John Foster and Ben Miller, in collaboration with Chief Ingram; review and act on recommendations from the Town auditor, after **successful audit** (and separate S&P raise in the Town's long-term bond rating from AA- to AA !), in collaboration with Treasurer Jason Noschese and Accountant Brian Morton; review of continuing discussions of the **Regional School** assessment formula; receipt and action, in collaboration with the Energy Committee, on the Town's **municipal electric aggregation** plan prepared by Colonial Power Group, following final approval by MA DPU; hiring of Police Officer Sean Sawicki, and review of Police Department training and operations policies, in collaboration with Chief Minckler; **Transfer Station** staff hiring and promotion, in collaboration with Coordinator Ananda Larson; receipt of \$30K grant from MA IT to build a **secure communications network** for municipal offices and buildings, in collaboration with IT Project Manager Tim Haas; receipt of CDBG grant for **housing rehabilitation**, as part of a multi-town grant with Leverett as lead town.

Each item in this list represents hours of attention and discussion, and, for the most part, also only a single moment in ongoing projects and oversight responsibilities of the SB and town officials, most especially department heads, as well as Town Clerk Lisa Stratford and Town Administrator Margie McGinnis. We are blessed to have good collaborative partners in this work, from department heads and members of other boards and committees. We also have good partners in the state agencies whose acronyms pepper the list above.

Government—as world politics demonstrates—involves fragile and easily disrupted relationships. Thank you to every person who takes part in keeping Leverett on an even keel!

For the Select Board, Peter d'Errico.

Fall Reminders from the Fire Department

1. Come join the Leverett Fire Department on October 14 for its annual Open House. Learn about fire prevention and see some of the department's new equipment. Hours will be from 11:00 to 1:00. Leverett Police will also be on hand with their equipment. Hope to see you there!!!

2. With cooler weather coming please service your heating appliances. Make sure your chimney is cleaned at least once a year. Have a licensed technician clean your furnace to make sure it is in good working order.

John Ingram, Chief

Leverett Energy Committee Latest Details

Here's our best update on aggregation, green energy, and lower electricity rates. It's all still happening though we would understand why you might wonder, Well, what IS taking so long? To establish and publicize the rates for electricity you will be paying in our town-wide plan, we wait upon Eversource to set its rates for the upcoming season. This because our goal has been to get 100% green energy at a rate lower than the rate Eversource charges for its mostly-brown ("dirty") energy. So: more waiting. We are told rates will be announced near end of November. The plan still calls for all residents to receive an introductory letter about the details of aggregation and an announcement from your energy committee about information meetings at library or town hall. It really will all happen. We appreciate your patience, and hope you have not forgotten that we have in fact a pretty good plan that took years to figure out, arrange, and implement.

Meanwhile, please try again to get through autumn without using a leaf-blower. This absurd gadget blows around a lot more than leaves in tiny particles that you breathe in all the while it is injuring your (and others') ears and emitting more, much more greenhouse gas than most other gadgets. If you stop long enough to watch leaf-blowing in action it is likely you will wonder why anyone stopped using a rake, a tool that does not rattle eardrums, scare birds, rabbits, children, and beneficial insects, helps the caretaker-of-leaves to keep strong and healthy, and adds zero atmosphere-damaging CO2 emissions.

Portia for the Leverett Energy Committee, 548-9737

The Town of Leverett is excited to announce the approval of its municipal aggregation program. What does this mean to the residents of Leverett? It means the residents of Leverett will have a choice that they have not had in the past. According to Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134), municipal aggregation enables local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses so that it can provide them with an alternative electricity supply. Once in place, the local government can monitor and set its own energy-related goals for the program such as savings, stability or green options. Consumers are no longer "stuck" with the cost and fluctuation of the utility's basic service rates because the program offers them another option. The way the law was written, it requires that the aggregation be set up as an OPT OUT program which means all Basic Service consumers within the community will be automatically switched to the program rate unless they take action and OPT-OUT. The Leverett Community Choice Aggregation Program is scheduled to launch in January so be sure to

watch your mail in November, at which time basic service consumers will receive a letter explaining the details of the program, along with the overall savings and stability it can provide. For more details, please visit www.colonialpowergroup.com/leverett.

LEVERETT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Leverett's 250th anniversary is coming in 2024, but the planning is beginning now. The Historical Commission will be starting to interview Leverett residents in the coming weeks and the effort will continue through the winter. We want to understand how important our historical assets are to our community. We will do in-person interviews—door-to-door, at the Harvest Festival, in Town Hall, and at the Library. We will also have an online questionnaire for those who have no time to meet with us. By Massachusetts law, the Historical Commission is charged with preserving, conserving, and protecting our historical assets through a variety of means. We want to follow in the footsteps of many communities in Massachusetts that have developed strategic plans to guide their efforts. Answers from the questionnaire will inform our decisions. We know from other Massachusetts communities, such as Lowell where the residents have participated in the planning process, that the results have increased the vibrancy of everyday life and pride of place. In systematically preserving, conserving, and protecting our assets, the Historical Commission feels that we may be able to economically benefit Leverett, provide a wider group of historians and researchers with even richer material, engage descendants and other interested parties more directly in Leverett's history, derive community significance that strengthens the ethos of our town, and enriches our children's education. We hope to have your participation. *If you would like a door-to-door interview, please contact us, Susan Lynton, 413-367-2142, Edie Field, 413-548-9452, Susan Mareneck 413-367-2403 or leverethistoryinfo@gmail.com*.

Thank you Leverett residents !!!!!

For your generous contributions to the fund to restore our burial grounds.

The Cemetery Preservation Campaign made significant progress through the spring and summer thanks to **YOU** and our two knowledgeable, hard-working University of Massachusetts graduate students from the Public History Dept., Austin Clark and Nolan Cool. They presented a well-attended talk on their research, "***Grave Matters in Leverett***" at the library in July. It has been posted to our page on the town website: [http://leverett.ma.us/files/Grave Matters in Leverett Pres Abridged.pdf](http://leverett.ma.us/files/Grave_Matters_in_Leverett_Pres_Abridged.pdf)>.

This long-term project, a collaboration of the Cemetery Association, Historical Society, and Historical Commission (plus Community Preservation Act funds and interested

residents) will make accessible and preserve twelve historic cemeteries, our “free open-air public history museums”

Please Join Us to help document “Education in Leverett, from Village Schools to consolidation – Who Is My Neighbor?”

The Oral History Project on “schooling” in Leverett is underway with the help of 6th grade Leverett Elementary School students and their teachers Alyson Bull and Karin Gravina. Together we will interview former and current Leverett residents who attended the one-room village schools before they were consolidated in 1950. Two dozen LES “alumni/alumnae” were invited to participate. The interviews will start in mid-October and run through mid-November. If you would like to help as an interviewer, transcriber, or mounting the exhibit/presentation in April 2018 at the Leverett Library, please let us know. We welcome your assistance!

(Sara Robinson, c/o LHC PO Box 300 Leverett, MA 01054, Edie Field, 413-548-9452, Susan Mareneck 413-367-2403 or leveretthistoryinfo@gmail.com).

Best wishes for an enjoyable fall season! Susan Mareneck

Fall “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day

Franklin County Solid Waste District’s “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day is **Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to noon**, at 3 locations. The three drop-off sites are: the Buckland Recreation Facility at 66 Ashfield Rd. (Rt. 112 South), the Northfield Highway Garage at 49 Caldwell Rd., and the Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane.

Residents from any district town may bring bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible; disposal fees apply for most items. Clean and dry (bagged) textiles and books accepted free for reuse or recycling.

Residents and businesses do not need to pre-register for the collection. However, there are charges for most items. Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected during check-in at each site. A complete list of prices for the most common items is online at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html, and will be made available at participating town halls, town transfer stations, and the district office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

For more information, contact the district office at (413) 772-2438; email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

The Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update Committee is hard at work on the next version of Leverett's OSRP, which, when completed, will provide guidance for the next seven years of land use management.

The OSRP is an important tool for imagining and planning for the future of Leverett's landscapes. The OSRP describes the current character of the Town and sets a framework for determining land use priorities. What are the best uses for Leverett's lands? How much land should be developed? Conserved? What changes in land use can we foresee? Join us in exploring these questions about the Leverett we want to leave for the next generation.

The OSRP needs input from a wide variety of Leverett citizens to be both accurate and relevant to our populace. Please keep an eye out for public forums and surveys--we value your input!

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get involved, email concom@leverett.ma.us or leave a message at 413-548-1022 ext. 3. Check out our progress online at <http://leverett.ma.us/g/89/OSRP-Update-Committee>

Community Preservation Commission

This year, as every year since the town adopted the Community Preservation Act, the town received close to a 100% match from the state of revenues raised by the CPA surcharge. The Community Preservation Committee recommended to the Town, and Town Meeting voted to approve the following projects this year:

- 1) \$150,000 to fund the Leverett Home Ownership Assistance Project, a program designed to assist income-qualified families to purchase an affordable home in Town and add to the stock of affordable housing in Leverett;
- 2) \$100,000 to fund the Leverett Down-payment Assistance Project, also intended to help income-qualified families purchase an affordable home in Leverett;
- 3) \$10,000 to the Conservation Commission for use by the Trails Committee in constructing benches, bridges and signs for trails on Town-owned land;
- 4) \$2,542 for the creation of signs placed at the entrances of three villages designated as National Register Historic Districts of East Leverett, North Leverett.

The Community Preservation Fund has monies available for historic preservation, open space preservation, recreation and affordable housing. Do you have an idea for a project in town that might fall within one of those categories? We welcome your ideas and inquiries. The application deadline for the upcoming year is December 1, 2017, and is available on the Town website. Call

Danielle Barshak, Chairperson of the CPC, at 548-8139, with any questions.

Medicare Open Enrollment Deadline Is Here – SHINE Can Help Seniors Make Sense of It All

Do **NOT** Ignore Your Medicare Mail...it's that time of year again! If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO), you should be receiving information from your plan. Please **read** this guide -- it explains changes in your plan for 2018.

During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment, **October 15 - December 7**, you will have a chance to CHANGE your plan for next year.

Trained [SHINE \(Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone\)](#) counselors can help you understand your plan changes as well as other available options. Be sure you have coverage that best meets your needs! Please call Toll Free: 800-732-4636, or in Western Mass: 413-773-5555 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to find out more about SHINE and SHINE counselors serving your area.

Leverett Council on Aging:

For anyone **of any age** who has a hearing problem, Caption Call is a FREE telephone that has a large screen and types out every word spoken to you. All you need is certification from your audiologist. FREE installation of the phone as well as free instruction. There are also mobile applications for Apple iPad 2 or later. If you have not had your hearing tested, due to the cost, local Lions Clubs can help with the test and hearing aid. You only need to complete an application. Nearby Lions Clubs include: Amherst, Hadley, Hatfield, and Northampton.

JudyRaphael

Leverett Cemetery Association

Our efforts for preserving the Leverett cemeteries are continuing to progress nicely. Our conservator, TaMara Conde of New Salem, has recently finished her work on Jackson Hill cemetery. A small part of the work is visible from the road, but there is room for one to pull over and park, open the gate, and step up the hill, in case you want a closer look at the monuments marking the resting places of some of our earliest citizens. They include lumbermen, pail and buckets makers (there is a difference, in case you didn't know), blacksmiths, church founders, tavern owners, grist mill operators, farmers, store keepers, and metal workers.

We plan to continue our restoration project and are looking at other cemeteries as candidates to restore next. A hearty

thank you to all who contributed to our recent fund drive. Contributions are still welcome and may be sent to the Leverett Cemetery Association, 21 Long Hill Road, Leverett, Ma. 01054.

Library News

Leverett Library, 75 Montague Rd. phone: 548-9220

website: www.leverettlibrary.org

email: leverett@cwmars.org

Library Hours: Tuesday 3-8, Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 3-8, Saturday 10-3 Sunday 12-5 (closed Sundays Memorial Day to Labor Day).

Special Closings: The library will be closed Thur. Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving.

Ukulele Play-Along with Julie Stepanek.

One Thursday every month, 7-8pm. Upcoming dates: October 12, November 9, and December 14.

We have ukuleles to borrow for the program, and now the library has a ukulele available for check out.

A Day with Superman and Superwoman Vision Workshop.

Tuesday October 10 at 4pm
Passport to Chemistry Adventure scientists from Mount Holyoke College will lead caregiver/child teams through an exploration of color vision and "super vision" to uncover hidden messages and more.

Movie Night Fridays at 7:30pm

Friday October 13, *The Big Sick*, Rated R

After meeting at a stand-up comedy show, funnyman Kumail and graduate student Emily embark on a romance. But as the expectations of his strict Muslim family create conflict between the couple, their relationship begins to crumble.

Friday November 3, *Beatriz at Dinner* Rated R

Friday December 1 *Little Women* 1994, Rated PG

Technology Workshops Saturdays in October 12:30-2pm.

October 14: Streaming TV, music and movies.

October 21: Digital photography

October 28: Working with and organizing your files; synching and storing on the cloud.

Please let us know if you will need to borrow a laptop.

Sponsored by OTT

Memoir and Fiction Writing Workshop with Mara Bright

Sundays, November 5 through December 3, 3-5pm.

Please register.

In this six-week series explore and practice the tools used for writing fiction and memoir. Mara is a published writer and poet. Former writer for *Cobblestone*, *Calliope* and *Faces* magazines. Author of a memoir, *The Constant Heart*, published in 2013. Please register.

Art in the Community Room

October, 50th anniversary of Leverett Crafts and Arts.

November–December, Susan Valentine, paintings.

Story Hour: Young children and their caregivers are invited to join us for a morning of music, stories and crafts every Wednesday at 10:30 with Heleen Cardinaux from the Community Network for Children.

Strength training and stretching free program to start before the holidays, 6-8 weeks, time and date TBD.

Free Qigong on Tuesdays 5:15-6:15, all welcome.

Leverett Library book group meets one Thursday every month 6:30-8pm, open to all.

Lego Club coming back soon. If you would be able to help run the monthly program please let us know.

New items for circulation at the library

Ukulele

Telescope, and look for an announcement for an astronomy/telescope program in November and ongoing if we have interest.

If you are homebound and need help selecting and/or picking up materials please call; we have volunteers ready to help.

Hope to see you soon at the library.

Ashely Blais, Director

Community Events

The Seasonal Sounds of Leverett – All 4 Seasons

What a great gift: for scattered family, for former neighbors, for yourself.

You have 3 choices.

(1) Borrow a CD or thumb drive from the Leverett Library. Take it home. Copy. (It is not copyrighted.)

Return the original.

(2) Buy a CD at the Leverett Library, Harvest Festival, maybe even the Transfer Station (\$5)

(3) Download from the RGT website - www.rattlesnakeguttertrust.org

The Seasonal Sounds of Leverett was funded by the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust and the Leverett Cultural

Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The project would not have been possible without the 19 Leverett volunteers who recorded the sounds, Julie Collier's drawing of the Barred Owl, and the leadership of our technical director, Peter Marvin. Thank you.



Leverett Alliance Hosts Kentuckians Oct 27-29 in Unique Cultural Exchange Program

The Leverett Alliance has created Hands Across the Hills, a cultural exchange/dialogue between two rural communities with differing cultural, social and political profiles—Leverett and Letcher County, KY. Over a dozen Kentuckians are visiting Leverett and engaging in dialogue sessions, as well as cultural activities over the weekend of October 27-29. In Spring 2018 the Kentuckians will reciprocate, hosting Leverett in Whitesburg, KY.

A day of public events, Saturday, October 28, welcomes all to meet the Appalachian guests.

Hands Across the Hills Saturday October 28 All are Welcome

**At Leverett Elementary School, 85 Montague
Road, Leverett**

9:00-11:00 am Community Forum

A chance to interact with our guests from Letcher County, Kentucky, and members of the Leverett Alliance Bridging Committee. Learn how communities with very different histories and cultures can work together to achieve common goals.

11:30-Noon Leverett Community Chorus

Songs to celebrate the heritage and folkways of Appalachia and New England

Noon-1:00 Community Potluck Lunch*

At Montague Common Hall (formerly Montague Grange), 34 Main Street, Montague

6:00-7:00 pm Community Potluck Dinner*

7:00-10:00 pm Contra Dance (\$10 donation)

With The Moving Violations, Rob Blechner, Caller (special guest Autumn Rose Lester on fiddle)

*** For admission to potluck, please bring a dish to share –
"local" fare appreciated**

The Leverett Alliance was formed in December 2016 after the election by Leverett residents seeking to bridge the divide in our country. It has engaged on many fronts—community-building, safety through sanctuary, climate action, reading focused on the vulnerable in our society, and bridging the divide. The Bridging Committee, led by Leverett's Paula Green, internationally known for conflict resolution and peace-building, reached out to a cultural organization called Appalshop in Kentucky and found a committed partner in a cultural exchange.

The Appalachian guests will be hosted by Bridging Committee families in their homes, and will engage in closed formal dialogue sessions and other activities facilitated by Paula Green and Appalshop's Ben Fink. Guests will also have free time on the weekend to tour sights in and around the Pioneer Valley.

The Alliance's Bridging Committee has prepared for this exchange by viewing films and reading books about Appalachia. Singer songwriter Sarah Pirtle has composed a song to celebrate this exchange. All the Leverett activities, including fundraising, are being managed by volunteers from our community. The Alliance is currently enrolling additional business sponsors and seeking volunteer donations. Please contact Pat Fiero if you wish to assist: patfiero@yahoo.com

The public is welcome to all the October 28 activities. In addition, the Leverett Alliance is open to all residents of Leverett and meets monthly. The next Alliance meeting is Oct 12 at Town Hall. The focus will be on the upcoming Hands Across the Hills project and how we communicate with those whose perceptions and positions differ greatly from our own. 6:30 pm dessert potluck and 7-8:30 pm meeting.

For additional details as to how Hands Across the Hills was initiated and developed, contact sharonrosedunn@gmail.com. The media team of the Alliance's Bridging Committee is reaching out to news outlets all over the Valley and beyond to publicize this unique event, which it is hoped will be a model for communities across the country.



37th Annual Leverett Harvest Festival



October 14, 2017

*Around the Leverett Elementary School
Playground*

Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:30

*to benefit the Leverett Fire Dept. Assoc.
Leverett Elementary School cafeteria*

**Fire Department Open House 10:30-
1:00**

*There will be a fire extinguisher
demonstration and a chance to see vehicles
and equipment.*

Festival grounds open 9:30-1:30

***We all would enjoy more handmade or unique items
for sale, more fun activities for all ages, more tables of
tag sale miscellany, more businesses getting their name
out there, more people walking around enjoying the day,
the food, the company. If you would like to set up a table
please feel free to come and BYO-table.*

6th Grade Spaghetti Supper 5:30-7:00

Come for an evening of food and fun to support the Leverett 6th Grade.

Adults- \$8/ Children- \$6 in advance (\$10/\$8 at the door)

Tickets are available from any 6th grader, in the school office, or at the Leverett Library.

Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be served.

**** Note to all vendors**

Please make sure your vehicles are removed from the parking lot and driveway by 8:45 AM. *Thank you.*

LEVERETT WRITERS AND READERS FALL

WALK-- On Rattlesnake Gutter. Meet on Sunday, October 15, at 3:00 pm at the Montague Road entrance to Rattlesnake Gutter Road at the Gate where the Rattlesnake Gutter Road is closed to traffic. A chance for local writers and book readers to meet for a walk. Residence in Leverett not required. Dogs welcome. Questions? Laurie at 548-9904.

Leverett Trails Committee

A happy autumn to all from the Leverett Trails Committee! Autumn is a wonderful time to take a stroll on our trails: enjoy a brisk walk in the crisp air, watch for plants and wildlife preparing for winter, and breathe in the nostalgic scent of fallen leaves.

On our September 16th work day, our crew of intrepid volunteers battled large fallen trees, glossy buckthorn, and Japanese barberry to clean up the pond on the Gordon King property. Go take a look and rediscover this section of Gordon's beautiful property!

Our next work day is on Sat., October 21 8:30 - 11:30AM. We will meet at the covered bridge on the Gordon King property, then split into two groups to clear brush towards Woodard's Corner and towards East Leverett Meadow. Our next meetings are on Monday, October 16 and November 13 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall. All are welcome!

The LTC will also be at the Harvest Festival on October 14-- stop by to say hello, pick up trail maps, and/or join our emailing list.

If you would like to receive emails about workdays or have questions, contact concom@leverett.ma.us. For trail maps and updated information about trails and workdays, go to www.rattlesnakeguttertrust.org/trails. There are also trail maps at the Leverett Library.

LTC is co-sponsored by the Leverett Conservation Commission and the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust.

Harvest Festival at North Leverett Baptist Church, October 15

North Leverett Baptist Church is holding a Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 15th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Family fun: hayrides, bounce houses, face painting, relay races, and more! Blue Grass Concert with the LaClaire Band from 1:30-3:30 pm. In case of inclement weather, please check our website at: nlbcma.org

Leverett Village Co-op Happenings

Member Appreciation Day~Co-op Month Celebration, Saturday October 14th

Everyone welcome to stop by and enjoy music, wine tasting, and food sampling, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Member-owners of Leverett Village Co-op receive a 10% discount on purchases all day.

October is National Co-op Month! Every October millions of co-op and credit union members across the United States celebrate Co-op Month. The theme for 2017 -- "Co-ops Commit"---is an invitation to learn more about how co-ops are committed to their communities, and to building a better world, together.

Leverett Village Co-op is committed to providing a friendly, social atmosphere where community members can gather, socialize, and purchase goods to meet daily needs in our rural town.

The co-op is a grocery store that is owned by people in our community. As with any community endeavor there is a need for guidance and leadership to remain viable. Many people have served on the Co-op Board of Directors through the years and we are thankful for their service. Would you consider serving the community and the co-op as a board member? There is a need for a few more to join our Board of Directors. For more information, please stop in at the co-op or contact Heather Hutchinson, Board President: heather01054@hotmail.com

Not a member of the co-op? Join us! Become a member-owner in October and receive a 10% discount coupon to be used on your next shopping trip. As a member, you can save up to 40% off when ordering in bulk (stock up for cooler weather!), receive a discount on Amerigas propane,

support local farmers and producers, and be a part of a unique community enterprise!

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The co-op has a history of supporting creativity by having art work displayed in our cafe area, featuring local crafts for sale, and collaborating to support community well-being. This summer, community members initiated the installation of a **Little Free Library** at the co-op.

Stop in and check out the art work, borrow a book, and meet your neighbors! We have a number of hand-crafted gift items from local artists and a selection of wines and foods that also make great gifts. Local purchasing is a great way to support our local community!

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Leverett Harvest Festival



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Around the Leverett Elementary School Playground

LEVERETT RESIDENT

LEVERETT, MA 01054

Help!! We need Everybody, Anybody and Somebody (see story at right)

There are vacancies in the following departments/committees:

Finance Committee

Council on Aging

Capital Planning (2)

Affordable Housing Trust

Board of Health (preferably someone with health-related experience)

Personnel Board

Scholarship Committee

Please call Lisa at 548-9150 for more information on any of the positions.

A Short Story...

Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody, and Anybody. When there was an important job to do, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.