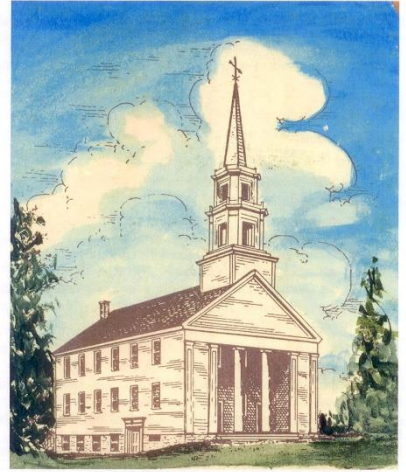


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**The Congregational Church
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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Children's story told every Sunday.

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, March 30, the Congregational Church of Phillipston hosted a fundraiser we call Easter's Great Gathering at Red Apple Farm. We love this family friendly event. We want to thank all of our donors including Brooks MacMannis Florist, Brookside Equipment, Catie McClure The Lux Group by Real, David Mason CFP Edward Jones of Athol, the Jonathan Austikalnis Character Fund, Lamb City Campground, Leano RV, Littles Floor Covering, Lyman Signs, McClure and Sons Home Solutions, Moon Hill Brewing and Brew Barn, Orzen Personalized Healthcare PLCC, Red Apple Farm, Rick Geyster Plumbing, The Kitchen Garden, Timber Fire Pizza. Children hunted for Easter eggs, stuffed with candy or prizes. Many young families petted baby animals, and experienced a hayride or took photos with the Easter bunny. Parents and other adults could participate in an adult raffle with wonderful prizes and an Easter basket raffle hosted by the Ladies Benevolent Society. Thank you all.

We were able to stage this event at the Red Apple Farm because of the generosity of Nancy and Al Rose, our partnership with the Phillipston Lions, Phillipston Boy and Girl Scout troops, Phillipston Fire Association, Phillipston Police Association, Phillipston Youth Supporters, and the generosity of all the businesses who gave prizes and donations, provided food, sponsored the event and gave checks to cover our costs. As a church community we are more hopeful about the future, and our survival because of the generosity of local businesses, and our community who donated eggs and candy.

Thank you all for such a wonderful day!

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

Our next big event is the Village Bazaar which will be June 8 on the Common.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
May 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS April 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

Town of Phillipston, Massachusetts

Public Input Survey on the Accessibility of Town Facilities, Programs, and Services

We need your help! The Town of Phillipston is in the process of developing a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan to ensure residents and visitors have access to all Town buildings, programs, and services. The Town has engaged the Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management to assist with the plan, which is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991 (ADA). An important part of this planning process is providing opportunities for the public to offer input and voice concerns.

This survey is intended to gather preliminary data to assist the planning team in identifying any barriers to access for individuals with disabilities at Town buildings or within the programs and services it currently offers. Once the initial study is completed, the Town will solicit additional input on how to best address any deficiencies that are found.

Please take a few minutes to complete this important accessibility survey at the following link:

https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8IKDYiD21O9etQG

If you need assistance in completing this survey or would like to request an alternative format, please contact Marcia Birmingham at marcia.birmingham@umb.edu or call the Collins Center at 617-287-4824. We sincerely appreciate your time and effort in helping to ensure Phillipston remains a great place to live for ALL of our residents.



MUSIC Dance.edu presents...

Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors!

Brought to you by---

Phillipston Cultural Council

&

Massachusetts Cultural Council

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 11am.

This program is brought to you by a generous grant provided by your local cultural council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Phillipston Lions Club

Come Join Us on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 PM at the Phillipston Library.
If you have any questions, please call Marilyn 978-503-2269.
We're always looking for new people to serve our community.

Lions Dinner

May 18, 2024 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Pork Dinner, Potato, Veg, Toss Salad and Desert.

All for \$13.00

Phillipston Church On the Common
Take Out is Available

April 20, 2024, Breakfast is Cancelled

Next Breakfast – June 15, 2024

Vendor Fair

August 3, 2024

Looking for Vendors

Please call Marilyn 978-503-2269

**Phillipston Cultural Council
Meet and Greet
Wednesday April 17th 2024
6pm Upstairs Phillipston Town Hall**

Want a say in what events and activities happen in Phillipston?

Come and see what we do and how it works!

Light refreshments will be provided.

Questions email culturalcouncil@phillipston-ma.gov

You can make a difference!

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2024 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for **Monday, May 20th** polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 10th.

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2024:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YR TERM
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 YR TERM 2 YR TERM (Unexpired term do to resignation)
CONSTABLE	3 YR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM
MODERATOR	3 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	5 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	2 YR TERM (Unexpired term do to resignation)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Phillipston)

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. **March 28, 2024**, is the last day you can obtain nomination papers. **Nomination Papers need to be returned to the Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by April 4, 2024.**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 8, 2024

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Building

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 29th

To participate at the Town Meeting, you must be registered to vote

The Phillipston Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was established in 2007 to provide grant related funding to:

- Build and rehabilitate parks, playgrounds and recreational fields.
- Protect open space.
- Support local affordable housing development.
- Preserve historic buildings and resources.

This year we have received applications to:

- Provide \$5,625 for a shed for the Phillipston Community Garden.
- Provide \$47,900 to repair an area of the floor of the Phillips Free Public Library.
- Provide \$30,000 to develop a design for a revitalized town common.
- Provide \$30,000 for the restoration of windows on the east side of the Congregational Church of Phillipston.

The CPC will be meeting on April 11 at 6:30 pm at the Town Annex. All are invited to learn more about the CPC and these proposals prior to the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 8, 2024.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

April 2 Chicken cacciatore, seasoned orzo, Brussels sprouts, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit.

April 16, Chicken + rice, green beans, dinner rolls, chocolate brownie.

Lunch is served at noon at the Phillipston Congregational Church. To make a reservation call Paula at 978-407-9504.

Blood pressure clinic sponsored by the Phillipston Fire Department once a month at 11:45a.m. Call Paula for info.

Also coming Tuesday June 4, 2024, at 11a.m. Hip-Hop exercise for seniors by Rondae. Sponsored by The Phillipston Cultural Council.

Senior lunch trip to Monty Tech Restaurant Wednesday May 1st.

For a place on the trip please call Paula at 978-407-9594.

Limited space, first come first serve.

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

April 2, 2024 6pm.

* **“like” our Facebook page**

Phillips Free Public Library

Book Club

The Bookclub will meet on Tuesday, April 30 at 5:30 to discuss our next read: *When You Find my Body* by D. Dauphinee, a gripping true story about Appalachian Trail hiker, Geraldine Largay who became lost in Maine in 2013.

Saturday Story Hour

Join us for a children’s Story Hour on Saturday, April 20 at 10:30 am. We will enjoy stories, a craft project and a snack!

New Materials

Three-inch teeth by CJ Box, The When You Find my Body by D. Dauphinee, Leave No Trace by AJ Landau, In This Moment by Karen Kingsbury, The Bad Weather Friend by Dean Koontz, The Ghost Orchid by Jonathan Kellerman, Last Night by Luanne Rice, Death of a Spy by MC Beaton, End of Story by AJ Finn, Mockingbird Summer by Lynda Rutledge, The Summer Book Club by Susan Mallery, The Moonshiner’s Daughter by Donna Everhart and 5 Ingredients Mediterranean by Jamie Oliver
New Children’s Books Escargot and the Search for Spring by Daska Slater, The Teeny-Weeny Unicorn by Shawn Harris, Are you Big? by Mo Willems, Ten Little Rabbits by Maurice Sendak, Big by Vasti Harrison and Nana in the Country by Lauren Castillo

Historical Society Meeting Cancelled

The April meeting is cancelled. Hopefully we'll be able to reschedule the speaker next year. Please watch the May Newsletter for information about the annual meeting when there will be updates on the happenings at the museum.

New members are welcome. This is your town. Learn its history and be a part of it.

It's that time of year again!
Yard sale time! Join the Community fun at
Phillipston's Town Wide Yard Sale!
Saturday, May 4, 2024

\$20 IS ALL IT TAKES - IT'S SO EASY!

Contribute to a good cause, clean out your clutter, & make some extra CASH!

We will do all the advertising for you!

Please contact Jennie at 978-790-9279 or send your \$20 check payable to Jennie Chace at:
740 Patriots Road Templeton, MA. 01468, to list your address on the map.

Encourage neighbors to join too, more homes = more customers on your street!

Maps to the different homes participating in the yard sale will be handed out for \$1 each on
the Common in Phillipston – located in the center of town beginning at 7AM!

Like and Share our page on Facebook!

Sponsored by the Friends of Girl Scout Troop 30908.

Agricultural Commission

Hello Spring!

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission has been hard at work already to make this year a fun and busy for all.....

For the-

Farmer's Market – The Farmer's Market will had at the Phillipston Center at the lower common on Wednesdays from 3pm – 6:30pm with weather permitting this year. There will be no fee to set it up. Please contact Marilyn for information at 978-503-2269.

We are looking for crafters, vendors, and anyone selling vegetables, eggs, homemade products etc. Also, we are looking for entertainment, anyone looking to donate their time or get paid what they make through donations and for example anyone that does face painting and gets paid what they charge. Thank you in advance for helping us with entertainment there.

Community Garden – Dennis had already been down at the garden getting it ready to have gardeners in there as soon as the weather is ready. We now have a pump all set up and a few areas fenced in. We are looking for volunteers to help fence in more areas do to wildlife getting the vegetables. We are also looking for volunteers to help cut back so brush. With any questions, please contact Dennis at 413-658-7889.

Pumpkin Contest – Yes we are already talking about the Pumpkin Contest and talking about new ideas and the possibility of bringing back some old ideas. More information. The Pumpkin Contest will be on October 13, 2024, so save that date and grow them pumpkins.