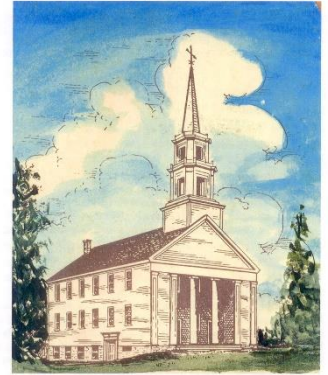


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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

One Sunday during announcements T.J. Leano of Leano RV, LLC. announced a new mission opportunity for the church and community. There are two charity bins across the street from Lamb City Campground on Royalston Road on their property. T.J. investigated Planet Aid which does good work for charity reaching out to those in need. In return T.J. receives a few cents a pound for the clothing and shoes that have been donated in those charity bins. T.J. and his wife Kim discussed how best to distribute the money. They thought about Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and then decided to give the money to the church because the church sponsors many of the Scout troops and packs in Phillipston and serves the community.

We are grateful to the Leanos for their commitment to serving the poor and helping the church at the same time. This reminds me of the Scripture verse from the Gospel according to Matthew 25:35 -- "For I was hungry and you fed Me. I was thirsty and you gave Me water. I was a stranger and you invited Me into your homes; naked and you clothed Me, sick and in prison and you visited Me."(The Living New Testament.) Thank you T.J. and Kim for being true Christians.

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

P.S. We will worship outside on Sunday, September 1..

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

THE PHILLIPSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PROUDLY HOSTING



Location: Phillipston Town Common
Tuesday August 6, 2024
5:30-8:30 PM

- **Decorate your bicycle for a parade around the common, prizes given to the best decorated bike (all ages welcome)**
- **Light refreshments and Ice Cream Sundae's**

Please Save the Date and join us for a fun (free) night, special guests to include, Phillipston Fire Department, and the Phillipston Highway Department among others to be announced!

Resident Opinion Requested

Phillipston's Historical Commission appealed to the Board of Selectmen to purchase the Bates Powers Reservoir Dam, a land-locked dam located off the top of Athol Road, from the Town of Athol. This dam is being studied for deconstruction by the Town of Athol as it is currently considered to be a significant high-hazard dam by the state; the Historical Commission would like to preserve it. If you have any questions regarding the Historical Commission's desire to purchase and preserve the dam, please contact Karissa Moore at karissamoore@comcast.net or 978-407-3054.

The Board of Selectmen is asking for public opinion on the purchase and preservation of the dam. Please contact the Selectmen's office via email at selectman@phillipston-ma.gov or via phone at 978-249-6828 to give your opinion of the matter

The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) wants to hear about your experiences with internet service! This survey is completely anonymous and should be completed by one individual per household. Your feedback is vital to understand barriers to internet access, affordability, and adoption to help close the digital divide. Thank you for your participation.

PHILLIPSTON'S DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING HAS BEGUN

Follow the link or scan the QR code to take the statewide digital equity survey:

Broadband Internet



Accessibility

Affordability

Adoption

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

<https://bit.ly/48jdwVL>



Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

August 6, 2024, 6pm.

* "like" our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

Summer Reading Fun for all Ages!

Be sure to keep the library on your list for places to visit this Summer! We will have a fun raffle in the Children's room...children earn a ticket with every visit to the library...as well as ice cream gift certificates for our young bookworms! Not to leave out our grown-up readers, a raffle for a Market Basket gift card will be ongoing through the end of August!!

New Materials

New books include: A Death in Cornwall by Daniel Silva, Summer Pact by Emily Giffin, The Cliffs by J. Courtney Sullivan, The Briar Club by Kate Quinn, On Call: a Doctor's Journey by Anthony Fauci, The Comfort of Ghosts by Jacqueline Winspear, Middle of the Night by Riley Sager, The Midnight Feast by Lucy Foley and Eruption: following Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton.

New DVD's include: Godzilla vs. Kong

BOOK CLUB

The Book club's next read is: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. We will meet on Tuesday, August 13 at 5:30 to discuss. Copies are still available. New members are ALWAYS welcome to join this fun and lively group!

Grill Raffle

Starting June, Tickets from any Phillipston Lion, The Farmer's Market
or at Breakfast. Marilyn 978-503-2269

1 / \$2.00 or 3 / \$5.00

Money goes back to community projects.

Vendor Fair – Phillipston Common

August 3, 2024 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cost \$20.00 a space 10'x10' (size negotiable) (outdoors)

Must bring your own set-up. No electricity or water available. No confirmations given.

Please call or text Marilyn 978-503-2269

Marilyn Holway 250 State Road, Phillipston, MA 01331

Phillipston Lions Club

Come Join Us on Tuesday, August 13, 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.

CPC Can Grant Funds

Find Out How – 9/9/2024

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is inviting residents to its annual public hearing on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM to learn about the Community Preservation process and share with the committee their ideas for use of the Community Preservation Funds.

The funds can be used for public or non-profit projects in the following categories:

- **Open Space** funds can be used for the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space, including aquifers and watershed lands, agricultural lands, grasslands, fields and forest land, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, or lands that protect scenic vistas, wildlife or nature.
- **Recreation** funds can be used for the acquisition, preservation and creation of recreation lands, including community gardens, trails, non-commercial youth and adult sports, parks, playgrounds and athletic fields.
- **Historical Preservation** funding can be used for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of properties listed on the State Register of Historic Places, **or** determined by the town's Historical Commission to be significant in the archaeology, architecture, history or culture of the town.
- **Community Housing** Funds can be used for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of Community Housing in Phillipston.

For more information call 774-641-2512

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission

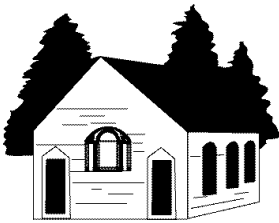
Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

***The Community Garden- The garden is in full bloom looking amazing. Dennis, with some help from Tom, has done a great job. Dennis is looking for yard clippings. Please contact Dennis with any questions at 413- 658- 7889.

***Farmer's Markert- Marily has the Farmer's Market open every Wednesday from 3pm- 6:30pm at the Phillipston Common (weather permitting). Please contact Marilyn for information at 978- 503-2269 or Julie at jhockcty2014@gmail.com also to get an application.

*** Pumpkin Contest- We are excited about the Pumpkin Contest the year on October 13th, 2024. Again, we have moved the contest back to the original start. We will have free games set up to play. We hope everyone has their pumpkins growing. Remember all pumpkins can enter large and small.

We also have the homemade pie contest, canned fruits and vegetables, floral arrangements and vegetables arrangements. More information to follow.



The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Museum Hours: Sundays: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Wednesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon
 Or by appointment with our Curator: 978-249-4356

We invite you to spend some time with us at the museum reminiscing about the past or, if you are new in town, learning about Phillipston. We have several new exhibits including one on recreation (10 ft. winter skis, anyone?) and another on clothing of the past. A permanent exhibit about our town's veterans - both past and present - has been updated. And of course, for all the gadget pros we have the doodlebug that was made – and used - by our own highway department. There is no entrance fee. Everyone is welcome!

Save the date! Sunday, September 22, 2024 Time: 12 Noon to 4:00 PM. Our Phillipston museum will be participating in the *Tour of Local Historical Museums*. Join us as we welcome visitors to our museum and as we visit some of the museums in our neighboring towns. More info to come.

Want to make an impact? Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Maybe you even have an interest in history. We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities, and we need your help. For more information, visit our museum or call Kay at 978-835-9088.

Lions Dinner

August 17, 2024 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Chicken Dinner, Potato, Veg, Toss Salad and Desert.

All for \$13.00

Phillipston Church On the Common

For Sale

Vanity with round mirror

Cherry Wood 45" x 18"

3 draws each side 1 draw in the middle

Family passdown piece of furniture

\$100.00

Call 978-503-2269

**Lions
Senior Meals
Delivered**

On

August 13 & August 27

VOLUNTEER CLUB

A 2023-2024 Recap of Volunteer Initiatives



BACKGROUND:

Narragansett's Volunteer Club was established in 2015. After a short hiatus, it was back in full swing this year with the club's involvement in various school and community initiatives. The club met weekly on Thursdays and had 12 members who were sophomores and juniors.

GROUP MEMBERS:

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| Madysen Hemlin | Alaina Gallagher |
| Dani DiSalle | Isabelle Hill |
| Isabelle Leañó | Caitlyn McGuiness |
| Aidan Liang | Ava Leblanc |
| Emma Hebert | Olivia Hunt |
| Mikaela Winslow | |
| Ruby Tower-Hughes | |

ADVISOR: MRS. DONNELLY

2023-2024

GARDNER CAC FOOD PANTRY

Volunteer Club members traveled to Gardner's Community Action Center's Food Pantry to help unload and organize donated food items for those with food insecurity. Students were able to see people in need visit the Pantry while they were present and helping.



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON WAITSTAFF + GREETERS

Volunteer Club members helped to clear plates and greet guests during the school district's annual holiday luncheon for the senior citizens of the community.

BABY SITTING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT + TOWN EVENTS/MEETINGS

- School Committee Meetings
- Town Meetings
- Special Ed Parent Meetings
- District-Wide Guest Speaker Events



VALENTINE DATE NIGHT BABYSITTING

The club provided a pre-Valentine's Day babysitting event for local families. 12 children came and members brought them down to the girls basketball game, did various crafts, provided a movie, pizza, and snacks for the children. Parents gave rave reviews and encouraged us to host something again.



BOOKMARKS FOR NURSING HOME

Club members designed and hand crafted beautiful bookmarks using dried flowers and other materials that were donated to the Baldwinville Nursing Home. Bookmarks hopefully brightened the residents' day!



CLEAN UP! CLEAN UP!

Volunteer Club members worked both Warrior Fest and the Wizard's Game as clean up crew.



FIELD DAYS!

Members volunteered to work various elementary and middle school Field Days as event leaders. Student worked to explain the directions of the event and determine winners.

