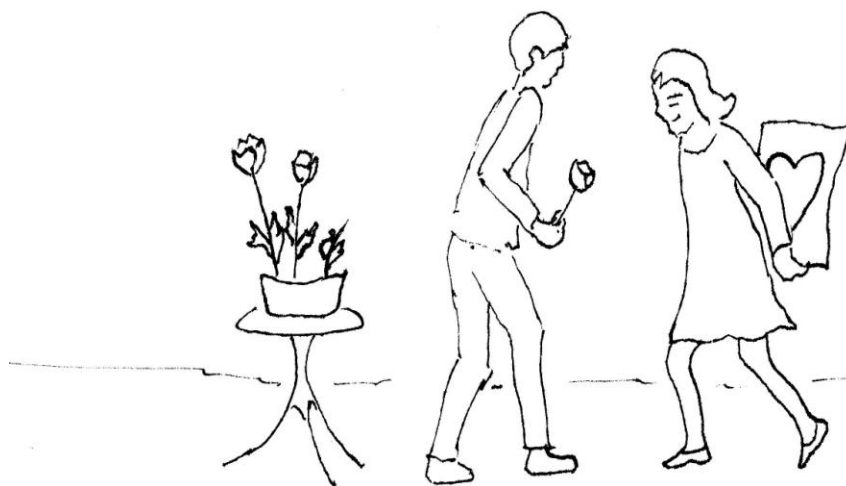


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Phillipston, MA 01331

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Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

February 2018



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church

Worship is at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School is also at 10:00 a.m. after the children have heard a Bible story

Dear Friends,

A friend recently shared a story. Her car had a flat tire in New Hampshire. She called AAA and was waiting for a person to help her. After she called AAA, a car stopped with two people who offered to help, she declined explaining that AA A was on their way. A few minutes later another car stopped and an older couple was in the front with a younger man in the back seat of the car. They also offered to help. My friend again declined. But then the woman insisted. The young man proceeds to change the tire, as the older couple explained they were on their way to lunch. My friend said, "Please let me pay for your lunch." They declined the money. Then they explained that in their church for Advent, they were supposed to do an act of kindness in Jesus' name, and instead of accepting any reimbursement, to simply say, we do this in Advent in the name of Jesus. This reminds me of a South American tradition in which children do anonymous acts of kindness to prepare the way for the Christ Child. Each time they do an act of kindness, they may put a piece of straw in the manger for the Christ Child. May we prepare a place for the homeless child to stay and be welcome, a place for the Christ Child.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
March 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS February 23rd

For information on the newsletter visit www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Monday 5-7pm

Tuesday 9am-2pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6pm

Meet Your Neighbors Open House

Please stop by the library on **Saturday, February 17**, from 9:30am-12:00 for a casual gathering of neighbors and friends. There will be refreshments, activities and a door prize. Maybe you haven't been in the library in a while, or maybe you'd like to finally meet that neighbor you exchange waves with ... whatever the case, please come by and say 'hello'!

Share Your Collections

Do you have a collection that you'd like to share? We are creating a secure display area here at the library and would love to showcase small collections every month. Please contact Jackie if you have a collection that you'd like to include.

New Books and Movies

New books include: Two Kinds of Truth by Michael Connelly, Deep Freeze by John Sanford, Don't Let Go by Harlan Coben, Bobby Kennedy by Chris Matthews, and Promise Me, Dad by Joe Biden, The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn,

New movies include: The Glass Castle, Leap, and The Dark Tower, The Mountain Between Us, Victoria & Abdul and Stronger.



COME JOIN US! SENIOR LUNCH IS SERVED THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF DECEMBER IN THE VESTRY OF THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA. A

DONATION OF \$2.50 IS SUGGESTED. CALL THE CHURCH 978-249-8583 FOR RESERVATIONS. MEET OTHERS, TALK AND SHARE IN FUN TIMES! TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE, IF NEEDED. CALL 978-516-8061 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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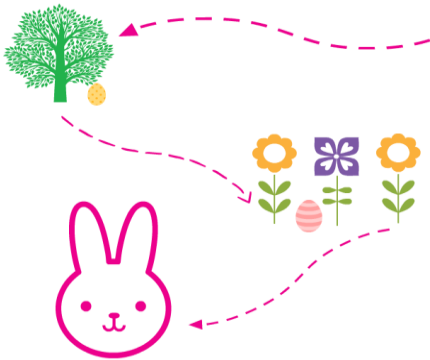
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who has a proven track
record of running a
successful business for
the past 20 yrs.



THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
January 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS December 23rd

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Although it was beyond anyone's control, the Board of Health would like to apologize for any inconvenience regarding recycling at the Transfer Station. There were issues with the computer in the compactor.



SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018
ANNUAL EASTER GREAT GATHERING
AT
RED APPLE FARM
Sponsored by the
PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
(more information to follow in March newsletter)

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE
NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR
2018 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for
Monday, May 7th with voting at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 17th

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2018:

<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>
<u>CEMETERY COMMISSION</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>
<u>CONSTABLE</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>
<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>
<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	<u>5 YR TERM</u>
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u>	<u>3 YR TERM (Phillipston)</u>
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u>	<u>3 YR TERM (Templeton)</u>

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. March 15, 2018 is the last day you can obtain nomination papers. Nomination Papers need to be returned to Town Clerk's Office by March 20, 2018.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 9th
7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 17th

A Reminder to Dog Owners

Dog Licenses Expire the last day of December.

The new dog tags and licensees are available at this time in the Town Clerk's Office

All dogs must be licensed after 6 months of age

Dogs must have an up to date rabies vaccination

(New licenses are issued every year in January)

No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such animal to run at large except on his own premises.

(Run at large – means free of restraint and permitted to wander on private or public ways and property)

All dogs shall be restrained on a leash or under immediate control of its owner or keeper.

(Dogs running at large maybe impounded and a citation will be issued and a fee of \$50.00 will be charged plus \$15.00/day board if the dog is unlicensed another fee of \$50.00 will be charged)

This year the dog officer will be issuing citations to owners of unlicensed dogs. The citation will instruct the owner to appear before the Selectmen or to the Court House to pay their fine.

Also remember that your neighbors may not want your dog running through their yard We have a small town here and it's very hard to take care of all the complaints so try to be a good dog owner and obey the rules.

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Holly Berry Fair held on Saturday, December 2nd was a huge success and we want to thank everyone who attended and supported it. Santa joined us this year and pictures were taken with him.

A delicious lunch was provided by the Lion's Club and was enjoyed by all. Thank you Lion's Club. A triple raffle was held with winners being: Live Tree – Quinby Whitney; A Christmas Basket – Kathy Huhtala; Artificial Table Tree – Nancy Bailey. The annual Ladies Benevolent Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 12:30 pm in the church vestry. A delicious holiday lunch was enjoyed by all and "Annie's Game" was enjoyed by all as it has been for many years. The church cookbooks are available for sale from Marilyn Holway and can be purchased for \$25 each. The January meeting was cancelled due to the large snow storm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the home of Barbara Sanden with hostesses being Marie Lalena and Nancy Nason. The Ladies Benevolent Society is open to all ladies, please feel free to come and join us, call Claire at 978-516-8061 for more information or a ride to the meeting. Lifetime dues are 50 cents, very reasonable for a fun time.

Open Burning Season will run from January 15-May 1, 2018.

Burn permits may be purchased at the *Fire Department*, 90 State Road, or at the *Town Hall*, 50 The Common. Permits are \$10 and are payable with cash or check made payable to the Town of Phillipston.

Residents may also download and complete the **Burn Permit Form** and mail the \$10 fee to the Phillipston Fire Department, 90 State Road, Phillipston, MA 01331. The form is available at <http://www.phillipston-ma.gov/fire-department/pages/open-burning-information> or can be detached below. Please contact the Fire Department with any questions at (978) 249-6302.

**Town of Phillipston Fire Department
Open Burning Residential Permit Application
Open Burning Season: January 15-May 1, 2018**

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Permit Issued By: _____

Fire Chief Signature: _____ Date: _____

® Please complete and mail this application, with \$10 fee, to the Phillipston Fire Department, 90 State Road, Phillipston, MA 01331. Your permit will then be mailed to your residence.

® Open Burning Season runs from January 15th through May 1st. All open burning shall be done only at the address that was provided to the Department on the permit application. Residents must call Dispatch at (978) 939-8875 each day that they wish to burn to obtain permission.

® Only brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris that did not come from a commercial operation, may be burned. No lumber or building materials shall be burned at any time.

® No grass, hay, leaves, stumps, or tires may be burned.

® Gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquids shall not be used to start or fuel the fire.

® All open burning fires shall be attended at all times with an adult until such time as the fire is extinguished.

® A fire extinguisher and working pressurized water supply (hose) and shovel/rake must be on site.

® All open burning must be a minimum of 75 feet from all buildings (structures) and must be conducted between the hours of 10am and 4pm in accordance with D.E.P. C.M.R. 7.07.

® Open burning permits can be rescinded if the winds accelerate or the atmosphere conditions change suddenly, making it unsafe to burn.

® Residents may call the Fire Department at (978) 249-6302 with any questions.

CENSUS FORMS HAVE BEEN MAILED

Please remember to list every member of your household and make any necessary changes. If you have not received a census form please contact the Town Clerk's Office by calling 978-249-1733. Please return them promptly it is very helpful to the Town Clerk's Office. Thank You!



Valentine Friendship Day!



Welcome families of all sizes and ages!

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Congregational Church of Phillipston, on The Common

Family friendly service starts at 10:00am

Potluck lunch to follow services

Activities until 2:00pm

Please join us for services, Sunday School, bring something for potluck lunch (main dish, snack, salad, dessert, or beverage), and enjoy fellowship and activities.

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Make a card or two – to bring home and to share with someone who may need some encouragement and love.

“A friend loves at all times.....” Proverbs 17

Contact Karen Gallant with any questions: 978-894-6322



Night Out BINGO

Every Wednesday 6:30 pm

Gardner Elks

Everyone is welcome Prizes & Refreshments

Call Ron 978895-0727 or Mel 978-249-3171

2018 Census

The Annual Town Census will be mailed out to each household at the first of the year. If you do not receive a form please contact the Town Clerk's Office. It is very important to collect this information every year. The information is used for school registration, to plan on how many kindergarten students will be starting their education. Census figures help the town to apply for grants with accurate population figures and showing a breakdown of age groups. Census info is essential for your voting rights and emergency 911 response info. So please send your completed Census form back right away and make compiling this info easier.

There is a survey enclosed with your census this year.

2nd notices will be sent out in February

I will be knocking on doors in March for those who have not responded.

*******TIME TO LICENSE YOUR DOG*******

All licensing info is available on line at www.phillipston-ma.gov

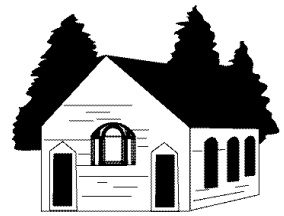
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Help Us Welcome New Residents to Phillipston



The Historical Society wants to welcome families who have recently moved to Phillipston. We want them to learn about our town and be proud they have chosen to live in our community.

You can help us welcome these new families by purchasing a copy of *The History of Phillipston* by Carole Gariepy and Jane French from the Historical Society. We will include this book in a Welcome Bag given to the families. Your book will have a front plate stating that it was donated by you and we will let you know who gets your book in case you want to say "Hi."

Yes , I would like to donate _____ copies of *The History of Phillipston* at price of \$30 each to the Welcome Bag for new residents of town. Please indicate the book is donated by:

Your/family name: _____

You can reach me at: Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to the *Historical Society of Phillipston*. Send payment to:

Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.
c/o 105 Riley Switch Road
Phillipston MA 01331

Have a question regarding this project? Call Kay Deans cell at 978-835-9088.

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Transfer Station: RECYCLING UPDATE

In order to avoid a substantial cost increase, our recycling hauler is requiring that we separate all glass bottles and jars from the single stream recyclables. There will be a marked container provided for this. This will begin on March 1, 2018.

NOTE: Clean empty glass containers only. No covers, drinking glasses, window glass or light bulbs.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Phillipston Board of Health
978-249-1735

Armor of God

*Come join us for Sunday School, at the Phillipston Church. With all the craziness that surrounds our everyday lives, it is important to give our children the only foundation and protection that will give them what they need to combat it all. Church services start at 10:00am – Sunday School occurs during church. **All are invited** and parents are encouraged to join their small children, at Sunday School. Please contact me with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.*

Peace, Karen Gallant – karengallant72@gmail.com or 978-894-6322

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and his mighty power.” Ephesians 6:10



Phillips Free Public Library
Meet Your Neighbors Open House
Please join us on
Saturday, February 17 - 9:30-12:00 for a
warm & welcoming gathering of friends and
neighbors.

Stop by and enjoy:

- Fun activities for children and adults
- A chance to win a door prize
- Refreshments
- Getting reacquainted with your library's many offerings
- Great conversation



The Phillipston Congregational Church On the Common, Phillipston, MA

The Members of the Phillipston Church would like to extend an invitation to all to visit Our Church.

Everyone is Welcome!

Services & Sunday School are held on Sundays at **10:00 a.m**

A Coffee Hour with refreshments follows the service.

For more information you may call 978-516-8061.

Please come and join our Church Family!

Upcoming Events

February / March Activities:

- February 4th Annual Church Meeting following the service.
- February 11th Pot Luck Brunch followed by Valentine Activities
Sponsored by the Sunday School. A fun afternoon.
All are welcome!
- February 17th Open House at the Phillipston Library
- February 21st Ladies Benevolent Meeting, any lady in Phillipston may join.
For more information call 978-516-8061
- February 25th Mission Committee Meeting 9 am
- March 11th Scout Sunday
- March 31st Easter Great Gathering at Red Apple Farm

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