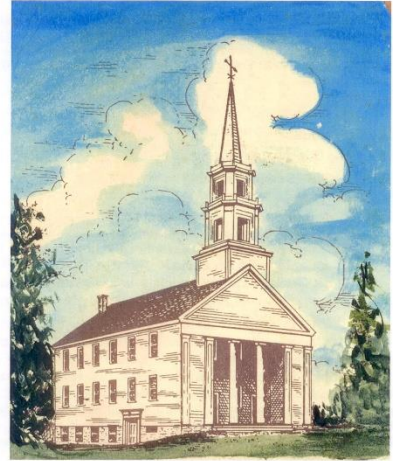


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331

**The Congregational Church
of
Phillipston, Massachusetts**



United Church of Christ
Embodied November 1785

Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

February 2023



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,

As I am writing this power was just restored at our house, so I am a little punchy. I thought you might enjoy some church humor.

A client brought a litter of golden retriever puppies to the veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look alike puppies all squirmed over one another in their box, the vet realized that it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest. He turned on the water faucet, wet his fingers, and moistened each dog's head once he had finished. After the 4th puppy the veterinarian noticed that the hitherto talkative client had become quiet. As he sprinkled the last dog's head, the woman leaned forward and whispered, "I didn't know they had to be baptized."

Maxine was driving down the street in a sweat because she had an important meeting and could not find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven she said, "Lord, take pity on me, if you find me a parking space, I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up sex and tequila." Miraculously a parking space appeared. She looked up again and said, "Never mind, I just found one."

You are all invited to church without a parking problem promise, don't worry!

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

March 2023 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS February 23rd

For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Tues. March 7, 2023 at 6pm

* **“like” our Facebook page**

Phillips Free Public Library

Story Hour

Due to a lack of interest, we will not be holding Story Hour through the winter months. We will try again in the Spring!

Book Club

The Book Club is reading *A Slow Fire Burning* by Paula Hawkins. We will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30 to discuss. Please call the library to reserve a copy so you can join us.

New Materials

New books include: *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes, *Just the Nicest Couple* by Mary Kubica, *Think like a Monk* by Jay Shetty and *Sleep No More* by Jayne Ann Krentz. New movies include: *Black Adam*, *Lyle Lyle Crocodile* and *Ticket to Paradise*.

Music Box Display

Stop by and enjoy our display of lovely music boxes. It's not too late if you'd like to add one!

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Feb. 7th

Black Bean & Barley Chili, Cauliflower, Wheat bread, Fruit

Feb. 21st

Beef Stew, California blend Veggies, dinner roll, Yogurt

Lunch is served at the church at noon. Please call to make a reservation.

Paula 978-652-5797.



TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON

Office of the Town Clerk
50 The Common
Phillipston, Massachusetts 01331
Phone (978) 249-1733
townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov

Town Clerk:
Karin Foley

MAIL IN DOG LICENSE FORM

(Licenses are issued January 1st)

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND WITH PAPER WORK LISTED BELOW: (to the above address)

- Note: \$ 5.00 Late fee after April 1st
 \$25.00 Fine after May 1st
 All dogs not licensed \$50.00 fine
 (fees & fines must be paid before licensing will occur)
1. Current Rabies Certificate
 2. Spaying/Neutering Certificate
 3. Stamped Self-addressed Envelope
 4. Check made payable to the Town of Phillipston

OWNER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-Mail: _____

(Licenses will be processed & mailed as received)

(Service Dogs and owners over the age of 70 No Charge)

Dog #1 – Dog's Name: _____ Dogs Age: _____
 Breed: _____ Color: _____
 Micro Chip Info: _____ Markings: _____
 Check one: Male \$15.00 _____ Neutered Male \$10.00 _____ Service Dog or Owners
 Female \$15.00 _____ Spayed Female \$10.00 _____ Over 70yrs n/c _____

Dog #2 – Dog's Name: _____ Dogs Age: _____
 Breed: _____ Color: _____
 Micro Chip Info: _____ Markings: _____
 Check one: Male \$15.00 _____ Neutered Male \$10.00 _____ Service Dog or Owners
 Female \$15.00 _____ Spayed Female \$10.00 _____ Over 70yrs n/c _____

Dog #3 – Dog's Name: _____ Dogs Age: _____
 Breed: _____ Color: _____
 Micro Chip Info: _____ Markings: _____
 Check one: Male \$15.00 _____ Neutered Male \$10.00 _____ Service Dog or Owners
 Female \$15.00 _____ Spayed Female \$10.00 _____ Over 70yrs n/c _____

Symptoms of rabies may include unexplained aggression, impaired locomotion, varying degrees of paralysis, and extreme depression or viciousness. Individual animals maybe affected in different ways. Some animals will display the well known "vicious" form, while others, displaying the "dumb" form, will merely appear sick or dazed and become very lethargic. Once an animal begins to show signs of rabies it is likely to die within 5 days. All dogs must wear a collar or harness with their tag or identification.

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mon – Thurs 8am-4pm; Wed open until 6:30pm

You can make a difference!

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE **NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2023 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for Monday, May 15th
polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 5th.

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2023:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 YR TERM
CONSTABLE	3 YR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	5 YR TERM
TAX COLLECTOR	3 YR TERM
TOWN CLERK	3 YR TERM
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Templeton)
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Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. **March 23, 2023** is the last day you can obtain nomination papers. **Nomination Papers need to be returned to the Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by March 29, 2023.**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 3, 2023

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 24th

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



Hello All! My name is Amy Cooper, I am Phillipston Native, a paralegal and most importantly, a board certified and ethically bound REALTOR®.

My goal is to become the go to local Real Estate Agent for all your home buying and selling needs.

Message me today or email me for any real estate needs! There is never any obligation, and I am sure that my team will surpass your expectations!

Cooper Realty Team



Amy Cooper – Based in Phillipston! (978) 790-3293

AmyCooperRealty@gmail.com

2023 CENSUS – From The Town Clerk's Office

It's almost that time of year again it's exciting the year 2023 Census.

The Town of Phillipston census will be mailed out for January 15, 2023.

All information given on the Census is confidential. The data collected is very important for Federal and State funding to our town. With out your information emergency personal will find it more difficult to respond and know who maybe in the home that may need help.

It is time to License all dogs that live in Phillipston – A dog licensing form will be sent with each census form **and there is a form here in newsletter.**

No information is shared or released to any other agency Federal, State or local. Contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-249-1733 if your have questions.

ATTENTION PHILLIPSTON NEWSLETTER READERS

The Phillipston Community Newsletter is put together and mailed by volunteers and members of The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C. This is mailed to every mail box in Phillipston. The newsletter is available to all nonprofit organizations in town to post news items or notices of upcoming events. Businesses in town may place ads at \$20 for a full page \$10 for a Half page and \$5 for quarter page. A full page for the newsletter is 7" x 8.5" with a .5" margin. Please support your Community Newsletter by submitting your ad or news items by the 23rd of the month to allow time us to get it out on the 1st. Items received after that will be put in the next month. Ads or news items may be sent by email to:

newsletter@phillipston.com, which is preferred.

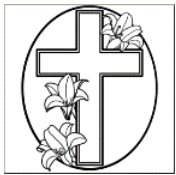
Items can also be sent by mail to:

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Attention: Newsletter

Payments for ads and any other donations should be sent to the church at the same address. The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C will decide what can be put in the newsletter and also may limit the number of pages in an issue.

All questions or comments can be sent to the address above or e-mailed to newsletter@phillipston.com.

DEADLINE is the 23rd of each month.



A request on behalf of the
Phillipston Congregational Church
and the Phillipston Lions Club



We are once again sponsoring the Easter's Great Gathering event coming in April. In hopes of pre-covid level attendance, we will need to provide about 5,000 eggs!

We are asking for donations from the community of plastic eggs (new or clean gently used) and small wrapped candies, such as *Starburst*, *Jolly Ranchers*, *mini Tootsie Rolls*, or *chocolates such as Snickers or Milky Way*, which will fit inside the eggs.



Please drop off your donations
at Red Apple Farm any day from 9 to 5,
By March 30th
Thank you very much for your support!

Dog Licenses for 2023

License your dog with the Town Clerk

All dogs licensed after April 1st will have a \$5.00 late fee added to their license cost

Dogs licensed after May 1st will pay a \$25.00 late fee

*****All dogs not licensed will receive a \$50.00 fine*****

You can license your dog by mail, and you will find the application printed in this newsletter. **Make a check out to The Town of Phillipston for the cost of the license.**

No postage necessary if you drop off your licensing info at the Town Hall Mail slot on the front door. Your license will be processed and returned by mail.

Please make sure your dog's rabies shot is up to date. You can look at last year's license and see the rabies expiration date. Send your new certificate if we do not have it on file. There are many options in our area to receive a shot, Tractor Supply, Petco, and Pet Supply to name a few.

All dogs must be vaccinated!

If your dog is no longer with you, please let us know so we can update the record we have on file, and you will not be sent a fine.

Call the Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions at 978-249-1733, please leave a message. townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov

Thank You 😊