

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



Phillipston

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Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

January 2019

**THE TIME IS
ALWAYS RIGHT
TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT**
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



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,

Public Safety Sunday will be Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Our speakers will be Officer Ray Jackson and Sergeant Bill Chapman along with their canine companions. All public safety officials from Fire, DPW and Police will be welcome to come and be recognized and thanked by the congregation. Following the worship service we will have a potluck brunch downstairs in the vestry.

My father had a special prayer hanging in his office which was by Albert Schweitzer. A prayer for animals: "Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful."

May you all have a blessed New Year!

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON
PUBLIC NOTICE

CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

This is to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 32 of the general laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Town By-Laws Pertaining to Article 39 (Zoning) of the Special Town Meeting warrant held on September 19, 2018 has been **APPROVED** by the Attorney General's Office on December 17, 2018.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaw II section 2 as follows: by deleting the words "first Monday in May, commencing July 1, 1978" and substituting the words "third Monday in May, commencing January 1, 2019", or act in relation thereto.

Motion made that the Town vote to amend General Bylaw II section 2 as follows: by deleting the words "first Monday in May, commencing July 1, 1978" and substituting the words "third Monday in May, commencing January 1, 2019", 2nd - So Voted Unanimously

The by-law now reads as follows:

Section 2. The election of such officers and determination of such matters as required by Law to be elected or determined by ballots shall be held on the third Monday in May, the same to become effective January 1, 2019.

Claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within 90 days of this posting. Copies of the by-laws may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA. For viewing also at the town website www.phillipston-ma.gov

Copies of by-law changes and or additions for viewing are posted outside on the right front of Town Hall and in the lobby.

December 20, 2018

IMPORTANT

All Town Offices

will be open on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm

No Mondays

2019 Census

The Annual Town Census will be mailed out to each household at the first of the year. Please list everyone living at your address even if it is a temporary situation. 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. If you are new to town answering the census does not register you to vote to go the Secretary of States Website or come into the Town Clerk's Office in person. Not responding to the census will place you on the inactive voters listing. So please send your completed Census form and mail it **back right away** and make compiling this info easier.

2nd notices for the census will be sent out in February. Please save money by responding now with the first mailing.

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

Please call or look at the web site for the date of the next rabies clinic to be held in March

Town Clerk's Office 978-249-1733 - townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov

Office Hours are Monday & Tuesday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00am to 8:00pm & Thursdays 8:00am to 4:00pm

2019 Phillipston Rabies Clinic

Date: Saturday March 16, 2019 Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Place: Phillipston Fire Station
State Road (Rte 2A)
Phillipston, MA

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The annual Ladies Benevolent Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 12:00 pm in the church vestry. A delicious holiday lunch was served to all. We had 41 attendees. It was enjoyed by all and “Annie’s Game” was explained to the newcomers and everyone had a great time. There will be no meetin in the month of January so we will have to wait for February to gather together again and catch up on news. We will begin planning for the Easter Great Gathering to be held in April at the Red Apple Farm. 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



The Phillipston Congregational Church Is

Located On the Common,

Phillipston, Ma

EVERY ONE IS WELCOME! COME VISIT!

Please come and join our Church Family!

Services & Sunday School are held on Sundays at **10:00 am**. Parents are encouraged to take part in Sunday School, if they wish. A Coffee Hour with refreshments follows the service and is open to all. Public Safety Sunday will be January 13th with a Pot Luck Luncheon to follow. Bring you favorite dish but if you forget your dish, you are still welcome to participate, there is always enough food! For more information you may call 978-516-8061.

YOUTH GROUP is held every Saturday night from 6 to 8. Children ages 9 and up are invited to attend. You do not have to be a church member to join us. A fun time is had by all. For more information please contact Karen Gallant- karengallant72@gmail.com or 978-894-6322.

January Activities:

January 2nd: Pastor Stephanie is leading a service at Quabbin Valley Nursing Home ay 2:15 pm, you are welcome to attend

January 6th: Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am

January 13th: Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am
“Public Safety Sunday” & Potluck Brunch following
The Service

January 20th: Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am

January 27th: Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am

Congratulations and Thank You

Phillipston is blessed to have many people who reach out and willingly serve the town to make it the desirable place it is for all of us. Choosing people to be a **Citizen of the Year** is not a decision taken lightly. This year two very deserving people, a brother and sister, were selected who have served the town in many capacities for many years and are still actively serving. Tim Haley and Paula Haley were chosen to be recipients of the Alphonse Chartier, Sr. Award for Public Service in 2018. Congratulations and thank you to both of them.

The award was made on the evening of the **Memory Tree Ceremony** that is held every year on the first Sunday in December. Thank you to Sterling and Nancy Whiting for donating the Christmas tree on the common, Rick Tenney for erecting it, and Gerhard Fandryer for decorating it. The lights on the tree are significant ones; they represent people who have been important in our lives and the names of these people are read each year by our State Representative and State Senator. Thank you to Linda Langevin for organizing the Memory Tree Ceremony and thank you all who shared the names of your loved ones to be commemorated at that special event. Christmas music and refreshments concluded the evening, a very meaningful way to start the Christmas season.

Phillipston Transfer Station Update

Telephone 978-249-9747

Wednesday 4:00pm – 6:00pm Saturday 7:45am – 1:45pm

Transfer Station Stickers

Transfer Station Stickers for 2019 can be purchased at the Board of Health Office in the Town Hall Annex on any Wednesday from 3:00 pm – 8:00pm.

Recyclables

Effective January 1, 2019 Recyclables need to be sorted. There will be separate containers for each category. Cardboard and mixed paper; Clean 1-7 plastic containers empty, rinsed and replace caps; Aluminum, steel, and tin cans empty, rinsed and flattened; Bottles & jars empty, rinsed and lids removed. No household glass i.e. drinking glasses or dishes. Any returnable cans or bottles please donate to the Scouts at their trailer.

ANDREW NOVAK ROOFING

603-554-4491

- Roofing / Siding
- Handyman Services
- Home Repairs
- Painting (Interior / Exterior)
- Tree Cutting / Wood Splitting
- Fine Finish Work
- Remodeling; Floors,
- Kitchen & Baths
- Spring Clean-ups
- Clean-outs

Local References Available

Call Today! 603-554-4491

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Monday 5-7pm

Tuesday 9am-2pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, January. 3 at 6pm

Mark Your Calendars!!

We have a wonderful program coming up in **March 2019**... Jeff Belanger, one of the most visible and prolific researchers of folklore and legends, will present **“Dreams, Nightmares and Interpretations”** on **Thursday, March 28 at 7pm**. Jeff is an engaging and knowledgeable speaker, who encourages lots of audience participation. The program is in conjunction with the Historical Society, and **will be held at the Congregational Church**. Many thanks to the Phillipston Cultural Council for funding this program. Call the library for more information – 978-249-1734.

New Books and Movies

New books include: ‘Our Revolution’ by Bernie Sanders, ‘Bury the Lead’ by Archer Mayor, ‘Beauchamp Hall’ by Danielle Steel

New movies include: ‘Christopher Robin’, ‘Blue Bloods- seasons 1-3’, ‘Orange is the New Black seasons 1-5’ ‘Incredible 2’

Do You Have a Collection to Display?

We’ve had cardinals, turtles, and Christmas decorations...do YOU have a collection you’d like to share? If so, call Jackie 978-249-1734

“ a book a day keeps reality away... ”

Medical Volunteer Needed

The Selectboard is seeking a resident with a medical background to serve on the new Sick Leave Bank Committee. The Sick Leave Bank was created to provide additional income security to town employees who suffer a serious medical illness. Members donate some of their sick time to share with other members who have an extended absence due to a major illness. If you are a nurse, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, physician, or other medical specialist we need your help. The Sick Leave Bank Committee will meet as needed – perhaps two or three times a year – to review requests for leave. Please contact the Selectboard Office, 978-249-6828 or selectmen@phillipston-ma.gov to volunteer.

New Town Office Hours

Starting January 2019

Starting January 2019, most Town Offices will be opened on Wednesday evenings between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. This will allow residents to conduct business at several offices during one visit, instead of having to make multiple trips on different days. Those offices that used to be open Monday nights will switch to the new Wednesday night hours.

“We have been aware how difficult it could be to get your town business done when each department had different office hours,” said Selectboard Chairman John Telepciak. “This will be much more convenient for residents.”

Under the old system, with mixed hours, a resident or applicant for a permit might have to visit the building department one night, the tax collector a second night, and come back another night to another department after that. Now they can go from office to office all on the same trip.

Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Flynn surveyed departments to try to identify which evening hours worked best. “There’s no perfect solution,” Flynn said. “Every night was troublesome for somebody, but Wednesdays seemed to work best for most people.” Mondays were rejected because so many holidays fall on Monday that offices would be closed too many nights.

Affected offices include:

*Selectboard, Town Clerk, Town Assessors, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Accountant
Board of Health, Building Inspector / Wiring / Plumbing / Gas*

To Veterans

Any Veteran who receives a Real Estate Tax Exemptions for Veterans Disability can come into the Assessors office to sign for FY 2019. Hours are Monday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Thank you
Board of Assessors

Sign Up For Senior Tax Work-Off Program

Phillipston seniors aged 60 or older who own and live in their homes and are current on their taxes can volunteer to work part-time in town offices and receive a tax credit valued up to \$1,000 toward their real estate taxes.

We currently have an opening for custodial assistance in the library, light dusting vacuuming and general cleaning approximately 2 hours weekly. Contact the Selectboard Office for more information, (978) 249-6828

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity with this year's toy drive. We were able to take care of many children this year. Like in past year's we are very grateful to everyone that donated. On behalf of that Phillipston Fire E.M.S. Association and Lions club we thank you and have a very Happy New Year.



YOUR FAMILY FARM

Open Daily, All Year Round, for your favorite local fudge, cider, dumplings and donuts!
455 Highland Avenue, Phillipston, MA 978-249-6763

THE MOUNTAIN

We are in full swing during Ski Season at Wachusett Mountain. Warm up with our farm-fresh treats!

Bullock Lodge on Lower 10th Trail, & The Core in Base Lodge.

THE CITY

Visit us year-round at the Boston Public Market, an indoor market with 30+ local New England vendors!

100 Hanover Street, above Haymarket T Station.