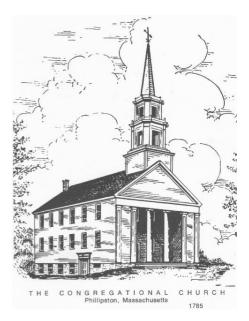
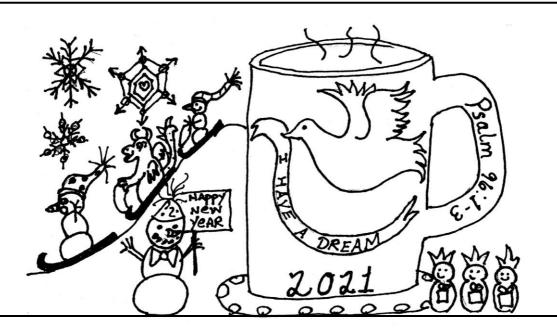
Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C. 60 The Common Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston Community Newsletter

January 2021



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C. Our Community Church Worship is at 10:00 a.m. The children have a Bible story every Sunday

Dear Friends,

May God's light shine brightly in your lives in the coming year. We will be celebrating Epiphany on Sunday, January 3. In the darkness of midwinter, I remember the Epiphany, the light the Wisemen followed to find Jesus and I share the story of "We Three Kings" with you from <u>Stories Behind the Best Loved Songs of Christmas.</u>

Henry Hopkins, Jr. did not have any children of his own, but he loved his nephews and nieces. He was an ordained Episcopal priest, and graduated from law school in New York City, but decided to be a New York newspaper reporter. One year he wanted to write a tribute to the Wisemen, which would be part of his gift to his family. He combined the Biblical record of their trip with the legends passed down over almost two thousand years. The carol does have a mysterious element to capture the image of a trip across the desert on camels. He focused mostly on their gifts, "Gold I bring him to crown Him again, Frankincense to offer have I, Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume." The Gospel according to Matthew does mention these three gifts, but we do not know for sure if there were three astrologers or more. We know there were three gifts.

Epiphany is one of my favorite liturgical seasons for its focus is on the light, and spreading the Word to all. In this time of darkness, we need Epiphany.

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON <u>www.phillipston.com</u> <u>February 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS January 23rd</u> <u>For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf</u>

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE NOW <u>Town of Phillipston</u> SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

Polls open at 12:00pm to 8:00pm Town Hall, 50 on the Common, Phillipston

February 25, 2021 Thursday

LAST DAY TO OBTAIN NOMINATION PAPERS - January 6th

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PAPERS TO BOARD OF REGISTRARS FOR CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES – January 9th (At Town Clerk's Office)

> LAST DAY FOR REGISTRARS TO FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK – January 22nd

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW NOMINATION PAPERS - January 25th

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE - February 5th

Warrant for election will be posted by the 18th of February

CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY 8:00am – 4:00pm WEDNESDAYS 8:00am - 5:00pm LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 978-249-1733 or e-mail townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov

Please find the mail in ballot application located in this newsletter. (Return your application request by mail) <u>or</u> (use the mail slot on the front door of Town Hall.)

Applications will also be available in an envelope on the front door of Town Hall. Be safe Vote by mail.

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours- for Curbside Pick-up Tuesday 9-2pm Wednesday 5-7pm **Board of Trustees Meeting**

no meeting scheduled

Magazines, Anyone?

In addition to all of those great books, our library has several magazine subscriptions, including: Martha Stewart Living, Consumer Reports, Readers Digest (large print), Yankee, Better Homes and Gardens, Web MD. Call the library (978) 249-1734, or email: phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net to borrow an issue or 2.

New Books

New Children's books include: <u>Dog Man: Grime and Punishment</u> by Dave Pilkey, <u>Little</u> <u>Red Sleigh</u> by Erin Guendelsberger, <u>The Snow Dancer</u> by Addie Boswell, <u>Llama, Llama</u> <u>Loose Tooth Drama</u> by Anna Dewdney, <u>Counting Creatures</u> by Julia Donaldson, <u>Monsters</u> <u>don't eat broccoli</u> by Barbara Jean Hicks and <u>Manners from the Moon</u> by Simeon Shigg.

Book-Lover Brain-twister!

Help! These characters need to find their way back to the books they belong in...Do you know what book each is from ??? Fill in your answers & drop this off in the library's black bookdrop mailbox & you might just win a prize!! (no help from Mr. Google, please!) Thanks for playing!

	Phone #
Elizabeth Bennett	Bilbo Baggins
Catherine Earnshaw	Mr. Fezziwig
Boo Radley	_ Maxim DeWinter
Pip	Minnie Jackson
Melanie Wilkes	Penelope Clearwater

2020 TOWN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Do you know a Phillipston town employee whose dedication and efforts deserve special recognition for the past year? The 'Commitment to Excellence' Award provides the opportunity for residents, department heads and Town employees to recognize individuals for demonstrating excellent performance over the past year. Any full time or part time employee under the direct or indirect supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer is eligible for consideration. They do not need to be a Phillipston resident. The selected employee will receive a plaque, letter of recognition, and cash gift of \$250. Awards will also be given for "Unsung Hero" and "Role Model."

Criteria. The Chief Administrative Officer will consider nominees who:

- Are full time or part time employee under the direct or indirect supervision of the CAO;
- Have increased productivity, performed appropriately beyond job responsibilities, provided cooperative and positive working relationships, demonstrated a pattern of high-quality work, has offered a creative or innovative idea to improve town operations, efficiency, or saved costs to the Town, and provided courteous service to the public and other departments.

Nomination forms are available in the lobby at Town Hall or on the town website, <u>www.phillipston-ma.gov</u>. Residents, department heads or other employees may nominate an employee by submitting the form below with a detailed explanation on how the nominee has met one or more of the above criteria. Limit your nomination statement to the space on the form. Self-nominations will also be allowed and are encouraged. Note: this is not a popularity contest, multiple nominations don't increase anyone's chances. Nominations must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer by Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Please return nomination forms to the Selectmen's Office.

Winter Parking Ban begins December 23

Winter Parking Ban is in effect from December 23, 2020 to April 15, 2021 No Parking on public roads from midnight to 6 a.m.

In the event of a snowstorm, any vehicle impeding snow removal will be towed at the owner's expense. The Highway Dept. is NOT responsible for mailbox damage. Please secure boxes and posts properly.

Town Bylaws prohibit anyone from plowing, shoveling, or blowing snow into a public way.

Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch will not be served until April 2021. If you would like Meals on Wheels delivered to your home please call 978-652-5797 or 508-633-5793 Ten reasons for reading to your children

- 1. When you hold your children and give them attention, they know you love them.
- 2. Reading to them will encourage them to become readers.
- 3. Children's books today are so good that they are fun even for adults.

4. Illustrations in children's books often rank with the best, giving children a lifelong feeling for good art.

- 5. Books are one way of passing on your values.
- 6. Books enable your child's imagination to soar.
- 7. Until they learn to read themselves, children will think that you are magic.
- 8. For that short space of time, they will stay clean and quiet.
- 9. If you read to them, they may then let you read in peace.
- 10. Every teacher and librarian they encounter will thank you.

By Edna Haley in the August 1988 Phillipston Community Newsletter

A LETTER FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

To Phillipston Residents:

December 21, 2020

The Planning Board is asking residents and voters of Phillipston for input on any potential changes in the Marijuana Establishment Zoning Bylaw. At the 2020 Annual Town Meeting a moratorium was voted on marijuana establishments. There were concerns at prior Town Meetings at which time the Planning Board indicated it would give voters the opportunity to speak on any potential amendments. That time is now, and we must prepare any amendments by process before any Town Meeting vote.

The Bylaw for Marijuana Establishments, Sec #21, is online and can be found on the home page <u>www.phillipston-ma.gov</u>. In the Town Links click on "Zoning Matters." It will take you to webpage with that section of the bylaw. If after reading the content you have any suggested changes, concerns, questions or comments, please send them in writing as instructed below. Once we know the public opinion then we will have better idea how to proceed.

On another matter the Planning Board received a copy of a citizens' petition to prohibit dirt bikes and motocross tracks in the Phillipston Zoning Bylaws in all zones. A copy of the proposed amendment also can be found under Zoning Matters. We are looking for comments on this proposed amendment also.

The Planning Board looks forward to working with our community to hear everyone's perspective and keep our community a safe and peaceful place to live.

We look forward to receiving responses by January 11, 2021, by regular mail Phillipston Planning Board, 50 the Common, Phillipston, MA 01331 or by email at <u>planning@phillipston-ma.gov</u>

Bernard Malouin, Chair

John Telepciak Vernet Lussier Gordon Robertson Dan Sanden

2021 Municipal Election Early Ballot Application



Voter Information	1	Name:Legal Voting Residence: Date of Birth: Telephone Number: E-mail Address:
Ballot Information	2	Mail Ballot to:
Special Circumstances (If applicable)	3	 Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability. Assisting person's name:
Signed (under penal	lty of	perjury): Date:

Eligibility

Any registered voter may use this application to request an absentee ballot for a local election being held on or before March 31, 2021.

Completing the Application

- Voter Information Provide your name, legal voting address, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional fields.
- 2. Ballot Information Provide the address where you want the ballot mailed.
- 3. Special Circumstances If you are assisting a voter in completing this application, complete this section.
- Sign your name. If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

Submitting the Application

Send the completed application to the local election official at your city or town hall.

Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as your signature is visible.

Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to your local election official by Election Day.

Find contact information for local election officials at <u>www.sec.state.ma.us/ele</u> or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

Volunteers Needed to Consider Phillipston Children's Education Options

Annual Town Meeting authorized the Selectmen to establish a committee to explore alternatives to continued participation in the Narragansett Regional School District for educating Phillipston elementary school children. Should it be an independent school? Joining with another elementary school? Changing districts? Something else? There are many important challenges that need to be considered and evaluated. The Selectmen invite interested residents to volunteer for this committee which is now forming. If you are interested in the future of our children's education, please consider becoming a member of this important committee. Call or email the Selectmen's Office: 978-249-6828 or selectman@phillipsont-ma.gov.

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:

<u>newsletter@phillipston.com</u>, which is preferred.

Items can also be sent by mail to:

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

60 The Common

Phillipston, MA 01331

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.

Town honors Dodge, Wilson as Citizens of the Year PHILLIPSTON By CAROL GARIEPY

Phillipston made a special award to Alphonse W. Chartier in 1986 when he retired after many years of service as Chief of Police to the town. They called the award "The Citizen of the Year." Townspeople liked the idea of recognizing a person who served the town in ways that made it a better place and decided that what started as a one-time recognition should become an annual tradition.

On the cold blustery Dec. 6 afternoon, townspeople gathered outside in front of the Town Hall to honor the two people selected for this year's award: Police Chief Kevin Dodge and Don Wilson, who recently passed on.

Police Chief Kevin Dodge was commended for his 20 years of service, 11 years as chief, the excellent camaraderie in the department under his leadership, the calm way he handles situations, the benefits of his training programs, and how he leads by example. He goes the extra mile to keep the town a pleasant and safe place to live. At a time when many communities are criticizing their police departments, Phillipston holds only praise for theirs.

Don Wilson was appreciated for his many contributions to the town. He served as president of the Queen Lake Association, initiated the writing of the history of the lake, and donated land for the building of the new dam. He was a generous contributor to the Congregational Church and an active member of the Historical Society; he arranged for the historic Goulding Mills property to be donated to the Society. He had a great love of nature and purchased open lands to donate to Harvard Forest and Fisheries and Wildlife so those parcels would be conserved for all time. His outreach made a difference.

Their names will be added to the plaque in the Town Hall that commemorates those honored in years past.



Memory Tree Names + Events



In Memory Of			
Lenore Schlicke	from	Her Daughter, Sue Ziats	
Robert Schlicke	from	His Daugher, Sue Ziats	
Steven Schlicke	from	His Sister, Sue Ziats	
Stephen B. Rumery	from	His Mother Jackie Rumery	
Bradford W. Walker, Sr.	from	His daughter, Jackie Rumery	
Beatrice E. Walker	from	Her daughter, Jackie Rumery	
Donald Wilson	from	His Friends, Loren Brown + Patti Murphy Brown	
Sidney Holway	from	His Wife, Marilyn Holway	
Albert E. Foster	from	His Daughter, Marilyn Holway	
Ruth E. Foster	from	Her Daughter, Marilyn Holway	
Florence R. Holway	from	Her Daughter-in-law Marilyn Holway	
Spear T. Holway	from	His Daughter-in-law, Marilyn Holway	
Cassie Lee Wilkins	from	Her dear friend, Marilyn Holway	
Byron R. Holway	from	His Sister-in-Law, Marilyn Holway	
Bart Gariepy	from	His Loving Parents, Gerry + Carole Gariepy	
Jim Wilbur	from	His Friends + Neighbors, Carole + Gerry Gariepy	
Elsa Clifford	from	Her Dear Friends, Carole + Gerry Gariepy	
Ryan Twohey	from	His Friends, Carole + Gerry Gariepy	
Nancy Deming	from	Her Friends, Carole + Gerry Gariepy	
Don Wilson	from	His Friends, Carole + Gerry Gariepy	

In Memory Of			
Leo + Roberta Reponen	from	Their Children Sue, Jeanne and Matt Reponen	
Leo + Roberta Reponen	from	Their Granddaughters + Grandsons	
Henry Babin	from	His Daughter, Shelley + Tom Berry	
Bobby Babin	from	His Sister, Shelley Berry + Tom Berry	
Susan Berry	from	Her Daughter, Shelley Berry + Tom Berry	
Edmond Roy	from	His Grandaughter, Shelley Berry ,+ Tom Berry	
Geraldine D. Eaton	from	Her Daughter, Rosalie Tallman	
G. Everett Eaton	from	His Daughter, Rosalie Tallman	
Richard E. Eaton	from	His Sister, Rosalie Tallman	
Robert J. Eaton	from	His Sister, Rosalie Tallman	
Everett T. Eaton	from	His Sister, Rosalie Tallman	
Faye Eaton	from	Her Sister-in-law, Rosalie Tallman	
Roger C.Eaton	from	His Sister, Rosalie Tallman	
Lorraine I. Eaton	from	Her Sister-in-law, Rosalie Tallman	
Gorham B. Babcock	from	His Sister-in-law, Rosalie Tallman	
Helen E. Babcock	from	Her Sister, Rosalie Tallman	
Donald J. Babcock	from	His Aunt, Rosalie Tallman	
Bruce E. Babcock	from	His Aunt, Rosalie Tallman	
Richard J. Sullivan	from	His Aunt, Rosalie Tallman	
Clarence + Phyllis Specht	from	Their Son Tom + his wife Janice Specht who miss them so much	

Ir	In Memory Of			
Jean Alber	from	Her daughter, Janice and her husband Tom Specht, who miss her wit and laughter		
Bill Schatz	from	His Daughter Janice Specht + Son-in- Law Tom Specht, who miss him so		
L. Keith MacEwen	from	His Loving wife, Nancy MacEwen		
Thelma Divoll	from	Her Daughter, Nancy MacEwen		
Mabel (MacEwen) France	from	Her Daughter-in-law, Nancy MacEwen		
Richard Nelson	from	His friend, Nancy MacEwen		
The Casavant Family	from	Their Dear Friend, Nancy MacEwen		
Roger Cochran	from	His Son, Bruce Cochran		
Olive Cochran	from	Her Son, Bruce Cochran		
Webster Baker	from	His Great Nephew, Bruce Cochran		
Hope Sterbinsky	from	Her Daughters, Anita Gilbert, Janice Bosse, Rosalie Sterbinksy, Dianne Peloguin, and Patty Mendiola		
Tom Sterbinsky	from	His Sisters: Anita, Janice, Rosalie, Dianne, and Patty		
Steve Sterbinsky	from	His Sisters: Anita, Janice, Rosalie, Dianne, and Patty		
Dr. Robert S. Clark	from	His Daughter, Stephanie Flynn + family		
Nancy Deming	from	Her Friends Stephanie + Kevin Flynn		
Phyllis Fortier	from	Her Daughter, Bea Erickson		
Karl Erickson	from	His Son, Donald Erickson + Daughter- in-law, Bea Erickson		
Phil McMahon, a great Friend + Neighbor	from	Bea + Don Erickson		
Ronny Fortier	from	His Sister, Bea Erickson		
All who have lost in the battle with Covid 19 virus	from	Marilyn Holway		

In Memory Of			
Pete + Blanch Richard	from	Their Son, Peter Richard and Kay Deans	
Robert + Catherine Deans	from	Their Daughter, Kay Deans, + Peter Richard	
Mary Leahey Deans	from	Her sister-in-law Kay Deans and Brother - in-law Peter Richard	
Frank Tannehill	from	His Brother-in-Law Peter Richard and Sister-in-Law, Kay Deans	
George Marshall	from	His Wife, Jean Marshall	
Beverly Maselli	from	Her Sister, Jean Marshall	
Nancy Goodhart	from	Her Sister, Jean Marshall	
Nancy Deming	from	Her Friend, Jean Marshall	
Richard Nelson	from	His Neighbors, Sarah Leonard and Thomas Daoust	
Gary Leonard	from	His daughter, Sarah and Son-in-Law, Thomas Daoust	
Gregory G. Larson	from	His Wife, Sandra Larson	
Gregory G. Larson	from	His Son, Keith Larson	
Marilyn Anderson	from	Her Granddaughter Maura + Keith Larson	
John H. Anderson	from	His Granddaughter, Maura + Keith Larson	
Frank Jamieson	from	His Granddaughter, Maura + Keith Larson	
Rita Jamieson	from	Her Granddaughter, Maura + Keith Larson	
Sarah MasIsaac	from	Her Cousin, Maura + Keith Larson	
Lydia Sturke Perzanoski	from	Her Daughter, Debi Shaw	
Edmund Leon Perzanoski	from	His Daughter, Debi Shaw	
Dorothea Goddard Sturke	from	Her Granddaughter, Debi Shaw	

In Memory Of			
Robert C. Sturke	from	His Grandaughter, Debi Shaw	
Lestina Moody Goddard	from	Her Great Granddaughter, Debi Shaw	
William Goddard	from	His Great Grandaughter, Debi Shaw	
Hollis Hubbard	from	His Daughter, JoAnn + Peter Haley	
Charlotte Hubbard	from	Her Daughter, JoAnn + Peter Haley	
Daniel Pecoy	from	His Mother, JoAnn Haley + Peter Haley	
Peter Hubbard	from	His Sister, JoAnn Haley + Peter Haley	
Elsa Clifford	from	Her Friends, Peter + JoAnn Haley	
Ryan Twohey	from	His Friends, Peter + JoAnn Haley	
Arlene Casavant	from	Her Friends, Peter + JoAnn Haley	
Frank + Phyllis Leighton	from	Their Friends, Peter + JoAnn Haley	
Sterling Whiting	from	His Daughter, Kim Pratt	
Craig Whiting	from	His Sister, Kim Pratt	
Philip J. McMahon	from	His wife and best friend for 63 years, Thelma McMahon; Papa, we miss you!	
Marian C. Ward	from	Her Son, Bryan Ward	
Elbridge F. Ward	from	His Son, Bryan Ward	
Lawrence C. Ward	from	His Cousin, Bryan Ward	
Ruth Ward MacEwen	from	His Cousin, Bryan Ward	
2nd Lieutenant William D. Ordway, killed in South Vietnam on January 18th, 1968	from	His Friend, Bryan Ward	

In Celebration Of



45 Years of Marriage for Peter Richard + Kay Deans	from	Kay Deans + Peter Richard
The Life of Donald Wilson	from	The Historical Society of Phillipston
The strength + courage of Peter Richard	from	The Historical Society of Phillipston
Mason + Travis [Cochran]	from	Their Grandfather, Bruce Cochran
Allison [Cochran]	from	Her Grandfather, Bruce Cochran
Audrina [Cochran]	from	Her Grandfather, Bruce Cochran
Ty Ulmer	from	His Wife, Cynthia Ulmer
Roland "Buddy" Slate	from	His Daughter, Cynthia Ulmer
Talia Liburdi, graduating with honors	from	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahon
1 year old, Zoe Grace Demars	from	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahon
2 year old, Antiona Cicero	from	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahon
3 year old, MaKenna Cicero	from	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahon
6 year old, Ryder Cicero	from	His Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahon
10 year old, Talia Demonte	from	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahon
Larry French = Duty, Honor, Country	from	His friend and U.S. Army brother, Russ Flagg
The Life of Ernest Fandreyer	from	His Son, Gerhard Fandreyer
Ryan Twohey	form	His Friend, Gerhard Fandreyer
Our four wonderful grandchildren: Rachel, Caroline, Emily and Lauren Brouillet	form	Their grandparents, Linda + Brian Langevin

40 Years of Marriage for Brian + Linda Langevin	form	Linda + Brian Langevin
All the citizens of Phillipston	form	Another Proud Phillipston Citizen, Gerhard Fandreyer
In	Ho	onor Of
Our Friendship with Peter Richard and the resilience + perservence he has displayed	from	Brian + Linda Langevin
Edna + Arnold Haley, who ALWAYS put their love of their Community + Church above themselves	from	The Historical Society of Phillipston
Mike LeBlanc, for being the amazing Father + Papa that he was	from	His Daughter, Jennifer Romero DaSilveira
Tyler Liburdi, serving in the US Air Force	from	His Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahon
All our Service Men + Women Who Have, and Who Are, Serving For Us	from	Marilyn Holway
Expressir	ng A	Appreciation for
Roger Henshaw and his excellent lawn maintenance at our Museum	from	The Historical Society of Phillipston
All the positive thoughts, prayers, help and concern from our family, friends and caregivers.	from	Kay Deans and Peter Richard
	Pray	ers for
Bryan Ward	from	His Friends, Carole + Gerry Gariepy
The Entire World	from	Concerned citizens, Carole + Gerry Gariepy