

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

Phillipston  
Community  
Newsletter

March 2017



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,

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed Me...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to Me."*

*Matthew 25: 35*

At a recent clergy meeting I attended one colleague was wearing a button that said, "I am an immigrant." Another colleague then claimed that she had an ancestor on the Mayflower. I turned to both of them and said, "I'm not going to treat either of you differently." They just laughed. And then I said, "I am an immigrant too." Alright - to be technical I should have said, "I am a child of immigrants, or more correctly a great granddaughter of an immigrant from Sweden, and a great granddaughter of an immigrant from Scotland. Both great grandmothers came through Ellis Island. But I am a child of immigrants, because none of my ancestors, the Pennsylvania Dutch on my mother's side, Glessners and Korns, the English Clarks, the Scottish Camerons, the English Stannards or the Swedish Bemers are Native American.

This past August Kevin, Andrew and I had the privilege of attending a Naturalization ceremony at Seneca Falls, the birth place of Rights for Women, near the home of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. We sat next to a man from Rochester, New York. I asked him where he was from and he replied, "Ethiopia." I asked him if he had any family at the ceremony. He replied, "No."

I said, "we will be your family." So, I got him a cup of water, when he could not leave the room. And we cheered when they called his name. The whole ceremony was exhilarating to watch. I was proud to be there and witness. Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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**April 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

# Come join us for a free dinner!

*The Sunday School at  
The Congregational Church  
is hosting a FREE Spaghetti Dinner  
March 25, 2017*

*We are taking reservations for 5:00p.m and 6:30p.m.*

Bring the family or a friend for an evening of fellowship, spaghetti, and more!  
Menu includes: Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, and ice cream sundaes for dessert!\*



**Everyone is welcome!**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

*For reservations and questions, please contact Karen Gallant –  
978-894-6322 or [karengallant72@gmail.com](mailto:karengallant72@gmail.com)*

*\* Gluten and dairy-free options available*



*Building a  
Foundation  
with God*



## Congregational Church of Phillipston

- Sunday School for ages 4 and up
- Everyone is welcome!
- Giving our kids the tools they need to take on every aspect of their world.

Come check us out. Services start at 10:00 am. We are on the Common.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Gallant.

978-894-6322 or [karengallant72@gmail.com](mailto:karengallant72@gmail.com)

*We look forward to seeing you!*



***Open Burning Season will run from January 15-May 1, 2017.***

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.

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**Town of Phillipston Fire Department**  
**Open Burning Residential Permit Application**  
**Open Burning Season: January 15-May 1, 2017**

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 15<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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# Phillips Free Public Library

## Library Hours

*Monday 5-7pm*

*Tuesday 9am-2pm*

*Saturday 9am-12pm*

*(\*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, enjoy coffee & goodies)*

## Board of Trustees Meeting:

*Thursday, March 2 @ 6pm*

## Book Club

The Book club has chosen "The Winter People" by Jennifer McMahon please call the library to reserve a copy & join us for a great discussion!

## Pajama Drive

Help us to collect new pajamas for children in need across Massachusetts. This initiative is sponsored by the Boston Bruins, Cradles to Crayons, DCF Kids Fund, Inc, Roche Brothers and Friehofers. Drop your donation of new pajamas (infant through teen) at the library through March 15, and we will forward them to be distributed. Thanks so much for helping out this great cause!

## New Books and Movies

New Books include: **The Antiques** by Kris D'Agostino, **My Husband's Wife** by Jane Corry, **The Girl Before** by J.P. Delaney

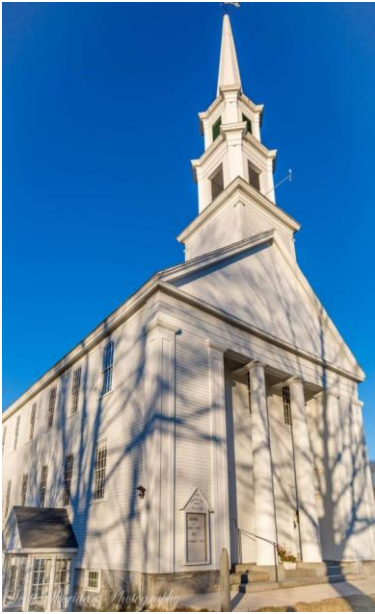
New Movies include: **Tarzan**, **The Light Between Oceans** and **Trolls**

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**PREVIEW OF THE  
LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY  
QUILT  
FOR THE ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE**  
Tickets will be sold at the Easter Great Gathering  
On Saturday, April 15, 2017

SENIOR LUNCH IS SERVED THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 12 NOON IN THE VESTRY OF THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA A DONATION OF \$2.50 IS SUGGESTED. MEET OTHERS AND JOIN IN THE SOCIAL TIME TRANSPORTATION CAN BE PROVIDED CALL 978-516-8061 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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.

All are welcome. Services are held on Sundays at 10 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:

**March 15th** – Ladies Benevolent Mtg, Vestry of the Church at 12:30pm, All ladies Invited, lite lunch will be served.

**April 15th** – Annual Easter Great Gathering at Red Apple Farm sponsored by the Church. Tickets are available

**April 29th** – Game Dinner – Tickets are available

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It's time to cut the clutter!

Join the Community fun at

Phillipstons Town Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 13, 2017

**\$15 IS ALL IT TAKES - IT'S SO EASY!**

Contribute to a good cause, clean out your clutter, & make some extra CA\$H!

We will do all of the advertising for you!

Please contact Jennie at 978-790-9279 to list your address on the map.

Encourage neighbors to join too, more homes = more customers on your street!

Maps to the different homes participating in the yard sale will be handed out for \$1 each on the Common in Phillipston – located in the center of town beginning at 7AM!

Like and Share our page on Facebook!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Girl Scouts.



**Thin Mint Sprint 5K 2017**

Save the Date! May 6<sup>th</sup>! More Info to Come!

**Mike Flye Presents**  
**Confederate Reenactment Experiences**  
on March 15, 2017 at 7 P.M.

The "Historical Society of Phillipston" will have a program that will help us better understand a soldier's Civil War experiences. The Civil War was the most devastating war our country has endured, both emotionally and the number of war casualties. Everyone who died was an American.

Phillipston's Mike Flye has been participating in reenactments for **15 years** and has become an expert in its history. He belongs to a Confederate Company that has members from several New England states, and they do reenactments throughout eastern U.S. Mike rose from a private to a lieutenant, the rank he holds as an ordinance officer, the officer responsible for guns and ammunition.

As he tells us about the Civil War story and how reenactments bring it to life, *he will show Civil War artifacts that he has collected* -- a gun made by the Springfield Armory, uniforms, swords, supplies, and even a pin worn by his ancestor who met **President Lincoln** when he was stationed on the ironclad ship, the Monitor. Mike's ancestral stories will be woven together with the war's history, and the role he plays today in the reenactments.

The program will start at **7 P.M.** in the vestry of the Congregational Church. Refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome!

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**MASTER LIST OF LICENSED  
SEPTIC TRANSPORTERS 2017**

The companies on this list are currently licensed to operate within Phillipston for 2017. Any other companies are required by law to obtain an annual permit through the Board of Health, so please call the BOH office at 978-249-1735 if you do not see them on the list before hiring.

William Parcell  
Petersham Sanitary Service  
PO Box 236  
Petersham, MA 01366  
978-724-3434

United Site Services Northeast, Inc  
295 Pasco Road  
Springfield MA 01151  
800-864-5387

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Jeff Lawrence  
Lawrence Brothers Septic Service  
91 Linwood Street  
Gardner MA 01440  
978-632-9470

Ronald Spraske  
American Sewerage & Septic Co, LLC  
14 Flat Rock Road  
Petersham, MA 01366  
978-895-7018

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Scott Fletcher  
Scotty's Potties  
PO Box 472  
Templeton, MA 01468  
978-939-5922

Frank Moschetti  
F.A. Moschetti & Sons, Inc  
104 Rice Road  
Templeton, MA 01468  
978-939-8645

Wind River Environmental  
46 Lizotte Drive  
Marlboro MA 01752  
800-499-1682

## Greetings Phillipston Residents:

I would like to announce my candidacy for Selectman of the Town of Phillipston. A resident of the town since 2003, my wife Kathie and I plan on setting even deeper roots in this town that we have been so happy to call home.

My professional experience includes more than 19 years of experience in the property management field working for Harvard University and the Beal Company.

I participated in the Phillipston Town 250th Celebration. I have most recently served as a member of the Wage & Compensation Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to address the current compensation for employees and how that might evolve and improve. I am also the current President of the Lions Club and a member for the past 10 years and a past member of the Masonic Lodge in Athol.

I am running for the Selectman's position because I believe it's important to continue the cooperation between the Board of Selectmen and the residents. So often in our daily, busy lives, it is easy to become disconnected from what is happening in our town. I believe that it is the job of the Selectmen to promote transparency and accessibility with residents so that everyone can be informed and active in the management of our town. Phillipston has a unique character that we all want to preserve. I believe my extensive experience and knowledge of the town as well as my pride in this town will serve Phillipston well.

I would appreciate your vote on May 1st.

Rick Wilkins  
Barre Road

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## SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTERS 2016

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John Peard Monadnock Disposal Service 100 Old Sharon Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 603-532-8088	John Spuria & Sons, Inc. PO Box 1067 1 Gardner Road Ashburnham, MA 01430 978-827-5069	Alison Del Rio MT Services LLC PO Box 842 Westminster MA 01473 978-424-3109
Darren Brosseau/David Derlor D & D Waste Removal LLP 72 Jackson Avenue Fitchburg, MA 01420 978-342-6893	Waste Management Corporation 124 Hartwell Street West Boylston, MA 01583 800-545-4560 (No Curbside-Dumpsters Only)	G.L.M., Inc PO Box 221 Orange, MA 01364 978-544-6511
Gary Griffith Griff's Rubbish Removal 657 Pleasant Street Athol, MA 01331 978-249-6468	Karl Krechtel KK's Roll-Off Containers 2739 Old Keene Road Athol, MA 01331 978-944-3004	Lance Mallet Mallet Rubbish & Recycling PO Box 12 Athol MA 01331 978-249-9662

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION Monday May 1, 2017

Polls open at 12:00pm to 8:00pm

Town Hall, 50 on the Common, Phillipston

LAST DAY TO OBTAIN NOMINATION PAPERS – March 8th

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PAPERS TO BOARD OF REGISTRARS FOR  
CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES – March 13th

LAST DAY TO FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK – March 23th

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW NOMINATION PAPERS – March 27th

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE – April 11th

Warrant for election will be posted by the 24th of April

CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

MONDAYS 8:00am – 8:00pm

TUESDAY – THURSDAY 8:00am – 4:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 8:00am – 11:00am

OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 978-249-1733

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Wednesday May 3, 2017**

**7:00pm at the Phillipston Memorial School Gym**

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Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7 pm.

At the Millers River Environmental Center, Dan, an employee of Hadley Garden Center, who attended Suny Cobleskill and UMASS, will discuss the proper tools to purchase and the best ways to use them. He will also discuss some of the pruning problems people run into. He will entertain questions on any pruning issues we may have.

An affiliate of the Millers River Environmental Center in Athol, the North Quabbin Garden Club formed in 2006 to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening. With efforts to promote better horticultural practices and foster civic beauty, emphasis is placed on use of native plants, organic gardening and the conservation of natural resources. Monthly meetings are usually held on the third Thursday evening of each month featuring informative speakers or workshop sessions. Members are currently working on a wildlife habitat garden at the Millers River Environmental Center. Guests and new members are always welcome, so join us this month and learn something new about gardening. Meetings are free to members and guests are asked for a donation.

I grew up in Phillipston and after school and working in technology for a few years I have returned to the area. I am writing in to tell you about my company, City Compost. After learning of the issues that face our food system, I spent the past three years creating a service that makes the best quality compost possible in order to increase access to clean healthy food for everyone. You see all the nutrients in bits of food and the parts we do not eat can be saved and used to grow more food in the future, and this service makes it easy.

You may be familiar with compost or even composting at home. I knew of compost as a kid but have since learned how complex it really is. A big thing is you *can* include meat and dairy, it is just that these have special requirements because of wild animals. The service accepts all food types and provides many benefits to you as well. You will save time and fuel from trips to the transfer station and use less pay as you throw bags or cut waste collection to every other week. Even better is the ease of growing produce at home that comes with using compost. This will save you even more on groceries.

For you, it requires no long term commitment and is as easy as putting scraps into a different pail that will be gathered weekly. You will be set up with a kitchen pail, a container for collection, and of course a great service. Plus, if you want you can get all the compost back that made from your material. If not, it goes off to grow more food elsewhere. All this for only \$5 a week. You can call me directly at 978-378-3048 to learn more or sign up!!

Adam Jankauskas



# St. Patrick's Day Meat Raffle

Sponsored by the Narragansett Class of 2018

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017**

Doors Open at 6 pm

Raffle Starts at 6:30



**American Legion  
Baldwinville Ma**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017**

**ANNUAL EASTER GREAT GATHERING**

**at RED APPLE FARM**

**Sponsored by the**

**PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**Phillipston Lions Club**

*~Sponsoring~*

**Easter Egg Hunt(s)**

**NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE**  
**NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**  
**FOR 2017 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for Monday, May1st with voting at Town Hall  
from 12 PM to 8 PM

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2017:

<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>CONSTABLE</u>	<u>1 YR TERM      Addition of this 1 year term do to resignation</u>
<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</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>
<u>TAX COLLECTOR</u>	<u>2 YR TERM</u>
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. March 8, 2017 is the last day you can obtain nomination papers. Nomination Papers need to be returned to Town Clerk's Office by March 13, 2017.

**LAST DAY TO REG TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**

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**LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

No meeting was held in February. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the vestry of the church with hostesses being Carole Gariepy and Nancy Nason. Plans will be more formulated for the Silver Tea in May. For entertainment, we will be having a return engagement of "The Victorian Lady", who when last appeared was enjoyed by all. The annual quilt for 2017 is being unveiled at the Easter Great Gathering at the Red Apple Farm, Saturday, April 15th. It will be called "Fairy Tales of Yore". The quilt was made by one of our members, Barbara Sanden. The Ladies Benevolent Society is open to all ladies, please feel free to come and join us.

Lifetime dues are 50 cents, very reasonable for a fun time.