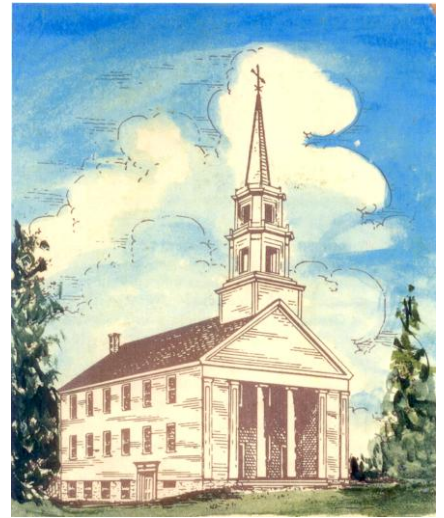


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.  
60 The Common  
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston  
Community  
Newsletter

March 2020



Spring Forward  
March 8<sup>th</sup>!



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,

Lent is always in March, and this year Ash Wednesday is February 26 and Easter is Sunday, April 12. We hope to have a great breakfast on Saturday, April 11 at Red Apple Farm for Easter's Great Gathering with good weather.

Lent is the time we remember that the night before his death, Jesus, gathered his disciples around him for one last supper. Death is imminent but Jesus does not isolate himself but rather he chooses to spend his last hours washing the disciples' feet. Their reactions were mixed and yet Peter, at first responds, "You shall never wash my feet," and later he goes to the other extreme and suggests that Jesus wash his hands and his head also. Jesus insists, that Peter allow him to wash his feet. Perhaps what is important to remember that night is that Jesus wanted to still eat with the disciples, still serve them by washing their feet, and still be present to them. We cannot do faith alone, we don't have everything together, and we need each other. So, we turn to our family of faith, to help us, encourage us, and motivate us. I think we are our best selves in the company of the faithful.

And we need God, perhaps now in our nation's history more than ever. If you can't do it alone, and you need God, and you don't have a church family, come visit us. We aren't perfect, but on a journey coming to know God. Lent is a time that many give up something, and I admire that. But, others take on a discipline for Lent, charitable giving, worshipping, or fasting or praying. Whatever, you do for Lent, do it for a closer relationship with God.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Our February meeting was held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at Nancy Nason's home. Hostesses were Marilyn Hollway and Nancy Marr. A delicious luncheon was served to 7 in attendance. We had a new member joining us, Abby Bennett. Our annual quilt will not be displayed as it has been before at the Easter Great Gathering this year. The plan is to have it displayed at our Annual Silver Tea on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Easter Great Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. 8am to 1pm with the Easter Brunch Buffet, Adult Egg Hunts, Children's Egg Hunts, and much more. Hope everyone will come and enjoy the fun. Free Parking!

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 NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)  
**APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**For more info go to : [www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)**



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NOW'S THE TIME FOR ROOFING!

ANDREW NOVAK

603-554-4491



# Phillipston Lions Club

7:30 am - 10:30 am

at

Phillipston Church (downstairs)

## 2020 - SATURDY MORNING BREAKFAST

~ Serving ~

**NEW**

The way you want it...

French Toast, Pan Size Pancake, Eggs (any style), Toast or English Muffin,  
Homefries, Sausage, Orange, Tomato and Cranberry juice,  
Coffee (regular and decaf), assorted Teas, Hot cocoa

NOTE: Sorry - We don't serve bacon.

March 21, 2020~

St. Patrick's Day Special

2-Poached Eggs on Homemade Hash  
with Homefries, Toast or English Muffin



May 16, 2020~

Skillet Banquet with Cheese

2-Scrambled Eggs Topped with Cheese over  
Homefries with Onions, Peppers, Ham  
and Tomatoes



April 18, 2020~

Hammy Scramble with Cheese

2-Scrambled Eggs & Ham, with Homefries  
and Homemade Corn Muffin

June 20, 2020~

Everything BUT kitchen Sink

Scrambled Eggs with Salami, Ham,  
Pepperoni, Onions, Tomato and Cheese  
with Homefries, Toast or English Muffin

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE NOW

Town of Phillipston

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

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

Town Hall, 50 on the Common, Phillipston

May 18, 2020

Monday

LAST DAY TO OBTAIN NOMINATION PAPERS – March 26<sup>th</sup>

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PAPERS TO BOARD OF REGISTRARS

FOR CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES – April 1st

(At Town Clerk's Office)

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRARS TO FILE WITH

THE TOWN CLERK – April 9<sup>th</sup>

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW NOMINATION PAPERS – April 17<sup>th</sup>

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE – April 28<sup>th</sup>

Warrant for election will be posted by the 11<sup>th</sup> of May

CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY 8:00am – 4:00pm

WEDNESDAYS 8:00am - 7:00pm

LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 978-249-1733

or e-mail [townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov)

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 6, 2020**

**Wednesday**

7:00pm at the Phillipston Memorial School Gym

**Last day to register to vote is April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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**NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*TEMPLETON – PHILLIPSTON*

**FY21 BUDGET HEARING**

**March 4, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

**KIVA**

Narragansett Regional High School

464 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, MA

# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

*Tuesday 9-2pm*

*Wednesday 5-7pm*

*Saturday 9am-1pm*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

*Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

(978) 249-1734

## **Book Club**

It's not too late to join us on **Monday, March 23 at 6pm** for our discussion of The Other Wife by Michael Robotham... call the library to get a copy (978) 249-1734

## **Calling all Collectors!**

We have 2 bright and beautiful display cases that are just WAITING for your collection!

Do you have a collection that you'd like to loan for all to enjoy? Call the library

## **Books looking for a Home**

A patron has offered a collection of books on: gardening and decorating to someone who will give them a good home. Please call the library for more information.

## **New Books**

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins, Out of the Easy by Ruta Sepetys, Along Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

## **New Movies**

Check Check out some of our new movies... 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood', 'Parasite' and 'Midway'.

## **Long-Overdue Books**

As you tackle your Spring cleaning, please keep an eye out for any long-overdue library materials... and don't be afraid to bring them back to us... we don't charge overdue fines, and will just be happy to have our items back!

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On Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7 pm at the Millers River Environmental Center, Donna Laclaire, a wellness advocate working for an essential oil company, will discuss the benefit of using and creating an all natural tick and bug spray and a hand scrub to help with dry rough hands after a day in the dirt. Attendees will make these. Spring will come and gardeners will be out in their yards. Come and have fun preparing and anticipating. There is a \$5 fee for materials.

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. Monthly meetings are usually held on the third Thursday evening of each month featuring informative speakers or workshop sessions. 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.

Pauline Alldred - co-President - North Quabbin Garden Club

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE  
NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2020 ANNUAL TOWN  
ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for Monday, May 18th with voting at  
Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 28th.

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2020:

<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>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	<u>1 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>PLANNING BOARD</u>	<u>5 YR TERM</u>
<u>TAX COLLECTOR</u>	<u>3 YR TERM</u>
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>3 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 26, 2020 is the last day you can obtain  
nomination papers. Nomination Papers need to be returned to the  
Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by April 1, 2020.

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym**  
**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>**

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**ATTENTION RESIDENTS – NOTES ON GLASS RECYCLING**

Only clear or colored glass beverage and food containers are acceptable for recycling. Remove caps and covers. Anything else is not acceptable.

The Town will be charged an extra \$150.00 per ton for contaminated loads.  
***We have just been charged an additional \$810.00 for a load that had a 1 pound propane cylinder in the load.*** Don't know how it got there, but please let the attendants put the glass in the roll off container. Put yours in the receptacles they have there for you to fill. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

**March Activities:**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** Handicapped Sunday – Service Downstairs  
Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am  
Holy Communion (open to all)

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** Senior Lunch 12 noon

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** Annual Scouts Sunday with Potluck Brunch following the service – everyone is invited! Pool Party to follow

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** Happy St. Patrick's Day - Senior Lunch 12 noon

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** Ladies Benevolent Meet 11 am – Home of Nancy MacEwen

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am

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**COME JOIN US! SENIOR LUNCH IS SERVED THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF MARCH. IN THE VESTRY OF THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA. THIS MONTH IS MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> AND MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>. A DONATION OF \$3 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.**

**COME JOIN US!**

### **Closing Phillipston Memorial School - This is not a drill :(**

After a long, frustrating and ultimately unsuccessful budget battle last year, the school administration has put forth its proposed budget for next year closing Phillipston Memorial. This will allow them to hire a few more needed social/emotional counseling staff with a minimal increase to the bottom line, but would have a huge and irreversible impact to our town. Also, projected class sizes at Templeton Elementary School are still almost 30 kids per class because actual classroom teachers will be let go. Please review the budget presentation on the NRSD.ORG website main page (FY21 Budget Info, on the left side) to see their projections. Our students will lose their small setting, and all we have been able to provide them, on top of having a much longer bus ride to Templeton. Some Phillipston parents have been working for over a year to try to save our school and many ideas were thrown around, such as removing the school from the district and running it ourselves. That would be the most expensive option by many estimates. It seems the best option is to get the towns and the district to agree to alter the funding formula where each town pays for its own elementary school and then pay jointly for the middle and high school per student, as we have been doing, and still share administration and curriculum planning, again as we have always done.

**\* We need action now to get this done asap and update the regional agreement accordingly. \***

Please plan to attend the Budget Hearing on March 4th in the HS Kiva at 6:30pm, contact the Select Board and School Committee Members and spread the word to all your Phillipston friends and neighbors.

**Save Phillipston Memorial for this generation and the next!**

Like and Follow Gansett Greatness on facebook to stay informed about the process going forward. Christine Bennett

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## **Do You Have Historical Pictures of the Town Hall Auditorium?**

Do you have old postcards or pictures that show the interior of the Town Hall auditorium? Perhaps they show a wedding or party, or a school event, or grange meeting or town meeting. The Historical Commission is developing a plan to restore the Town Hall auditorium and needs information about how it used to look. If you have visual materials that can help us, we would like to borrow them to make copies. Please contact: Kim Pratt, tel: 978-249-5931 or leave materials in her mailbox in town hall, or email: [selectman@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:selectman@phillipston-ma.gov).

It's that time of year again!  
Yard sale time! Join the Community fun at  
**Phillipstons Town Wide Yard Sale!**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

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

Contribute to a good cause, clean out your clutter, & make some extra CASH!

We will do all the advertising for you!

Please contact Jennie at 978-790-9279 or send your \$15 check payable to Jennie Chace at: 740 Patriots Road Templeton, MA. 01468, 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 Run/Walk**

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

Sign up for the 8th annual Thin Mint Sprint 5K Run/Walk! Ask your local Girl Scout for a registration form or sign up at [active.com](https://www.active.com) (registration opens on 3/9/20) Sign up by April 24th for the early bird rate of \$20. Register after that date and the cost goes up to \$25.

Come for the Thin Mints, come for the fun of it, come for the challenge of it, or just come to support some wonderful Girl Scouts! Race begins at 10am, registration and check in begins at 8:30 am on The Common. See you there!

Like and Share our page on Facebook!

**GANSETT HAPPENINGS:**

Middle School-High School Pops Concert

Theme is "Around the World"

Monday March 16th at 6:30pm - free

Safka Auditorium in the Middle School

The NRHS Marching Band will again be in the

Holoyke St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Watch it livestreamed - check the

Narragansett Warrior Music facebook page for link.

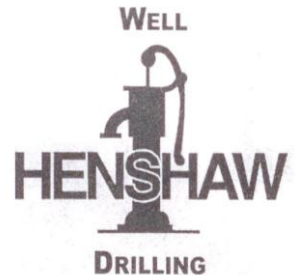
High school production of Mary Poppins!

March 27th & 28th at 8pm and the 29th at 2pm

Tickets will be available online or at the door

Check the Narragansett Theater Company

facebook page for the link shortly!



125 Barre Road Templeton, Ma.

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978-939-8363

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## BOSTON POST CANE

Awarded to  
Robert Stevens

### **Phillipston's Boston Post**

**Cane Honoree** - On January 29, 2020 Robert Stevens of Williamsville Road, Phillipston received the honorary Boston Post Cane at the Select Board meeting. The 92 year old Stevens has lived in Phillipston for the past nine years. Pictured above are Robert Stevens (front

row), Emelda Haughton (left) chairman Boston Post Cane committee, Selectman John Telepciak, and Selectwoman Kim Pratt. Not pictured was Linda Langevin, Historical Society of Phillipston.

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*The Boston Post cane tradition was started by the former newspaper The Boston Post in 1909 where 700 Massachusetts towns (no cities included) were given a gold headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented to the oldest male citizen of the town and then be subsequently transmitted to the next oldest citizen upon his passing. Not until 1930 did the tradition include women when determining the oldest resident in each town. Today, Phillipston's Boston Post Cane is a replica which was created after the original cane was lost in a fire in 1947. The cane tradition in Phillipston was then interrupted for about 65 years until Emelda Haughton in 2012 felt it should be re-established. With the help of Phillipston's Historical Society, a replica of the cane was commissioned and purchased by the Society. This replicated cane is now on display in Phillipston's Museum of History on 80 State Road. Mr. Stevens received a formal certificate of recognition as well as a unique lapel pin featuring the cane award. Many friends and members of Mr. Stevens' family were in attendance and congratulated the honoree with joy.*

## Phillipston Transfer Station

Wednesday 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Saturday 7:45am – 1:45pm

### **Recyclables**

Recyclables need to be sorted. There are separate containers for each category. If it is not in one of these categories then throw it away.

1. Cardboard and mixed paper, includes magazines and books. No Gift wrap.
2. Clean plastic containers empty & rinsed. No Tupperware or rigid plastics.
3. Aluminum, steel, and tin cans empty, rinsed and flattened if possible
4. Bottles & jars empty, rinsed and lids removed. No household glass i.e. drinking glasses or dishes. No Pyrex, no ceramics, or porcelain, no candle jars.
5. Returnable 5 cent cans or bottles please donate to the Scouts at their trailer.

Glass needs to be put in the bins for the attendants to put into the container. They know what is and is not allowed. Contaminated loads will be refused from the recycling center and will cost the town extra to be disposed of. This has already happened once.

***Thank you for doing your part to Recycle Smart***