

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



Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church
Worship 10:00 a.m. with Children's story

Dear Friends,

Many years ago I read in the United Church of Christ Christian Educator's Newsletter spiritual practices for the weeks of Lent. This article was adapted from Church Education, December 1996, Prescott Arizona. The main idea is instead of giving up something for Lent, is to adapt love giving for Lent.

Week of March 9 Share your love by writing at least two notes or sending two cards telling the recipients how much you appreciate them. Include someone you might not normally think to say this to.

Week of March 16 Telephone or visit with two or three people, just to chat and tell them what they mean to you, or to say "Thank you" or "I'm sorry." Make an effort to include someone who you've intended to contact but somehow never have. (Read 1 Corinthians 13)

Week of March 23 Take a small gift to a neighbor or shut in. Or do a small fix it job for an elderly person. The important thing is to offer yourself gladly. (Read 1 Corinthians again)

Week March 30 Make a list of 10 people to pray for daily. Include someone you don't get along with very well. Forgive if she or he has wronged you or ask for forgiveness if you have wronged him or her. (Read 1 John 4: 7-21)

Week April 6 Pray for yourself this week. Ask God to search your heart and reveal changes you need to make in your life. (Read 1 John 4: 17-21 again.)

Week of April 13 This is the week of celebration. Do something special with your family. Perhaps go to the Living Last Supper in Athol. Attend Easter Worship on Sunday, April 20.

Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
April 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS March 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf
Email to: newsletter@phillipston.com

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

March 4, 2025, 6pm.

* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

DVDs for a Dollar

We have several dozen DVDs and cds available for the price of \$1.00 each! Lots of great titles...stop by and find a great movie to watch!

New Display

Stop by to see the newest collection in our display case - Wild, weird and wonderful Folk art curiosities! Which one of these unique creations is your favorite??

Story Hour

Join us for a Pre school Story Hour on Tuesday, **March 11 at 10am**. We'll enjoy stories, a craft project and a snack. No registration is necessary.

New Materials

New books include: We All Live Here by Jo Jo Moyes, Three Days in June by Anne Tyler, Memorial Days by Geraldine Brooks, Isola by Allegra Goodman, Bonded in Death by JD Robb, Open Season by Jonathan Kellerman, The Crash by Freida McFadden, Last Twilight in Paris by Pam Jenoff

New DVDs: 'Here'

BOOK CLUB

Our next book is The Shadows we Hide by Allen Eskens. We will meet on **Tuesday, March 11 at 5:30** to discuss. Copies are available at the library. New members always welcome!!

It's that time of year again!

Yard sale time! Join the Community fun at

Phillipstons Town Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 3, 2025

\$20 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 \$20 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 Girl Scout Troop 30908.

You can make a difference!

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2025 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for Monday, May 19th. Polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 9th.

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2025:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	1 YR TERM
CONSTABLE	3 YR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	5 YR TERM
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHHOL COMMITTEE	2 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Templeton)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	1 YR TERM (Templeton)

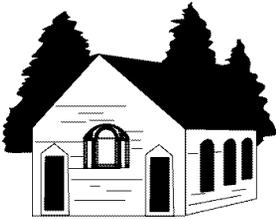
Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. **March 27, 2025**, is the last day you can obtain nomination papers. **Nomination Papers need to be returned to the Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by March 31, 2025.**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 7, 2025

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 28th

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



The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Congregational Church Vestry

Society Meeting -- Join us on the 18th as we make our plans for the upcoming season. Have ideas about what we could do? We'd love to hear them! Everyone is welcome!

Want to make an impact? Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Have an interest in history? Would like to attend the meeting but can't make it? We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities, and we need your help. For more information, call Kay at 978-835-9088.

The Phillipston Youth Supports (PYS)

A quarterly meeting will be held on March 13, 2025 at 6:30

330 Highland Ave

All are welcome.

The 2025 quarterly meeting dates are:

June 12, 2025, September 11, 2025 & December 11, 2025

If for some reason the dates/times change, we will post them on our Phillipston Youth Supporters Facebook page.

The purpose of this nonprofit organization is to raise and distribute money for programs, scholarships, and educational opportunities that will directly support the youth of Phillipston.

If this is something you are interested in, please join us and bring a friend.

Pancake Breakfast!

Hosted by the Phillipston Girl Scouts

When: Saturday April 5th from 7am-11am

Where: Phillipston Congregational Church

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids 8 & under

**Come support your local Girl Scouts and enjoy
pancakes, sausages, fruit, and beverages!**

To pre-order tickets, please text or call Jennie Chace at 978-790-9279

Thank you!

Spaghetti Supper

Salad, Roll, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Brownie Sundae

Congregational Church of Phillipston

SAT. MARCH 22nd

5:00 & 6:30 PM (Takeout p/u @ 5:30)

\$12/adult, \$7/kids <12

Call (978) 939-5608 for tickets (or to make a donation)

All proceeds support church missions and pay expenses



Don't forget to request your ballot by mail! Find the application in this Newsletter and scan to townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov or mail to 50 The Common, Phillipston, or drop off in the Town Hall Mail Slot located in the front door of Town Hall. Please allow ample time for mailing.

Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Phillipston

The town of Phillipston (pop.1.948) a small community whose residents are actively involved in town government to ensure its success, is seeking to fill the position of Chief Administrative Officer. The 36 hour per week position (with night meetings) works under the Selectmen to supervise daily operations. Salary ranges from \$60,000 to \$84,500 depending on qualifications. Full benefit package provided in accordance with the town's

personnel policy (no personal contract). Please send a letter of interest and resume to Town of Phillipston Selectmen, 50 The Common. Phillipston. MA 01331 or email as one document to selectman@phillipston-ma.gov. Advertisement will run until the job is filled. AA/EEO

Hello Spring,

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission will be meeting on March 13, 2025, at the Towns Annex at 7 pm. We will be discussing our Farmer's Market, Community Garden and the Pumpkin Contest. Anyone interested in joining us at the meeting is welcome, we are always looking for volunteers to join us.

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission

Phillipston Lions
Meeting March 11, 2025
7pm at the Phillipston Library

Soup Kitchen at the church.
Meal March 12, 2025, at 12 – 2 pm
Chilli, Corn Bread, Desert' Hot Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa.
All Free! No take outs!
Donations are welcome

8th 9th 10th 11th 12th grade students wanted
If you play an instrument and would like to play for the MA. Lion All State Band call Marilyn Holway 978-503-2269 to get an application. Practice dates April 24 & 26 Double Tree Leominster.
Performance: April 26, 2025 @ 2:00 pm at South Community High School 170 Apricot St. Worcester MA.

Senior meal/delivered Tuesday March 25, 2025 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
weather permitting

E.E.G. Easter Eggs Gathering with Easter Egg Hunt at Red Apple Farm April 19, 2025 8 am to 2 pm

Wanted Vendors
Lions Vendor Craft Fair
August 23, 2025 on the common.
More information call Marilyn 978-503-2269

Massachusetts Vote by Mail Application



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Section 1 - Voter Information:

Name: _____

Address of Voter Registration: _____

Ballot Mailing Address (if different): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number (optional): _____

E-mail Address (optional): _____

Section 2 - Ballot Information:

Elections:

All elections this year

A specific election (date):

Annual Town Election, May 19, 2025

Primary Ballots (choose one):

No other elections are scheduled for this year - 2025

Democratic

Republican

Libertarian

No Primary Ballots

Section 3 - Assistance:

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.

Assisting person's name: _____

Assisting person's address: _____

This application is being made by a family member.

Relationship to Voter: _____

➡ Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____

Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, the address where you are registered to vote, your ballot mailing address (if different) and date of birth.
2. Ballot Information – Choose which ballot(s) you want to receive by mail.
Choose a primary ballot option if you are not registered in a party.
3. Assistance – If you're helping someone complete this application, or you're requesting a ballot for a family member, fill out this section.
4. Sign your name – If you can't sign your name, you may ask someone to sign your name in your presence.

Submitting the Application Mail to: Town Clerk, 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331

Send this completed application to the local election office for your city or town. Find contact information for local election officials at www.VoteInMA.com or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

Application Deadlines

This application must reach your local election office by 5 p.m. on the fifth business day before Election Day.