

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

Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

May 2021



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church

Dear Friends,

On Easter morning, Jada and Jordon Johnson gave me my Easter surprise from their house, a black kitten. I have decided to name her Easter even though she was born on Super Bowl Sunday, because she was given to me on Easter at the sunrise service at the Twoheys.

A couple of weeks ago I drove to Connecticut to take my son, Andrew a student at Connecticut College to a local CVS for his first Corona virus vaccine. Then I drove to Old Lyme to see my sister Kathy (a veterinarian) and ask her to give my new kitten her first regular vaccine. That night I told Kathy that my kitty was sensitive to being picked up, squeaked a bit, and was lethargic. She said, "Of course, she just had her first feline distemper shot." She went on to explain, "people keep talking about being tired or having a sore arm after their Pfizer or Moderna Corona Virus vaccine, and I tell them every time they bring in their pet to expect that the cat or dog will be lethargic and sore after a distemper shot for at least twenty four hours." She was very matter of fact about fatigue being common for animals and humans after vaccines.

A colleague and friend of mine wrote about a planned Sabbath, a day in which we intend to do nothing. She had a planned Sabbath the day after her second Corona Virus vaccine. My friend, Cynthia felt like she had the flu for 24 hours, but wrote to the Whately Congregation, "not everyone had the reaction I did, and having a reaction should not be a deterrent to getting the shot. Better a day of discomfort rather than getting what has for some been a fatal illness."

My mother wrote In my baby book: DPT and polio vaccines in the first year of my life, small pox and more DPT in my second year of life. Mother, this letter is dedicated to you. Thank you Mother, for keeping me healthy. Happy Mother's day!
Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn

Town Meeting Date Change

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

7:00pm at the Phillipston Memorial School Gym
20 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331

Last day to register to vote is Thursday, May 13th

The warrant will be posted May 26, 2021.

The text will be available for review at www.phillipston-ma.gov our website and
Town Hall, Library and King Phillip Restaurant

**Jonathan Edward Aukstikalnis
Character Recognition Fund, Inc.**

Tax ID 83-3605374

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Our mission: To recognize and support, through scholarship, the academic and social growth of students who give of their time, energy or skill set through service within their school and community

Character scholarship available. Apply online, or download and print the application. Apply for yourself, or nominate someone in need who exemplifies having good character by doing something kind... just because. Include **all** required documents with your application to be considered.

Donations: Thank you to those who have asked! Donations may be made online or by check payable to Jonathan Edward Aukstikalnis Character Recognition Fund, Inc. and mailed to the address above.

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is a 501c3 public charity.

Summer Camp

Scout Camp

Trade School

College

School Trips

and more!

- The Agricultural Commission *
- The community garden is in need of these items:
 - 1) We are looking for compost, leaves and grass clippings.
 - 2) We are also looking for volunteers to help at the gardens and to help make raised beds.
 - 3) We are also looking for anyone that is interested in using the community garden, please let us know.

contact Dennis @ 413-658-7889

SENIOR LUNCH MENU FOR MAY

Tuesday May 4 Veal Roulade with picatta sauce, potatoes, green beans, rye bread, yogurt.

Tuesday May 18 Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, vegetable blend, multigrain bread, applesauce

Please call Paula at 978-652-5797 to order a meal. All meals are to go.

Fellow Residents,

My name is Jared McDonald-Bourbeau, and I have been a resident in Phillipston for the past 6 years. Having resided in the area my entire life (Royalston/Templeton) I have always had a fondness for the different family activities available in our quaint town. From swimming at Queen lake, baseball at our fields to picking apples at the farms; to name a few.

I wanted to learn more about how the town is run, and the best way to learn is to get involved. This is why I have decided to run as Town Moderator. I think this is a great opportunity to support our town leadership, and learn about the different goals we are setting for our community. Throughout my career I have been involved in different levels of management, and understand the needs of maintaining meetings, and staying on track for all stakeholders involved.

I would appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election.

Thank you,

Jared McDonald-Bourbeau"

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS CLASS OF 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

The Ladies Benevolent Society is accepting applications until May 15, 2021 their Annual \$200 Scholarship to High School Seniors that have affiliation with the Phillipston Congregational Church Please send you application information to: Claire Adomaitis. President of Ladies Benevolent Society, 14 Spa Road, Phillipston, MA. If you have further questions, please call me at 978-516-8061.

sponsored by Lions & Friends of Lions in Phillipston

Drive Thru 2021 - BREAKFAST



All Breakfasts Include the following:

Homefries, sausage patty, choice of toast (*white, wheat, rye or texas toast*) or english muffin and juice choice (*Orange, cranberry, apple & tomato*).

Cost: \$8.00 per breakfast ~ ~ All breakfasts are served as Drive-Thru (*take out*) only.

MAY 15, 2021 MENU

- FEATURED** Skillet Banquet 3 eggs Scrambled with bell peppers, onions & diced ham topped off with cheese sauce
- NEW** Egg Whites any style (3 egg whites scrambled, fried, poached, omlet, etc.)
- Chip Beef on toast
- Pan size Pancake
- French Toast (*your choice of bread*)
- Make your own Omlet (*your choice of ham, cheese, onions, tomatoes & bell peppers*)
- NEW** Hungryman Platter (*includes: pancake, french toast, 3 eggs your way, home fries & sausage patty*)



**Breakfast served out of Phillipston Church on the Common
3rd Saturdays of Month ~ 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

Thank You for voting for Bernie Malouin on February 25, 2021. Bernie was voted to the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacant seat from Feb. 25 until the next election. Bernie is running for a three year term on the Board of Selectmen on May 17, 2021. The Town needs Bernie to continue doing what is right for the town. Please vote for Bernie Malouin on Monday, May 17, 2021 NOON-8PM. Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Haley

Moderator – Vote for Jared McDonald-Bourbeau
Jared is running for moderator and would be an excellent moderator. Jared is not an employee of the town and is not on any committees. There wouldn't be any conflict with Jared being moderator. Jared would run meetings as a professional, be orderly, and be attentive. Please vote for Jared McDonald-Bourbeau on Monday, May 17, 2021 NOON-8PM. Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Haley

Bulky Waste Day

Phillipston Transfer Station
Templeton Road Phillipston

**Date: Wednesday May 26, 2021
and Saturday May 29, 2021**

PLEASE NOTE: Prices may have changed.
You may not drop off items on any other day.

AND

**You must have a Transfer Station Sticker on your vehicle
to gain access to the Transfer Station!**

Acceptable Bulky Waste:

Stuffed Chairs	\$20	Sleeper Couches	\$40
Couches	\$30	Sleeper Love Seat	\$30
Love Seats	\$20	Tables	\$20
Recliners	\$20	Desks: Small \$15/ Large \$30	
Twin Mattress	\$10	Twin Box Spring	\$10
Full Mattress	\$15	Full Box Spring	\$15
Queen Mattress	\$20	Queen Box Spring	\$20
King Mattress	\$25	King Box Spring	\$25
Sectional Sofas	\$20 1 st	Section, additional pieces	\$20 each
Carpet 10 x 10	\$50		

First come, first served until unit is full!

Payment Accepted: CHECKS ONLY

Absolutely NO Construction/Demo Waste

Please contact the Board of Health Office at 978-249-1735 with any questions. Office hours are Wednesday from 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
June 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS May 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 17, 2021

Monday

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION
TO TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON OFFICES

SELECT BOARD - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Bernard A. Malouin, 25 Petersham Rd, for re-election

ASSESSOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

David E. Manty, 570 Royalston Rd, for re-election

BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Karissa L. Moore, 85 Barre Rd

CEMETERY COMMISSION – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Steven E. Burnett, 195 Baldwinville Rd

CONSTABLE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Fern Bruce Stellato, 125 Blake Corner Rd, for re-election

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Karen Lynn Gallant, 220 Templeton Rd, for re-election

MODERATOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Kevin Flynn, 135 Blake Corner Rd, for-re-election

Jared McDonald-Bourbeau, 165 Narrow Ln

PLANNING BOARD - 5 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Gordon Robertson, 70 Powers Mill Rd, for re-election

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON

VOTE FOR ONE

Bobbie J. French, 220 Williamsville Rd

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3YR TERM – TEMPLETON

VOTE FOR ONE

Justice Graves, 90 Queen Lake Rd, Templeton

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3YR TERM – TEMPLETON

VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

Polls Open at 12:00pm and Close at 8:00pm

Town Hall, 50 The Common

Upstairs Assembly Room

Town of Phillipston – Position Available

Selectboard Office Secretary

The Town of Phillipston seeks a part time Secretary for the Selectboard Office. Needs to be Organized and Accurate and Willing to work with others. Needs to be able to work occasional evening hours to take Minutes of Selectboard meetings. Requires some computer skills and experience including Micro Soft Office, Excel, Microsoft Word, Explorer and others as may be needed to perform daily task including operating standard office equipment. Reports to and is assigned tasks by the Selectboard Chair. Emails Selectboard members updating board on a regular basis. Requires good communication skills and ability to maintain confidential matters and information. Hiring range \$15-17 hourly, up to 19 hours per week. Interested parties should send a letter of interest, resume or completed application available online at <https://www.phillipston-ma.gov/board-of-selectmen/pages/employment-opportunities> to Bernard Malouin, Board of Selectmen Chairman, 50 the Common, Phillipston, MA 01331 AA/EOE. Open until filled.

REMINDER FOR TAXPAYERS

From the Tax Collector's Office

4th QUARTER TAX BILLS DUE MAY 3, 2021

14 % interest will accrue if not paid by the due date.

Because Town Hall is closed to the public, due to Covid Virus.

Here are three ways you could make a payment:

- 1. Drop off payment at the Town Hall mail slot located on the front door of Town Hall.**
- 2. Mail a check**
- 3. Pay online under the official Phillipston web page.**

Thank you.

Sally Kastberg

Phillipston Tax Collector

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

After this long COVID isolation, we have decided to have an gathering outside of the Church on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 (with a rain date of May 25th) at 11 am to discuss the coming year and catch up with one another. Please bring a picnic lunch for yourself and a lawn chair to sit in. Wear a mask (except when eating) and social distance. Any lady may attend, it is not required for you to be a member of the church. Please pray for a sunny, warm day so we can enjoy each others company. Any questions please call me Claire, 978-516-8061.

Phillipston
Lions



WIN THIS GRILLE*



5 Burner Gas Grill w/side burner

Drawing - June 19, 2021 at Monthly "Drive Thru" Breakfast
Donation - 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$ 5.00

*May not exactly as pictured.

FOR ADDITIONAL TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:
Marilyn at 978-503-2269 • Quimby at 978-249-3566



Phillipston Lions Club



5 Burner Gas Grill



Drawing Date-June 19, 2021 • DONATION: 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone.....



5 Burner Gas Grill • Drawing Date • June 19, 2021



Dear Phillipston Residents,

I am Bobbie French and I'm running for a Phillipston seat on School Committee in the upcoming election. I have lived in Phillipston for over 30 years. Our family is vested in the community, especially our future.

I have been in education for over 30 years. I served for 8 years in the NRSD as an elementary guidance counselor and classroom teacher. I also have experience as an elementary principal, special education coordinator, Title I Director and Early Childhood Director. I have a C.A.G.S degree in counseling and special education.

My husband, Curt, served on both the Phillipston & Templeton Fire Departments as an EMT/Firefighter and Lieutenant in Phillipston.

We were all active in scouts with our son, Zachary. Zack is a proud 2019 graduate of NRHS and is currently a mechanical engineering student at Western New England University. He was involved with recreational sports in town and served as a camp counselor for the Phillipston Rec Program for several years. We are very proud to be members of this community.

I have served on the Narragansett High School Site Council for the past 5 years. I feel that it is time for me to step up and serve our community using my education and experiences in education. This is a tumultuous time in our community with the closing of the Phillipston Memorial School as well as the changes in education due to COVID. I want to contribute to the changes that will be needed for our students to get the education they deserve in these changing times.

**Please consider VOTING Bobbie French, putting KIDS FIRST
"Building a Better tomorrow for OUR students Today!"**

The North Quabbin Garden Club is having a plant sale on Saturday, May 22 from 8 am to 1 pm at the Millers River Environmental Center in Athol. Even during a pandemic plants grow and make gardens beautiful. Plants offered for sale have usually been grown by garden club members so we know they thrive locally. Native plants are offered. Come and join us for this outside event. We will be happy to see you.

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. The club suspended indoor meetings from September last year to May of this year but members had access to zoom presentations of the Athol Bird and Nature Club. The club board members hope to be able to restart meetings in the near future. Meetings are free to members and guests are asked for a donation.

Pauline Alldred

One open seat for a Selectman (person)
Term of office to fill seat of Selectman John Telepciak
(Thank you to John for his many years of service it is appreciated)
Term Expires May 2022

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE NOW
Call for appointment to pick up your papers 978-249-1733

Town of Phillipston
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
Polls open at 12:00pm to 8:00pm
Town Hall, 50 on the Common, Phillipston
Wednesday, June 23, 2021

LAST DAY TO OBTAIN NOMINATION PAPERS – May 4th
LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PAPERS TO BOARD OF REGISTRARS
FOR CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES – May 7th
(At Town Clerk's Office)

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRARS TO FILE WITH
THE TOWN CLERK – May 19th

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW NOMINATION PAPERS – May 21st
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE – June 3rd

Warrant for election will be posted by the 16th of June

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

Spread Joy, Not Germs :)

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to my Eagle project over the last few weeks. We were able to assemble and deliver 100 care packages to members of our community, each with toiletries, masks, snacks, fun activities, and other goodies! My goal was to reach out and help people in our community, and it was a great experience for me to meet some of these people and listen to their stories. I really appreciate all of the support I have from my wonderful community with this project and throughout my scouting journey.

Thank you again! Be well,

Abby Bennett

NOTES FROM THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

With Spring right around the corner, just a reminder to make sure all articles' pots, wreaths and vases have been removed from the cemetery plots. The cemetery department will start mowing and trimming soon, and this will help so they can continue to keep the cemetery looking it best. Thank you for your support.

Cemetery Commission

Garrett Foley

Hi, this is Alex Olson I have been chosen to participate in Project 351. Project 351 is a group of 8th grade students from across the state of Massachusetts, chosen by teachers from their community schools. This spring service project is collecting clothing for a non-profit called Cradles to Crayons. There will be a donation bin by the basement door at the Phillipston Congregational Church from May 2nd through May 17th. I will be collecting clothes at the Phillipston Congregational Church in person on Saturday the 8th and 15th from 10-noon if you prefer to deliver in person. Clothing can be sizes toddler to youth large new or slightly used. Please note that Cradles to Crayons would like any pajamas, socks, or underwear to be new and not used. I hope you can help me with this service project!

Alex Olson

Items you can donate:

Tee shirt

Shorts

Pants

New Pajamas

New Socks

New Underwear

Winter coats

Snow pants

Gloves and hats



PHILLIPSTON MEMORIAL SCHOOL- EDUCATION OPTIONS SURVEY

The Phillipston Education Options Committee is asking for your input. We are currently looking at various options for the education of elementary students in Phillipston and/or the use of the Phillipston Memorial School.

You can take this survey online at <https://forms.gle/KFPuEZgAKK7xKrhE9> or scan the QR code:



If you prefer to complete the paper survey- you can return it by mailing to:
Education Options Committee / 50 The Common / Phillipston MA 01331
OR by dropping it off in the Town Hall mail slot!

Email Address (if you'd like to stay up to date on the committee's progress):

Are you currently a parent of a child(ren) or future student in the Narragansett Regional School District? Yes No

If no, please proceed to question # 7

Parents of NRSD Students:

These questions will give us more information on how to support what YOU would like for your child(ren)/student(s) in NRSD. (please circle your preferred answer)

1. Do you currently have an ELEMENTARY school aged child(ren) (ages 5-11)? Yes No

2. If yes- Where does your child(ren) CURRENTLY attend school?

- a. Templeton Elementary School
- b. Remote Learning through NRSD
- c. Homeschool
- d. School Choice to another district
- e. Other:

3. Did you have an elementary student attending PMS prior to the district closing?

Yes No

4. If Phillipston Memorial School were to reopen as an elementary school (k-5) would you choose to send your child(ren) there? Yes No Undecided

5. If Phillipston offered an early childhood center (including preschool & kindergarten), would you be interested in enrolling your child(ren) in the program?

Yes No Maybe I would need more information

6. If Phillipston offered an extended care program (before and after school) for a fee; would you be interested in using the program? Yes No Possibly N/A

PHILLIPSTON RESIDENTS

This has been a discussion for many years in Phillipston.

We are currently looking at options and input on whether or not to pursue leaving the Narragansett Regional School District- either PK-12 or PK-5. This would require a change to the current Regional Agreement.

If Phillipston chooses (and is allowed) to remove themselves from the Regional Agreement at the elementary level, middle and high school students would still attend Narragansett as they do now.

7. Should the Town of Phillipston continue to seek educational options for the use of Phillipston Memorial School?
Yes No Undecided

8. Should the Town of Phillipston seek to withdraw ALL students (k-12) from the Narragansett Regional School District and seek other options? Yes No Undecided

9. Should the Town of Phillipston seek to withdraw elementary level students (k-5) from the Narragansett Regional School District and continue to educate middle & high school students in the Narragansett Regional School District? Yes No Undecided

10. If the Town of Phillipston separates from the Narragansett Regional School District at the ELEMENTARY level, which option would you want the committee to pursue first?

- a. Join Union 28 (Erving, Wendell, New Salem, Leverett, Shutesbury)
- b. Create a new regionalization with other interested small towns close to us
- c. Other:

11. Should the Town of Phillipston seek non-educational uses for the Phillipston Memorial School?
Yes No No Opinion

Please share any additional feedback, ideas, suggestions, or comments you would like the committee to know:

THANK YOU FOR TAKING YOUR TIME TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS SURVEY.
YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT TO US