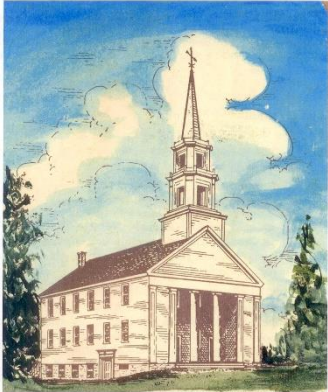


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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel according to Matthew 23: 37-39 Jesus says "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing. See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The hen represents ideal maternal love and Christian love: she is self sacrificing, nurturing, protective and comforting. The chicks who, like human youngsters, are precious though inclined to stray, symbolizes the Hebrew people. Jesus is portrayed as having viewed the Hebrew people with respect to his mission to share the Word of God.

Mother's day is Sunday, May 12, a day we honor all mothers, and those who have been a nurturing and protective presence in our lives. There are many people who shape the people we become, that we want to thank and acknowledge, biological, foster and adoptive mothers, but also Scout leaders, Sunday School teachers, public school teachers and mentors. We also appreciate those who protect us through public safety, police, fire, ambulance and public works.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

Annual Village Bazaar & Chicken Barbecue, Saturday, June 8 with a return of the North County Accordion Club!

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
June 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS May 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Congregational Church Vestry

Please note the new date.



Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to re-schedule the meeting!

Also, once again there will be no pot luck.

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual meeting of the Historical Society! At the meeting we'll review the Society's accomplishments over the past year and hear some plans for the coming year. We'll also be electing officers, directors and committee members. You do not have to be a member to attend, but only members can vote. Membership is \$5/yr. You can join the Society at the meeting.

The museum was closed last summer while we repaired cosmetic cracks in the walls and ceiling that were caused by moving the building. The cracks were fixed, the walls and ceiling were painted, display cases were returned to their spots and everything was dusted and cleaned. The rear of the building was sided and painted. We had two notable acquisitions: a Doodlebug that was created and used by our own highway department in the 1940s, and the huge, first safe used by the Town. Now our Curator and crew are putting the museum exhibits back together and planning Open House hours for this summer.

Come to our Annual Meeting. Hear more about our accomplishments and join us as we plan for the coming year. We welcome everyone with a curiosity about the town, or a love of history, or a desire to be part of an organization where every person counts. Please join us, become a member, get involved, or just cheer us on.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mike Flye

President

“For information regarding Question 1 on the Annual Town Election Ballot to be held May 20, 2024, please visit the Town’s website at

www.phillipston-ma.gov.”

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 8, 2024

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Building

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 29th

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

MUSIC Dance.edu presents...

Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors!

Brought to you by---

Phillipston Cultural Council

&

Massachusetts Cultural Council

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 11am.

This program is brought to you by a generous grant provided by your local cultural council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

May 7 Wild salmon with teriyaki sauce, Lo mein noodles, Asian blend veggies, multigrain bread, tapioca pudding

May 21 Unstuffed pepper casserole, Italian blend veggies, dinner roll, orange
Lunch is served at noon at the Congregational church. A suggested donation of \$3.50 is appreciated. Please call Paula for a reservation. 978-407-9504
The Phillipston Fire department comes once a month for a blood pressure clinic at 11:50.

On June 4th we will have Hip Hop Dance for an exercise class at 11AM just before lunch. Please join us for one or both. Any questions call 978-407-9504

Lions Dinner

May 18, 2024 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Pork Dinner, Potato, Veg, Toss Salad and Desert.

All for \$13.00

Phillipston Church On the Common

Take Out is Available

Next Breakfast – June 15, 2024 – 8 AM to 11 AM \$9.00

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

May 14, 2024 6pm.

* **“like” our Facebook page**

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Open House & CWMars Launch

We will be holding an Open House during the Bazaar on Saturday, June 8. Stop by and celebrate the library’s participation in the CWMars network... as we begin circulating online and issue Phillips Free Public Library cards! Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday Story Hour

Join us for a children’s Story Hour on Saturday, May 18th at 10:30 am. We will enjoy stories, a craft project and a snack!

New Materials

New books include: A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci, An Unfinished Love Story by Doris Kearns Goodwin, Table for Two by Amor Towles, Somehow; Thoughts on Love by Anne Lamott, Diavola by Jennifer Thorne

New Children’s books include: I am a Baby by Bob Shea, Ahoy! By Sophie Blackall, Dog vs. Strawberry by Nelly Buchet, Oh, Are You Awake? By Bob Shea and The Secret Elephant by Ellan Rankin.

My name is Earl Sweat, and I would like to introduce myself to those who may not know me. I am running for the open 1-year seat on the Phillipston Board of Selectmen. I have been a resident of Phillipston, along with my Wife, since 1997. Over the years I have grown to love our town and would like to give back to my community. I have begun to do so by serving on the Board of Assessors for the past 2 years and have enjoyed learning more about how our town works through this experience. I would like to do what I can to help Phillipston grow in a fiscally responsible manner while maintaining our small town feel and values. In addition to my experience in town government, I bring my business experience running successful restaurants, several years in Human Resources, and for the past 5 years as a Loss Prevention Auditor for a New England-based restaurant chain.

I would appreciate your vote on May 20th.

Thank you for your consideration,

Earl R. Sweat

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission

Have a safe Memorial Day

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Our next meeting will be May 9th, 2024, at the Community Garden with the weather permitting. Please feel free to join and see what is happening in the garden.

The Farmer's Market- Will be held every Wednesday at the Phillipston Common from 3pm-6:30pm with weather permitting. All vendors are welcome. Remember NO fee to set up. We are also looking for entertainment, we are not able to pay so it will be what you make for donations or for example if do facepainting what you charge. Please contact Marilyn for an application or with any questions at 978-503-2269.

Community Garden- Dennis has plots ready for planting for early vegetable. If you need any tips or advice on planting or when to plant Dennis is available to take an answer all questions for you. If you would like to tour the gardens or get a plot for planting, please contact Dennis at 413-658-7889. Also, there is NO fee on the plots. And the gardens are fenced in, and we do have a pump there for watering.

Pumpkin Contest-We are working on the Pumpkin contest even through it is still a months away. It will come up fast. We hope everyone is planting their pumpkin seeds for those giant pumpkins and all those vegetables. Keep in mind the pumpkin contest is not just for pumpkins, it is for homemade pies, baked goods, canned fruits and vegetables, jams and jellies. We also have floral arrangements and vegetables arrangements. We are working on having games for kids and a lot more this year more to come in the next months.

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission

Phillipston Lions Club

Come Join Us on Tuesday, May 14, at 7 PM at the Phillipston Library.

If you have any questions, please call Marilyn 978-503-2269.

We're always looking for new people to serve our community.

Vendor Fair

August 3, 2024

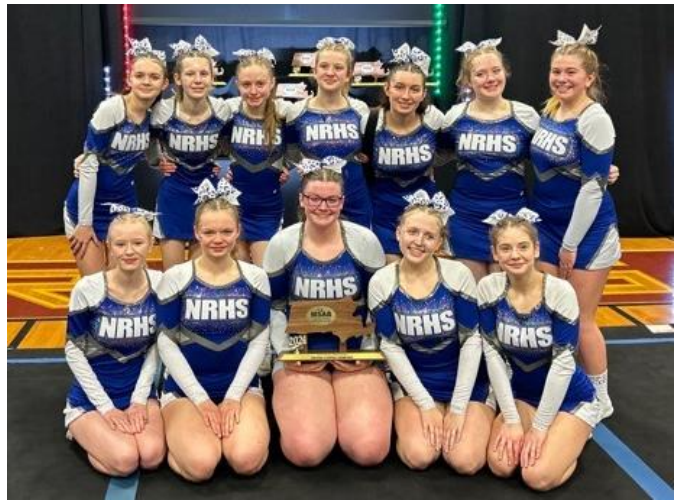
Looking for Vendors

Please call Marilyn 978-503-2269

Gansett Happenings!

Happening in the High School:

The Narragansett Regional Cheer Team is headed to Nationals! After what seemed like a slow start in the fall, Narragansett Cheer didn't take long to start racking up the titles during the winter season. Those titles included the Mid-Wach Division 4 Championship, placing in the top 5 in the MA State Championships, and finishing up with a 4th place spot in the New England Regional Championship. All of these successes



gave the team qualifying scores for the Eastern National High School Cheerleading Championships taking place in Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on April 19th. Head Coach Megan Hazleton and Assistant Coach Gabby O'Malley coach the winning team. The squad is led by seniors Kasey Lovewell, Ava Lyskawa, Jillian O'Malley, Madison Philbin, and Gabby Warren (alternate); and also comprised of Kailyn Massicotte, Skyla Charron, Amber Nichols, Paige Wise, Kylie Charron, and Haleigh Arsenault, and Haylie Warren (alternate).

Happening in the Middle School:



Our Middle School students took part in an Eclipse Party on Monday, April 8th and it was a GREAT one – complete with a drone to take pictures and an amazing playlist featuring songs like: “Here Comes the Sun”, “Moondance”, “Fly Me to the Moon” - and more!! Students spent the week before learning about the eclipse and eclipse safety. Of course, each student who signed up for this after-school event was given a pair of protective glasses to witness this scientific marvel as it happened!

Happening in Templeton Elementary:



Our Templeton Elementary students (full day PreK - Grade 4) had a fantastic time this month when they headed over to the Theater at the Mount to watch their production of "Finding Nemo". As you can see, the kids were all smiles and more than appreciative to spend a day enjoying the arts! A special thanks to music teacher Wendy McKean for arranging this for the students, and to the PTO and the Phillipston & Templeton Cultural Council's for helping to fund this trip!

