

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,

Thanksgiving time is soon upon us. Here are some Scriptures based on gratefulness.

Psalms 69:30 I will praise the name of God with song, and shall magnify God with thanksgiving.

Psalms 100:4-5 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalms 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank the Lord.

Psalms 95: 1-3 O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving. Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God.

Jeremiah 33:11 The sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord, saying, "Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good, his love endures forever. "

Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Pumpkin Fair at R.A.F.

The offering for Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19 will be canned goods for the food pantry.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
December 2023 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS November 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf



Citizen of the Year



? *Who will YOU Nominate ?*

It's time to consider who you want to nominate to become the 2023 recipient of the "Alphonse Chartier, Sr. Public Service Award" also known as the Citizen of the Year. Your input is very important in determining who will receive this prestigious award.

This year all nominations will be collected at the Town Hall - whether you mail it in to '50 The Common' or drop it off to Town Clerk Karin Foley. Write the reasons why your nominee deserves this important award and place it in an envelope or fold your paper and tape it closed.

There is a deadline for receiving your nomination and it is **November 13th** (Monday) at **3:00 PM**. The Committee will meet that evening to consider all nominations so have yours in at the Town Hall by **November 13th**.

TOWN CABLE TV CHANNEL CHANGE

The Town Cable TV channel has changed to Channel 22. It is broadcast on Cable TV and Infinity Streaming.



Most scheduled programs and the Town Slides are also available on YouTube.com ... Just search for the "Phillipston MA" channel.

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW Comcast's PERFORMANCE THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR

November 28, 2023 (Tuesday) at 6:00PM

The Hearing will be held at the Phillipston Memorial Building in the same room where the Selectman Meetings are held. Comcast will be present along with a court reporter. The court reporter will record all resident feedback. If you have questions, please contact the Selectman at (978) 249-6828

Building and Groundskeeper

The Town of Phillipston seeks a highly motivated individual to join its team working throughout the Town as its Buildings and Groundskeeper. Reporting directly to the Office of the Board of Selectmen, this part-time position will be responsible for the repair, maintenance, construction of the Town's buildings and grounds and will also assist the Highway Department on an as-needed basis. Must be able to shovel and plow snow. Must have HS diploma with two years of vocational, technical, or post high school training and five years of construction, maintenance and repair experience, or any combination of education and training. Must be able to pass a CORI. Pay is commensurate with experience. Forward cover letter, resume, three professional references and application (found on website) to: Town of Phillipston, Melanie Jackson, Human Resource Director, 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331 or email to treasurer@phillipston-ma.gov. Position is open until filled. EOE

NEW TO THE COMMUNITY!



Yoga & Wellness

48 Gardner Road #1 Hubbardston, MA

www.journeyinyoga.com

Call with any questions 617-803-9452

Bring this flyer and get your first class free

Use the below QR code to sign up for our Welcome Package!



Happy Thanksgiving from the Phillipston Agricultural Commission

We held the Giant Pumpkin contest on October 8th, 2023.

We had 7 pumpkin entries and 1 vegetable entry.

The winners of the pumpkin entries and the weights are:

- 1st place - Lou Chadwin - 1059 lbs
- 2nd place - Hayden Rouse - 1047 lbs
- 3rd place - Art Kaczinski - 900 lbs
- 4th place - French/ Olsen - 218 lbs
- 5th place - Melissa Binette- 150 lbs
- 6th place- Julie Hockman> smallest
- 7th place - Jeff Goewey > smallest

Vegetable

- 1st place - Kay Deans

All winners won money, ribbons and a Dunkin Donut gift card.

We would like to say Thank you to all the sponsors who support the contest every year.

Brookside Equipment

Jon's Automotive

Green Natural Resource

Haffner Mobil

Lyman Sign

Merrifield Bus Co. Inc.

Country Barn Products

The Red Apple Farm

Adam's Farm & Slaughter House LLC

Flintlock Cycle

Pete Lyman Excavating

Please remember we are still looking for volunteers in the spring at the Community Gardner.

If anyone is in need of community hours for scouts or school would be happy to have you work with us and sign off that you were there. Please call Dennis at 413-658-7889.

PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPT.

SENIOR SAFETY LUNCHEON 2023

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH

BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON STARTS AT NOON

FREE TO ALL, PLEASE RSVP TO

FIRE@PHILLIPSTON-MA.GOV OR 978-249-6302

SHORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO FOLLOW



18th Annual

Country Roads

2023 HOLIDAY TOUR NOVEMBER 10-DECEMBER 10

Explore the Country Roads of North Central Massachusetts

www.countryroadschristmas.com

PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE

Collect all 19 stamps to be eligible to win a \$50 certificate from each shop.

19 SECOND PRIZES

Collect at least 3 stamps for a chance to win a \$50 certificate to a single shop.



2nd Annual

Winter Lights

at Red Apple Farm

Nov 24 - Dec 31 (select dates)



Phillipston Residents!

Use this code to get **20% OFF** your Winter Lights admissions:

redapplelights23

Hurry, this code expires on Nov 7, 2023

go to RedAppleLights.com for more information & to buy your tickets!

Drive Thru or Dine In 2023

Sponsored by Lions and Friends of Lions in Phillipston



Meatloaf Dinner

Saturday November 18, 2023

5 pm to 7:30 pm

\$13.00

Order outside available

Meatloaf Dinner

With: Potatoes, Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Soda, Water, Fruit Drinks, Hot Drinks.
Phillipston Church on the Common

Protect the aesthetic character of Phillipston - Become a Planning Board Member Today!!

Phillipston's Planning Board currently has two open seats, one of which includes a clerical position. Both of these seats are paid a quarterly stipend of \$361.75, but the clerical seat pays an additional \$393.75 per quarter!

The Planning Board is responsible for land use development through comprehensive planning, subdivision control, zoning bylaw and zoning map review. You can be part of maintaining what makes Phillipston a fantastic rural community to live in as well as helping to protect its natural resources through environmental impact and plan reviews – what an opportunity to contribute to your beautiful town!

Meetings are only held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00PM.

Appointments would be made until the election is held in May; at which time you can decide to run for a permanent seat on the Board!

If you are interested, please call Melanie Jackson at 978-249-6828.

Don't forget to set your clocks. Daylight Savings ends November 5th



Phillipston's Holiday Memory Tree

and

2023 Public Service Award

When: **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Time and Place: **4:30 P.M., On the Common**

Please come join us as the Historical Society of Phillipston once again sponsors the Memory Tree Ceremony, an event that has become a meaningful way to begin the holiday season. We will celebrate the names inside the Congregational Church after the tree is lit! The names will be read aloud of the loved ones who have passed away, family members and friends who are serving in the armed forces, and the happy events in our lives that we would like to share.

The annual "**Citizen of the Year**" for public service to the town will also be announced and presented this evening.

Please use the form below to include your names and events in the ceremony. Each name/remembrance is a \$5.00 donation, and you may include as many as you like. Include a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

Please send in submissions by Dec. 1st.

For any questions, contact Linda Langevin at 978-939-5656.

Mail completed form and donation to:

**Memory Tree of Phillipston, c/o Linda Langevin
105 Riley Switch Road, Phillipston, MA 01331**

Enclosed is my \$ _____ donation for _____ light(s) on the Memory Tree.

Please make check payable to "**Historical Society of Phillipston**".

<u>Name Remembered</u>	<u>Memory or Celebration of</u>	<u>Your Relationship</u>
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_____	_____	_____
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Your Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

HARVEST SUPPER
To Benefit
The Congregational Church of Phillipston
November 4, 2023
Seatings @ 5:00 & 6:30
Turkey Dinner Tickets \$14.00
Contact Kathleen @ 978-660-3197

History of Birthday Cakes

A Historical Society of Phillipston Program
an illustrated presentation by Jane French and Carole Gariepy
on Tuesday, November 14
7 P.M. at the Congregational Church Vestry

The program will celebrate something we all have -- birthdays. A cake is an important part of the celebration for many people. The program will tell about the beginnings of the birthday cake and the variety of ways the event is observed. You will be amazed at some of the cake designs you will see. All are welcome. Can you guess what will be served for refreshments?

PHILLIPSTON FIRE & EMS ANNUAL TOY DRIVE-

THE 2023 ANNUAL TOY DRIVE WILL BEGIN ON 10/30/23 AND GO UNTIL 12/11/23. DONATION BINS WILL BE PLACED AT THE PHILLIPSTON TOWN HALL AND AT THE FIRE STATION ANYONE INTERESTED IN DONATING, PLEASE LEAVE UNWRAPPED NEW TOY DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. IF YOU KNOW OF A

FAMILY IN NEED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO DON SMITH AT 978-895-3405. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELPING US CONTINUE THIS CHRISTMAS TRADITION.



Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Tues. Nov 7, 2023 at 6pm

* **“like” our Facebook page**

Phillips Free Public Library

Book Club

Please call the library (978) 249-1734 to find out about our next book choice and reserve your copy!

New Materials

New books include: The Arm of Light by Kenn Follett, The Last Devil to Die by Richard Osman, Code Red by Vince Flynn, Our One True Loves by Taylor Jenkins Reid and The Exchange by John Grisham

New Children’s books include: Diary of a Wimpy Kid No Brainer by Jeff Kinney

Passes Available

Discovery Museum in Acton -When borrowed, this pass will admit 3 people at half the cost of general admission. Children under 1 year old are admitted free of charge.

DCR parking pass - Free parking at most state parks (we have a list of locations)

Call the library (978) 249-1734 to reserve the passes

FUTURE FINANCIAL IMPACTS are what the Capital Improvement Planning Commission is all about!

Become a member and have a voice in capital projects. These projects include areas such as equipment acquisition and repair, construction and repair of municipal buildings, and acquisition of land – all of which cost over \$25,000 paid for by your tax dollars!

Have a voice in where your hard-earned money is spent and be appointed to one of two empty seats. Meetings on this commission are limited to the beginning of the year, starting in January with the municipal budget season. Sadly, these positions are not funded positions but are available to those who are interested in the financial impacts of large municipal purchases.

If you are interested in being appointed to the Capital Improvement Planning Commission, please call Melanie Jackson at 978-249-6828 today!! Don’t miss this opportunity!

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Holy Berry Fair
December 9, 2023
9am to 3pm
at
Phillipston Congregational Church

ATTENTION PHILLIPSTON NEWSLETTER READERS

The Phillipston Community Newsletter is put together and mailed by volunteers and members of The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C. This is mailed to every mail box in Phillipston. The newsletter is available to all nonprofit organizations in town to post news items or notices of upcoming events. Businesses in town may place ads at \$20 for a full page \$10 for a Half page and \$5 for quarter page. A full page for the newsletter is 7" x 8.5" with a .5" margin. Please support your Community Newsletter by submitting your ad or news items by the 23rd of the month to allow time us to get it out on the 1st. Items received after that will be put in the next month. Ads or news items may be sent by email to:

newsletter@phillipston.com, which is preferred.

Items can also be sent by mail to:

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Attention: Newsletter

Payments for ads and any other donations should be sent to the church at the same address. The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C will decide what can be put in the newsletter and also may limit the number of pages in an issue.

All questions or comments can be sent to the address above or e-mailed to newsletter@phillipston.com.

DEADLINE is the 23rd of each month..

Thank You for Supporting Lions Grill Raffle

1st prize - Phil Cameron jr.

2nd prize - Lauren Wilson

Come and Join the Lions Club

Tuesday November 14, 2023

at Phillips Free Public Library

at 7:00 pm

Senior Meals Delivery

November 21st (Turkey Dinner)

November 30th

The Phillipston Youth Supports (PYS)

Is proud to sponsor the

44th Annual Narragansett Craft Fair

Saturday, November 11, 2023

9AM - 3PM

Narragansett Middle School

464 Baldwinville Rd Baldwinville, MA

Coffee Can Auction!

Cafe' Open All Day!

Craftspeople from all over New England!

Wide variety of Crafts and Gift Items!

Free Parking and Free Admission!