

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

Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

October 2012



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

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.

Church telephone 978-249-8583

Rev. Flynn 978-248-9558

Dear Friends,

It is Phillipston Fall Pumpkin Fair time on October 6! The Pumpkin weigh in will begin at 9:00 a.m. in front of the church. There will be prizes for the adults and children's categories. There will be food available including hamburgers, hot dogs, soup, potatoes, chili and baked goods. If you would like to donate to the food table, please contact Holly Mrvicin 978-249-4340. The Ladies Benevolent Society will have beautiful homemade items for sale as well as their Firefighter quilt raffle. There will be children's events including decorate your own cupcake and scarecrows. There will be attic treasures available especially on a Christmas Theme! Tickets will be available for the cordwood raffle donated by Green Natural Resource Management. The Phillipston Police, Phillipston Fire Department, the Phillipston Lions, the Phillipston Historical Society, Phillipston Historical commission will all be invited as well as the Town Committees to host informational booths. Any community group wishing to sponsor a table should contact Stephanie Flynn at 978-248-9558.

If you have some attic treasures you would like to clear out you may have a flea market table for \$15. To reserve a flea market table call Nancy Deming 978- 249-7548.

Your Sister in Christ,

Stephanie C. Flynn

Thanksgiving Eve Service November 21 at 7:00

Public Safety Sunday will be Sunday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Phillipston Fall Pumpkin Fair



October 6, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Weigh - In at 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Phillipston Pumpkin Commission

Medals and trophies awarded in children's and adult categories

Drawing for cordwood donated by Green Natural Resource Management

Raffle tickets available for Ladies' Benevolent Society Firefighter's Quilt

Homemade craft items

~ Chuckwagon ~

Chili, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soup and Baked Goods

Community Information Booths

Children's Make Your Own Scarecrow ~ Decorate Your Own Cupcake

Flea Market ~ Craft Tables ~ Christmas Table

Tables Available ~ \$15 Donation ~ Contact:

Nancy Deming 249-7548

Bring baked goods donations by 8:30 a.m.



THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

Phillips Free Public Library

25 Templeton Road - Phillipston, MA 01331 #978-249-1734

Phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net

Library Director: Jackie Prime

The Board of Trustees meeting will be October 3 at 6m at the Library

→ Fall Hours

Monday: 5:00 – 8:00 Tuesday 9:00 – 2:00 Saturday 9:00 –11:00

New Books

Come and check out some of our new books.. “Delusion in Death” by JD Robb, “Gone Girl” by Gillian Flynn and “No Easy Day” by Mark Owen

Story Hour

Stop by the Library on Tuesdays at 10:30, for Pre-School Story Hour. We enjoy great stories, games, crafts and snacks! A great place to make new little friends!

Book Club

Call the Library for information on our next read!

Trailer Needed to Store Items for Bazaar – Flea Market

We have permission to put a trailer at the Transfer Station, so now we are looking for a trailer box. If anyone knows of one that is available, please let us know.

Gerry Garipey – 978-939-5465

Jim Potter – 413-559-8832

Senior lunches

Partly funded by the Executive Office of Elders

Senior lunches are served on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the vestry of the church at 12 noon. Please make a reservation by calling Jean Marshall or signing up before hand.

Oct. 2nd the Massachusetts Sr. Medicare Patrol will present a program on Medicare fraud.

Oct. 16th Flu clinic from 11am to 12noon in the vestry of the church as well as the blood pressure clinic.

North Quabbin Garden Club
Thursday, October 18, 2012, 7 p.m.
Millers River Environmental Center
100 Main Street, Athol, MA

Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants

Botanist John Howell, former horticulturalist at U-Mass Extension, and now horticulture consultant, will present a talk on understanding a soil test report and building healthy soil. He will speak about good fertilizers and soil amendments and how best to use them for different plants including vegetables, lawns, shrubs and flowers. As we reflect upon our season coming to a close, making plans for next year's successes include this vital topic.

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. With efforts to promote better horticultural practices and foster civic beauty, emphasis is placed on use of native plants, organic gardening, and the conservation of natural resources. Monthly meetings are usually held on the third Thursday evening of each month featuring informative speakers or workshop sessions. Members are currently working on a wildlife habitat garden at the Millers River Environmental Center and planning their annual spring sale of perennial plants and specialty items. 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.

Don't Miss This One!

Titanic: The Ship and Her People

*Presented by the Historical Society on Sunday, October 14 at 2 P.M.
in the Phillipston Congregational Church Vestry*

It happened 100 years ago. The saga about one of the most intriguing tragedies in modern history will be told in an illustrated narrative by author and historian Lester Paquin. The program will commemorate both the losses of the fateful voyage and the heroism associated with the event. The program will include some facts not commonly known. A highlight of the presentation will be profiles of several of the ship's passengers and their circumstances.

The discovery of the ship's wreckage 20 years ago and retrieval of artifacts that have been on exhibition throughout the country has heightened interest in the vessel. The furnishings and decorations of the Titanic rivaled the world's greatest hotels; it was even adorned with priceless works of art.

The program is free, and the Phillipston Historical Society welcomes guests. The church vestry is handicapped accessible. Light refreshments will be served. Come relive the fascinating story that even Hollywood couldn't resist.

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Academic Excellence Breakfast and Advanced Placement Kickoff

September 20, 2012

On September 7th, approximately 190 students were honored at the Annual Academic Excellence Breakfast. Students who made the Honor Roll all four terms last school year and who are currently enrolled in an Advanced Placement course were in attendance. This is an annual event that honors students for their academic achievement over the past year as well as students who challenge themselves to take Advance Placement classes. “I couldn’t be more proud of your Academic Achievement and willingness to challenge yourselves”, said Shawn Rickan, Principal.

Students were recognized for their academic achievement and excellent performance on the Advanced Placement tests. Last year Narragansett had 62 qualifying scores of 3 or better in Math, Science, and English. The new goal for the 2012-2013 school year is 84 qualifying scores. Narragansett currently offers seven Advanced Placement courses as well as several Advanced Placement Independent Study courses. Students were addressed by Superintendent Ruth Miller, High School Principal Shawn Rickan, Middle School Principal Peter Cushing, and John Smolenski from the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative (MMSI).

Shawn Rickan , Principal.

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As your newly appointed principal of Phillipston Memorial, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and invite you to meet and share your hopes and dreams for Phillipston's school community with me.

I believe parents, teachers, support staff, community members and administration all have important roles to encourage our children to become active, life-long learners. It is my sincere desire to provide opportunities for our students to acquire the skills to become productive citizens in our community. Through a close and collegial partnership with everyone associated with Phillipston Memorial, I am confident we can make our school the best place for our students to learn and grow.

As I make my transition into this community, I am aware of the anticipation and eagerness to have a permanent principal for Phillipston Memorial. I am honored and excited to serve this role. One of my goals is to spend lots of time learning about our school and what your hopes and dreams are for it. Here are some thoughts and wonders I would love to hear about:

- What are the strengths and challenges of Phillipston Memorial Elementary School?
- What school events, traditions, routines or structures do you value and hold dear? Why?
- What school events, traditions, routines or structures create frustration and need attention, revision or elimination? Why? What are your suggestions/solutions for improvement?
- What expectations do you have of me for this school year?
- What can I do to support you to make this school the best place for our students?

I eagerly anticipate getting to know the Phillipston community and learning about your hopes and dreams for our school. Please come in and introduce yourself to me. If you are unable to visit in person, please feel free to contact me via email at cjillson@nrds.org or call me at school..

Sincerely, Chante M. Jillson

Notice to All Phillipston Residents

Here are some **Keywords** to remember when using our Transfer Station. Remember, our success depends on resident participation and cooperation.

1. All metal, plastic, paper and cardboard recyclables must be **clean**. Food, oils, or other contaminants can adversely affect the recycling process.
2. Deposit recyclables **individually**, not grouped in bags.
3. Refuse can only be brought to the Transfer Station during open hours.

No Illegal Dumping!



PHILLIPSTON LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, October 20, 2012

7:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

PHILLIPSTON CHURCH

Orange Juice, Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, French Toast, Coffee,
De-Café Coffee, Tea & De-Café Tea

Omelets \$1.00 extra

\$7.00 Adults & Young Adults

\$6.00 Senior Citizens - \$5.00 Children under 12 years

SPECIAL \$7.00

“SOMETHING DIFFERENT EVERY MONTH”

Troop 39 news

By Andrew Flynn, scribe

On August 26, Boy Scout Troop 39 hosted a Peach Jamboree at the Red Apple Farm. Thank you to everyone who came and to Mr. and Mrs. Rose for allowing us to have it at the farm. By the way congratulations on your 100 year old tree! We have just started having our Monday night meetings at the Church. We interviewed our new superintendent. Ms. Miller and planned a hike to Mt. Monadnock for September 22. Congratulations to Jeffrey Goewey, Cal Pierce, Robbie Walton, Connor Green, Pacey Vaillancourt, Jacob Geyster, and Andrew Flynn for making it to the top of the mountain and their families.

P.S. We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Pumpkin Fair on October 6.

The Newsletter is going to be changing its look and size.

We are going to limit it to three (3) pages.

More info to follow in the newsletter or at
www.phillipston.com/newsletter.pdf

Phillipston Residents

What are Phillipston's Affordable Housing Needs?

- ✓ Homeownership?
- ✓ Affordable rentals?
- ✓ Downpayment assistance?
- ✓ Foreclosure assistance?
- ✓ Starter homes?
- ✓ Assisted living?
- ✓ Senior housing?
- ✓ Repair assistance?

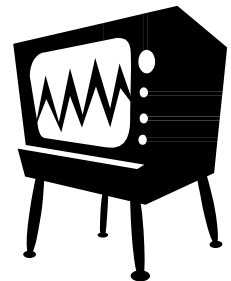
As part of its FY11 Community Development Block Grant program, the town has contracted with Community Opportunities Group to prepare an affordable housing needs plan. The plan will assess our community housing needs and recommend ways to meet them. You have three opportunities to participate in this project:

1. Attend the affordable housing meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Gymnasium. Judi Barrett of Community Opportunities Group will be on hand to talk about affordable housing issues and explain what the plan is all about.
2. Complete the housing needs survey in this newsletter and return it by October 15. Look for the yellow insert – one per household!
3. The consultants from Community Opportunities Group will be on hand at the Fall Pumpkin Fair, Saturday October 10, 2012 from 9 to 12, to talk about affordable housing, and staff members of Montachusett Regional Planning Commission will be there to help eligible homeowners apply for the housing rehab program.

PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL CHANGES

The Phillipston Public Access Channel has
been moved to Channel 99!

Please tune into this channel for all things
Phillipston!



Ladies Benevolent Society

The Ladies held their monthly meeting on September 19 at the home of Janice Howard. Final plans were made for their baked goods and craft tables at the Fall Fair on October 6. Along with the special attraction of the pumpkin contest, it will be the day for the drawing of the Firefighters' Quilt that the Ladies made with tee shirts from all the neighboring fire departments, a 9/11 shirt, and ones donated by National Firefighter Phil Moulton. If you haven't bought chances on this unique quilt, October 6th will be the last opportunity.

The Ladies Mystery Trip will be on October 17th. We will meet at church at 11:15 and carpool from there. The cost for the dinner is \$16 per person. Reservations and payment must be gotten to Kay Deans by October 10.

Our prayers are with Larry French, Bob Schlicke, and Lonnie Fletcher.

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 to:

The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.

60 The Common

Phillipston, MA 01331

Attention: Newsletter

Items can also be sent by e-mail to newsletter@phillipston.com, which is preferred.

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.

NOVEMBER IS DEADLINE OCTOBER 23rd

Who do you think should be nominated “Citizen of the Year”?

Send in a short paragraph stating the person you nominate, and state why you think they should be chosen to be Citizen of the Year.

All nominations due by November 30th at 4pm!

Send nominations to:
Phillipston Town Hall
Attn: Opal Clark
50 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331



Town Flags for Sale

Anyone interested in purchasing a Phillipston Town Flag

Contact the Selectmen's office at

(978) 249-6828 M-F

Flags are \$116.00

Orders must be placed by October 19th!

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