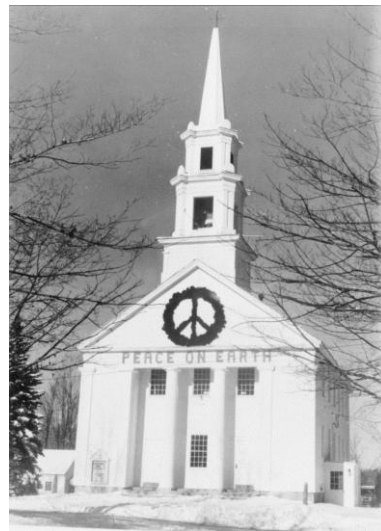


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.  
60 The Common  
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston  
Community  
Newsletter

October 2020

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

Dear Friends,

A story is told that during the bombing of a city in World War II, a large statue of Jesus Christ was severely damaged. When the townspeople found the statue among the rubble, they mourned because it had been a beloved symbol of their faith and of God's presence in their lives.

Experts were able to repair most of the statue, but its hands had been damaged so severely that they could not be restored. Some suggested that they hire a sculptor to make new hands, but others wanted to leave the statue as it was, a permanent reminder of the tragedy of war. Ultimately, the statue remained without hands. However, the people of the city added on the base of the statue of Jesus Christ a sign with these words: "You are my hands."

We have hands that can hold a door open, buy groceries for an elderly neighbor, help build a ramp for someone who needs it, or hands that can mock someone, or make a rude gesture. It is our choice, our free will, even in this time of social distancing.

In First Corinthians 12: 12 we read: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of One Spirit. Indeed the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

P.S. We will worship on the Phillipston Common for World Wide

Communion on Sunday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. our rain date is October 11.

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**The Phillipston Congregational Church  
On the Common, Phillipston, MA  
IS TEMPORARILY  
CLOSED DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

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**ON SUNDAY October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Stephanie will be leading the service, standing in front of the church with  
Attendees parking around the Phillipston Common, staying in their cars or sitting  
on the front lawn of the church.

A joyous time to celebrate our risen Lord Jesus! GOD BLESS US ALL!

**We are praying for the victims of this pandemic and praying that all of you be safe.  
Amen.**

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**Special Town Meeting  
October 14, 2020 7PM  
Phillipston Memorial School GYM.**

**More information is available on the Town website, [www.phillipston-ma.gov](http://www.phillipston-ma.gov). This location is handicapped accessible.**

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Phillipston Residents - Your Town Needs You!

The Selectmen are looking for residents who enjoy living in Phillipston and would like to serve the town in any way they can. Please contact the Selectmen's office to volunteer to make Phillipston a better place to live and raise a family, 978-249-6828 or [selectman@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:selectman@phillipston-ma.gov).

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)  
**November 2020 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**For more info go to : [www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)**

# *Phillips Free Public Library*

**Library Hours- for Curbside Pick-up**

*Tuesday 9-2pm*

*2020...*

*Wednesday 5-7pm  
outdoors*

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Tuesday, October 6,*

*meeting to be held*

## **Attention: All Phillipston Elementary Students (Parents) !**

WE are missing MANY library books that were borrowed during the class visits, and likely went home with students, before the school year came to an abrupt end. PLEASE, if you have a former Phillipston Elementary Student, look through your home for any stray library books (all are stamped inside with our library's name) We are a very small library with an equally small collection, and we cannot afford to lose so many books...

Books may be returned in the black 'mailbox' by the road, or during our staffed hours : Tuesday 9-2, Wednesday 5-7. Thank you!

### **Curbside Delivery**

While the library remains closed to the public, we are offering 'curbside delivery' during the hours listed above. Requests for materials may be placed by: calling the library at (978) 249-1734, and leaving a message, or speaking to a staff member, OR by emailing your request to: [phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net). Please leave a good number to call you to arrange pick-up of your materials outside the library. Returns may be placed in the box at the end of the ramp, or in the black 'mailbox' by the road.

### **New Books**

New books include: 'Why Go There ?' , by beloved local author, Carole Garipey, 'Mexican Gothic', by Silvia Moreno-Garcia, 'The Exiles', by Christina Baker Kline, 'The Guest List', by Lucy Foley, 'Queen Bee' by Dorothea Benton Frank, 'Royal' by Danielle Steel, 'The Vanishing Act' by Brit Bennett, 'Anxious People' by Fredrik Backman, 'The Friendship List' by Susan Mallery, 'Darling Rose Gold' by Stephanie Wrobel and 'Untamed' by Glennon Doyle

### **Other Materials Requests**

As we slowly begin to receive book & materials orders, we encourage anyone who would like the library to purchase a new release for our collection, to please call (978) 249-1734, or email ([phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net)) your requests.

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## **LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

**All Meetings of the Ladies Benevolent Society**, during this COVID-19 pandemic, have been cancelled until further notice. Please take notice of all instructions to keep you safe so that we may be able to get together again soon and celebrate! God Bless You and Stay Safe!

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### **A Gift from Hannaford**

Hannaford in Orange is featuring the Historical Society of Phillipston during the month of October for their fundraising gift. Anyone who buys a Hannaford shopping bag there during October will be making a \$1.00 gift to the Society, so if you're in need of a shopping bag, that's the month and place to get it. Thank you to Hannaford.

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### **Amazonsmile**

Thanks to everyone who is using Amazonsmile and entering Historical Society of Phillipston when you shop on Amazon. Though we can't open the museum now and can't have fund raisers, the donations from Amazonsmile are more helpful than ever. And, at this time when more people are doing online shopping to keep safe, it's the perfect time to pledge the funds needed for our society.

Regular service bills continue to come in. The cost to keep the humidity right for preserving the artifacts is high, also the insurance

If you aren't already signing in to Amazonsmile when you order, please do. It doesn't increase your buying cost and you help an important charity that will benefit the town forever. We appreciate your support so much.



Gordon & Karissa Moore  
(978) 822-8791

# Harvest Supper (Traditional Turkey Dinner)

to benefit

The Congregational Church of Phillipston.

October 24, 2020 from 4-6 pm.

“Take Out” Dinners **Reservations Only!**

Call Paula at 978-652-5797 for more information or reservations.

Limited Dinners so CALL EARLY!

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## Senior Lunch

In October we will continue to serve meals-to-go only on the  
1st & 3rd Tuesday.

Pick at the church between 11a.m. and Noon.

Call to order a meal by the Sunday before. Paula 978-652- 5797 leave a message.

Menu      October 6<sup>th</sup> - Grilled Chicken Picatta, Orzo pilaf with spinach,  
Italian veggie blend, Multigrain bread, & Snack-n-Loaf

October 20<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Jambalaya with Brown rice, Broccoli,  
Multigrain bread, & yogurt



# November 3, 2020

## State/Presidential General Election

**Voting location is the Upstairs Assembly Room at the Town Hall**

**50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331**

- **10/14/2020 Last Day to Register to Vote/Make Changes to Voter Registration** (If you have moved register in Phillipston)
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- **11/2/2020 Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballot must be done by 12:00 pm**
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- **10/17/2020 - 10/29/2020 Early Voting (in person) see below:**
- Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm, Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm, Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm,
- Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> 8am-6pm, Thursday October 22<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm
- Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm, Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm
- Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm, Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> 8am to 4pm
- Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> 8am-6pm, Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm
- **October 28<sup>th</sup> last day to request ballot by mail**

### **Early Voting in person quick read dates and times**

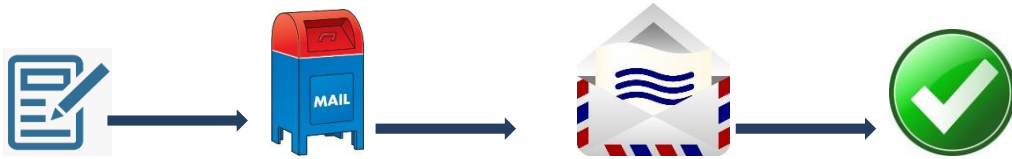
10/17 – 10am-12pm	10/24 – 10am-12pm
10/18 – 10am-12pm	10/25 – 10am-12pm
10/19 - 8am-4pm	10/26 – 8am-4pm
10/20 - 8am-4pm	10/27 – 8am-4pm
10/21 – 8am-6pm	10/28 – 8am-6pm
10/22 – 8am-4pm	10/29 – 8am-4pm

**No Early Voting in Phillipston on October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Absentee Ballots available until 12pm Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**\*\*\*\*Polls Open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm on Election Day Nov 3, 2020\*\*\*\***

# Where is my Ballot?



Application Received

Date Ballot Mailed

Date Ballot Received

Accepted

(Shown as "Pending")

Voters who have requested an Absentee or Early Voting by mail ballot now have the ability to track their ballot through the Massachusetts Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx>

## FAQ's:

### Who can track their ballot?

All registered voters in Massachusetts will automatically receive an application to apply for a mailed ballot. Voters may return these applications in order to receive a ballot by mail, or may choose to vote early in-person or on Election Day. Mailed ballots may be returned by mail or delivered to the official ballot drop mail slot located on the front door of the Phillipston Town Hall. If you have requested a mailed ballot, no matter how you return your ballot, you may track its progress and know when it has been safely received for counting!

### How does Track My Ballot know where my ballot is?

Track My Ballot takes the information directly from the Voter Registration Information System that is used by all towns and cities in Massachusetts, the same information the Town Clerk's office uses to track the ballots it issues and receives back.

**If you have any trouble accessing the Track My Ballot System, or have any other Election questions, please call the Phillipston Town Clerk's office at (978) 249-1733**



A Covid Flea Market Sale  
Oct. 10 at the Transfer Station  
9 A.M. to Noon

The church couldn't have it's usual bazaar flea market sale this year, but has lots of good donations, so we decided to sell some of the big items from our trailers at the Transfer Station. Can you use --

- an oak entertainment center 46" by 45" with a 27" by 26" TV space
- an oak cupboard, 30" wide, 24" deep" 63" high
- a three-drawer bedside table (maybe maple)
- a Honda lawn mower
- a barrel composter mounted on a flipping stand
- a two-drawer filing cabinet
- a garden hose and reel
- a white 2-door cupboard 30" wide and 5' high
- a car rack for a bicycle
- a wood gun cabinet
- a like-new baby crib and mattress (only used two times)
- a yellow wood kitchen table
- a roll top child's desk
- a hobby horse
- lots of fishing rods

There is more, so come and browse and make us an offer on October 10 when we would be usually having our Fall Fair. Also, if you have an item you're planning to donate, bring it that morning.

Thank you for your contributions. You make a difference.

*Please remember to wear a mask.  
Protect yourself and others.*

# 2020 Vote by Mail Application



William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

## Voter Information

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Voter Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ballot Information

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### Ballot Requested For:

☐ September 1, 2020 Primary\*

☐ November 3, 2020 Election

☐ All 2020 Elections\*

### \* Independents – Choose Your Primary Ballot:

☐ Democratic

☐ Republican

☐ Green-Rainbow

☐ Libertarian

Mail Ballot to: \_\_\_\_\_

## Assistance (If applicable)

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☐ Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.

Assisting person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assisting person's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (under penalty of perjury): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility

Any registered voter may use this application to request a mail-in ballot for any election being held in 2020.

## Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, the address where you are registered to vote, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional.
2. Ballot Information – Choose which election(s) in which you want to vote by mail. **If you are voting by mail in the State Primary and you are Unenrolled (Independent), choose one party ballot.** Also provide the address where you want the ballots mailed.
3. Assistance – If you are assisting a voter in completing this application, complete this section.
4. Sign your name – If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

## Submitting the Application

Send the completed application to the local election official at your city or town hall.

Find contact information for local election officials at [www.sec.state.ma.us/ele](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele) or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as your signature is visible.

If you're applying for a State Primary ballot, this application must arrive at your local election office by **August 26**.

For November 3 State Election ballots, the application must arrive by **October 28**.



Don't forget to request your ballot by mail! Find the [application](#) in this Newsletter and scan to [townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto: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.

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Town of Phillipston  
2020 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Every year the Alphonse, Sr. Public Service Award is given to a deserving Phillipston resident who has demonstrated outstanding community service.

Due to the Public Health Concerns this year, nominations need to be mailed by US Postal Service to this Committee Chairman – Opal Clark at the following address on or before November 20<sup>th</sup>:

Opal E. Clark  
PO Box 527  
Athol MA 01331

To submit your candidate, please fill out the following:

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to be considered for the 2020 Alphonse W. Chartier, Sr. Public Service Award.

Please attach a brief written statement as to why you think your candidate should receive the award and mail it to the above address. **The Board of Selectmen have approved this format change.**



# *Lions from & lion friends* **SERVING Phillipston**



**BREAKFAST: 7:30-10:30am - October 17, 2020 ~ M•E•N•U**

**#1 - The New Englander**

2 eggs - any style, Grilled Ham Steak, baked beans, homefries & homemade corn muffin.

**#2 - St Patricks Day Special**

2 poached eggs, Homemade Hash with Homefries, with toast or english muffin.

**#3 - Make Your Own Omelet**

With Ham, cheese or vegetables (tomatos, onions, green peppers). Served with homefries, sausage and choice of toast or english muffin.

**#4 - Pan Sized Pancakes**

Two pancakes served with home fries and sausage.

**#5 - French Toast/Texas French Toast**

Made with your choice of bread. Served with homefries and sausage.

**#6 - Eggs - Your Way**

Choice of scrambled, fried or poached eggs. Served with homefries and sausage. Your choice of toast or english muffin.

*All breakfasts come with your choice of juice: Orange, Cranberry, Apple & Tomato.*

*Bread selection: White, Texas white, Wheat, Marbled Rye & English Muffins.*

*All breakfasts are \$8.00 each*

**LUNCH: 11 am -2 pm - November 7, 2020 ~ M•E•N•U**

***Soup, Salad + Sandwich with Apple Crisp & Beverage***

SOUPS- Choice of: Homemade Chilli • Corn Chowder • Broccoli & Cheese

SANDWICHES- Choice of: Chicken Salad • Ham Salad • Tuna Salad

*Choice of bread:* White ~ Wheat ~ Rye

TOSSED GARDEN SALAD- Comes with Italian or Ranch Dressing

*All Lunches include: Tossed Garden Salad with Italian or Ranch Dressing  
Homemade Apple Crisp, Beverage choice of: Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer & Water.*

*All Lunches are \$9.00 each*



***Join Us for:***

***DRIVE THRU Breakfast / Lunch***

***Served from Phillipston Church***

**ORDERING DIRECTIONS:**

Drive up to the sidewalk next to church and a Lions member will take your order and payment. Please wait around the common. Your order will take 15-20 minutes to prepare and will be delivered to you vehicle when completed. **>Thank you for your support<**