

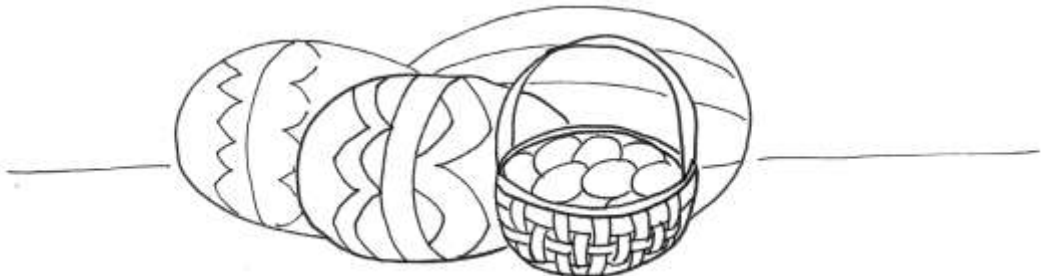
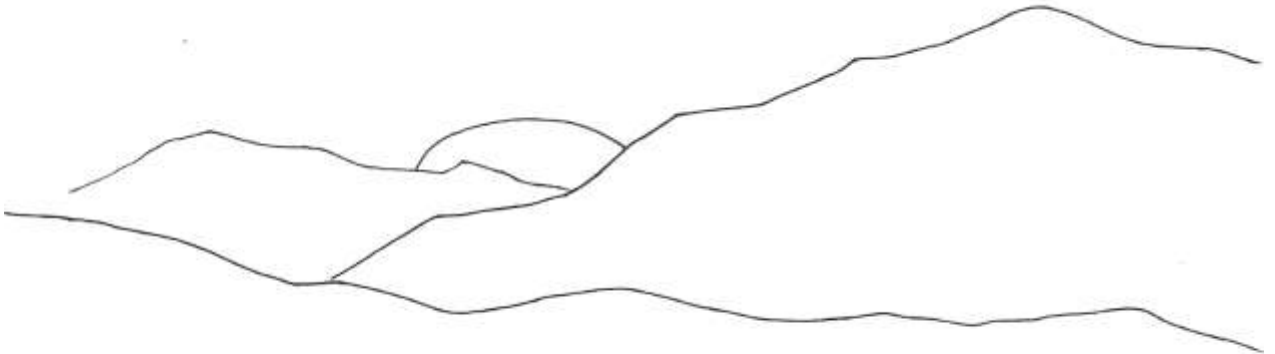
Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331

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RESIDENT
PHILLIPSTON, MA 01331

Easter SUNRISE Service
April 24 at 5:45 A.M.

Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

APRIL 2011



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,

This story by Stan G. Duncan, which was printed in my “Homiletics” magazine, speaks to Good Friday. “When I was living in Guatemala back in the 80s, I spent some time with missionaries up in the Highlands. Over the desk in my room was a framed newspaper photo. It showed a group of young children standing close together with their arms straight out from their sides. I thought about it several times during my stay with them, so I finally asked what it was and why they had it on their wall. The husband said there was a custom among the indigenous Ixchel Mayan people who were Christians. Whenever they felt bad or sorrowful or in pain, they would put their arms out, imitating Jesus on the cross. That way they felt as if they were bringing Jesus’ suffering into their own. The Jesus who could weep for them and die for them took their own individual suffering up into his, and they were then no longer alone. They could feel Jesus totally identifying with their pain and, in a cosmic, spiritual way, their pain was lessened. I asked, what on earth was going on in the picture that all of them at once could be making the gesture of the cross?” He moved over closer to the picture and asked, “Do you see that long black shadow on the ground? That is a rifle barrel. There are about 20 others right behind it. Someone in this town was thought to be a rebel, and the military wanted to make an example of them so others would not do the same. So just outside the range of the photo, army troops had lined up. And just after this picture was taken, they fired and killed all the children in the village. They all died. They were buried in that pit you see just behind them. The children all knew they were going to die, but when they held out their arms, they could feel Jesus identifying with them, and they were not afraid.”

Your sister in Christ,

Stephanie C. Flynn



Easter SUNRISE Service April 24 at 5:45 A.M.

Easter Service Sunday, April 24 at 10:00 A.M

Calendar Celebrating Phillipston's 225th Anniversary

Selectmen are asking us to work together to make this 225th Anniversary "a year to remember." To accomplish this, they are suggesting that each Group consider planning an event, something small or big, inside or outside, educational or just fun. The possibilities are endless. Let's unite and make this a year long celebration.

Events planned so far are:

April 23, 2011 Easter Family Outing at the Red Apple Farm
Time 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Easter Egg Hunts, Continuous Breakfast, Hay rides, and other fun
To benefit the Congregational Church which was the town's first
Meeting House
Celebrating 225 years of our town

April - The Library's annual Open House will focus on the building's history as a schoolhouse, and the adjacent town pound.

May – Fire Department to host open meeting of Worcester West Fire Wardens where townspeople can see a big fire equipment display

June – The Ladies Benevolent Society will sell squares to sign for the town's 225th Signature Quilt being assembled by Barbara Sanden.

August 13 – Historical Commission planning a day-long historical celebration

September 18 – Church and Historical Society co-sponsoring dramatic Civil War Era program about the conspiracy behind Lincoln's assassination

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

2011 Queen Lake Ice-Out

A Historical Society of Phillipston Fundraiser

www.HistoricalSocietyOfPhillipston.org

See Queenie on www.phillipston.com



EASTER'S GREAT GATHERING

at Red Apple Farm, Phillipston, MA
April 23, 2011 - 9 AM to 1 PM

All proceeds to benefit the Phillipston Congregational Church
A 225th Town of Phillipston Celebration

All are Welcome. FAMILY FUN!

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

\$8 adults - \$5 kids & seniors (10 and under & 65 and older)

For tickets 978-249-6889 or 978-249-7517

Advance purchase recommended.

EASTER VENDOR FAIR

Down to Earth (Easter flowers)

The Kitchen Garden (breads, etc.)

Life is Sweet (chocolate treats)

Phillipston Historical Commission (bits of the past)

Youth Group (bunny ears, pretzels, crosses, etc.)

ALSO

Easter Basket Raffles

Farm Animals

(bunnies, baby chicks, etc.)

Family Picture Props

EGG HUNT

10 am and 12 pm

Sponsored by the Phillipston Lions Club

Separate "Kiddy Hunt" (5 & under)

ORCHARD HAYRIDES

\$3 per person suggested donation

(3 & under free)

All proceeds to benefit

Phillipston Congregational Church



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 meet on April 6, at 6pm at the library

→ Spring Hours

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

Happy Birthday, Phillipston!!

Please join us to celebrate Phillipston's Birthday, and National Library Week! **Saturday, April 16**

All Morning: * Stop by next door to visit some adorable little lambs In what was once the Town Pound. Thanks to Rice Richardson for bringing her lambs by!

- View a great collection of rare postcards of Phillipston Through the years! Thank you to Dick Hamel for sharing His collection!
- Enjoy the essays and artwork of the Phillipston Memorial School students explaining why they love their Library!
- Check out the 'block-buster' titles from the 1780's!!
- Enjoy refreshments & conversation with friends & neighbors!

9am-10am Janice Caisse will take us 'back in time' to the days she attended school inside what is now our Library!

10am An interactive magic show with Ed the Wizard!! Thank you to Phillipston Cultural Council!

Don't Miss a Minute of Our Fun Celebration!!

School Visits

With only a few visits left before Summer Vacation, we are asking all children & parents to help make sure all borrowed books are returned!

Book Club

Our Book Club is growing!! For a great read & fun conversation, call Jackie at 249-1734 for information on our next book and upcoming meeting.

Library Website

Please be patient while we get our website back up and running!!

“MR. ED’S ORGANIC FARM”

Now taking orders for Blueberry, Strawberry and Raspberry Plants.

Fresh Eggs

In the greenhouse – ordered Tomato, Pepper Plants, ect.

Call for details 978-249-3029

The farm will open in the Spring

Thanks,

Mr. Ed

DID YOU KNOW

**MR ED THE “ORGANIC FARMER”
ALSO DOES SMALL TREE CUTTING
WOOD SPLITTING
CHIPPING BRUSH CLEAN-UP
CALL 978-249-3029**

Phillipston Lions Club

Breakfast

Hammy Scramble

April 16th 7:30 to 10:30

Phillipston Congregational Church

Third Saturday each month.





CUB SCOUT PACK 39



Come one, come all for our
Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 14th

At the Congregational Church on the Common
7:00-11:00 a.m.

Pancakes, sausages, coffee, milk and juice
will be served by our Cub Scouts. Bring the whole family!

\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12

And, again this year, the Friends of the Girl Scouts will be sponsoring their annual Town Wide Yard Sale, so, after you eat, pick up your map from them and then tour the town for bargains!

★ **OIL CHANGE \$12.95** ★

8am-9am Monday-Friday, most cars

Grace Quality Cars

New, Full Service Community Auto Center



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- ★ **AUTOMOTIVE BODY SHOP SERVICES & GLASS**
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(Rt. 202 former Athol Ford)

978.228.6000
www.usedpolicecars.com

The Historical Society of Phillipston

The Phillipston Historical Museum will be celebrating the 225th year of our town. The people of town make the town what it is. I would like to feature as many families as possible for this year's exhibits. If you have collections you would like to lend to the museum for the summer, or scrap books that tell your family's story, or memories that you would like to relate about town or former citizens of town or special events, please contact me at 978 249 4356. All materials lent to the museum will be safely locked in displayed cases. (If you have material that is of general interest and don't want to lend the original, it would be possible to make a copy for the display purpose.) Any questions contact Jane French, Curator.

Also we are putting together a "Meet Our Town" board to be displayed at the museum. It will consist of photos from our citizens of themselves, or their family, including pets. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone in town sends in a photo. Send a hardcopy photo (no bigger than 4x6, which will, after display, go into our town photo album) to Jane French, 60 Baldwin Hill Road or a digital file to colson.a22@gmail.com.

Any questions contact Jane at 978 249 4356.

Phillipston Lions Club

Sponsoring

**EASTER EGG HUNT
AT THE RED APPLE FARM
APRIL 23, 2011
10:00 AND 12:00**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR INFORMATION IN FOR THE
MAY NEWSLETTER
BY THE 23rd OF APRIL.**

PLEASE E-MAIL TO newsletter@phillipston.com IF POSSIBLE

Monthly Articles About Our Beautiful Queen Lake in Phillipston

by Queen Lake Assoc. Board of Director, Claire Adomaitis

Article XVI

First day of Spring was just a couple of days ago, but it sure doesn't look like spring out there today. Queenie is still standing out on the ice. You can keep track of her by going to the www.phillipston.com web site.

I arrived back in the north just this past week due to a death in the family. Jim Potter's father passed away on March 16th at the age of 92. It is quite a shock to our systems to go from 80 degrees to mid 30's but we will adjust.

The ice on Queen Lake looks pretty solid and snow covers the land around the lake. It will be a while before it melts and we can start to clean up our yards.

This is the Town of Phillipston's 225th Anniversary with many events taking place. Queen Lake's annual 4th of July Boat Parade will be coming before you know it. We want to make it an extra special celebration this year. Anyone that has any suggestions to make this an extra special occasion please email me at nikiyasara@aol.com.

These cold dreary spring days are good ones to start planning for our colorful gardens. Hopefully you planted bulbs last fall and they should be poking their heads thru the ground now. All the bright colors of the daffodils and tulips I'm sure bring a smile to your face. Gardens planted along the lake front not only provide enjoyment for boaters on the lake but help filter the water as it seeps thru the ground to the lake. Remember to be careful of the fertilizers that you use. Next month will be a refresher on the rules of safety on Queen Lake so we can have another enjoyable summer. Come on "Spring!"

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**QUEEN LAKE IS NOT SAFE KEEP OFF THE ICE! UNLESS YOU
ARE THE QUEEN AND WANT TO FALL IN.**

Remember Phillipston's new bylaw for Queen Lake:

No automobiles shall be allowed onto the lake during the months in which the lake is frozen, except for emergency purposes only, or by permit of the Selectmen.

ATTENTION PHILLIPSTON NEWSLETTER READERS

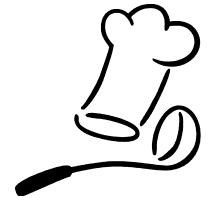
The Phillipston Community Newsletter is put together and mailed by volunteers and members of The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C. This is mailed to every mail box in Phillipston. The newsletter is available to all nonprofit organizations in town to post news items or notices of upcoming events. 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.

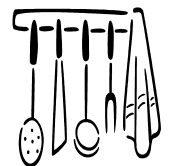
MAY IS DEADLINE APRIL 23rd

In honor of the Town of Phillipston's 225th Anniversary, the Scouts of Phillipston are putting together a commemorative cookbook. All residents, current employees, teachers, students and Scouts are invited to submit a recipe or two for inclusion. You may even submit a recipe in memory of anyone who used to live here as well.



Please list the Name of the dish, the suggested category (soup, appetizer, main dish, dessert, campfire, slow cooker, brunch, bake sale, etc.) and your name and any town associations you have (student, scout, selectman, LBS), and also include a phone number and/or email for any questions. Please print very neatly or type and mail to Christine Bennett 355 Petersham Road, or email the recipe in Word, Publisher or Excel to Bennett.christine@comcast.net, or deliver to a local Scout (Boy, Cub, Girl or Brownie) or the "Cookbook" drop box at the Town Hall.

Let's all make this a great keepsake for each other and our children. Submitting a recipe does not obligate you to purchase a book, but please indicate whether you plan to or not so we can order enough. We expect the cost to be less than \$20 and to have them by late fall. So, please send them in, along with any relevant history of the dish as soon as possible! Deadline is May 31st.



Vote David Bramhall
For Selectman
Town Election May 2, 2011

The first few months I have served in this capacity have indeed been complicated requiring many hours of meetings in addition to studying and evaluating often conflicting points of view on a number of issues important to Phillipston. So far I think I have been capable of meeting the demands of the position. If you think so, then I would appreciate your vote. I promise only that I will serve to the best of my ability. These are trying times and I know many are having difficulty in this economy and these thoughts are never far from my mind in evaluating our Town's needs, finances, and tax structure.

PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN BURNING RESIDENTIAL PERMIT

OPEN BURNING SEASON JANUARY 15 – MAY 1, 2010

BURN PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN'S OFFICE ON MON., TUES., WED., 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. AND THURS. 9:30 -11:30 AM.

PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – WED. 8:30 – 11:30 AM. THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 – 8:30 PM. IF AVAILABLE CALL 978-249-6302

AGRICULTURAL BURN PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM FIRE CHIEF STEVENS

TO OBTAIN A BURNING PERMIT BY MAIL:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND MAIL COMPLETED INFORMATION WITH A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5.00. INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR BURN PERMIT.

MAIL TO: PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
90 STATE ROAD, PHILLIPSTON, MA 01331

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL
SUGAR HOLLOW FARM
EARTH DAY/OPENING DAY CELEBRATION!

April 30th from 8 - 3 pm Sugar Hollow Farm 425 Queen Lake Rd, Phillipston (rte 101)

To celebrate being good stewards of the world we will be marking the occasion with workshops on such important environmental topics as:

* **Alternative Energy** - What's out there, how does it work, what are the benefits and how can I get some ??

* **Composting 101** - How to compost without the smell and hassle - see the "ronco" set it and forget it composting system(those that come to this workshop get a \$5.00 coupon for a composting bag)

* **Land Conservation** - Why this is a good idea for you and the environment.

In addition to these environmental workshops we are adding some workshops that will enhance your wellbeing:

Massage Therapy: How can it help you relax, de-stress and help during pregnancy with Morgan Brinker of Hands Down Massage Therapy of Hubbardston

Reiki : What is it and how can it help me? Brought to us by Devin Cormier

Acupuncture : How can this ancient practice help you feel better....Brought to us by Charles Stuart of Baldwinville

In addition to all the workshops we will be entertained by Mike Orlen and Bruce King of Greenfield, check Mike out on my website's Calendar of Events page :
www.sugarhollowfarm.com

There will be contests for the biggest bag of "road rubbish", please clean roads safely and responsibly and WITH AN ADULT.....

And if that wasn't enough! You can purchase your seedlings, heirloom seeds, bio-degradable weed paper, bio-degradable planters, natural bug repellents, sunscreens, allergy remedies and everything else you need to start your garden this year!

All the workshops are open to the public and free! If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Roy, 978-652-5186, lroy152@comcast.net

Sugar Hollow Farm
Natural Products for Getting Back to Basics
425 Queen Lake Rd
Phillipston, MA 01331
978-652-5186
www.sugarhollowfarm.com

Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 7 p.m.
Millers River Environmental Center
Outdoor Digital Photography

Garden and flower photography is an art form unto itself. Learn how to improve your photographs in a three part workshop led by photographer *Norm Eggert of Phillipston*. This evening we will be introduced to taking memorable garden and flower photographs, how to do close-up photography and use natural light, flash and reflectors. During an outdoor session on Saturday, June 11 from 9 - 11 a.m., we will practice techniques in the garden with assistance from Eggert who will be available to answer questions. On Thursday, June 16, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. we will review our photographs. Our meetings are held at the Millers River Environmental Center, 100 Main Street, Athol, MA. *This meeting will be open to the public for a \$5 guest fee. The follow-up sessions are for members only, but carry a \$10 fee. Pre-register by mail or at our meeting.*

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 \$5 donation. Contact: Bonnie House bonbon3444@gmail.com 978.249.3444

Hello Everyone,

My name is Joanna Telepciak and I am running for a position on the Board of Health. I have lived in Phillipston my entire life, attending and loving the local schools. I love to travel and have visited various parts of this country and throughout Europe. Nowhere compares to Phillipston. I will always consider it my home.

I obtained my BA in Business Administration from Fitchburg State University and worked at Pella Products in Greenfield for a few years as an office manager. Recently, I became the Administrative Assistant to the Con Com here in town. For the last few months I have been helping my mother who has been very ill. The people of this town have been very supportive. I would like the chance to become more involved within our community because I have seen firsthand how great our town is. Please consider me when you cast your vote for the Board of Health in May.

Thank You,

Joanna Telepciak

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

There was no meeting held in March for Ladies Benevolent Society of the Phillipston Congregational Church. The April meeting will be held in the church vestry on April 13, 2011 with Marion Stoddard, Ella Duquay and Barbara Sanden as hostesses. The ladies will join in tying a quilt at this meeting with the pieces being donated by Phyllis Gilbert and were put together by Carole Gariepy and Barbara Sanden. The annual "Silver Tea" will be held this year on May 10th. The ladies are looking for donations of small artificial flowers that can be used to decorate the fudge pot favors for the tables. A "Signature Quilt" is being designed in celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Phillipston. Squares to be signed by Phillipston residents, will be available for a fee of \$5 for each signature. A ticket with your name on will be placed in a basket, where one ticket will be pulled as the winner of the quilt in December at the "Memory Tree Celebration"

This quilt will be very collectable with the many signatures of Phillipston Town residents. Any ladies are welcome to attend and join the meetings, life time dues are 50 cents. We welcome new members!

Parents want their children to develop a love for learning, self-confidence and independence.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

CENSUS

The census forms were mailed out to every household after the first of the year. I have 41 households that have not responded with their returns. If you have recently moved to Phillipston and did not receive a census please let us know.

I will be driving around to vacant houses and non respondents soon. I have a silver Toyota Scion hatch back license plate number 7096-HR.

Call the Town Clerk's Office with any questions you may have 978-249-1733.

DOG LICENSES LATE FEES

Dog licenses will expire as of December 31st. You can use the mail in form enclosed in this newsletter. The Clerk's Office is open Monday 12-2:00pm & 6-8:00pm
Wednesday 4-6:00pm Saturday 8:30-10:00am
Clerk's Office 978-249-1733

A \$5.00 late fee will be applied to your licenses after April 1st.

\$50.00 Citation will be issued if not licensed before May 1st.

The dog officer will be checking for unlicensed dogs.

The Historical Society of Phillipston
presents

Phillipston Then and Now

on April 27th at 7:00 P.M.
in the church vestry

To honor Phillipston's 225th Anniversary, the popular slide show done by Gerry Gariepy and Dick Hamel in 2001 will be repeated. The fascinating presentation, done with two projectors, will show pictures around town in the past on one screen and the same location as it appears today on another screen. The presentation will enable us to compare, contrast, and reflect on the many changes that have occurred in the town's history. Refreshments will be served following the program. Guests are always welcome at Historical Society meetings.

Bingo for Books

A Bingo for books program will be held at the Phillipston Memorial School on Tuesday, April 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On that same evening from 5:15 to 7:45pm., there will be a Scholastic Book fair, which benefits the children's classrooms with new books. Come and purchase books for birthdays and Easter baskets.

Exploring the Exploratories

There will be a special event on April 13, 2011 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at Narragansett Middle School. We are celebrating the exploratory subjects – art, music, foreign languages, physical education, computers and technology education. The work of students in these areas from 5th through 8th grade will be showcased. We are asking some students to volunteer their knowledge and talents for other students, visiting parents and other interested adults. Artwork from all students will be on display and light refreshments will be made and served by World Language students. Come and listen to our talented NMS musicians and see what is happening in Technology Education, Computers and Physical Education.

Concert on May 12

The next concert scheduled for the Middle and High School bands, jazz band, middle school chorus and 4th grade chorus will be on Thursday, May 12. The middle school chorus is currently learning four pieces, "Seasons of Love," from Rent, "Jing, Jing, Jing," "Follow the Drinking Gourd," "Make a Song for My Heart to Sing." The Middle School Band is preparing to attend a band competition followed by some fun at Six Flags on May 6.

Drama Festival

The Narragansett Middle School Drama Club will compete at a Drama Festival for the first time on Saturday, April 30. The play "The Robin, the Witch and the Challenge" will be performed both at the school on May 5 at 7:00 p.m. and also at the festival on April 30

Help Wanted

I am looking for a female to do PCA duties for an hour or so each night for 5 nights a week to help me get to bed. Questions? Feel free to call and ask 978-249-0267 Dorothy Malouin, 5 Powers Mill Road, Phillipston, MA. 01331

Easter Great Gathering Saturday, April 23
from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come to Red Apple Farm on Saturday, April 24 and enjoy an Easter Brunch with the Easter Bunny, \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children (10 and under) and seniors (65 and over). There will be local vendors including Down to Earth, The Kitchen Garden, Life Is Sweet, the Phillipston Historic Commission, and the Congregational Church of Phillipston Youth Group with Easter items for sale. The Lions Club is sponsoring the Easter egg hunt for 2 different age groups. There will also be hayrides and raffle baskets. Bring your camera, there will be lots of memories you will want to keep! All the proceeds will benefit the Congregational Church of Phillipston.

YARD SALE YARD SALE COME JOIN THE YARD SALE

\$15 IS ALL IT TAKES TO LIST YOUR ADDRESS ON THE MAP!

PHILLIPSTON TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Cellar looking a little cluttered? Do you have to stand back when you open that closet door; why not have a yard sale and turn that old junk into cash? Just drag your stuff out in the yard and we will do all the advertising for you!

Please contact Ann-Marie 978-939-4004 to list your address on the map.

Maps to the different homes participating in the yard sale will be handed out on the Common in Phillipston – located in the center of town beginning at 7AM.!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Girl Scouts.

Don't forget to join the Cub Scouts for a Pancake Breakfast while you pick up your maps.

Breakfast is in the church from 7 – 11 am!!

PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ICE AND COLD WATER SAFETY

How thick is “safe” ice? The only “safe” ice is at a skating arena! Ice on moving water in rivers, streams and brooks is NEVER safe. The thickness of ice on ponds and lakes depends upon water currents or springs, depth and natural objects such as tree stumps or rocks. Daily changes in temperature cause the ice to expand and contract, which affects its strength.

What do you do if someone falls through the ice?

***Act quickly and call 911 for help immediately.**

Make sure properly trained and equipped rescue personnel are alerted.

***DO NOT go out onto the ice.** Many times would-be rescuers become victims themselves.

***Reach, Throw or Row.** Extend a branch, pole or ladder to the victim. Throw them a buoyant object such as a life ring or float tied to a rope. If a boat is nearby, row out to the victim or push it toward them. Wear a life vest.

If you fall into cold water, get into HELP (Heat Escape Lessening Position)

***Bring your knees to your chest, hold your arms to your sides and clasp your hands, and cover your head if possible to protect your body from heat loss.**

***DO NOT try to swim unless a boat, floating object or the shore is close by.** Swimming causes “warm” blood to circulate to your arms and legs, where it cools off quickly and reduces survival time by as much as 35-50%!

Town of Phillipston **2011 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

Monday

May 2, 2011

Polls open at 12:00pm to 8:00pm

Town Hall, 50 on The Common, Phillipston

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS April 13, 2011

CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

PHONE - 978-249-1733

2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Starts at 7:00pm

Phillipston Community Gym, Phillipston Memorial School

WEDNESDAY

May 4, 2011

Warrant for the meeting will be posted by April 18th

The Living Last Supper

The Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus spoke of a betrayal among His twelve disciples. In this live dramatization, the twelve speak aloud their thoughts to each other and to the Lord in light of the words they have heard from Jesus. This exciting and meaningful drama is based upon Leonardo da Vinci's famous and inspiring painting, *The Last Supper*.

We invite you to come and capture that precious moment in history.

April 19

Tuesday

April 21

Maundy Thursday

April 22

Good Friday

At the Greenfield Alliance Church
385 Chapman St. Greenfield,

At the Athol-Orange
Baptist Church

At the Athol-Orange
Baptist Church

MA

All performances begin promptly at 7:30pm



presented by the
Athol-Orange Baptist Church
corner of Church & Walnut
Streets
(behind downtown fire station)
Athol, Ma 01331
(978) 249-8697

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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION
TO TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON OFFICES

SELECTMEN - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
David P. Bramhall, 55 Williamsville Road, Incumbent

CONSTABLE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
Ronald Pratt, 35 Templeton Road, Incumbent

ASSESSOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
Reginald C. Haughton, Jr. 110 Baldwin Hill Road, Incumbent

BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
J. Theodore Blake, 45 Royalston Road, Incumbent
Joanna Telepciak, 170 Blake Corner Road

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
Karen M. Perkins, 10 Templeton Road, Incumbent

PLANNING BOARD - 5 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
Gordon Robertson, 70 Powers Mill Road, Incumbent

CEMETERY COMMISSION - 3 YR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE
Thomas Brouillet, 34 Baldwin Hill Road

TOWN CLERK – 3 YEAR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
Karin L. Foley, 20 Narrow Lane, Incumbent

TAX COLLECTOR – 2 YEAR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
Sally Ann Kastberg, 75 Baldwinville Road, Incumbent

TREASURER – 3 YEAR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
Victoria C. Chartier, 115 Baldwinville Road, Incumbent

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
3 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON VOTE FOR ONE
Stephen Marcoulier, 65 Colony Road Phillipston, Incumbent

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
3YR TERM – TEMPLETON VOTE FOR ONE
John F. Columbus, 197 B Patriots Road, Templeton, Incumbent

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
3 YR TERM – TEMPLETON VOTE FOR ONE
Henry Mason, 23 Conti Avenue, East Templeton, Incumbent

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News Happening at Narragansett Elementary Schools

Words of Thanks for Phillipston's Community and Staff

The staff and students of the Templeton Center School would like to formally thank the Phillipston Memorial School for allowing us to piggyback on their education for two weeks in February. Due to building circumstances, the Templeton Center School was closed for a week in February. During that time period, our students were relocated to Phillipston Memorial.

The transition and all the aspects of relocating 110 students went very smoothly. This was a result of extraordinary work from both Phillipston and Templeton Center staff. It was extremely pleasing to see staff members go above and beyond on an hourly basis for one week in order to assist and maintain the education process.

We would also like to acknowledge the residents of Phillipston, particularly the Board of Selectmen and the Building Inspector, who approved the relocation beyond the necessary time frame. It is circumstances such as these where we see the best in people come to the forefront.

Quabbin Valley Music Festival: N.M.S Musicians Participating in Music Festival

Twelve students from NMS performed in the Quabbin Valley Music Educators Music Festival on February 12th in Palmer. They worked with the best seventh and eighth grade student musicians selected from twenty different schools from Central and Western Massachusetts.

Jazz Band going to Festival

On March 7th the Narragansett Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Salvadore, will travel to The Hubbardston Center School to compete in a Jazz Festival. They will compete with other schools from several surrounding districts. The Fifteen member band will be adjudicated by area scholars of Jazz.

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

New Staff Member

The Narragansett Middle School would like to introduce Ms. Katie Bettez as our new Guidance Counselor. Ms. Bettez completed her Masters degree in counseling and spent one year in Taunton before coming to us. Ms. Bettez will start at NMS on March 14th and will work directly with the 6th and 8th grade students and teachers. We are thrilled to have Ms. Bettez as a member of our team and we look forward to her creativity and knowledge.

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Eighth grade students are beginning to plan for next year. The Narragansett High School Guidance Department will be talking to students about class placement for next year. Class selection sheets will be completed by students and sent home for parental signature. Questions about 9th grade may be directed to Mrs. Patty Weiss, NHS Guidance Counselor, 978-939-2020.

MCAS Testing

Mr. Rouleau and Mr. Martin are hard at work planning the March-April MCAS Testing. MCAS testing is scheduled for Tuesday 3/22 – Friday 4/1. The 7th grade is taking the English Composition on Tuesday, March 22nd.

Fifth – Eighth grade students will be taking the Reading Comprehension test as follows:

5th grade: 3/28 & 3/29

6th grade: 3/23, 3/24

7th grade: 3/25, (ELA Comp is 3/22)

8th grade: 3/23, 3/24

MCAS testing is a critical time period when students need to be in school. Teachers have been working with students all year to prepare for the MCAS tests this spring. Please help us by making sure your child is well rested, has a good breakfast, and is in school during the scheduled test time for his/her grade level. MCAS tests will also be given in May...

There will be a **special event on April 13, 2011, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.**, at Narragansett Middle School. We are **celebrating the exploratory subjects** – art, music, foreign languages, physical education, computers, and technology education



Narragansett Regional High School News

Narragansett Regional High School continues to be on the move. Over the last few months we have conducted several events such as Advanced Placement Information night, College Planning Seminar and the Anti-

Bullying Parent Meeting.

In February, NRHS was selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress testing. Thirty of our seniors were randomly selected to take a writing test as part of our "Nation's Report Card".

Also, in January we had our annual Musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." It was a huge success with over 80 participants including Middle School students, High School students, faculty and staff.

Upcoming Events in April:

April 13th NRHS Showcase 6PM: This is an opportunity for students and parents as well as community members to see many of the programs offered in Narragansett.

April 14th & 15th is our annual Dinner Theatre, for more information please call the NRHS office or visit www.nrsd.org/arts/theatre.

Helpful tips for information

- Log on to our website at www.nrsd.org and click on the high school page for important information
- Look out for our quarterly information post card with upcoming events

Please join us on June 3rd for the Class of 2011 Graduation!!!!

Phillipston & Balwinville Elementary School News

Humanitarian efforts

Students at BES, TC/ET raised \$420 for Juvenile Diabetes research fund.

Students and staff at PMES raised \$400 to benefit a family in town who recently experienced a house fire.

Students at BES are collecting coins to send to the American Red cross to help the victims of Japan's earthquake and tsunami - their first day efforts raised \$115.80.

Special Events

K registration was held on March 9th for all elementary schools.

March 3rd PreK held an open house for families.

PreK registration will take place during the Community Resource fair held in the Middle School Cafeteria - March 19th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Grades 3 and 4 will be participating in MCAS testing March 22 -28th - make-up tests will take place March 28-April 1.

School Pride

Mrs. Miller's Baldwinville second graders are published authors. Using the web site studentpublishing.com as their publisher, students illustrated and typed their small moment stories. They were excited to hold their own published paperback books that were provided for free. Parents were provided an opportunity to purchased additional hardcover, leather bond or paperback versions of their child's book.

Jakob Rickan, a fourth grade student at Phillipston Memorial School, won third place in the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Bureau of Forest Fire Control Centennial poster contest. He and his teacher, Ms. Bruen, will attend the award ceremony March 17th.

It's not too late to
join the Giant Pumpkin Club for its
2nd meeting on April 28, 2011
at 7:00PM in the
Phillipston Congregational Church vestry.
Learn how to grow the BIG ones.
Any questions, call Tom at 978 248 9976
or Larry at 978 249 4356.