

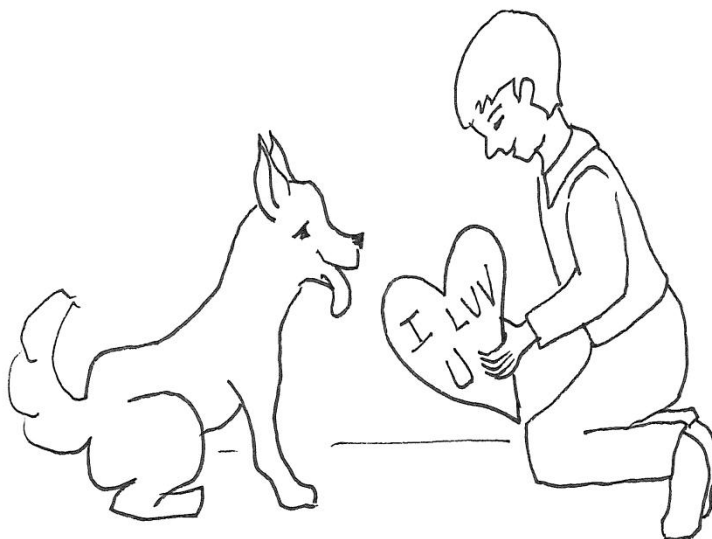
Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331

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PHILLIPSTON, MA 01331

Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

FEBRUARY 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,

When I was growing up we learned that our bodies were temples and that was the reason we were to treat our bodies with respect and not absorb drugs and alcohol. The Scripture verse from First Corinthians still speaks to us chapter 6 verse 19: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God?” (*The New Oxford Annotated Bible.*) In *The Living New Testament* we read: “Haven’t you learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you, and that He lives within you.”

There is a growing problem in our community in the misuse of prescription drugs. Our young people are particularly vulnerable. Many people within Templeton and Phillipston have been working together to plan some drug awareness classes at Narragansett High School in the Kiva. These classes will be held on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The topics will include presentations from the local police departments on February 2, presentations from the principals and guidance counselors on February 16, Dr. Muchler and local clergy on March 1, and ADA Julie Lesure on Legal implications and case studies on March 15.

Much of what I have learned in the process of preparing for these meetings is frightening. Some of our young people are getting into their parents or grandparents medicine cabinets and sniffing the drugs. This is dangerous and life threatening. Let us band together and learn more about this important topic before we have a tragedy in our midst. Education is a key to prevention.

Your Sister in Christ,

Stephanie C. Flynn

P.S. We are worshipping downstairs to save on heat, and its cozy and warm.

PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN BURNING RESIDENTIAL PERMIT

OPEN BURNING SEASON JANUARY 15 – MAY 1, 2012

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 _____



KEEPY HOLY
Positive US (AM.) OTTERS (200)

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 meet on February 1st, at 6pm at the library

→ Winter Hours

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

Book Club

The club will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 7pm to discuss “Food, Inc”. It’s not too late to join us! If you’d like to join in on the discussion, contact Jackie at 249-1734 to get a copy of the book.

Story Hour

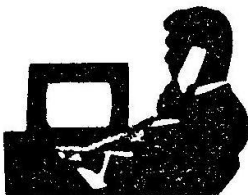
Story Hour will be held every Tuesday morning at 10:30. Come and join us for stories, games, crafts, snacks & FUN!!

DVD’s

New DVD’s include The Help, Moneyball and Dolphintale

Class Visits

Classes will visit the Library on Tuesday, February 14. PLEASE encourage your child to return their books so they may borrow a new one.



Paul M. Valois



Nancy J. Valois

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TBCGardner@aol.com

Monthly Articles About Our Beautiful Queen Lake in Phillipston

by Queen Lake Assoc. Board of Director, Claire Adomaitis

Article 25

Winter has set in! This is the quietest time of year on Queen Lake, except for a scrape of a snow shovel or sound of a plow. Observation showed that weeks ago, when a very subtle breeze shifted the partially frozen lake, our dock started to dance around. It is amazing the amount of force it creates and is a small example of how the glaciers formed our region ages ago.

Our weather this year has definitely been out of the ordinary – cold then warm – but the snow seems to have arrived at least for the time being. The Mass Wildlife web site has the following for ice safety tips. The figures listed below are for clear, blue ice on lakes and ponds. New ice is stronger than old ice and usually has a blue tint.

2 inches Stay Off!

4 inches Fishing or other activities on Foot

5 inches Snowmobile or ATV

Remember NO cars or trucks on Queen Lake!

Be aware that ice tends to be thinner on lakes where there are spring holes as is the case on our Queen Lake. It is best to have someone with you when you are on ice but if not, always let someone know your plans and when you expect to return.

One should see cross country skiers, ice skaters (if they have cleared the snow) and parents pulling children on sleds on Queen Lake in the next month or two. “Queenie” will be erected at the North end of the Lake for the annual Historical Society’s Ice Out. Hope you’ve guessed your time that she will fall through the ice and bought your tickets. Good Luck!

Storage Space for Bazaar Flea Market Items

The committee needs new space to store items until the June Bazaar. Our present benefactor Martha Craft has moved to Gardner so we need to find a new home for the many items donated to the church throughout the year. Do you have or know of a barn, garage, or shed that we might use? Please call Gerry Gariepy at 978-939-5465 or Jim Potter at 978-939-4470.

Residents wishing to use the transfer station for purposes of solicitation are free to do so provided they remain mindful of the need for the orderly operation of the station. It may prove helpful for all concerned to provide prior notification to Transfer Station personnel of solicitation plans, but it is not required.

Signed Phillipston Board of Selectmen

Girl Scout Cookie

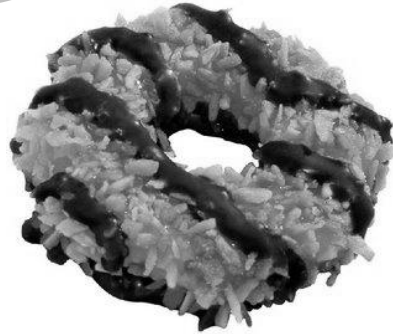
Drive-Thru

Saturday Feb 18th 8am - 1pm

At Lyman Sign/Excavation
49 State Road (2A) Phillipston

**Never even leave your car!
Drive up and have your cookies
delivered to you.**

On Sale



If you would like to pre-order or
cannot attend please contact:
Pam Campos 978-249-3895
Nancy Rose 978-249-2873
Cathy Olson 978-249-4216

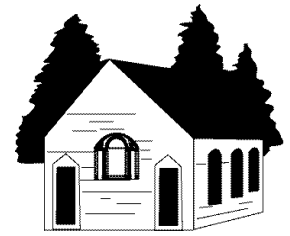
LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The January meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society was held at the at the Phillipston Congregational Church Vestry with hostesses being Janice Howard and Nancy Deming. A lovely luncheon was served and enjoyed by all. The Ladies Sewing Group which has been meeting on Thursday mornings will not be held until April. "The Fire Fighter's Quilt" has been completed and was shown to the members present. Raffle tickets will soon be available with the drawing to be held at the Annual Pumpkin Fair. The ladies began planning their annual Silver Tea to be held Tuesday, May 8th in the church vestry. There will be no meetings in February or March. The next meeting will be held April 25th in the church vestry with hostesses being Nancy Marr and Stephanie Flynn. Our membership is open to all ladies – young and old! A lifetime membership can be had for fifty cents such a deal.

Dog Licenses for 2012

The Town Clerk's Office: You may come to the town hall on Mondays from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Wednesdays 12: pm to 6:00 pm and the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Please make sure your dogs rabies shot is up to date and bring it with you if we do not have it on file. **Come in and license your dog before March 31st to avoid a late fee.** Call the Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions 978-249-1733.

The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.



J.R. Greene

Coming to Phillipston on April 11th

This announcement is early so you can *reserve the date* to enjoy a stimulating and informative evening with Quabbin Reservoir Historian J.R. Greene. He has written 15 books and the program will be based on his most recent one:

"From Valley to Quabbin 1938 - 1946"

The Historical Society is thankful to the Phillipston Cultural Council for making this program possible. Don't miss it !

Informational Meeting

The Open Space Committee will hold an informational meeting on February 16, 2012 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall to discuss the proposed conservation restriction on the Town purchase of the Haughton property. In total, 97 acres of land will be permanently protected for conservation and passive recreation purposes. The Town voted to spend \$3,000 in May for an appraisal of the Haughton's land in a first step for an application of a state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (L.A.N.D.) grant. At a Special Town Meeting in November the Town voted to approve the application for the L.A.N.D. grant, and late in December we heard that we are only one of eight towns awarded the L.A.N.D. grant this fiscal year, in the amount of \$115,200.

There will be two conservation restrictions (CRs) written for the property. The Haughtons are gifting a CR to the Town on 44 acres, which the Haughtons will continue to own. The Town is purchasing 53 acres and seeking input from Town residents for the CR that will be placed on this portion of the property and held by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust. The Open Space Committee is requesting input regarding the types of passive recreation that could be included in this CR. If you are not able to attend the meeting, but would like your suggestions heard, please place them in the Community Preservation Committee mailbox located on the bottom row in Town Hall.

MARCH NEWSLETTER IS DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 23rd

North Quabbin Garden Club

Thursday, February 17, 2012 7 p.m.

Millers River Environmental Center

100 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331

Travel to England and the Chelsea Flower Show

North Quabbin Garden Club member Debbie Kent will take us on a pictorial trip to London and the Cotswolds during our meeting on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. Featuring her day at the Chelsea Flower Show, England's finest show of the Royal Horticultural Society, Debbie is sure to engage us with thoughts of spring. We'll also be introduced to small towns of the Cotswolds as well as Bleinham, Warwick and Windsor castles. The "Royals" may not appear, however, we can enjoy their beautiful gardens in the height of spring.

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



*The Kindergarten-
First Grade class
examining the pattern
quilt they created
together, combining
art and math*

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The Village School is hosting an Open House on Saturday February 4th from 10 a.m. to noon. Visitors have an opportunity to see classrooms, meet teachers, talk to current parents and students, meet alumni and learn about the engaging curriculum. Find out about openings for next year, and how to apply. From 10 to 11:45 a.m., children can join in arts and crafts and science activities in each of the classrooms. At 11:45 a.m. everyone will gather together to meet with school director Risa Richardson. Coffee, tea and light refreshments are served. Appointments are encouraged.

In addition to hands-on, rigorous academic studies, the school focuses on kindness and attention to the individual student. Village School students are inquisitive, self-directed learners, who actively engage in the world around them.

The Village School is an affordable independent school offering a supportive learning environment for children from preschool through 6th grade. The Village School is located on the Common in Royalston, off Route 68, just across from the Post Office. For more information, call 978 249-3505, or go to www.villageschoolma.org

Director Risa Richardson says, “Love of learning, instilled at the Village School at a very young age, flourishes as students engage in strong academic studies that are enhanced and supported by art, music, movement and a dynamic contact with nature. We are a hands-on school; with project-based learning that works for all learning styles. The education here is a ‘value added’ education; children learn Spanish, learn to play recorder, go swimming, work with scientists and artists - what would be after school lessons in other school - is incorporated in the daily curriculum, without compromising academic learning. In fact, it enhances academic learning.”

In the words of Village School graduate, Eliza Holmes, 02', "The Village School ignited our desire to learn. From the first day, we were encouraged to find topics, ideas and objects that fascinated us and explore them, bring them into the classroom and let them feed our academics. The teacher and student team formed a community where learning was simply the most vital thing you could be engaged in.”

**YARD SALE! YARD SALE!
COME JOIN THE YARD SALE!**

**PHILLIPSTON TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
Saturday, May 12, 2012**

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

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 Jennie at 978-790-9279 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.

VALENTINE FUDGE HEARTS

**¼ LB OF HOMEMADE
CHOCOLATE, VANILLA OR
PEANUT BUTTER
FUDGE IN A VALENTINE HEART**



\$4.00 EACH

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Town of Phillipston - Board of Health - Fee Schedule January 2012

SANITARY:

\$ 75.00	Individual Well permit
200.00	Percolation test up to 4 hours/4 holes
75.00	Percolation test additional hours beyond 4 hours
150.00	Septic system plan review – two reviews
75.00	Septic system plan additional reviews over two
200.00	Septic system permit, bottom and final inspection
100.00	Septic system repair inspection each visit
75.00	Septic system permit to abandon system
50.00	Permit renewal within 30 days of expiration
100.00	Installers annual permit
100.00	Septic haulers and pumping annual permit
100.00	Solid waste haulers all curbside annual permit
50.00	Title V filing fee
150.00	Title V soil testing or BOH on-site evaluation
20.00	Portable toilet permit for extended use, 1 – 3 months each location
20.00	Portable toilet permit each additional 3 months each location

FOODS:

\$ 75.00	Any individual facilities inspection not noted
150.00	New establishment plan review and inspection
75.00	Residential kitchen annual permit and inspection
125.00	Food services
75.00	Catering business annual permit and inspection
75.00	Mobile food service annual permit and inspection
75.00	Bed and Breakfast annual permit and inspection
20.00	Temporary permits each day
100.00	Hotel/Motel annual permit and inspection up to 20 rooms
10.00	Hotel Motel inspection each additional room over 20
25.00	Frozen desserts and ice cream

HEALTH & SAFETY:

\$100.00	Tanning & Nail annual permit and inspection
100.00	Body Art permit annual permit and inspection
100.00	Camp grounds annual permit and inspection
100.00	Swimming pool/beach annual permit and inspection
75.00	Individual Rental Housing inspection
75.00	Any individual facilities inspection not noted
50.00	Tobacco annual permit
25.00	Individual Beaver permit
75.00	New outdoor wood heater one time permit
50.00	Non-compliance fee per day



PHILLIPSTON LIONS CLUB BOOK MARK CONTEST

For:

Children from Kindergarten to grade 4 !!

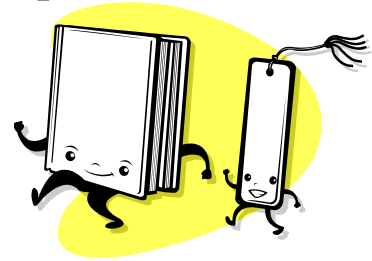
Design a bookmark for the Phillipston Public Library and enter
for a chance to win of three prizes!

1st place: \$25.00

2nd place: \$15.00

3rd place: \$10.00

Send your bookmark to: Marilyn Holway
250 State Road,
Phillipston, MA 01331



Include your name, address, phone number, age and grade.
Contest runs from December 1, 2011 – March 1, 2012

Country Barn Breads
Phillipston MA
978-424-3499

Sweet Bread:

Cranberry Orange, Zucchini Raisin, Banana Cranberry,
Zucchini Cranberry, Apple Cranberry, Orange, Banana Chip,
Choc Chip, Banana and Zucchini.

No nuts are added to any bread unless ordered.

Large bread \$4.50 Small bread \$2.50



PHILLIPSTON LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, February 18, 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

\$6.00 Adults & Young Adults

\$5.00 Senior Citizens - \$4.00 Children under 12 years

SPECIAL \$6.00

Ham & Beans with Two Eggs, Homefries, Toast or English Muffin

UPCOMING BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

“ST PATRICK’S DAY SPECIAL”

Two Eggs, Corned Beef Hash, Homefries, Toast or English Muffin

PHILLIPSTON LIONS CLUB SNOWMAN CONTEST

Open to all children of Phillipston, any age!

**Build a snowman for a chance to win
one of three prizes!**

Send a picture of your snowman to:

**Marilyn Holway
250 State Road,
Phillipston, MA 01331**

Include your name, address and phone number.

Contest runs from January 1, 2012 – April 30, 2012



JOIN in the FUN!

You could win \$1,000

"2012 Queen Lake Ice-Out"

A Historical Society of Phillipston Fundraiser



Mid-February the Historical Society will put a marker – "Queenie" – on the ice at the north end of Queen Lake. Guess when the Queen will sink and stop the clock! The closest guess wins 1st prize - \$1,000. Other close guesses will win follow-up prizes!

TICKETS: \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Make checks payable to: Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

Tickets Available at:

Country Cuts: 42 Ridgewood Lane, Templeton

Hutala Oil, 198 Patriots Rd., East Templeton

Pete's Tire Barns, Orange and Gardner

Sandbagger's, East Templeton

Phillipston Transfer Station: During its open hours in February
Sat. 8 am to 1:30 p.m. and Wed. 6 to 7:45 p.m.

And from Ice-Out Committee Members:

Emelda "Mel" Haughton – 978-249-3171

Nancy MacEwen – 978-249-7517

Tim Haley – 978-249-2154

Prior sinkings of Queenie:

2010 – March 18th at 10:08 – 22 seconds p.m.

2011 - April 5th at 4:52 – 52 seconds a.m.

WHAT WILL IT BE IN 2012??? WHAT'S YOUR GUESS?

Bulky Waste Day
Phillipston Transfer Station
Templeton Road Phillipston

Date: Saturday February 18th, 2012

Acceptable Bulky Waste:

Stuffed Chairs	\$15	Sleeper Couches	\$30
Couches	\$20	Sleeper Love Seat	\$25
Love Seats	\$15	Tables	\$15
Recliners	\$20	Desks	\$15
Twin Mattress	\$10	Twin Box Spring	\$10
Full Mattress	\$15	Full Box Spring	\$15
Queen Mattress	\$20	Queen Box Spring	\$20
King Mattress	\$20	King Box Spring	\$20

First come, first served until unit is full!

Payment Accepted: CHECKS ONLY

Absolutely NO Construction/Demo Waste

Please contact the Board of Health Office at 978-249-1735 with any questions.

Office hours are Wednesday from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM.

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The Annual Town Election is Monday, May 7th at Town Hall from Noon to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 18TH

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2012

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YR TERM
CONSTABLE	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	5 YR TERM
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM
MODERATOR	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	2 YR TERM

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. March 19, 2012 is the last day you can obtain nomination papers.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WILL BE MAY 7th

LAST DAY TO REG TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 18th

Presidential Primary and Election

State Primary and Election

Phillipston Town Election

Town of Phillipston

Polling Place – Town Hall

50 The common

Please note the date of the Presidential Primary and other elections below:

March 6, 2012 (Tuesday)

Presidential Primary - - Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm

Last day to register to vote February 15, 2012

Last day to file nomination papers is December 23, 2011

May 7, 2012 (Monday)

Annual Town Election – Polls are open from 12:00pm to 8:00pm

Last day to file nomination papers is March 19, 2012

Last day to register to vote is Wednesday, April 18, 2012

May 9, 2012 (Wednesday)

Annual Town Meeting – Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Phillipston Memorial School Gym, On the Common

Last day to register to vote is April 18, 2012

September 6, 2012 (Thursday)

State Primary – Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm

Last day to register to vote and change party enrollment is Wednesday, August 17, 2012

Last day to file nomination papers is Friday, May 8, 2012

November 6, 2012 (Tuesday)

State & Presidential Election – Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm

Last day to register to vote and change party enrollment is Wednesday, October 17, 2012