

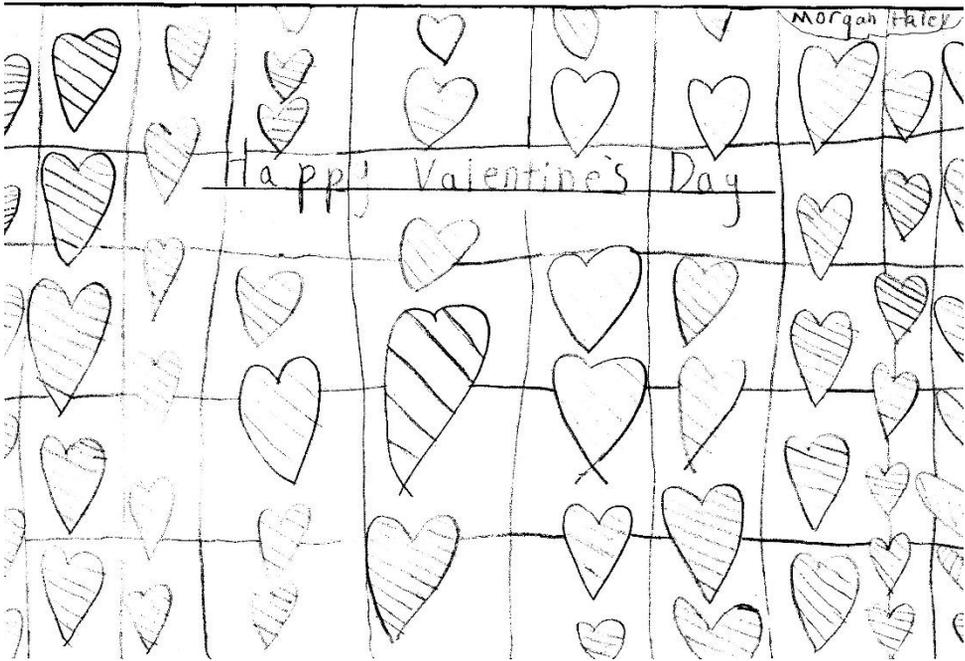
Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.  
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Phillipston, MA 01331



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Community  
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# February 2026



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

I love the movies Mary Poppins and Frozen. Many children know all the words to Frozen, especially the words to "Let It Go." Before seeing the movie I could not figure out where Queen Elsa's powers came from. This winter has been an icy one, so I just finished seeing Frozen on my television screen. In one of the closing scenes Queen Elsa has frozen her sister Anna's heart, and Anna is dying. But Anna witnesses Prince Hanz lifting a sword to kill the queen, her sister Elsa, and in an act of selfless love, blocks the sword with her body. One of the theme's in the movie is that an act of true love can thaw a frozen heart. Anna sacrifices herself to save her sister Elsa. Only when Elsa lets her gift go was she reunited in a loving bond with her sister and her world, and in turn saves her sister Anna's life.

Our spiritual lives can be parallel. We need to let it go, going from destruction and death to life and spiritual renewal. In our spiritual life we also "Let it go," when we set free the gifts of the Spirit given to us as gifts from God. Loving God, help us not only to turn from destruction and death to life, but to celebration and life with the gifts You have given us.

We are approaching the season of Lent which begins on Wednesday, February 18. We will have a joint worship service with First Church Templeton in the Phillipston sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. I hope you can come!

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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## SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Tuesday, Feb.3rd: Braised beef and vegetables, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, chocolate pudding

Tuesday, Feb. 17th: Shepherd's pie, green beans, cornbread loaf, peach cup

Please call Paula at 978-407-9504 to make a reservation. Lunch is served at noon.

A \$3.50 donation is appreciated

# *You can make a difference!*

## NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

### **NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2026 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 8th

#### **The following seats will be on the ballot for 2026:**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 YR TERM
CONSTABLE	3 YR TERM
CONSTABLE	2 YR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	5 YR TERM
TAX COLLECTOR	3 YR TERM
TOWN CLERK	3 YR TERM
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Templeton)
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Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. **March 30, 2026** is the last day you can obtain nomination papers.

**Nomination Papers need to be returned to the Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by April 2, 2026.**

### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 6, 2026**

**7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 27th**

**To participate at the Town Meeting you must be registered to vote**

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)

**March 2026 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**For more info go to : [www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)**

**Email to: [newsletter@phillipston.com](mailto:newsletter@phillipston.com)**

# Phillipston Lions

Phillipston Lion's Club meeting  
Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 PM (snow date Feb. 24)  
at the Phillipston Library

Phillipston Community Lunchroom Wed. Feb. 11.  
Soup, meal, dessert, hot drinks.

Have lunch for free (donations are welcome). Bring the children.  
March 11, April 8 and May 13. Phillipston Church Noon – 2 PM.

Senior meal delivery on Tues. Feb. 24 between noon-2 PM (snow date Feb. 25)  
Call Marily if your plans are in Florida.

We have a “new” eye box at the transfer station.  
We will take old eye glasses and hearing aids.

## Start a new year!

Breakfast March 21 8 – 11 AM.  
Corn beef hash special.

Something new for dinners this year.

You will need a ticket to come. Price \$13.00 per meal, available take out too!

### Breakfast Specials

March 21 – Corn beef  
April 18 – Everything in the Kitchen Sink  
June 20 – Waffles  
July 18 – Summertime Omelet  
Sept. 19 – Ruebin Omelet  
Oct. 17 – New Englander – Beans

### Dinner Specials

May 16 - Pork  
Aug. 15 – Baked Chicken  
Nov. 21 - Meatloaf

Save the Date:

E. E. G. – Easter egg gathering April 4 Easter Egg Hunts at the Red Apple Farm

# Phillips Free Public Library

## Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

## Board of Trustees Meeting:

February 3, 2026, 2pm.

\* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

## Toy Vehicle Display

Stop by and see the new display of toy vehicles from the collection of Gerhard Fandreyer.

## New Materials

**New books:** The First time I saw Him by Laura Dave, Woman Down by Colleen Hoover, The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, Skylark by Paula McLain and The Shop on Hidden Lane by Jayne Ann Krentz

## BOOK CLUB

Our next read is: The Secret by Rhonda Byrne. We will meet on **Tuesday, February 10 at 5:30** to discuss. New members always welcome- we have a fun and friendly group that loves to chat about books...and everything else!

## Time Capsule

We are putting together a ‘time capsule’ to bury near the foundation, when we hope to have some repairs done next year. We’d love your ideas about what it should contain! Maybe a 2025 penny? the latest issue of the newsletter? Any other ideas?

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## Templeton Elementary School Preschool Open House and Registration

Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:00pm

Entrance: Door #5 - Wellington Road side of building

Parents will be picking up a preschool packet to fill out and return to school with all required forms and medical information.

Snow Day: Thursday, February 12th, 6:00- 7:00pm



The flyer is designed to look like a sheet of lined paper with a red border. At the top left, there are two crayons, one orange and one blue. At the top right, there is a yellow squiggly line. The text is centered and reads: "TEMPLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" in blue, "KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION" in large red and yellow letters, and "FEBRUARY 5, 2026 5:30-7:00 PM" in blue. Below this, it says "Enter through Gym Entrance Door #11 or Wellington Rd Entrance Door #5". A red mouse cursor arrow points to the time. The next line says "In person enrollment: Come and pick up registration packets and see the building! This is enrollment for NEW students only. Current preschoolers do not need to complete the same registration!". To the right of this text is a globe on a stand. Below that is a list of three bullet points: "Experienced Teachers", "Engaging Curriculum", and "Safe & Supportive Environment". To the right of the list are three colorful alphabet blocks: "A" (blue), "B" (red), and "C" (yellow). At the bottom left, there is a red speech bubble that says "REGISTER NOW!". Below the speech bubble is a pink and blue backpack. At the bottom center, there is a photograph of three smiling children (two girls and one boy) holding books. To the right of the children is a yellow protractor and a green ruler.

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Please start getting your child's medical information ready -- birth certificate, current immunizations, including lead screening, and current physical to include with your packet return.

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*The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.*  
*80 State Road, Phillipston*  
***We Need Your Help!***

The museum is closed and the next Society meeting isn't until March, but ...  
**We are working hard on displays for the upcoming season.** The theme is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States.

**Do you have a relative** who fought – or helped fight (e.g. women) -- in the American Revolution? They don't have to be from Phillipston. Just have to have a connection to Phillipston, e.g. you. We have collected names from the town records and are looking for more. And we are looking for stories.

**Do you know anything about the canon from Ticonderoga** and the road it took through town on its way to Boston? Many parts of the road are discontinued and now part of private property. Was your house on the route it took?

**Do you have a battle flag**, or know of battle flags?

**Do you have another idea** for a display? An activity? A game?

**Would you be interested** in helping to put displays together?

**We need your help!**

Email your interest to Jane French, Curator, [frenchjane@comcast.net](mailto:frenchjane@comcast.net). Put **Historical Society's 250<sup>th</sup>** as the subject.

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**Agricultural Commission**

Next Meeting March 12, 2026 7 PM

Town Hall Annex

All are welcome for ideas: Farmers Market, Community Garden  
Pumpkin Weight In.



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Phillipston, Massachusetts

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