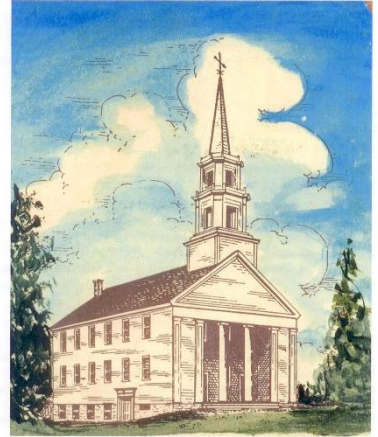


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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church

Dear Friends,

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately want to paint another one. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life. When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I know there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and learned we have to take care of what we are given. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it is alright to cry. When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be. When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up. When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking." Children are watching you, doing as you do, not as you say.

Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn

Our sympathy to the families of Louise Torlai, Deb LaPrise, Marion Gay, Rosalie Tallman and Jesse Johnson.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
August 2026 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS July 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf
Email to: newsletter@phillipston.com



BOARD OF HEALTH

50 The Common
Phillipston Ma. 01331
Tel./Fax. 978-249-1735

Board of Health Office Hours have changed.

New Hours are Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Transfer Station Stickers are now being sold at the Transfer Station.

Absolutely NO Construction/Demo Waste

Phillipston Lions

Phillipston Lion Club meeting Tuesday, July 14 at 7 PM at the library.

Phillipston Community Lunchroom

Wednesday, July 8 from Noon – 2 PM at the Phillipston Church.

We're having chicken veg. soup, tuna or ham salad sandwich and ice cream for dessert – FREE (donations are welcome). Children are welcome.

Breakfast on July 18 from 8 AM – 11 AM downstairs of the church. The special will be Summertime Omelet. Bring some friends!

Senior meals/delivery is July 28 around 11 AM – 2 PM. Some new “cool bags” will be left if you are not home with your meal inside. If you are not home for a meal delivery, please leave the bag out for a meal to be delivered.

Save the date: Vendor Fair: Sat., Sept. 12 – Inside the school gym. Vendors wanted. Call Marilyn 978-503-2269 or find an application online andersendeen@gmail.com

Haunted School - October 24 5:30 – 8:00 PM Phillipston School - \$8.00 Cash

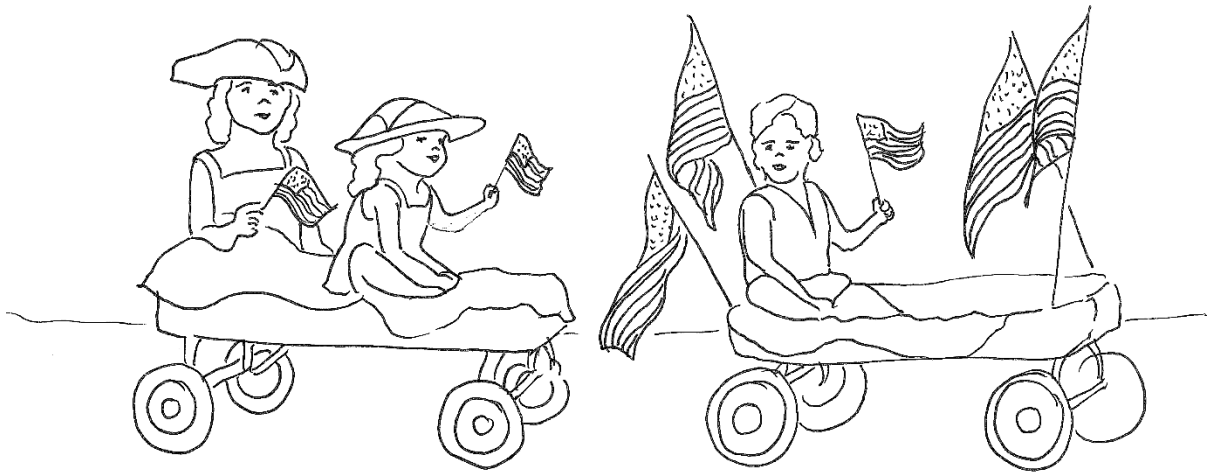
“Get your socks knocked off” Fun, games and snacks too!

The Fire Dept. will be there also!

A change in November 2026 Phillipston Lions Dinner

Pot Roast, potato, vegetable, toss salad and desert (apple crisp)

Phillipston Lions Club will be working on a new club for students ages 12 – 18. Leo Club.
From many towns North Central. More information coming soon



Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

July 7, 2026, 2pm.

*** “like” our Facebook page**

Phillips Free Public Library

New Materials

New books: Whistler by Ann Patchett, The Final Target by Nora Roberts, The Midnight Train by Matt Haig, Rules for the Summer by Meghan Quinn, Phoebe Berman’s gonna Lose it by Brooke Averick, Ironwood by Michael Connelly, The Hero Next Door by Martha Raddatz, An Inconvenient Widow by Lois Romano, The Brothers McKay by Craig Johnson

BOOK CLUB

Our next read is: Guess Again by Charlie Donlea. We will meet on **Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30**. New members always welcome- we have a fun and friendly group that loves to chat about books...and everything else!

Summer Reading Incentives

Stop by once school is out and check out our FUN summer reading incentives! You can enter a raffle to win a great prize and earn a tasty ice cream from the Kitchen Garden!!

Save the Dates

We have 2 upcoming programs (funded through the Phillipston Cultural Council):

September 17 6pm ‘New England Ghosts’ with Johah Knight

September 30 5:30-7:pm – Copper Bookmark Workshop with Heather Beck (limited space- stop by the library to sign-up)

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

July 7th Beef with onions & peppers, white rice, mixed veggies, dinner roll, and orange

July 21st Beef stew, buttermilk biscuit, green peas & red peppers, pound cake

Come at 11am on July 21st and ask Karl Hakkarainen your tech questions. Stay for lunch at noon.

Phillipston Congregational Church. Any questions and to make a reservation.

Please call Paula at 978-407-9504 by July 19th.

Community Preservation Update

Several projects were approved at the annual town meeting:

Restoration of the Steeple of the Congregational Church of Phillipston

Repair the Foundation and Floor framing - North side, Floor framing South side and Roof

Repairs at the historic Phillips Free Public Library

Installation of uv Film on the Historical Society Museum's Windows

Purchase of Preservation Supplies for the Historical Society Museum

Replacement of the Handicap Ramp on the Historical Society Museum

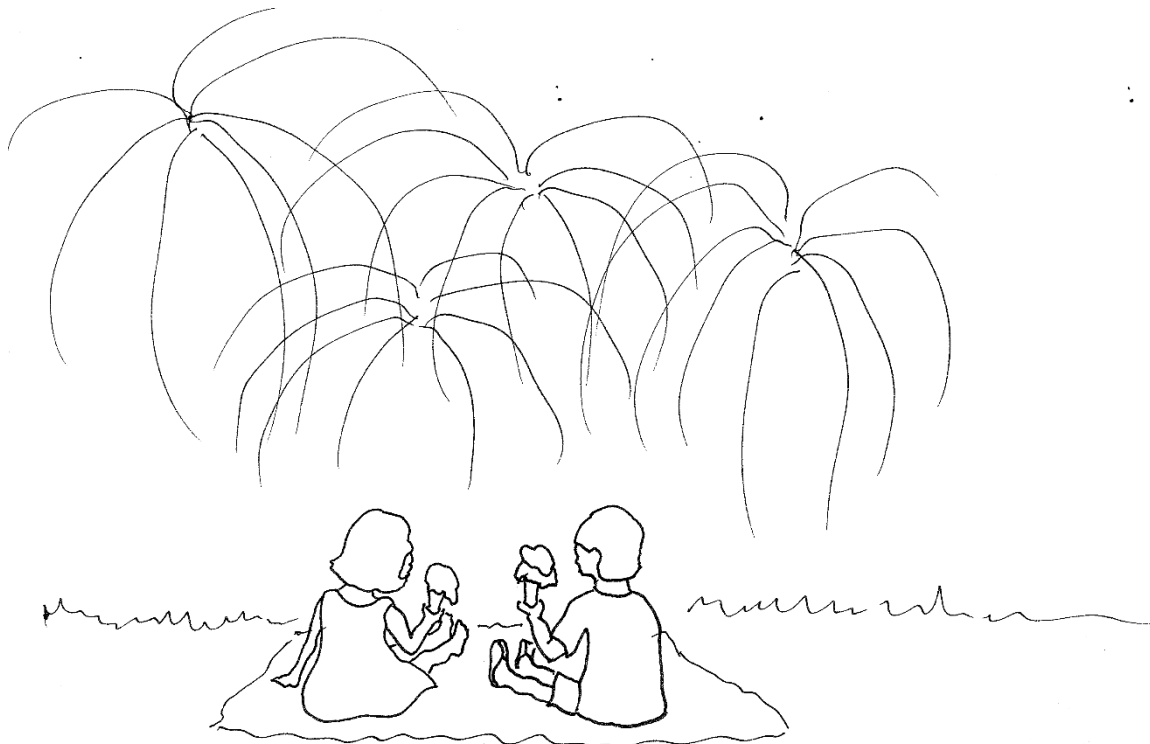
Purchase of Property on Petersham Road to be used for open space / recreation or conservation purposes

Restoration the Garage Walls and Roof on the North end of the Town Hall Annex

The CPC meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Annex.

Join us at a meeting if interested in becoming a member.

For more information email: communitypreservation@phillipston-ma.gov





The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Wednesdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Saturdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Museum is Open – Please Note the New Museum Hours. We are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of our country. Visit the museum and see our new displays focused on the Revolutionary War and Phillipston's place in it. Join us and learn about your town. Can't make it during regular hours? Call curator Jane French and leave a message 978-249-4356.

Next Society Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2026. 6:30 pm in the museum.

Thank You! To all those who attended the Annual Town Meeting on May 6th and approved the grants the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) awarded to the historical society. We greatly appreciate your support and hope you will visit the museum this season and see what the funds are providing.

Want to make an impact? Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Maybe you just have an interest in history or are curious about your town. Become a member of the historical society. We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities.

Open House and Yard/Craft Sale July 25, 2026 – 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the museum. \$10.00 table fee. Interested? Email to jhockcty2014@gmail.com

Happy 4th of July from the Phillipston Agricultural Commission

The Commission meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month if you would like to join us, we are meeting at the Community Garden at this coming meeting on July 9th, 2026 at 7pm.

The Farmer's Market has begun, and any vendor or crafter is welcome to join no fee to set up. See Marilyn there or email Julie @jhockcty2014@gmail.com and she will get you and application. The Farmer's Market is held every Wednesdays from 4pm- 7pm and the 1st Saturday of the month except the month July due to the holiday.

The Community Garden is doing wonderful. Dennis is working hard down there, and all plots were taken this year. We are looking for yard cuttings. If you would like to get rid of yours, please contact Dennis at 413-658-7889.

The Pumpkin Contest/Fair is going to be held on October 11th, 2026, on the Town Common. We hope everyone has started their pumpkins. Vendors and crafters are not too early to sign up there is no set up fee. Please contact Glenn at 413-992-7066 or Julie at jhockcty2014@gmail.com to sign up.

Answering Your Tech Questions

We all have gadgets that delight, confuse, and/or scare us. Sometimes you have to juggle three remotes when you just want to watch TV. You get five phone calls a week, two from your kids and three from companies alerting you to the extended warranty on your car. You need to get a new computer and worry about if your documents, pictures, contacts, and apps will transfer smoothly.

Meanwhile, Finland holds a contest to see how far contestants can throw their mobile phones.



The Council on Aging and the Broadband and Cable Advisory Committee will present Tech Talk on July 21 at 11 AM. Karl Hakkarainen will answer your questions about the tech gadgets in your life. The Senior Lunch will follow. Karl Hakkarainen is a member of the town's Broadband and Cable Advisory Committee and an instructor with the Worcester Institute for Senior Education (WISE) at <https://assumptionwise.org>.