

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

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PHILLIPSTON, MA 01331

Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

JUNE 2011



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

Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Church telephone 978-249-8583

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.
Rev. Flynn 978-248-9558

Dear Friends,

My mother in law sent me this Summer Blessing from an anonymous source:

Walk along beside me, Jesus
As I begin the months of summer
As I work, play, enjoy family time
And friendships, may I hear Your
Voice inside me, guiding me toward
All that is right and good.
Give me faith in your presence
Knowing that you walk beside me
In everything I do.
Gracious and loving Jesus
Thank you for the gift of summer
May the warmth of the sun and the
Beauty of its light remind me daily
Of Your love for me.

Amen

Your sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie C. Flynn". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Stephanie C. Flynn

See you at the Bazaar and Chicken Barbecue on June 11!
Summer worship is informal and begins at 9:00 for the months of July and
August

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:

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

September 24----Special harp, violin, organ concert presented at the Congregational Church.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

TRANSFER STATION SUMMER HOURS
From May 1st until the end of October
the Transfer Station will be open every
Wednesday from 4-6 and Saturday from 7:45 to 1:45.

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 June 1, at 6pm at the library

→ Summer Hours

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

School Visits

As the school year comes to a close, we're asking everyone to search high and low for any library books that haven't been returned!!

Book Club

Our Next Book Club meeting will be Thursday, July 14 at 7:30. We will be discussing 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett. For more information, call Jackie at the library 249-1734

Story Hour

Join us for Story Hour every Tuesday at 10:30, through the end of June.

Brian's Book Review

Many thanks to Brian Gallant for writing a great book review of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone". Enjoy an excerpt of his review here, and stop by the library to read the whole piece.

"Harry, Ron and Hermoine get past Fluffy, the three headed dog, devils snare and flying keys. Ron is injured playing a giant chess game. I liked this book because it had a lot of action. I would recommend this book to a friend. My favorite part is when Ron defeated the Troll. I also liked it when they went into the forbidden forest"

Attention Historical Society Members

The program scheduled with Debi Shaw has been changed to Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 P.M. This "Members Only" meeting is a very special opportunity to hear about Debi's family connection with Phillipston and tour her grandmother's home and garden. Meet at the church parking lot a little before 6:30 and we'll carpool or walk to her house.

Monthly Articles About Our Beautiful Queen Lake in Phillipston

by Queen Lake Assoc. Board of Director, Claire Adomaitis

Article XVIII

Queen Lake is starting to come alive! Spring must be here even with the continual rain we've had. The water level is still quite high but very clear and I'm sure cold. This past weekend many motor boats and kayaks appeared on the lake, a sure sign of spring.

I noticed the blueberry bushes are abundant with blossoms and smell so sweet reminding all of the wonderful taste of the berries. It looks like it's going to be a great blueberry season this year. Flowers and bushes in the yards around the lake are showing their brilliant blossoms.

The south end beach has been readied for the enjoyment of all. Soon there will be joyous cries and laughter heard from the many children having fun on our wonderful beach. A reminder, **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE BEACH!** Please help us to enforce this.

This is the town of Phillipston's 225th Anniversary. Let's all join in the many activities that are taking place in the town.

One can see cottages beginning to come alive again for another wonderful summer at our beautiful Queen Lake! Let's all keep it that way by obeying all rules, while enjoying our friends and neighbors. Be safe and happy!

NATURE WALK

Joey Superchi is a member of the Athol Bird and Nature Club located at 100 Main St. in Athol. Every 2nd Tuesday from 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM we meet to go out bird watching. Joey will identify many birds we see on our nature walk. This is an interesting and educational tour to be enjoyed by all. You don't need to be a member to enjoy this experience. Bring a camera or binoculars. For more information call Mel Houghton at 978-249-3171.

**REMINDER: HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 24TH.
DETAILS TO FOLLOW.**

Last year we dedicated this Liberty Elm tree on the Town Common. This tree came through a grant and we are obligated to mount a plaque. The Historical Commission chose this stone which was taken from the church foundation. I have gone out and taken bids to have this plaque mounted properly and Family Memorials in Gardner gave the best price of the vendors. The estimated cost of this is around \$325.00 which will be raised by asking for donations from the town's people. The donations can be in any denomination. When the monies have been raised to mount this plaque it will be mounted on the stone. Donations can be sent to Ottavio Canu, 245 Queen Lake Road, Phillipston, MA 01331 or you can call Ottavio at 978-939-8762 and the donation will be picked up. The contributors names can be posted in the newsletter if they so choose.

Regards

Ottavio Canu



Phillipston 3rd Annual Road Race

It is that time of the year again. The Bazaar is coming and so is the 3rd annual road race. If anyone is interested in running in the race please contact Craig Towhey at the King Phillip or contact Doug Wheeler at 249-5903. If you run in the race you get a t-shirt, BBQ ticket and a king Phillip gift certificate. It is a 5 mile race. the proceeds go to the church and the fire department. Hope to see all the walkers and runners there.

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Attention Phillipston Residents ~ The Phillipston Parks & Recreation Department is happy to announce that they will once again be sponsoring a summer program at the Phillipston Memorial School!

For 2 weeks in August, come experience an adventure based physical education curriculum for K-4 students. Activities will be focused on building movement concepts, demonstrating responsible personal and social behavior, while building effective interpersonal skills. For more detailed information or camp-specific questions, please email phillipstoncamp@comcast.net or contact Phillipston Town Hall at 978.249.6828. Counselor and counselor in training (CIT) positions are available. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall, or on the Town Website www.phillipston-ma.gov.

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR INFORMATION IN FOR THE
JULY NEWSLETTER
BY THE 23rd OF JUNE.**

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

**Phillipston Lions would like to thank
those who supported the
“Toll Booth” on the common May 14th.**

**Phillipston Lions Club
Breakfast**

**Special - Veggie Omlet
June 18 7:30 to 10:30**

**Phillipston Congregational Church
Third Saturday each month.**

The Narragansett community is willing to do what's necessary to give every child a chance to succeed. The community understands that responsibility begins not in our classrooms, but in our homes and communities. It is the family that first instills the love of learning in a child. It is not the winners that define how successful our school community is; it is the belief that all children have the potential and ability to reach high academic standards combined with the support of the school district's needs.

Our students have demonstrated, on an ongoing basis, their ability to reach high academic standards. Over 100 high school students have challenged themselves by taking six different Advanced Placement (AP) classes in English, math, science, and history. Our kindergarten students now attend a full-day program. This program, combined with the professional development focused on readers and writers workshop, has resulted in almost all students reading, but more importantly all students developing the love of reading that is supported by their families. At the middle school, teachers are using data to better understand the academic needs of students which has resulted in instructional support and an increased achievement for students in grades 5 to 8. Across the district, teachers are using professional development to improve academic achievement for all students.

Narragansett students also demonstrate their skills and abilities through our extra curricula programs. Fall, winter and spring sports teams excel and many have made the division finals. More impressive is the good sportsmanship awards earned and accolades given for 'Gansett students' behavior on and off the field. Our fall musical, Joseph, was performed by over 80 students including elementary, middle and high school. We have students at all levels winning awards and receiving recognition for their artistic talents. Across the district, students raise funds in support of those in need in other countries, and also right here at home, with over 150 gift baskets delivered to needy families over the holidays.

Globally, nationally, and locally, we are facing the most difficult economic times since the Great Depression. Our district is faced with a \$1.6 million shortfall for the FY12 budget. The Narragansett Regional School District's School Committee and Finance Subcommittee, with representatives from both Templeton and Phillipston, have taken the lead in finding a balanced solution to this shortfall. Countless hours have been invested in developing a budget that supports the academic achievement of our students with the needs and concerns of the towns. Each town was asked to consider a proposition 2 ½ override and overwhelmingly did at town meetings. Now each town will put the override to a vote on June 1, 2011. Templeton's share is \$746,820 and Phillipston's share is \$153,180. Town voting is scheduled for June 1, 2011.

Please attend exercise your right to vote and have your voice heard.

The Narragansett community has overcome many challenges over the years. Both Templeton and Phillipston have voted in support of overrides for education because they understand and value what is important for children. I am hopeful that we will once again come together in support of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Miller - Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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.

JULY IS DEADLINE JUNE 23rd

Be Sure to Sign Historic Quilt

Since the early 1800's, Signature Quilts have been a popular way to earn money while celebrating a special occasion. Many of the early signature quilts are now prized pieces in museum collections. Master Quilter Barbara Sanden is assembling one for the Ladies Benevolent Society that will be raffled to celebrate the Town's 225th.

The quilt will have room for 140 signatures. It will cost \$5 to sign a square, and your signature will qualify you to have your name entered in the raffle for the quilt, which will take place in December at the Memory Tree and Citizen of the Year Ceremony. The quilt design is a beautiful one and will be very precious filled with names of local townspeople, a one-of-a-kind treasure. The signature squares will go on sale at the Bazaar on June 11. Be sure your name goes on that piece of history ... and you may win it !

Transportation Needed

I live in Phillipston. Due to an illness I am no longer able to drive my car. I need rides to Doctor Appointments, Pharmacy, Food shopping, all local rides. I still have my car if needed to use for this transportation.

Kathleen Kennedy

(978)249-6233

FIFTH ANNUAL QUEEN LAKE
BOAT PARADE
SUNDAY, JULY 3RD, 2 P.M

Another great year! Another great Boat Parade!

This year is Phillipston's 225th Anniversary of the founding of our wonderful town. Let's make this years Boat Parade bigger and better.

As in previous years, just before the parade begins, you must pick up your entry number at the Potter's Dock, Liberty Cottage, 14 Spa Road. Hold this number high for the judges to see. The boats will circle the south cove twice to give the judges a good view. We are asking all boats that enter to return to the south end where the winners will be posted.

Spectators bring lawn chairs to the south beach and enjoy the parade. All are welcome!

For more information or to pick up your entry number early (needed is name, address, phone number and theme) you may call 978-516-8061

SEE YOU THERE ON SUNDAY, JULY 3rd
COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!

Historical Commission of Phillipston

Celebrate Phillipston's 225th Anniversary on the common on Saturday, August 13, 2011. The Historical Commission is planning a full day of fun for the entire family featuring activities from different periods of our past. Our hope is that everyone will enjoy the day and also learn about our town's history. Travel back in time with craftsmen such as blacksmith Joe Lambert and Richard Hamelin, The Pied Potter of Hamelin who will inform us about how pottery came to this area. See how Civil War soldiers lived and trained and check out the antique cars. Children and parents alike can play games from long ago and make tin lanterns.

Musicians, story tellers and famous visitors from the past will be on hand to share their knowledge about how historical events have changed our town. Check out Twohey's Tavern for an old time ice cream soda or bring your picnic lunch to enjoy in the Grove. The church will provide a chicken barbeque supper while we listen to some old time bluegrass and folk music. There will be something for everyone throughout the day. Make sure to catch all of the entertainment. We'll keep you informed as the day's events unfold.

Contact: Bonnie House 978.249.3444 bonbon3444@gmail.com

When I was young in Phillipston -- By Gerry Balchuinas

The sun started poking up over the tree tops and another nice day was on tap in Phillipston. A bit colder around here in the winter, but there was still plenty to do. Put on the boots and winter coat and out we go, to the wood pile to haul in the days allotment of firewood, chores first and fun second. But it was that way for all of my friends so we were all on pretty much the same time schedule. It was the winter of 1978 and dad had watched Don Kent on TV and he said we were in for a banner snow storm so dad wanted extra wood brought in and the cellar filled to the top. I guess I will be a little later today than on a normal Saturday, but crabbing about it just would prolong the inevitable. The wood had to get in and that was that, so it was nose to the grindstone and get it all done.

We all ready had some snow on the ground and all my buddies were coming over to go sliding and ride the snowmobiles. The old sand pit behind my house had the best hills for sliding and everyone loved to come. Dad said that when he bought the land in the early 60s that there was a pine forest out back, but when they built rte 2 they cut it down and trucked all of the sand out and hauled it from behind the house, towards the apple farm to raise the road up for the new highway. That is why for a long time the beginning of Brooks Village Rd was real nice to state rd. By them taking all the sand, this left some great hills for us to slide on. Kids would walk from as far away as Barre rd. and even Brooks Village in Templeton to go sliding. Yes I said walk, I know that is an unfamiliar word for most youths today, but if we wanted to go somewhere in town within reason we had two modes of transportation, bike or walk. We would slide for hours and then those of us who had money in our pockets would head on down to see Mrs. Ward on State rd, now Brookside Equipment, and see if she had any candy for sale. Sometimes she was there and sometimes she was not, it all depended on luck. Mrs. Ward sold eggs and a few other items to the folks in town and she was a wonderful lady. I can still remember her coming out from the house to get us our goodies in her summer dress and her black shoes. Always with a smile on her face, unless I was being a little mischievous then look out, she would set you right in your place. If she did you just put your head down and apologized for being a nuisance, because if she called home or worse yet stopped by and saw mom and dad then you really were in trouble. In my day kids were guilty until proven innocent, and if you disrespected an elder you may as well go join the circus because life would certainly be better there than at home if you disrespected an elder. However if she wasn't in, it was back across the street to Charlie Davis' garage for a coke. (Now Lymans) Into the office and throw the quarter in the machine, reach in the door and the steel flipper released to give you a nice glass bottle of coke. Pop off the top in the bottle opener and enjoy. Nothing like Coke from a glass bottle, it is something that can only be experienced. For those of us who were lucky enough to have a few nickels left we could get ourselves a handful of cashews or maybe a gumball from Charlie's vending machines. Charlie was a great old guy who lived down past the dump, he had a snow white beard and suspenders, and always a pipe hanging out of his mouth. He would pop in and make sure we were being good kids and say Hi and tell us to say Hi to our folks. If we didn't finish the coke we knew we had a nickel coming back the next visit. Off we would go back to finish the day of sliding. Read more next month.

FARMERS' MARKET

The 2011 Farmers' Market is opening
on Phillipston Common the
first Saturday in June.

Mark the date June 4th.

Plants, honey, eggs, rhubarb, home made breads
and pies, knit goods, town celebration hats and t-
shirts, postcards, and more.

Vendors welcome



**SATURDAY MORNING
ON ROYALSTON COMMON**

VILLAGE SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Organic blueberry pancakes & local maple syrup
7:30-10:30 AM • Town Hall • \$6/\$3 KIDS

SPECTACULAR SILENT AUCTION
Native American Drumming
Cake Walk • Raffles • Tag Sale
Millers River Morris Men
Library Plant Sale at PO
Book Sale at Library

www.villageschoolma.org
978-249-3505

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The 53rd Annual Silver Tea of the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Phillipston Congregational Church was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at the Church. There were approximately 100 well dressed guests in all their finery and hats. They were greeted at the door by Holly Mrvicin while Jane French played our 1812 organ. The Greeting was given by the president, Claire Adomaitis welcoming all the guests. The roll call was taken by Vice President, Thelma McMahon. At the early Silver Tea's a roll call was always taken and the Ladies Benevolent Society have carried on this tradition. Mardi Gras was the theme of the tea this year with the Mardi Gras colors of yellow, purple and green. The Phillipston members of the Society were all dressed in these colors. Carole Garipey gave a brief description of the Mardi Gras celebration and its connection to the church. A quilt of the colors was displayed. A reading was given by Janice Howard. Pastor Stephanie Flynn introduced our entertainment of the afternoon, the DNA Singers from Orange, MA, consisting of a husband, wife, daughter, 2

sons, and the youngest son of 13 yrs making his debut. During the entertainment, the fire alarms went off in the church and the church had to be evacuated. Fire chief Richard Stevens and Doug Wheeler promptly came and found the cause so that the entertainment could continue. Just a little excitement to add to the day! Pastor Stephanie led a hymn sing while the ladies prepared the tea. Once again it was a wonderful tea!

The June meeting, which will be the annual pot luck meeting, will be held on June 15th at the home of Nancy McEwen. The July meeting will be held at "Liberty" cottage on Spa Road, Queen Lake hosted by Claire Adomaitis, Carole Garipey and Janice Howard with a boat ride around the lake. There will be no meeting in August.

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

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Congratulations Go To Our

Newly elected Officers, Directors and Committees

At the Annual Meeting on May 18, 2011

President – Linda Langevin
Vice President – Carole Gariepy
Treasurer – Gerry Gariepy
Asst. Treasurer - Leslie Dossett
Clerk – Sandra Hakkarainen
Historian – Gordon Batchelor
Curator – Jane French
Asst. Curator - Terri Johnson
Director (3 yrs) – Peter Richard
Director (2 yrs) – Karl Hakkarainen
Director (1 yr) – Dave Bramhall

Thank you, Thelma

President of the Historical Society from 2006 to 2011!

Under your leadership, the former Methodist Church has become a museum to be proud of - a wonderful home for Phillipston's historic records and artifacts. Fellow townspeople honor, respect and appreciate all you've accomplished and the positive atmosphere that prevailed while work was being done.

Your service to our town will long be remembered.

2011 Bazaar & Flea Market

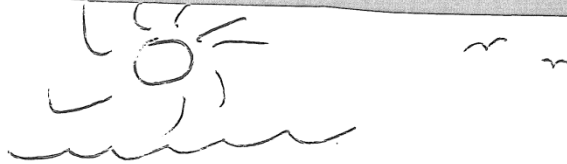
June 11th

We're preparing for a big flea market so want to start early this year. Do you have any items from your attic, garage, barn, shop, shed, or cellar that you don't need any longer that we could sell at the bazaar to raise money for our community church?

Tools	Furniture	Holiday things
Kitchen items	Toys	Pictures
Books	Jewelry	Puzzles
Garden things	Automotive	Antiques
Machines	Mowers	Baskets
Household articles	Games	Glassware
Electric appliances	Crafts	Sporting goods
Electronic items	Dishes	Plants
Machines and machine parts		Camping equipment

Call Gerry Gariepy at 978-939-5465 or Jim Potter at 978-939-4470 for pick up.

***We can't take overstuffed furniture, large appliances, or TV's.**



SOME MILL POND NEWS / MOSE INGS

MAIN RD, RFD 1 01331-9733
2,010, EARLY SUMMER-TIME 6/03
USUALLY BLUE SKY ABOVE, SOME CLOUDS.
SURFACE SHIMMERS / SILVER ICE LONG-GONE, SOUNDS
TOO @ "FALLING WATER" @ DAM. WT, BIRCH, "STATELY"
MAJESTIC AM. LONG ELK, VIOLET IRISES @ A BANK.
SOME O. DRY LILIES SOON, MAJESTIC GEESE W. OTT.
MARKINGS COME, MATE FOR LIFE, -LIKE DUCKS THERE;
USUALLY MALLARDS, MGS. W. IRIDESCENT GRN. HEADS.
I BRITE ST ORG. FEET! MANY TURTLES COME-OUT; IN
SAMAHDI-STATE, I ON "BIG" DUCK ROCK" (NAMED BY
JIM P.) GIBL. HERON OFTEN SHOWS UP, MANY AIR
BIRDS A ROUND AL SO, = SKY SOUNDS, STARS A BOVE
AT NITE. ALWAYS BRITE

Time to Renew Your Membership !

The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.



Renewal reminders have been sent out to all Historical Society members and we hope you'll be returning your renewal form soon! Membership for the Society runs from May 1st through April 30th and reminders are mailed out only once a year. You can also use the form below. Naturally, we welcome new members at any time!

Please fill out the form below, making checks payable to: *Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.* and return it to:

The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.
c/o Linda Langevin, Clerk
105 Riley Switch Road
Phillipston, MA 01331

Please renew and update my membership record

I would like to join the Historical Society of Phillipston

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Enclosed are my dues (underline one):

\$5.00/yr per person; \$10/yr per couple; \$100.00 per person
for Life Membership

Date: _____

Enclosed is an extra contribution of _____