

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

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RESIDENT
PHILLIPSTON, MA 01331

Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

MARCH 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,

It has been a long and snowy winter, and I look forward to Easter. I have celebrated Easter in the southern hemisphere where it was cold, but here I rejoice that it should be warm. A committee from the church organized by Al & Nancy Rose is planning a very special Easter Saturday at Red Apple Farm. There will be a brunch, Easter egg hunt and hay rides along with vendors and Easter items for sale. We hope you come to this inaugural event on April 23.

In the meantime, Lent will begin with an Ash Wednesday service at the church on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. Lent is the forty days not counting Sundays from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. It is a time of preparation for the most important festival of the Christian year. Our English word "lent" is derived from the word lengthens because in the northern hemisphere, Lent occurs at the time of the year when the days are lengthening after the short, dark days of winter. The color used throughout Lent is purple, including a time of repentance. Many people give up something during Lent while others do charitable acts as a discipline. Our denomination the United Church of Christ is asking us to consider how we can be more careful of our environment during Lent and consider our carbon footprint.

Your sister in Christ,



Stephanie C. Flynn

Scout Sunday will be Sunday, March 13 at 10:00 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

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 **March 2, at 6:00pm** at the library*

→ Winter Hours

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

Story Hour

Preschoolers are invited to come by every Tuesday morning at 10:30 for stories, crafts and a snack!

School Visits

Classes will be visiting the Library on Tuesday, March 1...please try to return your books so that others may enjoy them!

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 30 at 7pm to discuss 'Memoirs of a Geisha' by Arthur Golden. New members are always welcome to stop by, enjoy some refreshments, some great conversation, and weigh in on the selection of our next book to read. Please let Jackie know if you will be joining the group, and need a copy of the book.

National Library Week

April 10-16 is National Library Week! Come by on Saturday, April 16 for a special celebration including a show by Ed the Wizard, and a trip down memory lane to a time when our Library was a one-room Schoolhouse!

What's New??

Check out these new titles: "The Silver Boat" By Luanne Rice, "Bone Cold" by Erica Spindler, "Tick Tock" by James Patterson, and "Against All Odds" by Scott Brown.

The Cub and Boy Scouts will be sponsoring a Ham and Bean supper at the Congregational Church of Phillipston to benefit the church. The supper will be held on Saturday, March 19. The cost of the tickets will be \$9 for adults, \$7 for children under 10 and seniors. Tickets will be available for raffle baskets. Save the date!

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE TO MEET

A small group of people have been meeting yearly to keep the Democratic Party in Phillipston active. But the numbers have gotten smaller each year. Lets not let this foundation of grass roots organization disappear in Phillipston.

All voters are invited to join in our activities. On march 12th, Saturday at 10:00 AM the Democretic Town Committee will meet in the Town Hall to discuss the coming years events. Fundraising for our scholarship for Phillipston students and other events, bringing in new member, and voter education will be on the agenda. This committee meets only two or three times a year, a small amount of time to donate. Will you join us?

“MR. ED’S ORGANIC FARM”

Now taking orders for Blueberry, Strawberry and Raspberry Plants.

Fresh Eggs

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

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The farm will open in the Spring

Thanks,

Mr. Ed

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1000 pound
pumpkin?**

Come join the newly forming
Phillipston

GIANT

Pumpkin Club

Having its first meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2011
in the Phillipston Congregational Church vestry
at 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions, call
Tom at 978-248-9976 or Larry at 978-249-4356.

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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 is sponsoring a Snowman Contest

February 1 to April 2

Build a Snowman, take a picture and send your

Name and address to:

Lion Marilyn Holway

250 State Road, Phillipston, MA 01331

Prizes from "Friendly's"

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

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 XV

Spring will soon be showing its face on “Queen Lake”. Queenie was placed on the ice for the second year on the northern end of the lake in February by the Historical Society. Wonder when she will go for a swim. Have you bought a ticket guessing the day and time yet?

With the record amount of snow that fell on our area this winter, we should be conscious of the runoff entering our lake. Polluted runoff can be caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into watersheds (Queen Lake is in the Quabbin watershed) through lakes, rivers, wetlands and even our underground sources of drinking water. We all need to be aware of this and design ways for this water to be naturally filtered before it enters Queen Lake. The residents around the lake should be thinking of ways they can help as well as the town in the area of the beach at the south end where there is runoff from the road. Any new building on the lakeside should definitely have a plan for filtering runoff.

With spring approaching, remember never to apply fertilizer to frozen ground and always use phosphorus-free fertilizers. It is recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency that lakeshore owners should leave an un-mowed or a strip of natural vegetation along the shore to help filter the runoff into the lake.

As I am writing this article, I am in Florida with warm and sunny weather and anticipating the summer on our wonderful Queen Lake. Let's remember our safety rules while on the lake and enjoy a carefree happy spring and summer. This year is the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Phillipston with many events taking place. I am looking for suggestions for celebrating this event on Queen Lake which is a great asset to the wonderful town of Phillipston. Any suggestions may be sent to nikiyasara@aol.com. Have a great Spring!

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.

APRIL IS DEADLINE MARCH 23rd

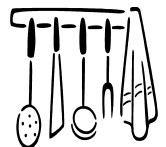
In honor of the Town of Phillipston's 225th Anniversary, the Scouts of Phillipston are putting together a commemorative cookbook. All residents, current employees, teachers, students and Scouts are invited to submit a recipe or two for inclusion. You may even submit a recipe in memory of anyone who used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



The Historical Society of Phillipston
Presents

Got Milk

by Alan Kulvete

on March 16th at 7:00 P.M.
in the Phillips Free Public Library

Come see how the demise of dairying has changed the life and landscape of Phillipston and all the area towns. Alan Kulvete became interested in studying the history of the dairy industry to learn more about his Gardner ancestors. His research, which included thoroughly reading old *Gardner News* editions and county reference books, has shown him that not much has been well- documented on dairying in this area, so he's writing a book about all the information he has compiled. His many interesting anecdotes will make the evening both fun and educational. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Guests are welcome.

The Annual Elections of the Town of Phillipston will be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 from noon to 8pm at the Town Hall, 50 On The Common, Phillipston, MA.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7pm on May 4, 2011 in the Phillipston Memorial School Gym, 20 on The Common, Phillipston, MA.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Telepciak – Clerk

Thomas Brouillet –Chairman

David Brmhall, Vice Chairman

Phillipston Lions Club

Breakfast

March 19th 7:30 to 10:30

Phillipston Congregational Church

Third Saturday each month.

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

**The Annual Town Election is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd
with voting at Town Hall from Noon to 8 PM**

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 13TH

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2011

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**

TAX COLLECTOR **3 YR TERM**

TOWN CLERK **3 YR TERM**

TREASURER **3 YR TERM**

CEMETERY COMMISSION **3 YR TERM**

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the following seats. March 14, 2011 is the last day you can obtain nomination papers.

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WILL BE MAY 2nd
LAST DAY TO REG TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 13th**

TRANSFER STATION STICKERS

Stickers are \$2.00/bag and are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

In the cold weather it is hard to make them stick.

Try this trick - stick the sticker at the top of your bag and stick part of it to it's self. They stick really well to themselves. What I do is fold the sticker over and then staple it. If this does not work please throw one in for each bag of trash.

Remember you can get stickers by mail too. Make checks payable to the
Town of Phillipston mailed to Town Clerk,
50 on The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331

Number of Transfer Station Stickers _____

Check made out to the Town of Phillipston \$ _____

Mail to: _____

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE NOW

Town of Phillipston

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Polls open at Noon to 8:00pm

Town Hall, 50 on the Common, Phillipston

May 2, 2011

Monday

LAST DAY TO OBTAIN NOMINATION PAPERS – March 14th

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PAPERS TO BOARD OF REGISTRARS

FOR CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES – March 16th

LAST DAY TO FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK – March 21st

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW NOMINATION PAPERS – April 14th

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE – April 13th

Warrant for election will be posted by the 18th of April

CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

MONDAYS 12:00 – 2:00PM, 6:00 – 8:00PM

WEDNESDAYS 4:00-6:00PM

AND SATURDAYS 8:30 – 10:00AM

OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 978-249-1733

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

There was no meeting held in February for Ladies Benevolent Society of the Phillipston Congregational Church. It was voted at the meeting held in January not to hold a meeting in March. The next 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!

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Phillipston, MA

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THIS RACE IS FOR ANYONE, ANY AGE
SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH



PHILLIPSTON SCHOOL GYM

10-2:00 CAR REGISTRATION & INSPECTION

MODIFIED RACE WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE CUB SCOUT RACE
(APPROXIMATE START TIME OF MODIFIED RACE: 3:00 P.M.)

\$10.00 REGISTRATION FEE ~INCLUDES CAR KIT

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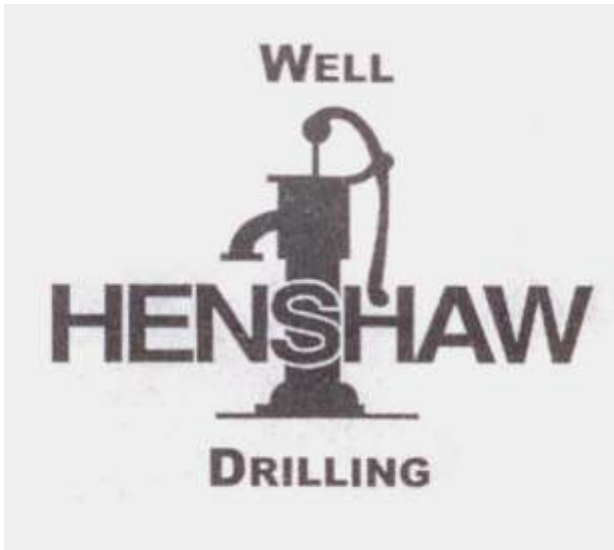
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PACK 39 PHILLIPSTON

Between the two races, approximately 2:30 p.m., we will also be featuring our Father and Son Cake Bake Show and Auction! Please come prepared to bid on some great Scout-Made showpiece treats to take home! All Proceeds will directly benefit the boys of Pack 39. Thanks in advance for your support!

The family of Dean & Cindy Howard on Whitney Road, wish to express their thanks to The Phillipston Fire Department and Police, who quickly responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the early am of Feb 18, 2011.

The Fire Department thoroughly checked the house for cause and EMTs checked the family members for good health.

Thank God for the carbon monoxide monitors, which alarmed the family and the quick and efficient actions of the Fire Department & Police when contacted.



WELLS, PUMPS, AND
MORE!

Come see us at the
Athol Home Show
on
Saturday, March 19th.

As always, thank you for your business and keeping it local!

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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!!

2011 Queen Lake Ice-Out

A Historical Society of Phillipston Fundraiser

On February 13th the Historical Society put “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. Other close guesses win follow-up prizes!

A big THANK YOU to all our sponsors, those who gave us our follow-up prizes and to those listed below who contributed toward our grand prize and expenses!

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Equipment Sales Inc. Phillipston ~ Whipps , Inc. Athol ~ Huhtala Oil
Templeton/Queen Lake ~ ReMax Hometown Realtors ~ Athol-Clinton Co-
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Boucher Funeral Home Gardner ~ Timothy Dymek, DMD,P.C. Gardner ~
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www.HistoricalSocietyOfPhillipston.org

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