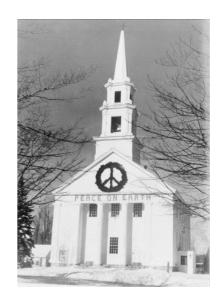
Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C. 60 The Common Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston Community Newsletter

March 2023



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

On a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

We have some exciting worship opportunities in March. On Sunday, March 5 we will have the Sacrament of Communion and a puppet show on Lent and Lenten symbols. Sunday, March 12 will be Scout Sunday recognizing all Girl Scout and Boy Scouts and their leaders. The worship service will be followed by sharing potluck brunch. Our worship service will focus on the story of the Good Samaritan with a puppet show!

On Sunday, March 26 Kenny Sanger, a Vietnam War Veteran will share his story about Combat, Mental Health and some of his poems. Afterwards we will have even more opportunities to question him during coffee hour downstairs. Kenny often speaks on behalf of the National Institute of Mental Health to congregations and police.

Easter is coming soon on Sunday, April 9. We will have two worship services, one at Sunrise up on Ward Hill Road, and also at 10:00 a.m. in the Phillipston Church sanctuary.

I am sure you are looking forward to the Easter's Great Gathering at Red Apple Farm on Saturday, April 8. There will be an adult hunt with big prizes and multiple children's hunts and a teenage hunt. The breakfast will be prepared by the Brew Barn. As always we partner this event with the Phillipston Lions and the Scout troops in town.

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON <u>www.phillipston.com</u> **April 2023 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS March 23rd**

For more info go to: www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

Join us for our 11TH E.G.G.

EASTER'S GREAT GATHERING

GREAT FAMILY FUN! ALL ARE WELCOME! Sat, April 8th

Events: 8-1:00 PM Breakfast: 8-11:30 AM

Congregational Church of Phillipston Event @



FREE DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE TICKET

For each non-perishable food item donated (check expiration

BREAKFAST @ the BREW BARN with the BUNNY!

Served: 8 - 11:30 AM

We're teaming up with the Brew Barn to bring you a delicious breakfast menu

A fun-filled family tradition since 2011!

CHILDRENS' EGG HUNTS
Sponsored by Phillipses & Congregational Church of Phillipston

- 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 AM
- Separate Toddler & Preschooler Hunt
- Teen Egg Hunt w/ prizes 11:30 AM

ADULT EGG RAFFLE at High Noon!

AirPods Fire TV Stick 4K Max Echo Dot Lots of Gift Cards & More

\$5 per Egg or 20/5 (one raffle ticket in each egg)

Need Not Be Present to Win Advanced sales guarantee entry - Call: (978) 939-5608

Easter's Great Gathering



EASTER FAVORITES & GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Pictures with the Easter Bunny ~ Raffle Baskets ~ 50/50 Raffle ~ Baby Animals Bunny Ears ~ Egg Hunt Baskets ~ Fudge ~ Fresh Cider Donuts & Hot Coffee Craft Vendors & more!

Phillips Free Public Library

Library HoursTuesday 9-2pm
Wednesday 5-7r

Wednesday 5-7pm
Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting: Tues. March 7, 2023 at 6pm * "like" our Facebook page Phillips Free Public Library

Museum Pass

The library is offering a pass to the Discovery Museum in Acton. When borrowed, this pass will admit 3 people at half the cost of general admission. Children under 1 year old are admitted free of charge. Call the library (978) 249-1734 to reserve the pass.

Book Club

The Book Club is reading A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins. We will meet on Tuesday, March 28 at 5:30 to discuss. (sorry for an incorrect date in the last newsletter!) Please call the library to reserve a copy so you can join us.

New Materials

New books include: Heart Bones by Colleen Hoover, Maame by Jessica George, The House at the End of the World by Dean Koontz, The House of Wolves by James Patterson, Someone Else's Shoes by Jo Jo Moyes, The Cabinet of Dr. Leng by Douglas Preston, Surviving the Forest by Geffen Adiva, The Inheritance: A Novel by JoAnn Ross, Nantucket Homes by Pamela Kelley, No Filter: The good the bad and the beautiful by Paulina Porzikova. New Movies include: 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'Till'.

Display of Collections

Do you have an interesting collection you would like to loan to our ever-changing display case? If so, call or stop by!

It's that time of year again!

Yard sale time! Join the Community fun at

Phillipstons Town Wide Yard Sale! Saturday, May 6, 2023

\$20 IS ALL IT TAKES - IT'S SO EASY!

Contribute to a good cause, clean out your clutter, & make some extra CA\$H!

We will do all the advertising for you!

Please contact Jennie at 978-790-9279 or send your \$20 check payable to Jennie Chace at: 740 Patriots Road Templeton, MA. 01468, to list your address on the map.

Encourage neighbors to join too, more homes = more customers on your street! Maps to the different homes participating in the yard sale will be handed out for \$1 each on the Common in Phillipston – located in the center of town beginning at 7AM!

Like and Share our page on Facebook! Sponsored by the Friends of the Girl Scouts.

You can make a difference!

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2023 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for Monday, May 15th polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 5th.

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2023:

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
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	1 YR TERM (Phillipston)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. March 23, 2023 is the last day you can obtain nomination papers. Nomination Papers need to be returned to the Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by March 29, 2023.

3 YR TERM (Templeton)

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 3, 2023

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 24th To participate at the Town Meeting you must be registered to vote

Spaghetti Supper

MARCH 25th

Congregational Church of Phillipston Seatings at 5:00 PM AND 6:30 PM \$10/adult \$5/Children 12 and under

PRICE INCLUDES: Salad, Spaghetti w/ meatballs, dessert and a drink Tickets available from church members soon or by calling (978) 939-5608!





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 $23^{\rm rd}$ of the month to allow time us to get it out on the $1^{\rm st}$. Items received after that will be put in the next month. Ads or news items may be sent by email to:

newsletter@phillipston.com, which is preferred.

Items can also be sent by mail to:

The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.

60 The Common

Phillipston, MA 01331

Attention: Newsletter

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.

DEADLINE is the 23rd of each month.

On March 16, 2023 at 7 pm at the Millers River Environmental Center, the garden club will host Adrienne Bashista of Passalong's in Florence. This presentation was postponed from December 2022 due to inclement weather. Passalong's is a Farm and Florist business in the Pioneer Valley focusing on weddings and special arrangements for events as well as selling cut bouquets at their flower stand at 198 Sylvester Rd. Adrienne will speak and show slides about her experiences as a grower in the Pioneer Valley. Questions will be welcome at the end.

Come and join us for the start of the Spring program. Attendance is free and all are welcome.

Pauline Alldred co-president

The Phillipston Youth Supports (PYS)

A quarterly meeting will be held on

March 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm Rm #2

At The Phillipston Memorial School, all are welcome.

The 2023 quarterly meeting dates are:

March 9, 2023

June 8, 2023

September 14, 2023

December 14, 2023

If for some reason the dates/times change we will post on our Phillipston Youth Supporters Facebook page.

The purpose of this nonprofit organization is to raise and distribute money for programs, scholarships, and educational opportunities that will directly support the youth of Phillipston.

If this is something you are interested in, please join us and bring a friend.

We Buy Land.



CALL/TEXT KARISSA MOORE - 978.407.3054 -KGPros.com-

Phillipston Climate Plan Public Survey

Local Planning for adaptation and resiliency to climate-influenced natural hazards:

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Copies of the survey are available at the Town Hall, Library & Phillipston Congregational Church

You may also take this survey online by navigating to the following link in a web browser: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLPV8QB or by scanning the QR code below.



If you have additional questions or barriers to participating, please contact Karen Chapman (Director of Comprehensive Planning at MRPC) at kchapman@mrpc.org or (978)798-6168.



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 How prepared do you feel the Town is for future extreme climate e 	vents?
I feel the Town is completely prepared	
I feel the Town is somewhat prepared	
I feel the Town is not prepared	
Other (please specify)	

Yes (If yes please explain in the comment box below.)									
○ No									
O Not sure									
If you answered "yes" to this question please explain changes you have noticed.									
		s do you have? Were on issues, etc. These o							
The 2008 Ice Storm Flooding of March 2010 Severe storm, tornadoes, hail, high winds in June 1, 2011 Hurricane Irene rain and flooding of 2011 October "Halloween" Nor'easter 2011 Hurricane Sandy 2012 The blizzard of 2013 "Nemo" Flooding of April 2017 The four Nor'easters in March 2018 (Winter Storms Riley, Quinn, Skylar, and Toby) Winter Storm Grayson in January 2018 The 2016 drought Higher than normal spring flooding Severe thunderstorms and wind									
What hazards mos	Hazard of most	Hazard of significant concern	Hazard of some concern	Hazard of least concern					
Heavy precipiation and flooding									
Early or sudden snow melt and flooding									
Severe snowstorms, ice storms, Nor'easters and extreme cold									
Severe thunderstorms, wind, tornadoes and hurricanes									
Extreme temperatures, drought, and wildfires									

2. Have you seen any changes in the weather or how often the events are occurring?

5. Do	you or someone in your household fit in a	ny of these vulnerable populations? Check all					
that a	apply:						
	Under 15 years of age						
	Over 65 years of age						
	A person who lives alone (any age)						
	A person who lives along (over 65)						
	Non-white or limited English speaking						
	Less than high school education						
	Household income below poverty level						
	Resides within a flood zone or home that floods durin	ng heavy rain, high water, or sudden snowmelt					
6. W	hat steps have you personally taken to prep	pare for extreme climate events?					
	I have an emergency kit which may include food, water, flashlights, batteries, and other supplies	I have a whole-house cooling or air conditioning system					
	I receive news, updates, and information about emergency preparedness from a local, state, or	I have a safer place to go during emergencies or extreme temperatures					
1	Federal agency or organization	I know where the nearest local shelter is					
_	I have made improvements to my home or property						
	I own a generator or other back-up power supply						
	Other (please specify)						
Γ							
7. W	hat resources do you need to feel more pre	pared for an emergency event? (check all that					
apply	y)						
	More information on evacuation routes and shelters						
	More information on local or regional cooling and heating shelters						
	More information of areas and infrastructure in town vulnerable to climate impacts						
	More information on preparing an emergency kit and receiving news updates during an extreme event						
	Other (please specify)						
Γ							

8. What are some of Phillipston's greatest vulnerabilities related to climate-influenced natural							
haza	rds? (check all that apply)						
	Culverts, drainage infrastructure, and stormwater management	Emergency facilities (including emergency shelters, heating and cooling stations, the Police Department, Fire Department, and DPW					
	Damage to electrical lines and power outages	buildings)					
elderly, rural, low-in speaking, limited ed	Vulnerable populations (including children, elderly, rural, low-income, limited English speaking, limited education, people living alone, people living in flood zones, and disabled)	Natural and agricultural resources Access to local food and emergency supplies Communications infrastructure; including					
	Emergency notification and response services (including emergency warnings, emergency preparedness information, meeting medical needs, and reaching at risk residents, especially in remote areas)	emergency radios, cell towers, and electric grid					
Ц	Other (please specify)						
9. W	hat are some of Phillipston's greatest stren	gths related to climate-influenced natural					
haza	rds? (check all that apply)						
	Public infrastructure; including roads, bridges, the e	lectric grid, cell towers					
	Emergency facilities; including shelters, Police, Fire	and Emergency Management					
	Natural features; including open space, trails, forest	s, wetlands, and rivers					
	Public Facilities; including the senior center, library,	recreation, school					
	Other (please specify)						
	There are many ways a town can improve re						
haza	rds. Which projects would you like to see i	mplemented most? (choose three)					
	Review and update town zoning and land use bylaws related to development, lot sizes, excavation, natural resource protection, and other land use protections and regulations	Develop a plan for emergency power and communications improvements for municipal buildings, schools, and emergency response and management agencies					
	Repair undersized culverts and roadways vulnerable to climate events	Protect Open Space lands and natural resources including forests, wetlands, and flood zones					
	Improve municipal buildings, roads, and emergency services, especially those related to emergency shelters, evacuation routes, heating and cooling stations, public works, and emergency management and response	Update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan					
	Develop a plan for implementation of a compliant emergency shelter and heating and cooling stations						

11. What can the town do to improve public education and outreach related to natural							
hazards, emergency management, and climate resiliency? (check all that apply)							
Share information	Share information through public events, including virtual webinars, and information and listening sessions						
Share information	through printed media; in	ncluding reports, fact sheets, or	brochures				
Share information	online, including through	the Town's website, Twitter and	l Facebook pages				
Strategic outreach	h to vulnerable population	s, such as elderly, disabled or ot	her groups				
Other (please spe	cify)						
		mented to occur more free					
with greater intensity	or extremity. Please of	check all that apply for eac	n nazard in Philipston:				
Was din s	More Frequent	Longer Lasting	More Intense/Extreme				
Flooding	O	U	0				
Severe Winter Storms	0	0	0				
Other Severe							
Weather (e.g., Hurricanes,							
Tornadoes, Extreme Wind, Hail, Extreme	0	0	0				
Rain, Severe							
Thunderstorms)							
Drought	0	0	0				
Extreme	0	0					
temperatures (hot or freezing)	0	0	0				
Invasive or							
Nuisaince Species (Plants, Insects,	0	0	0				
Wildlife)							
Vector-borne							
Infectious Disease & Pandemic	0	0	0				
Wildfire	0	0					
	0	O					
Other (please specify)							

13. Please rank these hazards by the degree to which they impact Phillipston's Infrastructure (roadways, government buildings, school buildings, homes, bridges, culverts, water supply wells, pump stations, etc):

	Very High	High	Moderate	Low	Very Low
Flooding	0	0	0	0	0
Severe Winter Storms	0	0	0	0	0
Other Severe Weather (e.g., Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Extreme Wind, Hail, Extreme Rain, Severe Thunderstorms)	0	0	0	0	0
Drought	0	0	0	0	0
Extreme temperatures (hot or freezing)	0	0	0	0	0
Invasive or nuisance Species (Plants, Insects, Wildlife)	0	0	0	0	0
Vector-borne Infectious Diseases & Pandemic	0	0	0	0	0
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)					

14. Please rank these hazards by the degree to which they impact Phillipston's Environment and natural resources (lakes, ponds, rivers, forests, conservation & wildlife habitat areas, undeveloped open space areas, farm fields, etc):

	Very High	High	Moderate	Low	Very Low
Flooding	0	0	0	0	0
Severe Winter Storms	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	\circ
Other Severe Weather (e.g., Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Extreme Wind, Hail, Extreme Rain, Severe Thunderstorms)	0	0	0	0	•
Drought	0	0	0	0	0
Extreme temperatures (hot or freezing)	0	0	0	0	0
Invasive Nuisance Species (Plants, Insects, Wildlife)	0	0	0	0	0
Vector-borne Infectious Disease & Pandemic	0	0	0	0	0
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)					

15. Please rank these hazards by the degree to which they impact Phillipston's human, economy, and governmental sectors, or **Society** (emergency response services, health care, government programs, education, commerce, shelters, etc):

	Very High	High	Moderate	Low	Very Low
Flooding	0	0	0	0	0
Severe Winter Storms	0	\circ	0	0	0
Other Severe Weather (e.g., Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Extreme Wind, Hail, Extreme Rain, Severe Thunderstorms)	0	0	0	0	0
Drought	0	0	0	0	0
Extreme temperatures (hot or freezing)	0	0	0	0	0
Invasive Nuisance Species (Plants, Insects, Wildlife)	0	0	0	0	0
Vector-borne Infectious Disease & Pandemic	0	0	0	0	0
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0
ther (please specify)					

16. In your opinion, which of the following Sectors of the Community are most susceptible to the impacts of climate-influenced hazards in the town of Phillipston? (Please rank the following three Sectors in order of vulnerability, with 1 being the most vulnerable and 3 being the least vulnerable)

■	\$	$\textbf{Environmental} \ (\textbf{Damage}, \ \textbf{degradation}, \ \textbf{or loss of forests}, \ \textbf{wetlands}, \ \textbf{waterways}, \ \textbf{conservation} \ \& \ \textbf{agricultural lands}, \ \textbf{etc.})$
≡	•	Infrastructural (Damage, degradation, or loss of roads, bridges, culverts, utilities, schools, water and power service networks, etc.)
=	\$	Societal (Human impacts, Economic impacts, Governmental Operations or Service impacts, public cultural/historical impacts, and other impacts, injury or death, or losses to people, businesses and the economy, and/or the Town's ability to govern or provide public services)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not Important			
Elder-care Facilities	0	0	0	0	0			
Public Schools	0	0	0	0	0			
Healthcare Facilities	0	0	0	0	0			
Major Bridges/Culverts	0	0	0	0	0			
Fire/Police Stations	0	0	0	0	0			
Historical/Cultural Buildings	0	0	0	0	0			
Major Employers	0	0	0	0	0			
Small Businesses	0	0	0	0	0			
Private Schools	0	0	0	0	0			
Town Hall/ Government Buildings	0	\circ	0	0	0			
Agricultural Lands	0	0	0	0	0			
Public Forests/ Conservation Lands	0	0	0	0	0			
Parks/Recreation Lands	0	0	0	0	0			
Library	0	0	0	0	0			
Public Water/Sewer	0	0	0	0	0			
ther (please specify)								
18. A number of activities can reduce your community's risk from climate-influenced natural nazards. These activities can be both regulatory and non-regulatory. Please check the box that best represents your opinion (level of agreement) with each of the following strategies to reduce risks and impacts associated with climate-influenced natural hazards:								
	Strongly Agree	Agree N	Jeutral Disa	Strongl gree Disagre	-			
I support a regulatory approach to reducing risk	O	O	O C) O	O			
to reducing risk								

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
I support a regulatory approach to reducing risk	0	0	0	0	0	0
I support a non- regulatory approach to reducing risk	0	0	\circ	0	0	0
I support policies to prohibit development in areas subject to natural hazards	0	0	0	0	0	0

I support the use of tax dollars (federal

and/or local) to compensate land owners for not developing in areas subject to natural hazards	0	0	0	0	0	0
I support the use of tax dollars to reduce risks and losses from natural disasters	0	0	0	0	0	0
I support protecting historical and cultural structures	0	0	0	0	0	0
I would be willing to make my home more disaster-resistant	0	0	0	0	0	0
I support steps to safeguard the local economy following a disaster event	0	0	0	0	0	0
I support improving the disaster preparedness of local schools	0	0	0	0	0	0
I support a local inventory of at-risk buildings and infrastructure	0	0	0	0	0	0
I support the disclosure of natural hazard risks during real estate transactions	0	0	0	0	0	0
I support public participation and a community-based approach to climate resiliency planning	0	0	0	0	0	0

19. Natural hazards can have a significant impact on a community, but planning for these events can help lessen the impacts. The following statements will help determine citizen priorities regarding planning for natural hazards in Phillipston: Please tell us how important each one is to you.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not Important
Protecting private property	0	0	0	0	0
Protecting critical facilities (e.g. transportation networks, medical facilities, public safety facilities)	0	0	0	0	0
Maintaining, repairing, or replacing culverts to mitigate the impacts of flooding	0	0	0	0	0
Improving roadway drainage and stormwater management	0	0	0	0	0
Planting trees to provide shade and control pollution and stormwater	0	0	0	0	0
Preventing development in hazard areas	0	0	0	0	0
Enhancing the function of natural features (e.g. streams, wetlands)	0	0	0	0	0
Protecting historical and cultural landmarks	0	0	0	0	0
Protecting and reducing damage to utilities	0	0	0	0	0
Strengthening emergency services (e.g police, sure, ambulance)	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosing natural hazard risks during real estate transactions	0	0	0	0	0
Promoting cooperation among public agencies, citizens, non-profit organizations, and businesses	0	0	0	0	0

	other comments or questions that you would like to share with the project
team?	4
21. Are you are Phillipston?	e interested in receiving additional updates related to climate resiliency in
Yes	
○ No	
Yes No	terested in participating in future meetings, working groups, etc.?
	s to either question 21 or 22, please leave your contact information in the ail selectman@phillipston-ma.gov