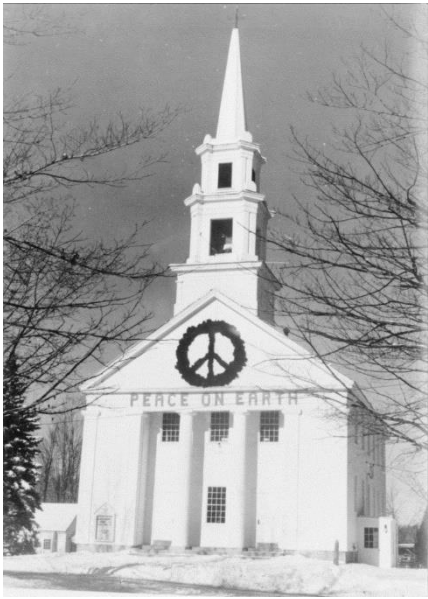


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

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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,

On Saturday, April 4, the Congregational Church of Phillipston hosted a fundraiser we call Easter's Great Gathering at Red Apple Farm. We had a beautiful day and we want to thank all of our donors. Children hunted for Easter eggs, stuffed with candy or prizes. Many young families experienced a hayride, and had a delicious breakfast in the Brew Barn or took photos with the Easter bunny. Parents and other adults could participate in an adult raffle with wonderful prizes outside and an Easter basket raffle in the store. Our Ladies Benevolent Society sold tickets to their Harley Davidson quilt. There was much joy witnessed.

We were able to stage this event at the Red Apple Farm because of the generosity of Nancy and Al Rose, our partnership with the Phillipston Lions, Phillipston Scout troops and the generosity of all the businesses who gave prizes and donations, and gave checks to cover our costs. As a church community we are more hopeful about the future, and our survival because of the generosity of local businesses, our community and church family.

Thank you all for such a wonderful day!

Your sister in Christ,
Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

Our next big event is the Village Bazaar which will be June 13 on the Phillipston Common. Entertainment will be a wonderful Ukulele group.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 6, 2026

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym

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

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



A Heartfelt Thank You!

Thank you to all who were a part of our 14th annual Easter's Great Gathering (EGG) at Red Apple Farm on Sat., 4/4/26! Thank you to all our church family and friends who volunteered their time to plan, set-up and take-down, for running events and all the work behind the scenes.

A special thank you to:

- Red Apple Farm
- Phillipston Lions Club
- Girl Scout Troop
- Scout Troop 39
- Phillipston Youth Supporters
- Jonathan E Aukstikalnis Character Recognition Fund, Inc
- Leano RV, LLC
- Moon Hill Brewing Co. and Gardner Ale House
- TimberFire Pizza
- Nancy MacEwen
- The Shaw Family
- Sonya Szoc
- JM Divoll Excavating
- Great Wolf Lodge
- Gardner Cinemas
- Launch Family Entertainment
- Haffner's Oil
- Topsy's Dairy Bar
- Theater at the Mount
- Athol Area YMCA

Phillipston's Memorial Day of Remembrance

The Phillipston Selectboard cordially invites you to our annual Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 24th. This year, we are proud to feature a special focus on the War of 1812.

The day's observances will begin at 8:00 AM with a town-wide Memorial Day Drive of Remembrance. All veterans and residents are welcome and encouraged to participate in this tribute. A map of the drive route is available on the official town website at www.phillipston-ma.gov. Following the drive, the formal ceremony and procession to the cemetery will commence at 9:00 AM, featuring a performance by the Gardner Minutemen Drum Corps.

If you have any questions or wish to participate in the day's events, please contact Selectwoman Nicole Gough at 1-978-894-3531 or nicolemgough@gmail.com. You may also reach Jenn Basso through the Selectboard's office at the Town Hall at 1-978-249-6828.

Phillipston Lions

Phillipston Lion's Club meeting
Tuesday, May 12 at 7 PM at the Phillipston Library

Phillipston Community Lunchroom Wed May 13
Soup, meal, dessert & hot drinks.

Have lunch for free (donations are welcome). Bring the children.
May 13. Phillipston Church Noon – 2 PM.

Senior meal delivery on Tues. May 16 between noon – 2 pm.

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

Start a new year!

Pork Dinner Saturday May 16 (purple ticket).

You will need a ticket to come. Price \$13.00 per meal, available take out too!
Call Marilyn 798-503-2269 or Quimby jr. 978-249-3566 for tickets.

Breakfast Specials

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:

Vendor Fair – September 12, 2026 - 9am – 2pm in the Phillipston School Building.

Grill Raffle June 20, 2026 11:30 after breakfast

Tickets at Breakfast or Dinner or call Marilyn or Quimby jr.

Jaxon's Car Detailing

High schooler • Hardworking • Fully Equipped
✓ Interior & Exterior Cleaning
✓ At Your Home or Drop-Off in Town
Support Local Youth – Get Your Car Looking New!

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT JAXON MCDONALD-BOURBEAU
978-895-7126
EMAIL: CREATINGTHEDESIGN@GMAIL.COM

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

May 5, 2026, 2pm.

* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

New Materials

New books: In the Great Quiet by Laura Vogt, The Keeper: a novel by Tana French, Yesteryear by Caro Burke, Revenge Prey by John Sandford, Hope Rises by David Baldacci, How to be Ok when nothing is OK by Jenny Lawson, The Academy by Elin Hilderbrand, The Dinner Party by Freida McFadden, Once Upon a Time: the captivating life of Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy, Re-parenting the Inner-child: the new science of our oldest wounds and how to heal them by Dr. Nicole Lepera and The Shackleford Sisters series by Beverley Watts

Children’s books: It’s my bird-day by Mo Willems, Big Nate by Lincoln Pierce and Read all about it by Benjamin Hall.

BOOK CLUB

Our next read is: The Bird Hotel by Joyce Maynard. We will meet on **Tuesday, May 19 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!

NO DONATIONS PLEASE

Please **DO NOT** leave book donations on the ramp! **We are not accepting donations at this time.**

Ladies Benevolent Society

Of the Congregational Church of Phillipston

Silver Tea – Thursday, May 21st at 12:30 pm in the Church vestry. A tea for all local Ladies groups. By invitation w/RSVP to Ellen Tannehill 619-244-2568. Hosted by the Phillipston Ladies. **Hostess tasks** are assigned. Stephanie has the list.

Set-Up – Sunday May 17th tables and chairs. Decorating and setting tables on Wednesday, May 20th.

Harley Davison T-shirt Quilt Raffle – Several Harley T-shirt squares were donated to the Ladies. Sandra Hakkaranian put them together and quilted them. Drawing in October. Quilt on display and tickets available at the Silver Tea, Town-Wide yard sale, Church Bazaar, and from any of the Phillipston Ladies.

Phillipston Agricultural Commission Update

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission met on April 9, 2026, to discuss upcoming events and opportunities for the community.

The Community Garden still has a few plots available for anyone who would like to grow plants but may not have space at home. We are also collecting grass clippings and leaves for our compost pile. If you're interested or would like to contribute, please contact Dennis at (413) 658-7889.

The Farmer's Market will be starting soon! It will be held every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, along with select Saturdays. Saturday markets will take place on the first Saturday of each month, except for July, which will be held on the second Saturday (July 11) due to the holiday. Saturday hours are 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Pumpkin Fair Weigh-In will be held on October 11, 2026. Now is a great time to start planting your pumpkins and vegetables if you'd like to take part in the judging. In addition to the weigh-in, there will be several fun contests, including:

Homemade canned fruits and vegetables

Vegetable and floral arrangements

Handmade goods such as crochet and knitted items

We are also looking for local vendors to participate in the fair. If you are interested, please reach out to us!

We are all looking forward to a fun and productive season ahead and hope to see many members of the community take part in these events. **Thank you for your continued support!**

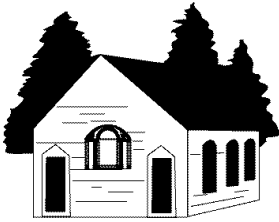
Taco for Tents on Tuesday
May 5th 5:30 – 7:30
Phillipston Congregational Church
60 The Common

\$10.00 includes: 3 tacos plus fixings
drink & dessert
Add'l Taco cost \$3.00 each



Troop 39 Phillipston





The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Congregational Church Vestry

Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Join us on the 19th as we review the many accomplishments of last year, set our goals for this year, and elect officers and directors. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a member to attend, but you do have to be one to vote. (For \$5 you can join at the meeting.) Refreshments will be served (No pot luck).

Want to make an impact? Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Or maybe you just have an interest in history? Or are curious about your town. Join us on the 19th. We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities.

Museum Opening in May – Beginning on Wednesday May 20th the museum will be open on Wednesdays 9 am to 12 noon, and either Saturdays or Sundays 1 – 3 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please support us at Town Meeting by . . .

. . . Voting FOR the following three proposals which the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has approved. Note: This vote will NOT increase the taxes you pay.

Thank you!

Your Historical Society

uv protection to be applied to the museum's storm windows. (\$4,270) Sunlight coming through the museum windows has caused some deterioration in artifacts on display. CPC funds will allow us to apply museum quality, uv-protective film to the inside of the storm windows, preventing further harm to artifacts on display.

Preservation Supplies. (\$9,900) The CPC funds will enable us to purchase heavy-duty shelving on wheels which can be arranged and re-arranged as needed in the basement, giving us extra space on-site for storage of items. We will also acquire acid-free storage boxes, tissues, and other supplies for effective long-term preservation of the more delicate items.

Handicap Ramp (\$42,688.81) – A handicap ramp is required in order to open the museum to the public. The existing, pressure-treated wood ramp is rotting and needs replacement. The CPC funds are for an almost maintenance-free, aluminum ramp with a life span of 40+ years. It will free up maintenance time and expense, and allow us to focus our efforts on other items that need care.

Dear Fellow Residents of Phillipston,

My name is Elizabeth Bond, and I have been a proud resident of Phillipston for the past 20 years. I am writing to share that I am seeking your support as a *write-in candidate* for the one-year seat on the Narragansett School Committee in the upcoming election.

When my husband and I moved to Phillipston two decades ago, the quality of education and the strength of this community were central to our decision. With three young children at the time, we were drawn to Phillipston's long-standing commitment to providing an excellent educational experience for all students.

That commitment is something I deeply value and hope to help uphold. I believe in supporting our students, strengthening their educational opportunities, and ensuring that our schools remain a source of pride for our town. I would be honored to contribute my time, energy, and perspective to the School Committee as we work together to support the success of every child in our district.

Thank you for your consideration and support as a *write-in candidate* on the May 18, 2026 election.

Please Vote

Elizabeth Bond

45 Baldwinville Road

Phillipston Massachusetts

Annual Town Election-May 18, 2026

Come on out and vote at the Town Hall from 12:00pm to 8:00pm.

There are 3 new candidates running this year that are very qualified for the offices they are seeking.

Jennifer Harding of the Phillipston Police Department is running for Constable and will be a valuable person in that position.

Ruth French is running for the Tax Collector position with excellent qualifications for the job. She is a long-time resident and is currently the administrative assistant to the Board of Health and the clerk for the Finance Committee Board. Ruth has worked in booking and accounting in the private sector for many years. She will be an asset to the Town.

The Asst. Town Clerk and now appointed the Interim Town Clerk, Adeline Chrissie Hazlett, is running for Town Clerk. Chrissie has been working for the Town for several years now and has learned the ins and outs of being a Town Clerk. She will serve the Town of Phillipston well.

Please give your support by coming out and voting for our Town Officials that are on this year's ballot.

Thank you – Karin Foley

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - May 18, 2026 -Monday
CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON OFFICES

SELECT BOARD - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Gerhard R. Fandrever, 210 Royalston Rd, for-re-election

ASSESSOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

James B. Praplaski, 265 Baldwinville Rd, for re-election

CEMETERY COMMISSION – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Patrick J. Fitch, Sr., 325 Highland Ave, for re-election

CONSTABLE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Ronald F. Pratt, 35 Templeton Rd., for re-election

CONSTABLE - 2 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Jennifer J. Harding, 775 Royalston Rd

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Karen M. Perkins, 10 Templeton Rd, for re-election

PLANNING BOARD - 5 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Gordon G. Moore, 85 Barre Rd, for re-election

TAX COLLECTOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Ruth A. French, 200 Queen Lake Rd

TOWN CLERK – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Adeline Chrissie Hazlett, 15 Petersham Rd

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON - VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

2 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON - VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON - VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3 YR TERM – TEMPLETON - VOTE FOR ONE

Shawn Case, 294 Otter River Rd, Templeton, for re-election

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3 YR TERM – TEMPLETON – VOTE FOR ONE

Yasmine Khdeer, 9 Pine St., Templeton

Polls Open at 12:00pm and Close at 8:00pm – Town Hall – Upstairs



**Fundraiser for the
Western Mass 16U Girls
Volleyball Team**



**Help send the girls to their
National Tournament in Phoenix, AZ!**

Raffle Baskets

**May 29th, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the
Acadien Club, 193 Parker St Gardner MA 01440**

**\$30 per person, which will give you
5 BINGO cards, additional cards can be
purchased for \$5 each.**

Cash payouts!

4th Annual "Shortcake on the Common" fundraiser

Jonathan Edward Aukstikalnis
Character Recognition Fund, Inc.

Strawberry
Shortcake



Just because

Sat. June 27, 2026

10 am -1 pm

Small \$6 / Large \$10

Cash, Credit
& Venmo
accepted



60 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331

Ryan's 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 13, 2026

11:00 am START

Congregational Church of Phillipston ~ The Common ~ Phillipston, MA 01331

Entry Fee: \$25 non-refundable. Check payable to: Ryan Twohey Scholarship Fund

All proceeds from this event go to the Ryan Twohey Scholarship Fund

Mail Application and Entry Fee to: **Ryan's 5K RUN/WALK**

C/O Jean Twohey
275 Ward Hill Road
Phillipston, MA 01331

EMAIL: jctwohey@gmail.com

PERFORMANCE T-SHIRTS for all 5K PARTICIPANTS THAT REGISTER BY MAY 13th

(Some additional T-Shirts may be available on June 13th, but not guaranteed)

Race Day: Registration & Number pick up starts at 9:30 am

Awards: First male and female runners / First male and female walkers

Course: Road grade with some bumps, and a long grade uphill before finishing at the Phillipston Common.

- Event: 5K Run _____ 5K Walk _____

Shirt Size: **Adult** - XS _____ S _____ M _____ LG _____ XL _____ 2XL _____

Name (Print) _____ Age on race day _____ Gender M _____ F _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (for race updates) _____

I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the sponsors, coordinating groups and the individuals associated with this event, their representatives, successors and assigns, and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries suffered in connection with this event. I attest that I am physically fit to complete in the Ryan's 5K Run/Walk, further, I grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use photographs, video, motion pictures, recordings and/or any other records of this event of myself along or with others for legitimate purposes. I understand that pacing bicycles, skateboards, roller skates (or blades) are not allowed in the race.

Signature (parent if under 18) _____ Date _____

We encourage all participants to support the Phillipston Congregational Church Bazaar.

There is also a Chicken BBQ dinner starting at 4:30 pm. Tickets are limited, so call ahead and leave a message to reserve at 978-894-3683 with Pam Campos.



*****Please only include the race entry fee with this application*****

