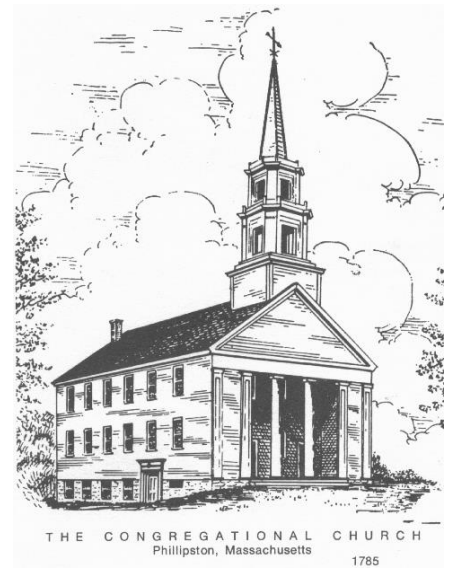


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.  
60 The Common  
Phillipston, MA 01331



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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Worship 10:00 a.m. with Children's story

Dear Friends,

For many years the Phillipston church has been fortunate to have Leslie Dossett offer a children's story every Sunday. He has done a wonderful job, and puts his whole heart into his presentation. I will never forget when Leslie had lost his hair due to medical treatments and he did a Children's story about Samson and Delilah. Leslie was wearing a wig, and when he explained that Delilah cut off Samson's hair, he pulled off the wig and showed his bald head! What an awesome way to tell the story!

Leslie still prepares and presents a story one Sunday a month, and then Kathleen Walsh presents the other Sundays. We are so blessed to have these people who donate their time and talent to this important children's ministry. There are two books that I would like to tell you about which Kathleen has read. The first book is called All My Stripes by Shaina Rudoph and Danielle Royer. The book is about a young zebra with autism. The story very kindly presents the difficulties for this young zebra going to school and feeling different than everyone else. At the back of the book there are explanations about the unique gifts and challenges people experience who are on the spectrum.

The second book which Kathleen has read is called What the Road Said by Cleo Wade. This book is written for children, but can certainly be appreciated by adults, too. We all have days when we feel overwhelmed and frightened. There are precious lessons in both of these books and I heartily recommend them both. Thank you Leslie and Kathleen.

Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn. Sunday, November 23 is our in gathering of Fruits and Vegetables for Families in Need

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**Daylight saving time ends**

**Sun, Nov 2, 2025**

**Don't forget to set your clocks back!**

**Don't forget to change your  
smoke alarm batteries**



THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)

**December 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS November 23<sup>th</sup>**

**For more info go to : [www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)**

**Email to: [newsletter@phillipston.com](mailto:newsletter@phillipston.com)**

# Phillipston's Holiday Memory Tree

and

## 2025 Public Service Award

When: **Sunday, ~December 7th~, 2025**

Time and Place: **4:30 P.M., On the Common**

***Please come join us*** as the Historical Society of Phillipston once again sponsors the Memory Tree Ceremony, an event that has become a meaningful way to begin the holiday season. We will celebrate the names inside the Congregational Church after the tree is lit! The names will be read aloud of the loved ones who have passed away, family members + friends who are serving in the armed forces, and the happy events in our lives that we would like to share.

The annual "**Citizen of the Year**" for public service to the town will also be announced and presented this evening.

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Please use the form below to include your names and events in the ceremony. Each name/remembrance is a \$5.00 donation, and you may include as many as you like. Include a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

\*\*\* *Please send in submissions by* ~Dec. 1st~ \*\*\*

For any questions, contact Linda Langevin at 978-939-5656.

Mail completed form and donation to:

**Memory Tree of Phillipston, c/o Linda Langevin, 105 Riley Switch Road,  
Phillipston, MA 01331**

Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation for \_\_\_\_\_ light(s) on the Memory Tree.

Please make check payable to "**Historical Society of Phillipston**".

Name Remembered

Memory or Celebration of

Your Relationship

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.*

**80 State Road, Phillipston**

**Memory Tree Ceremony and Public Service Award**

**When:** Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM

**Location:** The Common – to Light the Tree, then Congregational Church Sanctuary to Hear the Names and Honor the Citizen of the Year

**Memory Tree Ceremony and Public Service Award** –Don't let the deadline for memories pass you by!

**Get your names in to Linda Langevin by December 1<sup>st</sup>. (See separate form in this Bulletin.)** then on December 7<sup>th</sup> join us on the Common at 4:30 PM to light the tree.

Once the tree is lit, we will gather in the church sanctuary to remember our loved ones who have passed away or are serving in the armed forces, and the happy events of our lives that we would love to share. Then we will celebrate the Citizen of the Year with an award for public service to the town.

**The Museum is closed for the season.** Inquiries regarding research, artifact donations, or special requests to view artifacts, please contact Jane French, Curator. Tel: 978-249-4356.

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## CPC Can Grant Funds

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is accepting applications for the May 2026 Annual Town Meeting. Applications must be submitted by November 15, 2025

Applications are on the town website. [www.phillipston-ma.gov](http://www.phillipston-ma.gov).

**The funds can be used for public or non-profit projects in the following categories:**

**Open Space** funds can be used for the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space, including aquifers and watershed lands, agricultural lands, grasslands, fields and forest land, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, or lands that protect scenic vistas, wildlife or nature.

**Recreation** funds can be used for the acquisition, preservation and creation of recreation lands, including community gardens, trails, non-commercial youth and adult sports, parks, playgrounds and athletic fields.

**Historical Preservation** funding can be used for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of properties listed on the State Register of Historic Places or determined by the town's Historical Commission to be significant in the archaeology, architecture, history or culture of the town.

**Community Housing** Funds can be used for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of Community Housing in Phillipston.

*For more information call 774-641-2512*

Phillipston Lions will meet Nov. 11, 2025 at the Phillipston Library at 7 PM.

Come join us.

“Lunchroom” will do soup, meal, desert. Free, Nov. 12, 2025. We have new

Signs, Nov. meal, Veg. Beef Soup, American Suey, special Brownie.

Nov. 15, 2025 Dinner, Meat Loaf, potato, veg, salad and desert all for \$13.

No Turkey!

Nov. 25, 2025 Senior Meal/Deliver If you have a friend that would like a meal  
Delivered, please call us 978-503-2269 or 978-249-3566. Leave name & address.

Once a month meal, free.

Save this date! Dec. 13, 2025 Holly Berry Fair at Phillipston church 9 AM-2PM.

Lions will be serving all day breakfast. Lunch 12 Noon – 2 PM

April 20, 2026 All State Band will be having a concert with students across the state.

We are inviting students that are grades 8 – 12 to play an instrument in this concert.

More information call Marilyn 978-503-2269. Will be at the High School.

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### **Attic Treasures (the last one)**

will be held on November 15 from 8-2.

Looking for volunteers to set up tables on

Friday 11/14 4:30-5:30. & Sat morning from 11/15 7am-8am.

To pull treasures out of the trailer and display on tables

Sales start from 8-2

Clean up 1:30-until done.

Thanks so much

Kathleen Walsh

[kathleen.walsh316@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.walsh316@gmail.com)

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### **The Phillipston Youth Supports (PYS)**

Is proud to sponsor the

46th Annual Narragansett Craft Fair

Saturday, November 8, 2025 - 9AM - 3PM

Narragansett Middle School

464 Baldwinville Rd Baldwinville

Coffee Can Auction! - Cafe' Open All Day!

Craftspeople from all over New England!

Wide variety of Crafts and Gift Items!

Free Parking and Free Admission!



# Citizen of the Year

## Who will YOU Nominate ?



It's time to consider who you want to nominate to become the 2025 recipient of the "*Alphonse Chartier, Sr. Public Service Award*" also known as the Citizen of the Year. Your input is very important in determining who will receive this prestigious award.

All nominations will be collected at the Town Hall. Submit yours by mailing it to: **50 The Common** or drop it off in the Town Hall mail slot. Write the reasons why your nominee deserves this important award. On your envelope or paper please write "Citizen of the Year" and seal it to keep it confidential.

There is a deadline for receiving your nomination and it is **November 3rd** (Monday) at **3:00 PM**. The Committee will meet that evening to consider all nominations so have yours in at the Town Hall by **November 3rd**.

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### **Approved changes to Cemetery By-law by the Attorney General's Office (8/25/2025) and a vote of Town Meeting (5/7/2025) are listed below:**

- a) All shrubs/trees must be kept trimmed by the lot owners to a height no higher than the headstone and approximately two feet in diameter. In the absence of a headstone, shrubs/trees must be kept trimmed to no higher than three feet tall and two feet in diameter. 5/6/15
  - b) All plantings and decorations of any kind must be within one foot of the headstone and must be cleared of grass, so the area does not become overgrown. For sites with markers only, temporary plants may be left in wood, metal, clay pots or plastic and glass pots are not permitted. Pots may be placed the week of Memorial Day but must be removed by the weekend following Veterans Day. 5/6/15, 5/7/25
  - c) Spreading flowers such as violets, rose bushes, etc., are prohibited.
  - d) The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to remove any trees/shrubs which are not kept trimmed or plantings which are not planted in accordance with these rules.
  - e) All pots, urns, vases, baskets, artificial flowers, and decorations must be removed in the Fall for the purpose of Fall clean up. They will otherwise be disposed of by the Cemetery Commission. All new pots, urns, vases, baskets, artificial flowers, and decorations may be placed on the lots starting in the Spring the week before Memorial Day. 5/7/25
  - f) No baskets or containers shall be wired or tied down. No balloons of any type are allowed. 5/7/25
  - g) No fences or borders may be erected around any lots, plots, or headstones without the expressed written permission of the Cemetery Commission. 5/6/15
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**Approved changes to the Zoning By-Law by the Attorney General's Office (8/25/2025) and a vote of Town Meeting (5/7/2025) are listed below:**

Section 14 of the Phillipston Zoning Bylaw.

2. VARIANCES: To grant a variance from the terms of this Bylaw where, owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures, but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Bylaw would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the appellant and where desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Bylaw, but not otherwise. No variance may authorize a use or activity not otherwise permitted in the district in which the land or structure is located.

3. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMITS: No special permit shall be issued until a public hearing has been held, commencing within sixty-five (65) days after the effective date of filing of a special permit application. All such applications shall be filed with the Town Clerk who shall forthwith transmit the application to the Special Permit Granting Authority retaining a copy thereof for his files. The effective date of filing shall be the date of such filing with the Town Clerk.

4. TIME LIMIT OF SPECIAL PERMITS: The exercise of all building or special permits shall be commenced within one year after the date of the filing of the action, which shall not include such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal referred to in G.L. c.40A §17

5. REVIEW OF SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS: All applications for Special Permits shall be submitted to and reviewed by one or more of the following as the Board of Appeals shall determine (1) Board of Health (2) Planning Board and (3) Conservation Commission. The reviews may be held jointly and the reviewing agencies who desire to make recommendations shall forward a written copy thereof to the permit granting authority and to the applicant within thirty-five (35) days of receipt of application. Said reports may be supplemented by further reports as deemed advisable as a result of matters brought out at the hearing

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**REMINDER FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

**TAX BILLS DUE NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

**Office hours: Mon: 1- 4 pm**

**Wed: 1- 6 pm**

**Any questions call:**

**978-249-1731**

# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

November 4, 2025, 6pm.

\* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

## **Story Hour**

Our Preschool Story Hour will meet on **Tuesday, November 18 at 10am**. We'll enjoy stories, a craft project and a snack. No registration necessary.

## **Tech-help Tuesday& Saturday**

**FREE and FRIENDLY** help with your cell phone and other devices- **Tuesday, November 4 11am-1pm AND Saturday, November 8 10am-12noon.**

## **Mini - Library**

Always something NEW... no need to return whatever treasures you find!

## **New Materials**

**New books:** My Beloved: A Mitford Novel by Jan Karon, Twice by Mitch Albom, Circle of Days by Ken Follett, What we can Know by Ian McEwan, The Irish Good Bye by Heather Aimee O'Neil, Apostle's Cove by William Kent Krueger, The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman, Remain by Nicholas Sparks and Hostage by Eli Sharabi

**New DVDs include:** 'Superman' and 'Elio'.

## **Book Club**

Our next read is Following Atticus by Tom Ryan. We will meet to discuss on **Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30**. Copies available to borrow. New members are always welcome!

## **Easy Winter Arrangements Demonstration**

Join town resident and former floral designer Karen Perkins on Wednesday, December 3 at 6pm for an evening of holiday magic. She will demonstrate how to combine fresh evergreen clippings, pinecones and ribbons into two beautiful and long-lasting winter arrangements; one for indoor and one for outdoor use. Don't miss this opportunity to learn some easy and inexpensive ideas on how to 'spruce up' your holiday decorating. Door prizes and refreshments served

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