



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 3

Sunday, September 10 worship at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

I recently read this quote by John Ruskin, one of England's greatest thinkers of the 19th century. "There is no music in a rest, but there is the making of music in it." Ruskin was thinking about the importance of rests in a musical composition. He began to compare those rests put in by a composer to the "rests" that come to us in life, for example when we recuperate from surgery. There are times when our lives seem to be put on hold. We are compelled to sit and wait until we realize that God is now telling us to move on...out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land that God has prepared.

This reminds me of Beethoven's 5th Symphony. We think of the famous opening with repeated three notes and then a longer low note. These are followed by an eighth note rest. Without the rest, the music would be different. The anticipation would be much less intense and emotional.

As we anticipate Labor Day weekend we remember God's Ten commandments and the instruction to "remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord Your God. "

Have a blessed Labor Day weekend and come and visit the church sanctuary!

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)  
**October 2023 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**For more info go to : [www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)**

# CPC Can Grant Funds

*Find Out How – October 12th*

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is inviting residents to its annual public hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Phillipston Town Hall, second floor, to learn about the Community Preservation process and share with the committee their ideas for use of the Community Preservation Funds.

*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 978-939-5656*

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A Huge Sale at Transfer Station  
Church Flea Market  
September 9th (8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

The church will have a big flea market at the Transfer Station. There is lots of stuff we couldn't put out at the last sale, and lots of new donations, including furniture, tools, books, everything for the kitchen, decorative items, and the Ladies Benevolent Benevolent Society will have a wide variety of Christmas decorations to sell. So come shop and pass the word on to your friends that there will be an abundance of items, something for everyone.

Items will not be priced and we will thankfully accept any reasonable offer.

The church thanks you all so very much for so generously donating things to make this fundraiser successful. You can bring items that morning if you have more to donate.

Also, we need volunteers to help bring out things from the trailer to help us get set up before the sale and also to help clean up at 1. If you can lend us some muscle for this effort, it would be greatly appreciated.

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**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<sup>rd</sup> of the month to allow time us to get it out on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Items received after that will be put in the next month. Ads or news items may be sent by email to:

[newsletter@phillipston.com](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@phillipston.com).

**DEADLINE is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.**

# NRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
462 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, MA 01436 978-939-5661



The Narragansett Regional School Committee is looking for interested candidates to fill one open seat (1) on the NRSD School Committee. The candidate must be from Phillipston, and would be appointed to serve until the next Phillipston town election in May 2024.

A letter of interest, which should include your reasons for seeking the appointment and the expertise, skills, and perspectives you will bring to the Committee, should be submitted no later than September 15, 2023, and sent to:

NRSD School Committee  
% Dr. Christopher Casavant, Superintendent  
462 Baldwinville Road  
Baldwinville, MA 01436  
or emailed to: svarney@nrsd.org

Interviews for interested candidates are tentatively scheduled to take place during the week of September 21, 2023, at the NRSD School Committee meeting (date TBD), at which time it is anticipated an appointment will be made.

Please feel free to direct any questions about School Committee service to any member of the Committee or make an appointment to meet with Superintendent Casavant.

Committee contact information can be found at  
<https://www.nrsd.org/o/nrsd/page/about-school-committee>

Please contact Susan Varney at 978-939-5661 for any further information

[www.nrsd.org](http://www.nrsd.org)

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## SENIOR LUNCH NEWS

Senior Lunch will be served Sept. 19th at noon.

Beef Meatball Stroganoff

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Carrots

Apple Raisin Compote

For reservations Please call Paula at 978-652-5797

Please leave a message I will call back

On Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7 pm at the Millers River Environmental Center, Dave Small, president of the 250 member Athol Bird and Nature Club, will present "Living with Nature." He explores the transformation of his yard from a boring suburban lot dominated by lawn to a rich habitat for our natural wildlife. Removing invasive species, planting native plants, and providing water, food, and cover for a variety of wildlife and people. The result is a space that has become a wonderful place to hang out with family and friends enjoying a wide variety of wildlife.

Focusing on lands of conservation interest, he has organized biological inventories finding and documenting state listed species for The MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program and the US Army Corps of Engineers. He has served on the boards of several non-profits including Millers River Watershed Council and Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust to name just a couple.

Attendance is free. We welcome both garden club members and guests.

Pauline Alldred  
co-president

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Phillipston Residents - Your Town Needs You! There are many boards or committees that have open seats. They are looking for residents who enjoy living in Phillipston and would like to serve the town in any way they can. Check out [www.phillipston-ma.gov](http://www.phillipston-ma.gov) to see what is going on in town. Please contact the Selectmen's office to volunteer to keep Phillipston a Great place to live and raise a family, 978-249-6828 or [selectman@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:selectman@phillipston-ma.gov).

# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

**Saturday 9-1 pm**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

Tues. Sept 19, 2023 at 6pm

\* **“like” our Facebook page**

**Phillips Free Public Library**

## **Book Club**

Our Book Club is currently reading *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick, - a page-turner with the following review: **Short strings, long strings, medium strings — every person over 21 receives one, delivered in strange containers that materialize out of nowhere. As the weeks go by and data is gathered, scientists declare the strings to be accurate in forecasting how long their recipients will live.** Stop by the library to get your copy and join us on Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30 for a lively discussion!

## **New Materials**

**New books include:** *Out of Nowhere* by Sandra Brown, *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett, *None of This is True* by Lisa Jewell and *Everyone Here is Lying* by Shari Lapena

**New Children’s books include:** *Under a Blanket Sky* by Tim Fischer, *You’re Finally Here!* By Melanie Watt, *How to Draw Cute Stuff* by Catherine Holmes

## **Passes Available**

**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.

**DCR parking pass** - Free parking at most state parks (we have a list of locations)

Call the library (978) 249-1734 to reserve the passes

# Drive Thru or Dine In 2023

Sponsored by Lions and Friends of Lions in Phillipston

Saturday September 16, 2023

\$9.00 8am to 11am

Reuben Omelet

Corned beef, onion, tomato green pepper swiss cheese, home fries and toast.

Hungryman Platter

French toast, pancake, eggs (your choice), sausage, home fries and toast.

French Toast

3 piece bread, your choice, sausage and home fries.

Pancake

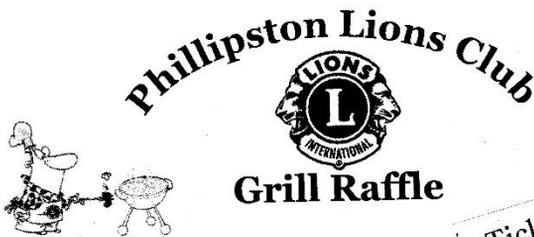
3 pancakes, sausage and home fries

Omelet (make your own)

Ham, Cheese, Onion, Tomato Green Pepper sausage home fries and toast.

Hot Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa, Orange Juice, Cranberry Apple Juice

Phillipston Church on the Common



Drawing Date October 21, 2023  
Donation: 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1 for \$2.00

for \$5.00

Drawing October 21, 2023

Tickets are available at monthly Dinner or Breakfast

Phillipston Lions Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the Library

Come join us

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

See what we are planning for 2024