

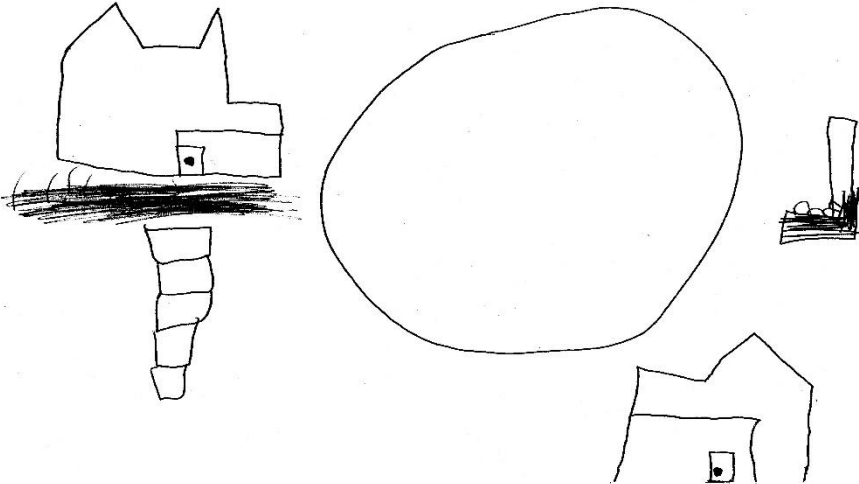
Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston
Community
Newsletter
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Have a good School Year!



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,

I read newsletters from area churches and was thrilled to read that First Church Templeton was able to get the approval of the Community Preservation Committee for \$331,700 dollars for funding for structural renovations to the front exterior, including the steeple, pediment and facade at First Church Templeton. Subsequently, voters at Templeton's Annual Town Meeting approved their request.

The Phillipston Congregational Church had a much smaller request (less than \$40,000) which was approved by the Community Preservation Committee and then at Town meeting to restore the windows on the library side of the building. We are grateful to the tax payers present at Town Meeting for agreeing to this bequest. As many of you know a portion of all our real estate town taxes are set aside for the Community Preservation and many worthwhile projects have been funded including:

\$20,000 for the Town Hall Annex repairs;

\$19,660 for the Historical Society Building (multiple awards);

\$100,000 for the Town Hall Roof replacement.

Thank you very much!

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

P.S. We will worship outside on Sunday, September 1..

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

October 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS September 23rd

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



CHAIR YOGA CLASS

Chair yoga can help build strength, increase flexibility and mobility, improve balance and overall mental well-being, while working in and around a chair for support.

No experience required.

FREE

Register- 978-249-3305 option 0/ ymcaathol.org

Mondays
10:00am
Start Date 9/9/24

Phillipston Memorial
20 The Common
Phillipston, Ma 01331



HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

GCC MAIN CAMPUS AND ORANGE TRANSFER STATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 13th

Register online at: franklincountywastedistrict.org

Your appointment time and directions will be mailed after registration is processed.

Flyers with more information available at the Transfer Station

Or click on link found on Town Website on Transfer Station page

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 2025.

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 13, 2024, and sent to:

NRSD School Committee
% Dr. Christopher Casavant, Superintendent
462 Baldwinville Road
Baldwinville, MA 01436

or emailed to: svarney@nrdsd.org

Interviews for interested candidates are tentatively scheduled to take place during the NRSD School Committee meeting on September 19, 2024, 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.nrdsd.org/o/nrdsd/page/about-school-committee>

Please contact Susan Varney at 978-939-6232 for any further information

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

September 3, 2024, 6pm.

* **“like” our Facebook page**

Phillips Free Public Library

CWMars

It has been just over a month since we began circulating on CWMars...Have you gotten your library card yet? Have you discovered how EASY it is to reserve a book or movie and have it waiting for you at the library ? How about e-materials that you can enjoy on your device...books, audio materials...even magazines! Stop by the library to learn more!

New Materials

New books include: The Perfect Son by Freida McFadden, Joy: a novel by Danielle Steel, Spirit Crossing by William Kent Krueger, Angel of Vengeance by Douglas Preston and The Art of Power by Nancy Pelosi.

New DVD's include: If and Back to Black

BOOK CLUB

The Book club's next read is: Defending Jacob by William Landay. We will meet on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 to discuss. Copies are still available. New members are ALWAYS welcome to join this fun and lively group!

Grill Raffle

Starting June, Tickets from any Phillipston Lion, The Farmer's Market
or at Breakfast. Marilyn 978-503-2269

1 / \$2.00 or 3 / \$5.00

Money goes back to community projects.

Phillipston Lions Club

Come Join Us on Tuesday, September 10, at 7 PM at the Phillipston Library.

If you have any questions, please call Marilyn 978-503-2269.

We're always looking for new people to serve our community.

CPC Can Grant Funds

Find Out How – 9/9/2024

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is inviting residents to its annual public hearing on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM 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:

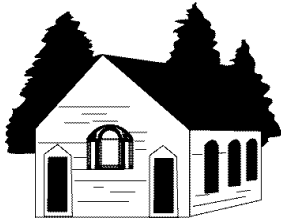
- **Open Space** funds can be used for the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space, including aquifers and watershed lands, agricultural lands, grasslands, fields and forest land, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, or lands that protect scenic vistas, wildlife or nature.
- **Recreation** 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 774-641-2512



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our recent Strawberry Shortcakes on the Common "Just Because" event! From those who helped in advance, our Shortcake cooks and cashier volunteers, and especially those who stopped in to have a shortcake or take one home! There was a great sense of community, and we hope to see you all next year for a new tradition!



The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Museum Hours: Sundays: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Wednesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon
 Or by appointment with our Curator: 978-249-4356

North Quabbin History Tour at the Phillipston Museum – September 24, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Join us at the museum reminiscing about the past or, if you are new to Phillipston, learning about the town. Check out our updated exhibit about Phillipston’s veterans - both past and present. Gadget pros will love the doodlebug that was made – and used - by our own highway department. Other exhibits focus on recreation, clothing of the past, our town’s first safe (It’s Huge!), and cemeteries. There is no entrance fee. Everyone is welcome! Maps to other museums on the tour will be available.

Save the date! Society Meeting --Tuesday, September 10, 2024 Time: 7:00 PM. At the Museum. On the agenda: Prep for the History Tour (an intro to some of the exhibits); Directors, Officers, & Committees (looking for interested volunteers); Winter programs and meetings. Please join us. All are welcome!

Want to make an impact? Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Maybe you even have an interest in history. We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities, and we need your help. For more information, visit our museum or call Kay at 978-835-9088.

Lions Breakfast

September 21, 2024, 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Special “Supprise”

Waffles, Eggs, Homefries, Sauage Who Knows? Juice, Drink

All for \$9.00

Phillipston Church On the Common

The Phillipston Youth Supports (PYS)
A quarterly meeting will be held on
September 12, 2024 at 6:30
at 330 Highland Ave
all are welcome.

The Narragansett Craft Fair will be held on
November 9, 2024

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

MART Transportation Services

The Town of Phillipston is now offering MART transportation to residents aged 60 and over and/or disabled residents. The transportation is available Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM travelling to Athol, Orange, Templeton, Gardner and within Phillipston. The cost is \$1 per ride, each way, payable to the driver. To schedule a ride residents should call MART at 1-800-922-5636, option 3, Monday through Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM. For more information visit the Town's website and click on "MART Transportation Services" in the blue banner at the top of the home page.

Commission on Disability Members Needed

Members are needed for the Town to create a Commission on Disability. Two residents with disabilities and a family member of someone with a disability are needed for the start of the Commission, which would be approved at the next annual town meeting in May. If you are interested in serving and would like more information, please contact the Selectmen's office at 978-249-6828.