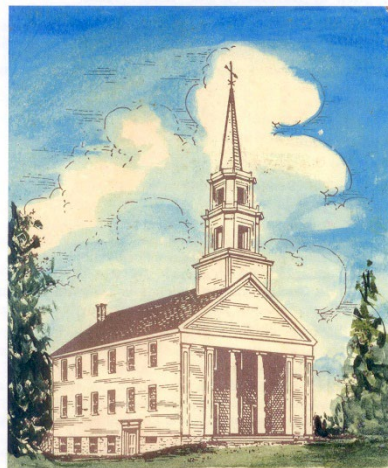


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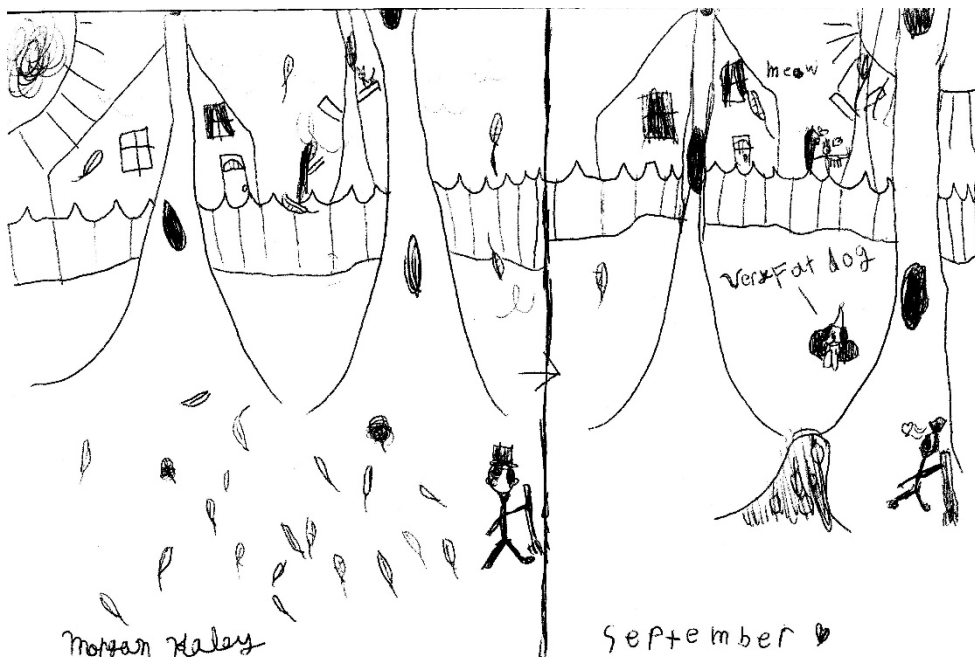


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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
Our Community Church

Sunday Service with a Children's story

Dear Friends,

Recently I led the Memorial service for Ernie Richards, aged 101 a former World War 2 veteran who served under General George Patton in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Corsica, France, and Germany. I have seen the movie "Patton" with the actor George C. Scott portraying Patton. I always wondered if it was true that General Patton contacted his head chaplain and asked for a prayer for the weather, for battle.

In the book, Patton's Prayer by Alex Kershaw, Kershaw writes of Patton being a devout Christian who did indeed contact his chief chaplain, 52 year old James H. O'Neill of Chicago. O'Neill said he would look for a suitable prayer, but could not find one, so wrote: "Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies and establish Thy justice among all people and nations."

O'Neill was then ordered to have 250,000 copies made of the prayer so that every man in the Third Army would get one. In the discussion between O'Neill and General Patton, O'Neill learned that Patton believed: "there are three ways that people get what they want - by planning, by working and by praying. Any great military operation takes careful planning, or thinking."

Please join us for worship, we pray, not for battle weather, we sing, we worship! We are back at 10:00 on September 7.

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn,

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**Senior Lunch Menu**

Sept 2nd No lunch served

Sept. 16 Potato crunch pollock, Roasted sweet potato, broccoli & cauliflower, oatmeal raisin cookie. Lunch served at noon. A donation of \$3.50 is suggested. To make a reservation, please call Paula at 978-407-9504.

**COMING IN OCTOBER**

Westminster Strummers, October 7th at 11 am. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Lunch will be served at noon. For more information call 978-407-9505.

# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

September 2, 2025, 6pm.

\* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

## **Story Hour**

Our monthly Story Hour will resume on **Tuesday, September 23 at 10am**. Join us for stories, a craft project, and a snack. No registration necessary.

## **Tech-help Tuesday**

Do you have a cell phone, tablet or laptop that just will not do what you want it to? Stop by the library on Tuesday, September 9 between 11-1 AND Saturday, September 13 10am-12:00 for free and friendly help! There’s no such thing as a silly question!

## **Mini - Library**

Do you know what a ‘mini library’ is?? It’s a wonderful collection of books that are available to take anytime- even when the library is closed! And the best part is that there is no need to return the books you choose- just pass them along to someone else you think would enjoy them. Our mini library is dedicated to Mr. Arnold Haley, who loved Phillipston & the library! Keep checking our mini library, as the offerings are always changing!

## **New Materials**

**New books include:** The View from lake Como by Adriana Trigiani, The Woman in Suite 11 by Ruth Ware, Culpability by Bruce Holsinger and The Nine: The true story of a band of women who survived the worst of Nazi Germany by Gwen Strauss

**New DVDs include:** ‘Fight or Flight’.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Our next book is The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters. We will meet to discuss it on Tuesday, September 30 at 5:30. Copies are available at the library. New members are always welcome!

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THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)  
**October 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS September 23<sup>rd</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)**



*The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.*

*80 State Road, Phillipston*

## **Museum Hours**

**Wednesdays 9:00AM - 12:00 Noon**

**Sundays 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Next Society Meeting** – We generally hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. *Next meeting is Tuesday, September 16th<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM* at the museum to prepare for the History Tour. *Note the change of location and time!*

**North Quabbin History Tour** – Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the history tour – 7 local historical museums open. Make a day of it and visit 3 or 4 museums. Get a map at your first stop – your Phillipston museum.

**What's hidden in those drawers? What's lurking behind cabinet doors?** Museums never have enough space to display all their artifacts at one time. Those not displayed are stored for future use. Maybe you have already visited the museum and think you've seen everything. Well, visit again and ask to see what's in a drawer or a closet. You'll be surprised!

**Honoring Opal Clark** - . This season we showcase many of Opal's contributions with a *Search and Find* game. Visit the museum and see if you can find all the ways she has contributed to the town.

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## **CPC Can Grant Funds**

*Find Out How – 9/8/2025*

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is inviting residents to its annual public hearing on September 8, 2025 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*

## **Phillipston Lion Club**

We meet on September 9, 2025, at the Phillipston library at 7:00 PM all are welcome.

### **Community Lunchroom**

soup, meal, dessert, drink. Free Donations are welcome.

2:00 PM to 2:00 PM Wednesday September 10, 2025 at the Phillipston church

### **Senior meal delivery**

Tuesday September 23, 2025

If you would like to be put on the list call Marilyn 978-503-2269

### **Breakfast**

September 20, 2025 Saturday The special is "Ruebin Omelet" (3 eggs with corn beef, Swiss cheese) choice of bread and home fries.

### **Vendor Fair / Concert**

September 13, 2025 Saturday 9am to 3pm

Music ALL day, come with a chair, blanket and enjoy the music. Have lunch with us and look around at our vendors.

### **Save This Date:**

Let's have some fun! in Phillipston with a haunted school

Saturday October 25, 2025 5 – 9pm.

Community Meeting on Sat. Sept. 6 at 10:00am. Anyone that would like to help, have ideas, come to this meeting

Phillipston Lions Club is sponsoring this event.

## **Jaxon's Car Detailing**

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## Phillipston Agricultural Commission

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is looking forward to the fall weather.

The Farmer's Market is still running on Wednesdays on the common from 4pm- 7pm, weather permitting. If you are a vendor or looking to sell crafts or vegetables or fruit, come up to the Farmer's Market.

The Community Garden did very well this year, and all the plots were taken. We are so excited to say we had the delivery of our shed in July and Dennis has installed two windows in it already. If anyone would like to stop by the garden and visit just call Dennis and he would be happy to show you the garden area and what we have planned to have for the coming year. Dennis' number is 413-658-7889.

**\*\***And for the Pumpkin Contest, It will be on October 12th, 2025. No pumpkin is big or to small. Don't forget that we also will have a homemade pie contest, floral arrangements, vegetable arrangements, canned fruits and vegetables. We are looking for vendors and crafters for the fair also. Please join us for a fun day. Contact Tom at [tomcatbrouillet@gmail.com](mailto:tomcatbrouillet@gmail.com), Julie at [Jhockety2014@gmail.com](mailto:Jhockety2014@gmail.com) or Glenn at 413-992-7066

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### 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**.

A map of the North Quabbin area in Massachusetts, featuring seven location pins. Each pin is a grey teardrop shape with a white circle at the top containing text. A dashed red line winds through the map, connecting the pins in a sequence: starting from the top left (Petersham), moving to the top right (Royalston), then to the center (Athol), down to the right (Phillipston), then to the bottom right (Orange), then to the bottom center (Swift River), and finally to the left (Narragansett). The pins are arranged in a roughly circular pattern around the central Athol pin.

PETERSHAM  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
41 N. Main Street  
Petersham, MA

ROYALSTON  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
1 On The Common  
Royalston, MA

ATHOL  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
1307 Main Street  
Athol, Ma

HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY OF  
PHILLIPSTON  
80 State Road  
Phillipston, MA

NARRAGANSETT  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
1 Boynton Street  
Templeton, MA

ORANGE  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
41 N. Main Street  
Orange, MA

SWIFT RIVER  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
30 Elm Street  
New Salem, MA

SEVEN LOCAL HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY MUSEUMS OPEN

# NORTH QUABBIN HISTORY TOUR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
11AM TO 4PM

## Phillipston Youth Supporters

This year, PYS was able to give:  
7 scholarships to graduating seniors  
who are continuing their education  
2 scholarships to scout camp  
1 scholarship to circus camp

&

Sponsored a local Phillipston children's event

All of this was because the community helped with our only fundraiser

The Narragansett Craft Fair

The Narragansett Craft Fair run by the PYS is looking for volunteers to help out.  
A craft meeting will be held on September 18th at 6:30 at 330 Highland Ave.  
Please consider helping us help the youths of Phillipston.

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# Join Scouting

**Informational Fun Night**

**Invitation to all school age boys and girls!**

**September 16, 2025, 6:00-7:00pm**

Come to the Phillipston common to play games and learn more  
about Scouting.

If you cannot attend, have questions, or want to learn more please  
email: **[pack39phillipston@gmail.com](mailto:pack39phillipston@gmail.com)**

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**Please plan to join us at the Annual Harvest Supper!**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

All are welcome to come and enjoy a traditional Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Bring your family and see your friends and neighbors to celebrate our Fall harvest bounty.

Seatings are at 5:00pm and 6:30pm at the Congregational Church of Phillipston on the Common. Meals are still only \$16.00 per person!

To-Go Pick-ups will be available at 5:30pm  
please specify when ordering.

Please call 978-660-3197 for more information and to reserve your tickets by October 18th

**We hope to see you all there!**