

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Wednesday Sept. 4, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor & virtually with Google Meets

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, which extends the Governor's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.C. 30A § 20", until March 31, 2025, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: dxk-inbg-fgm

PHONE: 321-529-9594

PIN: 462 138 230#

The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television and broadcast live and may be livestreamed at www.stoughtontv.org. A recording of the meeting, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceeding will be posted on the Town's website and/or SMAC as soon as possible after the meeting if the live broadcast or livestreaming is unsuccessful. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

1. 7:30 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:35 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:45 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:55 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. 8:00 p.m. Water Abatement Application/Request for a Hearing - Anny Bautista, 854 Washington Street (Votes may be taken) Anny Bautista
6. 8:20 p.m. Request for designation of a handicap parking space at 146 Perry Street (Votes may be taken) Orlando Teixeira
7. 8:40 p.m. Climate Action Plan Committee - Interim Recommendations Molly Cochran
8. 9:00 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meetings of August 20, 2024
 - b. Application for Parade - Holiday Parade of Lights on December 14, 2024 - Stoughton Recreation Dept.

STOUGHTON OASIS COALITION PRESENTS:

HOPE & RECOVERY

A Panel Discussion

Hear from a panel of local individuals about their recovery journeys and messages of HOPE for individuals and families struggling with substance use disorder, followed by time for your questions.

Wednesday, September 25th

6:30-8:30pm

Stoughton Public Library



Thanks to a generous donation from Audio & Lighting Unlimited,
light refreshments will be provided

Questions? Call Christine at 774-517-7006

TOWN OF STOUGHTON
Fire Flow Testing

Cintas Fire Services
will be conducting a hydrant flow
test at

**338 Canton St. Stoughton on
Wednesday, September 4, 2024
starting at 8:00 P.M.**

This activity will cause discolored water in varying degrees in all sections of town. Persons who experience water discoloration should flush their water systems by opening the cold water faucet for a few minutes and then waiting for about an hour. If the water is still not clear, they should repeat the flushing procedure. The Public Works Department regrets that it cannot be responsible for any damages incurred as a result of this test activity which is necessary and normal function of the Water Department.

Stoughton Water Dept.
Keith Nastasia, Superintendent

HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE

DROP OFF: 9/4-9/30

COSTUME EXCHANGE: 10/10 2-5 PM



Costume Drop-Off: **Bring your costumes in individually labeled clear plastic bags** to the Recreation Department during business hours 15 Pleasant St. Mon-Wed 8:30-4:30 pm, Thurs 8:30-7 pm, Fri 8:30-12 pm. *We will not accept bins of costumes or any costumes in bulk not individually packaged. DO NOT leave bags outside of building*

Costumes must be in great condition with no damage, stains or missing pieces. **The goal of this is to pass along costumes in great condition to others in our community**, not just to get rid of junk or things we simply no longer want.

Costume Exchange: Thursday, October 10th, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at 15 Pleasant Street. Join us to see if your child can find a new Halloween Costume! Costumes will be available as 1 per person, first come first served

Free event. Pre-registration for costume exchange is required.
You do not need to donate a costume to register.



recreation@stoughton-ma.gov | 15 Pleasant St. | Mon-Wed 8:30-4:30 pm, Thurs 8:30-7 pm, Fri 8:30-12 pm



WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG





Lego Club Ages 5-12

Freeplay Lego building fun.
No registration required.

September 30 @ 3:30



Little

Little Lego Club Ages 1-6

Freeplay Duplo building fun.
No registration required.

September 9th @ 10:00 am



**Stoughton
Public Library**

Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072
781-344-2711
www.stoughton.org/library



stoughtontv.com
781-341-1708
421 Page Street, Suite 2



Verizon: Public 28 / Education 26 / Government 24
Comcast: Public 1073 (HD) 9 (SD) / Education 6 / Government 8

STOUGHTON TV HAS A NEW SHOW!

“AROUND TOWN”

HOSTED BY DAVID WALSH

Watch the 1st Episode featuring the
STOUGHTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT
on our YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/@stoughtonmediaaccesscorpor9334



**OR SCAN HERE
TO WATCH**



Join us for

Kids Scratch Coding

at the library

Scratch Coding for ages 7-12
with Dr. Laura Kyser Callis

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | 6 P.M.

Registration Required.



Pottery Wheel Workshop

FRIDAY 9/20

5-7 PM

AGES 16+

**\$75 RES, \$90 NON-RES
REC CENTER, 15 PLEASANT ST**

**REGISTER AT
WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG**



**The Public Safety
Wellness Program
assists Stoughton's
First Responders by
providing them
opportunities to
better their health
and wellness through
continued education,
fitness opportunities
and overall better
health practices**



Any donations or gifts you would like to contribute to help our continued mission can be mailed to the address below or contact the Public Safety Wellness Coordinator directly at the contact provided

**Help us help Stoughton's First Responders live their
best lives that they so respectfully deserve**

Mailing Address For Donations
10 PEARL ST. STOUGHTON MA 02072
ATTENTION TO HUMAN RESOURCES

Contact Public Safety Wellness Coordinator
BMOKRISKY@STOUGHTON-MA.GOV
TEL #781-815-7952

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: TOWN OF STOUGHTON
MEMO LINE: PUBLIC SAFETY WELLNESS PROGRAM



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with local Latina authors

These women are part of the **Extraordinary Latinas Book Vol III.**

This is a book of stories of Extraordinary Latinas who triumphed over challenges, shattered barriers, pursued their dreams, challenged the status quo, embraced their identities, and demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination in the face of adversity.

Join us in a candid and needed conversation where we will cultivate and nurture a sense of community and belonging for Latinx during this Hispanic Heritage Month.

Stoughton Public Library.

84 Park St. Stoughton

September 26th 2024

6:30 pm-7:30 pm EST



Maria Gonzalez
M&A Supplier Diversity
Consultants



Leonela Gonzalez -Fogarty
English 4 Life Network



Ilhiana Rojas Saldana
United Latinas
BeLIVE Coaching and Consulting



Dulce Orozco
Latina Immigrant Therapist



Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

10 Pearl Street • Stoughton, MA 02072 • (781) 341-1300 • FAX (781) 341-1032

The Water, Sewer, Trash Department has issued the **FY25 1st quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills** to the Town of Stoughton water, sewer, and trash customers. The 1st quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills **were mailed on August 13, 2024, and are due September 12, 2024**, and must be received in the Collector's Office or the PO Box in Medford on or before this date. A postmark date is not acceptable as payment made if the payment is not received in the Collector's Office or the PO Box in Medford by September 12, 2024.

When sending payment(s) to the Lockbox address in Medford, checks, AND water, sewer, trash remittances MUST BE SENT. PLEASE do not mail checks only to the Medford address. If there is/are no remittance(s) with the check(s), the payment(s) cannot be processed and will be returned to Town Hall for processing. This will delay the payment(s) from being applied to your water, sewer, trash bill(s).

When processing a payment online through your bank's Bill Pay, you **MUST** include the bill number, and the year and type in the Memo field (for example, Bill #25, 2025 water, sewer, trash) so your payment will be properly applied. When paying multiple bills, you must include each bill number. If this information is not included on your check, your check may be returned to you, and interest/charges may accrue due to a late payment. **Online bank payment checks must be mailed to Town of Stoughton PO Box 9108 Stoughton MA 02072.**

The Water, Sewer, Trash bills may be paid online at <https://stoughton.epayub.com>, by mail, at Town Hall with cash, checks and credit and debit card with a 3% fee and for your convenience, there is a secured payment drop box outside of Town Hall on Pearl St. The payment drop box is emptied two to three times a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and if needed, once before leaving for the day.

All unpaid water, sewer, trash bills will accrue interest at 14% from their respective due dates, a \$15.00 demand fee will be added to the bill, and the Senior Discount will be forfeited if this quarter's balance is not paid in full.

The Collector staff members are available by phone Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Please call 781-341-1300 X 9222 if you need your bill number(s) and or amount(s) due.

"Join Our Team"



**Base salary of 77K-104K
based on experience and education
incentives of 10%-20%-25%**

**Industry leading detail pay structure
and overtime pay**

**23-37 vacation days - 16 sick days
and other time off available**

**Plenty of advanced training opportunities
and career advancement**

Tattoos? Beards? NO PROBLEM

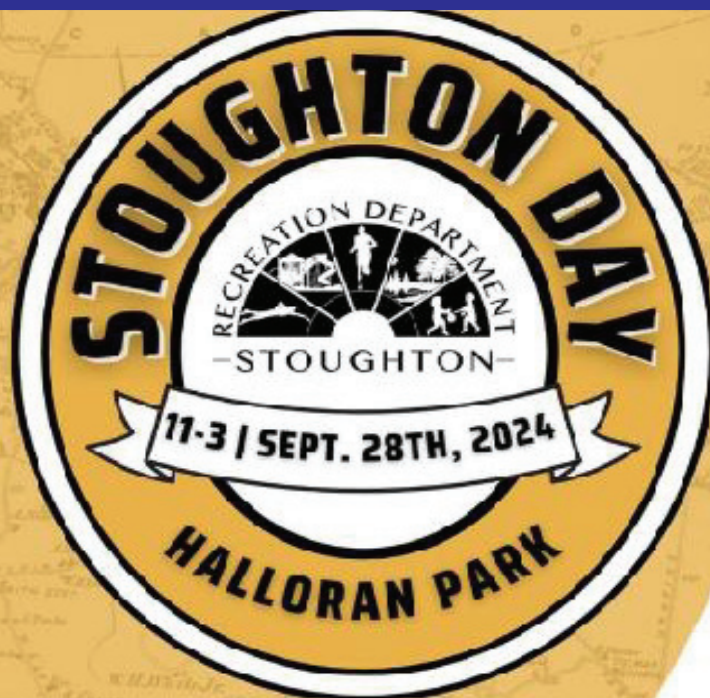
***Interested? Have Questions?
Contact us today for more information***



Character Commitment Community

StoughtonPolice.com

The Town of Stoughton is an Equal Opportunity Employer



**LIVE BANDS
FOOD TRUCKS
VENDOR TENTS
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BALLOON ARTIST
& MORE!**

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15 PLEASANT ST STOUGHTON MA - RECREATION@STOUGHTON-MA.GOV - 781-341-1300 X9244

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Class is in Session: Back to School

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa.



**SAVE THE DATE
OCT. 10TH
LOCAL HORROR!**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
6:30 PM - 8:15 PM ON ZOOM**

Please visit <https://www.stoughton.org/595/Attend> to sign up.

A Zoom link will be sent 1 day prior to the program.



High school English & Film teacher Frank Mandosa gives talks on a wide variety of film-related topics & has 2 movie podcasts, Silver Screeners (host) & Movies Across the Pod (co-host).

Facebook movie group: "Silver Screeners"
Twitter: @filmbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com
www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

Hometown hero **Frederick Richard** returns to Stoughton on Sunday, October 6 when the Gold Over America Tour comes to the TD Garden.



**Join us from noon until 2 pm
at Stoughton High School**

as we celebrate Frederick and his road to Olympic success. Hear from Frederick and his parents about his journey, training regimen, his memories of growing up in Stoughton and how gymnastics has changed his life.

For those interested in Black Earth Compost here is the new flyer.
They are beginning a route in Stoughton in September.
This is strictly OPTIONAL and there is a fee.

TURN SPOILS TO SOIL IN STOUGHTON WITH

CURBSIDE COMPOST



The price lowers for all when 400 participants sign up

The first 90 signups will get a **FREE STARTER KIT** courtesy of the town



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COMPOST

Reduce Your Waste by 30%

SIGN UP AT BLACKEARTHCOMPOST.COM



COMPOST ALL FOOD SCRAPS



FREE BAG OF COMPOST

WEEKLY COLLECTION
\$114.99 / 6 MONTHS

EVERY OTHER WEEK
\$89.99 / 6 MONTHS

A Message from the Town Manager's Office!

August 29, 2024

Greetings Stoughton Residents,

On June 11th, 5,208 Stoughton citizens cast their votes on a proposed debt exclusion to pay for the construction and furnishing of a new K-5 elementary school to be located on Park St. Of the 5,208 votes cast, 2,320 citizens voted **yes** and 2,884 citizens voted **no**. There was a 23% voter turnout.

Since the June 11th election, there has been considerable debate over the reasons that the measure failed. Most feel that given the low voter turnout, conflicting information about the project, may have caused people to stay home on election day. However, there is no question that 23% of our citizens have spoken.

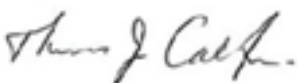
One day, an elementary school must be built. The South School is approximately 60 years old and we cannot afford to replace it without the financial support from the State. It is very important that we maintain a strong and credible relationship with the Massachusetts School Building Authority if we are to receive the State's financial support. Therefore, we must clearly understand why only 23% of our voters weighed in on this important decision. I requested that the MSBA extend our current grant application to their first meeting following Stoughton's April 1st Town election. The MSBA has agreed to extend the application period until April 3, 2025. Had they not done so, the Stoughton grant application would have been rejected. A new application would not be considered by the MSBA for 4 – 5 years. In addition, a new feasibility study will be required as part of the new application. That study will cost more than \$1.5 million.

There are active Political Action Committees working in support and opposition to this project. In an effort to gather, vet and publish information for the public, I have formed the **South School Building Project Independent Working Group**. This working group consists of citizens and Town employees appointed by me. The purpose of the working group is to research the issues and questions surrounding the South School Building Project. The working group members have demonstrated their ability and willingness to be objective. Invited members have taken public positions both **for** and **against** the School Building Project. This balance of opposite positions brings credibility to the working group. During a 10-week period, the group will meet once a week to take testimony from subject matter experts. By November 15, 2024, the working group will publish a document which will provide vetted information on the issues of known interest to our residents.

During the working group weekly meetings, members will take and challenge testimony, fact check information, collect supporting documents and review draft summaries on issues. Each of the members will be expected to sign the final document, demonstrating their support of the data included in the report.

This independent working group, is committed to following a deliberative public process. Its primary objective is to provide our residents with unbiased, accurate and verifiable information from which residents are able to make an informed decision should the Select Board vote to place the question on the ballot for the next Town election scheduled for April 1st.

Regards,



Thomas J. Calter
Town Manager

