

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED OCTOBER 22, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Stoughton Fire Department
invites you to our

STOUGHTON FIRE STATION 1

Grand Opening

Saturday, October 26th at 11:00
400 Prospect St, Stoughton MA





Town of Stoughton
Economic Development Director
Pamela A. McCarthy
10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072
781-341-1300 x9265 (p) 781-341-1086 (f)
pmccarthy@stoughton-ma.us

Stoughton Awarded \$2,000,000 Grant for Train Depot Rehab/Conversion to Community Center Project

Under the direction of the Town Manager, Tom Calter, the Economic Development Director Pamela McCarthy applied for a grant from the State's One Stop for Community Growth MassWorks Infrastructure Program. On October 11th the Town was notified by a letter from the Secretary of Economic Development, Yvonne Hao that the entire request in the amount of \$2,000,000 has been awarded for the conversion of the former train station to the new Stoughton Community Center.

Since the Depot was purchased from the MBTA in 2019 a great deal of effort has been put into funding the rehab of this building. Multiple smaller grants and earmarks have been awarded that allowed the Town to start the process and to secure the building. The Community Preservation Act Committee, with the support of Town meeting, also contributed a significant amount of money to purchase and rehab the building.

The Select Board voted in 2023 to designate the Train Depot as a Community Center. Manager Tom Calter appointed Select Board member Joe Mokrisky to lead the project design and construction. Working with a consultant provided by a Mass Downtown Initiative Grant, Pamela McCarthy conducted a highest and best use study of the building that included a community survey. The community supported this use.

The MassWorks grant will make it possible for the Town to complete the rehab work necessary to make the building safe and usable allowing it to be transformed into a multi-use Community Center. This use will provide the opportunity for Stoughton residents and visitors to attend art and historical exhibits, performances and special events.

Longtime residents will once again be able to enjoy this beloved historical building. New and younger residents who only know the building as an abandoned structure will be able to enjoy the space for the first time.

This Depot Conversion Project will go a long way toward accomplishing the Master Plan's number one Economic Development goal of Downtown Revitalization.

The Town is also grateful for the support shown by the Healey – Driscoll Administration that made this grant possible.

Upcoming Election Information:

In person Early Voting at Town Clerk's Office:
October 19, 2024 - November 1, 2024

State/Presidential Election:
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Additional Voter Information Links:

Elections Division:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/elections-and-voting.htm>

Vote by Mail:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/vote-by-mail.htm>

Absentee Voting:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/absentee-voting.htm>

How to Register to Vote

: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voter-resources/registering-to-vote.htm>

Political Parties & Designations:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/political-parties-and-designations.htm>



NIGHTMARE ON ROSE ST.

HAUNTED STATION

SATURDAY, 10/26/24

11 AM-2 PM

STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, 26 ROSE ST.



11-11:30 AM will be a lights-on scaled-down version for those families with young kids and people with special or sensory needs. After that, let the scares begin. Costumes encouraged!

Town of Stoughton

New Online Building Permit Software

Stoughton is excited to announce the launch of a new online building permit software!

Benefits of the New Software:

Convenience: Apply for permits from the comfort of your home or office.

Efficiency: Reduce paperwork and wait times.

Transparency: Track the status of your permit application in real-time.

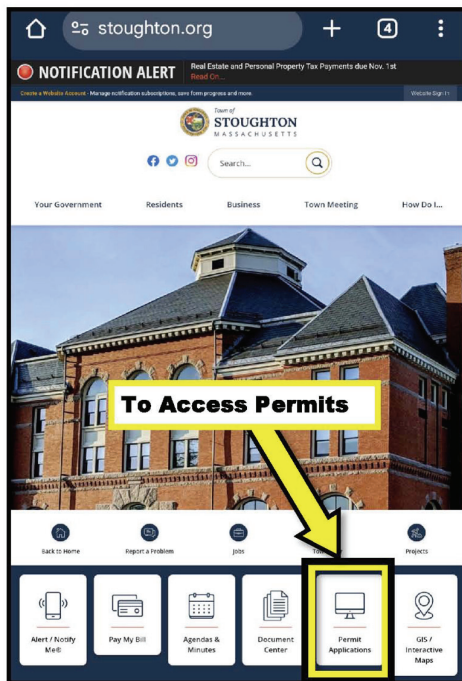
How to Get Started:

Visit our website: www.stoughton.org

Create an account: Register for your personal account.

Start your application: Follow the simple steps to submit your permit request.

**Site Live
October
21
2024**



www.stoughton.org



Login Screen

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

[SAVE AND EXIT](#) [EXIT](#)

SECTION 1 - SITE INFORMATION

* Street Name
PEARL ST

* Map Block Lot
054-221-0

* Street Number
10

Zone
CBD

SECTION 2 - OWNER INFORMATION

* Owner Name
TOWN OF STOUGHTON

* Street Number
10

* Street Name
PEARL STREET

* City
STOUGHTON

Application Screen



<https://permiteyes.us/stoughton/loginuser.php>

For more information or assistance, please contact: Stoughton Building Department

Town of Stoughton

Department of Veterans' Services

10 Pearl Street | Stoughton, MA 02072 | Tel: 781-341-1300 x9220 | Fax: 781-297-2879 | Email: bturner@stoughton-ma.gov

Reflagging of Veterans' Graves – Saturday, November 9th – 10:00 am

On Saturday, November 9th, we will be reflagging the graves of all veterans at the Holy Sepulcher and Evergreen Cemeteries. Please help us in this honored tradition. This can be a very rewarding experience for your children, grandchildren and people of all ages to participate in.

Please feel free to go directly to either Holy Sepulcher or Evergreen by 10:00AM. The Stoughton Veterans' Graves Officer will be at Holy Sepulcher and the Director of Veterans Services will be at Evergreen. Refreshments will be served at the VFW (NEW Address: 14 Seaver Street) after the completion of the reflagging.

Veterans Day Parade – Monday, November 11th -10:00am

The Veterans Day Parade honors all Veterans who have served our Country.

The Veterans' Day Parade will form in the parking lot of the VFW Post 1645 (14 Seaver Street) and the abutting parking lot of the Stoughton Recreation Center (15 Pleasant St), at 9:30 am. The parade will begin at 10:00 am sharp at the VFW on Seaver St and proceed through the square to the Stoughton Town Hall via Washington St, School St, and Pearl St for a ceremony and wreath laying at the Memorial Bell.

The parade will then reform on Pearl St and proceed back through the square to Faxon Veterans Memorial Park for two memorials. The parade will conclude at the Faxon Memorial Park. There will be a collation at the VFW following the parade.

Memorial Square Dedication – Monday, November 11th

Please join us for the dedication ceremonies for:

1:00 PM – Edward T. Horan St. (corner of Drake Ave and School St)



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



*STOUGHTON PUBLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION & VNA*

HEALTH FAIR

**OCTOBER 24, 2024
10 AM – 2 PM**

**STOUGHTON SENIOR CENTER
110 ROCKLAND STREET
STOUGHTON, MA**

Stoughton Public Health Assoc. & VNA is hosting a health fair for the community. Informative presentations and vendors will be available with a wealth of material regarding living a healthy life. Join us for this fun and useful event.

**All Welcome to
Attend**

Guest Speakers

Vendors

Refreshments

Raffles

Entertainment

Therapy Dogs

Health Screenings

**Stoughton Public
Health Assoc. &
VNA**

**10 Pearl Street
Stoughton, MA
781-344-7011**





STOUGHTON PUBLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION & VNA

FEIRA DA SAÚDE

OUTUBRO 24, 2024
10 AM – 2 PM

STOUGHTON SENIOR CENTER
110 ROCKLAND STREET
STOUGHTON, MA

Associação de Saúde Pública de Stoughton. & A VNA está a realizar uma feira de saúde para a comunidade. Apresentações informativas e vendedores estarão disponíveis com uma riqueza de material sobre como viver uma vida saudável. Junte-se a nós neste evento divertido e útil.

Todos são
bemvidos a
participar

Orador Convidado

Fornecedores

Refrescos

Rifa

Entretenimento/
Diversão

Cães de terapia

Exames de saúde

Stoughton Public
Health Assoc. &
VNA

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Stoughton, MA
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STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

NEW ENGLAND TALES OF HORROR AND SUSPENSE

SPEND HALLOWEEN NIGHT WITH STOUGHTON FILM HISTORIAN FRANK MANDOSA...IF YOU DARE!



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st
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: @fimbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com
www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

TEDDY BEAR TEA PARTY

Tuesday 10/15 | 10:00-11:15 AM | Ages 1.5-5 | \$25 res, \$35 non-res

Tuesday 10/15 | 3:30-4:45 pM | Ages 4-7 | \$25 res, \$35 non-res

Wear your finest party clothes and create your very own stuffed animal with *Teddy Town!* Participants will take turn creating their own stuffed animal, enjoy a snack, and do a craft! Located at the Rec Building at 15 Pleasant St.

Registration open now!

www.StoughtonRec.org



Please see the attached memo regarding Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitations work that began October 8th and will continue through April 2025. The work is being done by National Water Main Cleaning Company.



TOWN OF STOUGHTON TO CONDUCT SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATIONS

On behalf of the Town of Stoughton, National Water Main Cleaning Co. will be performing sanitary sewer system rehabilitations in select areas of town. This work will be conducted October 2024 through April 2025.

During the rehabilitations, National Water Main Cleaning Co. may need to access your property to complete repairs in sanitary sewer easements operated and maintained by the Town.

These rehabilitations are being performed as part of Stoughton's Sewer System Infiltration Rehabilitation, Contract 24-1. The purpose of the work is to remove sources of groundwater entering the sanitary sewer and perform any necessary structural repairs. By removing extra flow, Stoughton will reduce the amount of wastewater it sends into the MWRA system. Also, performing structural pipe repairs reduces the risk for sewer pipe collapses.

We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience during this work and appreciate your continued cooperation while we strive to improve our sanitary sewer system.



Halloween Storytime

Tuesday, October 29th
6:30 pm

All ages.
Registration required.
Costumes encouraged.
Spooky books, songs, and a take home craft.



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Lego Club Ages 5-12

Freeplay Lego building fun.
No registration required.

October 28 @ 3:30



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Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

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The Treasurer/Collector, Paula Nute, has announced the 2nd quarter Fiscal Year 2025 REAL ESTATE and PERSONAL PROPERTY tax bills are due November 1, 2024, and must be received in the Collectors' office or at the PO Box in Medford on or before this date.

A postmark date is not acceptable as payment made if payment is not received in the Collectors' office or at the PO Box in Medford by November 1, 2024.

The 1st and 2nd quarter tax remittances were mailed in the same envelope on June 30, 2024.

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

When processing a payment online through your bank, you MUST include the bill number, year, and type in the Memo field (for example, Bill #25, 2025 real estate or personal property) so your payment will be properly applied.

When paying multiple bills through your bank, you must include each bill number. If this information is not included on your check, your check may be returned to you, and interest may accrue due to a late payment.

Online bank payment checks must be mailed to Town of Stoughton PO Box 9108 Stoughton MA 02072.

There is a secured payment drop box outside 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 the office.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills may be paid online at:

<https://www.stoughton.org/home/pages/pay-bills-online>

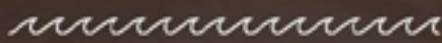
The Collector's Office is now accepting payments by credit and debit cards in the Collector's Office for all tax and water, sewer, trash bills. There is a 3% fee if a card is used to process a payment.

All Fiscal Year 2025 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes remaining unpaid after their respective due dates are subject to 14% per annum interest.

Please call 781-341-1300 X 9222 if you need your bill number(s) and/or amount(s) due. The Collector staff are available by phone and in person 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.

JOIN THE CAPTAIN!

Blackbeard's Bounty Mystery Quest



REGISTER HERE:



Wednesday 10/23

3:30PM

Community Room



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84 Park St • 781-344-2711



**I ONE UP GAMES I
OPEN GAMING
W/ VIRTUAL REALITY**



Thursday 10/24 @ 1pm

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HORROR HALLOWEEN MAKEUP TUTORIALS & DEMOS



JOIN US...

Tuesday 10/29
@ 2:30pm

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...learn how to make
spooky makeup &
fake blood at this
spooky event



@SPLMATEENS

HARRY POTTER INSPIRED PAINTING CLASS

Wednesday
10/30 @3pm



Stoughton
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84 Park St
781-344-2711

*Create your own masterpiece
with Wanita
*Leave with your own painting
*Light refreshments served
Register via link in bio



@SPLMATEENS





Town Meeting Caucuses

Precinct 1, 2 and 7

have scheduled their Caucuses on
Thursday, October 24 at 7:00PM
at Town Hall

to elect Town Meeting Reps to add to their members to bring
each particular Precinct up to the full complement of 21 members.

Precinct 1 Caucus

is scheduled to meet in the
Fitzpatrick Room, 1st floor at 7:00PM.

Precincts 2 and 7 Caucuses

are scheduled to meet
in the Great Hall at 7:00PM.

Precinct 1, 2 & 7 members please attend

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FY25 2024-2025 Snow Plowing Operations Tentative Schedule of Proceedings

Dear Snow Plowing Contractors

In preparation for the upcoming winter season, the Town of Stoughton will begin the solicitation for on-call snow plowing services.

In order to keep the contractors informed, the Procurement Department has put together this tentative schedule of proceedings in regards to significant dates.

As in the past winter seasons, the number of the pieces of snow plowing equipment contracted will be determined by the Department of Public Works Superintendent. Snow Plowing services are on call and as needed solely under the direction of the DPW Superintendent to supplement the Towns equipment. The DPW Superintendent does not guarantee a need for services. In cases of emergency conditions, the Town may add on additional pieces of equipment to be used.

Tentative Date Schedule:

September 23, 2024 10:00am	Snow Plowing Operations documents available by emailing a request to: bids@stoughton-ma.gov or by picking up documents at the Town Hall 3 rd Floor Procurement Dept 10 Pearl Street Stoughton, MA 02072
October 7 th , 2024 12:00pm	Questions due in regards to snow plowing operations
October 14 th , 2024	Addenda issued (if necessary)
November 7 th , 2024	In order to assign routes for contracted snow plowers <u>Complete Snow Plowing packages</u> will be accepted any time <u>before</u> November 7 th , 2024. Incomplete packages received will not be forwarded to the DPW Superintendent.

Best regards



Fran Bruttaniti
Procurement Officer

Cc Paul Giffune



Stoughton Public Library



STORYTIMES

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. | Teddy Bear Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. | Family Storytime

Every Friday at 10:00 a.m. | Baby Storytime

Every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. | Preschool Storytime



Join us for stories, music, and more!
84 Park Street Stoughton



HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS 2024



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th at 5 PM

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES AND
COMMUNITY GROUPS -
FLOAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Help us light up Stoughton this
holiday season by signing up
your group to drive a float or
march in the parade!

www.StoughtonRec.org





Leaf/Brush Disposal

Town of Stoughton Residents Only
Bring your Brush and Leaves

from 8am to 3pm
to 1240 Washington St
across from Canton Fence



Saturday November 2
Saturday November 9
Saturday November 16
Saturday November 23

leaves can be disposed
of all year round at
the Transfer Station.

No Curbside Pickup

The transfer station
is open
every Saturday
8 a.m to 4 p.m.
100 Page St.

Welcome to the Town Manager's Office!

On December 12, 2022 I was honored to begin my career in Stoughton. After enjoying a successful career in business, as a State Legislator and as a Town Administrator, I've taken on this challenge with eyes wide open. From a career of professional experiences, successes and mistakes, I join the Town well prepared to meet the challenges, and leverage the opportunities before us. It's hard to believe that almost 3 months have already passed. I apologize for not reaching out sooner. I want you to know that I am true and committed to several core values.

First, you can always expect transactional honesty from me. I will respectfully say what I mean and mean what I say. Second, I am committed to openness and full transparency. Secrets, hidden agendas and old grievances will not play any part in my decision making process nor, will they eat up the valuable time needed to do this job properly. Third, you can always expect me to use prudent fiscal judgement. We have real financial challenges and clear solutions which will require your understanding and support. I am not promising a "Rose Garden". I am promising however, that within three years, the Town of Stoughton will stand on a strong financial footing.

We have some challenges that are among my top priorities. As Stoughton looks forward to its 300th Anniversary, it's important to understand that our infrastructure is old and has been neglected for decades. We seldom appreciate the value of clean running water and efficient waste management until those services are interrupted or lost. We all share 112 miles of Stoughton roads. Only 24.1 miles require minimal or no maintenance. As we develop a long-term infrastructure plan, we need to coordinate the replacement of 100 year old water and waste water distribution lines with the pavement of those roads. We need to replace water meters that are not properly recording water consumption. This may appear to be getting into the weeds. However, the condition of our water and sewer lines, town buildings, and town roads is beneath the standard you deserve. Meeting those challenges is among my top priorities. Meeting you and hearing your views will be among my greatest joys!

In closing, I want you to know that openness, transparency and constituent service are among my core values. Those values served me well as a business executive, business owner, legislator and municipal leader. Your confidence in Stoughton town government is needed in order for us to move our common agenda forward. I ask that you stay in touch, stay involved, share your thoughts and make your voice heard.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Calter

