

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED NOVEMBER 19, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday Nov. 19, 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: ipx-zpdh-zsj
PHONE: 914-488-9702
PIN: 783 728 270#

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. 7:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:05 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:15 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:25 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. 7:30 p.m. ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan Presentation Katie Denis
KMA
6. 7:50 p.m. Water Abatement Hearing - Joanne Gangemi, 2 Hillwood Ave. Joanne Gangemi
7. 8:10 p.m. To consider and discuss Use of Town Vehicle Policy Tom Calter
Town Manager
8. 8:30 p.m. To consider and discuss draft Noise Ordinance Policy -
Votes may be taken Tom Calter
Town Manager
9. 8:45 p.m. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) By-law - Votes may
be taken Debra Roberts
10. 9:00 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of
November 6, 2024



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



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

Final Saturday
Saturday
November 23

No Curbside Pickup

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

Stoughton Complete Streets

Paving the future of accessibility one road at a time

What is a Complete Street?

Complete Streets provide safe and accessible options for people of all ages, abilities, and travel modes.

How will Complete Streets help?

The Town of Stoughton will improve the walking, biking, transit, and vehicle experience in Town through the development of a new Complete Streets Prioritization Plan.



What are some examples of Complete Street projects?

Complete Streets are a process and approach to street design; each one is unique and responds to its community's context.

Features include (but are not limited to):

- Sidewalks
- Bike lanes
- Wide shoulders
- Improved intersections
- Reconfigured lanes
- Comfortable public transit stops
- Safe crosswalks
- Median islands
- Accessible pedestrian signals
- Curb extensions
- Narrower travel lanes
- Roundabouts

Help make our town safe and accessible for all through the
Online Public Comment Tool!



The Stoughton Senior Center

*is accepting
unwanted jewelry*



in good condition
for our

Clothing, Accessories, and
Jewelry Swap

on

**VALENTINE'S DAY,
FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

We are located at
110 Rockland Street in Stoughton.

Thank you!

Stoughton Council on Aging
(781) 344-8882 • 110 Rockland Street



FREE Online Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Meeting Features:

- Topical Presentations
- Interactive Workshops
- Expert Guest Speakers
- Access to Hiring Managers
- Networking Opportunities
- Coaching Guidance

Meeting Schedule:

- Aug. 7: Self Assessment
- Aug. 21: Career Story
- Sept. 4: LinkedIn
- Sept. 18: Resumes
- Oct. 2: Cover Letters/Using AI
- Oct. 16: Thinking Outside The Box
- Nov. 6: Networking
- Nov. 20: Interview Strategies
- Dec. 4: Interview Practice
- Dec. 18: Marketing Plan

Questions? Contact co-facilitator
Robert Hayes 978-640-4490 x205
or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

Group's Purpose:

- For people 50 & older looking for a new job/career direction
- Create a new job search tool kit
- 35 members found new jobs in first six months of 2024



Facilitated by
Deborah Hope, MBA,
Professional Coach

Where: All meetings are via Zoom
When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays,
9:30am to 11:30am **Informal**
Networking: 9am to 9:30am and
11:30am to noon. Register below.

Co-sponsored by
The Stoughton Public
Library.

<https://tinyurl.com/libraryjobnetworking>

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Bing Crosby: King of the Christmas Crooners

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa

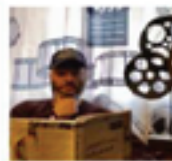


"An Oscar-winning actor, a record-setting recording artist, and a staple of holiday TV specials for years, Bing Crosby remains one of the most famous and well-loved voices in music history. You will hear about his life and career and enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at his most iconic motion pictures, including the seasonal films *Holiday Inn*, *Going My Way*, *The Bells of St. Mary's*, and *White Christmas*!"

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12th
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

To register, please visit or call the library at 781-344-2711
or email Josh at jolshin@stoughton.ocln.org

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

All Ages Holiday Sing Along With David Polansky

Thursday, December 19th, 6:30-7:30pm.

Holiday Fun For Everyone!

All Ages
All Holidays
No Registration Required



**Stoughton
Public Library**

Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711
<https://www.stoughton.org/657/library>

**POP
UP!!**

Thanksgiving Felt Banner Making

Thursday, 11/21 | 5-6:30 pm | Ages 8-15 | \$10
Rec Department, 15 Pleasant St

Join us for a creative and fun workshop where kids can make their very own Thanksgiving felt banner to hang at home! Participants will design and assemble festive fall-themed banners using colorful felt, fabric glue, and embellishments.
Pre-registration required



www.StoughtonRec.org

FAMILY HOLIDAY MUSIC BINGO

THURSDAY 12/19/24 | 5-6 PM

Rec Department, 15 Pleasant St | \$10.00

Get ready for Music Bingo! In this fun workshop, participants will listen to short clips of songs and match them to the words on their bingo cards. It's a great way for kids to enjoy their favorite tunes while practicing listening skills. Perfect for all music-lovers, this workshop combines the excitement of bingo with the joy of music. Small prizes will be awarded to our bingo winners, so come ready to listen, play, and sing along! A parent or adult must attend Family Music Bingo with the child and pre-registration is required.



WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



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FILL A CRUISER

In front of Stoughton Police Station

Saturday, December 14
from 10-4

The collection box will be available from
November 29 - December 20 in our lobby

Accepting
new unwrapped toys,
sports equipment, games
and clothing for children
from newborn to 17 years.

We will also be accepting
gift cards and
cash doantions.
Aslo accepting VENMO
(@stoughtonpolicerelief)



All donations to help local families



Town of Stoughton ADA Self Evaluation & Transition Plan

Public Comment Welcome through 11/19/2024

Under Title II of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Town of Stoughton is required to complete an Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (ADA SETP). The ADA SETP reviews the Town's public facilities, programs, and services, to determine compliance with the ADA and identify any barriers to accessibility. The ADA SETP is a fluid document that prioritizes identified barriers in order for the Town to plan how best to correct them.

The Town of Stoughton received a planning grant as part of the Community Compact program through the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and contracted with The Collins Center at UMass Boston to assist with the self-evaluation process. The Collins Center has provided a DRAFT ADA SETP, which is available via [this link](#) for public comment until 11/19/2024. The plan can also be found on [Stoughton.org](#) on the Economic Development webpage. A paper copy can be reviewed at the Building Department located on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall. If it is not possible for you to view the Draft ADA SETP electronically and it is not possible for you to get to the Town Hall you may call the Building Department at 781-341-1300 x 9240 or x9241 to request a paper copy.

Comments and questions should be sent via email to Marcia Birmingham at Marcia.Birmingham@umb.edu

Maria Lawton



The long awaited second book is finally here! Join us for an exclusive book signing event to meet the Green Bean herself at the Stoughton Public Library!

Saturday, December 7 | 2 PM
84 Park St, Stoughton, MA



THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

In honor of our Service Men and Women, we hope you enjoy watching
Stoughton's local Veterans Day Events.

Reflagging of Veterans' Graves ▪ Veterans Day Parade ▪ Memorial Square Dedication



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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

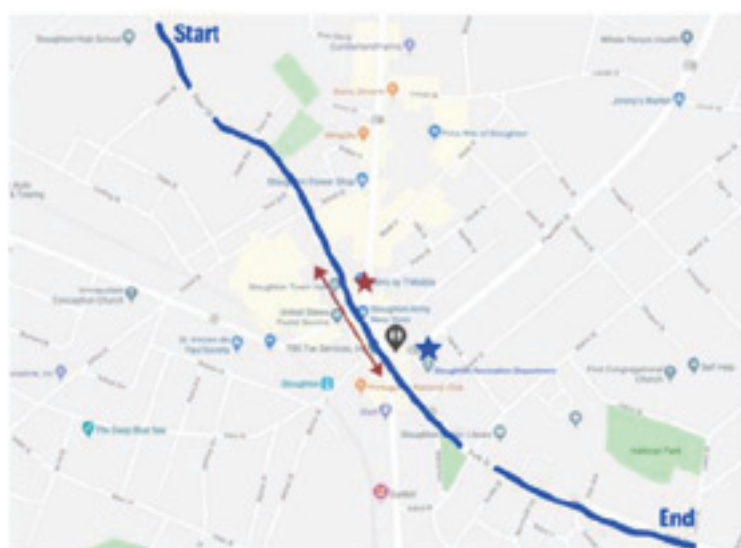
HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS 2024



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!



★ : Cookies and Crafts at the Recreation Department 🚻 : Bathrooms ★ : Performance Area ↗ : Prime-time parade view



Starts at High School, through Town Center, ends at corner of Park & Leach St

www.StoughtonRec.org



Early Thursday Art Workshop

12/12 | 12:00-4:00 pm | Ages 10-15 | \$5

Early Thursday and nothing to do?! No problem! Come to Rec and spend the afternoon making art, playing games and having fun.
Pre-registration required



www.StoughtonRec.org

Ornament Workshop

12/10/24 - 3:30-4:30 pm - Ages 10-16

12/11/24 - 3:30-4:30 pm - Ages 6-11

Create your own one of a kind ornament to put in your home or give as a gift! This program will take place inside the Recreation Department at 15 Pleasant St. Pre-registration required



REGISTER AT

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



TOWN OF STOUGHTON
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
SOLID WASTE
MUNICIPAL WASTE
RECYCLING
WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
The GREAT HALL, 10 Pearl St., 3rd Floor
STOUGHTON, MA 02072
& VIRTUALLY via GOOGLE MEETS

On September 20, 2023, we held a public information session to provide insight into the looming crisis in the cost and management of municipal waste (rubbish). During that meeting, we learned a great deal about the growing demand and declining capacity for municipal waste disposal. We had a spirited discussion about alternative forms of waste management.

With clear direction from our citizens, we rejected the “pay as you throw bag” approach and chose to adjust rates in support of the current methodology of waste management used in Stoughton for decades. We also modified our existing program to separate bulky solid waste streams from municipal waste streams. Following the September 20, 2023, we promised to report back and to present various options for the Town to consider which will help mitigate the cost and capacity challenges we are sure to face in years to come.

The December 4, 2024 public information session will provide an update on the current program and cost/benefit analysis. As promised, we will also present alternatives to our current way of doing business.

Although I don’t expect any operational or rate changes in FY26 (beginning July 1, 2025), I believe that we need to understand our future challenges and options as related to solid waste management in the Town of Stoughton.

Please attend the December 4th waste management information session. There will time scheduled for Q&A.

Thank you.
Thomas J. Calter
Town Manager

