

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED FEBRUARY 11, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Mon., Feb. 10 from 6:30-8 pm



Take Action! Flooding could be headed to a neighborhood near you!

Scan code to register for meeting.

Climate change is causing flooding in some unexpected places and worsening it in others

JOIN US TO DISCOVER:

- Which neighborhoods* could benefit the most from the Resilient Neponset Flood Model
- How nature-based solutions—like wetland restoration, rain gardens, and permeable pavement—can help reduce flooding in your community

INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE! REGISTER BEFORE 5 PM ON FEB. 3.

For Haitian Creole, Mandarin, Portuguese (Brazil), and Spanish.

- Entèpretasyon disponib pou kreyòl ayisyen lè ou enskri anvan 5:00 pm 3 fevriye 2025.
- 在 2025 年 2 月 3 日下午 5 : 00 之前注册时，可享受普通话口译服务。
- Interpretação disponível para português (Brasil) quando você se inscrever antes das 17h00 de 3 de fevereiro de 2025.
- Interpretación disponible para español cuando se registra antes de las 5:00 p.m. del 3 de febrero de 2025.

*If you live or work in any of these towns or neighborhoods, your neighborhood may be included in the flood model: Boston (Hyde Park, Mattapan, and Dorchester), Canton, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, and Westwood.

Supported through a Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant to the Town of Dedham, in partnership with the City of Boston, and the Towns of Canton, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Norwood, Sharon, Stoughton, and Westwood.



MVP
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness



messages from **Town Clerk**



We have scheduled another
informative information session.
This one is via zoom and through the
Campaign Finance Office.

Please see below for link information. Link is sent directly from
Campaign Finance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Here's the invitation:

Stoughton Candidate Training Class

Thursday • February 13, 2025 • 2:00 P.M.
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86799648802?pwd=T4zlJahlbR3AOzNSaVfk3gZHKmWXhB.1>

Meeting ID:867 9964 8802 Passcode iX2i1D



Annual Town Election * April 8, 2025

If you want to plan to Vote by mail

for the April 8th Town Election you will need to fill out an
Application either in person or online.

The State will not be sending out postcards for the Local Election.
Please visit the Town Clerk's page under Voter Information
for additional details.

**Last day to apply for
Ballot by Mail
Tuesday April 1, 2025**

**Last day to register to vote
Saturday March 29, 2025**

Campaign Finance Reports - Important Dates

Pre-election report- Monday March 31, 2025

Post -election Report -Thursday, May 8, 2025

**Tuesday 2/18
@ 2:30PM**

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84 Park Street * Stoughton, MA
* 02072 * 781-344-2711



Creator's Corner

Sign up and your craft of choice may be selected for the class!
Tools & supplies will be provided.

KNIT/CROCHET CIRCLE

TUES. 2/11 & 3/11

Starts at 2:45PM

FOR TEENS

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Join us for knitting or
crocheting w/ special pop
up monthly by local artist
Becky!!



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Jones Early Childhood Center

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Stoughton Public Schools



Preschool Screening on February 14

Attention parents of school age children ages 2.9 to 4 years: In compliance with Chapter 766, Stoughton Public Schools will screen preschool-aged children to identify those children with possible special education needs.

The screening will occur at the E.A. Jones Early Childhood Center (137 Walnut St. in Stoughton) on Friday, February 14, 2025. The screening will include the following: Speech and language, education, motor skills, and completion of a parent questionnaire.

If you want to schedule an appointment, please call 781-344-7003 by Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Please note that this screening is not for enrollment for the preschool. Your child must be a Stoughton resident and parents must provide a current physical exam form.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact the Jones ECC at 781-344-7003 or email Nicole Velozo at atn_velozo@stoughgonschools.org.

Preschool Registration

The pre-registration process for preschool is now open. Preschool students must be 3 or 4 years of age by August 31, 2025 and be toilet trained. Please be advised that pre-registration does not guarantee a spot in the preschool program as there are limited spots available. More information and the link to the pre-registration form can be found by clicking [here](#).

The pre-registration process for grades K-12 will start in March. For kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by August 31, 2025. Students only need to register for grades 1-12 if they do not currently attend the Stoughton Public Schools. Stay tuned for more information closer to March

Wednesday 2/19 @ 2:30pm-4:30pm



TEEN GAMING UNPLUGGED



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* Volunteer *

Interest Meeting



Tues 1/22 at 3:30PM



Thurs 2/20 at 11:30AM



Thurs 2/27 at 3:30PM



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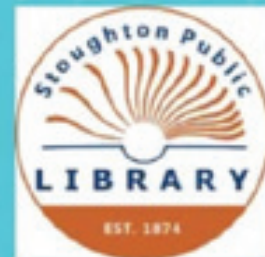


Stoughton Public Library Pajama Drive

February 1-March 15, 2025

The SPL has partnered with the Boston Bruins and Cradles to Crayons for their annual pajama drive. Please help us collect NEW pajamas sizes 0-3 months - Adult Medium so we can reach our goal of 100 pairs to benefit children in need in Massachusetts.

Thank you for your support!



Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St.
Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711
www.stoughtonlibrary.org



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

DID YOU KNOW....

**You can now share your
Local Announcement or Upcoming Event
on our message board?**

SMAC can post your digital message, which runs on the local TV channels. Just send us a colorful PowerPoint slide that tells us who, what, where, and when!

Slides should be horizontally oriented, think wide screen TVs, and at least 1920 x 1080 pixels.

email to info@stoughtontv.com

Questions?

Call Anya Zulawnik, Station Manager

781-341-1708

Town Meeting Candidates...
your nomination papers are due to the
Town Clerk's Office on
February 11



It's time to register!

your dogs for their 2025 license!

Dog Licenses

Licenses are granted through the Clerk's office at Town Hall or can be registered online.

Please note any dog not registered by April 30th will be charged a \$25.00 late fee.

Please visit the Clerk's page on the Town website for additional information.

please make sure to bring your current rabies certificate.





Emergency Notification

«««ALERT»»»
Emergency Notification System
STOUGHTON

Alert Stoughton is a free service that allows Stoughton citizens to receive critical communications, such as evacuation notices or missing child alerts.

REGISTER TODAY

By visiting the
Stoughton Fire Department website
(www.stoughtonfire.org)

TEEN SILENT BOOK CLUB

Official SBC Chapter!



FEBRUARY 13TH | AT 2:30pm
MARCH 13TH | AT 2:30pm



Thursdays

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Friday 2/21
@11AM



Teen Pizza & Gaming



Join us for board games,
video games, & delicious
pizza! Registration required

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FREE Online Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Co-sponsored by the Stoughton Public Library.

Meetings feature:

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

Meeting Schedule:

- Jan. 15: Self Assessment
- Feb. 5: Mastermind
- Feb. 19: Career Story
- Mar. 5: LinkedIn
- Mar. 19: Resumes
- Apr. 2: Using Artificial Intelligence
- Apr. 16: Cover Letters
- May 7: Networking
- May 21: Interview Strategies
- Jun. 4: Second Act Careers
- Jun. 18: Marketing Plan

Questions? Contact co-facilitator
Robert Hayes, Tewksbury Public Library
at 978-640-4490 x 205. rhayes@tewksburypl.org

Group's Purpose:

- For people 50 & older looking for a new job/career direction
- Create a new job search tool kit
- More than 50 members found new jobs in 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.





Academy Awards
Sunday, March 2nd

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

The Academy Awards

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa



Don't miss our 2-part Oscars celebration, live in our Community Room!

February 6th - Oscars Preview - nominees, snubs, a predictions contest & more.

March 6th - Oscars Recap - results, reactions & contest winners (with prizes!)

Best Picture Nominees

ANORA
THE BRUTALIST
A COMPLETE UNKNOWN
EMILIA PÉREZ
I'M STILL HERE

To register, please visit or call the library at 781-344-2711
or sign up via our [Library calendar](#).

Or click on the dates to sign up!

***AFTER 5 YEARS
ON ZOOM, FRANK'S
FILM PROGRAMS
RETURN TO THE
LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM
THIS MONTH!***



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" X/Twitter: @fimbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

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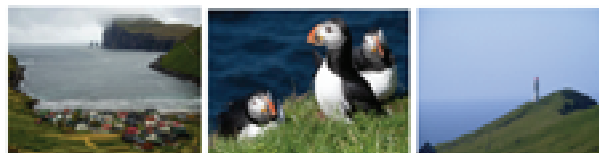
SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB WINTER 2025 PHOTOTOURS

The ultimate staycation. Tour the world from the comfort of your own library!

THE FAROE ISLANDS

Thursday, February 20th

6:30pm

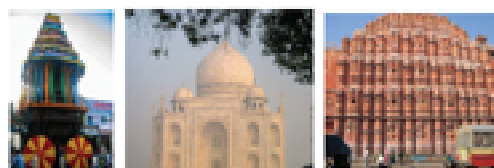


with Caryn Schneider

INDIA

Thursday, February 27th

6:30pm



with Laura Breault

Registration is recommended as space is limited in the Conference Room.

Click on the program title or visit [our website to sign up](#).

STOUGHTON TOWN HALL IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

HOSTED BY TOM CALTER AND JOSEPH MOKRISKY

Learn about tax reduction options that may benefit you at our upcoming series of informational sessions. Renters and homeowners alike can find options that benefit their bottom line.

COUNCIL ON AGING

- Wednesday, March 5, 11 AM - 12:30 PM
- Thursday, March 13, 10 AM - 11:30 AM

AHAVATH TORAH CONGREGATION

- Thursday, March 20, 11 AM - 2:00 PM

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Tuesday, March 25 at 6 -7:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Questions?

Contact Janiece Bruce at the Stoughton Council on Aging at 781-344-8882 or jbruce@stoughton-ma.gov.





Recycling Calendar for 2025 Reminder

recycling is not every other week or every week.

It is 2 weeks per month

2025 STOUGHTON RECYCLING SCHEDULE

January

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1st & 3rd Week Recycling
Week no Recycling

2nd & 4th Week Recycling

Holiday

CREATE-YOUR-OWN NEWS SEGMENT

with



Tues-Thurs | 2/18-2/20 | 1-4 pm | Grades 5-9 | \$25
Location: Stoughton Media Access, 421 Page St #2

Join Stoughton Media Access in partnership with the Stoughton Recreation Department to create your very own news segment during February Vacation! This hands-on program not only delves into the fundamentals of journalism, including conducting interviews and scriptwriting, but also provides practical experience in video production, teaching technical skills such as camera operation and editing. Through collaborative teamwork, participants will produce a cohesive news segment, grow their communication skills and foster a sense of shared accomplishment. Join us on the final day for a viewing party!

Registration open now

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



TEEN

Pottery Wheel Workshop

FRIDAY 2/28

5-6:30 PM

GRADES 6-12

\$75 RES, \$95 NON-RES

REC CENTER, 15 PLEASANT ST

REGISTER AT

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



A message from the Town Manager's Office!

Good afternoon Stoughtonians,

Over the past ten days the town experienced twelve major water main breaks, two of which could be labeled “catastrophic.” This level of system failure is highly unusual and difficult to explain. Our engineers hypothesize that the combination of extreme temperature fluctuations and the unknown impact of January 27th’s seismic activity may be two of the most significant factors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our Sewer, Water, and DPW departments. I visited one of the sites on Sunday to thank a dozen of our dedicated employees who tirelessly worked twenty straight hours in response to one of the catastrophic events. As of 2:30 PM today, February 10, we experienced two additional failed water lines in the last six hours. Again, those same employees are prepared to work through the night in order to restore service.

I think it is incredibly important that we understand the true cost of deferred maintenance. Whether a building, a water line, a sewer line, or a \$2 million fire truck, we must recognize our responsibility to maintain our assets and to replace them when appropriate. It is never a good investment to kick the can down the road. As such, I also want to thank all Town Meeting members who voted in support of water and sewer projects over the past three years. We warned of such risks and Town Meeting members responded accordingly. I am happy to report that none of the pipes installed in the past three years were affected; in fact, the failed pipes were all between the ages of 60 – 90 years old.

Residents should note that the impacted roads will receive immediate temporary repairs; they will be prioritized for repavement in the spring. Finally, I would like to thank the impacted Stoughton residents. I appreciate your patience and acts of kindness in support of those who worked around the clock. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated by all.

Sincerely,

Tom Calter, Town Manager

