

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MAY 5, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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**SELECT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, May 6, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.
The GREAT HALL, 10 Pearl St., 3rd Floor
STOUGHTON, MA 02072
& VIRTUALLY via GOOGLE MEETS**

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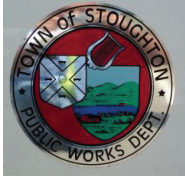
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In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, which extends the Governor's March 12, 2020 "Order" Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 20," until June 30, 2027, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

**To Join via Google Meets: iev-gxes-cwm
PHONE: 678-487-9948
PIN: 997 661 795#**

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. Swearing-in ceremony
 - Officer Ali Awad
 - Officer Celeb Nix
 - Officer Khalil Paul
3. 7:50 p.m. Select Board Comments
4. 8:00 p.m. Town Manager Comments
5. 8:10 p.m. Citizens' Comments
6. 8:20 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of April 15, 2025
 - b. Application for a License for a Non-Alcoholic Feast - Arraial of Stoughton "Brazilian Feast" on June 7, 2025
 - c. Application for a 1-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License - Holy Ghost Society of Azores on July 19, 2025
 - d. Application for a License for a Parade - Holy Ghost of Azores Procession on July 20, 2025
7. 8:30 p.m. **Executive Session:**
Executive session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation concerning the Stoughton Media Access Corp. if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating or litigating position of the Board and the Chair so declares



Paving Announcement from the Department of Public Works

Stoughton residents,

Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve our infrastructure. We plan to pave an additional 27 streets this construction season. The duration of each completed street is roughly three weeks. A normal course of events is stated below:

- 1.) Roadway Dig Safe completed
- 2.) Contractor mobilization and cut driveways to match future final paving
- 3.) Milling of existing roadway
- 4.) Pave leveling course of pavement to prepare for final course
- 5.) Ensure all surface gas, water or drainage structures set to appropriate grade
- 6.) Final paving
- 7.) Pave driveway edges to meet new roadway elevation
- 8.) Striping (if necessary)
- 9.) Loam/seed and/or backfill any elevation changes on roadway edges

2025 Planned paving projects listed here:

CARYL ROAD	HEELAN AVENUE
CHARLES CIRCLE	HOLMES AVENUE
COLUMBUS AVENUE	LEACH STREET (EAST OF PROSPECT ONLY)
COMMONWEALTH AVENUE	LILLIAN ROAD
COURTNEY AVENUE	LOWE AVENUE EXTENTION
DEADY AVENUE	MEADOWBROOK LANE
DEXTER STREET	MERRILL STREET
DONALD ROAD	ROBICHAU CIRCLE
EWING DRIVE	RONALD WAY
FAY AVENUE	RUTH ROAD
GOLDEN ROAD	TROWBRIDGE CIRCLE
GREENWOOD AVENUE	WALNUT COURT
HALLIDEN PLACE	WHITNEY AVENUE
HALLIDEN STREET	



If you received a door hanger and/or any other correspondence regarding the "Pay Your Way" pilot program please understand the following:

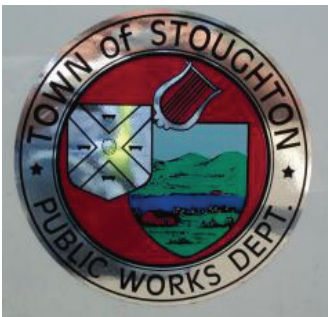
- It has been suggested online that the pilot program is a scam. It is NOT a scam.

- This pilot program was to be tested in one area of Stoughton (Tuesday routes only) for those who chose to opt in as part of the test group. Tuesday was chosen because it is the heaviest/busiest collection day with the greatest number of households collected. IT WAS TO BE VOLUNTARY.

- This OPTIONAL pilot program may not have been for everyone. It was simply a test to determine if there could be cost benefits for small quantity rubbish generators. In response to public comments, we have decided to terminate the pilot program.

- We will continue to research opportunities to decrease the cost of living for our residents, more specifically our seniors.

**Thank you,
Paul Giffune**



Public Works Department

Tuesday 5/27
@ 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.

Bring your own craft or learn something new!



OPEN GAMING W/ VIRTUAL REALITY

FOR TEENS 12 & UP

THURSDAY 5/8 AT 1PM-4PM

THURSDAY 6/5 AT 1PM-4PM

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

84 PARK ST., STOUGHTON, MA * 02072
781-344-2711



STOUGHTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

All ages and experiences are encouraged to join us in the warm weather for community engagement. Learn how to garden and share your knowledge! No fees just your commitment and enthusiasm



SPACE LIMITED!!

SCAN ME



110 ROCKLAND ST STOUGHTON, MA 02072
SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR REACH OUT TO TERESA TAPPER
(TTAPPER@STOUGHTON-MA.GOV OR 781-232-9383)



Stoughton Public Library
84 PARK STREET | STOUGHTON, MA

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

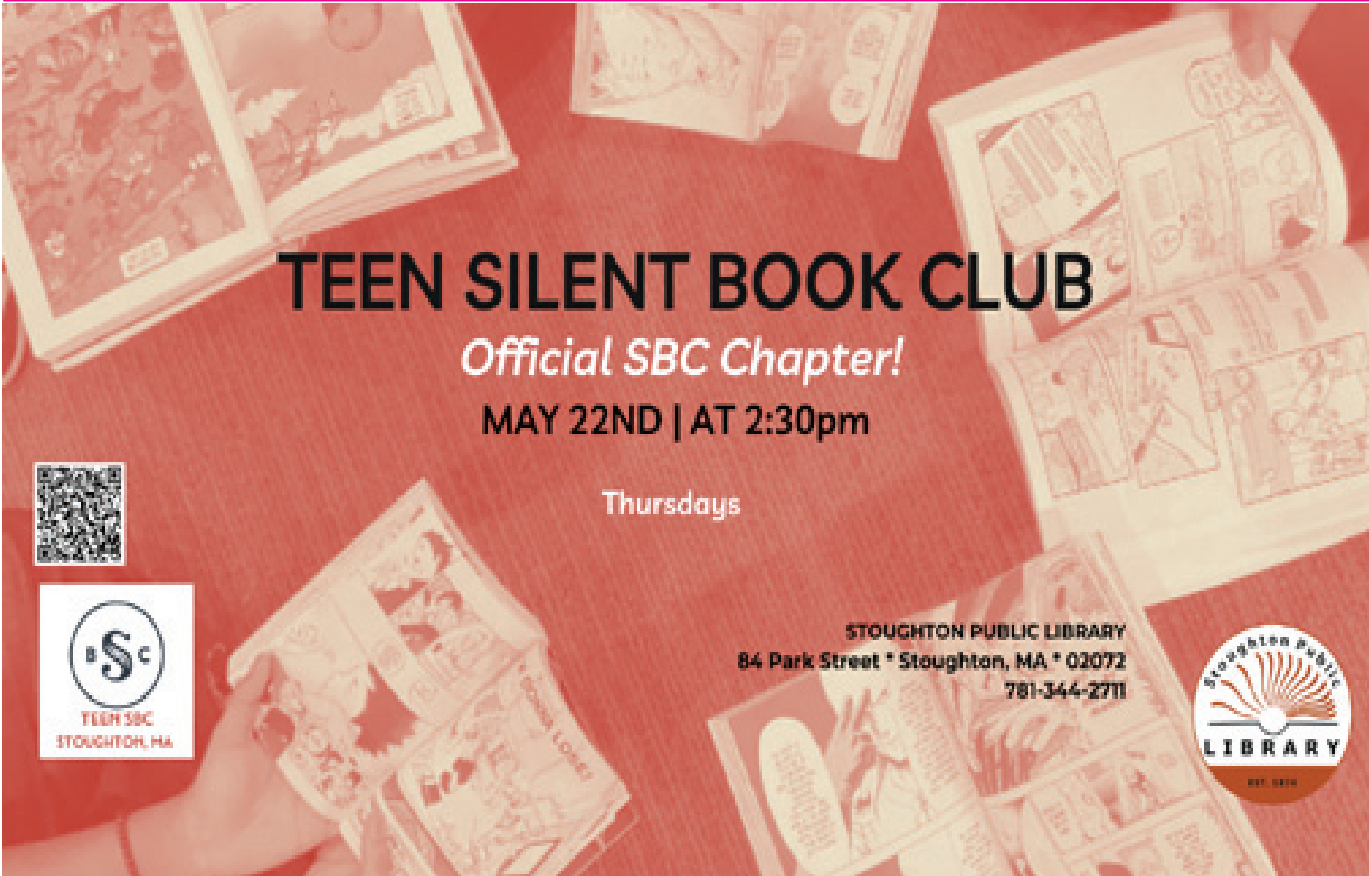
**BE A TEEN LEADER IN
THE LIBRARY!**

**CREATE AND RUN
EVENTS!**

**EARN COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS!**



MONDAY, 5/12 AT 6PM



TEEN SILENT BOOK CLUB

Official SBC Chapter!

MAY 22ND | AT 2:30pm

Thursdays



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Chippable Brush Days

Saturday May 3rd • 8-3
Saturday May 10th • 8-3
Saturday May 17th • 8-3
Saturday May 24th • 8-3

1240 Washington St

across from Canton Fence



ADMIT 1



OLD STOUGHTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Organized 1786



P.O. Box 794
Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072

To purchase tickets or
donate to the OSMS:



Give Our Regards to Broadway!

A Tribute to Decades of Musical Theatre

Director: Ian Wiese, DMA • President: Edward P. Quigley



Sponsored in part by:



May 10, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church
414 Sumner Street, Stoughton 02072

General Admission: \$15 • Students and Seniors: \$10

Tickets are available through PayPal, choir members,
and at the door.

For more information, please email
OldStoughtonMusicalSociety@gmail.com.





SPRING INTO A HEALTHIER STOUGHTON!



Reduce toxic emissions by using electric lawn mowers and leaf blowers (or a rake).

Rather than contribute to climate change, your landscaping choices can promote a healthier environment for your family and your community, as well as for pollinators and wildlife.

See information about equipment rebates at:

[Mass Save | Lawn Equipment for Homes and Businesses](#)

Anime / Manga Club for Teens



Enjoy manga, anime, and fun activities!



Wednesday, May 14 @ 3pm

Stoughton Public Library
184 Park Street
Stoughton, MA



KNIT/CROCHET CIRCLE

TUES. 5/6

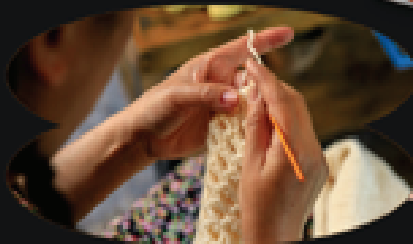
Starts at 2:45PM

FOR TEENS

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



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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, May 24th

All Welcome

On Saturday, May 24th, 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.

If you know which cemetery you wish to go to, 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.

Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 26th

The Memorial Day Parade honors those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. The parade will begin forming at the Public Works on Central Street at 8:30AM and start at 9:00AM sharp. The route will go from Public Works to the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery for two ceremonies, then to the Pearl Street Cemetery for a ceremony, then proceeding to the Stoughton Town Hall for a ceremony and wreath laying at the Memorial Bell. The ceremonies there will begin at approximately 10:15AM. From there the parade will proceed through Stoughton Square to Faxon Veterans' Memorial Park for ceremonies at the two memorials. The parade will then proceed to Washington Street and on to Evergreen Cemetery for two ceremonies at the GAR Lot and the American Legion Burial site.

Participants in the parade generally include the VFW Color Guard and Firing Detail, Veterans groups, the Police and Fire Departments, the High School Band, Town and State officials, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and possibly other groups. The ceremonies at the various sites include opening prayers, playing by the High School Band, an Honor Guard Firing Detail, the laying of wreaths and various speakers. The parade will end at approximately 12:00PM at which time you are cordially invited to a collation at the VFW Post 1645 at 14 Seaver Street (new location).

Veterans

All Veterans are encouraged to attend our main ceremony at Town Hall. Seating will be made available for all WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans. If you need a ride please call the Veterans' Office. It is the Town's honor to have you in attendance.

PLEASE PASS THESE MESSAGES ALONG!

Memorial Square Dedication - Monday, May 26th

Please join us for the dedication ceremonies for:

1:00 PM – Albert DiStefano (Corner of Park Street and Fano Drive))

2:00 PM – Joseph Gambrazzio (Corner of Chestnut Street and Pleasant Street)



Town of Stoughton Hometown Heroes Banner Program

***Stoughton Veterans Services will be holding our 2025 event on
Friday, May 9th from 1pm to 2:30pm
for the Veterans and/or families shown below
in the Great Hall (3rd floor of the Town Hall)***

A map showing where each of the banners are located, along with photos and biographies

***Certificates of Recognition will be given to the Veterans or
Families that have banners.***

Please join us if you're able. Light refreshments will be provided.



Veterans Services will continue to accept applications for the next order, which will be in the Spring of 2026. The deadline for next summer is March 1, 2026. More information can be found on the Town of Stoughton, Veterans page.

Recipients of Hometown Hero Banners on our Spring 2025 order:

ANTONINO, MICHAEL
BAILEY, ROBERT I.
BALZARINI, ROBERT
BATTE, WILLIAM A.
CACHOPA, MANUEL G.
CARABATSOS, CHRISTOPHER J.
CATALANO, JOHN F.
CLANCY, THOMAS K.
CROKE, FRANCIS J.
DEXTER JR., ROBERT E.
DEXTER, ROBERT E.
DIMATTEO, ROBERT F.
DISTEFANO SR., ANTHONY R.
FISCHER, JAMES H.

FITZPATRICK JR., DANIEL V.
FITZPATRICK, DANIEL V.
FITZPATRICK, STEPHAN
FLYNN, PAULE.
FOSTER JR., EDGAR G.
GENEREUX SR., ROBERT M.
GLASSFORD, FRANCIS L.
GOLDEN, JOHN F.
HALLORAN, JOHN J.
HEMPHILL, JAMES A.
HENDERSON, ROSS D.
HERBOWY, HENRY J.
HOCHMUTH JR., ALFRED E.
HOFFMAN, PETER T.
JARDIN, ANTHONY "TONY" J.

JARDIN, FRANK E.
JORGENSEN, ANDERS "VIC"
KIRCHDOFFER, RAYMOND W.
LANDOLFI, EDWARD J.
MADAN, TRACY R.
MAGNER, JOHN W.
MAHONEY, JOSEPH P.
MANNING, KEVIN J.
McCARTHY, JOHN A.
MEAD, BARRY G.
NIOSI, JAMES P.
PONGONIS, GERALD J.
RODRIGUES, VASCO A.
SOMERS, DAVID K.
TARCHARA, ROBERT J.

Town of Stoughton Veterans Services

10 Pearl Street, Stoughton MA 02072

To contact us, please email or call:

bturner@stoughton-ma.gov or sjohnson@stoughton-ma.gov

781-341-1300 ext 9220 or 9221



Are you seeking parenting tips and ideas?
Join us for a VIRTUAL Workshop.

Raising Resiliant Children

(focus on children under 10)

**Monday,
May 12
ZOOM
6:30–8pm**

**Tuesday,
May 27
ZOOM
6:30–8pm**

Supporting Your Teen's Social & Emotional Connections



Register for one or both at:
<https://tinyurl.com/3mpwkhvh>





CRAFT & PLAY

Wednesdays May 21-June 11th
10-10:45AM | Ages 2-5 | \$25

Join us for an exploratory art class where children ages 2-5 can get messy and have fun! Children will explore painting, color mixing, drawing, fine motor skills and more. This is not a drop off program and parents must remain in the building.



Gourmet on a budget **Mexican**

MAY 29 | 5:15pm | \$40 | Ages 17+

Join Season 4 & Season 12 Masterchef contestant Malcolm Green for a cooking experience unlike any other!

SIGN UP NOW AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG





VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Intersection Improvements at Canton St. (Route 27), School Street, Summer Street and Cushing Street Stoughton, MA

What is happening?

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed intersection design improvements at Canton St. (Route 27) at School St. and Summer St. and School St. at Cushing St. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

How will this affect you?

The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of the intersection of Canton St. (Route 27) at School St. and Summer St. and the intersection of School St. and Cushing St., and the roadway segment of School St. between Canton St. (Route 27) and Cushing St. The proposed work will include pedestrian improvements consisting of the installation of new curbing and sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, crosswalks, replacement of existing sidewalks and cyclist improvements consisting of shared use accommodations with shared lane markings. Traffic improvements will consist of new traffic signal installations at the intersection of Canton St. (Route 27) at School St. and Summer St. and the intersection of School St. and Cushing St.

When

Tuesday, June 3, 2025
6:30PM to 7:30PM

Attend

www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events



Visit www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events for more information or to view a recording of the presentation if you are unable to attend the meeting.



To ensure its meetings are accessible, MassDOT reasonably provides: translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, alternative formats, and auxiliary aids and services. To request such services, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer at 857-368-8580 or MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. For adequate time to process such request, please make them as early as possible, ideally 10 days prior to the event.

Project inquiries may also be emailed to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us. Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 611981**

Is your child afraid to sleep in their own bed? Is your child worried about going to school? Is your child afraid to try new things?

FEAR-LESS

A workshop series for parents on managing childhood anxiety

- ✓ Skills based workshops for parents of 7-14 year olds
- ✓ 6 Thursdays: May 8-June 12, 2025
*****must commit to all 6 weeks*****
- ✓ 5-7pm at the Stoughton YMCA
- ✓ Childcare available

Space is Limited. REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



Register Today!



<https://tinyurl.com/3kahh52d>



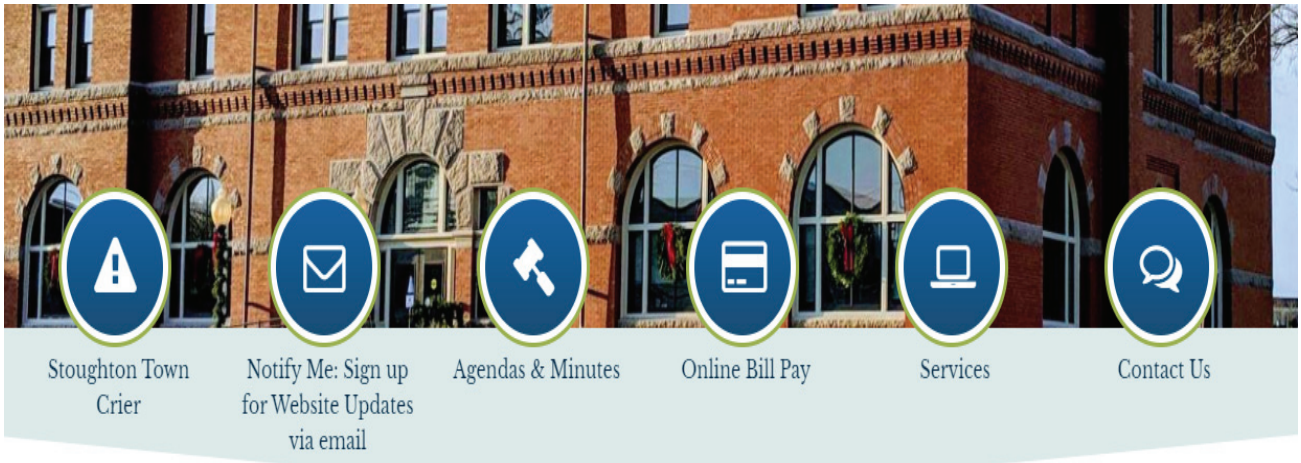
Questions?

**781-341-1300 x9456 or
spatton@stoughton-ma.gov**



**FREE for
Stoughton
Families**

Town of Stoughton Residents Stay Informed



Please go to our website Stoughton-ma.gov
Click on “Notify Me” button on our homepage
and sign up to receive Town Alerts & News
only your e-mail is required

You may select one or more lists from the section below

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This week at SMAC TV...

Verizon: Public 28 / Education 26 / Government 24
Comcast: Public 9 / Education 6 / Government 8

Interested in becoming a
Member of SMAC?

For more information contact
Anya Zulawnik,
Station Manager
781-341-1708
azulawnik@stoughtontv.com



421 Page Street, Suite 2, Stoughton

SMAC'S ANNUAL MEETING

**WILL BE HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 13TH AT 6:30PM
421 PAGE STREET, SUITE 2**

Election results for two Board Members will be announced.
Paid SMAC Members must have their ballots returned to
SMAC no later than 5:30PM on May 13th.

Deadline to become a paid member and vote in this election is April 23, 2025.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

www.stoughtontv.com

TEEN EXTREME



**Entering Grades 7-11
\$180/week | 8:30am-2:30pm
Limited Spots Available!**

2025 Field Trips:

- wk 1- Starland, Altitude, United Skates of America
- wk 2- Castle Island, Central Rock Gym, Ames Pond, Xtreme Craze
- wk 3- Tree Top, Urban Air, United Skates, Boston Bowl
- wk 4- Altitude, Dove & Busters, Water Wizz, Ames Pond
- wk 5- Castle Island, WOO SOX, United Skates, Xtreme Craze
- wk 6- Gillette Stadium, on site carnival day, Water Wizz



For more information please visit www.stoughtonrec.org

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. 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

