

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JUNE 30, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



**Latest
Announcements
for
Stoughton's
Town
& School
Departments**

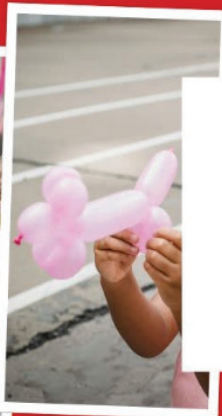
All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages

4TH OF JULY **FIREWORKS** JULY 1ST



**FOOD FOR SALE
BY VFW
5-9PM**

**LIVE MUSIC
CHRIS BALLERINI
5-9PM**



**FACE PAINTING
BALLOON ARTIST
BUBBLES
6-9PM**



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FLYING HIGH

DOG SHOW

TUESDAY, JULY 1ST

7PM



Watch the amazing Flying High Dog Show before
the fireworks begin!



OUTFIELD OF
NOVELLO BASEBALL FIELD



TOWN OF STOUGHTON



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE ON TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Your town government depends on participation by citizens who serve on Boards and Committees. Applications for appointment to the following Boards/Commissions will be accepted at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 until Noon on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Interviews for all positions that are appointed by the Select Board will be conducted at their Tuesday, July 15, 2025 meeting. They will be in person in the Great Hall, Town Hall, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA. Applications are available at the Town Manager's office or by following the link on the Town's website www.stoughton.org. Applications are under Town Manager Department, Boards/Commissions.

Select Board Appointments

Board of Assessors
Commission on Disabilities
Constables
Cultural Council
Energy & Sustainability Committee
Self-Help, Inc.
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate

Vacancies

One
One
Six
One
One
One
Five

Term

Two Years
Three Years
Three Years
Three Years
Three Years
Two Years
One Year

Town Manager Appointments

Board of Health

Vacancies

Two

Term

Three Years

Please forward all Applications for Town Manager appointments directly to Gilda at twnmgr@stoughton-ma.gov

Positions are voluntary. If you have any general questions, please contact Gilda at 781-341-1300 Ext. 9211 or by email at twnmgr@stoughton-ma.gov.

Stephen M. Cavey, Chair
Select Board

Thomas J. Calter, Town Manager

Revised 05/14/2025



DCR Summer Teen Nights

Wednesdays, July 9 - August 13 | 5-7pm
Stoughton Recreation Center

Spend summer evenings engaging with nature, making art, observing live animals, and enjoying ice cream!

FREE Weekly Program



JULY 4TH PARADE 2025

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH AT 10:00 AM
EMCEE'D BY DAVID WASLH & CHRIS PATEL



No
trash/recycle
will be picked up on
Friday July 4th
Independence Day



Friday
trash/recycle
will be picked up
Monday July 7



Please have it curbside by 7 A.M.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 101

MONDAY, JULY 7 @ 6-7PM

DUNGEON MASTER FUNDAMENTALS

MONDAY, AUGUST 1 @ 6-7PM

D&D CHARACTER CREATION WORKSHOP

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 @ 6-7PM

D&D: TEEN ADVENTURE NIGHT

MONDAY, JULY 28 @ 6-7:30PM

EVENTS :



BEANSTACK READING :



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
84 PARK STREET
STOUGHTON, MA 02072
781-344-2711



AMES POND BEACHFRONT

June 27, 2025- August 17, 2025 10:00 am
- 5:00 pm

1000 Highland St, Stoughton MA

WE ARE NOW CASHLESS!

Passes can be purchased online or at the gate with a credit card

DAY PASSES

Child (2-17) - Resident \$3 | Non-res \$5

Adult (18-55) - Resident \$5 | Non-res \$8

Senior (55+) - \$3

Available for purchase at the gate. Children under 2 are free

SEASON PASSES

Family (up to 5 members) - Res \$75 | Non-res \$95

Child (2-17) - Resident \$20 | Non-res \$30

Adult (18-55) - Resident \$30 | Non-res \$40

Senior (55+) - \$5

Season passes available for purchase or pick-up 5/19-6/26 during business hours at the Recreation Department, 15 Pleasant St Mon-Wed 8:30-4:30 pm, Thurs 8:30-7 pm, Fri 8:30-12 pm

Season passes and day passes available for purchase 6/27-8/17 at the beachfront entrance 10 am - 5 pm

Day passes are only available at the gate. Passes purchased require proof of residency for resident rate. The Recreation Department reserves the right to void any season pass used inappropriately or if the pass holder's behavior deems it necessary.



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STOUGHTON COUNCIL ON AGING



Farmer's Market

Coupons

WEDNESDAY JULY 16TH 2:00PM (FIRST COME FIRST SERVE ONLY)

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Single Monthly Income:
At or Below \$2,412.71

Married Monthly Income:
At or Below \$3,260.63

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Homebound seniors can send a proxy to pick up a booklet

The number of booklets are limited and will be handed out upon arrival. Once they run out, there is NO more available

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program Manual, Fiscal Year 2024 Civil Rights, Page 1. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. To file a program complaint of discrimination, a Complainant should complete a form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

HELP PLAN STOUGHTON'S HOUSING FUTURE!

Take our quick 5-7 minute survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/StoughtonHPP

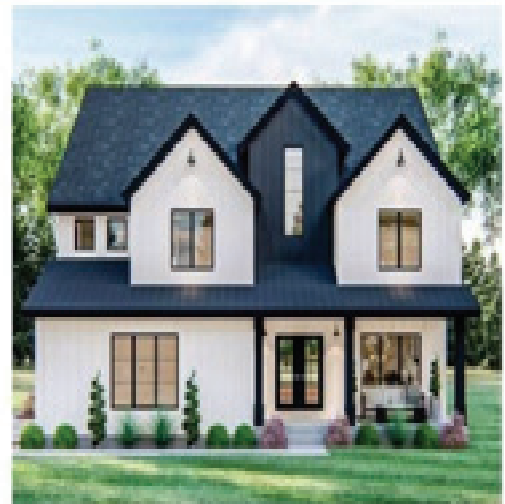


- Share your needs
- Share your priorities
- Anonymous



JOIN STOUGHTON'S VIRTUAL HOUSING FORUM

**Join us Tuesday, July 9, 7-8:30 pm for a Virtual
Housing Needs & Visioning Forum as part of
Stoughton's Housing Production Plan.**



- Hear housing trends
- Share your ideas
- Live polls & interactive tools



Register now to be part of the conversation!

<https://tinyurl.com/StoughtonHPPForum1Registration>

Happy
**4TH
JULY**



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781-341-1708
421 Page Street, Suite 2

www.stoughtontv.com

Verizon:

Public 28
Education 26
Government 24

Comcast:

Public 1073 (HD) 9 (SD)
Education 6
Government 8

TEEN
ANIME / MANGA
CLUB
FOR TEENS

SUMMER
EVENTS :



TUESDAY, JULY 16
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
2:30PM-4PM



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BEANSTACK READING :





**SHARPEN YOUR GRIT.
BOOST YOUR STRENGTH.
IGNITE YOUR SPEED.**

SUMMER YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CLINIC

Join us for a high-energy 5-week
Track & Field clinic led by
Coach Dolcine and Coach Nardelli—
bringing young athletes together to
train hard, have fun, and grow in the
sport they love!



**Wednesday Nights
July 9th - August 6th
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Ages 7-12 years old | \$25
John W. Denison
Athletic Complex**

SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



Generously
Sponsored by:



LEGO JEWELRY

W / JENNY
FOR TEENS



WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
2:30PM



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Stoughton Lions Club

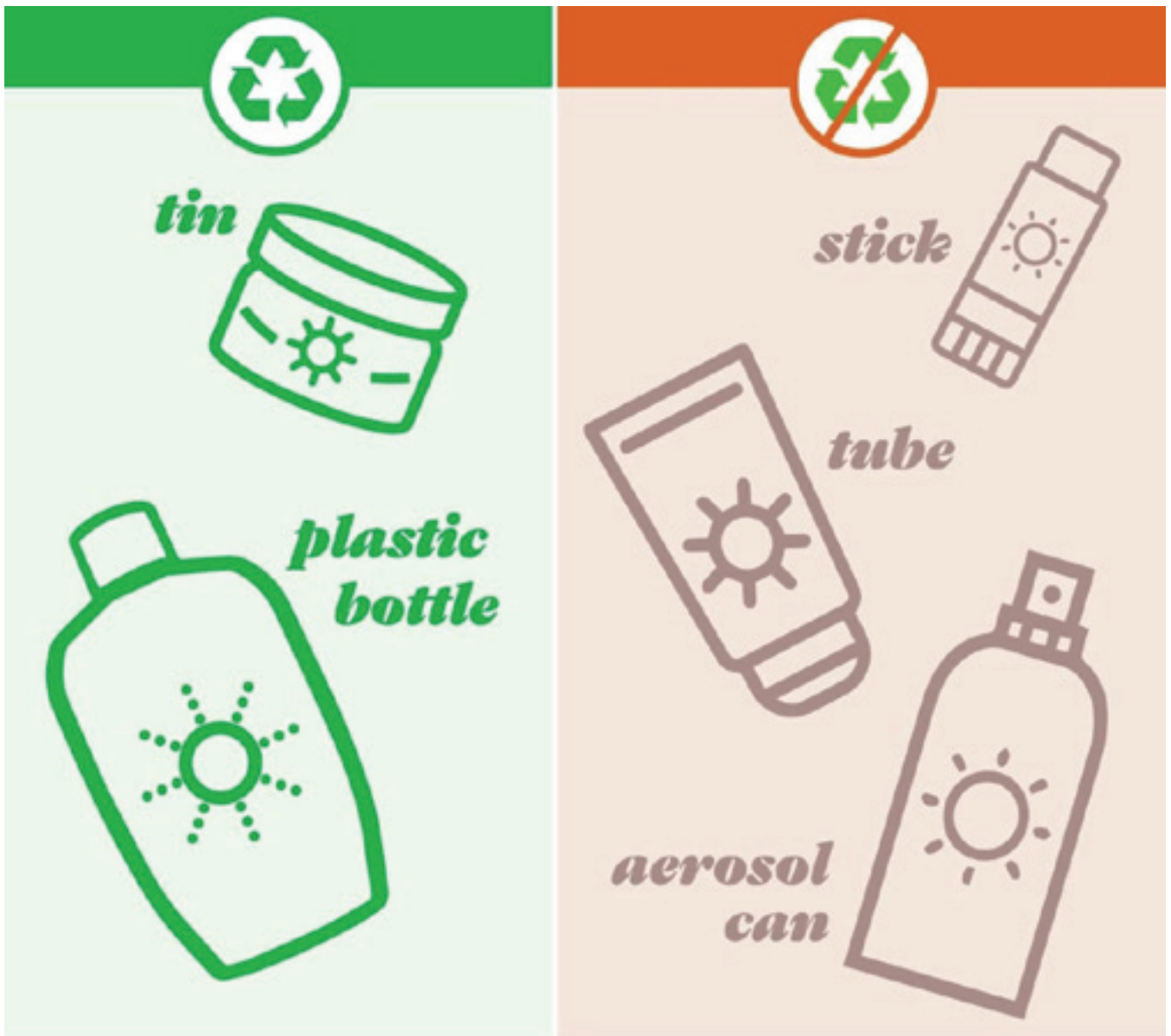
Summer Concert Series '25

*Starting
July 10*

Thursdays
Halloran Park | **FREE!**

Summer is here

We're all for protection when having fun in the sun, but remember that not all sunscreen containers go in your recycling bin. Recycle empty tins and bottles, but send tubes, sticks, and aerosols to the trash.



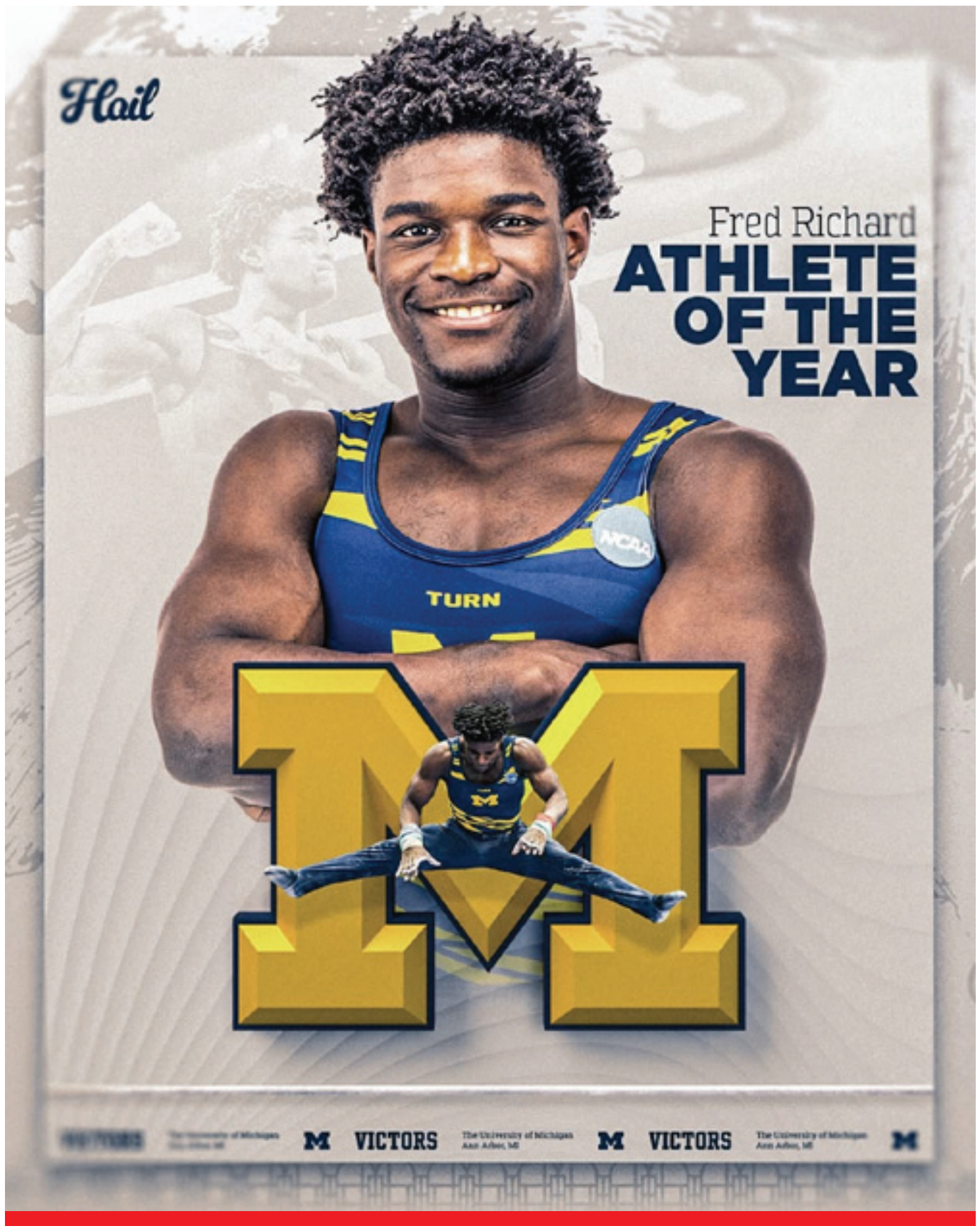
Here are images of the water/sewer/trash bills that show in RED lettering "NO USAGE TO BILL PLEASE CONTACT WATER DEPARTMENT".

If you receive your bill and it shows this on it, please call the water dept at (781)341-1300 x9414 or x9379. There are a few reasons why you would see this. First could be if you go away for the same time as the billing period. Second could be that the transmitter, which is part of the water meter, has stopped working. When this happens, the meter is still recording your usage but, the transmitter is unable to send us the reading.

This is why we urge you to call immediately if you see this on your bill as you are still responsible for the water usage. When you call the Water Dept. they will make an appointment to have that transmitter replaced for you at no charge. You can also see a fee being charged here even though it says no usage. The \$16.19 is the service charge for a water connection that is included on every bill. The \$94.68 is the sewer minimum.

TOWN OF STOUGHTON WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT						FY 25																				
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PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT : COLLECTOR'S OFFICE TOWN HALL 10 PEARL ST, DROP BOX OR MAIL																										
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TOWN OF STOUGHTON																										
RESIDENTS AGE 65 AND OLDER MUST PROVIDE PROOF TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SENIOR DISCOUNT																										
Senior Discount is forfeited if the bill is not paid by due date.																										

After a dominant performance that helped the Wolverines win B1G and NCAA titles, @frederickflips has been named the 2024-25 Male Michigan Athlete of the Year!



Stoughton Animal Control now has a donation box



thanks to a very caring Eagle Scout!

Let's fill it up!!

Towels, sheets, toys, cat food, dog food, dog/cat beds!

Another Eagle Project in the books!

Evan S has installed and decaled a donation box at the Stoughton Animal Shelter on West Street. The entire Troop assisted in the moving and install of this crucial item.

Thank you to Stoughton Police, Animal Control, Home Decor Group, The Weymouth Heights Club and all of the volunteers who brought this to fruition.

On to an Eagle Board of Review in 2 weeks. Well Done Evan!





TOWN OF STOUGHTON

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

10 Pearl Street – Stoughton, MA 02072 (781) 341-1300 Fax (781) 297-2879

2025 Message to the Citizens of Stoughton

Should residents have questions, comments, or concerns that relate to the Town of Stoughton, they can contact Communications Coordinator Kelsey Lynch at klynch@stoughton-ma.gov or 781-341-1300 ex. 9514. She will discuss your issue with the Town Manager and respond accordingly.

Greetings Stoughton Citizens,

I am pleased to provide a report summarizing the condition of Stoughton's financial affairs. Following a six-month process in the FY26 Operating Budget's creation, I want to provide you with an executive summary. On May 5, 2025, we will presented the proposed budget for Town Meeting consideration and vote. Town Meeting graciously approved the FY26 budget as presented. Should you have any questions regarding the FY26 Operating Budget, I invite you to contact me at 781 344 1300 ex. 9211.

The FY26 budget process began on October 15, 2024 with the budget committee's recommendation of guidelines to the Select Board. With the Select Board's input, Mr. Marc Tisdelle created a schedule from October 24, 2024 to the Annual Town Meeting. On December 30, 2024, in strict compliance with the Select Board's budget guidelines, the School Committee voted in a 3.8% budget increase for the School Department's FY26 operating budget. The Select Board also voted in a 3.37% budget increase for the municipal departments' operating budget. The total Select Board FY26 budget is \$139,956,816, which is a 3.59% increase over FY25. As required by Charter, the consolidated Town FY26 operating budget was transmitted to the Finance Committee on January 21, 2025. Since its submission, we have responded to many requests for information from residents, Finance Committee members, and Town Meeting Representatives. We appreciate the caliber of collaboration between all stakeholders.

Following several public meetings on the budget, it was approved without amendments.

I would like to share a few highlights from the FY26 operating budget.

- We had a 7-year plan to stop the use of free cash and one-time funds to balance our operating budget. Now, in year two of that 7-year plan, we have balanced the budget without the use of free cash or one-time funds. I am grateful to the Budget Team for their efforts toward resource consolidation and more effective technology use in our efforts to reduce expenses while maintaining services.
- In accordance with DOR guidelines, local receipts are conservatively estimated at 90% of FY24 actuals. The Moody's Bonding Agency commended the Town of Stoughton's conservative budgeting methods.
- The Department of Education, DESE, determined the Stoughton School Foundation budget to be \$65,412,011. Stoughton net school spending is \$22,756,152. Therefore, the Town's total financial support of its schools is \$88,168,163. This education investment represents 63% of the Town's total budget. We should all be proud of this commitment to our town's children and future.
- Through position consolidation and technology utilization, the Municipal Department's FY26 budget includes 4.47 fewer full-time-equivalent (FTE) employees than FY25 and 18.67 fewer FTE employees than FY24.
- As stated, there is no free cash used in the FY26 operating budget. On February 7, 2025 the Town of Stoughton's "free cash" of \$12,722,449 was certified by the Mass Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services.
- Cost of living adjustments of 3% were budgeted for employees not subject to collectively bargained agreements.
- The employee health insurance trust fund is solvent and budgeted at a 3.7% increase in FY26.

- General liability insurance is budgeted at a 10% increase.
- Merit increases are budgeted for employees who consistently exceed expectations. Market comparisons are provided in the budget book. I want to note that, on average, it is 10-20% more expensive to replace a high-performing employee than to increase their salary.
- Wages are adjusted for employees who consistently meet expectations but are paid below market or who are impacted by systemic pay parity inequities.
- Because of job consolidation and effective technology use, water and sewer rates are budgeted at FY25 rates.
- \$500,000 of rubbish and solid waste operational savings allowed us to maintain FY25 rates.
- Due to changes in Medicare, the VNA Enterprise Fund's current operating structure is not financially sustainable. Strategic planning is necessary to determine its organizational viability. In the next six months we will seek public input on a new strategic approach to reduce costs, increase revenue, and elevate the level of service to Stoughton citizens.
- A budget account in our HR department was created to pay for a yet-to-be-ratified labor contract.
- The FY26 Operating Budget includes a fund balance of \$18,421,000 across five stabilization accounts, a balance never achieved in Stoughton's history. The decision to build our savings reserves is made in recognition of today's uncertain economic times. This is an achievement for which Stoughton residents should be proud. This level of financial stability differentiates our town from similar-sized municipalities across the Commonwealth.

In response to decades of challenges and deficiencies in the town's balance sheet, we completely restructured our Finance and Accounting Department. We recruited a seasoned Finance Manager with Forensic Accounting expertise, as well as two certified municipal accountants well versed in policy and procedure development. Their combined exemplary efforts cleaned up the past while preparing staff to work more effectively in the future. Though training is well underway, the Forensic Accounting project will require another 12 to 18 months to complete.

A considerable portion of the \$12.7 million in certified free cash was realized by closing old balance sheet accounts. Our Finance and Accounting staff's work, in collaboration with Assessing and Treasury, is truly remarkable. Under Elizabeth Zaleski's leadership, the town is compliant with municipal finance and taxation laws. Our entire accounting staff is on a first name basis with the Division of Local Services, the external support team of the Department of Revenue. We frequently interact, including a visit in February where they congratulated our team on a job well done.

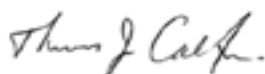
I am extremely proud of this team and grateful for their achievements. Stoughton now stands on a strong financial footing. Impressive economic development, smart growth, and a conservative budgeting strategy combine to ensure a bright financial future.

Please note several changes to the FY26 operating budget's structure. Under Mr. Tisdelle's leadership the format was simplified and enhanced. Our expectation is that with greater clarity and documentation, budget examination will be more transparent, allowing for greater financial understanding and management control.

Our commitment to economic development and expense management enabled many infrastructure improvement projects. Aggressive water and sewer underground expansion and replacements, a new police station feasibility study, over 10 miles of newly rebuilt roads, and a new Class A community center in our downtown Stoughton Train Station are just a few of our ongoing plans to improve town facilities.

As the nation, Commonwealth, and municipalities face uncertain socioeconomic times, the Town of Stoughton is prepared for whatever may come. Every member of your town government is committed to our citizens' welfare. On behalf of town employees, I pledge to you that we will always do what is best for the Town of Stoughton and its residents. We are both honored and proud to contribute to this wonderful community.

Thank you,



Thomas J. Calter,
Town Manager

