

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED OCTOBER 13, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages



We're inviting you to our Haunted Police Station

It's going to be a fun, family-friendly event for all ages.

Come check out our spooky haunted tour and enjoy activities for the kids.

If you've got little ones or prefer a less scary experience, the first hour (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) is just for you— it's friendly and fun!

So grab your costumes, bring the whole family, and join us for a day of Halloween fun, laughs, and maybe a few friendly scares. Can't wait to see you there!

A poster for the 'Holiday Parade of Lights 2025'. The background is dark with bokeh light effects. On the left is a large, ornate silver trophy on a wooden base. The base has a plaque that reads 'Town of Stoughton Annual Holiday Parade' and 'San Callisto Trophy'. To the right of the trophy, the title 'HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS 2025' is written in large, bold, white serif font with a red outline. Below the title, the date 'SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 5 PM' is written in a red, serif font. Underneath that, the text 'CALLING ALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS - FLOAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!' is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the website 'www.StoughtonRec.org' is written in a large, red, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, there is a small illustration of Santa Claus in a sleigh, and a logo for the 'RECREATION DEPARTMENT - STOUGHTON'.

Save the Date for the upcoming virtual

TOWN MEETING FORUM

Regarding the Town Land Acquisition of Fano Drive for
the New Elementary School Project

(Special Fall Town Meeting Articles 13 & 14)

October 16 @ 7pm



The South Elementary School Building Project

HOSTED BY:

Stoughton Public Schools & the South Elementary School Building Committee
in conjunction with
Vertex Project Management & DRA Architects

VERTEX



Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 222 829 531 248 0

Passcode: vN7y98JX

Dial in by phone

[+1 857-327-8987, 210077885#](#) United States, Boston

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 210 077 885#



Stoughton Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Board of Health - DPW Event

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2025
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: 235 Morton St. Gibbons
Elementary School**

FEES:

\$4.00	Car tire
\$5.00	Light truck tire
\$15.00	Tractor trailer tire
\$5.00	Auto batteries
\$1.00	16 oz. Propane tank
\$3.00	5 lb. & 10 lb. P. Tanks
\$5.00	20 lb. Propane tank
\$15.00	60 lb. Propane tank
\$20.00	100 lb. Propane Tank
\$6.00	Fire Extinguishers
\$20.00	Cathode Ray Tube Monitors
\$20.00	All Flat Screen TV's
\$10.00	Flat Monitors & Laptops
\$20.00	Misc. Electronics
\$50.00	Air Conditioners
\$50.00	Small Fridges
\$20.00	Microwaves
\$20.00	Lawn Mower/Tool Batteries (Li)
\$20.00	Smoke Detectors

- **PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES**
- **PLEASE HAVE I.D. READY TO SHOW STAFF**

Acceptable Items:

Art Supplies	Cleaners	Herbicides
Waste Motor Oil	Batteries	Used Paint Thinner
Lamp Ballast,	Propane Tanks	Oil Based Paint
Used Antifreeze	Automotive Fluids	Aerosol Cans
Chemicals Products	Pesticides	Fertilizers
Flammable Liquids	Glue	Used Needles
CRT's & Electronics	Old Gas	Photo Chemicals
Old TV's	Mercury Waste	Other Household Haz-Waste

Mercury Containing Devices:

THERMOMETERS, THERMOSTATS, COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS, STANDARD FLUORESCENT LAMPS, HIGH INTENSITY LAMPS, FLOAT SWITCHES, BLOOD PRESSURE CUFFS, BAROMETERS, OR ANY ITEM CONTAINING ELEMENTAL MERCURY!

Medicinal Needles & Sharps Disposal

PLEASE DO NOT MIX SHARPS IN HOUSEHOLD TRASH. STORE AND DELIVER ALL SHARPS TO EVENT IN PUNCTURE-RESISTANT CONTAINERS

Bring materials in original containers or boxed

Non-Acceptable Items:

Latex Paint, Unlabeled Articles, Freon Canisters, Helium Canisters, Asbestos, Highway flares, Radioactive Waste, PCBS, Explosives & Unknowns

There is No Prescription Drug Take back this year.



**Enter via the Morton Street or Bradford Street entrance. Proceed to access road to the event. There will be no access to the main Haz-Mat collection area at Leeds Street and Kenneth Court.

If you have additional questions, please call 781-341-1300 ext. 9262 or 9410





Stoughton Household HAZ-MAT Collection Gibbons School November 1, 2025, 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon



JIGSAW WIZARDS

OCT. 17th | 6-8:00PM | AGES 17+ | \$15

Join us for a night of fun and a challenging puzzle competition!

Gather a team of up to 4 participants and compete against others to complete the puzzle!



SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



Bring Your Own Craft Club *for Adults*

Wednesday, October 22nd
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

- Bring your own supplies & current project
- Relaxed, social space
- No instruction, no pressure

To register:





Chippable Brush Days

Saturday Nov. 8th • 8-3

Saturday Nov. 15th • 8-3

Saturday Nov. 22nd • 8-3

Saturday Nov. 29th • 8-3

1240 Washington St

across from Canton Fence





FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S SOAP MAKING for teens

**Tuesday, October 14th
3:00 PM-4:30 PM
Library Community Room**



Register here:



TEEN HALLOWEEN MOVIE

HOCUS POCUS

October 20th, 3:00 PM
includes movie snacks!



Family Fun!

Rain or Shine!

Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival

Sunday, October 19 @ 12 – 4pm



**South Elementary School
171 Ash Street, Stoughton MA
Don't Miss the FUN!**

Games	Prizes	Silent Auction
Halloween Squares	Raffles	Touch-a-Truck
Bake Sale	Live Vendors	Pumpkin Decorating
Face Painting	Food Trucks	Inflatable Fun
Trick-OR-Treating	Haunted House	FREE Book Grab

Hosted by the South Elementary School PTO

FB Event: <https://tinyurl.com/PP-Event-2025>
Volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/PP-25-Volunteer>
Bake Sale: <https://tinyurl.com/PP-25-Bake>





HALLOWEEN WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 22 | 10:00-11:00AM
Ages 3-5



Get ready for a spooktacular morning of Halloween fun! In this workshop, we'll play games, create a Halloween-themed craft, and celebrate the frightful season together. Costumes are encouraged, so come dressed for some frightful fun

SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

TEDDY BEAR HALLOWEEN PARTY

with Teddy Town

OCTOBER 29TH

10:00-11:15AM | Ages 1.5 - 5 | \$40



It's going to be a BEAR-y spooky good time!

Come join us for a morning packed with Halloween fun —

Make your very own teddy bear (pumpkin shirt included!), get creative with Halloween crafts, and party it up at our mini Halloween bash! Costumes welcome!



Register today at www.stoughtonrec.org



BABYSITTER TRAINING COURSE

Ages 12+ | Cost: \$30 | 110 Rockland Street

**Cost covers CPR & First Aid Official Certification*

Thursday, October 30th 3:30pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 6th 3:30pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 13th 3:30pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 20th 3:30-6:00pm (CPR & First Aid)

MANDATORY TO ATTEND THE CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

Program Includes:

- Babysitter Certification
- Child and Infant CPR Certification
- Standard First Aid Certification
- Basic Child Care Overview
- Leadership Skills Development
- Babysitting Business Development



STOUGHTON YOUTH COMMISSION | 110 ROCKLAND STREET | (781) 341-2252

Register Online at www.StoughtonRec.org

THE NIGHT
BEFORE

HALLOWEEN EVENT

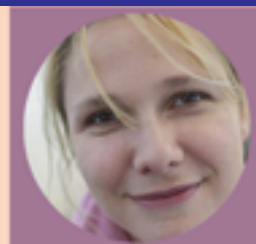
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"HOW TO WRITE A SPOOKY STORY FOR HALLOWEEN"

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

AFTER A BRIEF LECTURE ABOUT THE HORROR
GENRE, BAHR WILL GUIDE PARTICIPANTS
THROUGH THE BRAINSTORMING PROCESS
FOR WRITING YOUR OWN SCARY STORY!



REGISTER HERE TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT (SPACE IS LIMITED):

THURS. OCT. 30TH, 6:00-8:00 PM

@ STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

'Rhythm and Beat: Films about the Music World'

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:30 PM

Join us on Zoom! (no longer in person)

A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants 1 day prior to the program.

To register for the film program,
please click on the title or date.
Or call the library at 781-344-2711.
For all of our programs visit the [Library calendar](#).



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"
XTwitter: @filmbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com
www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

Celebrating
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH:
Taking Care of Ourselves
During Challenging Times

Join us at the library for a supportive space where we'll share practical tools, interactive exercises, and conversation to manage stress, build resilience, and nurture well-being. This workshop will be presented by Dulce Orozco, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with over 18 years of experience assisting women, people of color, and immigrant families to heal, embrace new perspectives, and honor their uniqueness.



Latina
Immigrant
Therapist

Monday, October 27 at 10:30 am-11:15 am
[Click here to register](#) (required)





FREE Online Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Meetings feature:

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

Meeting Schedule:

- Aug. 6: Self Assessment
- Aug. 20: Mastermind
- Sept. 3: Career Story
- Sept. 17: LinkedIn
- Oct. 1: Resumes
- Oct. 15: Using Artificial Intelligence
- Nov. 5: Networking
- Nov. 19: Interview Strategies
- Dec. 3: Second Act Careers
- Dec. 17: Marketing Plan

Questions? Contact co-facilitator
Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205
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
- More than 90 members found new jobs since Jan. 2024.



Facilitated by
Deborah Hope, MBA,
Professional Coach

Where: All meetings are via Zoom

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays,
9:30am to 11:30am

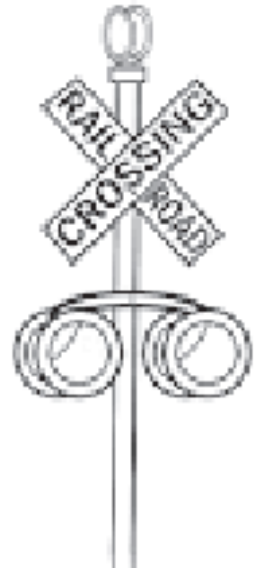
Informal Networking: 9am to
9:30am and 11:30am to noon

Register below.



<https://bit.ly/50plusjobseekers>

Central Street Grade Crossing
will receive
new cantilever and gates
by end of October 2025



Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, Secretary & CEO
Philip Eng, General Manager & CEO

massDOT
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

October 1, 2025

Thomas J. Calter
Town Manager
Town of Stoughton
10 Pearl Street, 2nd Floor
Stoughton, MA 02072

Dear Mr. Calter,

Pursuant to your letter dated July 22, 2025, I am pleased to inform you that the installation of the new cantilever and gates for the Central Street grade crossing is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2025.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Rodney DeLisle

(201) 300-5416 x10...

Rodney DeLisle, Deputy Chief Engineer
MBTA Technical Engineering & Design

Cc: Carrie Lavallee, Chief Engineer – MassDOT
Guy Rezendes, State Utilities Engineer – MassDOT
Sam Zhou, Chief Engineer – MBTA
Greg Boehner, Senior Director – MBTA
Robert Proulx, Director of RROPs – MBTA
Terry McCarthy, Deputy Director – MBTA
Christine Bresnahan, Project Manager – MBTA



NEW

MUSIC MAKING

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR TODDLERS (AGES 2–5) AND THEIR GROWN-UPS! WE'LL EXPLORE RHYTHM, MOVEMENT, AND SIMPLE INSTRUMENTS IN A PLAYFUL, HANDS-ON CLASS THAT BUILDS EARLY MUSIC SKILLS THROUGH JOY AND CONNECTION.

OCTOBER 15TH 10AM-11AM



NEW!

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where kids ages 2–5 create their own puppets—from socks to paper bags—and bring them to life through stories, expression, and play. We'll wrap up with a joyful puppet show starring our little creators!

OCTOBER 14

10AM - 11 AM





Important Road Work Update from MassDOT

Project Location (City/Town):

Corridor Improvements on

Route 138 from Canton Town Line to Charles Ave (Phase 2).

Estimated Start Date of Work: 10/07/25

Project Type: Corridor Improvements

Description of Work: Utility Gas Relocation.

Contractor: C Naughton Corp.

Hours of Operation (Night):

7am — 3:30pm (Monday through Friday).

Description of Traffic Management: Police Details,

Standard Traffic Management Plans.

Estimated Duration of Work: Estimated completion 10/31/25.

Additional Information: Contract No. 129897

For questions, please contact the District 5 Construction Office at
857-368-5104.



Crab Cakes

Gourmet on a Budget

October 30th | 5:15 | \$40 | Ages 17+

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



SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

Sharon Fradkin Speaker Series

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[™]
OF SHARON-STOUGHTON
lwvss.org

October 20th
7:00 PM- 8:30 PM

Watch on SMAC on
Comcast 9/Verizon 28,
stoughtontv.com & lwvss.org

Stoughton Public Library
84 Park St

News and Democracy in a Time of Crisis:

a discussion with Dan Kennedy,
professor in the School of Journalism at Northeastern University



A message from Tom Calter, Town Manager



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

Greetings Stoughton Citizens,

I write this letter to answer a few frequently-asked questions regarding the Train Depot's progress and future usage. I am thrilled that so many of our residents expressed interest in this building's completion and, in the interest of clarity, I want to keep you fully informed.

Why is the project so expensive?

This project's interior budget was created in 2020. The estimated cost to complete the internal renovations was approximately \$4 million; restoration is far more expensive than new construction. If Town Meeting members approve the article for \$350,000, we will be able to complete this phase of reconstruction, including a completely new electrical system, plumbing infrastructure, HVAC, and major structural improvements. The final total is approximately \$2.5 million, roughly \$2.15 million provided through state grants.

Why are you using drywall instead of keeping the original wood paneling?

Our initial budget did not account for the significant destruction we discovered, including water damage, mold, and termite infestation. Very little external wood paneling could be saved and we retained what historical value we could. Years of neglect took their toll and we needed to ensure a safe and hygienic space for residents; thankfully, most of the underlying structure was intact. In rebuilding the train station into a community center, the primary objective is to preserve what we can while also creating a first-class function area.

What will the community center be used for?

In addition to its use as a first-class meeting space for town government, it may be used for weddings, showers, bar and bat mitzvahs, birthday celebrations, christenings, family reunions, block parties, Friday afternoon social hours, community gatherings, fundraisers, charities, and any other event you can think of.

This space can only be utilized by Stoughton residents and employees; it will not be rented to out-of-town applicants or organizations. Because this is solely for community use, the fee will reflect that of a non-profit: the only rental charges will be for janitorial and bartending services. There is no kitchen in the facility, so any food must be supplied by an outside vendor.

Will you offer retail space in the finished building?

This facility will be strictly used for Stoughton community events and will not be open to the public outside of pre-scheduled dates. As we approach the opening, we will publish rental information.

How will parking be situated when the project is complete?

The town-owned spaces versus MBTA spaces will remain the same. If Commuter Rail passengers park in town-owned spaces, they will be ticketed as they are now.

What adjustments have you made to support people who require special accommodations?

Town-owned handicapped parking spaces directly face the ADA-approved accessible entrance, which is wider than the others and opened through a hand pad. The external ramp will be replaced with a more user-friendly pitch and safety handrails. The entire depot will be fully regulation-compliant with a separate unisex ADA-compliant bathroom, an inclusive bar-serving area, a water fountain constructed at the appropriate level, and a floor design free of sudden elevation changes.

What about that old safe I've seen photos of online? Are you going to preserve that?

I am happy to announce that yes, we will retain this historical artifact: the 130-year-old, 3,000-pound ticket office safe will be refinished and converted into a 50-year time capsule. It will be encased in unbreakable glass and located in the middle of the community center's main function room. Contents will include letters, books, artifacts, and documents from today which will be opened, read, and examined by the Stoughton community of tomorrow.

Each person asked to write a letter to be included in the time capsule will be issued four tickets to attend the capsule opening 50 years to the date and time of the capsule's sealing. The closing ceremony will happen in conjunction with the community center's opening and dedication in early February.

What will happen with the building's exterior?

The station's exterior design and engineering is well underway. That project will include replacement of rotted wood, painting, outside patio construction, and planted gardens to provide an outdoor option for town and resident celebrations. At present we are requesting funding for this space from CPC.

Hopefully, this report answers many of your most commonly-asked questions. I invite any interested individual or group to contact me if you would like a tour while under construction. If you want to learn more, please feel free to contact my office.

Thank you,



Thomas J. Calter,
Town Manager

