

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED DECEMBER 8, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

During the Holiday Parade of Lights

12/13/2025 | 4:00–7:00 PM

Rec Center, 15 Pleasant St

4:15 – Storytime with
Stoughton Public Library

4:30 – Holiday Crafts,
Cookies, and Hot Coco

5:00 – Parade Starts!

6:15 – Photos with Santa



Holiday Parade of Lights Coming Up Soon!

Saturday December 13th • 5PM kick-off!

If you have not registered your group yet to participate, please do it NOW!

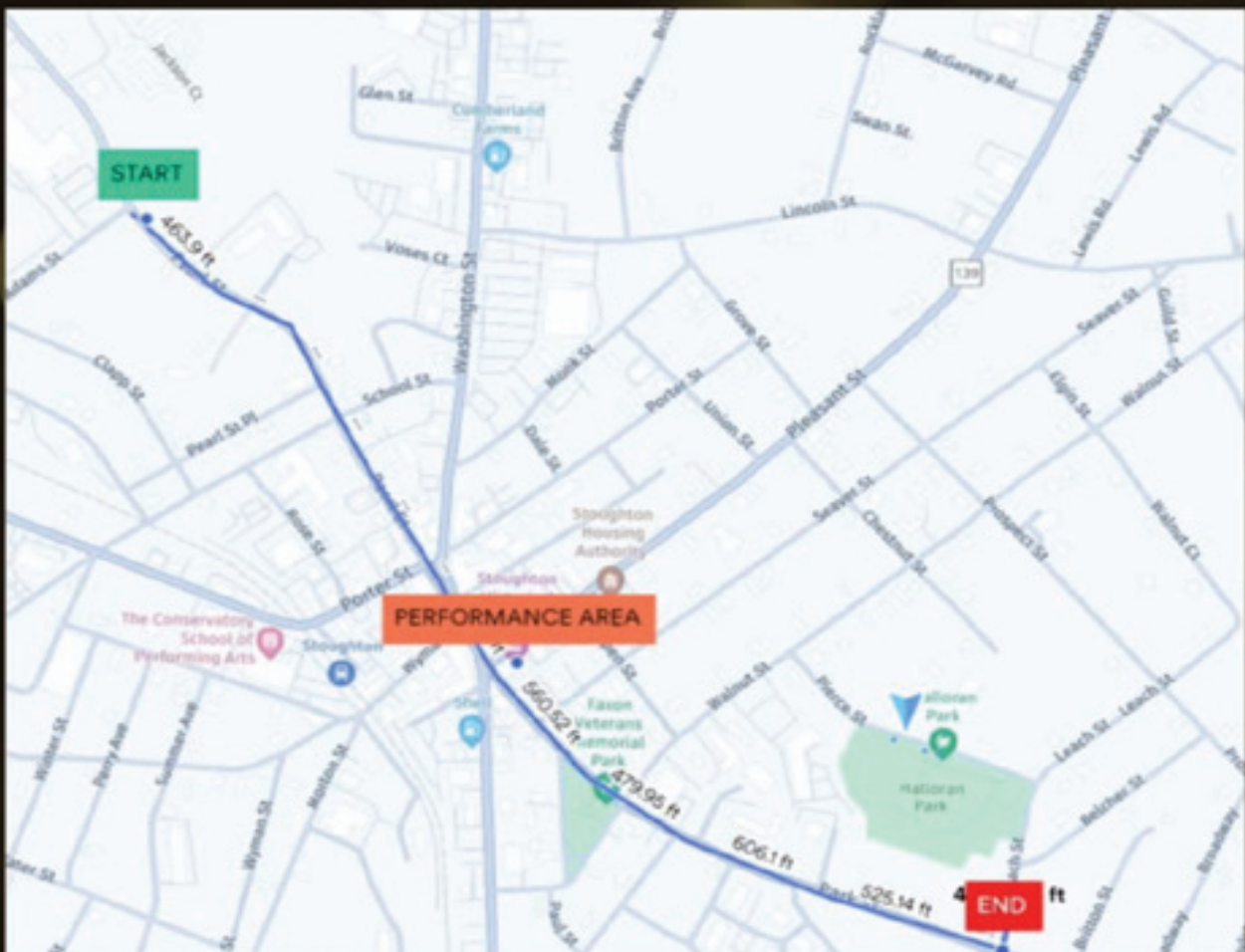
www.stoughtonrec.org

HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS 2025



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 5 PM

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



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LETTERS TO SANTA



Get your letters in by
December 15th to
guarantee a return
letter before Christmas!

Looking to send a letter to jolly old Saint Nick before Christmas arrives? Stoughton Recreation has you covered! Drop off a letter to Santa with a full name and return address no later than December 15th and we will make sure he gets your letter and writes you one back! All letters can be dropped off in the red mailbox on the front steps of the Recreation Department located at 15 Pleasant St (weather permitting).



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

MOVIE SCREENING

Thursday,
December 11th
6:00-7:45pm

Library
Community
Room



*Starring Alicia
Silverstone*

Registration recommended, but not required.

Click on the DVD box or the program date to register!

WE ARE COLLECTING TOYS,
CLOTHES, AND SPORTS
EQUIPMENT FOR KIDS FROM
0-17 YEARS OLD

CASH, GIFT CARD, AND
VENMO DONATIONS ACCEPTED
(@STOUGHTONPOLICERELIEF)

10th Annual Fill A Cruiser

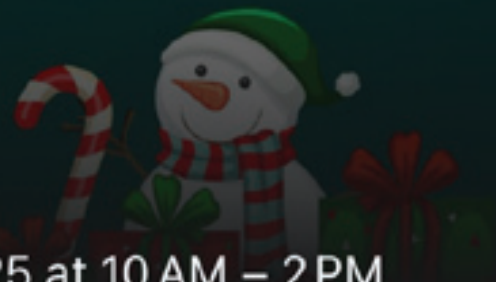


TOY DRIVE

COME VISIT SANTA
AND HIS ELF BOBBY!

DECEMBER 13TH
FROM 10 AM-2 PM

STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
26 ROSE STREET, STOUGHTON



Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 10 AM – 2 PM

10th Annual Fill a Cruiser Toy Drive

Public · Event by Stoughton Police Department

Polar Express Pajama Storytime

Tuesday, December 16th
6:30 PM

Recommended for ages 2-8
Registration Required



Stoughton
Public Library

Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072
781-344-2711
www.stoughton.org/library



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

FAMILY MOVIE SCREENING

Thursday,
December 18th
6:00-7:45pm

**Library
Community
Room**



Join us for a screening of
'Elf'
Holiday fun for the whole
family!

Starring Will Ferrell

*Dressing up as your
favorite character is encouraged!*

Registration recommended, but not required.

Click on Buddy the Elf or the program date to register!

Developing **HEALTHY SCREEN** **TIME** Habits for Kids

A Workshop for Parents

Thursday December 11
12:30-1:30 OR 3:00-4:00

Our kids live in a digital world.
How can we support healthier
tech habits?

Jones School

FREE!

Sponsored by:
Stoughton OASIS Coalition &
Stoughton Public Schools
For more info: spatton@stoughton-ma.gov

Organizing to Address
OASIS
COALITION
Substances in Stoughton

Join us for **Drop in Crafts** for ages 3-12

Tuesday December 30th
2 - 4 PM

No Registration
Required



Gourmet on a Budget **CHARCUTERIE BOARD NIGHT**



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th

5:15PM-7:00PM | \$40 | 17+

Class includes board*



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Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

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The Water, Sewer, Trash Department has issued the **Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) 2nd quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills** to the Town of Stoughton water, sewer, and trash customers. The 2nd quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills were mailed on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025, and are due Thursday, December 18, 2025**, and must be received in the Collector's Office or the PO Box in Medford on or before this date. A postmark date is not acceptable as payment made if the payment is not received in the Collector's Office or the PO Box in Medford by December 18, 2025.

When sending payment(s) to the Lockbox address in Medford, checks, AND water, sewer, trash remittances MUST BE SENT. PLEASE do not mail checks only to the Medford address. If there is/are no remittance(s) with the check(s), the payment(s) cannot be processed and will be returned to Town Hall for processing. This will delay the payment(s) from being applied to your water, sewer, trash bill(s).

When processing a payment online through your bank's Bill Pay, you **MUST** include the bill number, the year, and type in the Memo field (for example, Bill #25, 2026 water, sewer, trash) so your payment will be properly applied. When paying multiple bills, you must include each bill number. If this information is not included on your check, your check may be returned to you, and interest/charges may accrue due to a late payment. **Online bank payment checks must be mailed to the Town of Stoughton, PO Box 9108, Stoughton, MA 02072.**

The Water, Sewer, Trash bills may be paid online at, <https://stoughton.epayub.com/Account/Login>, at Town Hall with cash, checks and credit and debit card with a 3% fee and for your convenience, there is a secured payment drop box outside of Town Hall on Pearl St. The payment drop box is emptied two to three times a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and if needed, once before leaving for the day.

All unpaid water, sewer, trash bills will accrue interest at 14% from their respective due dates, a \$15.00 demand fee will be added to the bill, and the Senior Discount will be forfeited if this quarter's balance is not paid in full.

All unpaid FY25 water, sewer, and trash amounts \$100.00 or more will be added to the 3rd quarter FY26 real estate tax bill as a lien.

The Collector staff members are available by phone Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Please call 781-341-1300 X 9222 if you need your bill number(s) and or amount(s) due.

Hanukkah Storytime with local author Melody Howard Ritt! For ages 3-9

Wednesday, December 10th
10:00 a.m.



Celebrate Hanukkah, with a theatrical reading of local author Melody Howard Ritt's book *Charley and Seymour's Hanukkah Miracle*!

Books will be available for sale and a craft will follow.
Registration required.



Stoughton Public Library

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

<https://www.stoughton.org/library>

NOON YEAR'S EVE STORYTIME

Monday, December 29th

11:30 AM

Recommended for ages 2-8
Registration Required

Stoughton Public Library

No Street Parking 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

beginning
midnight December 1, 2025
through
April 1, 2026.

There is no authorized street or
municipal parking.

Vehicles are subject to being
ticketed and or towed



STOUGHTON RECREATION

WINTER 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE



TODDLERS & KIDS

Craft & Play with Laura **NEW TIME!!**

Wednesdays 1/7-1/28 | 11-11:45 am | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Music Making Workshop with Laura **NEW TIME!!**

Tuesday 1/6 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Tuesday 1/20 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$5

Art Workshop with Rec Staff **NEW!!**

Tuesday 1/13 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Wednesday 2/4 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Wednesday 2/11 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$5

Storytime & Craft Workshop with Laura **NEW TIME!!**

Thursday January 8 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Tuesday February 3 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$5

Lil' Scientists with Rec Staff **NEW TIME!!**

Tuesday January 27 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Tuesday February 10 | 11-11:45AM | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$5

Dance With Me with Starline

Wednesdays 10:15-11:00 | 18 months-2 yrs

Session 1: 1/14-2/11

Session 2: 2/25-3/25

Location: Starline Dance Academy | \$70

Little Ballerina with Starline

Wednesdays 11:15-12:00PM | 3-5 years old

Session 1: 1/14-2/11

Session 2: 2/25-3/25

Location: Starline Dance Academy | \$70

KIDS & TEENS

Animation Course with Tinker & Create

Mon, Tues, Wed | 12/29-12/31 | 9-11AM | Ages 8-14

Location: Stoughton Recreation Department | \$130

Slime Workshop with Rec Staff

Tuesday 2/10 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 6-12

Location: Recreation Department | \$10

Culinary Creations with Rec Staff

Wednesday 2/11 | 3-4:30 pm | Ages 6-11

Wednesday 2/25 | 3-4:30 pm | Ages 6-11

Location: Recreation Department | \$15

Teen Chefs with Rec Staff

Thursday February 26 | 5:00-6:30PM | Ages 11-17

Thursday March 5th | 5:00-6:30PM | Ages 11-17

Location: Recreation Department | \$15

Art Club with Rec Staff **NEW TIME!!**

Tuesdays 1/6-1/27 | 3:00-4:30 pm | Ages 6-10

Wednesdays 1/7-1/28 | 3:00-4:30 pm | Ages 10-14

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Valentine's Day Art Workshop with Rec Staff

Tuesday 2/3 | 3:00-4:30PM | Ages 6-10

Location: Recreation Department | \$10

Arctic STEM Challenge with Rec Staff

Wednesday 2/4 | 3:00-4:30PM | Ages 6-12

Location: Recreation Department | \$10

Valentine's Day Bag Sewing Club with Rec Staff

Tuesday 2/24 | 3:00-4:30PM | Ages 10-14

Location: Recreation Department | \$10

Kids Night Out with Rec Staff

Friday 2/6 | 5-9 pm | Ages 6-12

Location: Recreation Department | \$12

To sign up or for more info, visit
www.Stoughtonrec.org

All dates, times and locations are subject to change. For the most up to date info, please visit our website or contact the office recreation@stoughton-ma.gov or 781-343-1300 x9244. Prices listed are for Stoughton residents, non-resident rates may apply.

STOUGHTON RECREATION

WINTER 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

KIDS & TEENS

Art Extravaganza (Early Release) with Laura
January 15 | 12:30-3:00PM | Ages 6-10
Location: Recreation Department | \$10

Nature and Art Club with Mass Audubon
1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 | 3-4:30PM | Ages 8-10
Location: Recreation Department | \$10

Teen Pottery Night Workshop with Beeble Art Studio
Friday 1/23 | 5:00-6:30PM | Grades 6-11
Location: Recreation Department | \$75

Jijutisu with Maxx Monsters
Tues/Thurs Jan 6th-Feb 5th
5-5:45pm | Ages 4-7 | \$70
7-8:00pm | Ages 13-17 | \$70
Maxx Training Center 49 Rose St.

Blue Hills Ski & Snowboarding Lessons
Thursdays, 1/8-2/5 | 5:00-6:00PM
Location: Blue Hills Ski Area | Ages 7-18
Lessons (no rental): \$325
Lessons (rental): \$455

Rock Climbing with Central Rock Gym Randolph
Saturdays 1/10-2/7 | 11:15-1:15 PM | Ages 7-12
Saturdays 2/14-3/21 | 11:15-1:15 PM | Ages 7-12
Location: Central Rock Gym Randolph | \$195

FEBRUARY BREAK PROGRAMS

Lego Club with Rec Staff
Tues-Thurs 2/17-2/19 | 9:30-11:30AM | Grades K-3
Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Clay Club with Rec Staff
Tues-Thurs 2/17-2/19 | 1:00-4:00PM | Ages 8-14
Location: Recreation Department | \$25

ADULTS

Succulent Sea Glass with AC&DC Crafting
Friday 1/16 | 5:30-7:30PM | 17&up
Location: Recreation Department | \$45

Paint Night with Beeble Art Center
Friday 1/30 | 5:00-7:00 pm | 17y & up
Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Candle Making with Martinez Candle Studio
Friday 2/13 | 5:00-8:00PM | 18&up
Location: Recreation Department | \$70

Resin Sun Catchers with AC&DC Crafting
Friday 2/27 | 5:30-7:30PM | 18&up
Location: Recreation Department | \$50

EasyFit Exercise with Mary
Tuesdays and Fridays 10:30-11:30AM | Ages 18+
Location: United Methodist Church | \$3 per class

Gardening Lecture with Mass Audubon
Tuesday March 10 | 11AM-12PM | Ages 16+
Location: Recreation Department | FREE

Bird Lecture with Mass Audubon
Tuesday April 7 | 11AM-12PM | Ages 16+
Location: Recreation Department | FREE

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holiday Parade of Lights
December 13th | 5PM
Join us for Slough-ton's Annual Holiday Parade of Lights through the Town Center. Storytime, cookies, hot coco, and crafts available at the Rec Department starting at 4PM before the parade. Photos with Santa available after the parade until 7PM.

Check our website for NEW programs added throughout the Winter!

To sign up or for more info, visit
www.Stoughtonrec.org

All dates, times and locations are subject to change. For the most up to date info, please visit our website or contact the office recreation@stoughton-ma.gov or 781-343-1300 x9344. Prices listed are for Stoughton residents, non-resident rates may apply.



CUTTING-EDGE SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES
www.tinkerandcreate.com



ANIMATION

Basics of Animation Course: Bringing Drawings to Life

From structure to conceptual design to movement of drawings and graphics, this course will explore the fundamental skills necessary for any young artist, animator, or game concept designer. With pencils, paper, The Blender animation 3D platform and plenty of imagination, students will learn how to bring an idea to life. Animators are sometimes called "actors with a pencil" with that in mind, students will be encouraged to tap into their creative instincts to write, create, and direct an animated short! In designing their characters and worlds, these young directors will also learn how to be aware of forces acting upon objects, how to render lines of action, and start to think in a three-dimensional way. From animation principles such as persistence of vision, walk-cycles, and physics - to film basics including scene-blocking and editing basics - we will cover as many topics possible to give students a grounding in design, film, and animation.

LOCATION	DATES	TIMES	GRADE	COST
Stoughton Recreation 15 Pleasant Street Stoughton	12/29/25, 12/30/25, 12/31/25	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	3rd-8th graders	\$135
REGISTRATION: Recreation@stoughton-ma.gov www.Stoughtonrec.org				

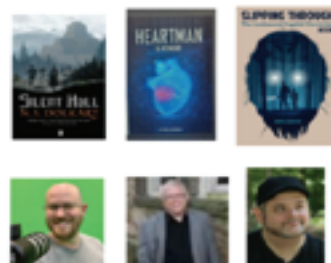
STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Local Authors Day



Saturday,
December 13th
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Library Community Room



Meet local authors Ken Spears, Laura Lee Bahr, Mike Hardman, N.S. Dolkart and John Grover and learn about the writing process.

Please call 781-344-2711, visit the circulation desk or our [website](https://www.stoughton.org/library) at <https://www.stoughton.org/library> for more information.



COMMEMORATIVE POLE BANNER PROGRAM

Be part of local history with your very own commemorative banner.



Your personalized banner will proudly hang on a Stoughton street pole throughout the 2026 celebration year—showcasing your support and connection to our community during this once-in-a-lifetime event.

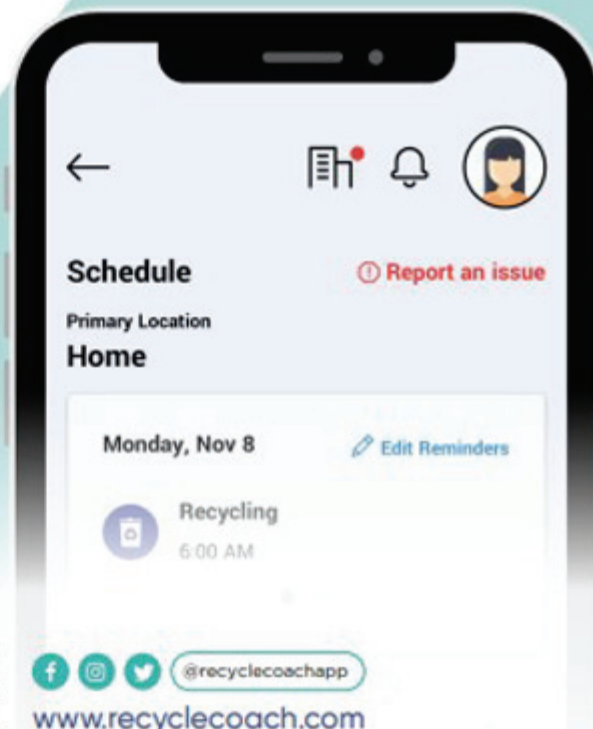
www.stoughtonma300.org

Don't Miss a Collection!



No one likes a missed collection! Download the Mobile App and set weekly reminders so you never miss a collection.

You can also report a missed pick-up through our 'Report a Problem' tool.



STOUGHTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Blue Hills Ski & Snowboarding Lessons



**Thursdays, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5
5:00-6:00PM | Ages 7-18**

Blue Hills Ski Area, 4001 Washington Street Canton MA 02021

Registration opens November 13th

Registration ends December 12th

The Stoughton Recreation Department in partnership with Blue Hills Ski Area of Canton, is offering a five-week instructional ski and snowboarding program for kids ages 7-18. All lessons are 60 minutes long and will be held from 5:00-6:00PM, starting on Thursday, January 8th, 2026. Transportation AND supervision during the program is the responsibility of the parent/guardian unless children are separately signed up for transportation with the Rec Department. Seats are limited. An email invitation to complete paperwork on the Blue Hills online portal will be sent after registration is complete.

**Register at
www.StoughtonRec.org**



Town of Stoughton

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www.stoughton-ma.gov

FY26 2025-2026 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. Contractors must supply vehicle with plow and driver.

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 15, 2025 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 , 2025 12:00pm	Questions due in regards to snow plowing operations
October 14 th , 2025	Addenda issued (if necessary)
November 6 th , 2025	In order to assign routes for contracted snow plowers <u>Complete Snow Plowing packages</u> will be <u>accepted any time</u> before November 6 th , 2025 4:00pm Incomplete packages received will not be forwarded to the DPW Superintendent.

Best regards

Fran Bruttaniti
Procurement Officer

Cc Paul Giffune

*Are your child's worries
getting in the way?*

FEAR-LESS

**A workshop series
for Parents: Managing
Childhood Anxiety**



**Skill-based workshop series
for parents of 7-15 year olds**

5 Thursdays:

**January 15 –
February 12, 2026**

*Must commit
to all 5 weeks*

**5:00–7pm at the
Stoughton YMCA**

*Childcare
available*

**Space is
Limited!**

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!**



Questions?

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

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

**Brought to you by the OASIS Coalition,
Stoughton Public Schools & the Stoughton YMCA**



TOWN OF STOUGHTON

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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An Update on the Town and SMAC

To the Citizens of Stoughton,

The following note relates to a post made by a resident of Stoughton last night regarding the legal action SMAC took against the Town of Stoughton. While I would have preferred to respond directly, the post was since taken down. The post, nevertheless, demands a response.

I was deeply concerned by the comments contained in the post, particularly the assertion that "maybe it's time for a recall." Although I cannot divulge confidential information regarding SMAC's pending lawsuit against the Town of Stoughton, I would like to clarify some details and, in doing so, hopefully separate fact from fiction.

1. Your Select Board and I share the common view among Stoughton citizens that our public access capabilities are vital to this Town's information circulation. We endeavor to maintain our relationships with Verizon and Comcast. Though Verizon and Comcast provide funding for SMAC, their contract is signed directly with the Town of Stoughton. SMAC is not a party to those license agreements. Those license agreements, however, include conditions that are duplicated in the Town's contract with SMAC. SMAC's compliance with its contract with the Town is not a matter of choice. It is necessary to ensure continued financial support through the Town's license agreements with Verizon and Comcast.
2. Stoughton has no interest in managing SMAC or any other successor media access company. Should our contract with SMAC be terminated, an orderly transition shall occur whereby we expect that most SMAC personnel would be offered continued employment under an independent Board of Directors. In fact, the Select Board has agreed to waive its current authority to appoint two members to said Board of Directors.
3. To help you form your opinion on their lawsuit's validity, I refer you to the online transcript of SMAC's argument in federal court dated October 8, 2025 [\[available by clicking here\]](#). I will not interpret the content of that transcript, but I encourage you to read it and draw your own conclusions about the nature of this lawsuit versus the town.
4. Our Select Board is and has always been proactive in communicating with SMAC about its contractual non-compliance. In early 2025 at the outset of this dispute, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Carrara tried to amicably resolve these issues; and they were en route to a third meeting in April with SMAC representatives when the Town received notice of the federal lawsuit. At that moment we turned the matter over to our attorneys.
5. In light of the above, the Select Board was compelled to conduct the public hearing that was contemplated in its October 1, 2024 Notice of Non-Compliance. That public hearing began on October 9, 2025 and detailed numerous incidents of non-compliance. While a hearing vote was expected, the Select Board instead continued the matter. As it had in early 2025, the Select Board elected to pursue a resolution rather than take any disciplinary action. Chair Cavey and Vice Chair Roberts were authorized to engage with SMAC's representatives; Mr. Cavey engaged them in hours of civil and constructive discussion over the last several weeks. There was such optimism of a resolution that a November 20th meeting was conducted between two SMAC members, Mr. Cavey, Ms. Roberts, and both parties' counsel. At that meeting, Mr. Cavey presented a written settlement proposal outlining

the dismissal of the lawsuit and a two-year contract extension with amendments to ensure this issue never arises again. While SMAC representatives did not appear to object to the terms, their counsel demanded a six to seven figure payment from the Town for their legal expenses. Needless to say, **we did not believe the taxpayers should pay for SMAC's lawsuit against the Town.**

That is all I can say at this time without disclosing confidential executive session deliberations. Please know that a clear and reasonable settlement was and continues to be on the table which would ensure the continued operation of SMAC free of Town government operational influence.

I hope this summary provides helpful insight into the Town's standing with SMAC. I can assure you that over the past two months every effort was taken to reach an understanding, but it takes two to tango and it is now clear that the town has no dance partner.

Sincerely,

Thomas Calter

Thomas J. Calter,
Town Manager

