

Stoughton Town Crier

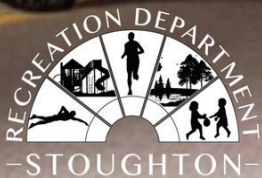
TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED DECEMBER 5, 2022 ROBERTA HARBACK



All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages

Holiday Parade of Lights 2022

**Saturday December
10th at 5 pm**



Sign up at

www.StoughtonRec.org



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

During the Holiday Parade of Lights

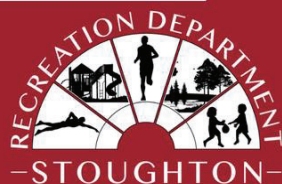
12/10/2022 | 4:00-7:00 PM | Rec Center, 15 Pleasant St

4:00 Cookies and
ornament making



4:15 Storytime with the
Stoughton Public
Library

6:15 Photos with Santa



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FILL A CRUISER

Municipal Lot next to Stoughton Police Station

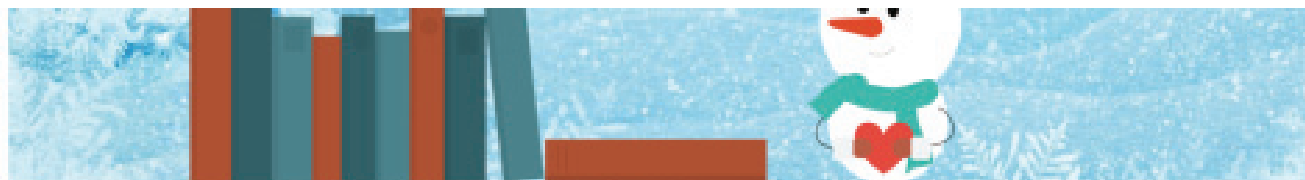
Saturday, December 10
from 10-4

The collection box will be in our lobby until December 10th

Accepting
new unwrapped
toys, gift cards &
donations via
Venmo
<https://venmo.com/u/SPRA2424>.

Please help us
make this year
a little easier for
families
who truly need it.





WINTER EVENTS | FOR KIDS

December Programs



Little Lego Club for ages 2-6

Free play Lego fun for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.
Lego Club meets monthly.
Registration required.

Monday, December 5th at 10:00 am.



Small Singers and Shakers Holiday Concert with Stacy Lake

Stacy Lake of Small Singers and Shakers will present a high energy holiday show with music and instruments! For ages 0-5.
No registration required.

Friday, December 9th at 10:00 am.



Hanukkah Storytime

Join Rabbi Jeremy Fineberg of Temple Israel in Sharon as he teaches us about the Hanukkah celebration with stories and games! Geared towards ages 3-6 though all are welcome. Registration required.

Monday, December 12th at 10:00 am.



Lego Club for ages 5-12

Free play Lego fun for ages 5-12 and their caregivers.
Lego Club meets monthly.
Registration required.

Monday, December 19th
at 3:30 pm.



Polar Express Pajama Storytime

Wear your pajamas, listen to a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's The Polar Express and get a take and make craft to do at home! Story and craft are geared towards ages 3 and up, but all are welcome. Registration required.

Tuesday, December
20th at 6:30 pm.



Magician Ed Popielarczyk

Join Ed Popielarczyk, professional magician, balloon sculptor, and storyteller for a magic comedy show! This event is for ages 3 and up and their caregivers. This event is brought to you by MEFA (The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority).
No registration required.

Wednesday, December 28
at 2:00 pm.



Noon Year's Eve Storytime Party

Join Ms. Amy and Ms. Stacey for a fun countdown to Noon Year's Eve! We'll read books and sing songs celebrating New Year's and have a countdown to 12 Noon for little ones! This event is geared towards 3-7 but all are welcome. Registration required.

Friday, December 30
at 11:30 am.

Registration is required for most programs.

The Selectboard
held a public meeting on
Friday December 2, 2022
and formalized and voted to
forward a contract to

Thomas
Calter

of
Kingston, Mass.



Stoughton's Town Manager

Water Department



We have made available water with lower levels of PFAS6 available for residents concerned about consuming water with PFAS, particularly the sensitive subgroups (pregnant or nursing women, infants and people diagnosed by their health care provider to have a compromised immune system);

**Plain Street WTP at 750 Plain Street,
Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm and
weekends 7:30 am to 11:00 am.**



**Directions:
Traveling Plain St.
towards Bay Road
cross over West Street,
look for yellow open gate
on your left,
follow long driveway
to last building
on your left.**

The Stoughton Redevelopment Authority Signs a Lease to open a local Redevelopment Authority Office located at 7 Pearl Street In downtown Stoughton

Funding for the project is derived from rental property that the SRA currently owns. Mark Zamanian stated "The opening of the office in the core area is a clear indication that the SRA is serious about the redevelopment of downtown Stoughton"

Past, Current and Future Activities

In the not too distant past the Redevelopment Authority had been responsible for the development of Technology Drive, creating over a thousand jobs and millions of dollars in revenue to the town.

Currently the SRA is developing an Urban Renewal Plan that focuses on economic revitalization of the downtown area.

Recently supported the Select Board Rezoning efforts that were approved in May 2022.

- Initiated discussion with the State Senator and State Representatives in regards to establishing a "Quiet Zone" in downtown Stoughton that could possibly result in additional housing and hundreds of thousand of dollars in revenue to the town on an annual basis.
- Assisted a number of small businesses to locate in the downtown and surrounding area
- Created a grant program to assist non profits and community groups wishing to embrace our mission of renewing the downtown area.
- Communicated with the Department of Transportation regarding infrastructure improvements along Washington St. MassDOT has agreed to incorporate several project elements critical to the Washington St. corridor, including:
 - New pedestrian / bicycle paths from the Canton Line to Lincoln St in Stoughton

Nunnally stated "We are excited to support MassDOT and the funds in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to connect the retail strip along Washington St. and the downtown area. The project and its improvements will not only bring pedestrian mobility and connectivity to Stoughton, but will have lasting transportation infrastructure improvements for the region. This investment is precisely the type of highly competitive projects which federal infrastructure funds were designated for."

The Stoughton Redevelopment Authority Board is comprised of five members, four elected by the general public and one appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth

For more information relative to the Stoughton Redevelopment Authority please contact us at: SRAsec@stoughton-ma.gov or call 781-341-1300 ext 9299

Stoughton Redevelopment Authority
7 Pearl Street Stoughton, MA 02072 • 781-341-1300 ext 9299

Mark Zamanian • Andrew Ward • Reggie Nunnally • Roberta Harback • Forrest Lindwall
Chair Vice Chair Treasurer State Appointee



**Selectboard Agenda
Joint with Board of Assessors
PUBLIC HEARING
Wed., December 7, 2022 • 7:30 p.m.
Great Hall Town Hall • 10 Pearl Street 3rd floor
and virtually with Google Meets**

In accordance with Governor Baker's declaration of June 16th, 2021 granting certain pandemic-related authorizations related to public board and town meetings and recently extended until March 31, 2023, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

**To Join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/rwb-nqqx-gbv
PHONE: 314-325-4858
PIN: 384 154 813#**

The meeting may 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 live broadcast or livestreaming is unsuccessful. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

**7:30 PM
Classification
Hearing**



Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

10 Pearl Street • Stoughton, MA 02072 • (781) 341-1300 • FAX (781) 341-1032

The Water, Sewer, Trash Department has issued **the FY23 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 November 15, 2022, and are due December 15, 2022**, and must be received in the Collectors' office or the PO Box in Medford on or before this date. Postmark date is not acceptable as payment made if the payment is not received in the Collectors' office or the PO Box in Medford by December 15, 2022.

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, year, and type in the Memo field (for example, Bill #25, 2023 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, 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** Town of Stoughton PO Box 9108 Stoughton MA 02072.

There is a secured payment drop box outside of Town Hall on Pearl St for your convenience. 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 a rate of 14% from their respective due dates, and a \$15.00 demand fee will be added to the bill and the senior discount will be forfeited.

The Collector staff members are available by phone Monday through Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday 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.

Posted on: November 15, 2022 - 12:46pm

TOWN OF STOUGHTON

COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM

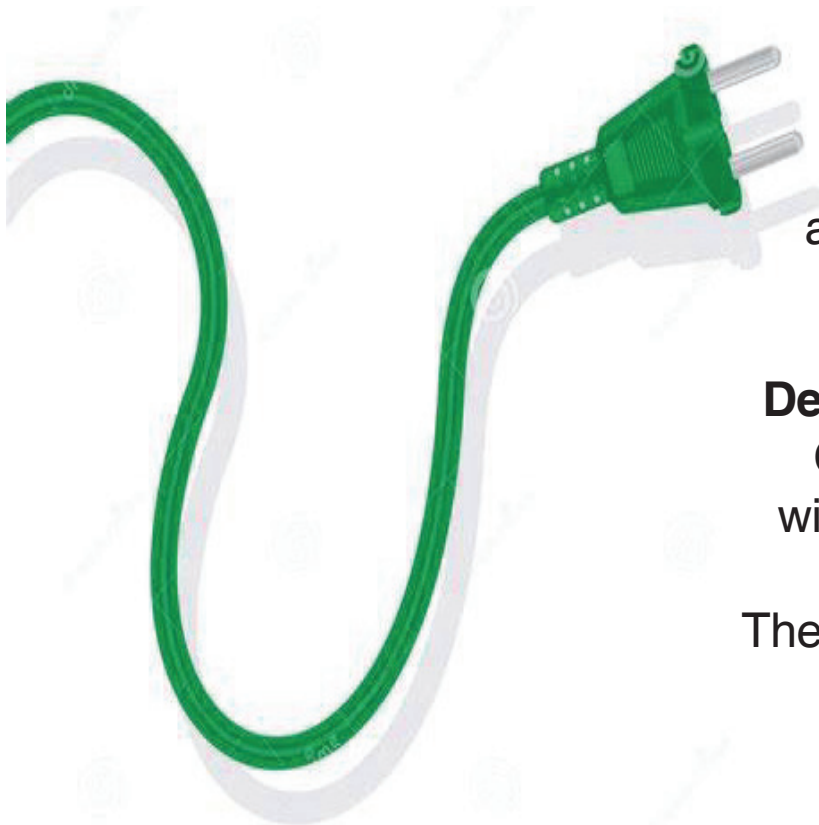
Thanks to the Relaunch of the Stoughton Community Choice Aggregation Program the community will be able to save more than \$1,584,000 this winter on electricity. The program was originally initiated by the Economic Development Director working with Old Colony Planning Council and Colonial Power Group. Due to the fact that an approved Plan was in place, the Interim Town Manager, Marc Tisdelle, was able to enter into an agreement with a third party supplier.

The Town of Stoughton is pleased to announce that Direct Energy Services ("Direct") has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program. Direct will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on National Grid Basic Service in Stoughton.

Residents should look for a mailing sent out by Direct Energy on November 15th. The mailing does explain how to opt out of the program if you do not wish to participate.

Visit colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton or call Direct at (866) 968-8065 to opt out of the program. You may call Colonial at (866) 485-5858 x 1 with any questions.

Additional information can be found on the Economic Development Webpage.



A Public Forum
will be Held
at the **Town Hall** in the
Great Hall
(3rd Floor) on
December 7th at 7:00 pm.
Colonial Power Group
will be available to answer
questions.
The meeting will be available
to view on SMAC
several days later.

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 12:00-2:00P.M.

Join us for a
cookie decorating class
just in time for the holidays!

Learn how to decorate your choice of Christmas or Hanukkah cookies.

Class includes 9 cookies, frosting, sprinkles and accessories to decorate.
Come and have some fun with family and friends!

Pre-registration is required.
Stoughton Residents \$15.00 • Out of Town \$20.00



Stoughton Council on Aging
(781) 344-8882 • 110 Rockland Street

Have you seen flooding in Stoughton?

Você já viu inundações em Stoughton?

Flooding from rainstorms is a growing concern for residents and businesses in Stoughton and nearby communities.

Inundações causadas por chuvas são uma preocupação crescente para os moradores e negócios em Stoughton e comunidades próximas.



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Take the Flood Survey

Stoughton residents who complete the survey by January 13, 2023 will be entered for a chance to receive one of twenty \$25 Visa gift cards (one chance per household):

www.neponset.org/StopFlood

Attend the public meeting

December 15, 6:30-8:30pm

YMCA, 445 Central St., Stoughton

Free sandwiches provided. Wheel-chair accessible. Children's activities available, Portuguese language interpretation available, and virtual meeting attendance optional, **only with preregistration by Dec. 9th.**

Attendees will be entered for a chance to receive one of 10 \$25 Visa gift cards.

Register: neponset.org/StopFlood

Você viu alguma inundação em Stoughton?

As inundações que ocorrem como consequência das tempestades são uma preocupação crescente para os moradores e as empresas em Stoughton e nas comunidades da região. Stoughton está estudando maneiras de reduzir as inundações e precisa da sua ajuda!

Preencha nossa pesquisa sobre inundações

Os residentes de Stoughton que concluírem nossa pesquisa até Janeiro 13, 2023 concorrerão a um dos 20 vales-presente Visa de \$25 dólares (uma chance por família): www.neponset.org/StopFlood

Participe do nosso encontro aberto ao público

Dezembro 15 em 6:30-8:30pm

YMCA, 445 Central St., Stoughton

Serão oferecidos sanduíches gratuitos. Acessível a cadeirantes. Haverá atividades para as crianças, haverá intérprete de português e será possível participar virtualmente (opcional), **somente mediante pré-inscrição até 9 de dezembro.**

Os participantes concorrerão a um dos 10 vales-presente Visa de \$25 dólares.

Inscreva-se:

www.neponset.org/StopFlood



This project is made possible by the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program. For more information about the project visit us at www.neponset.org/stopflood. Para obter mais informações sobre o projeto (financiado através de um Bolsa de Ação de Preparação de Vulnerabilidades Municipais de Massachusetts (MVP) visite-nos na www.neponset.org/stopflood



Book Club

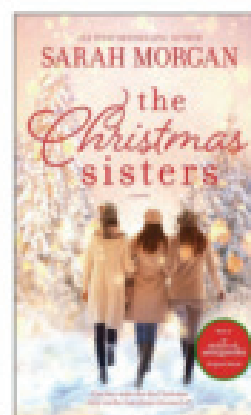
Adults • Open to everyone 18+

These are live Zoom events and registration is required.
The Zoom link will be emailed to the address provided one day prior to the program.

Wednesday, December 7th

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The December selection is *The Christmas Sisters* by Sarah Morgan. The book is available at the library, through the Old Colony Library Network as well as electronically on the library's free Libby and Hoopla Apps. It is also on the library's circulating Kindles that are available for check out.



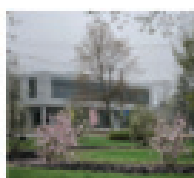
For those who like to plan ahead, here's what's coming up:



Wednesday, January 11th

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

December's selection is *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley. The book is available at the library as well as through the Old Colony Library Network as well as electronically on the library's free Libby App. It is also on the library's circulating Kindles that are available for check out.



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Beginning Wednesday December 7th

Wednesday Game Day!

Meet up with others who like to play

Scrabble

or

Canasta!

1:00PM-3:00PM



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
WILL CLOSE
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10TH, 2022
AT 4PM

FOR THE
STOUGHTON HOLIDAY

PARADE OF LIGHTS



LETTERS TO SANTA



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 name and return address no later than December 13th 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.





HOLIDAY MOVIE AFTERNOON



Friday, December 16th
12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Join us in watching the holiday classic,
A Christmas Carol, starring Alastair Sim as
Ebenezer Scrooge.

**Participants may bring a bagged lunch if
desired.*



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A message from our Interim Town Manager Marc Tisdelle

Hello Everyone,

As you may be aware, Robin Grimm has taken another job in Sturbridge. We wish her the best and she will be greatly missed!

My name is Marc Tisdelle and I am the Interim Town Manager. I would like to thank the Select Board, the community and my fellow colleagues for all your support of me to take this task on.

I have worked in Stoughton for the last 11 years as primarily the Town Engineer and the Director of Development Services but I was also the Interim Town Manager for about a year before we hired Robin Grimm.

I take this position very seriously and I will do the best that I can to keep the Town moving forward until a permanent Town Manager is in place. I will do my best to inform the public through Facebook of important events. Robin was very active on Facebook and I will eventually try to get to that point but as you can imagine I will be extremely busy getting up to speed on everything while also completing my other job.

Office hours for the public will continue from 4:30-6pm on Thursday evenings. I also will make appointments with you if needed. Thank you all for the support!