

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED FEBRUARY 27, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday February 28, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St • Conference Rm 2nd fl

This meeting will be conducted in person. The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television, 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. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

1. 7:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION** - Call to Order
& Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:05 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:15 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:25 p.m. Citizen Comments
5. 7:35 p.m. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of Jan. 31, 2023
6. 7:40 p.m. Norfolk County Retirement System - Additional 2% Retiree COLA
7. 7:45 p.m. Election to engage in process to change health insurance benefits under M.G.L.c. 32B, §§ 21 through 23 - votes may be taken
 - Gallagher Insurance Presentation for the Town of Stoughton
8. 8:05 p.m. Discussion to vote to Implement Insurance Opt-Out Plan for Town Employees (payments in lieu of receiving insurance)
9. 8:25 p.m. Discussion - Regional 911
Letter of attestation from the Fire Department

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Last Tuesday night at the Select-Board meeting Chief Donna McNamara presented Officer Thomas Tedesco and Officer Jennifer Sullivan with a Life Saver Award for their actions in response to a sudden cardiac arrest on January 2, 2023. Several 911 calls came into our dispatch center. Police and fire dispatchers took the calls and dispatched emergency personnel within 27 seconds of taking the calls. Officers Sullivan and Tedesco arrived 2 minutes and 30 seconds after being dispatched with fire arriving just 50 seconds later.

Officer Tedesco, a former combat medic in the United States Army, is tasked with training the members of our department in first aid & CPR/AED. On this particular call Officer Sullivan provided chest compressions and Officer Tedesco delivered a shock with our AED.

Chief McNamara also presented the Al Lipkind Cardiac Care award to Stoughton resident Debra Wilder. Debra delivered quality CPR to Darren Barboza who suffered a heart attack while out for a run. The Lipkin award was named after Al Lipkind, who made it his mission before his passing to outfit every Stoughton Police Cruiser with AED's. This has resulted in saving several lives over the past 20 years.

We would like to thank Mr. Darren Barboza for speaking at the award ceremony. We are so happy to see how well he is doing. We wish you continued good health and happiness to you and your family. We would also like to thank Officers Tedesco and Sullivan, Debra Wilder our dispatch team and Stoughton for an incredible team effort that resulted in the best possible outcome. Congratulations on a job well done.

STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation Joint Meeting with the School Committee Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7PM

School Committee Conference Rm at Stoughton Public Schools District Office • 31 Pierce St **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance and Taxation on March 1, 2023 to discuss the FY24 Town Budget and Annual Town Meeting Articles.

Agenda items may be taken out of order at the Chairman's discretion

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Open Public Hearing
4. TOWN BUDGET (FY24) EDUCATION BUDGETS
 - a. Stoughton Public Schools
 - b. Southeastern Regional High School
 - c. Norfolk County Agricultural High School

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

5. ARTICLE 68 – Security Upgrades – Intrusion Alarm Upgrades and Interior Door Hardware
6. ARTICLE 35 – Hansen School Playground Reconstruction
7. ARTICLE 67 – Fund Feasibility Study of South Elementary School
8. Any other matters relating to FY24 or FY23 Budget and Town Meeting Warrant Articles
9. Motion to Continue Public Hearing
10. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

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AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation

Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7PM

School Committee Conference Rm

at Stoughton Public Schools District Office • 31 Pierce St

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance and Taxation on March 2, 2023 to discuss the FY24 Town Budget and Annual Town Meeting Articles.

Agenda items may be taken out of order at the Chairman's discretion

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Open Public Hearing

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

4. ARTICLE 27 - Community Preservation Committee FY2024 Budget/Report
5. ARTICLE 28 - Capen Reynolds Dog Park and Community Gardens
6. ARTICLE 29 - Rehabilitation of Denison Athletic Complex, Design Phase
7. ARTICLE 30 - Lighting and Scoreboards for Miller, O'Day and Goff Field
8. ARTICLE 31 - Renovation of Marks Field, Design Phase
9. ARTICLE 32 - Office Storage Equipment for the Old Stoughton Music Society
10. ARTICLE 33 - Preservation of Town of Stoughton Vital Records
11. ARTICLE 34 - Cedar Hill Golf Course Renovations
12. ARTICLE 36 - Parking and Trailhead Construction at Atkinson Ave. Ext.
13. ARTICLE 37 - Acquisition of Property off Benson Road
14. ARTICLE 38 - Depot Stabilization
15. ARTICLE 69 – Stoughton Depot Rehabilitation: Cash Payment of Previously Authorized Bonding
16. Any other matters relating to FY24 or FY23 Budget and Town Meeting Warrant Articles
17. Motion to Continue Public Hearing
18. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

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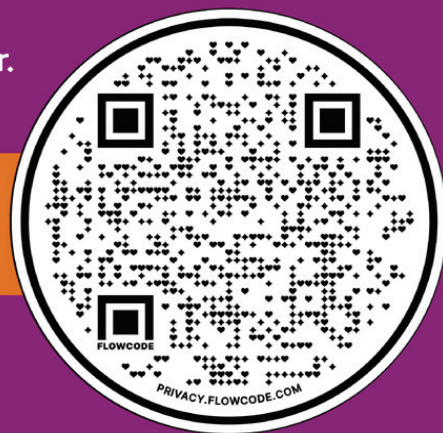
Free Program, Open to the Public Community

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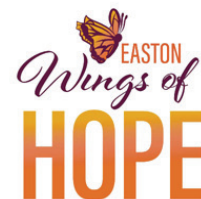
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PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

with Best of Times Travel & EMMET CAHILL • Wed. March 8

Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor

STAR OF PBS PHENOMENON — CELTIC THUNDER!

Join us as Irish tenor Emmet Cahill of Celtic Thunder takes us on a musical journey just in time for St. Patrick's Day. Emmet will be performing Irish classics and Broadway hits as well as tender nostalgic favorites! This show has everything a St. Patrick's Celebration calls for!

Plated Luncheon Meal Choice:
Corned Beef and Cabbage or
Baked Scrod.

Also Includes: Salad, Vegetables,
Breads, Dessert, Coffee & Tea.

Price: \$119pp-

Includes: transportation,
Plated Luncheon, Meal Tax,
Meal Gratuity, and Show Ticket.

Payment due at sign-up.

Please make checks payable to
Best of Times.

There are no refunds for cancellations
received after 2/27/2023.
Best of Times Travel reserves the right
to issue any refunds due,
whole or in part, in the form of
Future Travel Credit.



Stoughton Council on Aging

Shed Your Meds

for a Better, Healthier You

With Dr. Donna Bartlett, PHARM.D, BCGP

Monday, March 6, 12:30 P.M.



Medications can keep us healthy and strong. However, with time, the body naturally changes, along with its ability to absorb, metabolize and eliminate medicine. Many times medications are added and not stopped. After many years some medications become less helpful and cause more side effects. Dr. Bartlett will share her knowledge of medications and their affect on the body as we age.

All are welcome! Please pre-register.

Call 781-344-8882 with any questions!

**Visit Dr. Bartlett's website - www.donnabartlett.com
Copies of MedStrong will be available for purchase at this event.**

Stoughton Council on Aging

Gourmet ON A BUDGET

WITH MALCOLM GREEN

*Stoughton Business Owner and
two-time "Masterchef" Contestant*



ASIAN FLAIR

Thursday 3/2 | 5:30-7 pm | \$35

TO REGISTER, VISIT

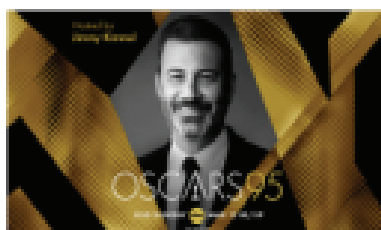
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The 2023 Academy Awards

...the Good, the Bad and the Ugly!

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa (not Kimmel. Sorry!)



Thursday, March 2nd: 6:30-8:30pm

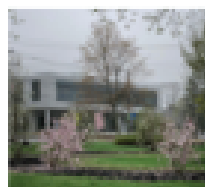


Who has won (or lost) the Oscar over the years? What classics were never nominated? What forgotten films were Best Picture winners? What are some of the televised ceremony's most famous & infamous moments? Who will win this year & who will go home empty-handed?

**Please visit www.stoughton.org/library & click on Event Calendar to register.
REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A ZOOM LINK 1 DAY PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM.**



A lifelong lover of cinema, Frank Mandosa hosts talks on a wide variety of film topics. A high school English and Film teacher, he also co-hosts Reel Life for Stoughton Media Access Center (SMAC). Facebook movie page: "Silver Screeners" www.frankmandosa.weebly.com



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A Celtic Celebration:
Songs and Stories for the
season with Storyteller
Davis Bates
Wednesday, March 15,
12:30 P.M.



The Stoughton Council on Aging will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the impending arrival of spring by presenting a performance by Parents' Choice Award winning performing Davis Bates, Entitled A Celtic Celebration.

The program will involve the audience in a variety of cultural traditions. It will include traditional songs and tales from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, sea songs and chanteys, ghost stories and family tales. There will also be plenty of sing-alongs, a short lesson in how to play music with spoons from a kitchen drawer, and an appearance by an Irish dancing wooden dog named Bingo.

The performance will take place at 12:30 pm, following light refreshments at noon, at the Stoughton Senior Center on Wednesday, March 15. For more information & lunch reservation please call (781) 341-8882. This performance is funded by a grant from the Stoughton Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass. Cultural Council.

Stoughton Council on Aging

WAITLIST-Conversational Spanish with Delores Staton- Begins Thursday March 2, 2023

A good way to understand conversational Spanish is to think about how you speak your current language. If you were to have a conversation with someone at a party or in a coffee shop, how would you speak? You would likely keep it casual, use common phrases and not fuss about formal grammar.

*6 classes. Thursdays. March 2-April 6
Class is \$30 for Stoughton residents,
\$40 for out of town seniors.*

Space is limited. Pre-registration is necessary and payment is due at time of sign up.



Stoughton Council on Aging



KIDS CERAMICS & CRAFTS

Wednesdays | 3/1-3/22 | 3:30 - 4:30

Ages 9-14 | 15 Pleasant St | \$45

Join Laurice and Molly as they teach children various ceramic painting techniques and crafts. Explore ceramic painting, sculpy clay molding, crafts and more.

Sign up today at

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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. It's hard to believe that almost 3 months have already passed. I apologize for not reaching out sooner. 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

