

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JUNE 5, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday June 6, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor & 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, 2025, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/cwv-rvgb-zhs
PHONE: 252-986-3095
PIN: 323 362 887#

The meeting will 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 the live broadcast or livestreaming is unsuccessful. 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. 7:20 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. 7:30 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of April 18, 2023
 - b. Water Connection Application
MJD Excavating, Inc., 19 Camden St.
 - c. Quitclaim Deed of parcel depicted as Map 103,
Lot 9 to T.L. Edwards, Inc.
 - d. Acceptance of Donation from HarborOne Bank -
\$250.00
6. 7:40 p.m. Interdepartmental Transfer:
From Police Salaries to Town Counsel Expenses

7. 7:45 p.m. Town Boards and Committees Appointments

Board of Assessors - 1 vacancy:

Yomajesty Gillmore

* Stanley Zoll

Board of Registrars – 2 vacancies:

* Alethea McFarlane

Borderland State Park- 1 vacancy:

* Ardis Johnston

Commission on Disabilities – 4 vacancies:

* Michael Hardman

* Charlotte Mullen

Constables – 7 vacancies:

Ben Pinkowitz

Edward Starr

Council on Aging – 4 vacancies:

* Joanne Callanan

* Eileen Kirchdorfer

* Ellen Lash

Lauren Morris

* Boyd Walls

Jane Weiner

Cultural Council – 2 vacancies:

* Max Ponticelli

Equal Opportunity Committee – 2 vacancies:

* Maggie Giusti

Jacqueline Hardy-Lassiter

* Bettye Sabree

Library Trustees – 2 vacancies:

* Rachel Lazerus

* Susan Zbinski

Norfolk County Advisory Board – 1 vacancy

* Joseph Mokrisky

Open Space Committee – 1 vacancy

No applicants.

Planning Board – 1 Vacancy

No Applicants.

Self Help, Inc. – 1 Vacancy

No applicants.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – 5 Vacancies

* Emiel Barbosa

*incumbent

8. 8:30 p.m. **Traffic Improvements:**

- Walnut Street
- Pleasant Street
- Plain Street

Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer



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May they not be forgotten

*Brether when you weep for me Remember that it was meant to be
Lay me down and when you leave Remember I'll be at your sleeve
In every dark and cheking hall I'll be there as you slowly crawl
On every roof in driving snow I'll hold your coat and you will know*

*In cellars hot with searing heat At windows where a gate you meet
In closets where young children hide You know I'll be there at your side
The house from which I now respond Is overstaffed with hero's gene
Men who answered one last bell Did the job and did it well*

*As firemen we understand that any card may be dealt in our hands
A card we hope we never play but one we held there anyway
That card is something we ignore as we crawl across a weakened floor
For we know that we're the only prayer For anyone that might be there*

*So remember as you wipe your tears The joy I've know throughout the years
As I did the job I loved to do I pray that thought will see you through*

Please Join the Stoughton Fire Department for "Firefighters Sunday"

Sunday June 11th 2023

Service begins at 09:30 am

Stoughton Fire Department

30 Freeman Street

Stoughton, MA 02072



Join us for

The OCLN Library Crawl

June 5 - 17, 2023



Stoughton Public
Library

Scavenger Hunt

Find them all and get your
OCLN Passport stamped
at the circulation desk!

For more information visit
<https://malibraryroadtrip.com/ocln/>





Mondays at 12:15

Movin' and Groovin' with Georgi!

medium-paced aerobics ad strength class that will incorporate music, movement, weights, balance and more!

Georgina has a personal training business in Easton, with a specialty in mind body training. Georgi believes exercise should be fun and she works with seniors of different levels of fitness and function!

All are welcome!

Class is one punch (\$2.50) on the activity pass

Stoughton Council on Aging

Pottery Wheel Workshop

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH

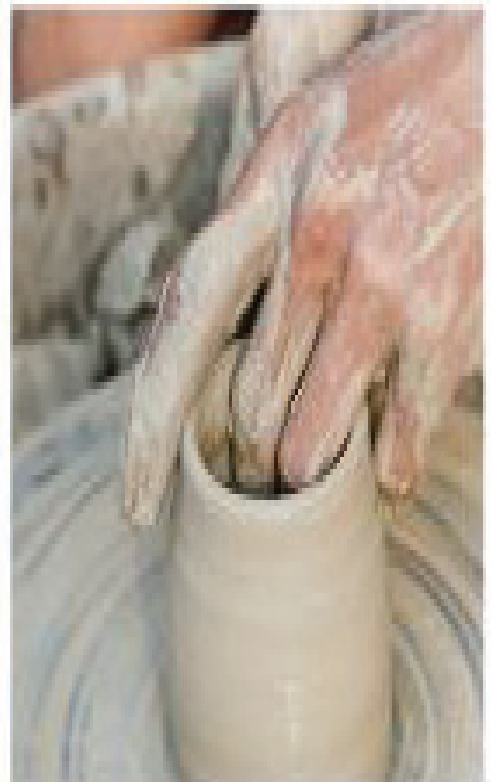
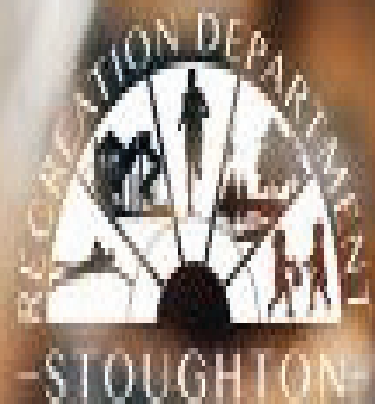
5-8 PM | AGES 16+

\$55 RES, \$75 NON-RES

REC CENTER, 15 PLEASANT ST

REGISTER AT

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



AMES POND BEACHFRONT

June 23rd, 2023- August 18th, 2023

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

1000 Highland St, Stoughton MA

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

Available for purchase in the office or at the gate

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

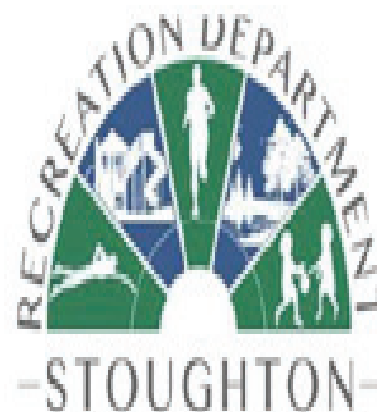
Passes can be purchased online or
in person at our office located at
15 Pleasant St.

Our hours are:

Monday-Wednesday 8:30-4:30pm

Thursday 8:30-7pm

Friday 8:30-12 pm



Day passes are only available at the gate. Season passes can be purchased at the gate or the office. 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.



TOWN OF STOUGHTON

4th of July FIREWORKS

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND, 2023



PLEASE NOTE:

The following areas will be closed during the fireworks: SHS Football Field and Tennis Courts, Dennison/West Athletic Complex. No chairs on the soccer field, blankets only.

Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:00 pm

WWW.STOUGHTON.ORG

JULY 4TH PARADE 2023

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH AT 10:00 AM

MCed by Mark Snyder



Stoughton Public Library 2023 SUMMER READING

EVENTS & GUIDELINES

Find Your Voice



JUNE 5 - AUGUST 18

- Event Guidelines

Many programs require registration - as noted in their description. You can register through Eventkeeper on our website, or by calling the library at 781-344-2711. Registration will begin for all children's programs on June 5th, 2023 at 9am.

All of our programs are at the Stoughton Public Library - except Arts in the Park programs which are presented at the South School located at 171 Ash St in Stoughton, and storytimes at Halloran Park, located on Pierce St in Stoughton.

- Program Guidelines -

Children participating should be in sixth grade or below.

The minutes a child reads will be entered into Beanstack, an online reading log accessible from the library website, which will allow participants to read and complete challenges to earn raffle tickets for prizes.

Pre-schoolers may have books read to them. If older siblings read to younger family members, the minutes read may be counted by both of them. Books which are read for school can be counted both for the school and the public library summer reading program.

For students in the Stoughton schools who participate via Beanstack, we will share their name and grade with the School system to let them know they participated in the Summer Reading Program.

Sign up today!

<https://stoughtonlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>



The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Stoughton Public Library and SOLA.

SUMMER READING EVENTS

Sponsored by
SOLA
SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION, INC.

Special Programs

**Kickoff - Talewise
The Dragons and the Ice
Sorceress**

Friday, June 23 | 2 pm

**Mysteries on the Move
Kids Escape Room
Ages 7-12 and Their Caregivers**

Registration Required

Thursday, July 13 | 2 pm

**Talking Hands Theatre -
Little Superheroes
English and Portugues** 

Thursday, August 3 | 2 pm

**Frankensteam Building
Challenges
Ages 7-12**

Registration Required

Thursday, June 29 | 2 pm

**Stacy Lake in Concert
Small Singers and Shakers
for ages 0-6**

Thursday, July 20 | 2 pm

**Drop in Crafts
Ages 3 and Up**

Thursday, August 10 | 2 pm

**Easton Children's Museum
Waves, Light, and Sound
Ages 4-10**

Registration Required

Thursday, July 6 | 2 pm

**Mandy Roberge -
Star Wars Crafts
Ages 7-12**

Registration Required

Thursday, July 27 | 2 pm

**Finale - Talewise
Science Heroes: Saving
Earth Together**

Friday, August 11 | 2 pm

Arts in the Park

Located at The South School, 171 Ash St. Stoughton.
For all ages. No Registration Required.

Violet the Clown

Monday, July 10 | 10 am

Joe Howard Variety Show

Monday, July 17 | 10 am

Big Ryan's Tall Tales

Monday, July 24 | 10 am

Animal World Experience

Monday, July 31 | 10 am

Julie Stepanek in Concert

Monday, August 7 | 10 am

Weekly Events

**Stories in
Halloran Park
All Ages**

Thursdays | 10:30 am
Saturdays | 10:30 am
Weather Permitting

**Kids Zumba
with Carolina Pokraka
Ages 5-12**

Friday June 30
July 7, 14
10:00 am
Registration Required

**Kids Yoga with
Hitaishi Sullivan
All Ages**

Friday July 21, 28
August 4
10:00 am
Registration Required

**Reading Buddies
Grades 1-5**

Tuesday July 11, 18, 25
August 1, 8
6 pm
Registration Required.



volunteer spotlight



Great Volunteer

Let's recognize the volunteers I need your help

If you are a volunteering or know of any one who volunteers for any board or committee in the Town of Stoughton in any capacity and would like to have the “Spotlight” on them Please contact rharback@stoughton-ma.gov. Please include a jpeg picture of the volunteer and a list of current and/or prior boards and committees served.

Anyone who recommends someone other than themselves will be contacted for their permission to be “spotlighted”

Thank You

REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE!

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Embracing Diversity in Stoughton

Day 1

June 17th

JAM FEST

Location: Halloran Park 91 Pierce St., Stoughton, MA

Time: 12:00PM to 4:00PM

Live Music , DJ , Food Trucks, Vendors, Performers, Kids Activities

Day 2

June 19th

Fire Side Chat

Location: Hampton Inn 449 Page St., Stoughton, MA

Located Off of Rte 24

Time: 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Networking: Speakers, Break Out Sessions, Vendors and Catering!

Presented By: Stoughton Equal Opportunity Commission (SEOC), Stoughton Diversity & Inclusion Organization (SDIO)
and sponsors Easton Bank, HarborOne and Old Colony YMCA

JULY 2023 OPEN PLAYGROUND Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1  July 4th No Open Playground	2  July 4th No Open Playground	3 Week 1: Sports Week	4 The Bicycle Stunt Show 	5 STREET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
10 Week 2: Superhero Week	11  George the Magician	12 AMES POND	13 Urban Air Adventure Park	14 SUPERHERO DAY!
17 Week 3: Animal Week	18  Flying High Dog Show	19 LOBSTER TALES AGES 6-8	20  AGES 8+	21 Talent Show
24 Week 4: Olympic Week	25 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	26 Drums Alive	27 Kingston Olympics	28 OLYMPICS

Open Playground is the Town of Stoughton's summer program for children ages 6-14.

Dates: 7/5-8/11

Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm with After Playground until 4:00 pm (separate registration required)

Location: South Elementary School 171 Ash St, Stoughton

Open Playground Director: Felicia Baptista

Register weekly or for the whole summer!

Sign up at
www.StoughtonRec.org

Contact Us:
781-341-1300 x9244
recreation@stoughton-ma.gov



AUGUST 2023

6 Week 5: Water Week	7 WATER INFLATABLE DAY!	8 Tie-Dye Day	9 AMES POND	10 Ice Cream Day 
13 Week 6: Carnival Week	14 STREET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT	15 CARNIVAL DAY!	16  AGES 8+	17 LAST DAY!!

This calendar is tentative and is subject to change

Stoughton Lion's Club Summer Concert Series

Sundays 5-7 pm - FREE!

Gibbons Elementary School Soccer Fields
235 Morton St



7/16 The Joe Kidd Band

7/23 Jack Raeke & the Supermags

7/30 The Jessie Liam Band

8/6 The Corvairs

8/13 Puddlefish

8/20 It Is What It Is



Donations to the Lion's Club are welcome!

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Stoughton Cultural Council,
a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency



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

