

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JULY 10, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday July 11, 2023 - 8:00 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/xfp-hpoh-sfs

PHONE: 423-588-1447

PIN: 799 616 894#

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. 8:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION - Call to Order
& Pledge of Allegiance**
2. 8:05 p.m. **Continuation of Public Hearing from July 5, 2023:**
Pursuant MGL c. 140 §157 - to hear and consider a request for a dangerous dog hearing, dated June 14, 2023, filed by the Stoughton Animal Control Officer concerning two dogs harbored at 408 Technology Center Dr., Apt. #5420 and owned by Rosalina Desousa Geller - votes may be taken

The New Elementary School Project



COMMUNITY FORUM

6 PM Wed. July 19th

**Stoughton
High School**

**in person and
Remote Participation Welcome**



For more info: <https://www.stoughtonschools.org>

**Topics: Should we consolidate our Elementary Schools?
What is the Preferred Design Option?**



Financial Assistance available to seniors, low income earners, people with disabilities

- Home Energy Assistance Program/ Self-Help, Inc.
- Department of Transitional Assistance/ SNAP
- The Good Neighbor Energy Fund/ Salvation Army
- Lend a Hand Society
- Jewish Families and Childrens Services
- Homebase/ MA DTA Program
- Edith Stewart Chase Foundation
- Marisa's Mission
- Operation Homefront

**Contact Stoughton Council on Aging for more information
Amy Russell, LCSW Outreach Social Worker
781-344-8882 ext. 9457**

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

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Stoughton is receiving settlement funds to prevent and address the impact of opioids on the community.

The Town is seeking input on the best use of these funds.

The Prevention Department is offering 3 opportunities to share your insights.

1) Join us on ZOOM on Tuesday, July 18 at 7PM

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2w7dm6zn>

2) Join us IN PERSON on Wednesday, July 26 at 7PM at 15 Pleasant Street
(Recreation Building)

3) Email feedback to Stephanie Patton at spatton@stoughton-ma.gov

Make your voice heard!



For more info: spatton@stoughton-ma.gov

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Summer Food Service Program

***Monday through Friday
July 10 until August 4, 2023***

at OMS & Wilkins

JUL 06, 2023

The Stoughton Public Schools is offering a free Summer Food Service Program at the O'Donnell Middle School and at the Wilkins Elementary School Monday through Friday from July 10 until August 4, 2023.

O'Donnell Middle School (211 Cushing St.)

Breakfast: 8:30-9:30am

Lunch: 10:45-11:45am

Monday - Friday

Wilkins Elementary School (1322 Central St.)

Breakfast: 8:30-9:00am

Lunch: 10:45-11:15am

Monday - Friday

Meals are served free of charge to all Stoughton students age 18 and under. All food must be consumed on the premises - no food is allowed to be taken home or off the property.

If you have any questions, please contact the Stoughton Public Schools Food Service Department at 781-297-1051. If there are any changes to the days and times, notices will be posted at the individual school sites.

This program is sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Nutrition, Health and Safety, 75 Pleasant St., Malden, MA 02148-4906.

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement



Pottery Wheel Workshop

THURSDAY JULY 20TH

5-8 PM | AGES 16+

\$65 RES, \$75 NON-RES

REC CENTER, 15 PLEASANT ST

REGISTER AT

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



Free Teen Program

Every Wednesday 5-7
all summer long

Come to one or come to them all and
enjoy some ice cream, art projects and animals.

Thank you MA Audubon and DCR



JUL 5 – AUG 16

JOIN US EVERY
WEDNESDAY | 5-7 PM FOR
ART PROJECTS, ICE CREAM, LIVE
ANIMALS AND MORE!

STOUGHTON RECREATION
15 Pleasant St. in Stoughton

SUMMER NIGHTS!



For additional information contact
recreation@stoughton-ma.gov or
781-341-1300 x9244

Moving the Ball Forward

FREE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM!

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



BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR 2023

VOLUNTEERS:

If you have a high school diploma, are sensitive to the struggles of adult learners and able to speak English clearly, please contact us. Volunteers will be trained and all supporting materials will be provided.

COMMITMENT:

One orientation session
18 Hours of Training
Meet with your student
2 hours per week for a year

WHERE:

All Orientations and Trainings are held at the Stoughton Library
84 Park Street
Stoughton

IMPORTANT:

This is a certificate program. Attendance is required at one orientation and all training sessions.

Literacy Volunteers of MA -Stoughton



- One to One tutoring
- Conversation Groups
- Specialized Classes
- Social Gatherings

Learn more at **one** of our Orientations:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

6:30—8:00 pm

OR

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023

10:00—11:30 am

Orientations are held at the Stoughton Library

Contact us to Register at:

781-344-2711

literacy@stoughton.ocln.org



Stoughton Public Schools



SUMMER Office Hours

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Stoughton Public Schools

JUN 15, 2023

The district office and all school offices will be open from 8am - 3pm, Monday through Friday during the summer (starting June 15, 2023).

There may be times when a school office will be closed due to vacation schedules. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 781-344-4000 Ext. 70100.

We will return to our regular office hours on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.



Maj Jong Mondays

12:15 to 3 Mondays

We also have a table for those
that want to learn

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

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.**

Prospect Street Under Construction



C. Naughton will begin the water main replacement on Prospect St.

This project is expected to last through the early fall.

Please proceed with caution

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

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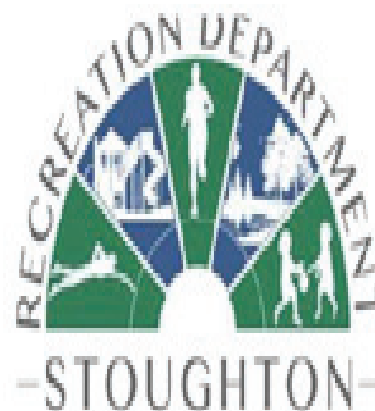
Passes can be purchased online or
in person at our office located at
15 Pleasant St.

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.

Stoughton Public Library TEEN SUMMER READING

2023

EVENTS & GUIDELINES



JUNE 5 - AUGUST 18

- Event Guidelines -

All programs require registration. You can register through Eventkeeper on our website, or by calling the library at 781-344-2711. Registration will begin for all programs on June 5th, 2023 at 9am.

All of our programs are at the Stoughton Public Library unless otherwise noted..

- Program Guidelines -

Teen Summer Reading is available to those in grades 6-12. The minutes a teen 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. 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.

June

Kickoff - Open Gaming w/ Virtual Reality with One Up Games

Wednesday, June 21 |
1pm-4pm

Art Series with Wanita

Summer Scene Painting

Tuesday, June 27 | 2:30 pm

Create Abstract Art

Wednesday, July 12 | 2:30 pm

'Bad Art' Time

Tuesday, August 8 | 2:30pm



July & August

Open Gaming through the Decades with One Up Games

Monday, July 10 |
1:30 pm-4:30



Hoop Dance Techniques with Betty Hoop

Tuesday, July 11 | 2:30 pm
Tuesday, July 18 | 2:30 pm
Tuesday, July 25 | 2:30 pm
Tuesday, August 1 | 2:30 pm

Teen Zumba & Yoga with Carolina

Monday, July 17 | 2:30 pm
Monday, July 24 | 2:30 pm
Monday, July 31 | 2:30 pm



DIY Series with Sheralee

3 Tiered Bracelet

Monday, June 26 | 2:00 pm

Elegant Glow in the Dark Ring

Wednesday, July 19 | 2:30 pm

Boho Chic Necklace

Wednesday, July 26 | 2:30 pm

Metal Drop Earring

Wednesday, August 2 | 2:30 pm

Express Yourself Bracelet

Wednesday, August 9 | 2:30 pm





ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A PARK OR PLAYGROUND PERMIT?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE UNDER "FORMS" TO
FIND THE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The Recreation Department issues
permits for:

Halloran Park and Playground
Debbie Levitz/Wilkins Playground
Bradley Lessa Memorial Playground
Hansen Field
Gibbons Field(Behind School)
Gibbons Field II
Gibbons Soccer Field
Dawes School Field
South School Field
John Denison/West Athletic Complex
(WSAC)
Diamond I / Dolinsky Field
Diamond II / Bulger Field
Diamond III / Dray Field
Diamond IV
Baseball Field / Novello Field
Baseball Practice Field / Dreist Field
Multipurpose Field/Flag Football Field

COMPLETED FORMS CAN BE RETURNED
TO RECREATION@STOUGHTON-MA.GOV
OR TO OUR OFFICE AT 15 PLEASANT ST



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Town of Stoughton

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Proce\$\$\$ing Payment\$ through your banks Bill Pay System

Please note

**if you are processing a payment online
through your Bank's Bill Pay system, you
MUST include the bill number, year, and type
in the Memo field**

**(for example: Bill #55, 2023 real estate),
so your payment will be properly applied.**

**If you are 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**

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

