

# Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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# Water-Sewer-Trash Bills Due this Thursday

## 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 **FY24 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills** to the Town of Stoughton water, sewer, and trash customers. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills were **mailed on August 15, 2023, and are due September 14, 2023**, 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 June 16, 2023.

**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, 2024 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 FY23 unpaid water, sewer, trash balances will be reflected on the FY24 3rd quarter real estate tax bills as a lien. Payments for the FY23 water, sewer, trash lien balances may be paid at the Collector's office. Please call the Collector's office at 781-341-1300 extension 9222 to get the amount due.

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.

# Veteran & Spouses Coffee Hour

**FRIDAY 9/22**  
**10-11:30 AM**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 15 PLEASANT ST

**All are welcome!**

Connect with other Veteran's  
in town, their families, and  
learn how Stoughton's  
Veteran's Services can  
best serve you



Stoughton Veterans' Services  
can assist Veterans and their  
families as they navigate  
services and support



[www.stoughton.org/veterans-services](http://www.stoughton.org/veterans-services)



# Town of Stoughton Hydrant Flushing

The Town of Stoughton Public Works Department  
will be conducting a

**TOWN WIDE  
Water Main Flushing Program  
starting on Monday Sept. 11, 2023  
continuing through October 6, 2023**

This will be going on during the work week only.  
The times will vary depending on the location.  
The majority of the work will be done in the  
evening between the hours of  
9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. and  
during the day between 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This activity will cause discolored water in varying  
degrees in sections of the town. Persons who  
experience water discoloration should flush their  
systems by opening the cold water faucet for a  
few minutes and then waiting for about an hour.  
If the water is still not clear, they should repeat  
the flushing procedure.

The Water Department regrets that it cannot be  
responsible for any damages incurred as a result  
of the flushing activity, which is a necessary and  
normal maintenance function of the  
Water Department.

Stoughton Water Department

Philip A. McNulty, P.E., Superintendent



STOUGHTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 7:00 PM  
31 Pierce Street, Stoughton, MA  
School Committee Conference Room

2023 SEP -8 A 9 21

**6:30pm Open Meeting**

**Executive Session**

1. STA Unit A Negotiation Strategy
2. Acceptance of Minutes: August 29, 2023

**7:00pm Open Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

1. Public Comment
2. Superintendent Update
3. New Business
  - Ratification of SC Recording Secretary's Appointment Letter
  - Appointments
    - Pilgrim Area Collaborative (1)
    - Warrants (2)
    - Sick Bank (2)
    - Building Committee (1)
    - Negotiations: STA Unit A (2)
    - Negotiations: STA Unit B (1)
    - Negotiations: Paraprofessionals (1)
    - Policy Working Group (2)
    - Facilities Master Plan (1)
    - Use of Facilities (1)
    - SEPAC (1)
    - ELPAC (1)
    - Legislators (1)
  - Review Open Meeting Law complaint filed on August 25, 2023 by Davina Owens alleging that the agenda for the July 26, 2023 School Committee meeting failed to comply with Open Meeting Law and to follow School Committee Policy on adopting new policies
  - Review Open Meeting Law complaint filed on August 27, 2023 by Patrick Higgins alleging that the agenda for the August 15, 2023 School Committee meeting failed to comply with Open Meeting Law
  - Acceptance of Warrants
    - Acceptance of Minutes: August 29, 2023
4. Old Business
  - School Nurse Appointment – Jennifer Fallon
  - Elementary School Building Project Update & Responsibilities
5. Other Matters
6. Adjourn

**Next Regular Meeting – September 26, 2023**

*Votes may be taken on any of the above items.*

*Agenda items may be taken out of order*



# REMINDER

**Stoughton Public Works' revised  
HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH  
AND SOLID WASTE  
regulations will begin on  
October 1st , 2023.**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Only household rubbish bagged and/or contained in a barrel of NOT larger than 32 gallons will be picked up curbside.
- Bulky items (appliances, furniture, mattresses, metal objects, etc.) are no longer free and must be scheduled by calling 781-344-2112. Online scheduling to commence in the near future.
- Household rubbish is not to be placed curbside before 7 PM the night before scheduled removal days.
- All customers over 65 years of age are eligible for a senior discount of 50%.

Please see the Department of Public Works website (Sanitation page) for further details in addition to clicking on the QR code below.





Open Play with our very own Felicia!  
Join us in our playroom for imaginative play,  
parachute, bubbles, Crafts and more!  
Drop-in or signup for the full season



# Stoughton Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

## Board of Health & DPW Event

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 23, 2023  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**WHERE:** O'Donnell Middle School  
211 Cushing Street\*\*

- PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES
- PLEASE HAVE I.D. READY TO SHOW STAFF
- Rx PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK BY (OASIS) IN UPPER LOT OFF CUSHING STREET

### Acceptable Items:

|                     |                   |                    |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Waste Motor Oil     | Batteries         | Used Paint Thinner |
| Lamp Ballast        | Propane Tanks     | Oil Based Paint    |
| Used Antifreeze     | Automotive Fluids | Lawn Chemicals     |
| Aerosol Cans        | Old Chemistry Set | Pesticides         |
| Flammable Liquids   | Airplane Glue     | Pool Chemicals     |
| CRT's & Electronics | Old Gas           | Photo Chemicals    |
| Old TV's            | Universal Waste   | Other Household HW |

#### Mercury Containing Devices:

THERMOMETERS, THERMOSTATS, COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS, STANDARD FLUORESCENT LAMPS, HIGH INTENSITY LAMPS, FLOAT SWITCHES, BLOOD PRESSURE CUFFS, BAROMETERS, OR ANY ITEM CONTAINING ELEMENTAL MERCURY!

#### Medicinal Needles & Sharps Disposal

PLEASE DO NOT MIX SHARPS IN HOUSEHOLD TRASH. STORE AND DELIVER ALL SHARPS TO EVENT IN PUNCTURE-RESISTANT CONTAINERS

Bring materials in original containers or boxed

### Non-Acceptable Items:

|                   |                    |                       |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Latex Paint       | Unlabeled Articles | Asbestos              |
| Radioactive Waste | PCBS               | Explosives & Unknowns |

### FEES:

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| \$4.00  | Car tire             |
| \$5.00  | Light truck tire     |
| \$15.00 | Tractor trailer tire |
| \$5.00  | Auto batteries       |
| \$1.00  | 16oz Propane tank    |
| \$5.00  | 20lb Propane tank    |
| \$6.00  | Fire Extinguishers   |
| \$20.00 | All TV's             |
| \$20.00 | Monitors & Laptops   |
| \$20.00 | Misc. Electronics    |
| \$20.00 | Air Conditioners     |

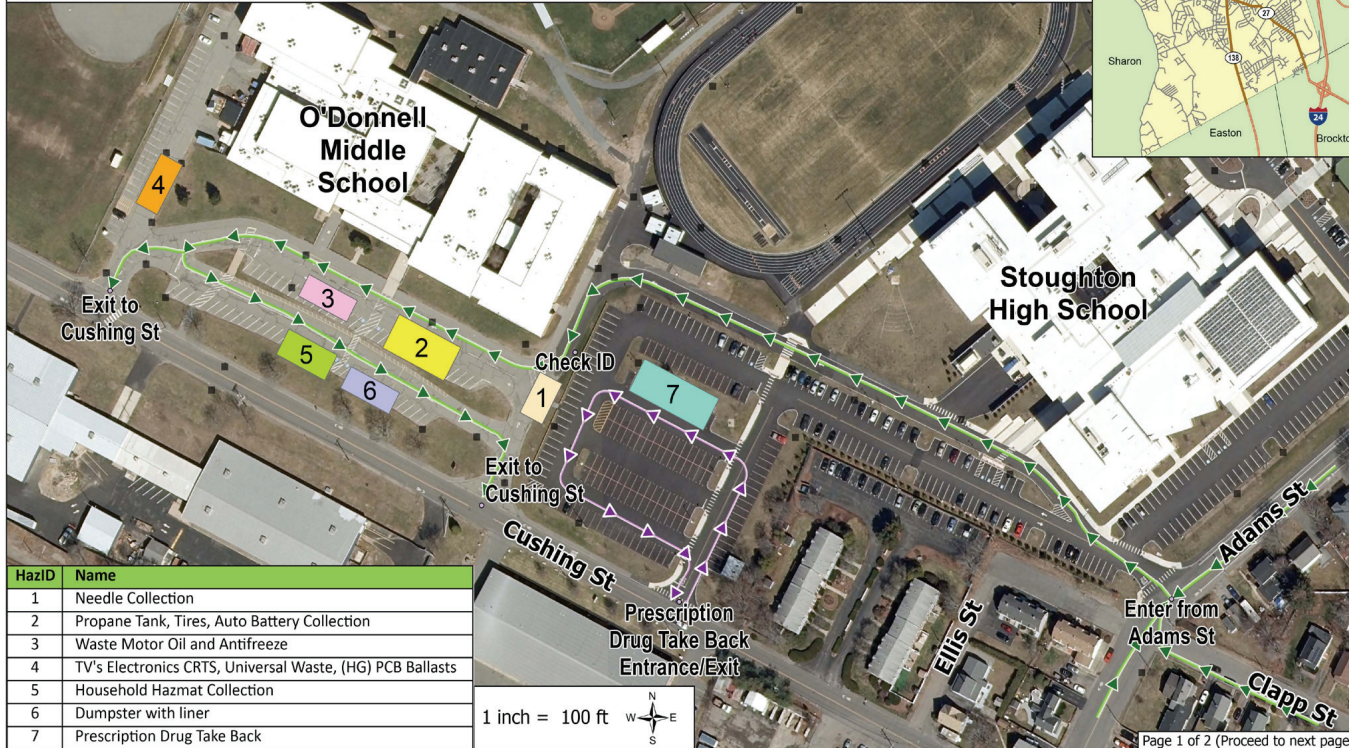
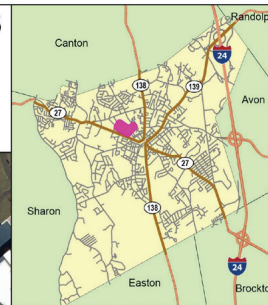


\*\*Enter via High School parking lot on Adams Street from Pearl Street. Proceed to access road to the event. There will be no access to the main HazMat collection area at the Middle School from Cushing Street. Drug Takeback in the new upper former band practice parking lot with entrance on Cushing Street.

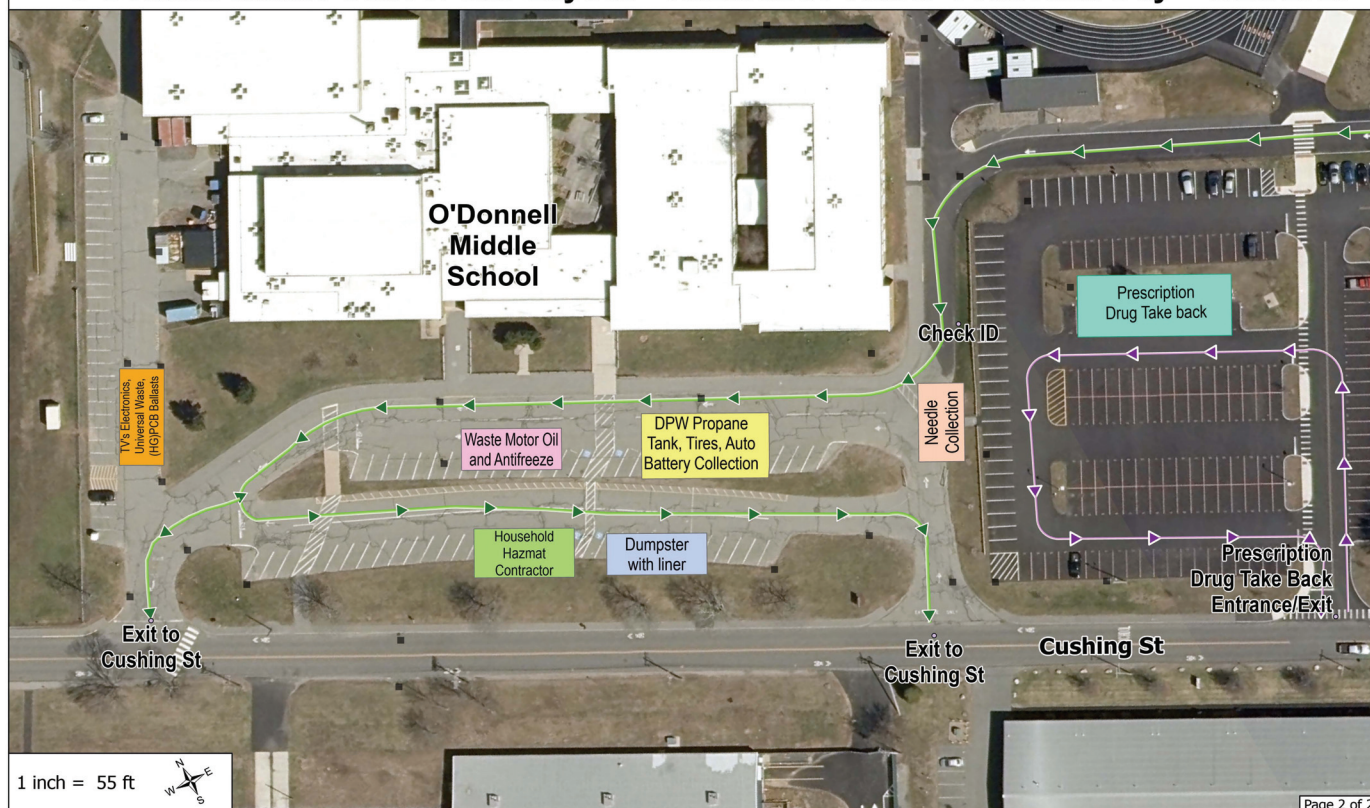


If you have additional questions, please call 781-341-1300 ext. 9262 or 9411

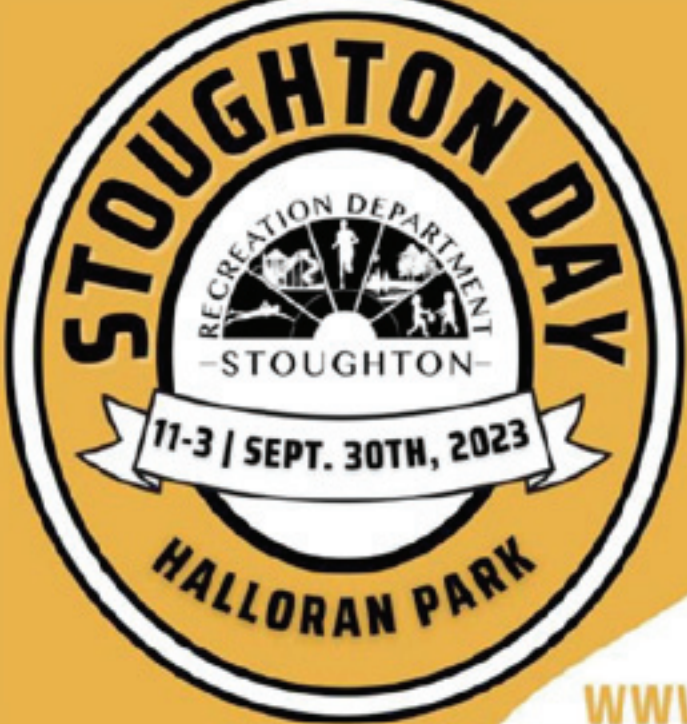
# **Stoughton Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - Sep. 23, 2023** **Traffic Pattern, & Ingress/Egress (Entrance and Exit Routes)** **8:00 AM - 2:00, O'Donnell Middle School, 211 Cushing St.** **•Safe Distancing • Masks Optional •Proof of Residency**



## **O'Donnell Middle School Site Layout • Hazardous Waste Collection Day • 9/23/2023**



# Stoughton Day



The logo is a circular emblem with a yellow background. The outer ring contains the text "STOUGHTON DAY" in bold, black, uppercase letters. Inside the ring, there is a smaller circle with a black border. Inside this smaller circle, the text "RECREATION DEPARTMENT" is at the top, "STOUGHTON" is in the middle, and "HALLORAN PARK" is at the bottom. A banner across the middle of the inner circle reads "11-3 | SEPT. 30TH, 2023". The background of the logo is a yellow curved shape.



The seal is a circular emblem with a blue border. Inside the border, the text "TOWN OF STOUGHTON" is at the top and "INCORPORATED 1725" is at the bottom. The center of the seal features a shield with a red cross, a green field, and a yellow sun.

**LIVE BANDS  
FOOD TRUCKS  
VENDOR TENTS  
TOUCH-A-TRUCK  
FACE PAINTER  
BALLOON ARTIST  
& MORE!**

[WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG](http://WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG)

**Saturday  
September 30, 2023  
11 a.m.  
Halloran Park**



# **TOWN OF STOUGHTON**

## **SELECT BOARD**

10 Pearl Street – Stoughton, MA 02072 (781) 341-1300 Fax (781) 297-2879

### **INFORMATION SESSION RE: NEW SOLID WASTE PROGRAM**

**WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

**The GREAT HALL, 10 Pearl St., 3rd Floor**

**STOUGHTON, MA 02072**

**& VIRTUALLY via GOOGLE MEETS**

**To Join via Google Meets: [meet.google.com/ onm-uofc-aqp](https://meet.google.com/onm-uofc-aqp)**

**Phone: 316-500-6818**

**PIN: 817 751 232#**

The session will be recorded by SMAC cable television and broadcast live and may be livestreamed at [www.stoughtontv.org](http://www.stoughtontv.org). A recording of the session, 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 session if the live broadcast or livestreaming is unsuccessful.

A quorum of the Select Board may be present.

6:00 p.m. Questions and Answers

Thank You

for another awesome summer!

Fall programs kick off soon...are you signed up yet?

# Stoughton Recreation Summer 2023



45+

Programs offered

Over

250

Free Swim Lessons  
to families in need

2,700+

Summer program  
participants



of summer program  
participants are  
Stoughton Residents

# THANK YOU!

***STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:***

## **SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB PHOTOTOUR**

***THE ULTIMATE STAYCATION:  
TOUR THE WORLD FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN LIBRARY!***

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 28TH  
6:30PM**



Mt. Cook, New Zealand



'12 Apostles', Great Ocean Drive, Australia

### **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND WITH JOE MAGRI**



Uluru/ Ayers Rock, Australia

Please visit our Event Calendar at [www.stoughton.org/library](http://www.stoughton.org/library) to sign up!



#### **Stoughton Public Library**

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

**[www.stoughton.org/261/library](http://www.stoughton.org/261/library)**

# Got Drugs?



## CLEAN OUT YOUR MEDICINE CABINET

*Proper medication disposal is good for  
the community and the environment!*

## STOUGHTON PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK

*In conjunction with Stoughton Hazardous Waste Day*

**Saturday September 23, 2023**

**8am-12**

**O'Donnell Middle School, Upper Lot**



**Can't make it? Visit the  
Drug Disposal Kiosk in the  
Stoughton Police lobby- 24/7**

# Stoughton Disability Committee



Two keyboards for individuals who have difficulty seeing the keys on a typical keyboard have been donated by the Disabilities Commission to the Stoughton library. The keys are back lit and have a larger print than a standard keyboard. Ask the librarians to find the location of the keyboards.



A "Free Wheel" wheelchair adapter has been donated by the Disabilities Commission to the Stoughton Recreation Department. This additional wheel attaches to the front of a manual wheelchair, making it more stable on uneven surfaces. It can be borrowed by individuals wanting to explore the Story Book trail, Glen Echo park or other trails around town. Contact the Recreation Department for information on how to borrow this adapter.

# 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

