

# Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED DECEMBER 12, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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# Selectboard Agenda

## Tuesday December 12, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

### Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor & virtually with Google Meets

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, which extends the Governor's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.C. 30A § 20", 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/exc-jacp-egx](https://meet.google.com/exc-jacp-egx)**  
**PHONE: 405-696-0975**  
**PIN: 187 604 951#**

The meeting 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 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. 7:10 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:15 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. 7:20 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of November 21, 2023
  - b. Letter of Support for Restoration of the historical Gay-Hurley-McNamara barn
  - c. Amendment to Class II License - Frank's Quality Auto Sale, LLC, 7 Cabot Place, Suite 5
6. 7:30 p.m. Town Manager's FY25 Operating Budget - Expenses and 1st Revenue Estimate

Tom Calter  
Mary Jane  
Martin  
Marc Tisdelle

# STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

*FY25 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 • 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, 31 PIERCE ST.

AGENDA: [WWW.STOUGHTONSCHOOLS.ORG/PAGE/SCHOOL-COMMITTEE](http://WWW.STOUGHTONSCHOOLS.ORG/PAGE/SCHOOL-COMMITTEE)

WATCH ON TV VIA SMAC



781-341-1708  
421 Page Street, Suite 2

Verizon: Public 28 / Education 26 / Government 24  
Comcast: Public 9 / Education 6 / Government 8

### WATCH OUR LATEST DOCUMENTARY ON THE HISTORY OF **STOUGHTON'S TRAIN DEPOT!**

Hosted by Dwight Mackerron,  
President of Stoughton Historical Society

To watch from our website go to  
[www.stoughtontv.com](http://www.stoughtontv.com),

click VIDEO ON DEMAND, click General Search,  
and type documentary in search box.





# Water-Sewer-Trash Due 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Water, Sewer, Trash **bills** to the Town of Stoughton water, sewer, and trash customers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills **were mailed on November 14, 2023, and are due December 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 December 14, 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.



The Little Theatre of Stoughton  
invites you to

# CHRISTMAS AT THE DEPOT

Featuring

The Stoughton High School Choir  
Christmas Tree Lighting  
Santa's Sleigh Scavenger Hunt  
A reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

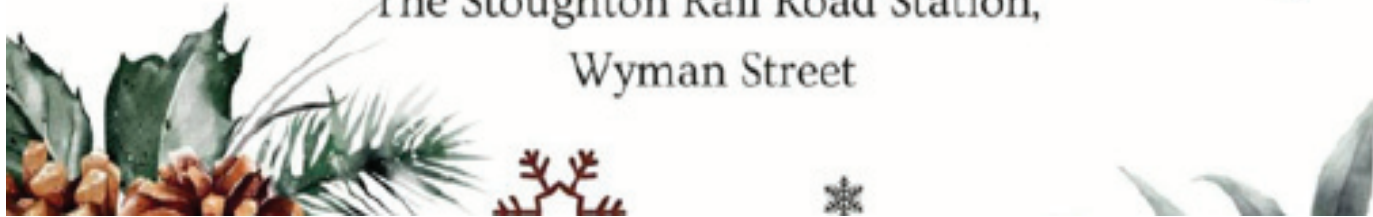
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

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4pm -7pm

The Stoughton Rail Road Station,  
Wyman Street



There are 16 new bestsellers, two new audiobooks, 55 new children's books, and 170 other new books, including 50 that are available online.

The new bestsellers this week include "Iron Flame," "Rich AF: The Winning Money Mindset That Will Change Your Life," and "The Frozen River."



**EXERCISE AT THE STOUGHTON COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**110 Rockland Street, Stoughton MA**  
**ALL WELCOME!**

We offer a variety of fitness classes designed to meet the needs of participants of all fitness levels. Every class offered can be modified to meet your individual needs and provide a great workout! 1st class is free.

**Zumba Gold with Rachel Jacobs**

1st and 3rd Thursdays 5:00PM Starting January 4, 2024 \$2.50

Perfect for active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba® class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower-intensity. How It Works: The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba® choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Come ready to sweat, and prepare to leave empowered and feeling strong. Benefits: Class focuses on all elements of fitness: cardiovascular, muscular conditioning, flexibility and balance!

**Forever Young & Fit** Monday and Wednesday 9:30 AM (\$2.50) This class focuses on strength training, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and balance. Chairs will be used at times.

**Tai Chi with Vince Jomales** Monday 10:30 AM (\$5.00) Tai Chi is an excellent, low impact exercise that promotes decreased stress and better health.

**Movin and Groovin with Georgie Englishby** Monday 11:30 AM (\$2.50) This class is a medium-paced aerobic and strength class that will incorporate music, movement, weights, balance, and more.

**Gentle Yoga with Judy Potts, The Fitness Grammy** Wednesday, 10:30 AM One Punch on the Pass (\$2.50) Stretch out and relax with Judy Potts as she takes you through a gentle yoga workout routine.

**Posture and Balance with Steve Avellino** \$42 for Six-week program Friday 9AM

**Core Activation for Seniors** This six-week program designed to stabilize the core using movements we normally don't use in daily life. Keep in mind the core is not just the stomach. It is 29 muscles that all need to function for improved posture and balance. Program can also help with back pain and incontinence. Program is facilitated by Steve Avellino MFT, CES, SSF, SSN, CSCS, CET. Pre-registration and payment is required.

**Walking Club Free** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00AM Meet at the Cul-de-sac at Lowe Avenue. The walk is about 1 1/2 miles.

*Stoughton Council on Aging*

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# LETTERS TO SANTA

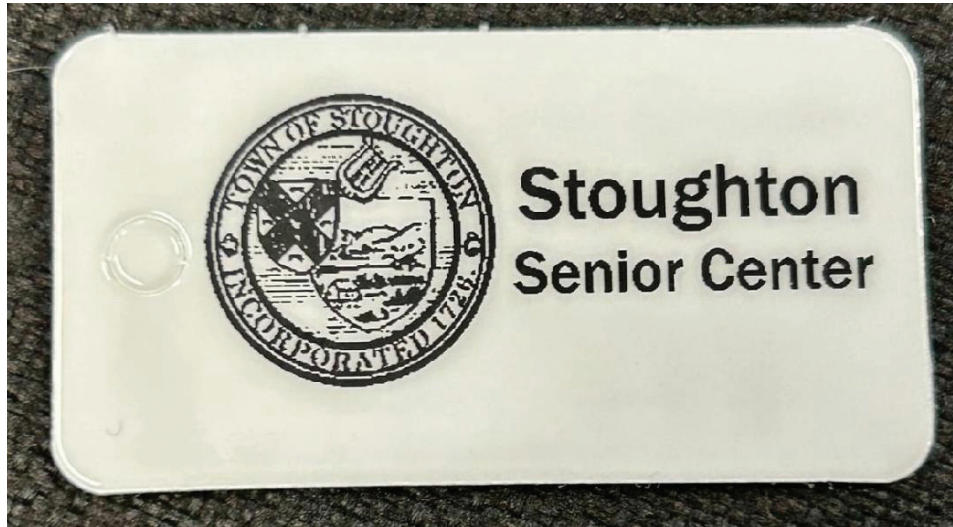


Get your letters in by  
**December 13th** to  
guarantee a return  
letter before Christmas!

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 (weather permitting).

# Stoughton Council on Aging

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**Sign up today for a ...**

## **My Senior Center Personal Key Tag**

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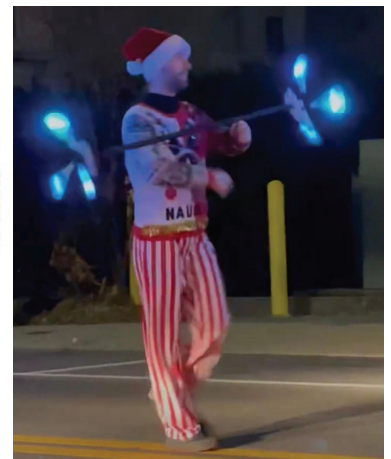
The Stoughton COA receives grant funding based on how many seniors over 60 participate at the senior center.

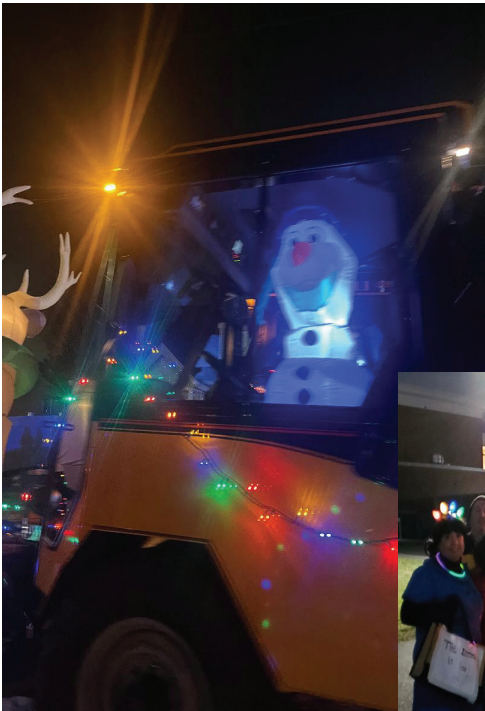
It will keep track of everything you do while you are here.

You can also use this tag on Wednesday at the Stoughton YMCA for any of their programs.

**It's always a great day at the Stoughton MA COA  
and the Stoughton YMCA!**

# Parade of Lights 2023





Parade of Lights



2023

# TEEN CHEFS

## Italian Night

Ages 11-15 | 12/19 | 3:00-4:30

Location: Rec Dept, 15 Pleasant St | \$15

Prep and create a delicious meal from start to finish! Learn different kitchen and cooking techniques all while having fun!



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



## TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY 12/28

4:30-6:30 PM | GRADES 5-9

\$10 | PIZZA INCLUDED!



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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# No Street Parking 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

beginning  
midnight December 1, 2023  
through  
April 1, 2024.

There is no authorized street or  
municipal parking.

Unauthorized vehicles will be  
towed at owners expense



# HOLIDAY CERAMIC PLATE *Workshop*



Thursday 12/14 at 10:00 am  
Ages 2-5 | \$25  
Location: Recreation Department

Pick a design and create your one-of-a-kind gift for the holidays that will last a lifetime. Plates will be ready for pick up 1 week after the workshop. Pre-registration required



**WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG**

## Polar Express Pajama Storytime

Tuesday, December 19th  
6:30 PM

Recommended for ages 2-8  
Registration Required



Stoughton  
Public Library

**Stoughton Public Library**

84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072  
781-344-2711  
[www.stoughton.org/library](http://www.stoughton.org/library)

# WINTER EVENTS | FOR KIDS

## December Programs



### Little Lego Club for ages 2-6

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

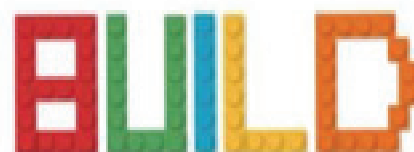
**Monday, December 4th at 10:00 am.**



### 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.

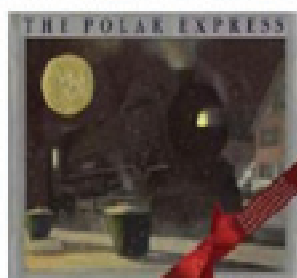
**Friday, December 8th at 10:30 am.**



### Lego Club for ages 5-12

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

**Monday, December 18th 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 19th at 6:30 pm.**



### Gingerbread Man Puppet Show In English and Portuguese

In this twist on the classic story, the gingerbread man jumps out of the pan and runs away from the old couple who baked him. Everyone can sing along and help the Gingerbread Man "Run, run, as fast as you can!" This show will be presented in English and Portuguese!

Geared towards ages 3 and up.

**Tuesday, December 26th at 2:00 pm.**



### Animal World Experience

Join Animal World Experience for Winter Wonders, a live animal show where you can get up close and personal with the animals and learn all kinds of cool facts! Geared toward ages 3-12.

**Thursday, 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 29 at 11:30 am.**

# 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

