

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 16, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday January 16, 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/cyc-ngpm-bdf
PHONE: 786-540-3769
PIN: 394 961 908#

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. To consider and discuss public body checklist for posting a meeting (Votes may be taken) Tom Calter
Town Manager
3. 7:15 p.m. FY25 Operating and Capital Budget Tom Calter
Town Manager
4. 8:00 p.m. Open the Warrant (Votes may be taken) Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer
5. 8:10 p.m. To consider and discuss location of memorial squares for:
• Joseph P. Devito
• Charles F. Large
(Votes may be taken) Joseph
Mokrisky
6. 8:25 p.m. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of ABCC Forms
 - Renewal certification for 2024
 - Seasonal population form
 - Annual Report
 - b. Policy regarding Water Service Connections
 - c. Policy regarding Sewer Service Connections
 - d. THEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

COMMUNITY BONFIRE

Saturday
January
20th

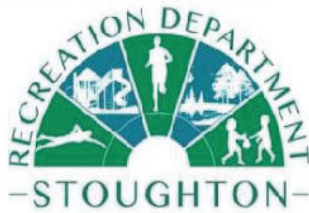
5-7 PM



JOHN DENISON ATHLETIC COMPLEX
(FORMERLY THE WEST SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX)



www.StoughtonRec.org



February Vacation

LEGO CLUB

Tues-Thurs 2/20-2/22 | 10-11:30 am

Grades K-3 | Rec Dept, 15 Pleasant St | \$35

Join us for a fun-filled Lego Club during February Vacation!

Children from kindergarten through grade 3 will have a blast playing with Legos and taking part in exciting Lego challenges. These activities will not only develop their dexterity, teamwork and communication skills but also encourage them to think critically and outside the box. Let their creativity soar as they build, design, and problem-solve with this beloved toy. Pre-registration is required

Registration open now

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FEBRUARY BREAK CERAMICS

FEBRUARY 20-22 | 1-4 PM | AGES 9-14 | \$45

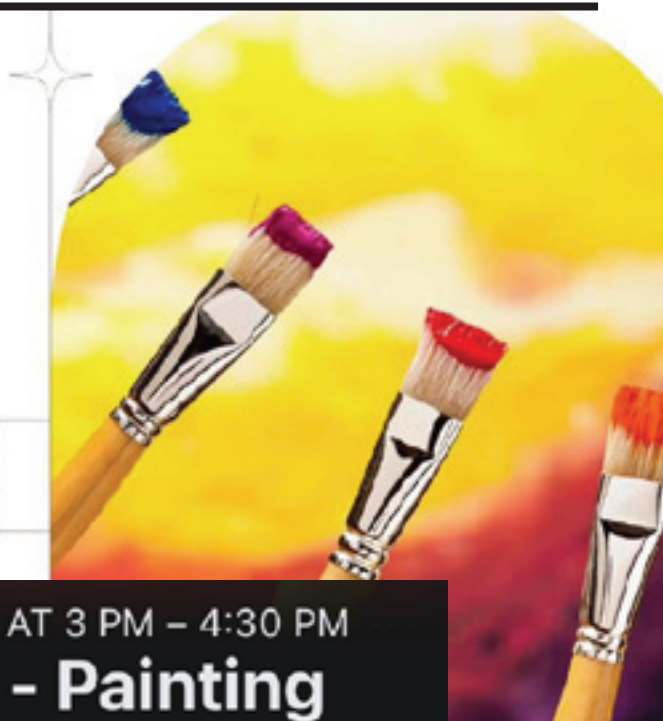
Do you have an artist at home looking for something fun to do over February vacation?

Learn about the process of molding, slip, glazing and more! Please wear clothes that can get messy. Pre-registration required

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TEEN PAINTING WORKSHOP

Create a painting with Writa guiding you step-by-step.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 AT 3 PM – 4:30 PM

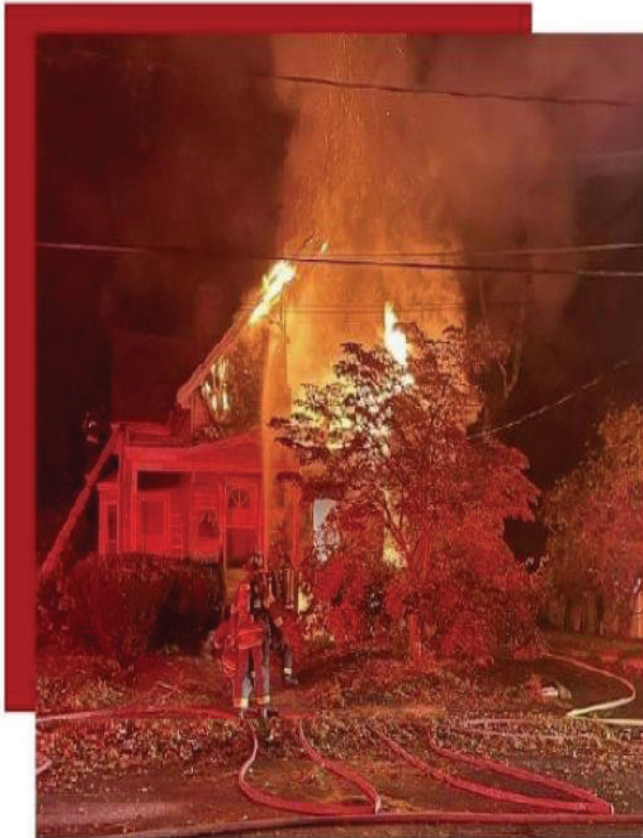
Teen Crafternoon - Painting Party - Birch Trees

Public · Event by Stoughton Public Library

SOLA
SOUTH ORANGE LIBRARY

Suspected Gas Leak

Natural gas is colorless and odorless.



The gas company infuses the gas with a distinct smell (rotten eggs) to help you smell a potential gas leak. If you suspect a gas leak do the following...

Do not use electronics.

Do not turn on or off lights.

Exit the house then call 911.





JOIN OUR TEAM!

Now Hiring Lifeguards!



We are looking for certified or willing to become certified lifeguards for Ames Pond

Find a seasonal employee application on our website
<https://stoughtonma.myrec.com/info/dept/default.aspx>

CRAFT & PLAY

WEDNESDAYS
1/17-2/7

10-10:45 AM | AGES 2-5 | \$25

Join our exploratory, fun art class for kids aged 2-5! Try painting, crafts, sensory play and more. Dress your little ones in clothes that can get messy! Located in the Rec Department at 15 Pleasant St. This is not a drop-off program and pre-registration is required

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New Year, New Languages



The New Year is celebrated on different dates and in different ways around the world. Here's how to say "Happy New Year" in Mango Languages' top nine languages.

Arabic

(Levantine)

كل عام وأنتي بخير

[kel Aam w enti bkheir]

Brazilian Portuguese

Feliz ano novo

[fayLEES AWnoo NOvoo]

Chinese

(Mandarin)

恭喜乐

[Xinnián kuàilè]

French

Bonne Année

[Bun Aneh]

German

Frohes neues Jahr

[FROHes NOYes yawr]

Italian

Buon anno nuovo

[Buwon Anno NOOHovo]

Japanese

あけましておめでとう

[akemashite omedetoo]

Russian

С Новым Годом

[s NOvym GOdam]

Spanish

(Latin American)

Feliz Año Nuevo

[fehLEES AHnyoh NWEHboh]

Mango Languages is available for free through the library!
All you need is a library card to dive in and spread the love.



Jones Early Childhood Center

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Friday, February 16, 2024
at the Jones Early Childhood Center
(137 Walnut St.)

Stoughton Public Schools



Attention parents of school age children ages 2.9 to 4 years:

In compliance with Chapter 766, Stoughton Public Schools will screen preschool-aged children to identify those children with possible special education needs.

The screening will occur at the E.A. Jones Early Childhood Center on Friday, February 16, 2024.

The screening will include the following: Speech and language, education, motor skills, and completion of a parent questionnaire.

If you want to schedule an appointment, please call by Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

This screening is not for enrollment for the preschool.
Your child must be a Stoughton resident.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please get in touch with the Jones ECC at 781-344-7003 or email Lynda Feeney at l_feeney@stoughtonschools.org. Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS



Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

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The Treasurer/Collector, Paula Nute, has announced the **3rd quarter Fiscal Year 2024 REAL ESTATE and PERSONAL PROPERTY tax bills are due February 1, 2024**, and must be received in the Collectors' office or at the PO Box in Medford on or before this date.

A postmark date is not acceptable as payment made if payment is not received in the Collectors' office or at the PO Box in Medford by February 1, 2024.

The 3rd and 4th quarter tax remittances were mailed in the same envelope on December 30, 2023.

When sending payment(s) to the Lockbox address in Medford, checks AND tax remittances MUST BE SENT. PLEASE do not send checks only to the Medford address. If there are no remittances with the check(s), the payment cannot be processed and will be returned to Town Hall for processing. This will delay the payment(s) from being applied to your tax bill(s).

When processing a payment online through your bank, you MUST include the bill number, year, and type in the Memo field (for example, Bill #25, 2024 real estate or personal property) so your payment will be properly applied.

When paying multiple bills through your bank, you must include each bill number. If this information is not included on your check, your check may be returned to you, and interest 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 Town Hall on Pearl St. 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 the office.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills may be paid online at:

<https://www.stoughton.org/home/pages/pay-bills-online>

The Collector's Office is now accepting payments by credit and debit cards in the Collector's Office for all tax and water, sewer, trash bills. There is a 3% fee if a card is used to process a payment.

All Fiscal Year 2024 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes remaining unpaid after their respective due dates are subject to 14% per annum interest.

Please call 781-341-1300 X 9222 if you need your bill number(s) and or amount(s) due. The Collector staff are available by phone and in person Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM.



Beautification Day



SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 AT 9 AM

Beautification of Stoughton Town Wide Clean Up Day

Public · Event by Stoughton Public Works

We will be picking up trees
on your recycle day
for the month of January.

The tree must be bare..



Stoughton Public Works Department



STOUGHTON DOWNTOWN HOUSING FORUM

February 1, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Light Refreshments will be Served

Greetings and Happy New Year.

Please join Co-Hosts Debra Roberts and Steve Cavey in an open discussion of Housing and Development opportunities in Stoughton Center.

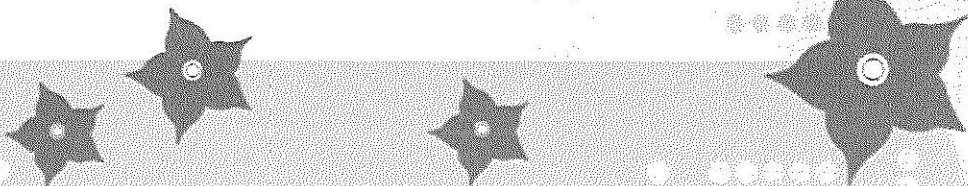
We are honored to have guest Speaker Jay Ash join us for this important discussion. Jay served as the Former Cabinet Secretary of Housing and Economic Development in the Baker Administration. In addition, he served as Chelsea's City Manager from 2000 to 2014.

Strategic Opportunity

This forum provides an opportunity for Town Meeting Members to receive valuable information from Secretary Ash. Jay is considered an accomplished expert on both Municipal and State Housing issues.

Please join us on February 1st from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

RSVP to Gilda Pereira – (781) 232-9212 or
gpereira@stoughton-ma.gov by 1/26/2024



CREATE-YOUR-OWN



NEWS SEGMENT

Tues-Thurs | 2/20-2/22 | 1-4 pm

Grades 6-9 | \$20 | Location: SMAC Studios

Join Stoughton Media Access in partnership with the Stoughton Recreation Department to create your very own news segment during February Vacation! This hands-on program not only delves into the fundamentals of journalism, including conducting interviews and scriptwriting, but also provides practical experience in video production, teaching technical skills such as camera operation and editing. Through collaborative teamwork, participants will produce a cohesive news segment, grow their communication skills and foster a sense of shared accomplishment. Join us on the final day for the red carpet viewing party!

Registration open now

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TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY 2/22

5-6:30 PM | GRADES 5-9

\$12 | PIZZA INCLUDED!



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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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:

Orientations and Trainings are held at the Stoughton Library or virtually on Zoom

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 our Orientation:

In person at the Stoughton library
Saturday, January 20th, 2024
10:00—11:30 am

Virtual on Zoom
Thursday, February 15th, 2024
6:00— 7:30 pm

Contact us to Register at:
781-344-2711
Literacy@stoughton.ocln.org



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

