

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED FEBRUARY 6, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Joint with Stoughton Redevelopment

Tuesday February 6, 2024 - 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/usr-wibz-odi
PHONE: 570-415-1222
PIN: 724 813 202#

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. 7:25 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. 7:30 p.m. Interviews of applicants to the Stoughton Redevelopment Authority and appointment (Votes may be taken)
 - No applicants
6. 7:35 p.m. To consider discontinuance of Accuvote voting machines and implementation of Election Systems and Software a/k/a ES&S DS 200 voting machines (Votes may be taken) Stephanie Carrara
Town Clerk
7. 7:45 p.m. To consider and discuss inclusion of Town Meeting Article - Abandoned and neglected properties (Votes may be taken) Louis Gitto
8. 8:00 p.m. Close the Warrant (Votes may be taken) Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer
9. 8:15 p.m. **Hearing:**
Abatement Application/Request for a Hearing - Simos Kampanellas, 17 Clifford Ave. (Votes may be taken) Simos Kampanellas
10. 8:30 p.m. To correct previously voted and approved Wines & Malt Beverages License - Ore a Love Story Restaurant LLC, 434 Pearl St. (Votes may be taken) Ornella Muho
11. 8:40 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of December 19, 2023, December 28, 2023 and January 9, 2024
 - b. Application for Road Race or Parade - Once a Knight Always a Knight Memorial 5k, May 11, 2024 Matt Cauchon
Rec. Director
 - c. Useful Life Certificate for November 2023 Special Town Meeting
 - d. Policy regarding Sewer Service Connections

The Recycling app has been launched!

You can download the app on your phone to check your
recycle schedule and schedule your large item pickup

Welcome to Recycle Coach

Join the movement
and learn how to
recycle right in your
community!



www.recyclecoach.com

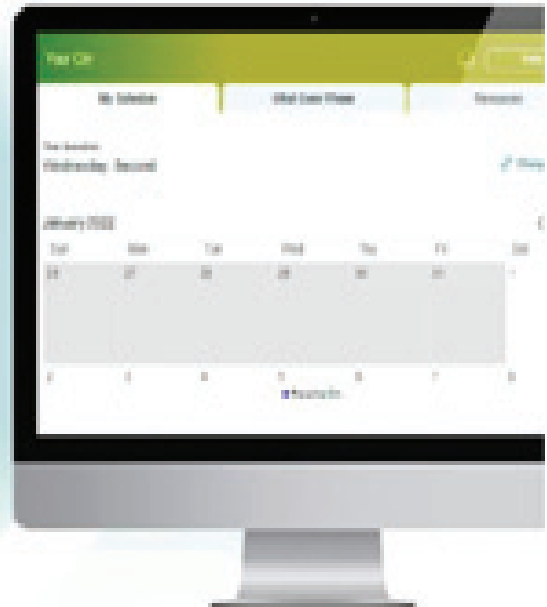


Print a PDF of your Collection Schedule

Want a PDF Calendar of your collection
schedule? Head over to the Recycle Coach
section of our website to get your copy today.



www.recyclecoach.com



Trash & Recycling Calendar



Report a Problem

My Schedule

Bulk Pickup

Find out your Waste and Recycling Pick-up Schedule

Street name

[User Agreement](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

My Schedule

Bulk Pickup

Request Bulk Pickup

The Town of Stoughton offers a convenient pick-up service for the items listed below. Residential pick-up only. For more information cal the DPW at 781-344-2112.

Accepted Items

Fee (Each)

Furniture

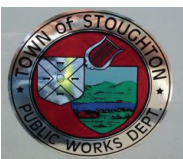
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Appliances

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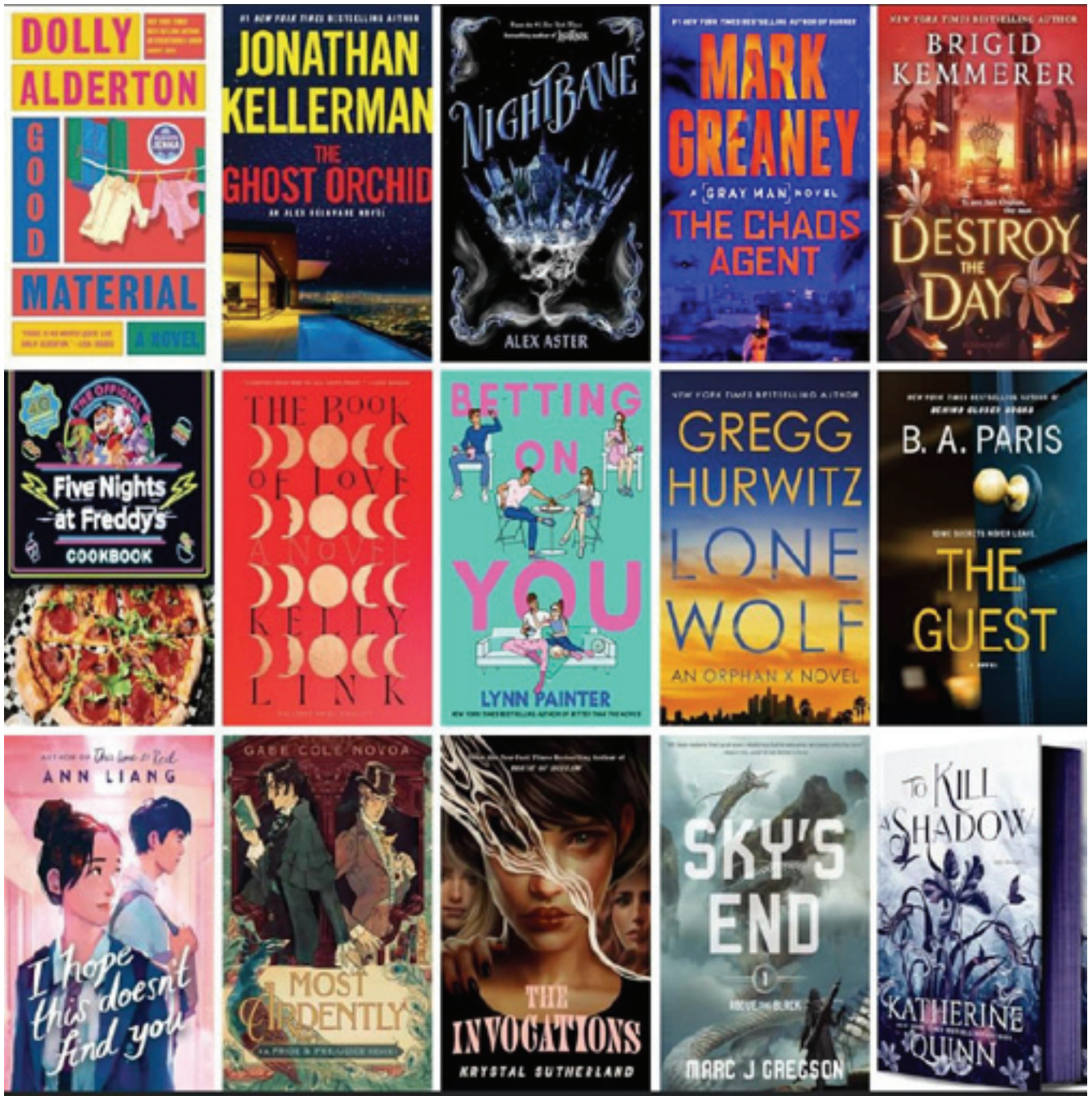
Metal Items

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Public Works Department

CHECK OUT OUR THE LATEST READS



Stoughton Public Library
84 Park St. • 781-344-2711

Stoughton, we want to hear from you!

Extreme weather got you concerned about flooding? We're working on solutions!

Join with neighbors in person or over Zoom to learn about Stoughton's Climate Resilience Project.

February 13 from 6:30-8:30pm

Stoughton Police Dept. Community Room, 26 Rose Street - OR - via Zoom

The Town of Stoughton has partnered with Kleinfelder and the Neponset River Watershed Association to engage with residents about climate concerns and develop a computer model to identify neighborhoods at higher risk of climate-driven flooding.

Hear from the Project Team about preliminary modeling results, and potential interventions to reduce flood risk near Mt. Sinai Hospital and Downtown Stoughton.

Free sandwiches provided.

**Learn more & register for
the meeting:**

[neponset.org/
stoughton-climate-meeting](https://neponset.org/stoughton-climate-meeting)

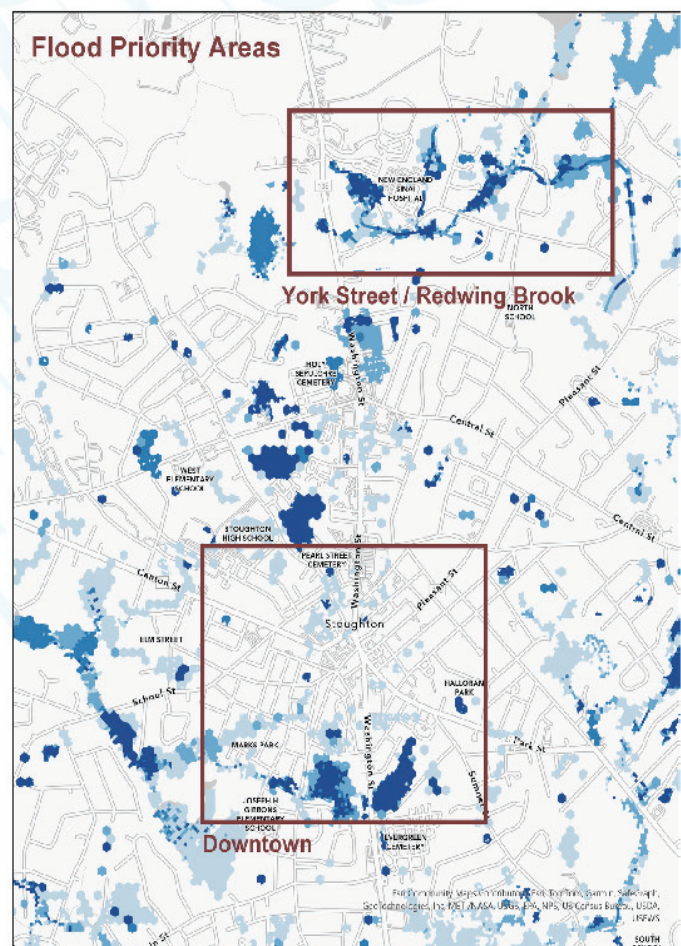


Junte-se aos seus vizinhos!

**Para mais informações, acesse
neponset.org/stoughton-climate-meeting**

*Pré-inscrição exigida até 6 de fevereiro para
português serviços de interpretação linguística.*

For more information contact Jeff Frisch at
frisch@neponset.org or 781-575-0354 ext. 312



This project is made possible with a Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program grant to the Town of Stoughton.

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

DAMON AND AFFLECK

A movie duos program with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa.



Normal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
6:30 PM - 8:15 PM ON ZOOM

Please visit <https://www.stoughton.org/595/Attend> to sign up.

A Zoom link will be sent 1 day prior to the program.



A high school English & Film teacher, Frank Mandosa gives talks on a wide variety of film-related topics & has 2 movie podcasts, Silver Screeners (host) & Movies Across the Pod (co-host) Facebook movie group: "Silver Screeners" Twitter: @timbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

Gourmet ON A BUDGET

WITH MALCOLM GREEN
*Stoughton Business Owner and
"Masterchef" Contestant*



Spring Rolls

Thursday 2/8 | 5:00 pm

TO REGISTER, VISIT

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



CULINARY CREATIONS

Soft Pretzels & Dip

Ages 6-11 | 2/7 | 3:00-4:30

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

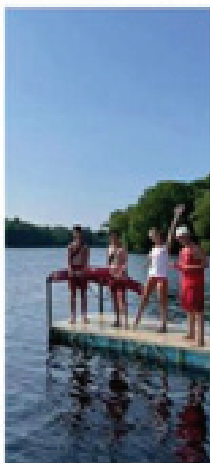
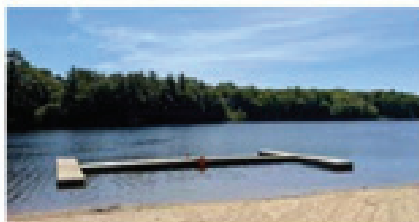
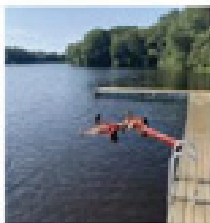
Join us to prepare creative works of culinary art! Come learn about food and create one of a kind items for all to enjoy.



JUST
ADDED!



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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.nyrec.com/info/dept/default.aspx>



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

WINTER EVENTS | FOR KIDS

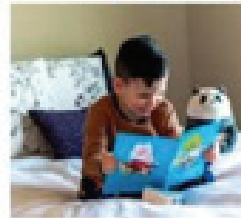
February Programs



for ages 2-6

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

Monday, February 5th
at 10:00 am.



Virtual Pajama Storytime

Join Ms. Amy for bedtime stories and songs! Wear your pajamas and get ready for a fun and relaxing storytime!
This is a Zoom event and the link will be sent one hour prior to the event.

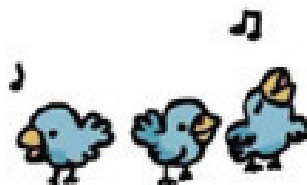
Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 pm.



Take Your Child To The Library Day

Stop by the library with your child and get a library card, join us for storytime at 10 am and make a card for valentine's Day!

Saturday, Feb 3rd



Three Little Birds A Song and Story Celebration of Bob Marley for ages 2-8

Stoughton teacher Cheryl De Olivera will be leading us on a song and story celebration of the works of Bob Marley.
For ages 2-8.
2 separate storytimes.
Registration Required.

Thursday, Feb. 22nd
Two shows - 10 and 10:45am.



Lego Club and a Movie for ages 5-12

Free play Lego fun for ages 5-12 and their caregivers. We'll be watching the Lego Batman Movie this month.

Registration Required

Thursday, February 22nd
at 2:00 pm.



Building Bridges For ages 8-14

Join the students of TUFTS University as they teach us all about how a bridge is engineered - then help us create a 3 foot bridge students can really stand on!

Registration Required

Friday February 23rd at 2:00 PM



Stoughton Town Meeting

Be part of your local government!

What is Town Meeting?

Stoughton has a Representative Town Meeting, with 21 representatives elected from each of the 8 precincts in town, making 168 total representatives.

21
STAGGERED
TERMS

■ 2024 ■ 2025 ■ 2026

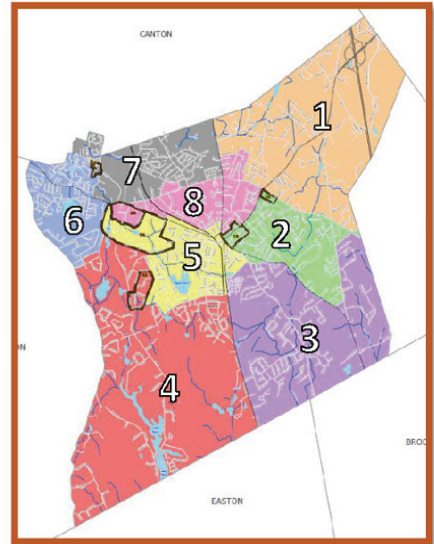


The 21 seats in each precinct have 3-year-long staggered terms, with 7 seats opening each year. Sometimes there are more than 7 seats open if a previous year's 3-year-seats weren't all filled.

What does Town Meeting do?

Town Meeting representatives vote on most of the major decisions of the town: the annual budget for town departments and the school department; large purchases (police cars, fire trucks, department of public works equipment); maintenance and upgrades to town buildings, parks, schools, and roads; authorizing items to go to a town-wide vote (e.g. construction of the new fire station and the high school).

Stoughton Precincts, 2023



Town Meeting representatives help shape the present situation and future direction of the town.

When does Town Meeting meet?

The Annual Town Meeting nights are Mondays and Wednesdays in May, 7:00pm at Stoughton High School. The meetings go until all business is completed (typically about 5 nights). Sometimes there is a Special Town Meeting called in the fall or winter to resolve business that cannot wait until the Annual Town Meeting.



How do you join Town Meeting?



Town Meeting representatives are elected each spring in the municipal election. To be listed on the ballot, visit the Town Clerk's office in the fall to "pull papers", which gives you a signature page. Collect a minimum of 15 signatures from registered voters in your precinct. After those signatures are verified, the candidate is listed on the ballot.

People can also run as write-in candidates if they don't have their name listed on the ballot. Write-in candidates need to receive a minimum of 12 votes to be elected. It is generally easier to be elected by being listed on the ballot, rather than running as a write-in.

Questions?

- ? If you have questions about the process to be elected to Town Meeting, please contact the Town Clerk's office [781-341-1300, x9103, scarrara@stoughton-ma.gov, or visit Town Hall].
- ? If you have questions about the roles and responsibilities of Town Meeting representatives, contact the Town Moderator Bob Mullen [bmullen@stoughton-ma.gov], who can also connect you with your precinct chair.





*The Stoughton Climate Action Plan Committee
invites all community residents and local businesses
to attend a community forum on
climate change and climate solutions.*

**Saturday, February 24, 2024
11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Stoughton Public Library
Community Room**

Climate Action Plan Committee

Happy Galentines Day!



First Annual Galentine's Day Party
Tuesday, February 13th at 11 am
tickets on sale now! This holiday celebrates Women's Friendship!

Bring a maximum of 3 items per person for the swap. No shoes please!
Clothes must be in excellent condition.

Swap item drop off is Friday February 2- 9.

Please wear pink or red and choose your table at sign up!

A delicious menu will be prepared by Elizabeth Turner.

All are welcome \$15 Seating is limited so please sign up now.

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

O'Donnell Middle School and High School Students...

The Stoughton 300 Committee is planning for the town's 300 anniversary coming in 2026. The committee is having a logo design competition this March open to all Stoughton High and O'Donnell Middle School students

LOGO DESIGN

competition

CREATE A LOGO FOR STOUGHTON'S 300 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

THE CONTEST DURATION IS FROM MARCH 1 TO MARCH 30, 2024.



Theme

The logo should be built around the 300 Anniversary theme:
Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, And Dream the Future.



Design Requirements

- The contest is open to all bona-fide O'Donnell Middle School and Stoughton High School students.
- Designs must be optimized for 2"x 3" sticker (minimum 300 dpi, in png, jpg, eps, or pdf format).
- Logo colors should be Stoughton orange and black.
- The logo should not carry the name of the artist. The name of the artist and contact information must be submitted separately along with logo entry.
- Participants may submit one original logos per entry.



Entry Guidelines

- By joining this contest, the participants declare that the logo submitted is their original work, have not been submitted to any other contest and does not infringe on any third party's existing copyrights.
- There will be one logo contest winner from the O'Donnell Middle School and one logo contest winner from the Stoughton High School selected by the Anniversary Committee members.
- Both winners will receive a trophy.
- The grand prize winning entry in addition, will receive \$100 Savings Bond. The decision of the Judges is final.



Winning Logos

- ✦ Logo placement on various 300-anniversary promotional items.
- ✦ Join the anniversary parade on the Stoughton schools float.
- ✦ Recognition at the Student 300-anniversary award ceremony.
- ✦ Grand prize winner will receive a \$100 savings bond.



Winners will be notified by telephone call, email or text message by April 30, 2024



Presented by the Stoughton 300 Committee

ENTER NOW!

<https://bit.ly/stoughton300logo>

PAINT NIGHT

with Melissa of *Beeble Art Center*

Friday, 3/1 | 5-7 pm | Ages 18+ | \$25

Recreation Department, 15 Pleasant St

We will be creating a waterscape/dock painting. Pre-registration required



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STOUGHTON RECREATION

JIGSAW WIZARDS

**FRIDAY
2/16
5PM-7PM**

FRIDAY 2/16 | 5PM-7PM

Location: Stoughton Rec. Office

Age: 18+ (sign up as a team or individually) - \$15 per team

ENGAGE IN A STIMULATING CHALLENGE WITH OUR JIGSAW MASTERS PROGRAM! GATHER A TEAM AND COMPETE AGAINST OTHER TEAMS TO COMPLETE THE PUZZLE PROVIDED BY STOUGHTON RECREATION. FROM MIND-BENDING BRAINTEASERS TO A FAST PACED CHALLENGE, THIS PROGRAM OFFERS A FUN AND INTELLECTUALLY REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR PUZZLE AFICIONADOS.



For more details, visit
www.StoughtonRec.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

