

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 30, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



**Latest
Announcements
for
Stoughton's
Town
& School
Departments**

All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages

Stoughton Downtown Housing Forum

Thursday, February 1, 2024 6-8P.M.
Great Hall, Town Hall

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



Taxes Due This Thursday February 1st

Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

10 Pearl Street • Stoughton, MA 02072 • (781) 341-1300 • FAX (781) 341-1032

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.

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

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**

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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



*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

BEAUTIFICATION OF STOUGHTON



TOWN-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 27th 8am-noon

**T-Shirts will be provided
as well as cookout after**

This will be the first of many events

Please register at

https://stoughtonma.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30085

Recycling Info-

The recyclables that are picked up in town are brought to the
Waste Management Recycling facility in Avon.

Here you will see what NOT to put in your recycling bins.

These items will contaminate the recyclables and could cause the charges to increase there.

RECYCLE RIGHT

To learn more,
visit wm.com/recycleright



Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



No Recyclables In Plastic Bags

Empty recyclables directly
into your bin and leave the
plastic bag out.



No Food & Liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise
it belongs in the trash.



No Electronics & Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition,
or schedule a bulky item
pickup, if available.
Check earth911.com for
a local drop-off site.



No Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet

Donate these items if they
are in good condition.
Large quantities may
require special disposal.



No Tanglers, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords

They wrap around
equipment and can shut
down an entire facility!
They all go in the trash.



No Plastic Bags, Film/ Sheeting & Flexible Film Packaging

Take plastic bags back to
local retailers to keep them
out of the recycling stream.
Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org
to find a drop-off location
near you.



No Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups & Tissues

Compost if possible, and
remember to recycle the
cardboard tube.



No Polystyrene Foam

Foam and plastic containers
are not recyclable curbside.
Find drop-off programs
for items like foam packing
peanuts at earth911.com.



No Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

(Not in recycling or trash.)
All can damage equipment
and are safety hazards.
Contact your local scrap
recyclers or retail tire stores
for recycling options, or
check earth911.com for a
drop-off center near you.



No Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris

Can damage equipment &
are safety hazards. You may
be able to schedule a bulky
item pickup - otherwise
throw it in the trash or order
a roll off bin by contacting
Waste Management
Customer Service.



No Yard Waste & Wood

Compost or put in your
yard waste cart, if available.
Otherwise it belongs in
the trash.



No Non-Recyclable Plastic

Not everything that is
plastic is recyclable!
Recycle only food &
beverage bottles, jugs
and tubes.

Public Works Department

Coming Soon...

We have partnered with Recycle Coach. You can download the app and learn more about recycling. This app will also have your trash/recycling calendars on them. We will now have the ability to schedule and pay for Bulky Item pickups through the app.

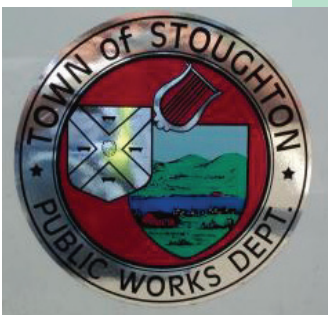
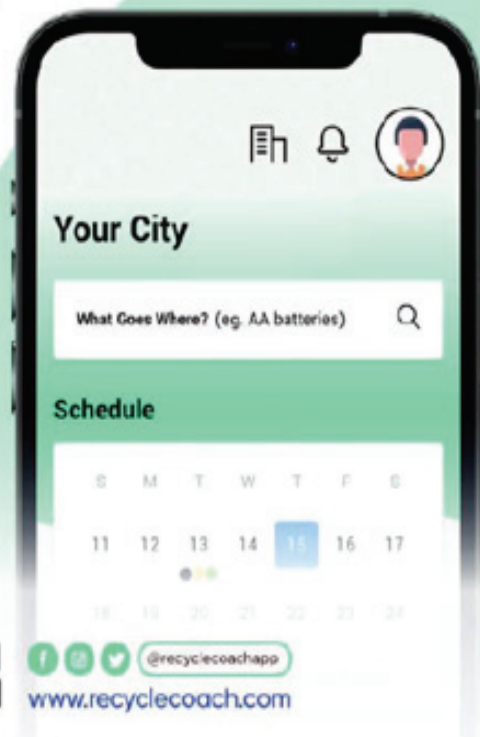
We will update you once we have the official start date.

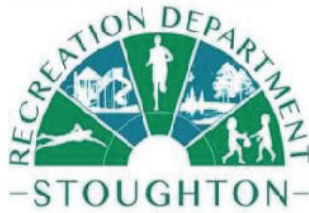
We've Partnered with Recycle Coach!



Download the Mobile App to become a better recycler today!

Be a community recycling advocate and use our tools to live greener.





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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Town of Stoughton Senior Tax Relief Program

administered by the Stoughton Council On Aging

The Stoughton Senior Tax Relief Program, allows Stoughton homeowners who are 60 years and older, the opportunity to earn up to \$750.00 property tax abatement by working approximately 50 hours in one of the towns departments.

The income guidelines are:

- Income Limit \$45,000 if single**
- Married income of no more than \$60,000**
- Assets of no more than \$100,000, primary residence not included**

Applications are available at the Stoughton COA

You must apply every year and meet income guidelines, other restrictions apply.

**Please contact Carolyn Turner at
781-344-8882 ext. 9510**

Cardboard

Must be broken
down or flattened
and put out on
recycling day



IF THERE IS A MONDAY HOLIDAY IT DOES NOT CHANGE YOUR PICKUP



Styrofoam

All styrofoam
must go into
the trash

RECYCLING STICKERS AND BINS CAN BE PICKED UP AT DPW M-F 7-3:30

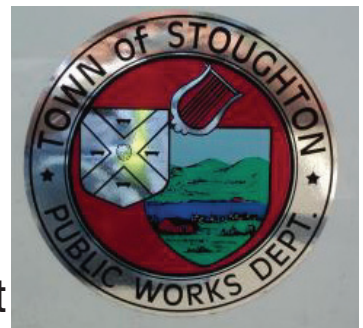
Recycling MUST NOT be in bags

LEAVES CAN BE BROUGHT TO 100 PAGE ST. 8-4 SATURDAYS

NO LOOSE TRASH

Must be curbside by 7AM

Town of Stoughton • Public Works Department
950 Central Street • 781 344 2112





GUIDED SOUND JOURNEY: CHAKRA MEDITATION SERIES

Tuesdays 1/23-2/13 | 5:15 pm
Recreation Department | Ages 18+ | \$60

Join us for 4 relaxing meditations... Breathe and bathe in the peaceful healing sound of soothing vocals, singing bowls, celtic harp and other instruments. You'll experience several meditation techniques and explore many energy centers of the body... through sensory awareness, guided visualization, and more. We will focus on 3 chakras each week to include all 12 by the end of the series. Beginning AND experienced meditators are welcome! Take the time to renew yourself, and make space for more joy and peace in your life! Pre-registration required, sign up on our website at

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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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Take Your Child to the Library Day.

Children of any age can get a library card.



Storytime at 10 am.

Drop in craft.

Saturday, February 3rd

Wish you had more time to read?

Looking for some book lovers to hang out with?
Join us at our Teen Silent book club.
Come to meet new people and leave with
new book recommendations!

Once a month, we get cozy at the library for an
hour of solo reading and time at the end to chat.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 AT 3 PM – 4:30 PM

Teen Silent Book Club

Public · Event by Stoughton Public Library



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

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

