

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED FEBRUARY 13, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages

IMPORTANT TRASH UPDATE

**Trash/Recycling
will NOT
be picked up on
Tuesday Feb 13th.**

**We will be pushing everything back
a day due to the storm.**



**Tuesday p/u moved to Wednesday 2/14
Wednesday p/u moved to Thursday 2/15
Thursday p/u moved to Friday 2/16
Friday p/u moved to Saturday 2/17**

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)

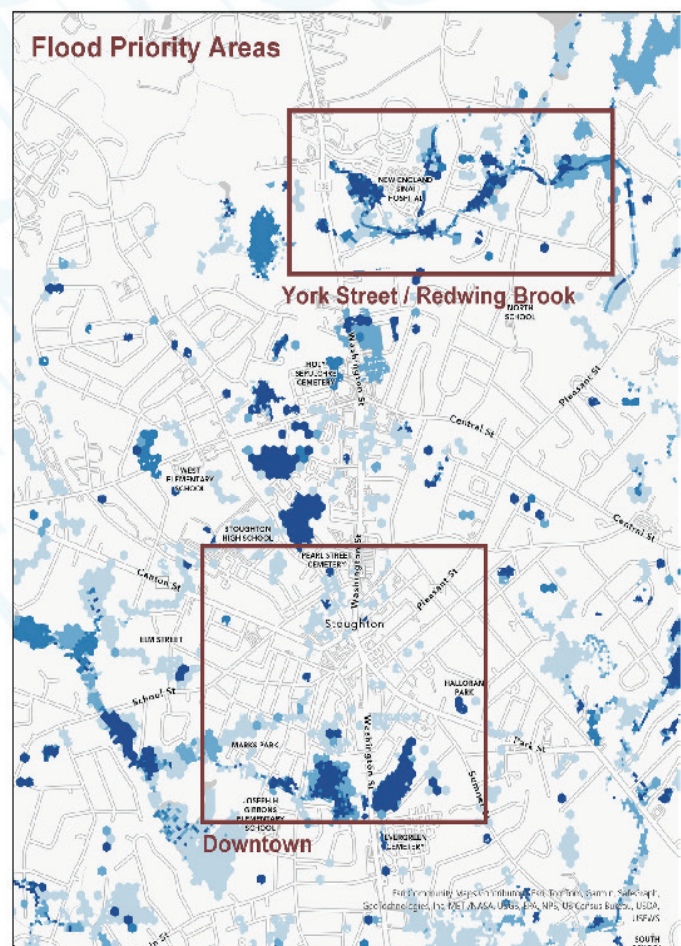


Junte-se aos seus vizinhos!

**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 Diversity & Inclusion Organization the



SDIO

Presents

BLACK *2nd Annual* HISTORY

Month



**KIDS MOVIE
EVENT**

*Movie: Kevin Hart's Guide to
Black History*

February 19th, 2024 2pm - 4pm

Old Colony YMCA - Stoughton Branch

445 Central Street Stoughton, Ma

FEBRUARY 21
10AM
STOUGHTON Y
FREE CHILDCARE

Grandparents raising Grandchildren **FOCUS GROUP**

Are you a grandparent or other kinship provider raising kids?

We want to talk to you! We are looking to put together a support group for grandparents and kinship caregivers.

Please join us for a discussion on how a group like that could best meet your needs!

Open to ALL

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to
Stephanie at spatton@stoughton-ma.gov
781-341-1300 x9456



Stoughton Public Library

3 Little Birds

A Song and Story

Celebration of Bob Marley

With Stoughton Teacher Cheryl De Oliveira!

February 22nd – 2 shows

10 am and 10:45 am

Registration Required



Buildable Bridges

A STEM event with TUFTS University

Friday, February 23rd
2:00 PM

Learn how bridges are engineered.
Students will create a 3ft bridge that they
can stand on!

For ages 8-14
Registration Required



Stoughton
Public Library

Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711
<https://www.stoughton.org/657/library>

ALL



Lego Club and a Movie! Ages 5-12

Freeplay Lego building fun
while watching
The Lego Batman Movie.

Registration required.

February 22 @ 2:00



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Public Library

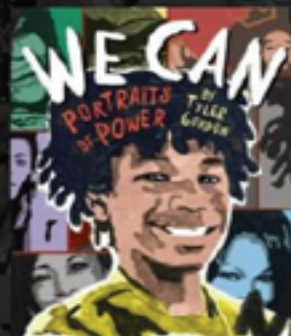
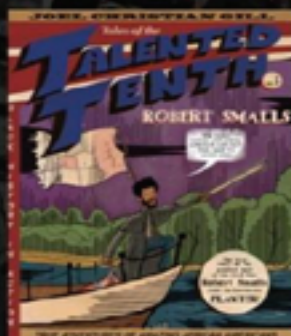
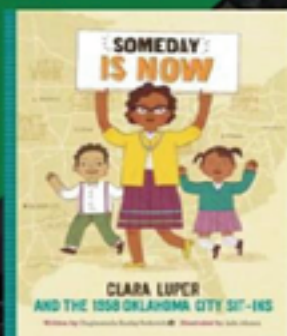
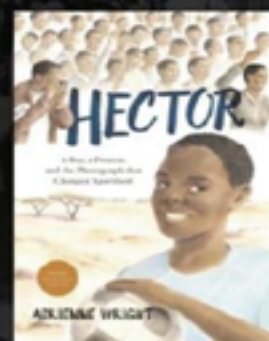
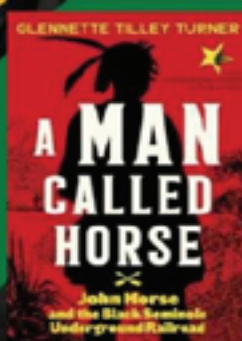
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781-344-2711

www.stoughton.org/library

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FOR AGES 9-12



For more recommendations, ask a librarian.



stoughtontv.com
781-341-1708
421 Page Street, Suite 2

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



Godfather 2 produced by **Ed DeFelice**



NPC's All produced by **Derek Gomes**



SMAC News produced by **Amber Angove**



Shira's Shorts produced by **Shira Levy**

Did you
know that
many
Stoughton
residents
produce
shows at the
SMAC
Studio?

Don't Just
Watch TV
- MAKE IT! -

Call today for
more
information!



Wednesday, May 16th 10am-1pm

Stoughton Council on Aging

110 Rockland Street, Stoughton, MA

S.M.A.R.T.

PARENTING TIPS FOR ONLINE SAFETY

Set-up: Devices/Accounts/Passwords

Monitor: Online Use/Connections

Approve: Apps/Games

Restrict: Content/Permissions

Talk: #StartTheConversation/Teach

exploitation

scam

sextortion

grooming

financial sextortion

risky behavior

sexting

generative ai

privacy

To access more Internet safety resources,
please scan the QR code here:





Stoughton Public Library Pajama Drive

February 1-March 15, 2024

The SPL has partnered with the Boston Bruins and Cradles to Crayons for their annual pajama drive. Please help us collect NEW pajamas sizes 0-3 months - Adult Medium so we can reach our goal of 100 pairs to benefit children in need in Massachusetts.

Thank you for your support!



Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St.
Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711
www.stoughtonlibrary.org



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>

CREATE-YOUR-OWN

NEWS SEGMENT



781-341-1708
www.stoughtontv.com

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

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG





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



The focus for this year's MLK Event was mental health awareness due to the increase in mental illness and suicide in our young population. Stoughton has been impacted. There were approx 300 people in attendance throughout the day. The feedback from those in attendance was positive.

The all day event was held at the Stoughton Public Library. In the afternoon, there was a panel of young Stoughton High School graduates discussing "Pursuing Your Purpose" during challenging times. Additionally, there was a discussion about the rise in mental health issues in the Black community led by professionals in the field. A list of resources were provided, as well..



Further, throughout the day, there were approx 30 small and medium size businesses providing goods and services; including a physician

talking about eye care health especially after cataract surgery and a Stoughton VNA nurse talking about the services the VNA provides.





*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



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.

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STAGGERED
TERMS

■ 2024 ■ 2025 ■ 2026



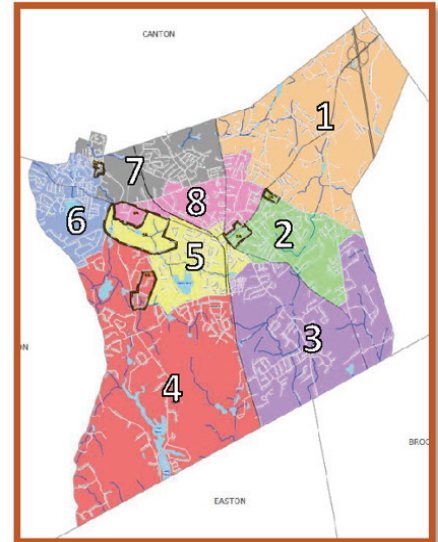
The 21 seats in each precinct have 3-year-long staggered terms, with 7 seats opening each year. Sometimes there are more than 7 seats open if a previous year's 3-year-seats weren't all filled.

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).

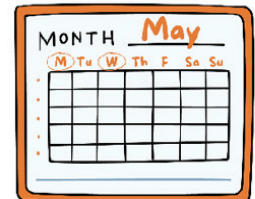
Stoughton Precincts, 2023



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.



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>

CAREER



FAIR

**Win!!
Prizes**

Municipalities have power!

March 7th, 2024

**Swag
Bags!!**



Stoughton High School
Starting at 12PM

**Free
Food!!**

Take part in an event full of job opportunities, career development, food & more!

- **Leadership**
- **Engineering, Public Safety and Billing**
- **Informational Interviews**
- **Job Shadowing**

Open to all highschool students.



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

