

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED APRIL 9, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Paving will begin on Monday April 8th

The following streets will be done at this time

- 2nd Street
- 3rd Street
- 4th Street
- 5th Street
- C Street
- D Street
- O'Hare Circle



Selectboard Agenda

Wednesday April 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Great Hall, Town Hall & 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: pxx-sdhk-bus
PHONE: 513-970-0892
PIN: 442 630 504#

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. 6:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 6:05 p.m. Ceremonial Proclamation to honor Deputy Chief Brian Holmes
3. 6:25 p.m. Reorganization of the Board
4. 6:35 p.m. Select Board Comments
5. 6:45 p.m. Town Manager Comments
6. 6:55 p.m. Citizens' Comments
7. 7:00 p.m. **Executive Session:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of March 26, 2024
 - b. Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(2)) - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and contract negotiations with nonunion personnel - Town Clerk

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kindergarten & Preschool Pre-Registration

For Next School Year (2024-2025)

The online pre-registration portal is now open for students entering Kindergarten or Preschool in the fall and for any students entering grades 1-12 not currently attending Stoughton Public Schools.

Visit www.stoughtonschools.org for more information.

Why Should I Compost?

Food scraps make up almost **22%** of the waste stream in MA.
*based on 2019 MassDEP data

By composting, you can turn those food scraps...

Composting...

- adds nutrients, moisture, and carbon to soil
- helps plants grow
- is fun and easy!

In a few months, you reduced GHG emissions and helped your plants thrive!



Into black gold!



Composting is nature's recycling system at work



MassDEP
Department of Environmental Protection

Recycle Smart

STOUGHTON RECREATION

SUMMER

PROGRAMS

2024

PRE-PLAYGROUND (Ages 4-5)

7/1-8/9 (closed 7/4-7/5) weekly, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Sports, games, crafts, entertainers and more inside the South Elementary School. No extended day option available. If you have a 6 year old entering kindergarten who would like to participate please email us

OPEN PLAYGROUND (Entering Grades 1-6)

7/1-8/9 (closed 7/4-7/5) weekly, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Open play format with tournaments, arts and crafts, field trips and more outdoors at the South Elementary School lower campus. After Playground (2:30-4 pm) available at additional cost

KNIGHTS OF SUMMER (With SPS)

7/8-8/2 weekly, 1:00-4:00 pm with transportation
Enrollment in Stoughton Public Schools Summer Program required. Open play format with sports, arts and crafts outdoors at the South Elementary School

TEEN EXTREME (Entering Grades 7-10)

7/1-8/9 (closed 7/4-7/5) weekly, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Participants visit various locations each week as well as participating in sports and art at the South School upper campus



www.StoughtonRec.org



SPRING WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP



4/11 | 5:30-7:00

Ages 16+ | 15 Pleasant St | \$20

Join instructor Laurice to create a one of a kind watercolor painting! All materials are included in the fee for this workshop. Pre-registration is required



WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

Name the Octopus Contest



Submission Dates: April 1st-17th

Winner Announced: April 23rd

This contest is open to all ages.

***Entries may be submitted
in person & online here.***

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY • 84 PARK STREET

Dear Stoughton Family and Friends

The Stoughton Equal Opportunity Commission (SEOC) Town of Stoughton is pleased to invite you to participate in our town's

2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration.

This year's celebration will salute our veterans. Our theme is "Juneteenth: They Sacrificed for Us", will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Stoughton Public High School

232 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072



In addition to festivities and vendors, this year's event will include music, a keynote speaker, various performances, dance, food, youth sports tournament, and youth activities. This exciting event will also include presentations on First Time Homebuyer and the importance of saving for retirement. There will be an opportunity to support a proposed bill to celebrate our veterans throughout the month of May, not just Memorial Day. The program will be open to guests from Stoughton's neighboring cities and towns.

We hope you will send a representative from your organization to host a table that day, free of charge. All organizations are responsible for their own table and tablecloth. It will be a great opportunity to strengthen community involvement. To confirm your attendance or to get more information, you may contact dccentral21@comcast.net.

To our local businesses, please let us know your interest to participate as a vendor no later than Monday May 20, 2024.

Thanks in advance for your help in making this our best Juneteenth celebration ever!

Cordially,

Stoughton Equal Opportunity Commission and Juneteenth Committee

Debra Roberts, Selectboard and Chair SEOC

Betty Sabree, Vice Chair SEOC

Dr. Patricia Randolph, Committee Member

Katherine Weiss, School Committee

Eryn Roberts, Committee Member

Carla Smith, Committee Member

Stoughton Council on Aging

(781) 344-8882 • 110 Rockland Street

The Stoughton Council on Aging
will be hosting a
“Bright Day Cafe”

For people living with memory loss or dementia, this program is a safe and welcoming space for them and their care partner. It is designed to be a social time of engagement where we focus on strengths and forget about limitations. Each month there will be refreshments, conversation and fun.

**Our first “Bright Day Cafe”
will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024
1:00-2:30 P.M.
at the
Stoughton Senior Center
110 Rockland St. Stoughton**

We will schedule a Bright Day Cafe every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Stoughton COA from 1:00-2:30P.M.

To RSVP contact Theresa at 781-298-3407

This program is brought to you by Bright View Senior Life in Canton in collaboration with Stoughton Council on Aging and the Stoughton YMCA

2024 Annual Town Meeting Session Calendar

All 2024 Annual Town Meeting sessions will be held in person in the
Stoughton High School auditorium located at 232 Pearl Street

Sign-in starts at 6:30 p.m. ~ Opening Gavel 7:00 p.m.

Open Meeting Law prohibit Town Boards meeting while Town Meeting is in session.

FACE MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

May				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 ATM 1 ST Session		8 ATM 2 ND Session		
13 ATM 3 RD Session		15 ATM 4 TH Session		
20 ATM 5 TH Session (If Needed)		22 ATM 6 TH Session (If Needed)		
		29 ATM 7 TH Session (If Needed)		

**NOTE: A Special Town Meeting Will Be Held Within the
Annual Town Meeting**

ORGANIZATIONAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE ON
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 AT 7:00 PM
O'DONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
211 CUSHING STREET

Stoughton
Energy & Sustainability Committee
Invites You To:

Sustainable LANDSCAPING

Make Your Yard Earth Day Friendly Year-Round!

LEARN ABOUT

Drought-Resistant Lawns and Plantings |
Ground-cover | Techniques | Money Saving |
The Latest Equipment | Composting

Snacks!
Door Prize!

STOUGHTON LIBRARY 84 PARK STREET

- Displays
- Exhibits
- Speakers
- Energy Vendors
- Demonstrations

APRIL 20, 2024
10:00 – 12:00

FEATURED SPEAKER:



Landscape Architect
AMANDA SLOAN
Raingarden
Design Studio

Designer of dog parks,
school and playground
gardens, rain gardens &
home gardens,



stoughtonesc.wordpress.com



It's time to register!

Dog Licenses

The deadline to
register/re-register
your dogs is
May 1st by 4:30 p.m.



Stoughton Public Library

SPRING EVENTS | FOR TEENS

April Events



Silent Book Club

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. Come to meet new people and leave with new book recommendations! For Teens 12 & up.

Registration optional, but if you register, you'll get reminders. Snacks and light refreshments available.

Thursday, 4/11 @ 3:00PM



Teen Maker Space

Teen Space has both video and board games to play, computers, and more! Gaming systems include Nintendo Switch, Wii, PS4, and Rockband on PS2.

Open to teens ages 12 and up

Drop by to find out more information

This month: Blackout Poetry

Tuesdays & Thursdays
@ 2:30PM - 4:45PM

Open when no other Teen Programs taking place.



Crafternoons

Doors Open at 3PM



Serenity by the Seashore: A SRT-Inspired Bracelet Jewelry Workshop w/ Sheralee

Wednesday, 4/3
starts @ 3:15 PM

Create jewelry w/ with Sheralee guiding you step-by-step



Painting w/ Wanita

Thursday, 4/17
starts @ 3:15 PM

Create an abstract painting w/ with Wanita's guidance.

Registration is required and space is limited.

Light snacks and refreshments provided.



Open Gaming w/ VR & One Up Games

Join us for our video game free play event, hosted by local Massachusetts eSports and gaming venue, One Up Games! Explore virtual worlds with the Oculus Quest, or play the latest titles on Xbox Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch!

Thursday, 4/4 @ 100PM



Teen Library Influencer - Interest Meeting-

This is a great pick for you if you love social media or talking about books! We have a variety of social media channels that we utilize to share book recommendations and engage teens outside the library. Library influencers can post about their favorite books, make library or book-themed TikTok videos for social media/SMAC, and more!

Open to teens 12 and up

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Wednesday, 4/24 @ 3:00PM



Registration is required for all programs.



Stoughton Public Library

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

BEAUTIFICATION OF STOUGHTON



TOWN-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday April 27

8am-noon

T-shirts will be provided

Cookout at Council on Aging after the event



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

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

Did you know that you can watch government meetings on Stoughton TV's website including the

**SELECT BOARD
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
and the
PLANNING BOARD**

Go to: Stoughtontv.com
and click on the
Video On Demand tab.
Then select the meetings
icon and you'll be able to
view all Stoughton
Government Meetings.



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FROM YOU!**

Are you interested in
producing your own
show, volunteering,
or learning how
to edit??

For more
information, contact
Anya Zulawnik,
Station Manager

781-341-1708

email: azulawnik@
stoughtontv.com

**Don't Just
Watch TV
- MAKE IT! -**

ROUTE STOUGHTON 139 *Corridor Study* SURVEY

Scan the QR code or go to
www.surveymonkey.com/r/RT139



Survey Closing Date: 6/30/2024

ALSO AVAILABLE IN:

Spanish
Portuguese
Haitian Creole
Chinese Simplified
& Traditional



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WWW.OLDCOLONYPLANNING.ORG/RT139CORRIDOR

**WE NEED THE
PUBLIC'S INPUT!**

PLEASE SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS ON
CURRENT CONDITIONS
ALONG ROUTE 139!

WHERE DO TRAFFIC
PROBLEMS EXIST?

WHAT ARE POTENTIAL
IMPROVEMENTS AND
FIXES FOR THESE
PROBLEMS?



QUESTIONS?

Contact: Guoqiang Li
gli@ocpcrpa.org
(774) 539 - 5149

Google Apps Classes with Rob

THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Google Application Classes | March - May 2024



Google Account

MARCH 28 • 6:30PM

How to log into Google Account



Gmail 1

APRIL 4 • 6:30PM

How to read and send Gmail



Gmail 2

APRIL 11 • 6:30PM

Simple formatting of Gmail



Gmail 3

APRIL 18 • 6:30PM

Google Contacts



Gmail 4

APRIL 25 • 6:30PM

Images and Attachments



Gmail 5

MAY 2 • 6:30PM

Google Calendar



Google Drive

MAY 9 • 6:30PM

Folders and Files



Google Docs

MAY 16 • 6:30PM

Word Processor Demo

Make sure you can login to Google with your username and password. If you cannot or do not have a Google login, please make an appointment for Tuesday night 1-on-1 consulting.

Use a library Chromebook or bring your own device. Visit our Event Calendar at www.stoughton.org/library
SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY TO REGISTER (REQUIRED)



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RESCHEDULED

Please note new date

On Tuesday, April 30th at 7 P.M. the Selectboard is hosting an Information Session

in the Great Hall **regarding the use of debt** and it's impact on the budget, taxes and the Capital Plan. Our keynote speaker is Cinder McNerney, Managing Director Hilltop Securities. Hilltop has served as the Financial Advisor to the Town of Stoughton for several years. Cinder's financial knowledge and insight on Stoughton's financial condition makes her an authority on our debt strategy. We have always valued her Counsel.

Please contact Gilda at
781-341-1300 ext 9212 or
gpereira@stoughton-ma.gov
if you plan to attend, so that we can plan
for seating and refreshments.

Thank You,
Tom Calter



Thomas Calter
Town Manager