

# Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MAY 21, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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# Selectboard Agenda

## Tuesday May 21, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.

### Great Hall, Town Hall, 3rd floor & Virtually via 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: cmm-xmzg-mnv**  
**PHONE: 240-766-5911**  
**PIN: 292 265 134#**

The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television and broadcast live and may be livestreamed at [www.stoughtontv.org](http://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. **Continuance of Public Hearing from 04/23/2024:**  
**Renewal Cable License for Verizon New England**
6. 7:50 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meetings of May 7, 2024
  - b. Application for 1-Day Alcoholic Beverage License - June 1, 2024 - Club Luis de Camoes, 76 Porter St.
  - c. Application for a Road Race or Parade - June 2, 2024 - Club Luis de Camoes, 76 Porter St.
  - d. Application for 1-Day Alcoholic Beverage License with Entertainment - June 9, 2024 - Ahavath Torah Congregation, 1179 Central St.
  - e. Application for Use of Electronic Billboard for

Atty. William  
Solomon

- f. the June 11, 2024 ballot election
  - f. Approval of Warrant for Special Local Election for the June 11, 2024 Ballot Question
  - g. Approval of In-person Early Voting for the June 11, 2024 Election
  - h. Acceptance of \$300.00 donation from VFC Healthcare Solutions for the Juneteenth event
  - i. Acceptance of \$600.00 donation from Toffee Social Bar & Lounge for the Juneteenth event
- 7. 8:00 p.m. Town Manager Mid-Year Review
- 8. 8:15 p.m. Change of Legal Counsel from KP Law, P.C. to Mead Talerman & Costa LLC
- 9. 8:25 p.m. **Executive Session:**
  - A. Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(2)) – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel – Town Manager
  - B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes Meeting of April 10, 2024



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## TOWN OF STOUGHTON



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE ON TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Your town government depends on participation by citizens who serve on Boards and Committees. Applications for appointment to the following Boards/Commissions will be accepted at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, Ten Pearl Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 until Noon on Wednesday, June 6, 2024. Interviews for all positions that are appointed by the Select Board will be conducted at their June 18, 2024 meeting. They will be in person in the Great Hall, Town Hall, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA. Applications are available at the Town Manager's office or by following the link on the Town's website [www.stoughton.org](http://www.stoughton.org). Applications are under Town Manager Department, Boards/Commissions.

<b><u>Select Board Appointments</u></b>	<b><u>Vacancies</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Board of Assessors	One	Three Years
Brockton Area Transit	One	Three Years
Commission on Disabilities	One	Two Years
Commission on Disabilities	Two	Three Years
Constables	Seven	Three Years
Cultural Council	Five	One Year
Cultural Council	One	Three Years
Energy Sustainability Committee	Two	Three Years
Library Trustees	Two	Three Years
MAPC	One	Three Years
Open Space Committee	One	Two Years
Open Space Committee	Four	Three Years
Planning Board	One	Five Years
SEOC	Three	Three Years
SMAC	Two	Three Years
Zoning Board of Appeals	One	Five Years
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate	Five	One Year

*Please forward all Applications for Select Board appointments directly to Gilda at [gpereira@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:gpereira@stoughton-ma.gov)*

<b><u>Town Manager Appointments</u></b>	<b><u>Vacancies</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Board of Health	Two	Three Years
Cedar Hill Golf Course Operations Committee	Seven	Three Years
Conservation Commission	Two	Three Years
Historical Commission	Two	Three Years
Youth Commission	One	Three Years

*Please forward all Applications for Town Manager appointments directly to Reggie at [twnmgr@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:twnmgr@stoughton-ma.gov)*

Positions are voluntary. If you have any general questions, please contact Reggie at 781-341-1300 Ext. 9211 or by email at [twnmgr@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:twnmgr@stoughton-ma.gov).

Stephen Cavey, Chair  
Select Board

Thomas J. Calter, Town Manager

# **SPECIAL LOCAL ELECTION Dates to know**

**Voter Registration Deadline**  
June 1st, 2024

**Deadline to Request Mail-In Ballot**  
June 4th, 2024

**Deadline to Return Mail-In Ballot**  
June 11th, 2024 by 8 pm  
\*Please return to Clerk's Office

**Absentee voting at the counter  
deadline**  
June 10th, 2024 by 12:00 NOON

Special Local Election Date  
June 11th, 2024 from 7 am - 8 pm



**If you have any questions on your polling location or voter status, contact  
the Town Clerk's Office!**



Stoughton Recreation Department

# **SUMMER 2024**

**REGISTRATION STILL OPEN:**

Pre-Playground | Ages 4-5, 7/1-8/9 weekly  
Open Playground | Entering grades 1-6, 7/1-8/9 weekly  
Teen Extreme | Entering grades 7-10, 7/1-8/9 weekly

Softball Clinic | Ages 7-14, M-Th 6/24-6/27  
Create-Your-Own Podcast | Grades 6-9, M-Th 6/24-6/27  
Teen Nights with Mass Audubon | Wed.'s 7/10-8/21  
Tennis Clinic | Ages 7-14, M-Th 7/8-7/11  
Street Hockey Clinic | Ages 7-14, M-Th 7/29-8/1

**WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG**



**CONTACT US**



781-345-1300 x0264

15 N. TACANT ST. STOUGHTON, MA  
RECREATION@STOUGHTON.MA.GOV

# TAKE OUR SURVEY



Stoughton wants to become more accessible for people with disabilities. Share your experiences accessing Town facilities, communications, programs, and services in an online survey.

You can find the survey at this link:  
[rb.gy/irsphw](https://rb.gy/irsphw) or by scanning the QR code



If you need assistance in completing this survey or would like to request an alternative format, please contact Marcia Birmingham at [marcia.birmingham@umb.edu](mailto:marcia.birmingham@umb.edu).



Town of  
**STOUGHTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS



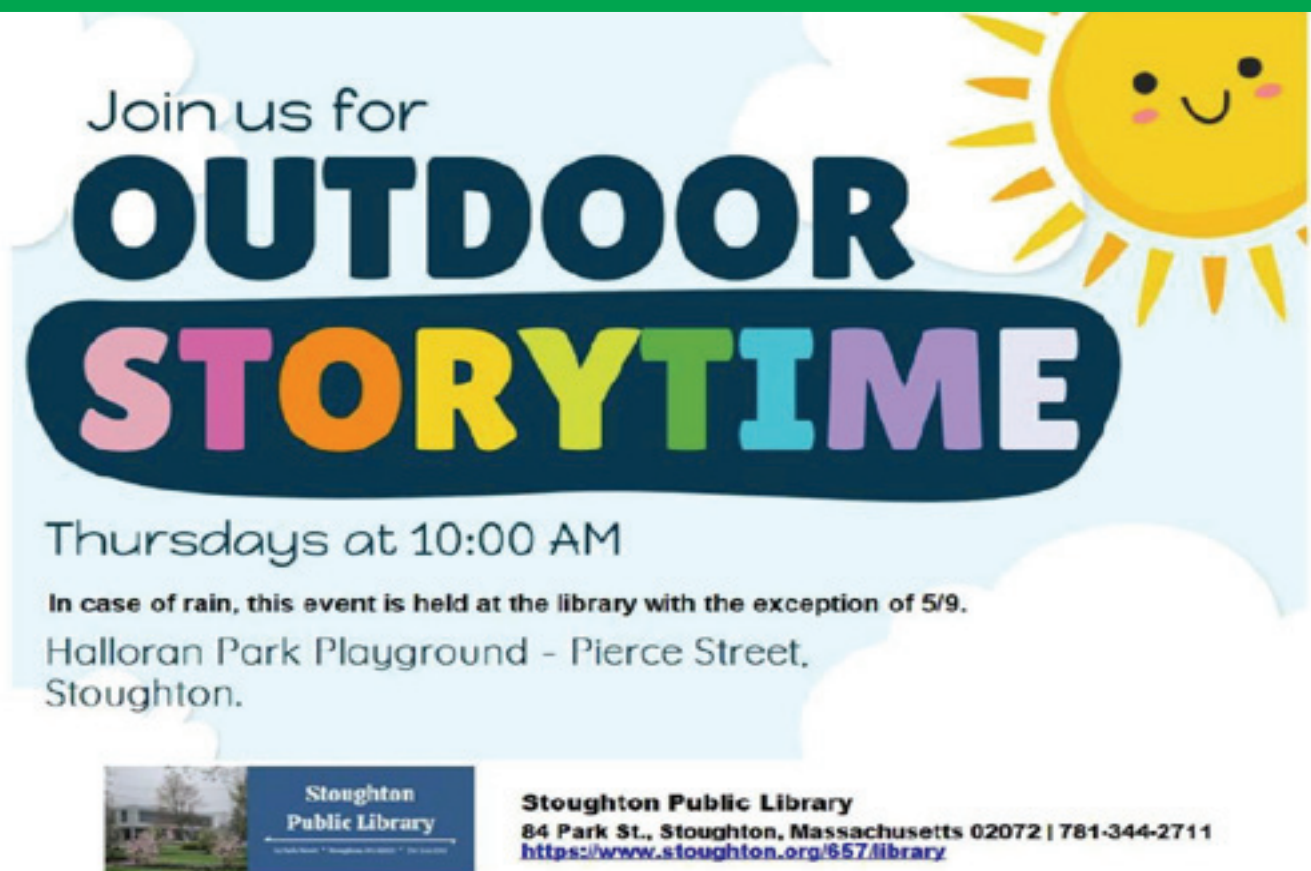
# Opening for Appointment

## To The Stoughton Redevelopment Authority

The Select Board and the Stoughton Redevelopment Authority invite applications for appointment on the Stoughton Redevelopment Authority that will expire in April 2025. An application or a statement of interest with qualifications may be submitted to the Office of the Select Board or by email to [gpereira@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:gpereira@stoughton-ma.gov) by June 6, 2024 at noon. Applicants will be notified of an interview date.

Stephen M. Cavey, Chair  
Select Board

Roberta Harback, Chair  
Redevelopment Authority

A colorful poster for "Outdoor Storytime" featuring a smiling sun and clouds. The text "Join us for" is in a light blue font, "OUTDOOR" is in large dark blue letters, and "STORYTIME" is in large, multi-colored letters (pink, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) inside a dark blue rounded rectangle. Below this, it says "Thursdays at 10:00 AM" and "In case of rain, this event is held at the library with the exception of 5/9. Halloran Park Playground - Pierce Street, Stoughton." At the bottom, there is a small photo of the Stoughton Public Library building, the text "Stoughton Public Library", and contact information: "Stoughton Public Library", "84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711", and the website "https://www.stoughton.org/657/library".

Join us for

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Stoughton.

 Stoughton  
Public Library

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# Town of Stoughton

## Department of Veterans' Services

10 Pearl Street | Stoughton, MA 02072 | Tel: 781-341-1300 x9220 | Fax: 781-297-2879 | Email: [btumer@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:btumer@stoughton-ma.gov)

### **Reflagging of Veterans' Graves – Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **All Welcome**

*On Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be reflagging the graves of all veterans at the Holy Sepulcher and Evergreen Cemeteries.* Please help us in this honored tradition. This can be a very rewarding experience for your children, grandchildren and people of all ages to participate in.

If you know which cemetery you wish to go to, please feel free to go directly to either Holy Sepulcher or Evergreen by 10:00AM. The Stoughton Veterans' Graves Officer will be at Holy Sepulcher and the Director of Veterans Services will be at Evergreen. Refreshments will be served at the VFW (**NEW ADDRESS: 4 Seaver Street**) after the completion of the reflagging.

### **Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

*The Memorial Day Parade honors those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.* The parade will begin forming at the Public Works on Central Street at 8:30AM and start at 9:00AM sharp. The route will go from Public Works to the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery for two ceremonies, then to the Pearl Street Cemetery for a ceremony, then proceeding to the Stoughton Town Hall for a ceremony and wreath laying at the Memorial Bell. The ceremonies there will begin at approximately 10:15AM. From there the parade will proceed through Stoughton Square to Faxon Veterans' Memorial Park for ceremonies at the two memorials. The parade will then proceed to Washington Street and on to Evergreen Cemetery for two ceremonies at the GAR Lot and the American Legion Burial site.

Participants in the parade generally include the VFW Color Guard and Firing Detail, Veterans groups, the Police and Fire Departments, the High School Band, Town and State officials, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and possibly other groups. The ceremonies at the various sites include opening prayers, playing by the High School Band, an Honor Guard Firing Detail, the laying of wreaths and various speakers. The parade will end at approximately 12:00PM at which time you are cordially invited to a collation at the VFW Post 1645 at 4 Seaver Street (new location).

### **WWII and Korean War Veterans**

All WWII and Korean War Veterans are encouraged to attend our main ceremony at Town Hall. Seating will be made available. If you need a ride please call the Veterans' Office. It is the Town's honor to have you in attendance.

**PLEASE PASS THESE MESSAGES ALONG!**

### **Memorial Square Dedication - Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Please join us for the dedication ceremonies for:**

**1:00 PM - Charles F. Large** (Lowe Ave at the driveway to the Dawe School)

**1:45 PM – Joseph P. DeVito** (corner of Pleasant St and Park St. at Historical Society)

# AMES POND BEACHFRONT

June 28, 2024- August 16, 2024

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

1000 Highland St. Stoughton MA

## DAY PASSES

Child (2-17) - Resident \$3 | Non-res \$5

Adult (18-55) - Resident \$5 | Non-res \$8

Senior (55+) - \$3

Available for purchase at the gate. Children under 2 are free

## SEASON PASSES

Family (up to 5 members) - Res \$75 | Non-res \$95

Child (2-17) - Resident \$20 | Non-res \$30

Adult (18-55) - Resident \$30 | Non-res \$40

Senior (55+) - \$5

Season passes available for purchase or pick-up 5/14-6/27 during business hours at the Recreation Department, 15 Pleasant St Mon-Wed 8:30-4:30 pm, Thurs 8:30-7 pm, Fri 8:30-12 pm

Season passes and day passes available for purchase 6/28-8/16 at the beachfront entrance 10 am - 5 pm

Day passes are only available at the gate. Passes purchased require proof of residency for resident rate. The Recreation Department reserves the right to void any season pass used inappropriately or if the pass holder's behavior deems it necessary.



[WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG](http://WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG)



# AMES POND



# SWIM LESSONS

Session 1: Monday 7/8-Thursday 7/18

\$75 res, \$95 non-res

Session 2: Monday 7/22-Thursday 8/1

\$75 res, \$95 non-res

Classes are at 10 am and 11 am depending on swim level.  
Lifeguards make the final determination of swim level.

Registration opens Tuesday 5/14/24

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

## Cook Along with Maria Lawton, the Azorean Greenbean

Bean Soup/Sopa de feijão

Thursday, June 13th from 6:00-7:30pm

on Zoom, in your very own kitchen!

Register (required) to get the Zoom link  
(on June 12) by calling or visiting  
the library, or use our Event Calendar at  
[www.stoughton.org/657/library](http://www.stoughton.org/657/library)



Join us on Saturday,  
September 28 at the  
library for Maria's  
book signing event!

This program is funded by a grant from the Stoughton Cultural Council,  
an agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



## TEEN HENNA ART CANVAS WORKSHOP

Join us for a fun and creative  
henna art experience with  
Niloufer Rakhangi of  
The Water Lily Designs!

Wednesday, May 29 at 3P.M.



# Chippable Brush Days

every Saturday in the month of May from 8am to 3pm

## Last Chance

Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>  
8-3

1240 Washington St

across from Canton Fence



# SPRING CLEANING?

## TEXTILES

Used clothing, shoes (even singles) belts, purses, curtains, bedding and stuffed animals.

All must be clean and dry.

They can be reworn, recycled or repurposed, rips, stains, missing buttons, etc. are ok. Really.

**DONATE OR PUT IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
DROP BINS LOCATED AT:  
STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
ALL STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**





## **Town of Stoughton offers Rotating Composter Sales for Home Use!**

**Order today while supplies last!  
Home composting is beneficial to  
society and it is good for the  
Earth!**

**Methane is also a powerful greenhouse gas. Over a 20-year period, it is 80 times more potent at warming than carbon dioxide. Methane has accounted for roughly 30 per cent of global warming since pre-industrial times and is proliferating faster than at any other time since record keeping began in the 1980s.**

*Arrangements for delivery or pick up at  
The Town will be made at time of payment.*

For more information, call or E-mail:

James Conlon at Town Hall,  
Conservation/Environmental Affairs Office,  
Engineering Department,  
Town Hall, 10 Pearl St, (781) 341-1300 ext. 9262.  
[jconlon@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:jconlon@stoughton-ma.gov)



*Pricing: \$95.00 Including Tax*

*Checks to be payable to:  
The Town of Stoughton.*

*Provide payment, the home address and  
contact information to:  
Engineering Department/ Conservation  
Commission  
2<sup>ND</sup> Floor Town Hall, 10 Pearl Street.*

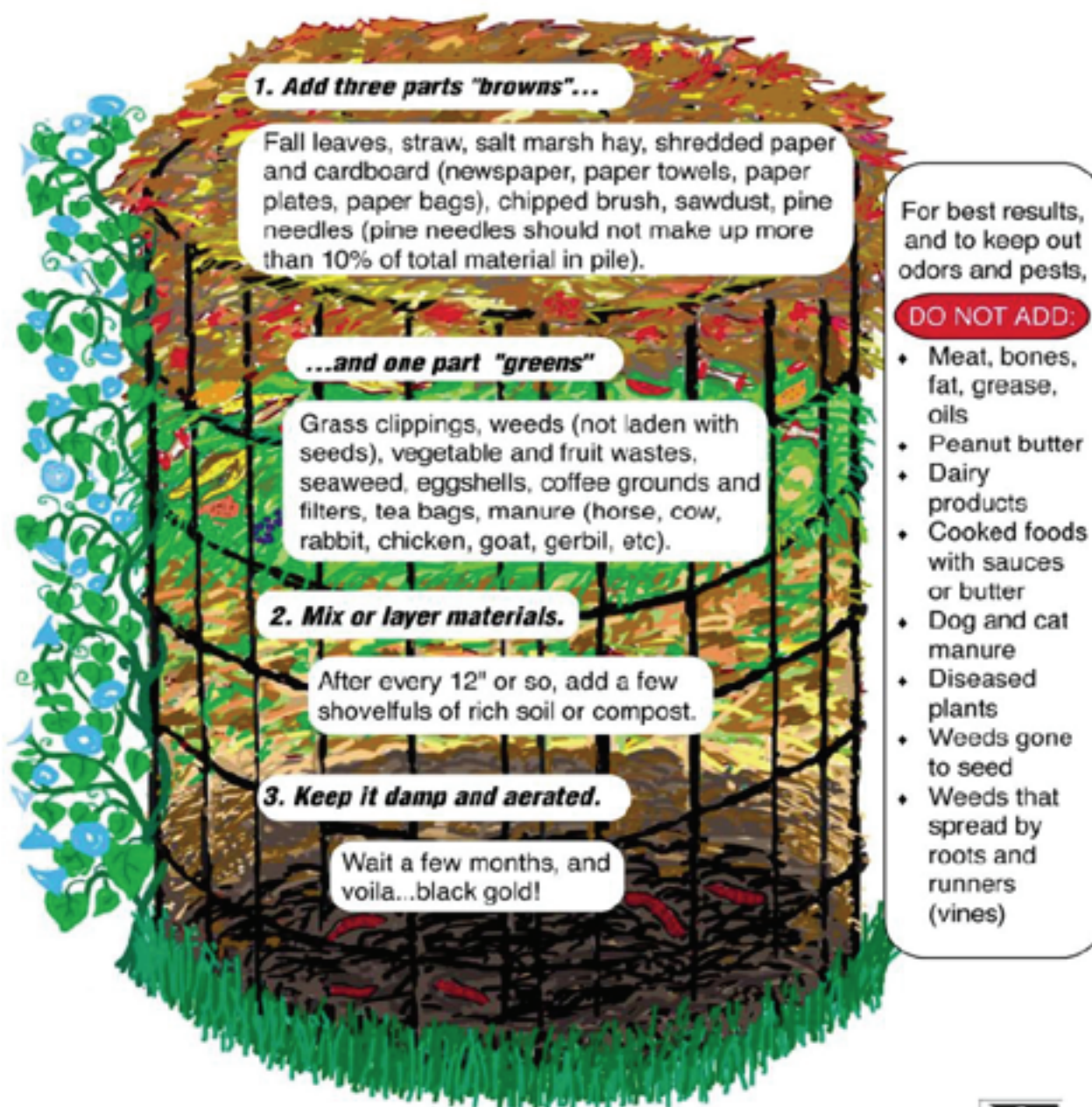
*2 Colors available: Black and Terra Cotta.*

**Call anytime or stop by the Engineering  
office, 2<sup>ND</sup> floor Town Hall during office  
hours Monday through Wednesday of 8:30  
to 4:30; Thursday 8:30 to 7:00 & Fridays  
8:30 to 12:00 PM.**

**Revised: 5-10-2024**

# Composting is easy!

To make compost, just follow these simple steps:



Prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection





# **Town of Stoughton Hydrant Flushing**

## **TOWN WIDE**

### **Water Main Flushing Program starting on Monday April 29, 2024 continuing through June 7, 2024**

This will be going on during the work week only.

The times will vary depending on the location.

The majority of the work will be done in the evening between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. and during the day between 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This activity will cause discolored water in varying degrees in sections of the town. Persons who experience water discoloration should flush their systems by opening the cold water faucet for a few minutes and then waiting for about an hour. If the water is still not clear, they should repeat the flushing procedure.

The Water Department regrets that it cannot be responsible for any damages incurred as a result of the flushing activity, which is a necessary and normal maintenance function of the Water Department.

Stoughton Water Department

Philip A. McNulty, P.E., Superintendent

2024 STOUGHTON JUNETEENTH

LIVE PERFORMANCE

NBC'S THE VOICE FINALIST



MICHELLE BROOKS-THOMPSON

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN EDITION

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, 2024 | 10AM-2PM

Stoughton High School

232 Pearl Street

Stoughton, MA 02072



JUNETEENTH

THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS!



# 2024 JUNETEENTH

THEY SACRIFICED FOR US!

**TUSKEGEE AIRMEN**

LIVE PERFORMANCE

**MICHELLE BROOKS-THOMPSON**

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

232 PEARL ST  
STOUGHTON, MA 02072

WEDNESDAY  
19 JUNE 2024



FREE FINANCIAL & 1ST TIME HOME  
BUYER SESSIONS - VENDORS - LIVE  
PERFORMANCES-YOUTH ACTIVITIES-  
FOOD-DJ AND MUCH MORE!

STARTS AT

**10 AM**

THROUGH

**2 PM**





**SAVE THE DATE**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024**

# **SPECIAL ELECTION**



**DEBT EXCLUSION VOTE FOR THE  
NEW STOUGHTON ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**



**VISIT [WWW.STOUGHTONSCHOOLS.ORG](http://WWW.STOUGHTONSCHOOLS.ORG)  
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT**



## **Town of Stoughton offers Rainbarrels for Sale for Home Use!**

**Order today while supplies last!  
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Earth!**

Rain barrels capture water from a roof and hold it for later use such as on lawns, gardens or indoor plants. Collecting roof runoff in rain barrels reduces the amount of water that flows from your property. It's a great way to conserve water and its free water for use in your landscape.

Conserve water and reduce stormwater runoff: In the summer months, outdoor tasks such as watering lawns and gardens typically make up about 40% of household water use. With seasonal droughts, restrictions and bans on lawn watering, and the increasing cost of water, it makes sense to use rain water instead of municipal water for outdoor uses. Unless it is collected, rain water runs off impervious surfaces, such as roofs and pavement, gathering pollutants which often end up in local streams, rivers, pond, lakes and marine waters. Keeping and using rain water on your property helps reduce pollution, erosion and improves local watershed health.

*Arrangements for delivery or pick up at  
The Town will be made at time of payment.*

For more information, call or E-mail:

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Conservation/Environmental Affairs Office,  
Engineering Department,

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[jconlon@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:jconlon@stoughton-ma.gov)

*Pricing: \$85.00 Including Tax*



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**Revised: 5-10-24**

# 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

