

# Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JULY 30, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK

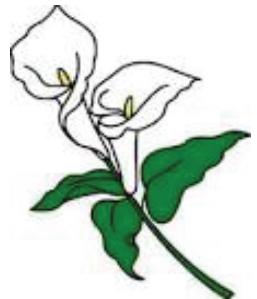


Latest  
Announcements  
for  
Stoughton's  
Town  
& School  
Departments

All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages



*The passing of former Selectman  
David "Spanky" Sousa,*



taken from us far too young, is a profound sorrow that leaves a void in our community and in the hearts of his cherished family. His dedication to public service and the passion with which he approached his role were reflections of his genuine character. As we mourn his loss, we can't help but think of his wife and children, who now face immeasurable grief and the daunting task of navigating life without his presence. His untimely death is a stark reminder of how fragile and precious life can be, and our hearts ache for the family left behind, as they grapple with this profound sadness and the absence of a beloved husband and father. In honor of our former Selectman's remarkable contributions and to commemorate his untimely passing, flags will be flown at half-mast throughout the community.

*Stephen Cavey, Chair Stoughton Select Board*



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421 Page Street, Suite 2



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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF  
SMAC IS PLANNING TO RECORD  
A SPECIFIC COMMUNITY EVENT,  
PLEASE CONTACT US!**

Email Anya at [azulawnik@stoughtontv.com](mailto:azulawnik@stoughtontv.com)

*If our schedule allows, we will be happy to record  
Stoughton events to broadcast for all to see and enjoy!*

**[www.stoughtontv.com](http://www.stoughtontv.com)**

For more information, contact  
Anya Zulawnik, Station Manager

**781-341-1708**

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## **EARLY VOTING FOR THE STATE PRIMARY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, 10 PEARL ST.**

Saturday	Aug 24	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Monday	Aug 26	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday	Aug 27	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday	Aug 28	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Thursday	Aug 29	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday	Aug 30	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

No application or mailing is necessary for early voting...just show up and vote!

# STATE PRIMARY 2024 - VOTER OPTION GUIDE

Vote by Mail, Vote Early In Person or Vote on Election Day

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY LOCATION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE	VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINE
State Primary	September 3, 2024	Precincts 1-8	7 AM - 8 PM	August 24, 2024	August 26, 2024 at 5pm

## SELECTION OF BALLOT TYPES - (PRIMARY ELECTIONS ONLY)

- In a primary election, a voter who is NOT registered in a political party must choose a party ballot type on the application to vote by mail or in person voting (early or on election day).
- We are unable to process applications for Unenrolled (commonly known as Independent) voters who do not select a party ballot type on their application.
- Unenrolled voters who select a party ballot type do not become registered in that party - they remain Unenrolled / Independent voters.
- Voters who are registered in one of the 3 political parties (Democratic, Republican, Libertarian) MUST take that party ballot and are not given a choice of party ballot type.

## VOTE BY MAIL

All registered voters qualify to vote by mail.

**Received a postcard application?** The Secretary of the Commonwealth is required to mail ALL voters who have not already applied for a vote by mail ballot, a postcard application - this is usually mailed out 45 days prior to state elections. This postcard application will allow you to apply for a vote by mail ballot for all elections this year or for individual elections this year. Applications can be returned by mail (postage is pre-paid on the post card application mailed to you) or placed in the Ballot Box outside of the Town Hall (10 Pearl St). A signature is required in order to process your application.

**APPLY EARLY** to allow ample time for processing your application and for the postal services to deliver your ballot to you. If you are concerned about applying too early - please note that voters can hold on to their ballot and return it the week prior to the election in the secure ballot drop box outside of the Town Hall. Voters who receive a vote by mail ballot and have not returned it may appear in person at an early voting site or on election day to cast a ballot. Any voter that has returned a vote by mail ballot (or voted early in person) cannot vote on Election Day.

## TRACK YOUR APPLICATION AND BALLOT [www.trackmyballotma.com](http://www.trackmyballotma.com)

Voters who have applied for a vote by mail ballot may use this link to track the status of their application as well as their ballot status (mailed / received back).

## **RETURN OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS**

Once you received your ballot, please vote promptly, place that ballot in the manila ballot envelope and sign the required affidavit. Place the sealed ballot envelope in the postage paid white return envelope and return by U.S. mail or place it in the secure ballot drop box at the Town Hall.

Mailed Ballots include a postage pre-paid return ballot envelope that is addressed to the Town Clerk's Office. You may return your ballot by mail (please see deadlines below) or hand deliver your ballot by placing it in the secure ballot drop box outside of the Town Hall (deadline is close of polls on Election Day).

### Deadline for ballots to be returned and counted

- Ballots returned in the secure ballot drop box must be received by **8PM on September 3rd**.

YOU CAN CHECK YOUR BALLOT STATUS HERE:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/TrackMyBallot>

- Ballots returned by mail must be **RECEIVED** by the Town Clerk by **8PM on September 3rd**

Please note that US Postal delivery services are not consistent and can range from 3 to 11 days. We recommend voters return their ballot in the secure ballot drop box outside of Town Hall by 8PM on Election Day.

## **REQUESTED A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT - OTHER VOTING OPTIONS**

Voters who receive a vote by mail ballot but have not returned it prior to Election Day may appear to vote in person and cast a ballot on Election Day. Any voter that has returned a vote by mail ballot (or voted early in person) is not permitted to appear to vote in person on Election Day.

## **VOTE EARLY IN PERSON**

Early Voting in person will be available for the State Primary.

An application is not required to vote early in person...just show up and vote!

State Primary Early Voting in Person

August 24-30th

Town Hall – 10 Pearl Street - Town Clerk's Office

Day	Date	Hours
Saturday	Aug 24th	9AM-1PM
Monday	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	9AM-4PM
Tuesday	Aug 27th	9AM-4PM
Wednesday	Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	9AM-4PM
Thursday	Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>	9AM-6PM
Friday	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	9AM-12PM

**FAQ's on Early Voting (by mail or in person):**

**If I applied for a vote by mail ballot can I appear to vote in person at an early voting site or at the polls on Election Day?**

**YES** - If your vote by mail ballot has not been received back to the Town Clerk's Office, you may still appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day or at an early voting site. Should your mail in ballot be received after you voted early in person or at the polls on Election Day the ballot will be rejected and will not be counted.

**NO** - If your vote by mail ballot has already been received back by the Town Clerk's Office. A returned vote by mail ballot is considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, early in person or in person at the polls on Election Day.

**If I vote early in person can I appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day?**

**NO** - If you appeared to vote early in person your ballot will be considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, or in person at the polls on Election Day. Voting in Person at the polls after submitting an early ballot is prohibited as outlined in 950 CMR 4-7.19.

**When & how is an early voter's ballot (by mail or in person) cast?**

All vote by mail and early voting in person ballots will be opened and inserted into a tabulator before election day or fed through the tabulators at the polls on Election Day. These ballots be kept secured, locked and unexamined until the polls are closed on Election Day.

**Vote On Election Day**

**All Elections are held at their designated School Precincts 1-8.**

Educated voters will reduce time in the voting booths, reduce lines & crowding at the voting site.

- Unenrolled voters will need to choose which primary ballot type they want to vote on. Voters who are registered in a particular party (Democratic, Republican, Libertarian) MUST take that party ballot type.

Check your voter Status Here:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES:**

To register or pre-register (16 & 17 year olds) to vote in Massachusetts you must:

- Be a US Citizen
- Be a Massachusetts resident
- Be at least 16 years old (to register) and 18 years old (to vote)

In order to vote you must be registered:

- 10 days prior to all primaries and elections.

When a voter registration date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline falls back to previous workday.



# Taxes Due Thursday August 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 **1<sup>st</sup> quarter Fiscal Year 2025 REAL ESTATE and PERSONAL PROPERTY tax bills are due August 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 August 1, 2024.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter tax remittances were mailed in the same envelope on June 30, 2024.

**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, 2025 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 2025 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.



## FREE Online Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

### Meeting Features:

- Topical Presentations
- Interactive Workshops
- Expert Guest Speakers
- Access To Hiring Managers
- Networking Opportunities
- Coaching Guidance

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The Stoughton  
Public Library

### Meeting Schedule:

- Aug. 7: Self Assessment
- Aug. 21: Career Story
- Sept. 4: LinkedIn
- Sept. 18: Resumes
- Oct. 2: Cover Letters/Using AI
- Oct. 16: Thinking Outside the Box
- Nov. 6: Networking
- Nov. 20: Interview Strategies
- Dec. 4: Interview Practice
- Dec. 18: Marketing Plan

Questions? Contact co-facilitator  
Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205  
or [rhayes@stoughtonpl.org](mailto:rhayes@stoughtonpl.org).

### Group's Purpose:

- For people 50 & older looking for a new job/career direction
- Create a new job search tool kit
- 35 members found new jobs in first six months of 2024



Facilitated by  
Deborah Hope, MBA,  
Professional Coach

Where: All meetings are via Zoom

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:30am to 11:30am

Informal Networking: 9am to

9:30am and 11:30am to noon

Register below.



[www.tinyurl.com/Library50plusjobseekers](http://www.tinyurl.com/Library50plusjobseekers)



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Stoughton Public Library

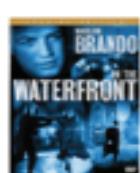
84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711

<https://www.stoughton.org/567/library>

## STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

### Marlon Brando

with Stoughton film historian  
Frank Mandosa.



All of the movies we know and love plus brief takes on:

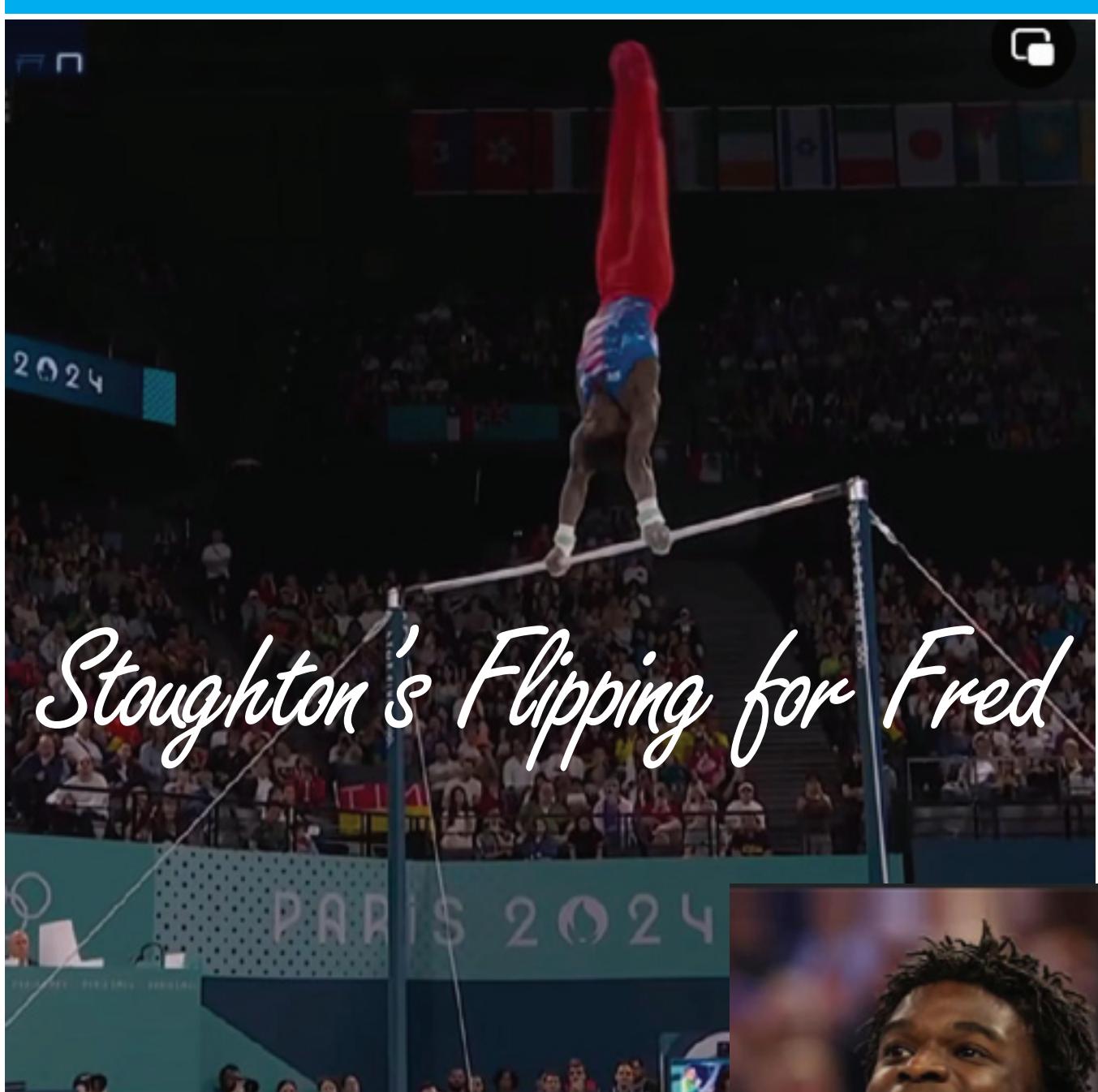
The Wild One, Sayonara, One-Eyed Jacks, Mutiny on the Bounty, Last Tango in Paris, Superman, Apocalypse Now, The Freshman, Don Juan Demarco, The Score.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th  
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.



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: @Himbuff1974 Email: [silverscreenerspod@gmail.com](mailto:silverscreenerspod@gmail.com) [www.frankmandosa.weebly.com](http://www.frankmandosa.weebly.com)

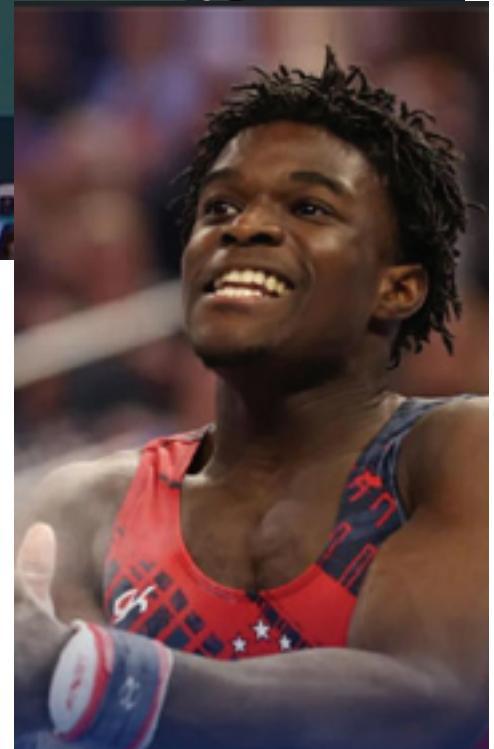


*Stoughton's Flipping for Fred*

*Great Work Fred!*

*Frederick Richard*

*2024 Olympian Gymnast*



## THE 2024 STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

[Click here to sign up!](#)

### ***Through the Lens: Images & Stories From the Frontlines of Climate Change with Photographer Julia Cumes***



Thursday, August 1st, 6:30pm

Library Community Room

[Registration recommended.](#)

*Join award-winning photographer, Julia Cumes, as she shares images & stories of the human, animal & environmental toll of events like Hurricane Katrina, California's Wildfires, & Kentucky's catastrophic floods.*

*Through the evocative power of photography, Julia will highlight the resilience of affected communities & the urgent need for action.*



'READ, RENEW, REPEAT' ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 18

Register, read, log, attend programs, win gift cards to Stoughton businesses!

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[www.stoughtonlibrary.beanstack.org/header2015](http://www.stoughtonlibrary.beanstack.org/header2015)

## Warli on a Mini Canvas

w/ Niloufer Rakhangi



**Teen Warli on a Mini Canvas  
Wednesday August 14 at 3PM**

# Cardboard

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



# Styrofoam

All styrofoam must go into the trash



# Recycling MUST NOT be in bags

# NO LOOSE TRASH

Must be curbside by 7AM

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





Summer at SPL

Read, Repeat, Repeat

# Drop in Chess

**Wednesdays, July 10-August 28 | 5-6 p.m.**

*for kids*

**Ages 5-11 and their caregivers**

Join our volunteers for some chess games in the children's room. Children should already have a basic understanding of the game but some instruction is available.



The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Stoughton Public Library and SOLA.

**For more events visit <https://www.stoughton.org/657/Library>**



*new*

## MUSEUM & PARK PASSES AVAILABLE TO RESERVE

- Trustees of Reservations
- Buttonwood Park Zoo

Passes for free or discounted museum and park admission are available to adult OCLN card holders in good standing.

**RESERVE ONLINE OR CALL  
STOUGHTON.ORG/LIBRARY  
781-344-2711**



# DCR Summer Teen Nights

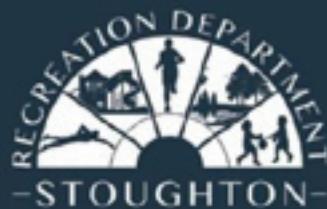
Wednesdays, July 10 - August 21 | 5-7pm

Stoughton Recreation Center  
15 Pleasant St. Stoughton, MA

Spend summer evenings engaging with nature, making art,  
observing live animals, and enjoying ice cream!

FREE Event

Pre-Register at [www.StoughtonRec.org](http://www.StoughtonRec.org)



# STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHT

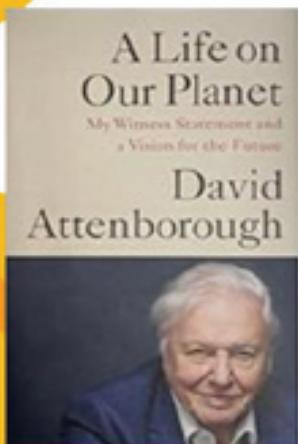
AS PART OF THE “READ, RENEW, REPEAT”  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

FREE

DAVID  
ATTENBOROUGH

## A LIFE ON OUR PLANET

GLOBALLY-ACCLAIMED  
NATURAL HISTORIAN  
PRESENTS HIS  
CALL TO ACTION



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024  
6:30-8:30 PM

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
84 Park Street, Stoughton, MA

PRESENTED BY  
THE STOUGHTON  
ENERGY &  
SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMITTEE

REFRESHMENTS  
&  
BOOK GIVE-AWAY

Stoughton Lions Club

# Summer Concert Series '24

NEW DAY &  
LOCATION!

Thursdays 6-8 pm  
Halloran Park | FREE!

7/11 Puddlefish

7/18 Blackbird

8/1 The Corvairs

8/8 The Standards

8/22 D Train Jazz Band

8/29 The Jesse Liam Band

**Donations to the Lion's Club are welcome!**

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Stoughton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency



July 24, 2024

Dear Stoughton Residents,

It has been my great honor to serve you for the last 27 years.

As your Town Clerk for the past 5 years, I have had the pleasure of working with a great staff and extraordinary colleagues.

In spite of our recent challenges, I consider my 27-year career in Stoughton my highlight.

Recently, I was given the opportunity to accept a Town Clerks position in another community.

After much consideration with my family I have decided to accept the new position and start a new chapter in my profession.

While I'm sad to be moving on, I will forever be grateful to my friends I've made in town government and to the citizens of my beloved Stoughton.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Carrara*

Stephanie Carrara, CMC/MMC

As announced by Stephanie Carrara on 7/24.

She has left Town Government to pursue another career opportunity. Stephanie has proudly served the citizens of Stoughton for more than 27 years. She has done so with grace, integrity, and with a passionate commitment to service. Because of that service to her community, she has earned the love and respect of our residents and the admiration of our employees. While Stephanie has moved on to pursue a new opportunity, she will always receive the warmest of welcomes from those of us who work in Town Government and had the honor of working side by side with Stephanie. On behalf of all of our employees, I wish Stephanie the very best in her future endeavors and I offer my sincere thanks to Stephanie for her 27 years of dedicated service to the Town of Stoughton.

Thomas J. Calter  
Town Manager



Thomas Calter Town Manager