

# Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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# Water- Sewer- Trash Due This Tuesday

## Town of Stoughton

### OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

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

The Water, Sewer, Trash Department has issued the **FY25 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills** to the Town of Stoughton water, sewer, and trash customers. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills **were mailed on August 13, 2024, and are due September 12, 2024**, and must be received in the Collector's Office or the PO Box in Medford on or before this date. A postmark date is not acceptable as payment made if the payment is not received in the Collector's Office or the PO Box in Medford by September 12, 2024.

**When sending payment(s) to the Lockbox address in Medford, checks, AND water, sewer, trash remittances **MUST BE SENT**. PLEASE do not mail checks only to the Medford address. If there is/are no remittance(s) with the check(s), the payment(s) cannot be processed and will be returned to Town Hall for processing. This will delay the payment(s) from being applied to your water, sewer, trash bill(s).**

**When processing a payment online through your bank's Bill Pay, you **MUST** include the bill number, and the year and type in the Memo field (for example, Bill #25, 2025 water, sewer, trash) so your payment will be properly applied. When paying multiple bills, you must include each bill number. If this information is not included on your check, your check may be returned to you, and interest/charges may accrue due to a late payment. **Online bank payment checks must be mailed to Town of Stoughton PO Box 9108 Stoughton MA 02072.****

The Water, Sewer, Trash bills may be paid online at <https://stoughton.epayub.com>, by mail, at Town Hall with cash, checks and credit and debit card with a 3% fee and for your convenience, there is a secured payment drop box outside of 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 for the day.

All unpaid water, sewer, trash bills will accrue interest at 14% from their respective due dates, a \$15.00 demand fee will be added to the bill, and the Senior Discount will be forfeited if this quarter's balance is not paid in full.

The Collector staff members are available by phone 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. Please call 781-341-1300 X 9222 if you need your bill number(s) and or amount(s) due.



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



Verizon: Public 28 / Education 26 / Government 24

Comcast: Public 1073 (HD) 9 (SD) / Education 6 / Government 8

**STOUGHTON TV IS PROUD TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S  
ANNUAL STOUGHTON DAY!**

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
11 AM - 3 PM**

**The event will take place at Halloran Park  
on Pierce Street in Stoughton**

**BE SURE TO STOP BY OUR BOOTH  
AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!**

Scan to visit our website

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



**VENDOR TABLES  
LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD TRUCKS  
FACE PAINTER  
TOUCH-A-TRUCK  
BALLOON ARTIST  
& MORE!**



**[www.stoughtonrec.org](http://www.stoughtonrec.org)**

15 PLEASANT ST STOUGHTON MA - RECREATION@STOUGHTON-MA.GOV - 781-341-1300 X9244

**SATURDAY, 9/28/2024  
11 AM - 3 PM  
HALLORAN PARK**



# STOUGHTON'S HOMETOWN OLYMPIAN

# FREDERICK RICHARD

KEY TO THE TOWN PRESENTATION



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, DOORS OPEN @ 11 AM

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



LET'S FLIP  
WITH FRED!

- We invite residents to welcome Frederick home from the Olympics with a VIP escort and awards presentation
- Listen to Frederick and his family speak about their journey to the Olympic Games
- Representatives honor Frederick and present him with a key to the Town
- Enter to win tickets to *"Gold Over America"* at TD Garden. Merchandise for sale before presentation
- No admission charge. Please arrive early and note this is not a meet and greet event

FALL EVENT | FOR KIDS



## Baby Storytime for Ages 0-2

**Fridays at 10:00 AM**

This interactive program is for babies from birth to age 2 and their caregivers. Join Ms. Amy & Ms. Stacey for a high energy storytime filled with songs, short stories, felt board activities and fingerplays.

No registration required.



**Stoughton Public Library**

84 Park St. | Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711 | [www.stoughtonlibrary.org](http://www.stoughtonlibrary.org)

# Community Preservation Committee Request for New Applications

September, 2024

The Stoughton Community Preservation Committee is looking for citizens and groups to submit applications for funding under the Community Preservation Act at next year's Annual Town Meeting in May. The Community Preservation Fund supports a diverse variety of proposals that seek to improve the quality of life for the people of Stoughton.

Projects that can be funded by Stoughton's Community Preservation Fund can qualify in any of four categories: Open Space, Community Housing, Recreation or Historic Preservation. To see a sampling of Stoughton's CPA-funded projects, go to:

<https://www.stoughton.org/DocumentCenter/View/1097/CPA-Funded-Projects-PDF>

Application forms are available online at:  
<https://www.stoughton.org/413/CPA-Fund-Application-Forms>

**Pre-applications, which are the first step in applying for funding, are due by September 25th.**  
**Full applications are due by October 25th.**

We will also be holding an informational public hearing on  
Tuesday, October 8th  
in the Fitzpatrick Room at Town Hall,  
and accessible online at [meet.google.com/sgi-wovg-jra](https://meet.google.com/sgi-wovg-jra)  
or by calling 347-947-1811 and using PIN

Please address any questions and submit all applications to  
Community Preservation Committee Program Administrator  
Barry Kassler at [bKassler@Stoughton-MA.gov](mailto:bKassler@Stoughton-MA.gov).

# Pottery Wheel Workshop

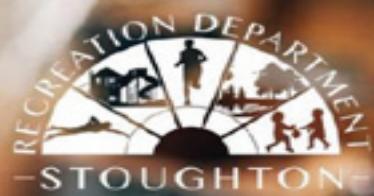
**FRIDAY 9/20**

5-7 PM

AGES 16+

\$75 RES, \$90 NON-RES  
REC CENTER, 15 PLEASANT ST

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



## TINY TYKES SOCCER

Ages 2-5

Sundays 9/15-10/20 at 9, 10, and 11 am | Halloran Park

TinyTykes is an exciting program focusing on the development of children aged 2-5 years old. British soccer experts and child development professionals have designed an innovative curriculum that introduces your young soccer stars to the basic skills needed in soccer as well as developing their motor, social, and psychological skills. There are no teams, this is a skills and drills program.

Sign up now at

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



# HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE

**DROP OFF: 9/4-9/30**

**COSTUME EXCHANGE: 10/10 2-5 PM**



Costume Drop-Off: Bring your costumes in individually labeled clear plastic bags to the Recreation Department during business hours 15 Pleasant St. Mon-Wed 8:30-4:30 pm, Thurs 8:30-7 pm, Fri 8:30-12 pm. We will not accept bins of costumes or any costumes in bulk not individually packaged. DO NOT leave bags outside of building

Costumes must be in great condition with no damage, stains or missing pieces. The goal of this is to pass along costumes in great condition to others in our community, not just to get rid of junk or things we simply no longer want.

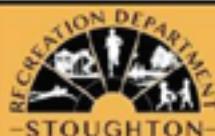
Costume Exchange: Thursday, October 10th, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at 15 Pleasant Street. Join us to see if your child can find a new Halloween Costume! Costumes will be available as 1 per person, first come first served

***Free event. Pre-registration for costume exchange is required.***

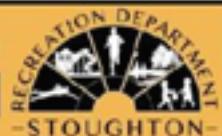
***You do not need to donate a costume to register.***



recreation@stoughton-ma.gov | 15 Pleasant St. | Mon-Wed 8:30-4:30 pm, Thurs 8:30-7 pm, Fri 8:30-12 pm



**WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG**



# ***"Join Our Team"***



**Base salary of 77K-104K  
based on experience and education  
incentives of 10%-20%-25%**

**Industry leading detail pay structure  
and overtime pay**

**23-37 vacation days - 16 sick days  
and other time off available**

**Plenty of advanced training opportunities  
and career advancement**

**Tattoos? Beards? NO PROBLEM**

***Interested? Have Questions?  
Contact us today for more information***



*Character Commitment Community*

## **StoughtonPolice.com**

**The Town of Stoughton is an Equal Opportunity Employer**



TOWN OF STOUGHTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

# Public Safety Health and Wellness Program

The Stoughton Public Safety Health and Wellness Program's purpose is to support the Stoughton First Responders who serve us night and day, 365 days a year. The Health and Wellness Program and it's efforts are committed to helping protect these heroes as they so properly deserve. Through using proactive approaches such as one on one support, physical exercise, and health and wellness initiatives we hope to help our first responders live healthier lives.



People First



Proactive  
Tactics



Team  
Mentality



## WHAT WE DO

- Weekly Exercise Options
- Resources for personal health
- Teaching and Training Engagements
- Market Analysis and Crop Economics
- Personal Support for all Police and Fire Employees

Donations and gifts are kindly accepted by this program

Checks can be made payable to "Town of Stoughton" w/ the memo line "Public Safety Wellness Program"  
Please mail to 10 Pearl St Stoughton MA ATTENTION TO : Human Resources



Call Us  
(781) 815-7952



Public Safety Wellness Coordinator  
[BMokrisky@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:BMokrisky@stoughton-ma.gov)



Our Location  
10 Pearl St. Stoughton MA 02072  
(next to the Credit Union)



## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with local Latina authors

These women are part of the [Extraordinary Latinas Book Vol III](#).

This is a book of stories of Extraordinary Latinas who triumphed over challenges, shattered barriers, pursued their dreams, challenged the status quo, embraced their identities, and demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination in the face of adversity.

Join us in a candid and needed conversation where we will cultivate and nurture a sense of community and belonging for Latinx during this Hispanic Heritage Month.



**Maria Gonzalez**  
M&A Supplier Diversity  
Consultants



**Leonela Gonzalez - Fogarty**  
English 4 Life Network



**Ilhiana Rojas Saldana**  
United Latinas  
BeLIVE Coaching and Consulting



**Dulce Orozco**  
Latina Immigrant Therapist

**Stoughton Public Library**  
**84 Park St. Stoughton**  
**September 26th 2024**  
**6:30 pm-7:30 pm EST**

**STOUGHTON OASIS COALITION PRESENTS:**

# **HOPE & RECOVERY**

## **A Panel Discussion**

*Hear from a panel of local individuals about their recovery journeys and messages of HOPE for individuals and families struggling with substance use disorder, followed by time for your questions.*

**Wednesday, September 25th**

**6:30-8:30pm**

**Stoughton Public Library**



Thanks to a generous donation from Audio & Lighting Unlimited,  
light refreshments will be provided

Questions? Call Christine at 774-517-7006

# YOGA AT GLEN ECHO

with Higher Fidelity Yoga

WEDNESDAYS, 9/18-10/23

4:00-5:00 | AGES 16+ | \$90

Yoga is more than movement! This class is perfect for anyone. If you are brand new to yoga or have been attending classes for years there's something here for everyone. In each class you will have time to explore postures, ask questions or focus on your breath and settle into the sequence - this class is for all experience levels. Participants should bring their own yoga mat or thick towel and a bottle of water. *This program is outdoors and weather dependent.*

**Pre-registration required**

[www.StoughtonRec.org](http://www.StoughtonRec.org)



# SKATEBOARDING WITH KNUCKLEBONES

**SUNDAY 9-15-24  
1 PM - 4 PM | AGES 7-15**

**Gibbons Elementary School Basketball Courts**



The beginner class requires little to no experience and teaches the fundamentals of skateboarding. This class is weather-dependent and all participants need a skateboard, pads and a helmet



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# CLAY CLUB



Tuesdays 9/17-10/8

3:30-4:30 pm

Ages 11-16 | \$45

15 Pleasant St

[www.StoughtonRec.org](http://www.StoughtonRec.org)



## TEDDY BEAR TEA PARTY

Tuesday 10/15 | 10:00-11:15 AM | Ages 1.5-5 | \$25 res, \$35 non-res

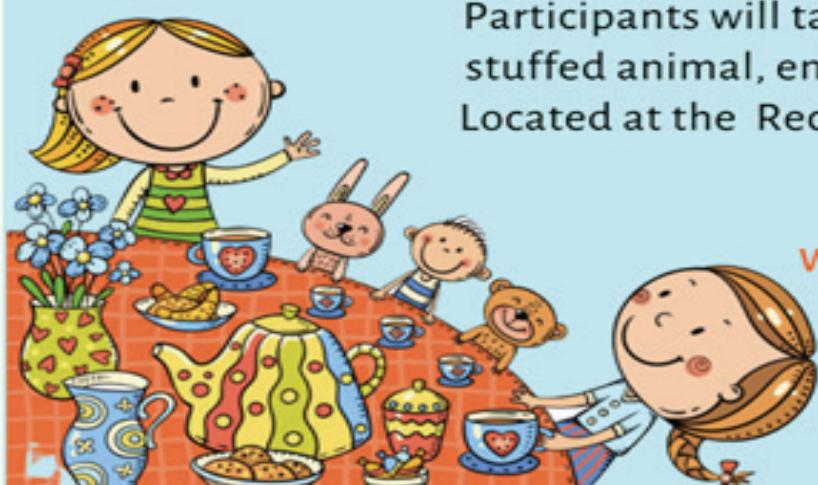
Tuesday 10/15 | 3:30-4:45 pM | Ages 4-7 | \$25 res, \$35 non-res

Wear your finest party clothes and create your very own stuffed animal with *Teddy Town!*

Participants will take turn creating their own stuffed animal, enjoy a snack, and do a craft!  
Located at the Rec Building at 15 Pleasant St.

Registration open now!

[www.StoughtonRec.org](http://www.StoughtonRec.org)





## ENJOY TIME AWAY AT THE BRIGHT DAY CAFÉ

### **BRIGHT DAY CAFÉ**

**Second Thursday | 1:00-2:30PM**  
**Stoughton Council on Aging**  
**110 Rockland St, Stoughton**

Brightview Canton, in partnership with The Stoughton Council on Aging and the Old Colony YMCA, brings to Stoughton and the surrounding area the Bright Day Café. This is a welcoming space for people living with dementia or memory loss and their care partners. The Bright Day Café is designed to engage and entertain all who attend in a safe and welcoming atmosphere where we focus on strengths and forget about limitations. Join us on the second Thursday of each month for refreshments, conversation, and fun.

**BRIGHTVIEW**  
SENIOR LIVING  
CANTON



**Our next Bright Day Cafe**  
**September 12th 1:00-2:30**

refreshments and music bingo  
Contact Theresato RSVP



# A Message from the Town Manager's Office!

To: Select Board Members  
From: Thomas J. Calter  
Re: South School Independent Working Group  
Date: September 4, 2024



Thomas Calter  
Town Manager

As all of you know, I created an independent working group to hear, consider and vet information regarding the South School Project. **This group is not a subcommittee of any board.** It is a working group consisting of objective residents who share different viewpoints and backgrounds in the community. It includes 4 PhD's and 3 attorneys and several Town Meeting Representatives. The working group is tasked with receiving citizen questions and concerns and then meeting with subject matter experts to gather and vet information. The working group's mission is fact driven. It therefore needs to determine what is true and not true; what, based upon the facts, is ultimately what is or is not appropriate to publish for our citizens' information. To accomplish that mission, the working group must necessarily be driven by a collaborative group process in order to prepare a comprehensive document to be published in November.

Although a working group created by a Town Manager, is not subject to the Open Meeting Law, this working group has welcomed the public to participate at every meeting it has held. Members of the public have taken full advantage of this approach and have participated so actively that the working group has essentially become a round table discussion. For anyone who would like to attend but who has not, I invite you to do so. The working group has been a model of public participation and transparency. I am very proud of how well it has engaged the public and how well it has carefully and considerately sifted through this voluminous, complicated and complex information.

I am aware that project opponents have raised concerns about the applicability of the Open Meeting Law. Long-standing and well-established decisions of the Courts and the Division of Open Government have held that a working group appointed by a single municipal official, who himself or herself is not subject to the Open Meeting Law, is not a subcommittee of a board and therefore not subject to the open meeting law. Connelly v. School Committee of Hanover, 409 Mass. 232 (1991). Like all working sessions conducted in my office every day. This working group does not need to post agendas. It does not need to invite the public. It does not need to recognize the public. It does not need to take minutes and it does not need to record its meetings. Notwithstanding the Law, the working group has welcomed the public and encourages their input. Should members of the public wish to submit questions to the working group, please send those questions to [ssworkinggroup@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:ssworkinggroup@stoughton-ma.gov). Your questions will be addressed in the final report in November.

A subcommittee under the Open Meeting Law and Robert's Rules of Order would simply not be as effective nor as efficient. Video recording or live streaming the meetings would be contrary to the mission of the working group because incomplete and potentially inaccurate information would be put out in public before the working group could perform its task. In any event, per Article 5, Section 3 of the Town's Access Agreement with SMAC, SMAC is only obligated to record Select Board meetings, School Committee meetings and Town Meeting. While the Town Manager may request that additional meetings be recorded, it is solely within the Town's discretion whether to record other meetings or not. The working group will ultimately produce a report. That report will be a public document which will be posted on the Town's website and available for all to see. Again, I am very pleased with how well the working group has engaged the public and how well it has carefully and considerately sifted through this very complicated and significant public project. In my view, it has been a model of public participation and transparency. For anyone who would like to attend but who has not, **I invite you to do so**. The meetings are held at the Library each Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **All are welcome.**