

Stoughton Town Crier

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Stoughton Community Connect

Together, Building a Safer Community Through
Prevention, Preparedness & Response



CREATE OR UPDATE YOUR PROFILE TODAY

1 Create account

Sign in for free and get started doing your part. It just takes your email, phone number and address.

2 Enter the info that matters most

Enter valuable information that can help us assist more effectively during an emergency.

3 Help your Fire Department when seconds count

That's it. Just keep us updated when things change overtime so we can always be prepared.

WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION CAN I PROVIDE?

For Households

Any information you provide through Community Connect is completely voluntary and based on what you are comfortable sharing. We have made it easy for you to know what may be important by organizing your secure portal into buckets of information you can enter.

For Businesses

Enable your business, school, age-care facility or other public location First Responders with critical information, valuable emergency plans and more - available at a moment's notice in the event of an incident. Stay aware with notifications from First Responders through text messages in the event they are ever dispatched to your property.



Your Property



Your People



Your Plans



Your People



Your Needs



Your Pets



Your Property



Your Contact Info

HOW SECURE IS MY DATA AND HOW IS IT USED?

Data that you provide Community Connect is secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving you during emergency situations. Your information is never used for any other purpose. All logins are password protected with bank level encryption and security. If you're comfortable logging in to your online bank you'll be comfortable logging in to Community Connect.



Community Connect is
Safe & Secure

This week at SMAC TV...

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

Interested in becoming a
Member of SMAC?

For more information contact
Anya Zulawnik,
Station Manager
781-341-1708
azulawnik@stoughtontv.com



421 Page Street, Suite 2, Stoughton

SMAC'S ANNUAL MEETING

**WILL BE HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 13TH AT 6:30PM
421 PAGE STREET, SUITE 2**

Election results for two Board Members will be announced.
Paid SMAC Members must have their ballots returned to
SMAC no later than 5:30PM on May 13th.

Deadline to become a paid member and vote in this election is April 23, 2025.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

www.stoughtontv.com

TEEN EXTREME



**Entering Grades 7-11
\$180/week | 8:30am-2:30pm
Limited Spots Available!**

2025 Field Trips:

- wk 1- Starland, Altitude, United Skates of America
- wk 2- Castle Island, Central Rock Gym, Ames Pond, Xtreme Craze
- wk 3- Tree Top, Urban Air, United Skates, Boston Bowl
- wk 4- Altitude, Dove & Busters, Water Wizz, Ames Pond
- wk 5- Castle Island, WOO SOX, United Skates, Xtreme Craze
- wk 6- Gillette Stadium, on site carnival day, Water Wizz



For more information please visit www.stoughtonrec.org



Attention
Town Meeting
Members

Town Meeting Books have been mailed out

If you have not received yours, contact Town Clerk's Office

Tuesday, April 29 • 6-8PM • Virtual

**Executive Summary of FY 26 Annual Town Meeting
& Special Town Meeting**

All Town Meeting Reps received an email regarding this virtual meeting,
please refer to join

Thursday, May 1 • 7PM • Middle School

Organizational Town Meeting

Monday, May 5 • 7 PM Sharp • S.H.S. Auditorium

Town Meeting

New Town Meeting Members

Please go to the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours
to be sworn in

Weekly Recycle Starts This Week!

Good News!

On **April 22, 2025** the Stoughton DPW will begin **Weekly Recycling Pickup**.

We appreciate Stoughton residents' waste minimization initiative and recycling efforts, which eliminated **1700 tons** of municipal waste from circulation. We want to keep this trend on the right trajectory and make it even easier for you through this **weekly recycling pickup**.

Your pickup date and route will **remain the same**; all you need to do is place out your bins.

Help Us Help You!



This flyer is printed on recycled paper.

CREATE YOUR OWN PODCAST



4/22-4/24 | 1pm-4pm | Gr. 5-9 | \$25

Join SMAC & Stoughton Recreation for an exciting "Create Your Own Podcast" program this April break! Participants will dive into the world of podcasting and develop your own unique audio story! Whether you're interested in sharing your passion for storytelling or simply having fun with friends, this program will provide you with the skills and tools necessary to bring your ideas to life.



WEDNESDAY 4/23 @2:30PM

TEEN

Paint Party

Let's celebrate creativity together!

Stoughton Public Library
84 Park St. * Stoughton, MA * 781-344-2711





THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board
NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

144 Production Road, Suite C, Walpole, MA 02081

(781) 762-3681

www.norfolkcountymosquito.org



ROBIN L. CHAPPELL NORMAN P. JACQUES LINDA R. SHEA RICHARD J. POLLACK, PhD
Commissioners

DAVID A. LAWSON
Director

CAROLINE E. HAVILAND
Operations Manager

To: Boards of Health

From: David A. Lawson, Director,
Norfolk County Mosquito Control District

Date: April 10, 2025

Re: Notice of Aerial Larval Control Application

In accordance with 333 CMR 13.04 (7) (a & b), please consider this as notification of the pending aerial application targeting mosquito larvae in the wetlands in the District.

The Norfolk County Mosquito Control District will be conducting helicopter applications of the biorational larvicide Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) to control mosquito larvae. These applications will be conducted over specific large wetlands in the Towns of:

**Avon/Bellingham/Braintree/Canton/Dedham/Dover/Foxboro/Franklin/
Holbrook/Medfield/Medway/Millis/Milton/Needham/Norfolk/Norwood/
Plainville/Randolph/Sharon/Stoughton/Walpole/Westwood/
Weymouth/Wrentham**

These applications will be conducted over a likely 2 to 4-day window, lasting only 2 days, anytime between **April 16, 2025**, and **April 30, 2025**. ***As always, the weather in the spring is unpredictable. For this reason, the District cannot pin down actual application dates with any more accuracy at this time. We will send out further notices as the application date approaches.***

The trade name of the granular formulation of Bti to be used is VectoBac GS (EPA Reg. No. 73049-10). **This is not a "spray"**. For further information contact David A. Lawson, Director at (781) 762-3681 or the Boards of Health in the towns listed above. Information is also available on line at www.norfolkcountymosquito.org.

Respectfully submitted

David Lawson
Director



APRIL BREAK BABYSITTER TRAINING

Join the Stoughton Youth Commission as they offer training to those looking for the skills and knowledge to be a successful babysitter! This program is limited to Stoughton residents only. This program will take place at the Stoughton Public Library in the Children's Story Room

www.stoughtonrec.org

4/22-4/24 | \$30

Ages 12-18 | 10AM-Noon
Stoughton Public Library

This course includes:
Babysitter Certification
Basic Childcare Overview
Development of Leadership Skills
Babysitting Business Development
Basic First Aid Safety and knowledge



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Al Pacino: An Actor We Can't Refuse

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa



Join us in the 2nd floor Conference Room or on Zoom!

A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants 1 day prior to the program.

THURSDAY, MAY 8th
6:30 PM

Check out
Al Pacino's
new memoir:
'Sonny Boy'



COMING ATTRACTIONS:
THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH: GLENN CLOSE: OSCAR'S BRIDESMAID



To register for the film program,
please click on the title or date.
Or call the library at 781-344-2711.
For all of our programs visit the [Library calendar](#).



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" X/Twitter: @filmbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com www.frankmandosa.weebly.com



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 4th quarter Fiscal Year 2025 REAL ESTATE and PERSONAL PROPERTY tax bills are due May 1, 2025**, 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 May 1, 2025.

The 3rd and 4th quarter tax remittances were mailed in the same envelope on December 31, 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 accepts payments by credit and debit cards in the Collector's Office for all tax 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.

JULY 2025 OPEN PLAYGROUND Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1		Field Trip (optional): Altitude Trampoline Park (\$35)	Water Balloon Toss	 July 4th No Open Playground
Week 2	Tournament Tuesday	Field Trip (optional): Urban Air Adventure Park (\$50)		ICE CREAM DAY
Week 3	Tie-Dye Tuesday	Field Trip (optional): Ames Pond (Free!)	Magic Show	OLYMPIC DAY
Week 4	Tournament Tuesday	Game Show Day	Field Trip (optional): Water Wizz (\$50, Ages 8+)	DISNEY DAY
Week 5	Tie-Dye Tuesday	Field Trip (optional): Ames Pond (Free!)	Water Balloon Toss	Talent Show!

Open Playground is the
Town of Stoughton's
recreation summer
program for children
entering grades 1-6

Dates: 6/30/25-8/8/25

Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
with After Playground until
4:00 pm (separate
registration required)


Location: South Elementary
School 171 Ash St, Stoughton

Register weekly or for the
whole summer!

Sign up at
www.StoughtonRec.org

Contact Us:
781-341-1300 x9244
recreation@stoughton-ma.gov



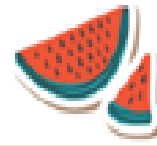


AUGUST 2025

Week 6	Tournament Tuesday	CARNIVAL DAY!	Field Trip (optional): Water Wizz (\$50, Ages 8+)	 LAST DAY
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This calendar is tentative and is subject to change

JULY 2025 PRE-PLAYGROUND Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 30	1 	2	3 Water Balloon Toss	4  July 4th No Open Playground
Week 2 7	8	9 Wacky Wednesday	10 	11 ICE CREAM DAY!
Week 3 14	15	16 	17 Magic Show	18 SUPERHERO DAY!
Week 4 21	22 	23	24 Visit from Sheriff's Office	25 DISNEY DAY!
Week 5 28	29	30 	31 Water Balloon Toss	1 PAJAMA DAY!

AUGUST 2025

Week 6 4	5	6 CARNIVAL DAY!	7 	8 LAST DAY!!
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Pre Playground is the Town of Stoughton's summer program for children ages 4-5

Dates: 6/30/25-8/8/25

Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: South Elementary School, 171 Ash St, Stoughton

Register weekly or for the whole summer!

Example Daily Schedule

8:30: Arrive
9:00 Morning Meeting
9:30 Outdoor Recess
10:30 Snack Time
11:00 Craft Time
11:30 Gym Time
12:30 Lunch
1:00 Indoor Recess
1:30 Craft Time
2:00 Afternoon Meeting
2:30 Depart

Sign up at
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STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:
A SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB PHOTOTOUR

The ultimate staycation. Tour the world from the comfort of your own library!

AFRICAN SAFARI with Bob Gee

Library Conference Room & on Zoom



THURSDAY, MAY 15TH
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Registration required. Zoom link will be sent 1 day before the program.

Click on the date above or visit
<https://www.stoughton.org/595/Attend> to sign up.

LITTLE SPORTS STARS

Thursdays 11:15 am–12:00 pm | 5/1–5/22

Ages 4–5 | \$25 | Halloran Park

Let's get outside and get our bodies moving!! Join staff from the Stoughton Recreation Department as we introduce the fundamentals of sports from soccer to baseball and even football! Each week the class will incorporate age appropriate skills to develop coordination, agility, and learn the importance of playing together as a team. Pre-registration required



Sign up today at

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

By Titus Media



Saturday
May 3, 2025



Time
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Community Room
Stoughton Public Library

We will provide **NO COST** headshots for use in digital profiles. Each participant will receive 1 headshot per person to be delivered by email. This event is for Adults only.

Space is limited, book your slot now by scanning this code and registering with the library at:



SCAN ME



VACATION STREET HOCKEY CLINIC

TUES-THURS 4/22-4/24 | \$45

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | AGES 7-14

GIBBONS SCHOOL BASKETBALL COURTS



Do you love hockey but don't know how to skate on ice? Or just love the sport? Join us for a street hockey clinic! The program is open to individuals ages 7-14 and we welcome all skill levels. We will rotate through stations each focusing on an individual skill and every day will end with an organized street hockey game. No equipment required, just sneakers and a water bottle. The program will be run by trainer and coach Jay Thebado



WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

A SATURDAYAFTERNOON CONCERT WITH STEVE TAPPER AND SHIRA MOSS FLUTE AND PERCUSSION DUO



STEVE TAPPER AND SHIRA MOSS

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**SATURDAY**

**MAY 10TH AT 2:00 PM**

**STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY ROOM**

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FREE ADMISSION

**84 PARK STREET
STOUGHTON, MA
(781) 344-2711**



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





At-Risk Emergency Biographical Information Form



This information will be retained and distributed to first responders for the sole purpose of identification and assistance to the person at risk should he/she wander, is in need of assistance, or there is any other type of emergency.



Blue Envelope Program

The **Blue Envelope Program** is an effort to ease communication between individuals on the autism spectrum and law enforcement during motor vehicle operator interactions.

BLUE ENVELOPE

Contents:

- Copy of driver's license
- DMV photo

Instructions to the Police Officer:

- The driver of the vehicle has a condition that may affect their ability to drive.
- Be sure you clearly explain your instructions in a helpful and non-threatening manner.
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Important Documents!

Provide a copy of the documents listed below to the officer in your vehicle.

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

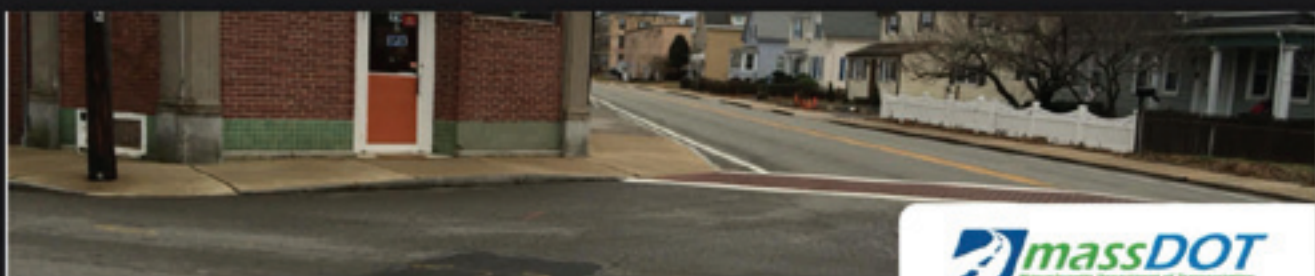
Driver on the autism spectrum:

- Take your hands off the steering wheel until otherwise directed. Keep the officer's car in your view.
- The officer may shine a flashlight in your car. This is to ensure your safety, and may have nothing to do with you.
- When the officer speaks to you, you may not hear that you have a **Blue Envelope**.
- The officer may ask questions in order to ensure if you need help or if there is a concern.
- If you are sitting in the car, please keep your hands on the steering wheel.
- The officer will provide a clear order. You will receive and hear all your car for the officer's car.
- Remain calm and steady. You may need to continue to wait in or wait until you are ready to leave.
- When the officer comes back to your car, they will return the end of the day to you and will not get your license.
- You may ask the officer to consider calling your emergency contact.

The Stoughton Police Department is partnering with the Norfolk County Sheriff to distribute **seat belt covers** to help first responders quickly identify people on the autism spectrum in an emergency.



Any questions, please contact SPDatriskinfo@stoughton-ma.gov



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Intersection Improvements at Canton St. (Route 27), School Street, Summer Street and Cushing Street Stoughton, MA

What is happening?

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed intersection design improvements at Canton St. (Route 27) at School St. and Summer St. and School St. at Cushing St. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

How will this affect you?

The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of the intersection of Canton St. (Route 27) at School St. and Summer St. and the intersection of School St. and Cushing St., and the roadway segment of School St. between Canton St. (Route 27) and Cushing St. The proposed work will include pedestrian improvements consisting of the installation of new curbing and sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, crosswalks, replacement of existing sidewalks and cyclist improvements consisting of shared use accommodations with shared lane markings. Traffic improvements will consist of new traffic signal installations at the intersection of Canton St. (Route 27) at School St. and Summer St. and the intersection of School St. and Cushing St.

When

Tuesday, June 3, 2025
6:30PM to 7:30PM

Attend

www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events



Visit www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events for more information or to view a recording of the presentation if you are unable to attend the meeting.



To ensure its meetings are accessible, MassDOT reasonably provides: translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, alternative formats, and auxiliary aids and services. To request such services, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer at 857-368-8580 or MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. For adequate time to process such request, please make them as early as possible, ideally 10 days prior to the event.

Project inquiries may also be emailed to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us. Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 611981**

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



April Vacation

April 21-25, 2025

All offices will be closed on Monday, April 21 for Patriots Day. The District Office & school offices will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 8am-3pm during the school vacation week. Some individual school offices may be closed due to vacation schedules. If your school's office is closed and you need immediate attention, please call 781-344-4000 x70100.

Students return to school on Monday, April 28, 2025.



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



Pricing: \$85.00 Including Tax

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

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

2 Colors available: Black and Terra Cotta.

**Call anytime or stop by the Engineering
office, 2ND 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

Stoughton Public Library



MUSEUM PASSES

**Museum Passes are for
Stoughton Residents Only.**

**You must have a valid adult library card to
reserve or take out a museum pass.**

**Museum passes offered, admission fees and
museum hours are subject to change
without notice.**

**We strongly recommend
contacting the museum directly
to confirm admission fees,
hours and offers**



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. 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

