

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 9, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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**Statement from Town Manager, Thomas J. Calter
in response to
Finance Committee Chair, Vaughan Enokian:**

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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday January 10, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Great Hall Town Hall • 10 Pearl Street 3rd floor
and virtually with Google Meets

In accordance with Governor Baker's declaration of June 16th, 2021 granting certain pandemic-related authorizations related to public board and town meetings and recently extended until March 31, 2023, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/bko-gmce-ydj

PHONE: 562-232-9377

PIN: 639 185 504#

The meeting may 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 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. **CONSENT AGENDA (a, b)**
 - a. Stoughton Ice Center - 57 French Street
2023 Renewal

 - b. ABCC Forms for Approval
 - Renewal Certification for 2023
 - Seasonal Population Form

3. 6:15 p.m. FY 2024 Operating and Capital Budget
(Continue Discussion)
 - Articles Table Master
 - Budget Master

Town of Stoughton



300 Anniversary Committee Volunteers Needed

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON STOUGHTON'S

300 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Your town government depends on participation by citizens who serve on Boards and Committees. Applications for appointment to the *Stoughton 300 Year Anniversary Celebration* are now being accepted in the Select Board office, 10 Pearl Street, 3rd Floor -Stoughton MA 02072. Applications are available on the Select Board webpage at www.stoughton.org/select-board or by calling the Select Board office at 781-341-1300, ext. 9212. Applicants will be interviewed at a future Select Board meeting. Positions are voluntary.

For general questions, please contact the Select Board office: 781-341-1300 Ext. 9212 or by email at dleblanc@stoughton-ma.gov.

Debra Roberts

Select Board Chair

STOUGHTON RECREATION

WINTER 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE



After-School Art Club with Molly *NEW ages!*

Tuesdays 1/17-2/7 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Grades 1-4

Location: Recreation Department | \$35

After-School Art and Nature with Mass Audubon

Mondays 1/23-5/22 | 3:30-5:00 pm | Ages 8-13 | FREE!

Location: Recreation Department

Chess Wizards - February Vacation *NEW!*

Tuesday-Friday 2/21-2/24 | 9 am - 12 pm | Grades 1-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$180

Craft & Play with Molly

Wednesdays 1/25-2/15 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Culinary Creations with Molly *NEW price!*

Tuesday 2/14 | 3:30-4:30 | Ages 6-11 | \$15

Thursday 3/9 | 3:30-5:00 | Ages 6-11 | \$15

Dance with Me with Starline Academy

Thursdays 1/19-2/16 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 1.5-3 years

Location: Starline Academy, 45 Monk St | \$70

Early Thursday Open Rec with Molly and Matt

Thursday 3/2 | 12-4 pm | Grades 5-10

Location: Recreation Department | \$5

EasyFit Exercise with Mary

Tuesdays & Fridays 1/10-4/14 | 10:30-11:30 am

Location: Stoughton VFW | \$2 per class

Gourmet on a Budget with Malcolm

Steak Dinner: Thursday 1/19 | 5:00-6:30 | Ages 16+

Location: Recreation Department | \$40

Hands-On Art with Molly *NEW!*

Tuesdays 2/28-3/21 | 3:30-4:30 | Grades 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$40

Holiday Story & Craft with Molly

Valentine's Day: Monday 2/13 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$5

Intro to Painting with Molly *NEW!*

Wednesdays 1/25-2/15 | 3:30-4:30 | Ages 9-13

Location: Recreation Department | \$35

Kids Ceramics & Crafts with Laurice

Wednesday 3/1-3/22 | 3:30-4:30 | Ages 9-13

Location: Recreation Department | \$45

Kids Night Out with Rec Staff

Friday 2/10 | 5-9 pm | Ages 6-12

Location: Recreation Department | \$10

Little Ballerinas with Starline Academy

Thursdays 1/19-2/16 | 11-11:45 am | Ages 3-5 years

Location: Starline Academy, 45 Monk St | \$70

Mass Audubon Lecture Series

Owls of MA | 1/11 | 11 am | Ages 18+

Love is in the Air | 2/15 | 11 am | Ages 18+

Maple Sugaring | 3/22 | 11 am | Ages 18+

Spring in MA | 4/12 | 11 am | Ages 18+

Location: Recreation Department | FREE!

MAXX Monsters with Coach Mike *NEW ages!*

Tuesdays 1/17-2/14 | 6-7 pm | Ages 8-11 | \$65

Location: MAXX Training Gym

Tumble Time with Molly and Winnie

Tuesdays 1/24-2/14 | 10-10:45 | Ages 3-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Winter Watercolor Wreath Workshop with Laurice

Thursday 1/26 | 5:30-6:30 pm | Ages 16+

Location: Recreation Department | \$15

To sign up or for more info, visit
www.StoughtonRec.org

All dates, times and locations are subject to change. For the most up to date info, please visit our website or contact the office recreation@stoughton-ma.gov or 781-341-1300 x9244. Prices listed are for Stoughton residents, non-resident rates may apply.

Stoughton Council on Aging



Valentine's Cookie Decorating

with Nana's Sweet Treats

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

12:00 P.M.

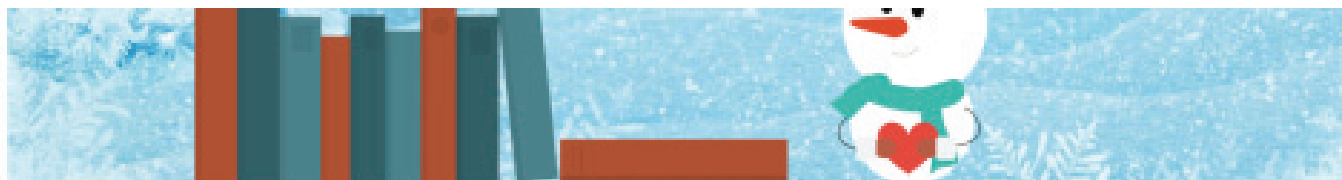
Pre-registration and payment is required at sign-up.

We will be picking up trees
on your recycle day
for the month of January.

The tree must be bare..

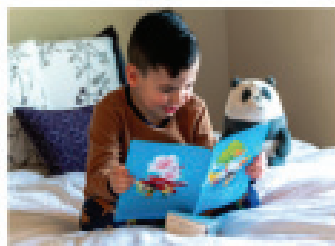


Stoughton Public Works Department



WINTER EVENTS | FOR KIDS

January Programs



Virtual Pajama Storytime

Join Ms. Amy for bedtime stories and songs! Wear your pajamas and get ready for a fun and relaxing storytime! Geared towards ages 2-8 but all are welcome. Registration required. This is a Zoom event and the link will be sent one hour prior to the event.

**Tuesday January 3rd
at 6:30 pm.**



Drop in Chess For ages 5-12 and their Caregivers

Join our volunteers for some chess in the children's room. Children should already have a basic grasp on the game but some instruction is available. Caregiver supervision is required.

Wednesdays at 5 pm.



Winter Yoga with Hitaishi Sullivan ages 3-8

Join Hitaishi Sullivan for some relaxing winter yoga! A yoga session full of creative winter poses and snowy stretches. Registration Required.

**Saturday January 7th
at 10:00 am.**

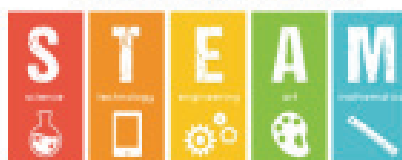


Little Lego Club For ages 2-6

Free play Lego fun for ages 2-6 and their caregivers. Lego Club meets monthly.

Registration required.

**Monday January 9th
at 10:00 am.**



STEM Engineering Challenges for ages 7-12

Join FrankenS.T.E.A.M and the SPL to learn about engineering with series of fun building challenges! Challenges include marble runs, magnets, manga tiles, Legos and dash robots.

Registration Required.

**Thursday January 12th
at 3:30 pm.**



Lego Club for ages 5-12

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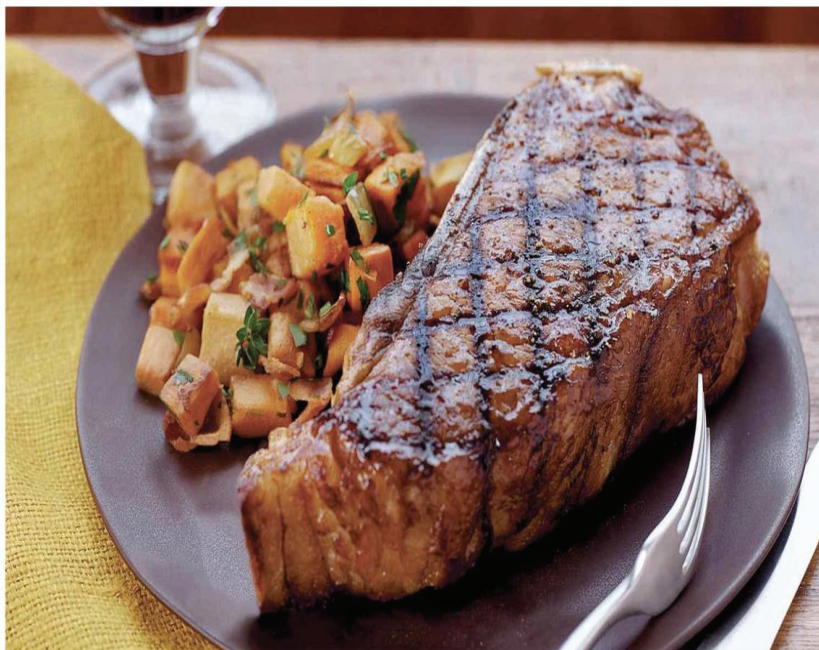
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**Monday January 30th
at 3:30 pm.**

Gourmet ON A BUDGET

WITH MALCOLM GREEN

*Stoughton Business Owner and
two-time "Masterchef" Contestant*



STEAK DINNER

THURSDAY 1/19 | 5:00-6:30 pm

TO REGISTER, VISIT

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG





Stoughton Public Works Curbside Trash Pickup



DO

DO's and DON'Ts of Curbside Trash Pickup

- Have trash/recycling curbside at 7AM on scheduled day, not before 4PM previous day.
- Trash must be bagged (no larger than 32-gallon barrel size) – no loose trash.

No cleanouts – household trash only

The following items cannot be disposed of curbside:



DON'T

- Yard waste
- Textiles
- Porcelain materials (toilets, sinks, etc.)
- Construction debris
- Motor parts
- Hazardous waste – oils, acids, batteries
- Tires

Please do not place the following items at curbside until you call the DPW Office at (781) 344-2112 to schedule a pickup or you can drop off these items at the DPW Headquarters located at 950 Central Street.

- Tube Televisions
- White Goods such as
- Appliances
- Refrigerators
- Washing machines, dryers
- Air conditioners
- Household metal and wood items
- Mattresses and Box springs



Please scan the QR code above for additional information or call the DPW office at (781) 344-2112 if you have additional questions.

Let's Keep our Neighborhoods Clean!

Charcuterie Board Making Class

with Gather and Graze

Thursday, February 9, 2023 • 2 P.M.



Join us at the Stoughton COA as we host Sean from Gather and Graze Charcuterie Boards, for a fun and delicious class where you will create your very own charcuterie board!

Learn tips and ideas on how to make the perfect snacking board to enjoy for yourself or to wow guests at your next get-together.

Everything you need to build your board is supplied and you will take your creation home to enjoy!

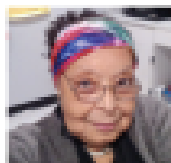
Class is \$20. Space is limited so please pre-register at the COA.

Payment is due at time of sign up.

Please call 781-344-8882 for more information.

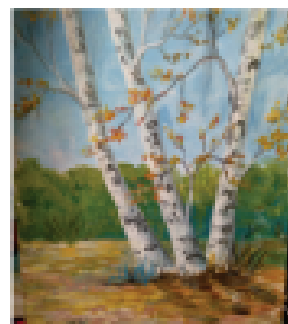
Stoughton Council on Aging

Step by Step Painting Classes for Adults with Wanita



Birch Trees

Thursday, January 19
6:00-8:00PM



Ship at Sunset

Thursday, January 26
6:00-8:00PM

*Join popular art teacher Wanita Gomes as she guides you
step-by-step to make an abstract painting.*

Registration is required and space is limited.*

***Due to the popularity of painting classes, please register for 1
of these 2 evening programs.***

To register, please visit our Event Calendar at www.stoughton.org/library

***This program is open to adults only and
Stoughton residents receive first priority.***

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Mindfulness Yoga

Tuesday, January 17 & Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Start 2023 off in a calming class focused on stress reduction and healing. Join us as Certified Yoga Instructor Andrea Hobkirk, of the Mindfulness Project, will teach us how to meditate and calm our bodies by using our breath. She will talk about ways to reduce conflict and discuss what mindfulness means. We will stretch our bodies and do holding yoga poses. Classes end with positive affirmations.

To visit Andrea's website, go to: <https://www.themindfulnessproject.biz/home>

All are welcome and the program is free!

For more information, call 781-344-8882



proudly presents a Zoom Series:

Civics for Adults

With Donna L. Cohen, M.L.I.S, M.Ed. Teacher and Librarian

Moderated by Suzanne Sausville, Reporter & Anchor at WBZ News Radio 1030

Free, but pre-registration required.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/civicsadults2>



Jan 11, 2023
6 pm

**Workshop 2:
Citizen Activism 101
Making Change**



2 more upcoming workshops:

- Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Financing
- The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?
Democracy, the Constitution and Representation in Congress



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Book Club

Adults • Open to everyone 18+

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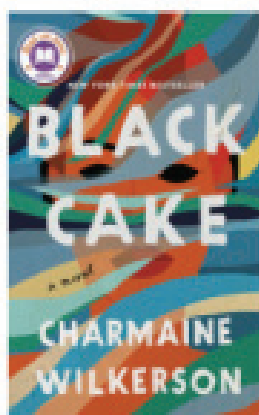
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Wednesday, January 11th
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

January's selection is *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley. The book is available at the library as well as through the Old Colony Library Network as well as electronically on the library's free Libby App. It is also on the library's circulating Kindles that are available for check out.

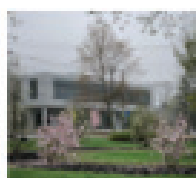


For those who like to plan ahead, here's what's coming up:



Wednesday, February 8th
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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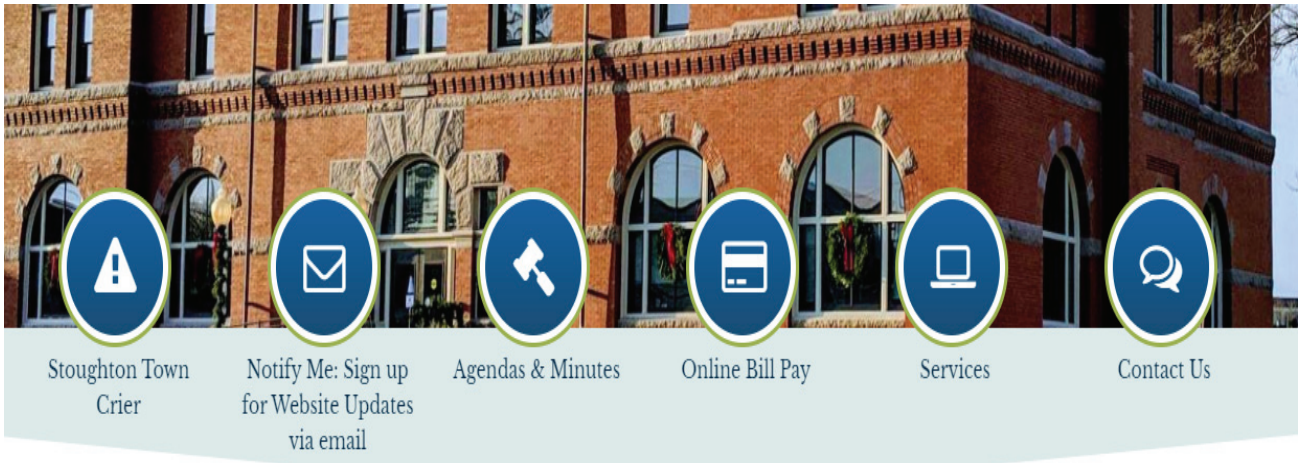
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Town of Stoughton Residents Stay Informed



Please go to our website Stoughton-ma.gov
Click on “Notify Me” button on our homepage
and sign up to receive Town Alerts & News
only your e-mail is required

You may select one or more lists from the section below

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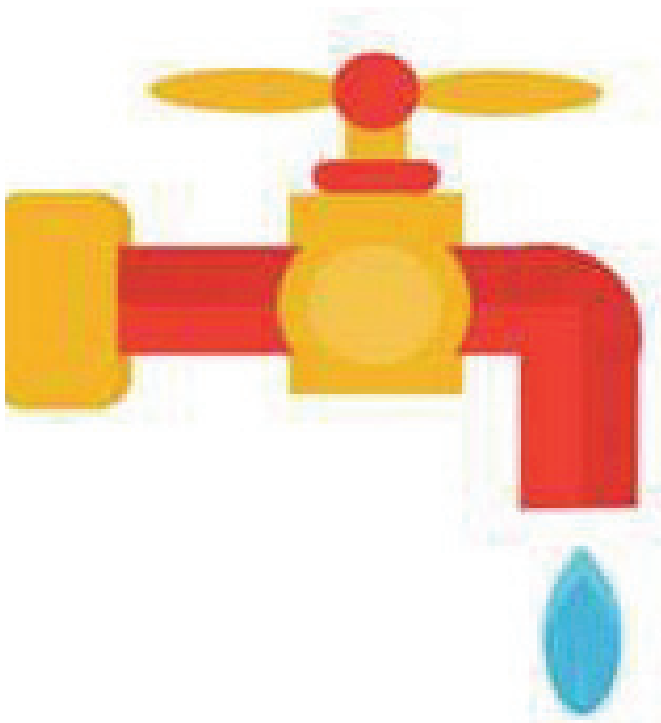
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Water Department

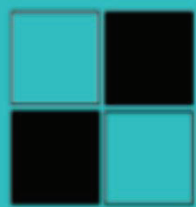


We have made available water with lower levels of PFAS6 available for residents concerned about consuming water with PFAS, particularly the sensitive subgroups (pregnant or nursing women, infants and people diagnosed by their health care provider to have a compromised immune system);

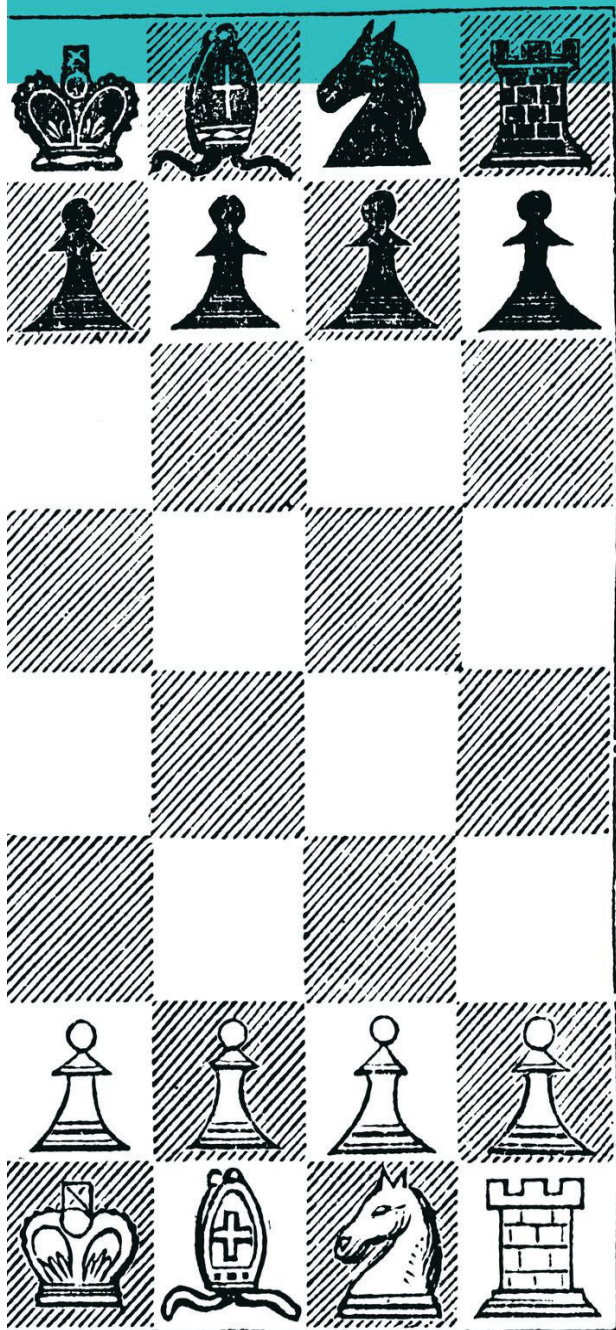
**Plain Street WTP at 750 Plain Street,
Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm and
weekends 7:30 am to 11:00 am.**



**Directions:
Traveling Plain St.
towards Bay Road
cross over West Street,
look for yellow open gate
on your left,
follow long driveway
to last building
on your left.**



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FEBRUARY BREAK CHESS WIZARDS

TUES-FRI 2/21-2/24

9 AM- 12 PM

GRADES 1-5

NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY



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FEBRUARY BREAK CERAMICS

FEBRUARY 21-23 | 1-4 PM | AGES 9-14 | \$45

Do you have an artist at home looking for something fun to do over February vacation? Join us for a whole week of ceramics! Learn about the whole process of molding, slip, glazing and more! Please wear clothes that can get messy

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