

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 23, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Legal Notice
INVITATION TO BID
Fire Station One - New Construction Project

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OFFICE OF
THE TOWN CLERK

The Town of Stoughton, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from pre-qualified and approved General Bidders and pre-qualified and approved Filed Sub-Bidders for construction activities related to the Stoughton Fire Station One Project, located at 400 Prospect Street. The project includes the construction of a new two-story fire station of approximately 25,500 square feet, including related site utilities and improvements, and a new access drive from Prospect Street. The new building will include apparatus vehicle and maintenance spaces and related storage and support spaces, workspace/work stations, and living quarters for first responders.

The preliminary estimated project construction cost is approximately \$18,000,000. DCAMM Certification is required

Bid Forms and Contract Documents shall be available online at www.Projectdog.com beginning on January 25, 2023 Project Code 853227

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Stoughton Town Hall 3rd Floor Great Hall 10 Pearl Street Stoughton on February 1, 2023 11:00 am

Bidders that have been pre-qualified for this project and only those that have been approved may submit. This project is being bid electronically through Project Dog, Project Code 853227

Electronic Bids will be received for General Contractor Bids until 2:00pm on March 8, 2023
Electronic Bids will be received for the Filed Sub Bids until 2:00pm on Feb 22, 2023

Prequalified Filed Sub-Bidders are eligible to submit bids for the following categories in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149, section 44F, which are described by the Specification sections indicated: Masonry, Miscellaneous Metals, Waterproofing/Damp/Caulking, Roofing, Tile, Acoustical Ceilings, Resilient Flooring, Painting, *Elevators (*Elevators not prequalified), Fire Protection, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any minor deviation from a statutory requirement and to reject any or all General Contractors or Filed Sub-Bids if it determines that such contractors or sub bids do not represent the contractor or sub bids of a person competent to perform the work as specified; or that less than three such Sub-Bids are received and the prices are not reasonable for acceptance without further competition; or if such Sub-Bid is not one which conforms with Chapter 149, Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, of the General Laws as amended; or if such General Contractors or Sub-Bid is on a form not completely filled in, or is incomplete, conditional or obscure, or contains an addition not called for; provided, however, that the failure of the Awarding Authority to reject such a General Contractor or Sub-Bid within such period shall not validate such a bid nor preclude the Awarding Authority from subsequently rejecting it.

Fran Bruttaniti, Procurement Officer

Mass Audubon's Museum of American Bird Art

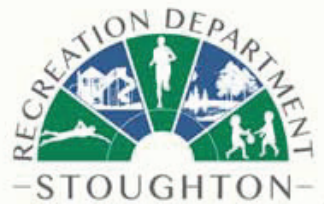
Nature Lecture Series

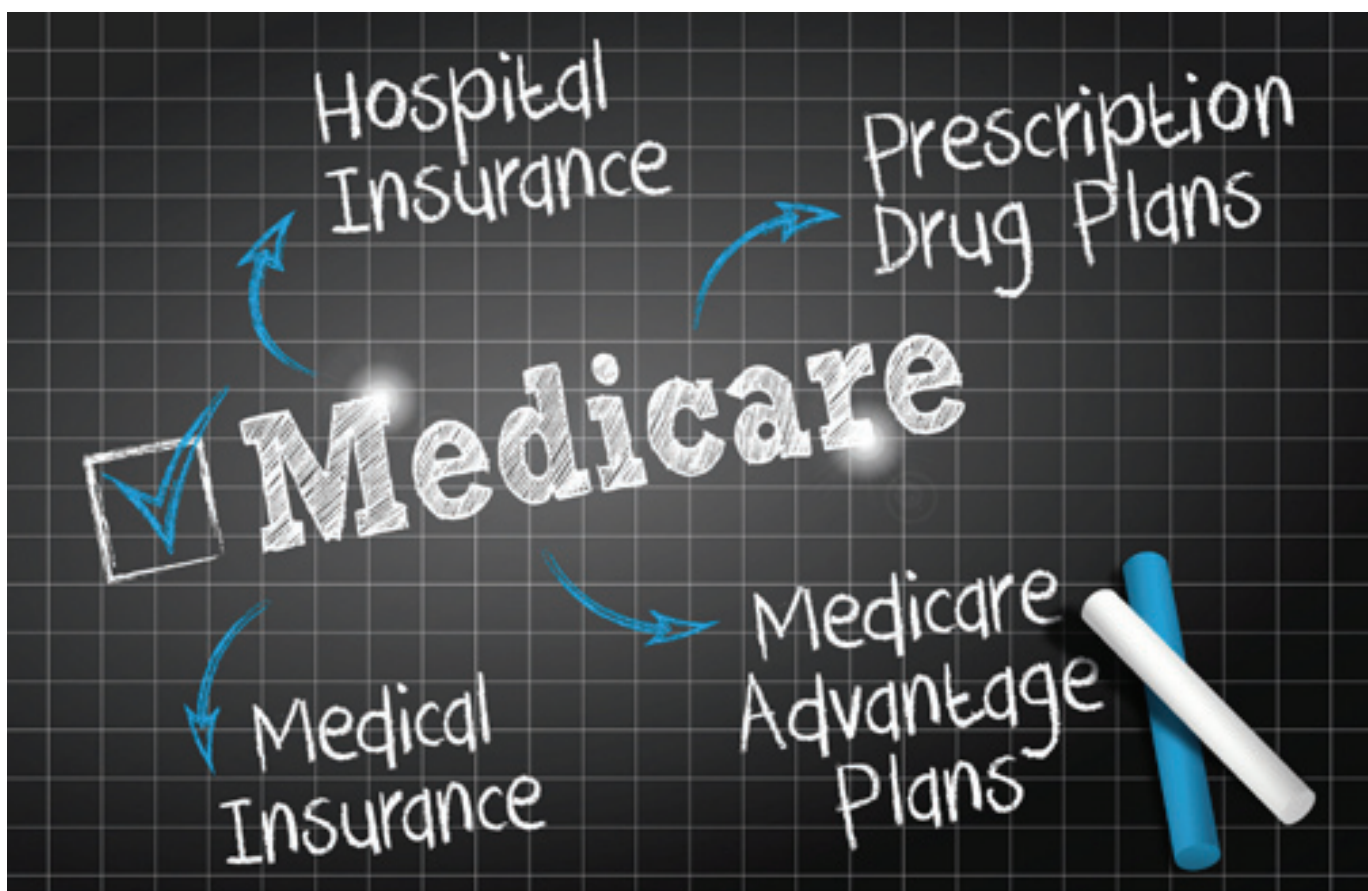
Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 pm

*Located at the Rec Center at 15 Pleasant St
This program is intended for adults. No registration required.*

Owls of MA - January 11th
Love is in the Air - February 15th
Maple Sugaring - March 22nd
Spring in MA - April 12th

Join biologist Sean Kent from the Mass Audubon's Museum of American Bird Art for an informative and interactive lecture series. Learn about the plants and animals in our backyard and ask any questions you may have.





Planning For Medicare- Presentation for those approaching Medicare Eligibility Thursday, February 9, 5:30 P.M.

Join us for a presentation and discussion led by a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts representative that is geared towards individuals approaching Medicare Eligibility. Topics to be covered will include health insurance information outside of employer-sponsored coverage, such as explanation of Medicare, the Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans and programs available to early retirees, and COBRA. This is a great presentation if you are still working but thinking about the future and your healthcare.

Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 P.M.

This is a free program. Please call 781-344-8882
for more information and to pre-register.
Pre-registration is required.

Van/Bus Driver Wanted Part-time



VAN/BUS DRIVER COUNCIL ON AGING

Town of Stoughton

The Town of Stoughton is seeking experienced individuals to fill one part-time/supplemental Van/Bus Driver position for the Stoughton Council on Aging. The maximum hours for this part time position is 19 hours/week.

Duties and responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to: Operating COA vans; picking up/transporting elderly and handicapped residents of the Town; supporting the operations of the Council on Aging services; and all other related work as required.

Applicant must possess a High School Degree or equivalent, a current MA license and a clean driving record. **Preferred:** CPR and first aid training, drivers training certificate. All applicants must be able to pass a criminal background or CORI check and a pre-employment physical including a PEPCAS test and a drug test.

Starting Salary: \$18.64/Hr.

Applications may be obtained and will be accepted until the positions are filled at: Department of Human Resources, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072 AA/EOE.

The Town of Stoughton is committed to the ongoing pursuit of strategic diversity initiatives that help to position diversity, equity, and inclusion as central to municipal and community-wide excellence in the town. In doing so, Stoughton strives for a town culture and environment that fosters a true sense of belonging for all and provides opportunity for everyone to participate equally and fully in the town, communities, and neighborhoods.

*"The Town of Stoughton is an **Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer** and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender or gender identity, familial status, disability, ancestry, age, marital status, public assistance status, sexual orientation, veteran history/military status or genetic information."*

Stoughton Council on Aging

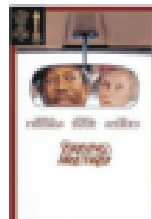
THE STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Black History Month Film Focus

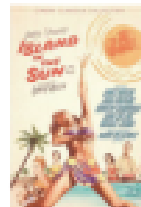
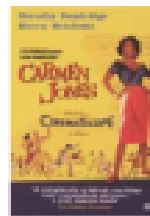
with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa

Wednesday, February 15th, 6:30pm

Morgan Freeman



Dorothy Dandridge



"She was the first African-American woman ever to be nominated for a Best Leading Actress Oscar, and he is an Oscar winner equally adept at both comedy and drama with an immediately familiar, career-defining speaking voice. Dorothy Dandridge and Morgan Freeman paid their dues in the tickle town of Hollywood, but their talents forged paths for future generations of actors who stand on their shoulders. Join us for a look at the lives and careers of these two icons of cinema!

Please visit www.stoughton.org/library & click on Event Calendar to register.
REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A ZOOM LINK 1 DAY PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM.



High school English and Film teacher, Frank Mandosa gives talks on a wide variety of film-related topics and has two movie podcasts, Silver Screeners (host) and Movies Across the Pod (co-host). Facebook movie group: "Silver Screeners" / Twitter: @filmbuff1974 / Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com www.frankmandosa.weebly.com



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Now Hiring Lifeguards!



We are looking for certified lifeguards
(or willing to become certified) for Ames Pond

Visit our website for job description and application
<https://www.stoughtonrec.org/info/dept/default.aspx>



We are looking for people
ages 16+ who are
lifeguard certified or
is willing to
become certified for our
Ames Pond staff
this summer.

If interested, complete an
application and return it to
the office via email at
[recreation@stoughton-
ma.gov](mailto:recreation@stoughton-ma.gov) or to our office at
15 Pleasant St
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Veteran & Spouses Coffee Hour

MONDAY 1/30

10-11:30 AM

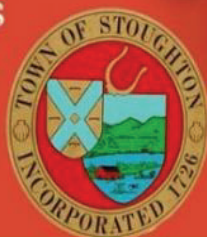
RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 15 PLEASANT ST

All are welcome!

Connect with other Veteran's
in town, their families, and
meet with Director of
Veteran's Services Sean
Butrica to learn how
Stoughton's Veteran's
Services can
best serve you



Stoughton Veterans' Services
can assist Veterans and their
families as they navigate
services and support





INTRO TO PAINTING

Wednesdays 1/25-2/15 | Ages 9-13 | \$40

Recreation Department, 15 Pleasant St

Join us for a fun class on the basics of painting! Express yourself using multiple types and styles of paint like water colors or abstract painting. Enjoy some time for art and relaxation and create a beautiful painting by the end of the program! If your child is into art, this class is for them!

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

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

The tree must be bare..



Stoughton Public Works Department

**OASIS & STOUGHTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT:**



**REGISTER
HERE**



Prevention Book Discussions

**THE ADDICTION INOCULATION
BY JESSICA LEAHY**

With the book as a guide, we will
discuss practical tips for parents
for preventing youth alcohol and
other drug use.

**Didn't read it? No problem.
We will summarize and have a discussion**

**In Person at the library or over ZOOM:
Thursdays, 7pm - 2/9; 3/9; 4/13 & 5/11
Join once or join them all!**

EARLY PHOTOGRAPHY IN STOUGHTON—PART 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT 6:30PM

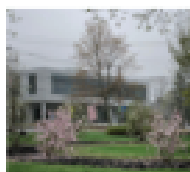
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM & ON ZOOM



PRESENTED BY JOHN CARABATSOS
DIGITAL ARCHIVIST, STOUGHTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Carabatsos, the Digital Archivist of the Stoughton Historical Society and creator of the Facebook site, [Stoughton Massachusetts Scrapbook-Photos & Memories](#), has worked extensively restoring historically important photographs for much of the last decade. John will present pictures taken by Stoughton photographers between 1900 and 1927, with a special focus on George Gerard and Stoughton family scrapbooks such as the Capen-Reynolds, whose pictures grace several of the Town's Memorial Booklets.

Visit the Event Calendar at www.stoughton.org/library
to register and to get the Zoom link.



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**The Singing
Grandpops
Musical
Performance
and
Luncheon
Thursday,
February 23, 2023
11:30A.M.**

This fun musical group from the Retired Men's Club of Arlington will perform after a light luncheon.

Menu includes choice of two-Chicken Salad, Egg Salad or Tuna Salad Finger Sandwiches and includes chips, dessert and beverages.

Lunch is at 11:30 A.M. Show starts at 12:30 P.M.

All are welcome! Tickets are \$5.

Pre-registration and payment is required at sign up.

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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.



proudly presents a Zoom Series:

Civics for Adults

With Donna L. Cohen, M.L.I.S, M.Ed, www.civictinker.info

Moderated by Joseph Feaster, Jr., Esq., SMAC Community Forum Host

Free, but pre-registration required.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/civicsadults3>



**Feb 15, 2023
7 pm**

**Workshop 3:
Beyond Voting:
Elections and
Campaign Financing**



Topics to be discussed

- Right to vote?
- Voter suppression / election subversion
- Election 2024 issues
- Redistricting / gerrymandering
- Alternative voting systems
- Campaign financing / contribution tracking



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From the office of Tom Calter, Town Manager

Statement from Town Manager,

Thomas J. Calter

in response to

Finance Committee Chair, Vaughan Enokian:



Fiscal 2023 Real Estate Tax Bill Error

I understand that there is some sort of error on the most recent tax bills sent out.

Do you have any information on what is going on with the error?

How did this error happen?

The Real Estate Property Tax bills for Fiscal 2023 that were mailed on December 31, 2022 displayed Fiscal 2022 assessed values in error, instead of Fiscal 2023 assessed values. This error will be rectified by producing and issuing a new bill. Any payments previously made will still be applied.

**** Please note that Personal Property Tax bills were not affected.**

Is the error higher or lower than what the bills should be?

In most cases the new and corrected Fiscal 2023 Real Estate Property tax bills will be higher.

Does this change the due dates of property taxes?

Yes, Fiscal 2023 Real Estate Property Tax bills for 3rd and 4th quarter will now have a due date of May 1, 2023. Personal Property Tax bills will remain due on February 1st and May 1, 2023.

Is the error percentage based on a flat rate off?

Neither, this issue was the wrong assessed values.

How much is the total of all the bills off?

The incorrect bill underestimated the tax liability by approximately \$7.12 million.

Is this error based on assessing?

As your Town Manager, I am accountable for the efficient operations of all departments. We have identified the cause of the error, taken action to correct it and instituted a management control system to ensure that it does not happen again.

How does this affect people that have their tax bill paid through a mortgage company?

If your mortgage company is typically notified by the Town, they will be notified of the corrected amount.

If they typically request that you provide them with a bill, you will need to provide them the corrected one.

When will corrected tax bills be received by taxpayers?

We anticipate that the corrected bill will be issued shortly. This has not been finalized yet and we will provide more details as they are available.

I apologize for the confusion this error may have caused. I assure you that we take these matters very seriously and will always endeavor to do quality work. Most importantly, I am committed to full transparency especially when we fall short of our own quality standards.

Please feel free to contact the Assessor and/or Treasurer/Collector if you have any additional questions.

Finally, I would like to thank Vaughan Enokian for asking all the right questions.