

Stoughton Town Crier

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Veteran & Spouses Coffee Hour

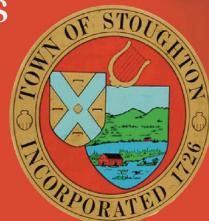
MONDAY 2/27
10-11:30 AM

RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 15 PLEASANT ST

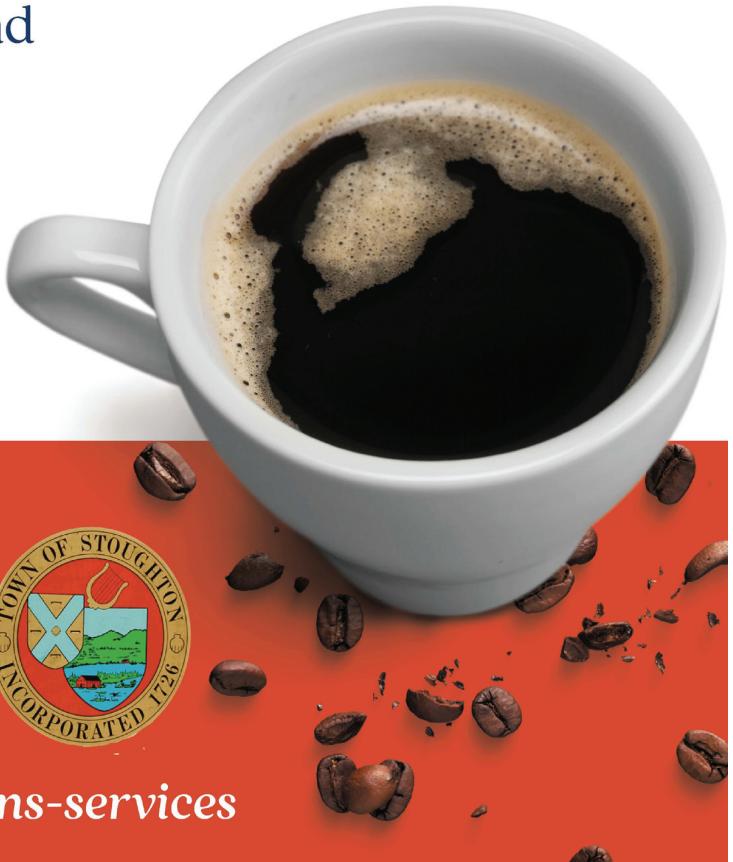
All are welcome!

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



www.stoughton.org/veterans-services



ONLINE PARENT SURVEY

PARENTS, your feedback is
VALUABLE and **EFFECTIVE** in
preventing youth substance use.

The OASIS Coalition has developed a survey to understand what resources would be most helpful to Stoughton parents and caregivers (like you) so that you can continue to support Stoughton youth in making healthy decisions.

This survey should only take about 5 minutes. Every question in the survey is optional and your participation is completely voluntary. All surveys are anonymous.



Thank you for your help!

SCAN the CODE

or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/4puxycc5>



For more information
visit Stoughton OASIS:
www.stoughtonoasis.org
Facebook :STOUGHTONOASIS

Bunny's Ladies Breakfast

Thursday, February 16th

8:30A.M.

**Our guest speaker this month will be
Chief Donna McNamara
of the Stoughton Police Department!**



**Join Bunny's Ladies for breakfast and social time at the COA.
All are welcome!**

**Pre-registration and payment is due at time of sign up please. \$11
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Stoughton Council on Aging
(781) 344-8882 • 110 Rockland Street



Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN TREASURER

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

Paula Nute, the Treasurer/Collector would like the taxpayers to know that the corrected **FY23 3rd and 4th quarter real estate tax bills will be mailed Friday, February 3, 2023.**

Payments received and posted to your tax bill before January 31, 2023, will be reflected on the corrected bill.

There will be two remit slips in the envelope marked as Quarter 3 and Quarter 4. **Both quarters are due on May 1, 2023,** and interest will not be added to the payment that was due on February 1, 2023.

An insert will also be in the envelope explaining why the taxpayer is receiving a corrected bill. The real estate tax bills may be paid online at stoughton.org.



A Message From Town Clerk Stephanie Carrara

We now offer online ordering for Birth, Death, and Marriage certificates!

Please go to the main Town Hall page, click "Online Bill Pay", and scroll down to "UniPay". This will lead you to a UniPay ordering site. If other documents are required, please send them to twnclerk@stoughton-ma.gov.

**All Birth/Death/Marriage & Dog License Requests can be submitted
either by mail or in person at Town Hall.**

You can pay by cash or check or if mailing in your request, a bank check or money order is required. Requests that are mailed may take up to 3 to 5 business days to process.

If you need to apply for a marriage license, please call for an appointment.
Appointments are Thursdays ONLY. Our number is
781-341-1300 x 9103, 9215 or 9224.

If you have any questions or concerns on any item listed or if there is anything our office can assist you with, our phone numbers and emails are:

Stephanie Carrara, CMC/MMC Town Clerk at: 781-341-1300 x 9224 or by email:
scarrara@stoughton-ma.gov

Kellie Johnson, Assistant Town Clerk at: 781-341-1300 x 9103 or by email:
kjohnson@stoughton-ma.gov

Samantha Rego, Senior Clerk II at: 781-341-1300 x 9215 or by email:
srego@stoughton-ma.gov

We thank you in advance and stay safe.



Information on Town Meeting Representatives

There is still time to run for a seat for Town Meeting Representative in your Precinct.

Town Meeting is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 1 in person at Stoughton High School.

It is as easy as 1-2-3 to get your name on the ballot for the April Town Election as a candidate for Town Meeting Representative.

- 1. Go to the Town Clerks Office by February 10th and ask for Nomination Papers for Town Meeting Rep*
- 2. Gather at least 15 signatures from registered voters in your Precinct*
- 3. Return your Nomination Papers to the Town Clerk's by February 14th.*

For further information please contact Town Clerk, Stephanie Carrara at 781-341-1300, x 9103, 9215 or 9224.

You can also email the Town Moderator, Bob Mullen at bmullen@stoughton-ma.gov



**STOUGHTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY
FEBRUARY 20, 2023
FOR
PRESIDENTS
DAY**





**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.

Stoughton Council on Aging



Gourmet **ON A BUDGET**

WITH MALCOLM GREEN

*Stoughton Business Owner and
"Masterchef" Contestant*

HOMEMADE PASTA

Thursday 2/16 | 5:30-7 pm

ASIAN FLAIR

Thursday 3/2 | 5:30-7 pm

TO REGISTER, VISIT

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



EARLY PHOTOGRAPHY IN STOUGHTON—PART 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT 6:30PM

LIBRARY COMMUNITY Room & ON ZOOM



PRESENTED BY JOHN CARABATOS
DIGITAL ARCHIVIST, STOUGHTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Carabatos, 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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www.stoughton.org/library-0



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**





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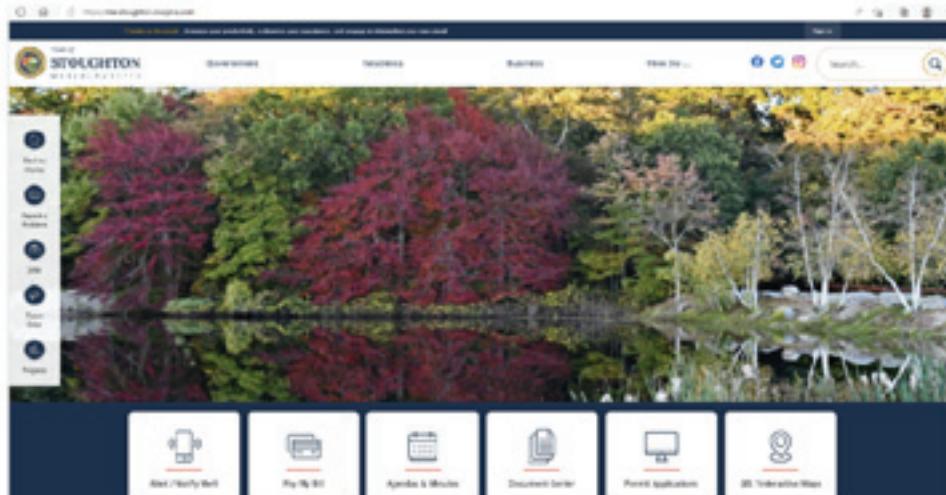
Taste of Israel - Experience The Middle East

Monday, February 27, 2023 12:30 P.M.

You read about Israel in the news all the time, but what is it really like to be there? Find out about the history and culture of the Holy Land through a special one hour tour of the land, people and food. Enjoy a sampling of authentic Israeli food, beverages will be provided. Class facilitated by Therapy Gardens.

Tickets are \$3 • Space is limited.

Pre-registration is necessary and payment is due at time of sign up.



The Town of Stoughton is preparing to launch a new and improved municipal website during the month of February. Users will see not only a familiar, but improved website after going through a redesign and upgrade process with CivicPlus (a leading government website provider).

Some new features we feel you will be excited about are:

- Service-based navigation with an emphasis on service delivery and ease of use (along with a new clean design that is both visually appealing and functional)
- Calendar functionality which allows citizens to stay informed about the scheduling of important local events, including public meetings, classes, activities, community events, and other valuable opportunities for engagement
- Embedded Social Media (Facebook) – located on our front page for those who do not have Facebook accounts
- Online Job Application functionality
- Dedicated landing pages for Police, Fire, DPW, Library and Recreation
- An online “Report a Problem” form that allows users to report service requests, such as a pothole, streetlight outage, sewer issue, and more...
- Alert Center – this functionality allows us to alert citizens with time sensitive information and instructions using multiple channels, including the website homepage, social media and email
- Enhanced search functionality site-wide that allows staff to review what users are searching for and revise the site structure to continually improve the user experience
- News and page subscription options for residents to stay informed of all municipal updates
- Document Center – This will serve as a single, conveniently accessible repository for all forms, documents, and files citizens routinely require so they can self-service many of their municipal requests (without the need to walk into an office or place a phone call)
- The Agenda Center allows for the storing, sharing, and searching of public meetings and agendas and enables citizens to remain informed and engaged in public policy and local issues

STOUGHTON IS IN YOUR HANDS

DOWNLOAD THE APP!

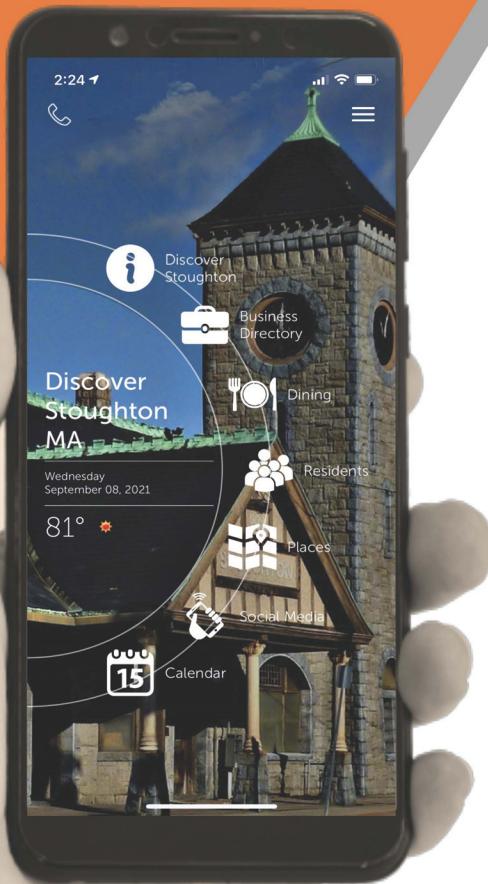
#DiscoverStoughtonMA



- Discover Businesses
- Find Restaurants
- Explore Attractions
- View News and Events

Download the App Today!

Search for Discover Stoughton MA



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App Store

ANDROID APP ON
Google play



STOUGHTON Business owners:

Claim your business!

You can add your logo and photos, update information and business hours, offer local deals and special offers for FREE.

<http://claim.mycivicapps.com/>

If you don't see your business or have questions, email:
[ListMyLocalBusiness@gmail.com](mailto>ListMyLocalBusiness@gmail.com)

THIS APP IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE WORK OF OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON AND WITH GRANT FUNDING FROM THE MA OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

Greetings Citizens of Stoughton

I hope you made it through the coldest period in recent history. I recognize the burden that such drastic weather can place on people and their homes. Please know that your town Government stands ready to be helpful during those difficult times.

As you may have heard, your historic Town Hall did not fare well with the bitter cold. On Sunday morning, I received a call from Chief Carroll and another from DPW Superintendent Paul Giffune. They informed me that a sprinkler head exploded in the Great Hall. Due to the quick response of our Fire Department, the water and power to the building was shut off within 7 minutes. Unfortunately, thousands of gallons of water had already flooded the Great Hall and adjoining offices, eventually finding its way to every floor of the building. Water ran through the walls, crashed through the ceilings, destroying equipment, rugs, and furniture along the way. When I arrived on site, Chief Carroll and DPW Superintendent Paul Giffune had already implemented an Emergency Action plan. More than a dozen DPW employees and local contractors had been mobilized in an effort to minimize the damage. In only six hours, both water and electrical power were restored. Elevator repair specialists were activated. ServPro was hired to begin the drying process. As I write to you today, approximately 3 dozen high powered fans are blowing throughout the building and every employee is in the office (enduring the noise of the blowers).

Fortunately, for the Town of Stoughton, all of our buildings are well insured. Based on the insurance adjusters preliminary estimate, significant demolition and reconstruction of the building will be needed. We are developing a work plan in an effort to minimize interruption in services while this work is ongoing. I will have more to report on that as information becomes available.

The Town Hall building is more than 100 years old. Like many of our roads, and much of our water and sewer infrastructure, these systems are operating well beyond their useful lives. Because we are well insured, we will get through this disaster with minimal distraction and expense. However, it is so vitally important that we recognize and acknowledge that which we can not see. With 100 year old water and sewer lines, as well as roads that have not been replaced or resurfaced in many decades, we need to anticipate and plan for sudden infrastructure failures. Potential failures could range from a major failure of a road system to a pipeline that runs thru the center of town, creating major damage and disruption to businesses and residents alike. Most of those breaches would not be covered by insurance.

Therefore, we must prudently plan for infrastructure investments and unforeseen breaches. Failure to do so is irresponsible. The only way to deal with both challenges is through investment and substantial increases to our stabilization fund. We plan to address both of those needs at the Annual Town Meeting.

I understand that this type of news is unwelcome. I also know that replacing roads and underground infrastructure is not very exciting. I've never attended to a ribbon cutting to celebrate investments in

underground infrastructure! I also know however, that the time is now for us to recognize and deal with all of our challenges. That is your Governments obligation to Stoughton residents.

In closing I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the members of the Fire and DPW departments as well as contractor Bill Lima at Atlantic Carpet cleaning. They responded immediately to our call and worked tirelessly throughout the evening to minimize damage and make it possible for Town Government to work effectively on Monday.

I look forward to talking to the citizens of Stoughton again next week.
Tom Calter

