

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED FEBRUARY 20, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



Latest
Announcements
for
Stoughton's
Town
Departments

All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages



Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday February 21, 2023 - 7:30 pm

Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St Community Rm 2nd Floor

Stoughton, MA 02072

This meeting will be conducted in person. The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television, 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. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

1. 7:30 p.m. **OPEN SESSION - Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
2. 7:35 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:45 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:50 p.m. Citizen Comments
5. 8:05 p.m. Al Lipkind Cardiac Care Award Brian Holmes
Deputy Chief of
Police
6. 8:25 p.m. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of Feb. 7, 2023
 - b. Emergency authorization request to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue
 - c. Water Connection Application Michael Dias - 76 Glen Echo Blvd.
 - d. Agreement between the Town of Stoughton and the Stoughton Police Superior Officers, MCOP, Local 461
7. 8:35 p.m. Application for Change of Manager: Knights of Columbus - 14 Seaver St. San Salvador Assoc Inc. Gary Ilacqua

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- Please note that we must exit the Library building by 9:00 p.m.

WAITLIST-Conversational Spanish with Delores Staton- Begins Thursday March 2, 2023

A good way to understand conversational Spanish is to think about how you speak your current language. If you were to have a conversation with someone at a party or in a coffee shop, how would you speak? You would likely keep it casual, use common phrases and not fuss about formal grammar.

**6 classes. Thursdays. March 2-April 6
Class is \$30 for Stoughton residents,
\$40 for out of town seniors.**

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



Stoughton Council on Aging



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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 2023 Academy Awards

—the Good, the Bad and the Ugly!

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa (not Kimmel. Sorry!)



Thursday, March 2nd: 6:30-8:30pm



Who has won (or lost) the Oscar over the years? What classics were never nominated? What forgotten films were Best Picture winners? What are some of the televised ceremony's most famous & infamous moments? Who will win this year & who will go home empty-handed?

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



A lifelong lover of cinema, Frank Mandosa hosts talks on a wide variety of film topics. A high school English and Film teacher, he also co-hosts Reel Life for Stoughton Media Access Center (SMAC). Facebook movie page: "Silver Screeners" www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

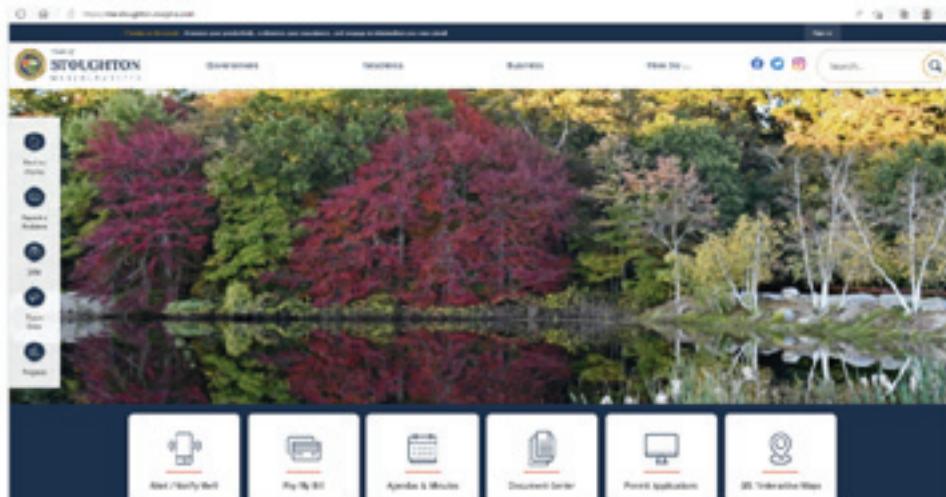


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The Town of Stoughton is preparing to launch a new and improved municipal website during the month of February. Users will see not only a familiar, but improved website after going through a redesign and upgrade process with CivicPlus (a leading government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

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

with Best of Times Travel &

EMMET CAHILL • Wed. March 8

Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor

STAR OF PBS PHENOMENON –

CELTIC THUNDER!

Join us as Irish tenor Emmet Cahill of Celtic Thunder takes us on a musical journey just in time for St. Patrick's Day. Emmet will be performing Irish classics and Broadway hits as well as tender nostalgic favorites! This show has everything a St. Patrick's Celebration calls for!

**Plated Luncheon Meal Choice:
Corned Beef and Cabbage or
Baked Scrod.**

**Also Includes: Salad, Vegetables,
Breads, Dessert, Coffee & Tea.**

Price: \$119pp-

**Includes: transportation,
Plated Luncheon, Meal Tax,
Meal Gratuity, and Show Ticket.
Payment due at sign-up.**

**Please make checks payable to
Best of Times.**

**There are no refunds for cancellations
received after 2/27/2023.**

**Best of Times Travel reserves the right
to issue any refunds due,
whole or in part, in the form of
Future Travel Credit.**



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Veteran & Spouses Coffee Hour

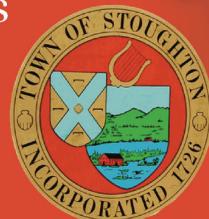
MONDAY 2/27
10-11:30 AM

RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 15 PLEASANT ST

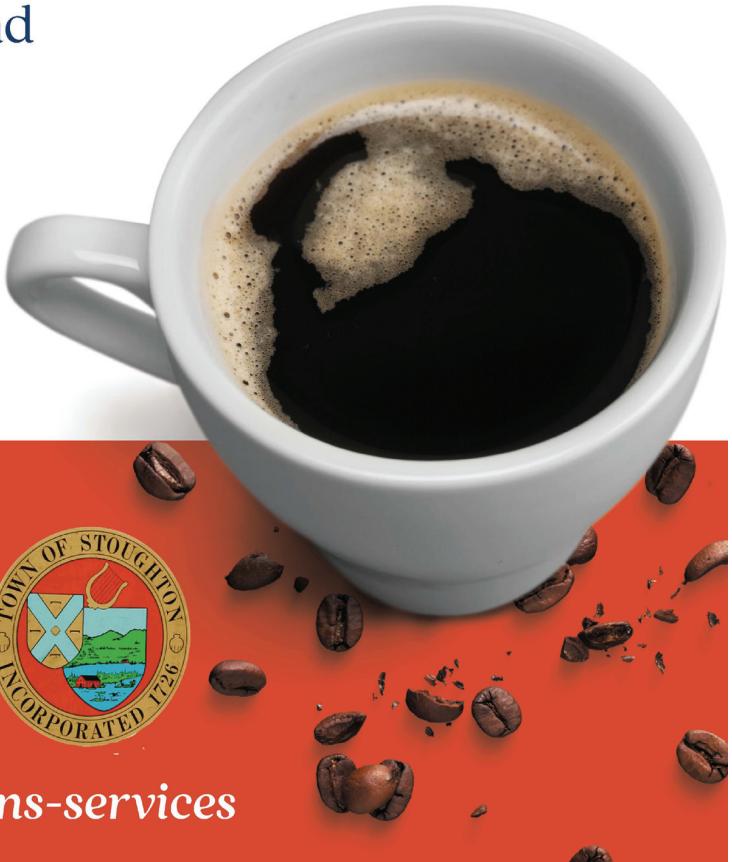
All are welcome!

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





Planning Board

The Stoughton Planning Board's primary responsibility is to administer the Subdivision Control Law pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 in order to ensure the public safety, interest and welfare of the residents of the Town of Stoughton. The Board conducts meetings and public hearings in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws to review subdivision plans as well as applications for Site Plan Approval and Special Permits. The Board also reviews applications for Approval Not Required (ANR) plans.

Another major responsibility of the Planning Board is to consider and prepare amendments to the Town of Stoughton's Zoning Bylaws. They conduct public hearings on these amendments that are submitted to the Board by way of Town staff, other municipal boards or committees or citizen petition pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, §5. The Planning Board is also responsible for updating the Town's Master Plan. The Master Plan was last revised in 2015. Lastly, the Planning Board conducts studies on topics such as economic development, housing, transportation and zoning.

Town Planner:

The Town Planner acts as technical staff to the Planning Board by assisting applicants through the application and permitting process, conducting reviews of application materials and the preparation and posting of meeting agendas. The Town Planner is also responsible for working on long-range planning initiatives in conjunction with the Planning Board and the Economic Development Director such as Zoning By-Law amendments, updating and implementing the goals and objectives of comprehensive planning documents such as the Master Plan and the Downtown Economic Development Plan which may include the preparation of grant applications to various State agencies.

Meetings:

The Planning Board regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00PM. Additional meetings are scheduled as required. Check the Town Clerk's office and the Town meeting calendar for specific meeting schedules.

What is the process to connect my house to municipal sewer?

You should first contact the Engineering Department to determine if municipal sewer is available in your area. If sewer is available, consult with a licensed contractor to file a Sewer Permit Application with the Engineering Department.

What is the site plan permitting process to build a new house?

The Engineering Department reviews all site plans for all new residential construction. Please refer to the Residential New Construction application packet. Additional permits may be necessary through other Town departments.

How do I determine if my property is located within a Flood Zone or near any Wetland Resource Areas?

Please stop by the Engineering Department and we will be glad to assist you with this matter. We have the most current FEMA flood maps and many other plans on file that we will research to help aid you in determining if your property is contains a Flood Zone or and other Wetland Resource areas



Marc Tisdelle

781.341.1300 ext 9261
Engineering
Department

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



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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.

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 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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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**





**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

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. It's hard to believe that almost 3 months have already passed. I apologize for not reaching out sooner. 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

