



The STOW MUNICIPAL MESSAGE

Welcome to the Stow Municipal Message!

I hope you find it to be a beneficial source of information for the month ahead. Additional information on all items can be found on our website at stow-ma.gov.

Thank you for reading!

Denise M. Demboski, Town Administrator

Town Offices Closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day

Annual Town Meeting—Saturday,
May 11, 2024, 9am at Center School

Annual Town Election—Saturday,
May 18, 2024, polls open from
10am to 4pm at Center School

Early Voting Opportunities:

Monday, May 13th, 9am -3pm

Tuesday, May 14th, 9am - 7pm

Wednesday, May 15th, 9am - 7pm

Town Building - 1st Floor
380 Great Road

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Discussions with Denise

Do you have questions,
suggestions, comments, or
complaints?

Meet with the Town
Administrator at Pompo on
the first Wednesday of the
month! Open Forum: 9:30am–
11am; Private Appointments:
11am-11:30am
Call 978-897-1880 to schedule
an appointment.

May's Discussion

Wednesday, May 1st, 9:30am

**Stay Connected with the
Town of Stow!**



May 18, 2024, Charter Change Ballot Question

Shall this Town approve the charter amendments proposed by the 2023 Annual and Special Town Meetings, summarized below?

The changes to the Charter were approved at the 2023 Annual and Special Town Meetings, respectively, under Articles 56-60, and Articles 4, 6-8, and 10-14. The proposed revisions include but are not limited to the following. References to the “Board of Selectmen” and “Selectman” have been replaced with references to the “Select Board” and “Select Board Member”. Relative to Town Meeting, the revisions include: clarification of deadlines for submission of citizen petitions; election of a Deputy Moderator; deadline for preparation of the Town budget decreases from 60 days prior to 30 days prior; requires budget summary to be posted on Town Bulletin Board; and requires a notice of intent to call for a special town meeting to be posted on the Town website and official bulletin board. Limited updates were made to the appointing authorities of the Select Board, Town Administrator and Town Moderator. The revisions propose to change the Board of Assessors from an elected board to an appointed board, with no change made to the service of the incumbents. Several revisions were intended to update and clarify provisions of the Charter, including: that the Town Administrator will serve for a term agreed upon by contract; a regional school district committee agreement may establish terms of its own members; operational roles of the Select Board and Town Administrator will be clarified; Select Board will have increased flexibility in the process for searching for a new Town Administrator and appointing an Acting Town Administrator; removes gendered language; clarifies the role of the Planning Board, including primary responsibility for the Master Plan; revises the membership of and process for appointing the Master Plan Committee; renders more practical the process for removing appointees and employees and clarifies that non-reappointment is not the equivalent of removal; updates provisions relative to multimember bodies to be consistent with requirements of the Open Meeting Law; clarifies that action by a multimember body may be taken by the majority of members present and voting, provided that a quorum is present; updates definition of “town bulletin board” ; eliminates requirements for publication of certain notices in a newspaper of local circulation; clarifies that multimember bodies can appoint non-voting associate members, as well as subcommittees; updates definition of “master plan” to allow use of words “comprehensive plan”; and requires multimember bodies to annually reorganize.

A **YES** vote will accept these changes.

A **NO** vote will not accept these changes.

[For information on the specific articles voted at Town Meeting that this ballot question consolidates, please click here.](#)

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION—ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots are available for registered voters who are unable to vote at the polls due to:

absence from town between 10a to 4p on Election Day;
a physical disability preventing the voter from going to the polling place;
or religious belief.

A voter must fill out an absentee ballot application prior to receiving an absentee ballot. The deadline to apply to have a ballot mailed to you is Monday, May 13 at 5p. The deadline to apply in person at the Clerk's office is Friday, May 17 at noon.

Please contact the Town Clerk to have an absentee ballot application mailed to you, stop by the Town Clerk's office to fill out the application, or download at www.stow-ma.gov/town-meeting-election-information click on the "Ballot Applications"

[2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, Information, and Presentations can be found here.](#)

Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, May 11 at 9am

Center School, 403 Great Road

Police Department News:

Our newest Patrol Officer Jason Rogers began on April 25. Jason joined us after working for several years at Holy Cross College. If you see him around town, please give him a warm Stow welcome!



Unfortunately, due to underutilization, the MART Shuttle with static stops to/from the former fire station to the South Acton Train Station, and the prefixed shopping routes to Maynard and Hudson will end on Friday, May 3rd.

Instead of the prefixed routes, beginning on Monday, May 6th, MART will be offering taxi/livery options as outlined below. Rides up to 20 miles to and/or from Stow for a minimal cost (to offset the grant).

To utilize the service, call 800-922-5636, Option 1, the weekday before you would like a ride, and schedule it. Rides are curb to curb, and are available from 5:30am to 10:00pm, Daily.



Taxi/Livery vehicle shared rides to get you where you need to go.

Where:

Rides up to 20 miles to and from your pickup location in the Towns of Bolton, Lancaster, Littleton, Lunenburg, Sterling, and Stow.

When:

5:30 AM - 10:00 PM, Daily

Book Rides:

Call Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
1-800-922-5636 Option 4

Individuals 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost Chart (One Way)

1-10 miles - \$3
11-15 miles - \$4
16-20 miles - \$5

Rides are curb to curb and must be booked at least 1 day in advance by 2:00 PM.



On May 22 at 7pm Town officials and our consultants, BSC Group, Inc., will be hosting an in-person presentation of the draft Climate Resilience Master Plan for the 110-acres of the Stow Acres North Course acquired by the Town for conservation and recreation purposes. Please join us to view the draft concept plans that have been prepared and give us your feedback. The

presentation will be held at the historic Randall House (clubhouse) at Stow Acres and will include free appetizers and a cash bar. Please [RSVP by May 13 if you plan to attend](#). More information about the project can be found at: <https://www.stow-ma.gov/stow-acres-open-space-recreation-and-housing-page/pages/north-course-climate-resilience-master>.

STOW ACRES
MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC
PRESENTATION

MAY
22
2024
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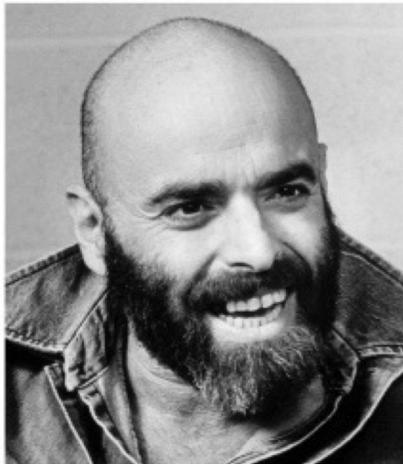
Free Appetizers and Cash Bar
Stow Acres Country Club
58 Randall Road, Stow

PLEASE RSVP BY 5/13/24:
[TINYURL.COM/STOWACRESRSVP](https://www.stow-ma.gov/stow-acres-open-space-recreation-and-housing-page/pages/north-course-climate-resilience-master)

SAVE
THE
DATE

Strega Mama's

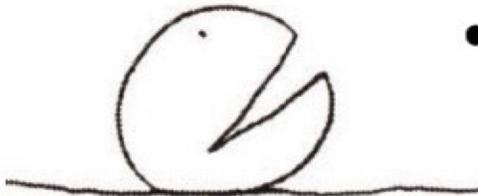
Shel Silverstein Storytime!



at the

Randall Library!

- Greeting
- Story/Poems
- Boa Constrictor!
- The Giving Tree
- The Missing Piece
- Peanut Butter Sandwich



May 24th 10:30

2023-2030 Stow Open Space and Recreation Plan

Stow's updated Open Space and Recreation Plan has now been approved by the state, maintaining our eligibility for state grants for open space and recreation projects until 2030. Copies of the plan can be found on the town website [here](#). Many thanks to all who assisted with this project, including employees and volunteer committee members.

From the Assessors Office:

REMINDER!

All income producing properties must file an Income and Expense Statement by June 1, 2024.

The Board of Health

Well Adult Clinic

is the first Wednesday of the month at Pompo.

Next clinic: May 1, 10a-12n.

Board and Committee Volunteer Opportunities

[See the list here](#)

Interested individuals should fill out the online: [Application Form](#)

Call 978-897-4515 or email selectboard@stow-ma.gov for more information.

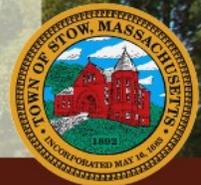
WORCESTER RED SOX BASEBALL GAME

Thursday, June 6, 10:45a.
Join the COA and come root for the Woo Sox as they take on the Rochester Red Wings!

[More Info & To Register](#)

CALLING ON STOW!

TAKE THE SURVEY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOR THE
STOW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2035: ENVISION
STOW FOR ALL OF US



As Stow begins to envision what our town could look like in the future, we need your help **collecting your feedback**. Take the survey by using the link or QR code below. Have questions about the Comprehensive Plan? Visit the project website at <https://tinyurl.com/StowCP>.

<http://tinyurl.com/StowSurvey>



LINE DANCING IS BACK!

Every Tuesday 9a at Pompo. Line dancing promotes good health! And increases brain fitness by learning a new skill! It's a great way to get your body moving, exercise while having fun! A beginner-friendly class taught by Paul Hughes of Steps in Line.

[More Info & Register](#)

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills for the 4th Quarter, mailed on March 29th, 2024, are due May 1, 2024.

The Second Commitment for Excise Tax, mailed on April 12, 2024, are due May 13, 2024.

Demands for Excise, mailed April 29, 2024, are due May 13, 2024.

Due Dates are when payments must be received by the Collector's Office.

Police Department Citizens Police Academy

The fifth session is May 8 from 6:30p-8:45p and will be hosted by Officer Jon Butler and Sgt Cassie Scott, and will focus on Basic Patrol Procedures and Motor Vehicle Stops. The other sessions are as follows:

June 12: Use of Force and Firearms hosted by Officer Butler

July 17: Our final session featuring an all-encompassing scenario hosted by various PD members with help from our friends at Stow Fire.

Sign up here: <https://www.stow-ma.gov/stow-police-department/webforms/stow-police-citizens-academy-sign> Thank you to those that have already signed up and we look forward to seeing you!

RAD Class

The Police Department is pleased to partner with Stow Recreation to offer the next RAD session in May.

To sign up please visit:

stowma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx

(RAD is the Rape Aggression Defense system)

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Tuesday, May 21 at 1 pm

Thailand with stops in Malaysia and Laos.

If you have traveled somewhere and would like to share your pictures, please contact the COA.

www.stow-ma.gov/council-aging

This month we recognize:

For more information on these designations, click on the image.



Omission of a monthly designation is an oversight and does not diminish the importance of the recognition, honor, or awareness.

COME WORK WITH US

If you are interested in a career opportunity with the Town of Stow, please see below for available opportunities.

- [DPW Business Manager](#) - Reopened
- [Custodian](#) - Part-Time
- [Conservation Trail Stewards](#) - Seasonal
- [Waterfront Director](#) - Seasonal/Summer
- [Water Safety Instructor](#) - Seasonal/Summer
- [Camp Director](#) - Seasonal/Summer
- [Beach Pass Checkers](#) - Seasonal/Summer
- [Head Lifeguard](#) - Seasonal/Summer
- [Lifeguards](#) - Seasonal/Summer

Please send resume and cover letter to careers@stow-ma.gov unless otherwise directed in the posting.

[Employment Application](#)

NORTHEAST REGIONAL TOUR OF SHAKESPEARE

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

3PM AT STOW

TOWN CENTER PARK

FREE



**A
MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S DREAM**



by William Shakespeare

Directed by Tom Jaeger

*Co-sponsored by Stow TV &
the Randall Library Friends Association*

SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY

SHAKESPEARE.ORG