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[REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS]



Happy autumn, friends! Around this time each year I like to share with you some state programs that can help with home heating assistance and savings on energy bills:

• **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** – LIHEAP helps low-income individuals and seniors pay their heating bills during the winter. Eligible recipients can either own or rent their home and cannot have an income greater than \$34,001 for a single person or \$44,463 for a two-person home. For more information, please call the Massachusetts Heat Line toll-free at 1-800-632-8175 or visit tinyurl.com/MassHeat. Inquire about fuel assistance at your Council on Aging,

• **Citizens Energy** – Citizens Energy Corporation has two programs that provide home heat assistance. (1) The Oil Heat Program offers free heating oil to people in need and (2) the Natural Gas Heat Assistance Program gives a \$150 utility bill credit to eligible households who heat with natural gas. To apply, please visit citizensenergy.com or call 1-877-JOE-4-OIL.

- **Weatherization** – The Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) provides eligible households with full-scale home energy efficiency services to help homeowners and renters lower their energy costs. WAP is funded by an annual grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by a network of local agencies; you can receive WAP services if you are eligible for LIHEAP or if someone in your household receives SSI or TAFDC. For more information, please call the Massachusetts Heat Line toll-free at 1-800-632-8175 or visit tinyurl.com/lowincomeweatherization.
- **MassSave** – MassSave offers Massachusetts homeowners and renters energy tips and information about free home energy assessments, energy-saving products, and loans, rebates, and other incentives for energy-saving home improvements. Low-income residents may qualify for programs to help manage energy costs. For more information, please visit www.MassSave.com or call 1-866-527-7283.

All-Electronic Tolling

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is transitioning to an all-electronic tolling system on October 28th. Toll gantries along the Massachusetts Turnpike will replace exit tollbooths and drivers will be charged when they pass underneath the gantries. To ensure residents pay the lowest possible toll rates under the new system, MassDOT is encouraging residents to obtain a free E-ZPass transponder as soon as possible by signing up online at ezpassma.com or by visiting certain RMV branches, AAA locations, or E-ZPass customer service centers; locations can be found by visiting mass.gov/ezpassma.

I will also host a MassDOT van at this year's MAYNARD FEST, where a MassDOT employee will be available to help you sign up for an E-ZPass transponder. MAYNARD FEST will be held on October 1st from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in downtown Maynard. Look for the purple van!

Should you have any questions about All-Electronic Tolling or need any assistance obtaining an E-ZPass transponder, please feel free to contact my office.

Rep. Hogan's Office Hours

- **Stow Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, October 13th from 6-7 p.m. at the Randall Library, 19 Crescent Street, Stow.
- **Bolton Office Hours** will be held on Tuesday, October 25th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Bolton Public Library, 738 Main Street, Bolton.

Please bring any questions, ideas or concerns you may have. If you are unable to attend office hours and have an issue or concern, please call the State House at (617) 722-2130 to schedule an appointment with me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Hogan" followed by a horizontal line.

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