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## REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



Happy autumn, friends! 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 must meet certain income requirements. Last year, eligible recipients could not have an income greater than \$34,001 for a single person or \$44,463 for a two-person home; updated requirements for this winter should be released in mid-October. For more information, please call the Massachusetts HEATLINE toll-free at 1-800-632-8175 or visit [tinyurl.com/MassHeat](http://tinyurl.com/MassHeat). Inquire about fuel assistance at your Council on Aging.

- **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 HEATLINE toll-free at 1-800-632-8175 or visit [tinyurl.com/lowincomeweatherization](http://tinyurl.com/lowincomeweatherization).
- **MassSave** – MassSave offers Massachusetts homeowners and renters energy tips and information about free home energy assessments, energy-saving products, as well as 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](http://www.MassSave.com).

### **All-Electronic Tolling**

I will host an E-ZPass Van at the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Annual MAYNARD FEST to assist those interested in signing up for E-ZPass. E-ZPasses enable drivers to pay the lowest possible toll rates under the new all-electronic tolling system. At MAYNARD FEST, a MassDOT official will be available to help you register for a transponder and answer questions. MAYNARD FEST will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in downtown Maynard. We will be parked on Nason Street between China Ruby and The Paper Store. 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 at 617-722-2130 or [Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov).**

### **Rep. Hogan's Office Hours**

- **Stow Office Hours** will be held on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Randall Library, 19 Crescent Street, Stow.
- **Bolton Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Bolton Public Library, 738 Main Street, Bolton.

All questions, ideas, or concerns are welcome. If you are unable to attend office hours, call the State House at 617-722-2130 to schedule an appointment. Staff is also available at the District Office on all Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (*Closed Holiday Mondays*)

Kate Hogan, State Representative

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