

June 2019

REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



House budget highlights for Maynard seniors

This spring, I was proud to join my colleagues in the House to vote for our Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) state budget, which funds a whole gamut of programs important to Maynard seniors. I like to think of the budget debate as an opportunity to put state resources to work addressing some of our most essential questions. Questions like: *how can we increase senior access to transit?* Making these decisions about how and where to maximize state dollars is also a way of saying that these programs have demonstrated impact in our community. Or: *these programs matter.*

It is a privilege to sit down with my fellow lawmakers from across the Commonwealth to discuss our shared goals for the state and how funding programs on the ground in our communities can help us meet and achieve them. As much as I love to hear about initiatives making a difference statewide, I will bet you can guess my favorite part of this deliberative process: highlighting the great programs at work here in Maynard, particularly in the senior community.

Every day in Maynard, municipal leaders and service providers work together to improve the quality of life of those in our community. When I share this story with my colleagues in the House to ensure our programs have the dollars they need to reach residents, it is with tremendous pride: you can be sure that what we have in Maynard is a model for the state. My job is to advocate for the state's partnership in amplifying what is already working -- for and by Maynard seniors.

Now that the budget is with the Senate for consideration, I wanted to provide a run-down of priority programs for Maynard seniors that received funding in the FY20 House budget:

FY20 House budget by the numbers for Maynard seniors:

- **\$100K for Maynard senior and commuter transit** – continuing and enhancing the Maynard senior van service
- **\$15K for Maynard's 150th Celebration** – helping the town ring in its sesquicentennial birthday
- **\$18 Million for Councils on Aging** – strengthening the heart of senior-friendly communities
- **\$9.7 Million for Elder Nutrition Program** – reaching residents with nutritious meals and companionship
- **\$114K for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** – supporting seniors with caregiving responsibilities
- **\$179K for LGBTQ training for senior care providers** – reaching all seniors with safe and supportive care
- **\$3.7 Billion for MassHealth Senior Care** – including the MassHealth Senior Care Options program

If you would like to sign-up for my e-newsletter on the FY20 budget – or have any questions or comments – please do not hesitate to contact my office at (617) 722-2199.

I look forward to seeing all of you around the district this summer!

Rep. Hogan's Office Hours

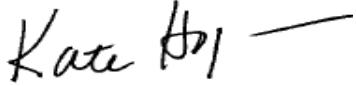
- **Stow Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, June 6th from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Randall Public Library, 19 Crescent Street, Stow

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- **Hudson Office Hours** will be held on Friday, June 28th from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Vintage Cafe, 246 Main Street, Hudson

If you are unable to attend office hours and have an issue or concern, please call the State House at (617) 722-2199 to schedule an appointment. In addition to Rep. Hogan's office hours, her staff is available in the District Office at Maynard Town Hall, 195 Main Street, on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (*Closed Holiday Mondays*)

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