

## REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



### Senior Fire Safety Starts with You

I want to talk with you this month about senior fire safety. It is an issue that is of critical importance to me as both your state representative *and* neighbor, which is why I have been at the forefront of establishing and strengthening state fire safety education programs for our senior population in particular.

When our region experienced a spate of house fires in 2013, I worked with state and local officials to establish a fire safety education program for seniors. Run by the Department of Fire Services, the initiative is called Senior SAFE – or Senior Awareness of Fire Safety – and it connects local fire departments to grants in support of senior fire safety outreach. Senior SAFE is modeled after the state’s student fire safety program, which has brought real-world prevention strategies to classrooms across the Commonwealth – and effectively reduced youth fire deaths to *zero*.

The education model the Senior SAFE program has built out, and the pipeline of state resources it has established, are vital to prevention efforts here in Maynard. At the heart of the program’s success in our community is partnership -- between local and state officials, but also between the Maynard Council on Aging (COA) and the Fire Department.

This year, I was proud to once again help bring \$2,348 in Senior SAFE grant funding to Maynard to support continued collaboration between the COA and Fire Department on high-quality fire safety programming for seniors. This grant helps to fund a host of resources and workshops, from home safety visits to a Senior Health Fair. Be sure to stay tuned to the COA newsletter in the coming months, where the Fire Department will be providing strategies for prevention, detection, and response, as well as information on upcoming sessions at the COA on a range of fire safety topics.

When public safety officers from the Maynard Fire Department stop by the COA, it is clear that Maynard’s finest are invested in the health and safety of our seniors – committed to working with you to promote a message of empowerment and prevention, rather than fear. The bottom line: small changes can make a big difference when it comes to lowering your risk of a house fire. From the COA to the State House, let’s keep working together to ensure every senior has access to that know-how – and the support to put it into action.

### Join me on March 13th for my annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration!

This **March 13th**, I will host my **10th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration at the Maynard Golf Club** to support the work of The Boys & Girls Club of Assabet Valley. I hope to see you there – Erin Go Bragh!

### Rep. Hogan’s Office Hours

- **Hudson Office Hours** will be held on Friday, March 20th from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Vintage Café, 246 Main Street

If you are unable to attend office hours, please call the State House at (617) 722-2199 to schedule an appointment. Staff is also available at the District Office on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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