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## REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



### Get Out the Vote!

I hope that you – and those you care about – are healthy and safe. I also hope you have a safe and positive experience voting this election season.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Town of Maynard has successfully held a Town Election (on June 23, 2020) and a State Primary Election (on September 1, 2020). Turnout for these elections was strong; 43% of registered voters cast more than 3,400 votes in September's election.

Please join me in a round of applause for Maynard Town Clerk Michelle Jenkins, her staff, the volunteers and everyone at the post office. They worked tirelessly to get voters registered and signed up for mail-in ballots. They mailed out ballots that were delivered, then redelivered to the clerk's office, and counted, all while opening the polls for early and Election Day voting!

It's important to make a plan now for voting in our General Election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. As I'm sure you know, we'll be casting votes for President on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll also be voting for U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, State Representative (yours truly), State Senator, and our representative member to the Governor's Council. This year, there are also two ballot questions: Question #1, "Right to Repair Law" Vehicle Data Access Requirement Initiative, and Question #2, Ranked-Choice Voting Initiative. As you consider your candidate and ballot question choices, please also consider your options for casting your vote. These options include:

**Registering to Vote** – The deadline for registering to vote is October 24. Go to <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/> to register to vote OR makes changes to your name/address/etc.

**Requesting a Mail-in Ballot** – All registered voters qualify to vote by mail in the fall 2020 elections. The deadline for requesting a mail-in or absentee ballot is October 28 at 5 pm.

**Mailing in your ballot** - Mailed Ballots include a postage pre-paid return ballot envelope that is addressed to the Town Clerk's Office. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by November 3<sup>rd</sup> AND received in the Town Clerk's Office by 5 pm on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dropping off your ballot** – You may hand deliver your ballot by placing it in the drop box outside of the front door to Town Hall. The deadline is 8 pm on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Tracking your application and ballot** –Go to: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx>

**Voting Early in-person** – Early in-person voting will take place October 17<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup> at Maynard Town Hall, 195 Main Street, in the Soup Campbell Room. Please enter through the rear of the building. Please note that only 5 voters will be allowed in the Town Hall at one time.

**Voting on Election Day** – All precincts will vote at the Fowler School, 3 Tiger Drive, Maynard from 7 am – 8 pm.

Thank you for making our democracy work! I welcome your feedback on these options for voting. What has the experience been like for you?

**Contact Rep. Hogan:** My (virtual) door is always open. If you need assistance or would like to contact me, please call me at (617) 722-2199 or email me at [Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov).

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