Reflecting Back While Moving Forward

It appears the United States is moving on as the headlines about the threat of COVID-19 diminish. Here in Maynard, a new normal is emerging and we now face the challenge of processing the impacts of COVID-19 and applying lessons we’ve learned from our experience of the last year. The loss from COVID-19 cannot be understated, whether from the lives lost, to the distanced relationships, breakdown of traditions, and the businesses that could not survive. As a society we’ve adapted as best we could, especially here in Maynard, by capitalizing on the outdoors, including dining, movies, Town Meetings, graduations, library browsing, and the rail trail. I’m very proud of your town’s government and its many forms of adaptation, like consolidated polling for elections, the popularity of remote committee meetings, and the overall effectiveness of the town’s departments throughout the pandemic.

As we reflect on how far we’ve come since the initial lock-down of the pandemic, we can also view this moment as the latest period of change that Maynard has endured. I’m excited to point to the Maynard Historical Commission’s newly installed Mill Historic Marker as a record of the community’s progress and adaptive-traditions. Let’s also reflect in gratitude on all the years of selfless service by Marge Iannuzzo who organized the town’s Memorial and Veterans Day events since 1980, and is now retiring from hosting such events.

The Baker-Polito Administration announced that the Commonwealth is on track to meet the goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June and all remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted beginning in June. The Commonwealth’s face covering order will also be rescinded as of May 29, but face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including ride-shares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings. It is also reported that Governor Charlie Baker will end the State of Emergency June 15. Town offices have been open to the public by-appointment, and are expected to open to limited capacities.

For more information on the town’s re-opening post-COVID-19, please visit the town website www.townofmaynard-ma.gov and click the below image. This page highlights Town Hall updates, daily updates of positive COVID-10 cases in Maynard, Massachusetts response, resources for businesses, and health and safety practices. You can also find a link to subscribe to the Town’s newsletter.

Remember that I would include pictures of unique aspects of Maynard from time to time? Do you know where to find this month’s?

Sincerely,
Greg Johnson
Town Administrator
gjohnson@townofmaynard.net
The “new normal” found many Maynard seniors celebrating Thanksgiving on May 19th as the Council on Aging kicked off our summer “Grab & Go” Luncheon program. Over 40 delicious turkey dinners were prepared and served by Flo’s Catering, as seniors drove around the Elks parking lot, waved and chatted with friends from their cars, and looked forward to a luncheon that had once been a favorite monthly activity. For me, Thanksgiving was one of my favorite holiday meals that I missed the last year, and every bite reminded me of holiday celebrations that had to be put on hold. It tasted twice as good knowing that next November I will be sitting at a table, elbow-to-elbow with loved ones, engaged in boisterous conversations, with a football game on the television in the background.

At the Grab-n-Go, I found myself joyfully standing by cars, grinning from ear-to-ear, relishing the prospect of us continuing to gather more frequently in warmer weather. I’m experiencing a sense of optimism, as many of us are, reinforced by the need for less distancing. I look forward to longer, in person conversations both with Maynard’s seniors and those I pass on hiking trails. Birds quietly nesting with the promise of new life (loud hungry young!) symbolize to me the “new” lives we will be leading in a few short weeks.

Speaking of new life, Kathy House (Jane O’Rourke’s daughter) deserves a big shout out (thank you to Thyme in the Garden as well) for the beautification efforts they made to Concord Circle housing. Areas outside the community room display the gardening talents of both Kathy and several seniors who promise to water and tend to gardens to be enjoyed by all residents.

As these flowers bloom, so will the programs and friendships at the Council on Aging in the months to come!

See you soon!

~ Amy Loveless
Director
Maynard Council on Aging & Senior Center

The Council on Aging Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.

This is a Zoom meeting

Please check the Town website for information
https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/
or call the COA
C. David Hull, Chair
Paula Copley, Vice-Chair
Anita Dolan
Angie Flannery
Diane Wasiuk

If you are interested in joining the COA Board
Please contact the COA at (978) 897-1009
or email Amy Loveless at aloveless@townofmaynard.net

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It’s Almost Summer!
Our brightly renovated gallery is filled with new items to welcome summer. We have something for everyone:
- Dads
- Grads
- Weddings
- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Home Office Decor

Shop In-Person & Online
- 77 Main St., Maynard
  Wed.–Sat., 12–5 pm
  Masks required. Hand sanitizer available at the door. Social distancing guidelines apply.
- Personal Shopping (Tuesdays)
  Via FaceTime, Zoom or in-person. For an appointment, email 6bridgesgallery@gmail.com.
- Gift Certificates
  Give the joy of art and fine craft.
- 6bridgesgallery/shop/
- Facebook
- Instagram

Current Exhibits
May 19 – June 26, 2021 • Reception: June 5, 7:00 pm

The Simple Life
Paintings
by Ernest Stonebraker
Paintings inspired by visits to Old Sturbridge Village and the Fruitlands Museum, reflecting on a time when lives were uncomplicated by instant communication, incessant advertising and online trickery.
6bridges.gallery/the-simple-life/

Splish, Splash and Pour
Photography
by Julie Smith L’Heureux
A mini exhibit for those who missed it during the height of the pandemic in 2020.
6bridges.gallery/splish-splash-and-pour-2/

All purchases support local artists and your local economy.

Letters from the Birds
Mixed media art by Véronique Latimer
On view:
July 7–August 14, 2021

6 Bridges Gallery
Gifts • Jewelry • Fiber • Cards • Photography
Ceramics • And More

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Welcome Back to the Maynard Public Library

The library building will reopen to the public starting Tuesday, June 1!

All services will be available, including public computers.

We ask that you:
- Cover your nose and mouth for your entire visit
- Practice social distancing
- Limit your library visit to 45 minutes or less

In-Person Hours
- Tuesday 10-4
- Thursday 1-7
- Friday 10-4
- Saturday 10-1 [June]

Curbside Pickup
- Monday 2-5
- Wednesday 2-5

Phone Support:
- Monday-Friday 10-5

www.maynardpubliclibrary.org 978-897-1010
Search the Library Catalog Like a Pro!
Thursday, June 24th @ 7pm via Zoom

In this Zoom session, we’ll look at using the Minuteman catalog to find books and other materials.

Here’s some of what we’ll cover:

- Best search tips for finding books, DVDs, audiobooks, or other items
- Options for finding items outside the Minuteman Library Network.
- How to request items to pick up at the library (place holds)
- Renew items you have checked out
- Set up your account to keep a history of what you borrow
- Create lists of books you’d like to read for easy requesting later
- How to use the new Minuteman Library app. Search the catalog, renew items, store your library card barcode for easy checkout & more!

Please register at www.maynardpubliclibrary.org or call the Reference Desk at 978-897-1010 x103.
Dear members of the Maynard community,

We are pleased to announce that—after nearly 15 months, 11,000 curbside pickup appointments, and 200 online programs—the library building will reopen to the public beginning June 1! You will soon be able to wander through the stacks, peruse the shelves, use the computers, and sit down to relax and read a book, magazine, or newspaper. The staff and I are very much looking forward to seeing you and welcoming you back.

The decision to reopen the building was reached in collaboration with the Maynard town health agent and the Board of Library Trustees, who voted to approve the reopening at their meeting on May 18. We are doing our best to provide for the safety of everyone in the facility, including children, other unvaccinated patrons, and vulnerable members of our community. To that end, some basic protocols will be in place—face coverings are required for all staff and patrons, except those 5 years old and younger, and we ask that visitors allow one another six feet of distance. We also encourage all patrons to try to keep their visit to a maximum of 45 minutes to make sure that other visitors have a chance to use the various spaces and resources in the library and to do so without being crowded. Computer stations and other seating will be set up in a way that allows for sufficient distance between patrons. While study rooms will be available for up to two people to use at a time (no reservation required), the meeting rooms will not yet be available. We will continue to offer curbside pickup service, though at a reduced level, for those patrons who are not yet comfortable coming back inside the building or simply find it more convenient.

Our hours for June are as follows:
Curbside pickup: Monday and Wednesday, 2-5pm
Open building: Tuesday, 10am-4pm; Thursday, 1-7pm; Friday, 10am-4pm; Saturday, 10am-1pm

Depending on how things go in the library building and in the larger world over the course of June, it’s possible that we will make changes to procedures and hours for July. Once we decide on any changes, we will be sure to communicate them to you through our social media, building signage, the Beacon-Vilager, and the Council on Aging & Senior Center newsletter.

We hope to see you soon at 77 Nason Street!

With best wishes,
Jean
Jean Maguire, Library Director

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Book Mill Discussion Group

Tues, June 29 @ 7pm

Join the Book Mill discussion group via Zoom to talk about this great book!
All are most welcome.
Book are available through the Library’s Curbside Pickup service.
Call 978-897-1010 to receive the Zoom link.

Maynard Public Library
Exploring Family History Series

Discovering Cousins Using DNA: Exploring Your Autosomal DNA Matches

Monday, June 21 @ 7:00 pm
Via Zoom
Register at https://tinyurl.com/MaynardGenealogy3

Pamela Guye Holland, Genealogist
New England Historic Genealogical Society & Your Irish Heritage

This talk will show you how to explore your matches and use the tools available at the major DNA testing companies: AncestryDNA, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage and 23andMe. It will focus on practical ways to discover how you are related to your autosomal DNA cousins. Case studies using matches at each testing company will illustrate methods you can use to connect with new cousins who can help you grow your family tree. This talk assumes you are considering testing or have tested at one of the major DNA testing companies.

This is the first in a series of genealogy presentations. See https://www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/genealogy for more information about the series.

Brought to you by the Friends of the Maynard Library
SPECIAL COA EVENTS IN JUNE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH
12 NOON

Missing Flo’s Famous Meatballs? We are too! Swing by to grab a tasty Italian feast featuring Stuffed Shells, Meatballs, Garlic Bread and Dessert. Sign up by June 2nd. Cost: $5.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30TH
12 NOON

Get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July with some delectable barbeque. You will not want to miss this delightful dinner of BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Corn Bread and Dessert. Sign up by June 16th to reserve your meal. Cost: $5.

COA Zoom Fitness Classes

Yoga & Stretch with Rebecca • Tuesdays at 9:30am

Maynard COA instructor Rebecca Reber will lead you through a series of yoga poses and stretches while you are seated on a chair. Safely build strength and stability and enjoy guided meditation to reduce stress and anxiety. This is Zoom class which allows you to see and interact with other Maynard seniors. Please call the COA at (978) 897-1009 or email Amy Loveless directly at aloveless@townofmaynard.net to sign up.

Zumba Gold • Wednesdays at 9:30am

Zumba Gold is a low impact, fun dance-fitness with international music including oldies you like. This class will be taught by Yachun who is an AFAA certified group fitness instructor. We focus on building strength, cardiovascular health, balance, coordination, and flexibility. Please call the COA at (978) 897-1009 or email Amy Loveless directly at aloveless@townofmaynard.net to sign up.

Zumba Toning Mondays at 9:00am

This seated Zumba Gold Toning class taught by Yc is for everyone who wants to improve their endurance, strength and joint mobility by using a pair of light weights while sitting on a chair. Weights. Please prepare two 1 lb. dumbbells or two 16.9oz bottled water. (It’s okay if you don’t want to use weights though). This is a 45-minute class. Please contact the COA if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

From the Massachusetts Councils on Aging:

Cooking as Self-Care

a monthly cooking show via YouTube

Each cooking show includes a video, recipe handouts, the Massachusetts-grown produce availability calendar and food safety tips with Tara, a licensed and registered nutritionist from MCOA.

Go to: https://mcoaonline.com/advocacy/malnutrition
Click on the month’s “video” and you’ll be directed to the YouTube video
“Skip Ad” and the video will start.

Great Zoom YouTube Tutorial!

Marcia Chadly guides you through the how-to of responding to a Zoom invitation for a fitness class or an educational program. There’s nothing like being able to “see” the steps to take. Once you’ve watched her presentation, or maybe reviewed a second time, you’ll feel ready to join Zoom!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E

How To Use Zoom With Your Phone

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6QjODgTuQE
Marcia Chadly

Contact the Council on Aging for information about our tablet loan program.

Internet Service Offers

Free or Lower Cost Options (eligibility varies based on income)
Comcast Essentials • (855) 846-8376
Verizon (for participants in the Lifeline program or FIOS at a lower rates) • (800) 837-4966
AT&T • (855) 220-5211
For eligible Maynard Residents:

Go Maynard!

Taxi Rides Program

Service is available for:

• Older Adults
• Residents with Disabilities
• Veterans
• Adults with Financial Limitations
• Essential Workers

To participate you will need to complete an application and provide verification of age, disability, veteran status, or financial need.

(The service is for destinations and needs the Council on Aging van cannot accommodate).

For more information contact the Council on Aging at (978) 897-1009
or email Amy Loveless, Maynard Council on Aging Director, at aloveless@townofmaynard.net
Maynard Council on Aging Services

The Maynard Council on Aging is continuing to provide services even though it is closed to the public. Please contact the COA for information and referral for supportive services including homecare, health insurance counseling (SHINE), fuel assistance, food resources, housing, legal issues, public assistance programs and transportation.

The Council on Aging is accepting and lending durable medical equipment – please do not leave equipment at the COA – call the COA and we will arrange to pick up and deliver.

Maynard Council on Aging Van Service
To make a reservation call CrossTown Connect at (978) 844-6809

The Council on Aging van is operating five days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., providing transportation to essential services such as health care providers, dentists, pharmacies, banks, and grocery stores. We are transporting one rider at a time on our twelve-seater vans. We are following strict safety precautions including disinfection procedures during a shift and after each rider, spacing riders to achieve maximum distance apart, requiring riders to wear a mask and providing hand sanitizer when riders enter and re-enter the van. The drivers will be wearing face shields in addition to masks when assisting a rider on the lift or are in close proximity to a rider.

There is no fee to ride the van at this time. Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Flexibility when making a reservation is required as medical appointments are the priority. All riders are screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and it is expected that if you are not feeling well you should not make a reservation.

Residents of Maynard, 60 years of age and older, as well those with disabilities, may use the van.

Please contact the Council on Aging at (978) 897-1009 if you have any questions.

Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone (SHINE)

SHINE is a free Medicare benefits counseling program available to beneficiaries of all ages and people who are new to Medicare due to retirement, unemployment, or disability. State certified counselors can provide impartial answers to all of your Medicare questions before you retire and well into retirement as your medical needs change. Confidential counseling is available by telephone or ZOOM until in person counseling can resume. Regional staff and our SHINE speakers are also available to provide group education to professionals and consumers – topics include Medicare 101, Using the Medicare Planfinder Tool, The Medicare Savings Plan and other Public Health Assistance, and Resources to help with Pharmacy costs. To make an appointment with your local SHINE counselor please contact the Maynard Council on Aging at (978) 897-1009.

SHINE is a service of Minuteman Senior Services funded, in part, by Administration for Community Living, the Cummings Foundation, Maynard Community Chest and local support of individual donors.

Medicare Savings Programs (MSP)

Did you know that you can get help paying your Medicare A/B premiums, deductibles and, in some cases, co-insurance, co-payments and prescription drug premiums? The Medicare Savings Program is a federal program available to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages who meet the income and asset criteria: below. To view the application visit: https://www.mass.gov/doc/masshealth-buy-in-for-people-who-are-eligible-for-medicare-0/download

SHINE counselors are also available to help individuals determine if they qualify for MSP and provide application assistance. To schedule an appointment with your local SHINE counselor please call the Maynard Council on Aging at (978) 897-1009.

Eligibility:

- Individuals with incomes between $1396 and $1771 with assets less than $15,940
- Couples with incomes between $1888 and $2396 with assets less than $23,920
Maynard author and historian David Mark will speak about the rise and fall of Digital Equipment Corporation, a 41-year arc that started in 1957 and made Maynard the “Minicomputer Capital of the World.”

David Mark will speak about music throughout Maynard’s history from competing local bands to the present-day Maynard Community Band, about the various fife and drum corps, choral groups, glee clubs and school system musical opportunities through the years and Maynard’s former professional recording studio.

Read more and register at www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/may150

Brought to you by the Maynard Sesquicentennial Committee and the Maynard Public Library
Maynard Food Relief
Resource Guide

Food Pantries and Services

Maynard Food Pantry and Backpack Program: Provides food and personal items to residents of Maynard, Acton, Sudbury, Stow & Concord. Food backpacks distributed during the school year at each school on Friday afternoons. Maynard residents can receive food twice a month and out-of-town residents can receive food once a month.
- When: Mondays 10:00am-12:00PM
- Where: 82 Main Street, Maynard. Drive-thru pantry entrance on River Street
- Website: http://www.maynardfoodpantry.com

Open Table: Food pantry and prepared meals (distributed in grocery bags). Some choice in protein and other weekly offerings. SNAP sign-up support upon request. To pre-order your groceries online, visit www.opentable.org/order/. If you are interested in home delivery, please contact orders@opentable.org.
- When: Tuesdays 1:00-6:30pm (1-3pm seniors only), Thursdays 1:00-4:30pm.
- Where: Drive-thru Pantry at Maynard municipal parking lot behind 33 Main Street (enter from Summer Street)
- Website: https://www.opentable.org

Acton-Boxborough High School: In conjunction with the Acton Neighbor Brigade, Acton-Boxborough High School is offering a week’s worth of bagged meals for pick-up every Wednesday. Pick-up is at the back of the school using the Hayward Road entrance.
- When: Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm.
- Where: 36 Charter Road, Acton
- Website: https://www.abschools.org/district/food_services

The Acton Food Pantry: Food provided to anyone in need. Drive-thru pantry for clients in cars and on foot.
- When: Wednesdays 10:00am-7:00pm, Thursdays 9:30-11:30am.
- Where: 235 Summer Rd Building 1, Boxborough
- Website: https://www.actonfoodpantry.org

Mount Calvary Supper: Drive-thru meal pick-up. Sample meal offerings include ravioli, cheeseburgers and hot dogs, baked ham, and Mediterranean chicken.
- When: Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm. Closed December 23rd and 30th.
- Where: 472 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton (back driveway of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church)
- Website: https://www.mtcalvaryacton.org/community-supper

The Stow Food Pantry: Provides food and personal items one weekend a month. Pre-packaged client orders will be brought to the client’s car at the appointment time at the drive-thru pantry.
- When: One weekend a month (check website or call 978-897-4230).
- Where: Pompo Community Center, 509 Great Road, Stow
- Website: http://stowfoodpantry.com/

The Sudbury Food Pantry: Limited to once a month for non-Sudbury residents. Guests choose pantry items, personal care products offered as well.
- When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00pm-2:15pm.
- Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 160 Concord Road, Sudbury
- Website: http://sudburyfoodpantry.org

Meal Services for Seniors:

Minuteman Senior Services: Meals on Wheels delivers lunch to homebound seniors who meet certain guidelines. Call 781-221-7177 for information and referrals.
- When: Deliveries made 11:00am-1:00pm Monday through Friday.
- Where: Delivery provided
- Website: https://www.minutemansenior.org/
Greetings from the Maynard Fire Department!

Access during an emergency is ‘key’ to the success of the incident. We have many ways of trying to gain access to someone’s home, but the last thing we want to do is cause damage on top of dealing with the emergency that is occurring. There are three ways that you can help prevent damage to your home in case of emergency.

First, choose a key location around your property or with a reliable neighbor and let us know. Placing a key under the mat, a windowsill, or a particular rock in the garden are all ways some people ensure they always have access to their home. It is the most inexpensive way, but not the most secure and keys can be damaged by the New England weather. If you use this method, you can notify the police department to make a key location note on your address so first responders can quickly find it and access the home to help you.

Second, purchase a lock box. If you have ever sold a home or visited an open house, you may be familiar with a lock box. If you have ever sold a home or purchased a lock box from a store, you may have noticed how quickly they can be opened. These lock boxes can be noted on your address with the police department so first responders can use it in an emergency.

Third, the fire department utilizes the Knox Box company to secure commercial properties and provide access for first responders. These are heavy-duty lock boxes that are keyed to a fire department specific key. In case of emergency, the fire department can open the box and use the keys to access the property. This company also makes residential versions of this product and they are a reliable option. Someone with a high likelihood of calling the fire department for assistance due to recent illness or injury could benefit from this solution. As a service, here in Maynard we have a few residential Knox boxes that we are able to rent to citizens for temporary use.

For more information, please contact me at mparr@townofmaynard.net or call the duty captain at 978-897-1015.

Happy Father’s Day to all the Dads!
Stay Safe!
Captain Mike Parr

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
Consumer Information

Don’t open your door to grandparent scams

When it comes to scammers, nothing is sacred — including the bond between grandparent and grandchild. Lately, grandparent scammers have gotten bolder: they might even come to your door to collect money, supposedly for your grandchild in distress.

These kinds of scams still start with a call from someone pretending to be your grandchild. They might speak softly or make an excuse for why they sound different. They’ll say they’re in trouble, need bail, or need money for some reason. The “grandkid” will also beg you to keep this a secret — maybe they’re “under a gag order,” or they don’t want their parents to know. Sometimes, they might put another scammer on the line who pretends to be a lawyer needing money to represent the grandchild in court.

But, instead of asking you to buy gift cards or wire money (both signs of a scam), the scammer tells you someone will come to your door to pick up cash. Once you hand it over, your money is gone. But you might get more calls to send money by wire transfer or through the mail.

To avoid these scams and protect your personal information:

• Take a breath and resist the pressure to pay. Get off the phone and call or text the person who (supposedly) called. If you can’t reach them, check with a family member to get the real story. Even though the scammer said not to.

• Don’t give your address, personal information, or cash to anyone who contacts you. And anyone who asks you to pay by gift card or money transfer is a scammer. Always.

• Check your social media privacy settings and limit what you share publicly. Even if your settings are on private, be careful about what personal identifiers you put out on social media.

If you lost money to this kind of scam, it was a crime, so file a report with local law enforcement. And if you get any kind of scam call, report it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Stop Scams. Learn the Signs.

Eversource:

Never provide personal, financial or account information to an unsolicited person, even if they seem legitimate.

If you suspect a scammer, call your local police department and Eversource at 800-592-2000 (Eastern Massachusetts) or 877-659-6326 (Western Massachusetts).

Eversource representatives will never:

• Demand immediate payment over the phone

• Require you to use prepaid debit cards

• Ask you to meet at a “payment center” to make a payment

• Tell you to pay through another retailer

Here are some common types of scams to look out for:

• Fake Caller ID – Some sophisticated scammers can manipulate the caller ID to make it appear the call is coming from Eversource. You can verify you are speaking with an Eversource representative by asking for basic information such as name on the account, the account address, and the exact past due balance.

• Shut-Off Scammers pose as utility employees and threaten to disconnect service unless you make an immediate payment. Customers scheduled for disconnection for nonpayment will always receive written notice that includes information on how to maintain service.

• Overpayment Scammers call claiming that you overpaid your utility bill and try to get your personal bank account or credit card information to give you a “refund.”

• Phony Fee for Equipment or Repair Scammers call requiring payment to replace or repair a device or meter.

For more information on how to protect personal information and avoid becoming a victim of utility scams, visit the Safety section of Eversource.com.

JUNE 2021
Your latest medical information – including allergies, medications, contact persons and more – all in one safe place. Recognized and Endorsed by Hospitals, EMTs, COAs, TRIAD’s, Municipal, Medical, Senior Citizen Organizations, Police, Sheriff’s, and Fire Departments.

Please contact the Council on Aging if you would like one mailed.

Experience the gracious retirement lifestyle our residents enjoy each and every day!

Camellia Gardens is nestled in the back of the much anticipated Maynard Crossing Shopping Center, now under construction and will be home to many popular shops, restaurants, medical care and banking. Along with a great location, we take care of the cooking, housekeeping and local transportation, leaving you more time to enjoy your retirement.

NOW OPEN!
For more information on our gracious retirement lifestyle and to schedule your visit, please call 978-897-1528

CAMELLIARIA GARDENS
Gracious Retirement Living
16 Digital Way, Maynard, MA 01754
Located in the Maynard Crossing Shopping Center next to Market Basket
REP. KATE HOGAN’S SENIOR NEWS
JUNE 2021

House FY22 Budget Highlights for Seniors

This spring, the House did its part to get Massachusetts’ FY22 budgeting process back on track after last year’s state budget was disrupted and delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The House deliberated and passed a $47.7 billion budget that includes nearly $60 million additional funds for local aid – all in effort to help the Commonwealth recover from the pandemic and build back to a new normal that is more resilient and equitable for everyone.

The House budget also increases the elder affairs budget by more than $25 million. As my colleague Rep. Tom Stanley, House chairman of the Committee on Elder Affairs, says, “No group in the commonwealth has endured more loss and hardship over the past year than our elder citizens and the people who care for them. The pandemic has taught us hard lessons about what is and who are essential to securing a better, healthier future for our elder residents. As we look to the fiscal year ’22 budget, we must recognize that there are important steps to take and programs to fund in order to accomplish these objectives. Seniors need increased mental health support to help bring them through these unprecedented times of stress, insecurity and loss. We must make workforce investments that recognize... service workers as the essential elements they are in senior health delivery.”

Here are some of the priority programs for Maynard seniors that received funding in the FY22 House budget:

FY22 House budget by the numbers for Maynard seniors:

- $75,000 for the Maynard & Acton Senior Shuttle
- $253.5 Million for Community Choices which funds health care services to seniors eligible for community-based waiver services under MassHealth
- $184.8 Million for the Elder Home Care program, providing home health services to seniors aging-in-place
- $35.8 Million for the Elder Protective Services program
- $17.4 Million for Prescription Advantage drug insurance program
- $17.7 Million for grants to Councils on Aging
- $10.4 Million for the Elder Nutrition Program
- $1.2 Million for the Home Care Aide Training Grant Program
- $1.2 Million for Geriatric Mental Health programs including outreach, counseling, resource management and system navigation
- $286K for Residential Assessment and Placement programs for homeless elders
- $3.6 Billion for MassHealth Senior Care
- $395 Million for MassHealth Nursing Home Supplemental Rates

Contact Rep. Hogan:

Virtual office hours for constituents will be held May 14 beginning at 1 pm. Residents may meet with Rep. Hogan by appointment via Zoom or telephone. To schedule an appointment, please call (617) 722-2199 (option #3) to leave a voicemail or email kate.hogan@mahouse.gov. If you are unable to attend office hours and have any issues or concerns, you can use this phone number and email to contact me for assistance. Please also visit my new Facebook page: www.facebook.com/RepKateHogan

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