



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

October 4, 2022



ADMINISTRATION:

- Town Administrator (TA) Greg Johnson encourages the public [to subscribe](#) to the regular newsletter edited by Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Megan Zammuta that highlights current and future projects, new businesses and upcoming public meetings.
- TA Johnson and Human Resources (HR) Manager Stephanie Duggan continue negotiations with the Firefighters' union.
- Thank you to all the supporters, volunteers, businesses, town departments, attendees, and especially the Assabet Chamber of Commerce for hosting the annual Maynard Fest held October 1, 2022.



- Chief Assessor Angie Marrama announced her retirement for October 6, 2022.
- Town offices will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 24, 2022. [For more information on Town Meetings, please visit the town's website.](#)
- I'm excited to announce that Lauri Plourde has been appointed as Finance Director for the town of Maynard. She will retain her responsibilities of the Town Accountant's Office, while taking on supervision of the "finance department", including the Assessor's and Treasurer/Collector's offices, as created by the approval of the Select Board.

COUNCIL ON AGING:

- The Council on Aging is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The COA provides information and referral for supportive services including home care, health insurance counseling, fuel assistance, food resources, housing, legal issues, public assistance programs and transportation. The Council on Aging accepts and lends durable medical equipment.
- The Council on Aging van service provides transportation Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Destinations include medical appointments, grocery shopping, banks, and salons. Special trips include Walmart in Hudson and Savers thrift store in Marlborough.
- Seniors enjoyed the opportunity to get out of the house, enjoy a scenic drive, and have lunch with friends during Mark's Mystery Tours. This month's event included lunch at O'Connor's restaurant in Worcester followed by a stop at Gerardo's Bakery in West Boylston.





- The “Grab-n-Go” drive-through luncheons continue to be an extremely popular event with over 50 seniors enjoying a home cooked meal in the company of friends.
- COA programs include fitness classes offered via streaming at the COA, movies, bingo, knitting, do-it-yourself crafts, and various drop-in activities including cards, games, adult coloring, puzzles, and painting. The Council on Aging provided access to the Steinberg Wellness Center for Mind & Body’s Strength, Balance & Flexibility class.



- The COA produced a September newsletter promoting the COA's activities, including the Maynard COA Book Club, 6 Bridges Gallery and ArtSpace exhibitions, the ArtSpace Pollinator Meadow Celebration, Maynard Library programs, the Maynard Farmers Market, special caregiver programs and resources, food resources, and Rep. Kate Hogan's monthly article. The Friends of Maynard Seniors announced their fall events including attending the Farmers Market and Maynardfest, and are sponsoring a community yard sale.
- The COA offers an iPad and Chromebooks lending program for those with limited financial resources to increase opportunities for Zoom classes, online activity, and the means to contact friends and family.