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## ***DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE FUNDING INCREASED***

I was determined to champion Dial-A-Ride when the governor reduced its state funding to zero in his budget. With bipartisan support, we were able to increase Dial-A-Ride's funding by one million dollars. Administratively, there's much more work to be done to expand Dial-A-Ride services, but the funding is there.

*Michael Winkler*

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## SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

REBATE FOR ELDERLY RENTERS/TAX RELIEF

PROGRAM BENEFITS **SAVED**

Payments under the Rebate for Elderly/Disabled Renters Tax Relief Program will continue at current levels. The program provides a reimbursement for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. ***Please call the Town of Vernon Social Services Department for more information at 860-870-3661. Renters who have already applied should begin seeing checks starting in December.***

ELDERLY/DISABLED (CIRCUIT BREAKER) TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

A property tax credit program for Connecticut owners of property, who are 65 and over or totally disabled and whose annual incomes do not exceed certain limits are eligible for this program. The credit amount is calculated by the local assessor and applied by the tax collector to the applicant's real property tax bill. Credit amounts are based on a graduated income scale. Application may be made with the Assessor's Office between February 1 and May 15th. ***Please call the Town of Vernon Assessor's office for more information at 860-870-3625.***

## BIPARTISAN BUDGET NOTES AFFECTING SENIORS

- PRESERVES \$200 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR SENIORS
- EXEMPTS SOCIAL SECURITY AND PENSIONS FROM INCOME TAX STARTING IN 2019
- NO INCOME OR SALES TAX RATE INCREASES



## BUDGET PASSES WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

The budget passed with a 126 – 23 vote, closing a \$3.5 billion deficit with no major tax increases. It was a long process, but for the first time in a decade, Democratic and Republican legislative leaders put their differences aside, came together and worked to find common ground to create a truly bipartisan budget that will move the state forward.