

Age-Friendly WAREHAM

A Town of Wareham Initiative under the Direction of the Council on Aging, in partnership with AARP.

This survey of Wareham residents is being conducted by the Wareham Council on Aging on behalf of the Age-Friendly Wareham Initiative. This survey's intent is to conduct an assessment of the community's age-friendliness, which will help The Wareham Council on Aging and its partners to develop an action plan for a community aimed at livable for all ages. Completion of this survey is voluntary and all responses are confidential.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. Sex: Male Female Other

2. Age: Under 50 50 – 59 60-69 70-79 80-89 90+

3. Do you rent or own your own home? Rent Own

4. What type of home is your primary residence? single family mobile home
 Senior Housing apartment single room in private home condominium

5. Do you have trouble paying for any of the following basic living expenses?
 Mortgage/Rent Heating Food Transportation Medical

6. Are you a Veteran? Yes No

7. Do you know where your Veteran Agent is located? Yes No

8. What Wareham Neighborhood do you live in?
 West Wareham Parkwood Cromeset Swifts Beach
 Shangri-La Onset East Wareham Wewantic
 Little Harbor Oakdale Other: (where?) _____

9. Do you know where the Wareham Council on Aging is located? Yes No
10. Are you satisfied with the location of the Wareham Council on Aging? Yes No

11. Do you participate in activities at the Wareham COA? Yes No
If not, why not? _____

12. What programs would you like to see offered to the older population? Fitness
 Technology Social Arts and Crafts Educational Other

13. Do you know what services are available to seniors in Wareham? Yes No
14. Would you or someone you care about use the Social Day Program at the COA from 8:00 – 3:00 Monday – Friday? Yes No Weekends? Yes No
15. Do you know who to contact should you need information or assistance with housing, fuel, food, health insurance, legal services or any other service? Yes No
16. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: “I have adequate resources to meet my financial needs, including home maintenance, personal healthcare, and other expenses.”
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

17. What are your sources of information about programs, activities and services in the area? (Check all that apply)
 Wareham Weekly Wareham Courier Wareham Cable TV
 Church Bulletin The Beacon Senior Newsletter Facebook
 Internet Radio Other (please tell us what it is) _____
18. Do you feel informed about what to do in the event of a weather or other emergency? Yes No
19. Are you signed up for Town Alerts in case of emergencies? Yes No
 IF NOT, SIGN UP ON THE TOWN’S WEBSITE, www.wareham.ma.us

HOUSING

20. In your opinion, what kind of housing needs to be developed for seniors in your community? (Check all that apply). Senior Affordable Housing
 Rental Apartments Houses and Condos for Homeowners
 Over 55 Complex Housing with Services (such as assisted living)
 Other (tell us what) _____
21. How important is it to you to have help in making your home more age-friendly (railings, grab bars, ramps, etc.) Very Somewhat Not important

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

22. Strategy No. 4 under Services and Facilities of the Town’s Master Plan is to support efforts to create a new Wareham Community Center in partnership with the Gleason Family YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club and the Council on Aging. Would you support a new multi-generational Community Center? Yes No
23. Are you satisfied with activities offered in Town? Yes No
If not, why not?
24. Is your neighborhood accessible for walking? Yes No
25. Do you feel local policy makers take into account the concerns of older residents?
 Yes No Sometimes
26. Do you feel older residents are treated respectfully? Yes No
27. Do you feel Wareham provides quality social services to older residents? Yes No

SAFETY

28. Do you feel safe in your neighborhood? Yes No
29. Is there any neighborhood you don’t feel safe in? Yes No
Where? _____
30. Would you like to see more police presence in your neighborhood? Yes No

NAVIGATING THE COMMUNITY

31. Are additional traffic lights needed in town? Yes No
If so, where? _____
32. Should more bike paths be created in town? Yes No
If so, where? _____

33. Please let us know if you are satisfied with the following in Wareham:

Handicap accessibility of walkways and buildings? Yes No

Lighting in your neighborhood Yes No

If not, what neighborhood? _____

Access to medical care? Yes No

Lighting along sidewalks? Yes No

Availability of benches in public areas and along walkways? Yes No

Van rides with GATRA? Yes No

Public transportation schedule? Yes No

Do you know GATRA has a route to New Bedford? Yes No

Do you know GATRA will take you to the Middleboro Train Station? Yes No

If there was train service from Wareham to Boston would you use it? Yes No

Please submit any additional comments:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION! If you have any questions about the survey, or would like to discuss anything further, you may contact Missy Dziczek at 508 291-3130. Surveys may be dropped off at the COA, 48 Marion Road, mailed there, or completed online at www.wareham.ma.us.