



# Report to the Community

**February 6, 2019**

*The Mission of the Age-Friendly Barrington Work Group is to develop a proposal for a community-based network of support for people who want to remain in Barrington as they age.*

This work group developed from a conversation held in the Peck Center in November 2017. The work group was inspired by a visit from the Providence Village to the Friends of the Peck Center Annual Meeting. This group was also inspired by Age Friendly RI, a state-wide initiative to build local connections to better support residents as they age. Detailed demographic information about Barrington's older residents was presented at Town Hall.

Pat Keefe and Laura Young initiated weekly meetings from January 2018 through July 2018 to improve connections and inquire if Barrington would benefit from a "village" type of network.

Age Friendly Barrington decided to conduct a Survey and Focus Groups throughout the community in the Fall of 2018, and use this information to develop a proposal based on the feedback received.

## GRATITUDE

This endeavor could not have taken place without the interest, energy and efforts of the **Barrington Community**. Thank you to the 200 plus people who actively participated in survey completion and focus group discussions!

Thank you to the members of this **grassroots, informal group** who put in tremendous effort attending weekly meetings for six months, completing training as focus group facilitators, meeting with community organizations and leaders, and for achieving their goal of developing a proposal based on this feedback. Your energy and dedication is a gift.

Thank you to the **Providence Village**, who supported this effort with a gift of \$1,000.00 to pay for the costs of training, printing, copying, and supplies. This alleviated the financial burden on our volunteers and is greatly appreciated. The Providence Village has served another important role as inspiration and role model for this project.

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Thank you to **Sophia Mysak, Barrington High School intern** who provided essential assistance, focus group facilitation, and added her unique perspective. We are grateful for this Senior Project involvement!

Thank you to **Age-Friendly RI** for their inspiration and support! This state-wide project and the research completed on each community in Rhode Island served as a catalyst. Their executive director participated actively with attending meetings, providing invaluable guidance and sharing our efforts statewide.

## **Process**

The Age Friendly Barrington Work Group developed a brief survey using Google Docs with a link on the town website. Hard copies were made available at the Barrington Public Library, Town Hall and the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment. Hard copy surveys were also included in The Peck Center Newsletter.

Focus Group Facilitation Training was held and a series of questions and a structured format developed for consistency. See appendix for copies of these items.

**Number of Survey Responses** **139**

**Number of Focus Group Participants** **82**

Thirteen Groups were held in these Locations:

Peck Center for Adult Enrichment

Barrington Public Library

Barrington Cove

Newport Creamery

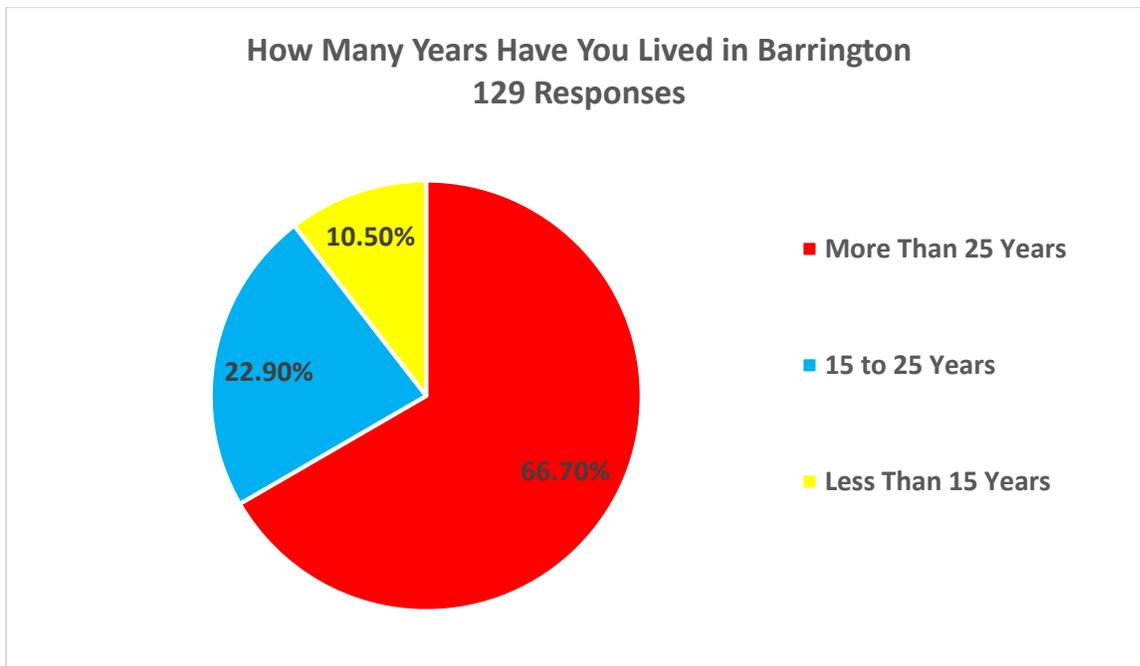
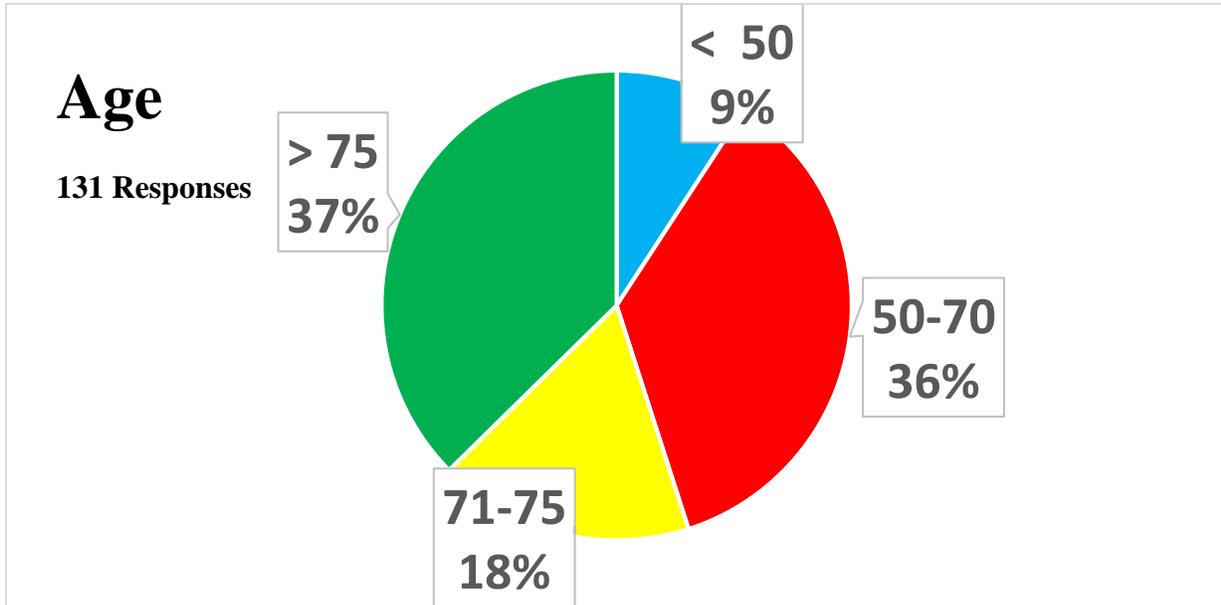
Senior Advisory Board

Barrington Congregational Church

Atria Bay Spring Village

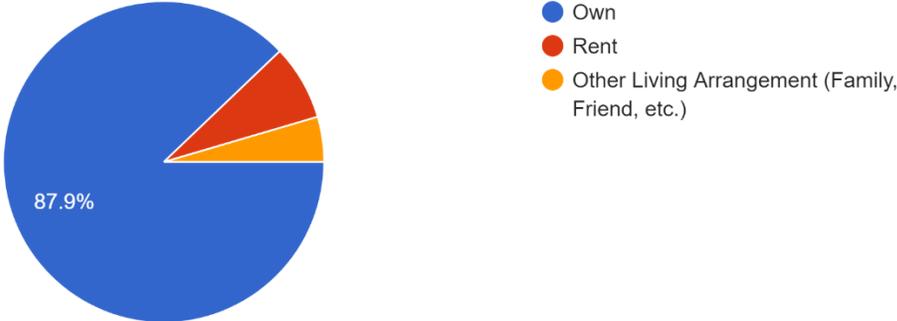
# Survey Results

Total Number received=139



# Do You Own or Rent Your Home?

132 responses



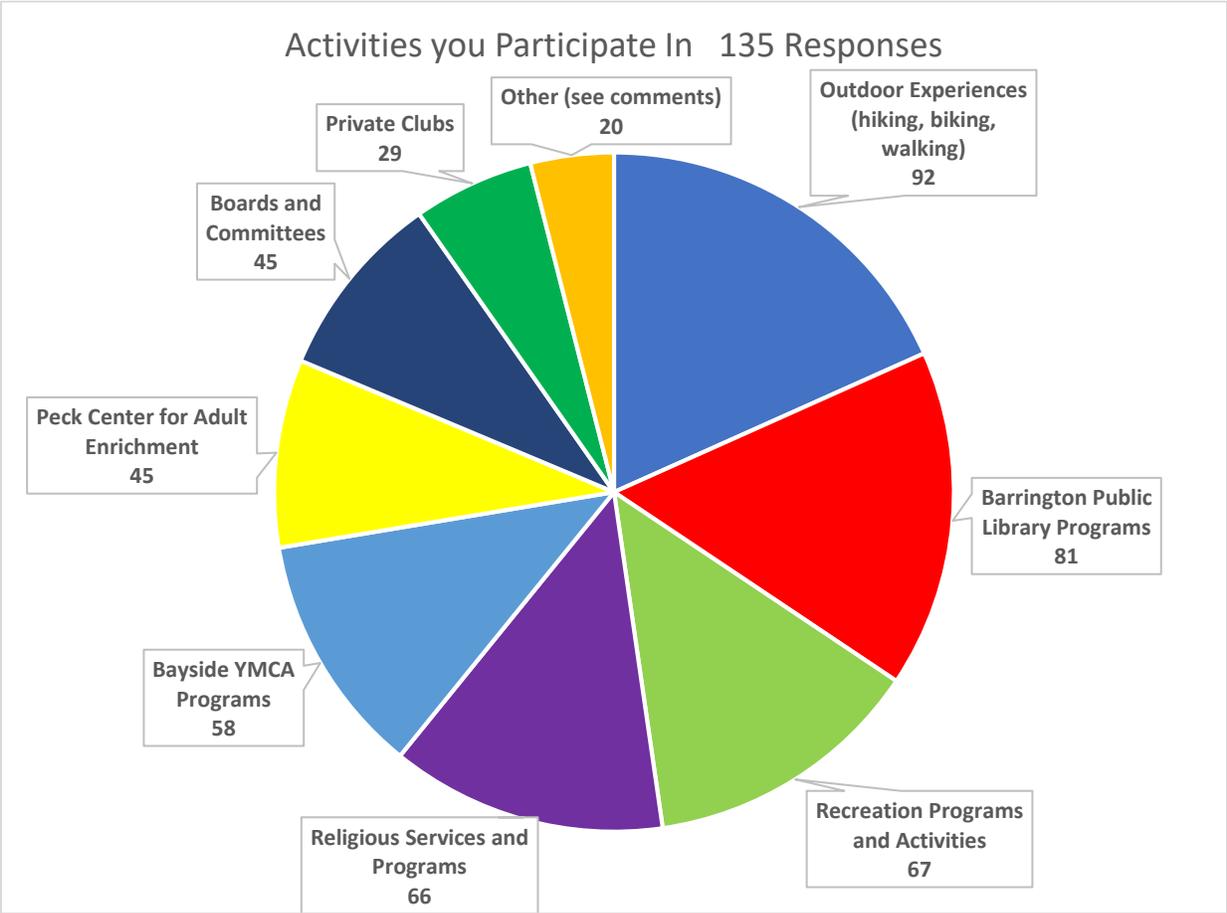
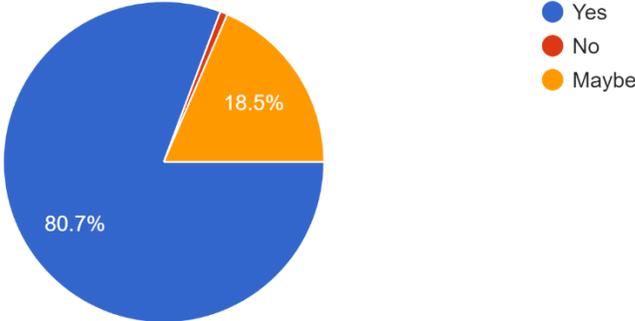
## Number In Household

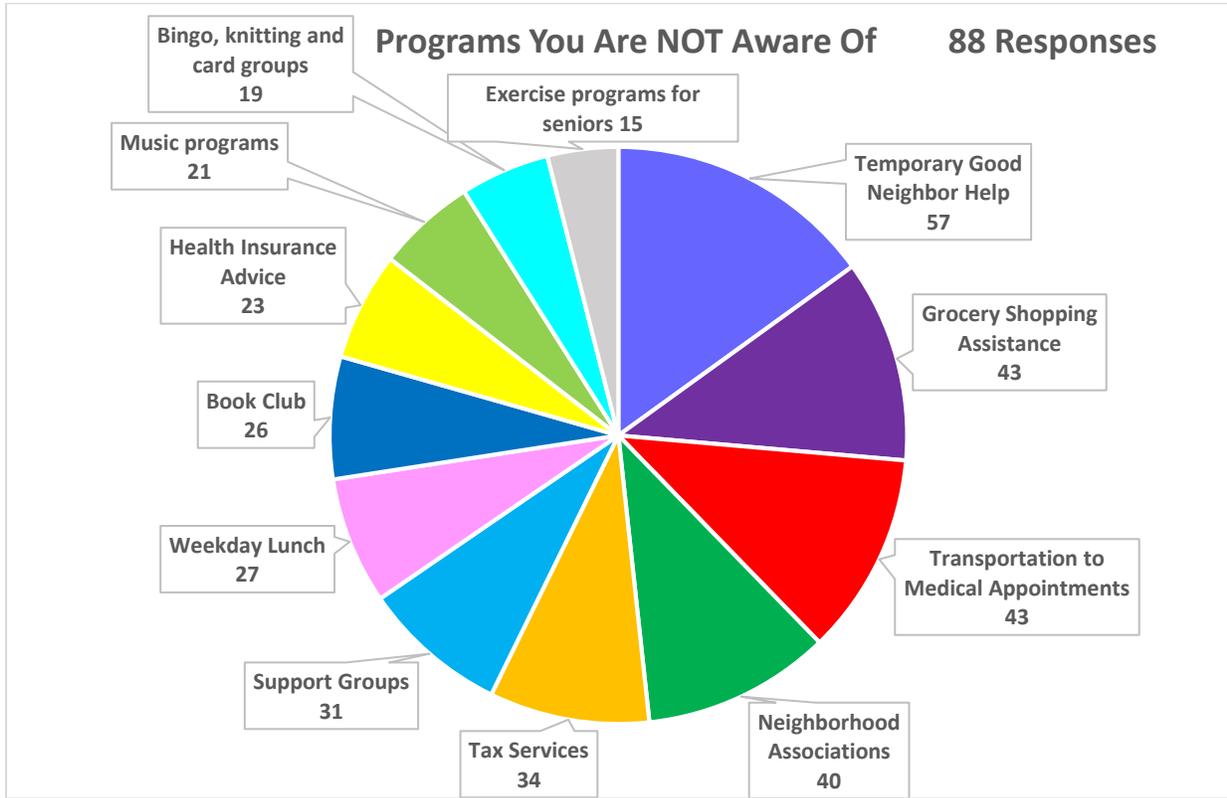
131 Responses

1 Person Household	31
2 Person Household	71
3 Person Household	12
4 Person Household	12
5 or More in Household	3

# Do you Want To Remain in Barrington As You Age?

135 responses

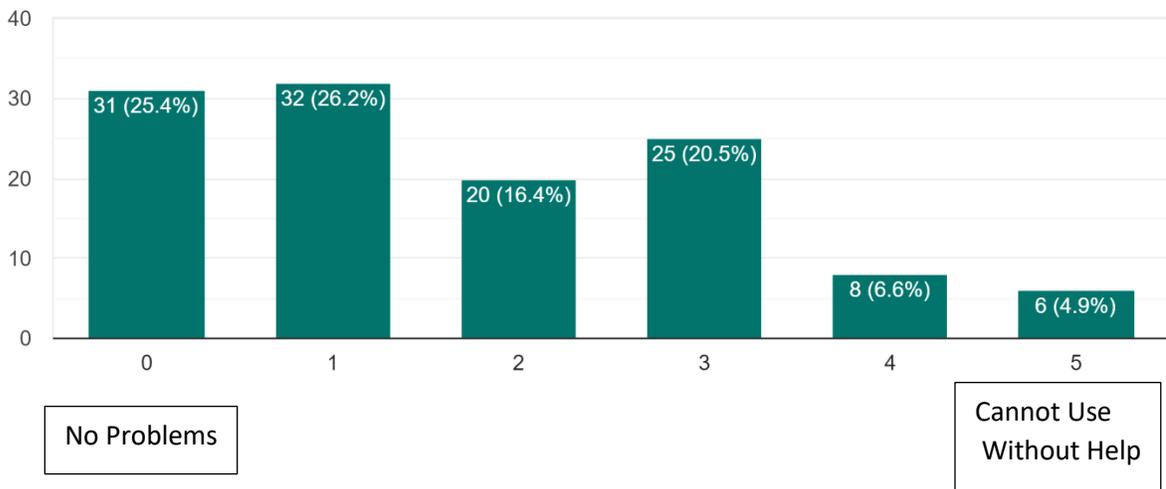




## Nearly 75 % of Respondents needed some assistance with Technology

Do You Need Assistance With Technology (computer, TV Remote, DVD, streaming, etc.)?

122 responses

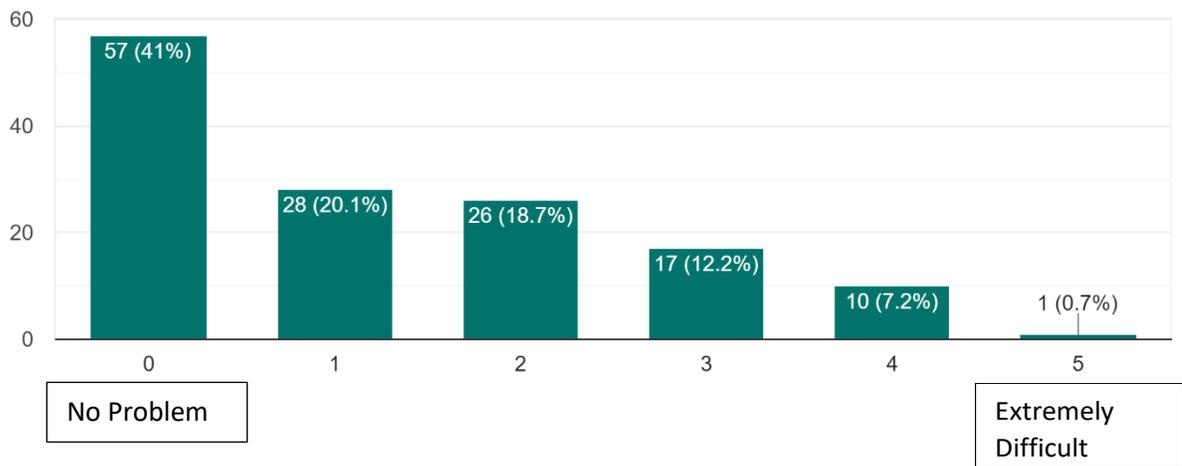


# HOW DIFFICULT IS IT FOR YOU TO:

**59% of respondents report some difficulty with home maintenance**

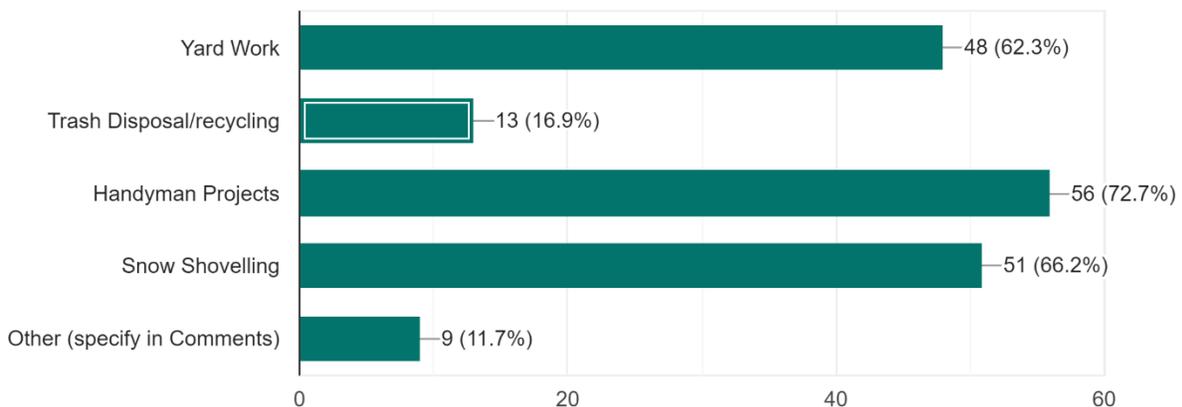
## B. Maintain Your Residence

139 responses



## Reason(s), if Any

77 responses

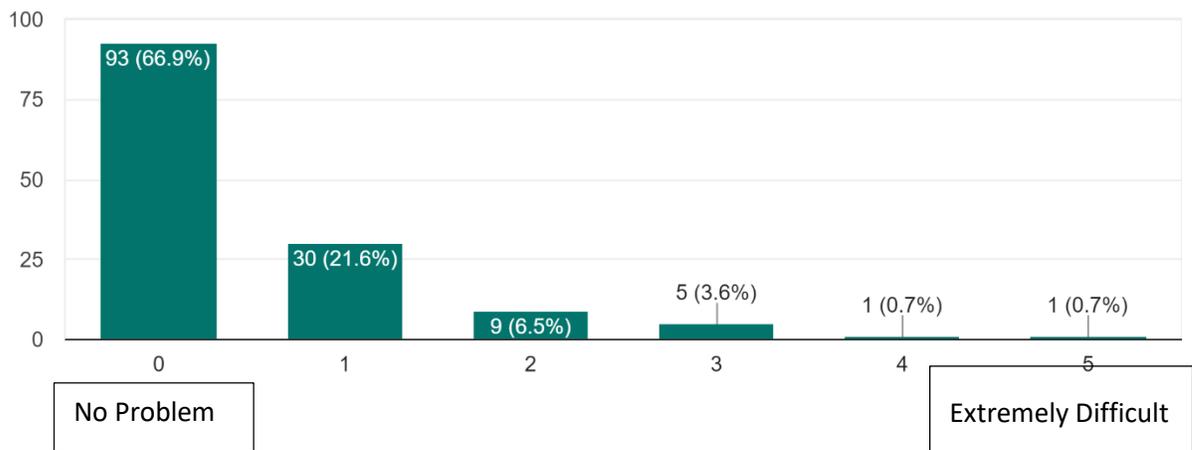


# HOW DIFFICULT IS IT FOR YOU TO:

**33% of respondents reported concern about safety**

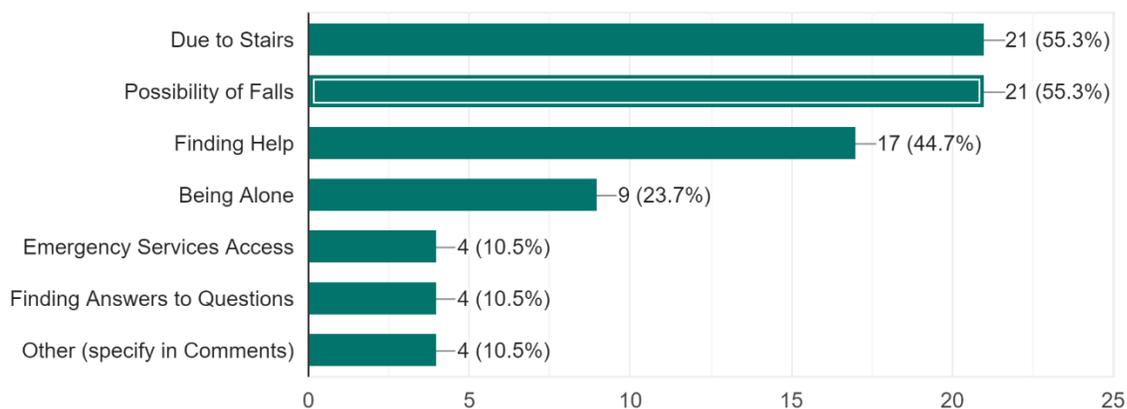
## C. Feel Safe

139 responses



## Reasons (if Any)

38 responses

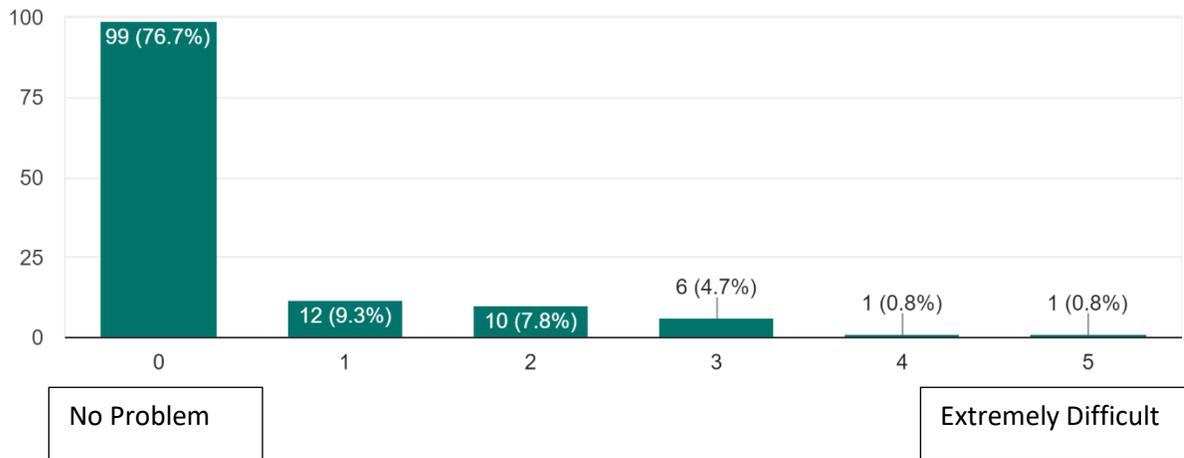


# HOW DIFFICULT IS IT FOR YOU TO:

**23% of respondents report some difficulty with transportation**

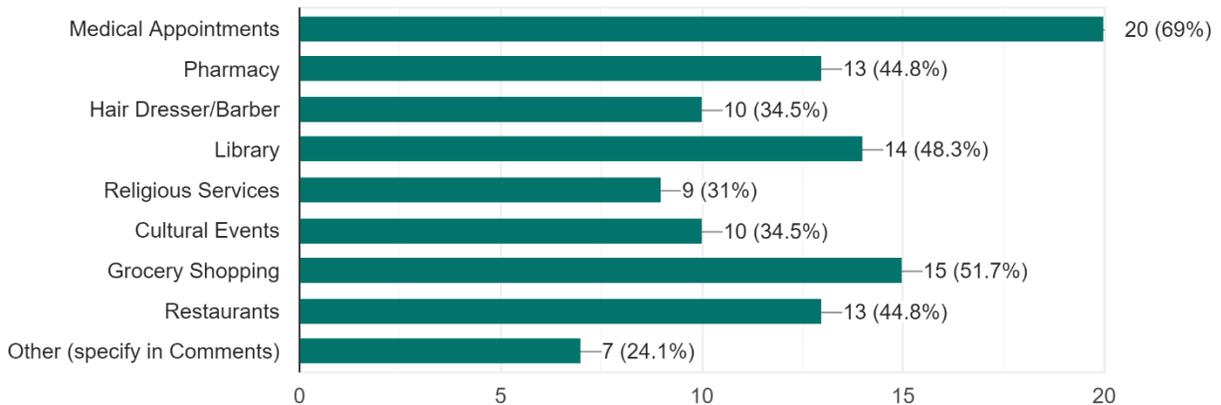
## D. Get Where You Want To Go

129 responses



## What Places?

29 responses

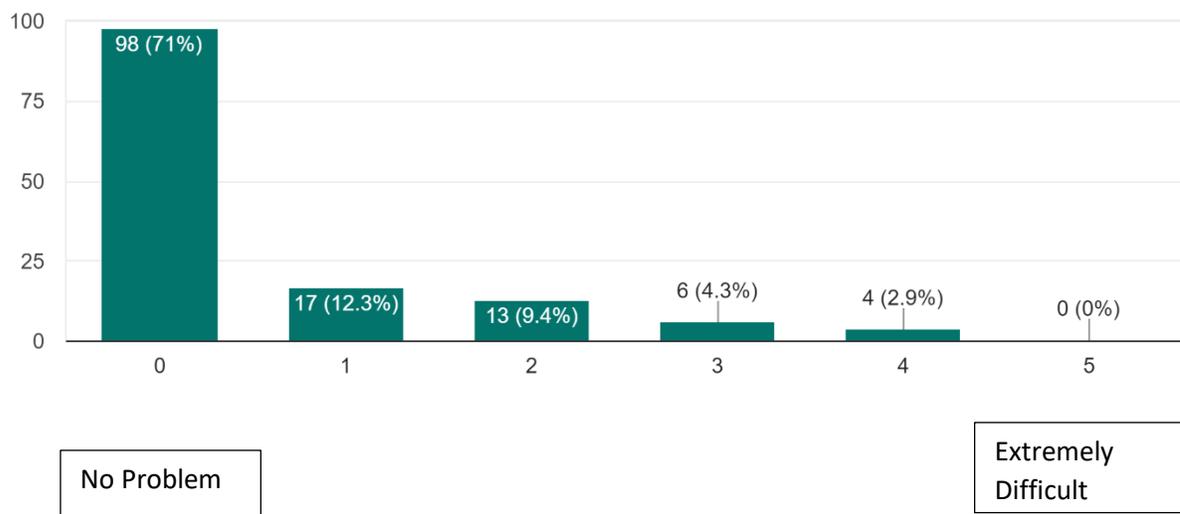


# HOW DIFFICULT IS IT FOR YOU TO:

**29% of respondents report some difficulty with participation**

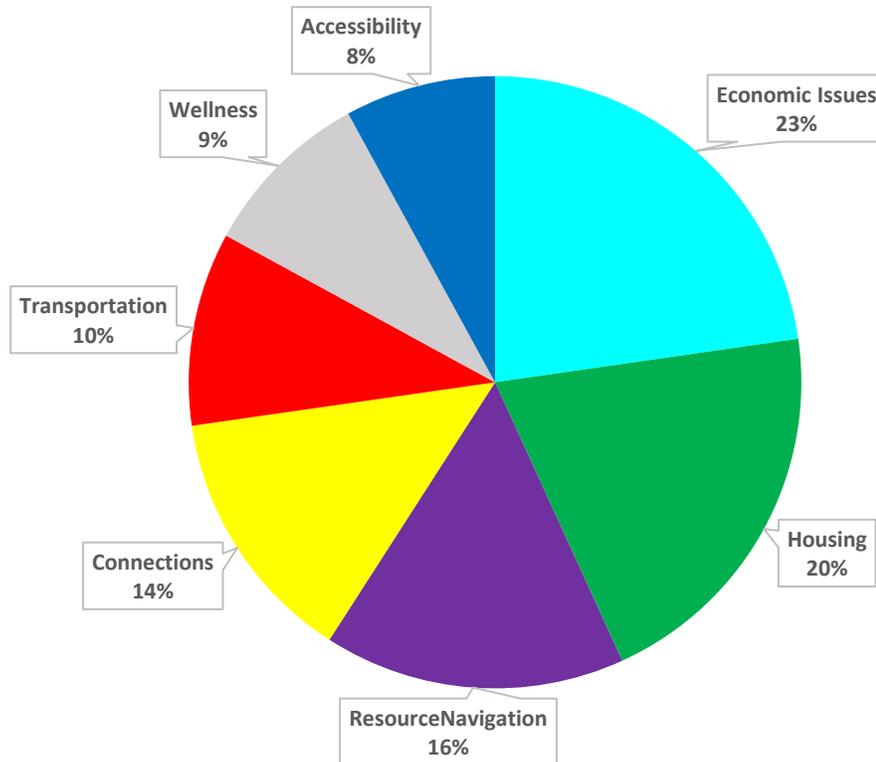
## A. Participate in Social Activities and Relationships

138 responses



**Comments are incorporated into Combined Responses Below**

**Appendix lists all survey comments**



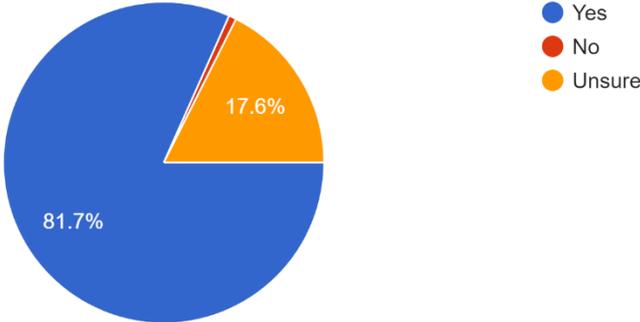
## What Would Improve Your Quality of Life As You Age?

83 responses (see appendix for complete list)

- Staying well!!
- Less worrying if I'm going to be able to afford the TAXES
- Access to qualified & honest affordable home maintenance people
- Staying connected with people in my community of 33 years for one.
- Assistance with night driving
- Senior housing where a senior could retire to after they can no longer care for a large home
- physically being able to maneuver through public places

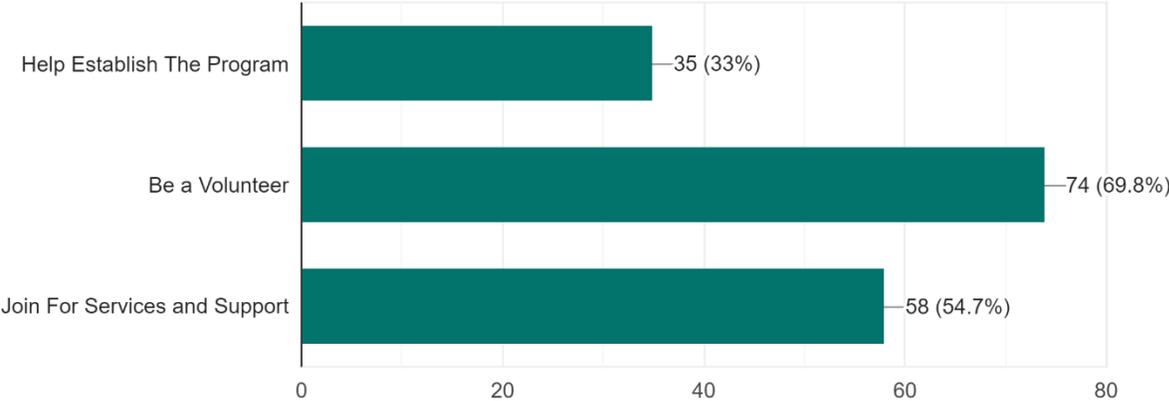
# Would You Favor the Creation of A Volunteer Network of Support in Town?

131 responses



# If A Volunteer Network of Support Were Created in Barrington, Would You Want To: (check all that apply)

106 responses



# Focus Group Results



What does an Age-Friendly Town look like to you?



What challenges do older residents face as they choose to remain in Barrington as they age?

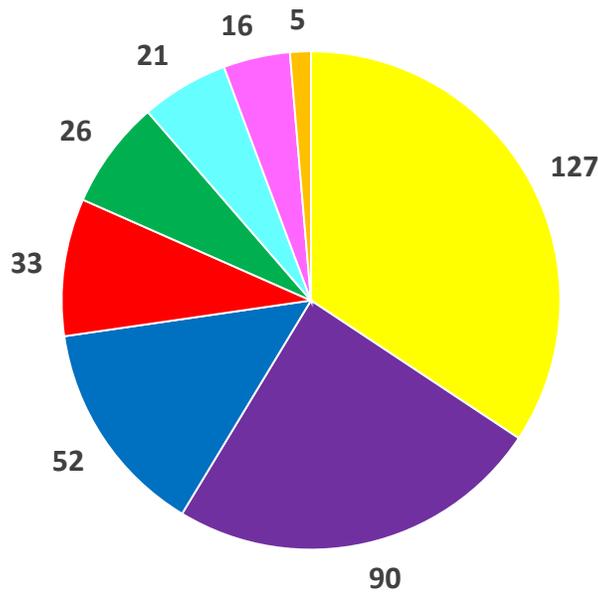


What programs and services currently exist?



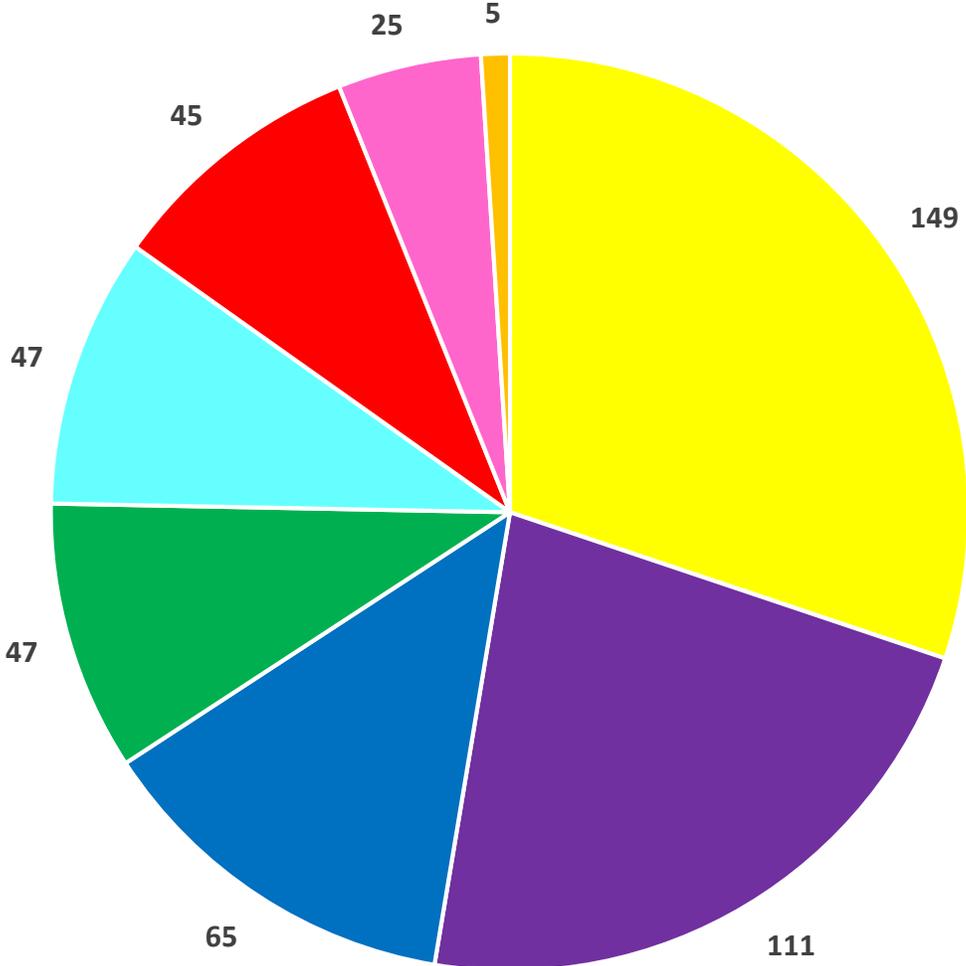
What ideas do you have for improving the safety and well-being of Barrington residents?

Focus Group Responses Total: 370



- Connections
- Resource Navigator
- Accessibility
- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic Issues
- Volunteer
- Administration and Infrastructure

Combined Responses: Survey and Focus Groups  
Total: 494



- Connections
- Accessibility
- Economic Issues
- Volunteer
- Resource Navigator
- Housing
- Transportation
- Administration and Infrastructure

## CONNECTIONS

Outreach, education, inter-generational interactions and volunteering, neighborhood-based connections, safety, check-in calls, remaining engaged, communication, companionship, care giver support, civic involvement and asking for help

“Someone reaching out to elders living in Barrington”

“recognizing the contribution and value of older residents”

“Sad that so many people my age have left town. Not ready for Senior Center activities yet. Thought of starting a club: ENSIB Empty Nesters Still in Barrington”

“collaborative relationships within the town”

## CHALLENGES

- Isolation—preservation of social network, remaining engaged
- Preservation of independence
- Juggling changing needs during a health crisis
- Weather challenges
- Substance abuse
- Victimization by scams, exploitation
- Coping with losses
- Living alone/trying new things alone
- Safety in one’s home when the individual has an impairment
- Effective communication of information
- No place to convene
- No ‘Welcome’ initiative for over 65

- Coming to terms with Aging Changes
- Adverse relationship between parents of school-age children and older community/Us vs. Them
- How can we better manage available opportunities
- Identifying people who need help
- Fear of the unfamiliar and difficulty with trust
- Caregiving strain
- Voting at the Town Financial Meeting
- Feelings of pride---difficulty accepting help or seeing the need for help
- Not connected to the computer/left out
- Is Barrington ready for a “Village” structure?

## **Ideas for Improvement**

- Outreach to Elders Living in Barrington---someone taking on the role
- Connecting with Police and Fire
- More information about Adult Protective Services in the monthly senior newsletter and making sure all residents of Barrington receive it.
- Fire Station should have a list of all the seniors they should be concerned about during a crisis.
- Designated person for Senior Services—Full-time Administrator.
- Safety Network: Organized system of calls
- Place for support for family/caregivers/spouses.
- Neighborhood-based connections and support.
- Education about Senior needs/concerns
- Medication and health screening
- Daily calls and occasional visits to homebound
- Social programs in the evening for those who work
- Developing new friendships by engaging in programs and volunteer opportunities

- Improve website for town-wide communication
- Both augment existing programs and reach out to people and let them know of our services
- Education and awareness of elder abuse
- Community Center that would include a café and a preschool.
- Local version of Foster Grandparents
- Oral history project with High School students.
- Older residents taking classes/offering skills in the schools.
- Add resources to Town Calendar
- Aging Support Group
- Travel Connections
- Senior Welcome (for those new to retirement, Medicare, planning and social planning)

## **Current Programs Mentioned**

- Dialer program
- Police Department Senior Advocate
- Barrington Fire Department
- Community members with curiosity and intellectual interests.
- Co-location of the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment, Barrington Public Library, Preservation Society Museum, TapIN.
- Caring Community
- Barrington Community Support Coalition
- Safe Community
- Meet-ups—online tool to connect with people according to interests or hobbies
- Online-Nextdoor Barrington
- Library Programming, Lunch and Learn
- Library monthly home delivery of books
- Excellent Church programs
- Peck Center for Adult Enrichment programs

- Education about Chronic Pain available by RI Spine Center
- YMCA, Senior Programs and multigenerational programs
- Interfaith Partners—group committed to social and racial justice
- Community Garden
- Barrington Community School
- Barrington Public Schools
- Woman’s Club
- Recreation Department
- Barrington Businesses
- Bike Path
- St. John’s Episcopal—programs, food delivery
- Farm School
- Bay Spring Community Center
- Country Club Plat Activities
- Garden Clubs

## RESOURCE NAVIGATION

In-home services and delivery options, handyman services, respite opportunities, pet care, medication help, bill paying and tax help, errands and shopping, a central resource center with a telephone call option

“Trustworthy help for home maintenance, yard work, shoveling, leaves, handyman”

“Coordinated efforts”      “Easy access to information”

## CHALLENGES

- Managing household tasks such as cleaning and laundry
- Juggling changing needs during a health crisis
- Nutrition---meal preparation
- Weather challenges
- Errands and shopping, help with groceries
- Obtaining dignified care when needed
- Lack of coordination of services
- Home and property maintenance, both physical help and economic concerns, trash and recycling, snow removal and leaf pick-up
- Need up-to-date list of resources
- Categories of benefits/services that are income-determined, working with systems
- Towns lack expertise
- Caretaker breaks
- Maintain emergency service for seniors
- Knowing how to access services
- Senior Services has part-time coverage only
- Falling
- Pet care

- Safety---help in a crisis
- Seniors need a network of service to stay in home

## Ideas for Improvement

- Medication delivery
- Access to VA benefits
- Trustworthy (vetted) help for home maintenance, handyman and snow shoveling support
- Respite opportunities for caregivers
- Coordinated information center or hotline
- Human supportive connections for home services, food and nutrition, concierge
- Expand Resource Fair
- Local contractors to work with/help seniors
- Help to maneuver RI Department of Elder Affairs
- Pet sitting/walking
- Legal, Financial, Health Advocate
- Shopping services
- A “device depot” where residents can bring no longer needed canes and walkers

## Current Programs Mentioned

- Meal Train—online support calendar for helping with meals prepared and delivered by volunteers.
- East Bay Community Action program—SHIP counselors
- Neighbor Brigade—temporary good neighbor services in a crisis
- Communication in monthly newsletters, websites
- YMCA Health Fair

- Department of Public Works has information readily available to all
- Barrington Emergency Care on Maple Ave---helpful if non-hospital urgent health need.
- Buy Nothing Barrington---exchange of free items and services/facebook
- Laundry pick-up/delivery to the home.
- Munroe Dairy and Walden Farms Meat Delivery
- Home food deliveries
- UPS helps with packaging/shredding
- CVS delivers to Atria 3x week

## ACCESSIBILITY

Pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, able to get to community, cultural events and cemetery visits, assistance with many forms of technology, easy structural access to shopping center with more handicapped parking spaces, a post office satellite

“Technology help to keep current and socialize”

“Post office access near Town Hall-satellite?”

## CHALLENGES

- Technology Help –computer instruction for seniors needed
- Technology to keep current and socialize
- Tech help needed to access resources
- Getting to parks, outdoors, entertainment and exercise
- Participating in town meetings
- Stairs, especially without railings
- Walkable community--Sidewalks not consistent, improved lighting needed, bicyclists on sidewalks
- Mobility issues, parking access, accessible housing
- Access to nutritious foods

## Ideas for Improvement

- Technology help-Age-Friendly
- Access to nature, entertainment, exercise, parks.
- Beach access to long time residents who have left town.
- Access to Town buildings for both disabled and frail.
- Post office access near Town Hall
- Improve Post Office services-standing in line for any length of time can be difficult
- Voting access for older residents
- More handicapped parking at the center and the Library, near a place with no curb

## Current Programs Mentioned

- Roger the Computer Guy—tech help
- Land Trust nature trail maintenance, guided walks
- Tech classes at the Library
- Longevity Explorers—Tech -Enhanced Life
- One of Barrington's greatest assets is having necessary facilities in close range (medical offices, car repair shops, etc)

## HOUSING

Varied housing options for downsizing, affordability and physical accessibility.

“Housing options---array of choices, all income levels”

“Affordable housing with public transportation close by”

“Multi-generational living situations”

## CHALLENGES

- Limited housing options for seniors looking to downsize and remain in Barrington
- Maintaining homes\*\*\*
- Condo or apartments for seniors
- Affordability of housing—costs of maintenance, rent, taxes
- Senior housing where a senior could retire to after they can no longer care for a large home
- Accessible housing for people with disabilities
- Having affordable assisted living with town
- Need for co-housing or multi-generational living options

## Ideas for Improvement

- Array of housing options
- Affordable housing
- Develop a model of a home that is Age-friendly
- Home modification forum
- Mixed development for seniors and families

## Current Programs Mentioned

- Barrington Cove Housing
- Atria has an active community

## TRANSPORTATION

Coordinated, accessible systems including nighttime options, appointments, etc.

“Accessibility to shopping, existing programs and town services”

### CHALLENGES

- Transportation is limited to certain days and times. It is needed for all times, especially night-time activities or weekends for those unable to drive
- Getting to bus lines
- Need for bus service to RI Veteran’s Home in Bristol
- Insufficient resources for transportation around town
- Getting to healthcare appointments
- RIPTA bus service to Bay Spring area needed
- Access to evening programs and town opportunities/meetings when no longer driving at night
- Cannot access resources easily
- Only curb to curb, no help on/off the bus
- Attending religious services if not driving

### Ideas for Improvements

- Town supported accessible public transportation
- Transportation to Voting/Town meeting
- Coordinated transportation system
- Expand current transportation options (beach, social events)
- RIPTA bus to Bay Spring
- Weekly trips to Route 6 for larger purchases

## Current Programs Mentioned

- Peck Center for Adult Enrichment provides transportation to the Peck Center M-F and to Shaws twice/week.
- TapIN provides volunteer transportation to medical appts.
- GoGoGrandparents 1-888-958-8734. Phone support for Uber and Lyft services.
- The POINT—non-emergency medical transport, door to door

## ECONOMIC ISSUES

Support in maintaining economic security.

“Affordable Town—tax abatement and relief, affordable housing option”

“Safety from exploitation”

“Management of finances—trustworthy assistance”

“Seriously, other towns don’t increase the taxes on those 65 and over. It freezes at age 65. There is a lot of money in Barrington, but not enough to help seniors.”

## CHALLENGES

- Increasing costs, fixed incomes
- Tax exemption application process may be a barrier to some, completion challenges, lack of respect
- Bill-paying help if needed
- Affordability of housing and home maintenance
- Affordability of health services
- Paying property taxes
- Paying into services no longer needed
- Population is living longer, presents financial challenges

## Ideas for Improvement

- Access to help with tax forms
- Tax capital gains on home (.1 of 1%) to pay for services(Little Compton model)
- Improve program of tax relief for seniors
- \$5,000.00 tax on the first house you buy in Barrington. If you stay here, then your \$5,000 plus interest is refunded when you reach 65. If you leave town, your \$5,000.00 is forfeited to a fund that gives serious tax relief to those 65 and over.
- Seniors' tax liability for their primary property should be frozen.

## Current Programs Mentioned

- Spencer Trust support
- Senior tax exemption
- TapIN

## VOLUNTEER

Community wide volunteer system

“Volunteer networks to provide transportation, home help, support”

“Meaningful opportunities to use skills and experiences, volunteer”

“Volunteer engagement, vetting and coordination”

## CHALLENGES

- Need for infrastructure for volunteer support
- Identifying willing volunteers
- More opportunities to volunteer are needed—see above—meaningful use of skills and experiences
- Better communication with schools and seniors
- Coordination of volunteer opportunities needed
- Vetting, coordination and recruitment of volunteers needed.

## Ideas for Improvement

- Engage Volunteers through schools and confirmation classes
- Infrastructure for volunteer support
- Mutually beneficial intergenerational interactions
- Routine volunteer contact to ensure safety
- Volunteer support network collaborate with recently revitalized clergy group

## Current Programs Mentioned

- Day of Caring
- TapIN provides structure for their volunteers
- Boy Scouts
- McCoy Farm—volunteer opportunity-all ages
- High School students need opportunities to volunteer.
- Volunteer as a poll worker for local elections

## INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

Establish and maintain support and advocacy including participation at Financial Town Meeting

“Regulatory barriers to building/reusing affordable homes”

“Town Council involvement and interest”

“We are still parents of young children...we would like to live in a community that supports its residents as they age”

“There ought to be some consideration for the non-transient population of Barrington.”

## CHALLENGES

- Liability issues for transportation and housing
- Census of seniors
- Need for full-time Administrator of Senior Services
- Regulations that act as barriers—see
- Adverse feeling between parents of children in the school system and older community. Us vs. Them
- Communication and transparency in the public sector
- System to provide additional oversight—supplement and/or alternative to family support
- Not enough advocacy for older population

## Ideas for Improvement

- System to provide additional oversight---supplement or alternative to family support
- Ordinances/laws to improve accessibility

## Current Programs Mentioned

- Tufts grant, mini-grants, executive office HHS

A Network of Support be established to offer opportunities for residents to:

- improve connections
- provide a place to turn for additional help with resources
- provide advocacy for a variety of housing options
- develop educational opportunities and advocacy in collaboration with existing programs to improve economic security for Barrington residents
- utilize existing resources for services, supplementing as needed with volunteer efforts
- promote intergenerational interactions and opportunities for meaningful use of skills
- continue to build connections with Town departments and leaders, organizations and businesses providing services to our older residents
- identify values, determine plan for infrastructure and vetting that will establish trust in this network of support. (Village Common opportunities)

# Appendix

## I. Survey Comments

- Currently have support from daughter who lives in town
- CC Plat Activities
- YMCA
- ?Volunteer Network "There are quite a few now"
- Too early to use your wonderful services.
- I have 1.9 acres and a house and cottage. Cottage is rented. Osemaquin walking dog.
- Costs-taxes.
- Be A Volunteer "possibly"
- I work for Home Instead Senior Care. Not a Barrington Resident but we have several clients who reside in Barrington. Perhaps involve highschool students (all ages for that matter) in volunteering. Shoveling snow in the winter. Social engagement, paying card games, etc. Intergenerational.....so valuable.
- Volunteer support network could work with or grow from the recently revitalized Clergy group.
- Barrington Women's Club
- none now
- answering these more for potential needs for future
- Housing such as condos and apartments would help transitioning from own homes that are larger than needed to a more manageable and affordable space.
- The statistic in the paper stated residence in the same house for those who are over 65; I have resided in town 55+ years but this house 15. I feel the better picture is how many years in town. I work part-time (activity section). A more lenient tax structure for long term residents. A good way to keep school costs down is to keep us in our multi-bedroom homes longer 😊😊😊😊
- These services are all well and good but we need to make sure the seniors can stay in Barrington by providing someplace in town for them to live so they will take advantage of these services. Atria is great for those needing more assistance but we need something such as Stratford Arms just over the line in Riverside. The "tax relief" is a joke. We have paid more than our fair share and now with the affordable housing we are paying for the education of those moving into Barrington while nothing is being done for housing for Seniors.
- BCWA, Spencer Trust, Charter Review, Hot Topics, Movie Day, walking, Temple Habonim(Active), 82 y.o., 53 yrs. in Barr.
- long driving distances.
- OK for me. Husband has no car.
- No problems
- 93 y.o.

- activity @ beach & No Parking signs not enforced by police as reason under Feel Safe
- Most goods and services are located on Rt. 6. We have a bus. Why don't we use it for weekly trips that vary. 1 week Lowes etc. 1 week Walmart. 1 week Kohls/Best Buy Bed & Bath etc. I can't fit a sheet of plywood or fencing or a TV on a bike. It's no wonder seniors are so adamant about giving up their cars. You're dead without one in America and it doesn't have to be this way.
- No problem for my husband & me but for my son, his safety is a concern. We have made some modifications to our home but my son is multi-handicapped. He needs 24/7 support
- No interested in Tech
- It would be nice to have local transportation. I hate owning a car!
- Past Member of Planning Board. Current Member of Barr. United Veterans Council & Election Poll Worker. Would like to see more affordable housing for seniors & more financial incentives to allow them to stay in Town.
- Will read results in Barr. Times. (Hire help) for Yard Work, Snow Shoveling, cleaning gutters.
- Barr. Farm School. (Our town offers no responsible options for organics disposal). What ever happened to the idea of incorporating a community center/cafe here at the library???
- Tech? Very skilled but would appreciate enhancement of skills & learning new skills. Only one car for two people-could use a ride from time to time
- < 15 yrs. Although I grew up here. Not now-but walking in neighborhood on busy streets with limited sidewalks will make walking for exercise difficult. I am a member of Quilters by the Sea, a Portsmouth based quilt guild, with many Barr. members.
- Yard Work?,Handyman?,Snow?
- Sports, Clubs, walking
- Have a stair chair.
- Increased awareness of the Bayspring Community Center and all of the programs, performances & events they offer. A 'device depot' where residents can bring no longer needed canes, walker, high shelf item grabber, toilet seat handle bars. crutches, injured foot boot, etc. and others can come to select from as needed.
- Weekday Lunch at Senior Center - ok.
- Garden Clubs, Barrington Community School, move brown bags from garden to street
- 88 y.o. Transportation.
- 83 y.o., lived in Barr. over 30 yrs., about once a month PCAE, BPL now and then, Concerts (a few times/yr.), Y (not in last 2 yrs. or so), (I don't understand the Sr. Ctr. bus service) for Grocery Shop. Tech Q "Yes", There are men who will do my yard work, etc. but they may charge a lot and often are not available when needed. Snow (sometimes-when no one shows up to do it). (Medical offices outside of Barrington: using a taxi is expensive). (I miss Providence theater, music, etc.), Restaurants out of Barrington(we do have some good ones here). I can still drive my car but avoid busy highways and downtown Providence streets. One of Barrington's greatest assets is having necessary facilities (such as medical offices, grocery stores, car repair shops, post office, etc.) within close range.
- husband not as concerned about keeping up the property as I am
- House work //General shopping
- I'm fully independent now, but I anticipate the need for help when I'm older.

- Our children participate in local scouts organizations and some youth sports.
- walking, golf, Bible study at Temple
- knitting, 84 y.o., 40+ yrs lived in Barrington
- For Home Maintenance, finding good, reliable people to provide services
- Thank you for your time and energy.
- I am on the Governor's Commission on Aging, so this is of interest to me
- VOLUNTEER-TAP IN
- Volunteer Network Created--I thought we had one in TAP IN.
- Be A Volunteer "If time and health allow", 79 y.o., 60 yr. Barrington resident, Do not like driving too far from home-i.e.Providence, into E. Providence, etc. Med. Appts. if across the "bridge"
- Dancing.
- Clubs, walking, boating, beach. Creation (Volunteer network) Yes, "Certainly for those who need it, if not being serviced already." Barrington resident 49 yrs.
- We are still parents of young children and do not currently have difficulties in the areas listed above, but we would like to live in a community that supports its residents as they age.
- Hard to say if I would want to establish and/or be a volunteer before I have any info as to what thoughts prompted this survey. A general meeting or something might be helpful.
- no problem now, expect problems in the future
- TAP IN Volunteer
- Although I do not need help now, when that time comes, it's nice to have it available locally,
- Lots of time w/ children's library programs, and out on the playground.
- Tap-In, Husband knows technology, Join for Services "as I become more elderly", Lived in Barr. for 42 years. Came as young mother (part of a couple) with toddler-added another child. Had at least 1 child in Barrington school system from 1980-1996. Do not mind paying taxes to keep our reputation for great schools even when I have none in system for last 22 years. Sad that so many people my age have left town. Not ready for senior center activities yet. Thought of starting a club ENSIB Empty Nesters Still in Barrington. Ha! Ha! What do you think?
- Religious Institutions in Town have programs for people with difficulties, transportation. However, Town services would be welcome. I am sure the Senior Center will have much input. Sorry, I tend to be a "loner". I will crawl to my medical appointments.
- Neighborhood Associations "not in my neighborhood", 1+1/2(dog), "I hate housekeeping", "I dread going places with stairs".
- I think seniors tax liability for their primary property should frozen. In addition, I think residents who have children, should have to report their income as do seniors who want to get any monies reduced from their property tax.
- Currently I have no need of these services, but I may in the future. I think it is a good idea for Barrington to have this available for older residents. "In the past", Board Member.

## II. Responses to: What Would Improve Your Quality of Life as You Age?

- Lower taxes
- Be able to remain in our home as long as possible-both 90
- Wider local transportation resources for disabled.
- Continued good health
- Condos
- Smaller House
- Walkable Neighborhoods
- Staying well!!
- real estate taxes
- Work out every day
- Buying a new smaller house or condo in Barrington (How about the College property?)
- Access to qualified & honest affordable home maintenance people
- Maintaining close relationships
- Assistance with night driving
- More housing options for seniors looking to downsize
- Affordable Housing
- A house on one floor
- Lower taxes for seniors
- still wanting to bike. lower taxes
- no real estate tax for seniors over 65
- More encompassing community center. Certainly lower or better controlled taxes. Keeping us in our houses is a school growth control ☹️.
- Senior housing where a senior could retire to after they can no longer care for a large home, I work as a real estate agent here in Barrington and I am concerned that we are meeting the needs of affordable housing (many of whom are not former Barrington residents) but not meeting the needs of those seniors who have been in town for years supporting our town, schools etc.. Many Barrington residents do not qualify for affordable housing so they are forced to leave town. I believe we need to actively search for an investor who would develop the former Zion property for our seniors.
- Staying connected with people in my community of 33 years for one. I have other ideas as well.
- More help keeping up with my home and yard work.
- At home visits by health care providers. House maintenance problems.
- Senior Housing Community in Barrington
- Staying in my current house.
- Not sure
- Less worrying if I'm going to be able to afford the TAXES
- Better public trans. Bike path to & on Rt. 6. More bike racks & public awareness of rules of road
- Accessible housing for people with disabilities. My husband & I are caregivers for son with multiple disabilities. We do have support in our home but accessibility is an issue for future.
- Better public transport/trolleys/buses
- Affordable property taxes
- Affordable Housing. Socioeconomic & Cultural Diversity
- Lower prop. taxes, more sidewalks in neighborhoods to allow safe walking. Have taxis and other transport into town so you don't have to drive.

- people (willing to pay) who will do small jobs reasonably priced within reasonable time frame.
- Yard work assistance List of plumbers, electricians, etc.
- Barrington already has an abundance of things to join, see, do.
- at a modest cost, handyman services around my house. Someone to occasionally move heavy things such as carry packages of bottled water from car, move box up or down to cellar
- Transportation
- Having friends in Barrington.
- list of reliable help-handyman, painter etc.
- Walking group in or around Barrington
- Help shopping
- Having affordable assisted living with town.
- Assistance when I'm older or disabled
- social groups for working folks
- Stay Healthy
- Programs for Social i.e. plays. day trips etc.
- To remain active.
- knowing more people
- Network of services/neighbor to neighbor help/vetted, recommended maintenance services like plumbers, painters, carpenters, etc.
- More housing options for older residents- "level in"
- This question is too general
- greater walkability-sidewalks!
- Lower taxes since we are on fixed income
- Help with yard work, snow removal, etc.
- More money
- More activities at Senior Center. Condo or apartments for seniors.
- Accessible conservation areas
- apartments/condos
- Good Health!
- Intergenerational programming, age appropriate recreational activities, physically being able to maneuver through public places, not having to go far from town (or leave at all) to get needs met, to be able to afford property taxes after retirement
- Job security until retirement age
- More focus on older adults who still live in town
- More speakers & lessons such as flower arranging, cooking for seniors
- lower taxes
- many things-every aspect of life
- Freezing my tax liability.
- When I can't drive, having access to rides
- **MORE DISCRETIONARY INCOME-LOWER TAXES**
- Help with transportation, house care (raking of leaves, snow removal, indoor cleaning)
- To be 25 years younger
- more places to walk
- Housing
- Good inexpensive medical programs
- Being able to stay in my current home (affordably!)
- More available transportation

**III.** Providence Village Website  
[www.providencevillageri.org](http://www.providencevillageri.org)

**IV.** Age-Friendly RI Website  
[www.agefriendlyri.org](http://www.agefriendlyri.org)  
See RI Healthy Aging Research Data, Community Profiles  
for demographic data related to Barrington

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