

2015 Needs Assessment – What Matters Most To You?

The Council on Aging (COA) in Stoneham is conducting a survey of resident aged 55 and over to identify the current and emerging needs of seniors in the community. Results of this survey will be used to create and improve COA policies that have a direct impact on Stoneham seniors.

Which community do you live in? _____

What is your age group? (Please check one)

55-60 60-69 70-79 80-89 90+

Please select the one choice in each section that is of the greatest concern to you

TRANSPORTATION (Please check one)

To shopping

To church/religious services

To recreation/leisure

To medical appointments within Stoneham

To employment and educations

To medical appointments outside Stoneham

To public transportation locations

To personal errands outside of Stoneham

FINANCES (Please check one)

Ability to pay bills

Financial education (i.e. reverse mortgages, investments)

Employment (having to continue to work)

Managing retirement funds (i.e. SS, savings, pension, etc)

HEALTH & WELLNESS (Please check one)

Physical health (i.e. chronic conditions, injury, etc.)

Access to medical specialists

Access to affordable high-quality healthcare

Healthcare Costs (i.e. co-pays, insurance costs)

HOUSING (Please check one)

- Remain in current home
- Remain in Stoneham
- Maintain property (i.e. home repair, lawn care, leaves, etc.)
- Home modifications for changing needs
- Options for downsizing (i.e. condo, apartment, senior housing, assisted living)

SOCIALIZATION (Please check one)

- Variety of events to stay connected to the Stoneham community
- Communication regarding social opportunity (i.e. when and where)
- Opportunities to share professional knowledge with community
- Avoid isolation/loneliness

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES (Please check one)

- Access to public technology (computers, devices)
- Cost of devices
- Knowledge to use devices to communicate (i.e. ipad, tablet, smart phone, etc.)
- Knowledge to use social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instant Messenger, etc.)

From the questions above, what do you feel is the number one concern of your peers?

Thank you for your time.