

Report of the Tuxedo Senior Survey: Overview Results and Recommendations

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Tuxedo Senior Survey Committee

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Introduction - Summary

Our report describes the process and results of a survey given to Tuxedo residents aged 60+ from all sections of town

About 32 % of Tuxedo's population falls into that age group. This is a higher % than Orange County and NY State as a whole

43% of the surveys distributed were returned - exceeds a typical rate

Based on the survey results the committee identified 7 areas on which to focus.

Hopes that the town officials and residents will work toward the implementation of the identified needs

Initiation of Survey

Few services of seniors in the town

Seniors have to go out of town for most everyday needs and services

Spring 2022 sub committee of the Tuxedo Silver Dollars began deliberating

Created a survey to assess the needs of people 60+ in Tuxedo

Dissemination of Surveys

No comprehensive address list of Tuxedo residents exists

Closest is the listing of seniors from the Orange County Board of Elections

Mass mailing 1089 seniors registered to vote was financially prohibitive

We utilized other options

421 copies of the survey were
distributed

Digital versions made available.

Survey Questions

56 questions - categories

Demographics

Community

Housing

Health/Food

Nutrition

Social/Recreation

Transportation

Technology

Caregivers

183 Paper and Digital Responses

43% of the surveys distributed

Used Qualtrics statistical program

Convenience Sample

Analysis of Results

Age - Largest % in age range 65-79

Residence: Hamlet, Southern and Northern sections generally equal. TP has a lower response - we could not hand deliver in the park

Most respondents live in homes with two people

Recreation/Fitness and Social Activities

Place to live - 89% good to excellent
Availability of Recreation, Social and

Fitness activities for seniors

38-40 % Poor

35-41 % Don't know or no opinion

Transportation and Technology

Large majority
presently drive
themselves

Concerned about future
inability to drive self

42% would use a
transportation system

49% would participate
in technology classes

Need help with phones,
smart TV's, internet and
computer

Not aware of existing
town technology
services

Food Access Housing Household Help

97% have adequate resources to purchase food

Limited use of area food pantry or meal delivery services

Housing adequate to needs

Concern about lack of rental housing and cost

Need help with household chores and home maintenance

Communication of Information and Services

Comments by senior and caregiver respondents indicate lack of knowledge of town and county resources

Recommendations

Create a Senior Services Advisory Committee

Expand senior services at the library

Identify locations for senior resident recreation, fitness, and social programs

Offer programs led by experienced staff and volunteers

Provide lavatory facilities at outdoor recreation sites

Town Recreation Advisory Committee should include a senior resident representative.

Explore and develop transportation services for seniors

Expand the technology support services provided by the Tuxedo Park Library

See support by high school students of volunteers to provide technology support

Create a location for a meals/social program

Publicize Meals on Wheels, Food Pantry and other food assistance

Explore chore services

Expand community communication systems

Conclusion

Wide range of needs

To be addressed on community, town and county level

Identify residents to serve on Senior Services Advisory Committee

Appoint Town Board representative to service on the committee

Than you for your time