

PLYMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY SURVEY ON CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

- One out of every four Plymouth households participated in the survey.
- Most survey participants (32.6%) defined “Senior” as on Social Security/fixed income.
- Almost an equal number of survey participants considered themselves as seniors (48.6%) as those that did not (49.6%).
- The top three interests/concerns identified by senior survey participants were:
 1. health
 2. transportation
 3. health care cost/insurance
- The top three interests/concerns identified by non-senior survey participants they think they might have when they become seniors were:
 1. transportation
 2. finances
 3. health care cost/health issues
- For the previously identified interests/concerns, most participants go to:
 1. their children (13.7%); 2. friends/neighbors (11.5%); and 3. the Plymouth Senior Center (10.8%).
- A majority of survey participants (90.7%) were aware that Plymouth has a Senior Center.
- Most survey participants (42.9%) “sort of” know what the Senior Center offers/provides, while 39.4% indicated that they do know.
- Over three quarters of survey participants (75.1%) indicated they have not used the Plymouth Senior Center within the past year with “not age 60” as the primary reason.
- Of the 22.4% of survey participants that have used the Plymouth Senior Center within the past year, most indicated they use it frequently (several times per week).
- Of those survey participants that frequently use (several time per week) the Senior Center, the top three activities included: 1. recreational opportunities (24.8%); 2. health programs (22.1%); and 3. socialization (19.5%).

- Of those survey participants that moderately use (several times per month) the Senior Center, the top three activities included: 1. recreational opportunities (37.8%); 2. socialization (18.9%); and 3. noon meal (17.8%).
- Of those survey participants that occasionally use (several times per year) the Senior Center, the top three activities included: 1. noon meal (20.7%) and health programs (20.7%); 2. socialization (16.1%); and 3. support services (9.2%).
- Of those survey participants that infrequently use (at least once per year) the Senior Center, the top three activities included: 1. noon meal (18.9%); 2. support services (17.0%); and 3. cultural programs (15.1%).
- The top three programs/services users of the Plymouth Senior Center would like to have available and use included: 1. health programs (11.8%); 2. recreational opportunities (11.1%); and 3. socialization (10.1%).
- Most users of the Plymouth Senior Center that don't participate in the noon meal indicated the reason being that they eat at home.
- Frequently listed suggestions to make the noon meal program better included better food/menu/cook.
- Most users of the Plymouth Senior Center stated that it is easy to find and conveniently located.
- Most users of the Plymouth Senior Center feel the current staffing is adequate.
- A majority of Plymouth Senior Center users agreed or strongly agreed that the Plymouth Senior Center provides a welcoming environment and friendly atmosphere.
- Most users of the Plymouth Senior Center would be willing to pay a membership fee, depending upon the fee and services provided.
- A majority of users felt the title "Plymouth Senior Center" is appropriate.
- The top three programs/services current nonusers of the Plymouth Senior Center would like to have available in the future included: 1. recreational opportunities (19.2%); 2. health programs (19.0%); and 3. educational opportunities (16.6%) and socialization (16.6%).
- Most nonusers of the Plymouth Senior Center that don't participate in the noon meal program indicated they are not age 60.
- Most nonusers of the Plymouth Senior Center stated that it is easy to find and conveniently located.
- A majority of nonusers (47.9%) felt the title "Plymouth Senior Center" is appropriate.

- Almost half of survey participants (49.1%) supported the concept of an intergenerational center in Plymouth.
- The top three opportunities, if they were incorporated into the Plymouth Intergenerational Center, which most survey participants identified as very important included: 1. opportunity for young people and seniors to interact (24.0%); 2. opportunity to learn issues/experiences of another generation (18.0%); and 3. opportunity to share resources and create synergy to maximize limited resources (17.4%).
- Over one quarter of survey participants (26.4%) lived alone.