



## AGE-FRIENDLY EASTON SURVEY

Use your cellphone to scan code at right to complete survey online



Dear Resident,

Please help us better understand the needs of our residents as they age by completing this short survey **by Friday, July 16, 2021**. It should take **only about 10 minutes**.

The Town of Easton has partnered with Old Colony Planning Council, the community planning agency for our region, to develop an Age- friendly Action Plan that will help us better meet the needs of an aging population. You may remember an age-friendly survey we did early in 2020. This second survey is one of many more opportunities to have your voice heard. Your experiences and opinions are important to us.

Responses to this survey are completely confidential. We are not collecting any personally identifiable info. If you have any questions about this survey or the Age-friendly Easton Project, please contact one of the following:

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- Cathy Adler, Chair, Easton Age-friendly Committee, [cmadler@protonmail.com](mailto:cmadler@protonmail.com), 508-243-6679
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Thank you for your participation!

1. **Do you live in Easton, MA? *Please select one answer.***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. **Are you under the age of 50? *Please select one answer.***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. **Which of the following best describes your living situation? *Please select one answer.***

- ☐ Rent home
- ☐ Own home
- ☐ Live with adult child, other family, or friends
- ☐ Live in senior housing or assisted living facility
- ☐ Other, please specify below:

## YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY

4. How would you rate Easton as a place for people to live as they age? *Please select one answer.*

☐ Poor      ☐ Fair      ☐ Good      ☐ Very good      ☐ Excellent

5. Thinking about your future years, which of the following is most likely? *Please select one answer.*

- ☐ You'll stay in your current home in Easton  
☐ You'll stay in Easton but move into a different home  
☐ You'll move out of Easton

6. Some people find that they need or want to move out of their home as they get older. If you were to consider moving, to what extent would the following be a factor in your decision? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

	Not a factor	Minor factor	Major factor
Wanting a smaller home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decreasing home maintenance costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting a home that will help you live independently as you age (e.g., a home without stairs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Moving in with children, other family, or friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Needing more medical care or personal services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Some people need or want to move out of Easton as they get older. If you were to consider leaving Easton, to what extent would the following be a factor in your decision? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

	Not a factor	Minor factor	Major factor
Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to be closer to family or friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Needing more access to public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in a different climate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in an area that has a lower cost of living	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in a safer community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in a more diverse community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

10. How do you usually get around Easton for things like shopping, medical appointments, and errands? *Please select one answer.*

- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Drive yourself
- ☐ Have others drive you
- ☐ Use a rideshare company like Uber or Lyft
- ☐ Use Council on Aging transportation
- ☐ Ride a bike
- ☐ Other, please specify below:

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11. How would you rate Easton on having the following? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

12. How would you rate Easton on having the following? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Don't know
Enough affordable health and wellness programs for things like quitting smoking, improving nutrition, and losing weight	O	O	O	O	O	O
Enough affordable fitness activities specifically geared toward older adults	O	O	O	O	O	O
Readily available information about healthcare, in-home care, and other community services for older residents	O	O	O	O	O	O

13. How would you rate Easton on having the following? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Don't know
Affordable home care services, including personal care and housekeeping	O	O	O	O	O	O
Affordable home health care providers	O	O	O	O	O	O
A variety of health care professionals including specialists	O	O	O	O	O	O
Health care professionals who speak different languages	O	O	O	O	O	O

## PARTICIPATION, INCLUSION, AND EDUCATION

14. How would you rate Easton on having the following? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Don't know
Conveniently located entertainment venues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable events and activities geared specifically toward older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A wide variety of events and activities that appeal to a diverse population of older residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easily available information about events and activities in town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continuing education classes for learning new things	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social clubs for pursuing interests, hobbies, or passions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Which of the following sources for activities and events do you use? *Please select one or more boxes.*

- ☐ YMCA
- ☐ Frothingham Hall Community Center
- ☐ Council on Aging
- ☐ Easton Recreation Department
- ☐ Faith community
- ☐ Local organizations or businesses
- ☐ Educational institutions like Stonehill or SE VoTech
- ☐ Online programs
- ☐ Other, please specify below:

- ☐ None

- ☐ Strongly disagree      ☐ Somewhat disagree      ☐ Neither agree nor disagree      ☐ Somewhat agree      ☐ Strongly agree

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## COMMUNICATION

20. How would you rate Easton on having the following? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Don't know
Easy, centralized access to town information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clearly displayed printed information with large lettering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Free access to computers and the Internet in places such as the library and Council on Aging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town information delivered to homes of people who may not be able to leave their home or access the internet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community information available in different languages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. What is the best way to share information with you about Easton, local events, and activities available to residents? *Please select one or more boxes.*

- ☐ Local cable (ECAT)
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Phone call
- ☐ Text or SMS
- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ Posters and flyers around town
- ☐ Other, please specify below:



## AGE-FRIENDLY PRIORITIES

22. For the following eight (8) categories, which do you think need the most work to make Easton a place where you can remain as you age? *Please rank in order of importance with 1 being most important and 8 being least important. Do not use the same the number twice.*

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Outdoor Spaces and Buildings: People need public places to gather — indoors and out. Green spaces, seating, and accessible buildings (e.g., elevators, zero-step entrances, staircases with railings) can be used and enjoyed by people of all ages.

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Transportation: Driving shouldn't be the only way to get around. Pedestrians need sidewalks and safe, crossable streets. Dedicated bicycle lanes benefit non-drivers and drivers alike. Public transit options can range from the large-scale (trains, buses, light rail) to the small (taxis, shuttles or ride share services).

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Housing: The vast majority of older adults want to reside in their current home or community for as long as possible. Doing so is possible if a home is designed or modified for aging in place, or if a community has housing options that are suitable for differing incomes, ages and life stages.

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Social Participation: Regardless of a person's age, loneliness is often as debilitating a health condition as having a chronic illness or disease. Sadness and isolation can be combated by having opportunities to socialize and the availability of accessible, affordable, and fun social activities.

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Respect and Social Inclusion: Everyone wants to feel valued. Intergenerational gatherings and activities are a great way for young and older people to learn from one another, honor what each has to offer and, at the same time, feel good about themselves.

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Work and Civic Engagement: Why does work need to be an all or nothing experience? An age-friendly community encourages older people to be actively engaged in community life and has opportunities for residents to work for pay or volunteer their skills.

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Communication and Information: We now communicate in ways few could have imagined a decade ago. Age-friendly communities recognize that information needs to be shared through a variety of methods since not everyone is tech-savvy, and not everyone has a smartphone or home-based access to the internet.

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Community and Health Services: At some point, every person of every age gets hurt, becomes ill, or simply needs some help. While it's important that assistance and care be available nearby, it's essential that residents are able to access and afford the services required.

## ABOUT YOU

These questions help us make sure we hear from a wide range of Easton residents. Your answers are completely confidential, and we will not ask for your name or other personally identifiable info.

**23. Which of the following best describes you? *Please select one answer.***

- ☐ I use the internet at home on my computer, tablet, or cell phone
- ☐ I use the internet someplace else (e.g., at the library, work, someone else's house, etc.)
- ☐ I do not use the internet

**24. Which best describes how you identify? *Please select one answer.***

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ I prefer to self-identify below:

**25. What is your age as of your last birthday? *Please enter a number.***

**26. Do you now serve or have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, either in the regular military or in the National Guard or Reserves? *Select one answer.***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**27. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities? *Please select one answer.***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**28. Are you the primary caregiver for any of the following? *Please select one or more boxes.***

- ☐ A child aged 18 or younger
- ☐ An adult under the age of 65 with disability, handicap, or chronic illness
- ☐ An adult aged 65+ with disability, handicap, or chronic illness
- ☐ Other, please specify below:

- ☐ None of the above

**29. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent? *Please select one answer.***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**30. What is your race? *Please select one or more boxes.***

- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Asian or Asian American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other, please specify below:

**31. What is your annual household income before taxes? *Please select one answer.***

- ☐ Under \$20,000
- ☐ Between \$20,000 and \$49,999
- ☐ Between \$50,000 and \$74,999
- ☐ Between \$75,000 and \$99,999
- ☐ Between \$100,000 and \$149,999
- ☐ Over \$150,000

THANK YOU, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK.

**32. If you have any ideas for what would make Easton a better place for people to live as they age, please share them here with us:**

The Easton Age-friendly Project is expected to conclude by the end of 2021. There will be further opportunities to feed into this work, including providing comments on the Draft Age-friendly Action Plan for Easton. If at any time you have questions about this survey or the project, please contact one of the following:

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**Thank you.**