

Findings At-a-Glance: 2016 Ridgewood Needs Assessment of Older Adults

In 2015-2016, the Ridgewood Community Center Advisory Board conducted a survey to learn about the assets and needs of older adults, aged 55 years and older who live in Ridgewood, NJ. More than 700 older adults in Ridgewood participated and shared their opinions. The information below provides a brief summary of some of the findings from this survey.

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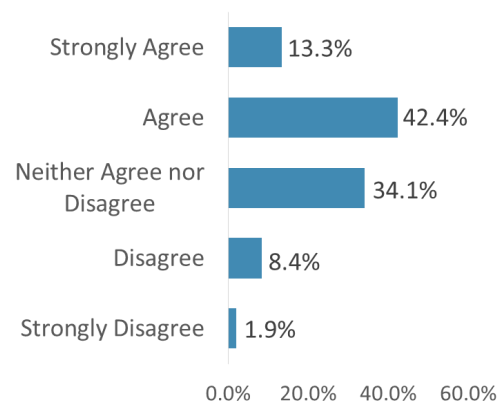
ASSETS

- Variety and availability of recreational activities
- Variety of communication resources available
- Interest in contributing to the community

NEEDS

- Options offered at no cost
- Opportunities to contribute expertise and time
- Communication of events and services in multiple ways
- Marketing toward older adults or residents

Percentage of agreement that Ridgewood has excellent community supports and services for adults aged 55 years and older



5 KEY FACTS

- 84.3%** Get their information about activities and services from local newspapers
- 74.6%** Participate in clubs, community or religious organizations or senior groups
- 67.6%** Feel included, welcomed and connected in this community
- 40.7%** Do not use the Community Center because they do not identify as a senior citizen
- 38.4%** Know who to contact for assistance if an older person needed help

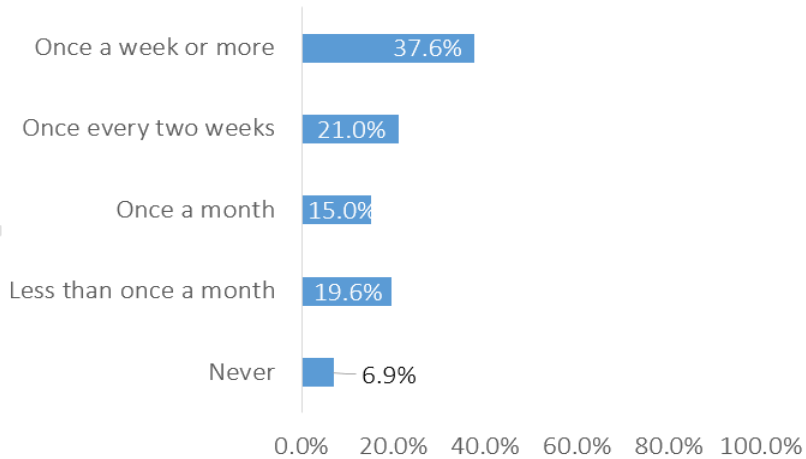


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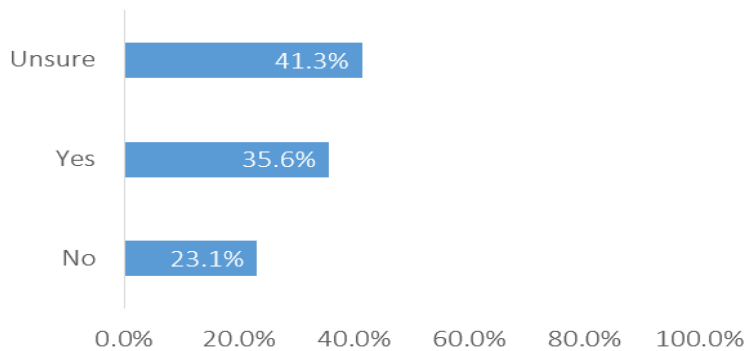
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ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Frequency of eating in Ridgewood restaurants or taking out food from them



Percentage of respondents interested in more inter-generational activities in Ridgewood (e.g., teens assisting seniors, seniors mentoring youth, social activities)



Percentage that know of older adults in Ridgewood who do not participate in any activities available within the community

