

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.

PERCEPTIONS OF RIDGEWOOD

ASSETS

- Location and proximity of town to desired services
- Municipal services
- Familiarity with the community and social connections
- Public transportation and connectivity

NEEDS

- Feelings of isolation as friends move away
- Inclusion of older adults in Village marketing
- Variety of options that meet diverse needs
- Affordability

5 KEY FACTS

70.7% Feel that housing is “extremely important” to their quality of life

62.9% Feel that health and medical services are “extremely important” to their quality of life

59.1% Feel that walkable neighborhoods are “extremely important” to their quality of life

46.4% Feel that transportation options are “extremely important” to their quality of life

38.1% Feel that community supports and services are “extremely important” to their quality of life

Percentage of agreement that Ridgewood is an excellent place to live as people grow older

