2018 Sullivan Age-Friendly Community Survey — 106 surveys returned

94.3% live in Sullivan year-round

6.6% over age 80
51.9% age 65-80
28.3% age 50-64
13.2% less than age 50

70.8% have a pet or pets
17.0% are veterans
16.0% are disabled

Housing

84.9% own their own home

79.2% live in a single-family frame dwelling
  1.9% live in an apartment
11.3% live in a mobile home
  4.7% live in extended family home

28.3% live alone
  8.5% are the primary caregiver for someone else
53.8% have a 911 address at the end of their driveway
84.0% have a working/active smoke detector on each floor
52.8% have a working/active carbon monoxide detector
91.5% indicate their home is warm enough in the winter

12.3% need help paying for fuel
17.9% need help with home chores (yard, snow, lightbulbs)
  8.5% need help with storm windows and/or banking house
6.6% need help bringing firewood into home
2.8% need help shoveling after a snowstorm
5.7% need help with heavy work, minor repairs, major repairs
  and at least 1 person needs all the help they can get
81.1% want to age in their own home
16.0% will need modifications to stay in my home as I get older

7.5% want to move in with family
7.5% want some to move in with them
5.7% want to move to an apartment
10.4% want to move to a senior community
5.7% want to move to an assisted living facility
17.9% want to move to a warmer climate

**Transportation**

92.5% drive themselves
25.5% have spouse or partner drive
9.4% have family or friends drive
13.2% walk
2.8% ride a bike
1.9% use special services (SunRide, Friends in Action)
1.9% are homebound

2.8% need rides
6.6% get rides, but don’t like to ask
1.9% use wheelchair, walker or oxygen
6.6% have difficulty seeing, hearing or other physical conditions
6.6% don’t like to go out
6.6% don’t like to go alone
25.5% find weather conditions to be a barrier
15.1% don’t like to drive after dark

**Civic Participation & Employment**

8.5% would like to teach a class or lead a skill workshop
24.5% are willing to participate in local government (boards, committees)
34.9% are willing to participate in community organizations / activities
56.6% are willing to participate in single-day events
13.2% offered other ideas (child-friendly opportunities, cook for events, rides for others, church)
Communication & Community Information

82.1% use a computer, tablet or smartphone
63.2% have sufficient internet access

97.2% read the monthly Town Crier
53.8% read the Town sign
28.8% read the Town website (www.sullivanmaine.org)
37.7% read the Town Facebook page (Town of Sullivan)
20.8% read posters
  2.8% learn what’s happening through church
73.6% find out what’s happening in Sullivan through word of mouth

Social Participation

45.3% would like to be more social
49.1% would like more opportunities for solitary activities
34.0% would like to participate in more group activities
44.3% would like to attend lectures, workshops or skill-building classes
30.2% would like to play cards, cribbage, board games, bingo, arts & crafts
38.7% would like to participate in morning coffee, potlucks or group meals

Community Services & Health

13.2% would like to participate in a daily phone check-in
14.2% need help filling out forms
10.4% need help with food shopping
17.9% would access a food pantry, if available
15.1% would access the pet food pantry

  0.9% need help making an appointment with health provider
  7.5% need transportation / assistance getting to appointment
  3.8% need assistance with medication and/or medical equipment

34.9% have an Advanced Medical Directive
50.9% would attend a Health & Wellness Resource Fair
Community Spaces & Buildings

82.1% walk unassisted
7.5% walk unassisted with difficulty
6.6% use a cane or walker
0.9% use a wheelchair

7.5% identified the Recreation Center for improvements (ramp in back is difficult to access; library/recreation bathrooms; thrift store)
4.7% identified the Town Office for improvements (handicap parking/ramp
0.9% identified Dollar General needs wheelchairs
2.8% identified Sumner Park access — seating at the parks, uneven surfaces, very uneven and few places to sit
0.9% identified the ocean for public seating
1.9% identified Taunton Drive for walking safety (speeding drivers)
0.9% identified that they do not get out much

14.2% identified they would like community-raised bed gardens in Sullivan
7.5% identified they would like butterfly or wildflower gardens in Sullivan
29.2% identified they would like walking paths — (some specified flat, paved, exercise, nature, connecting Sumner Park to Gordon’s Wharf, off-road stroller accessible)
7.5% identified all or any of the above
2.8% identified they would like a fenced dog park
1.9% identified they would like a pool or beach
0.9% identified they would like bicycle paths on all roads

There are 64 additional comments about our community listed as the ONE thing that would improve Sullivan for the survey respondent.

Respect and Community Inclusion

50.9% feel that older residents are respected in Sullivan
35.8% feel that older residents are respected in Sullivan some of the time