

## 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](http://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