

Hastings Boomer Survey

What do Boomers Want Hastings to Know?

Hastings Community Education and the City of Hastings have formed a Boomer Advisory Council that is seeking your input to guide future planning. We are interested in your opinion on a number of key topics related to the quality of life for Boomers and all residents of Hastings.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. All responses will be confidential. Please complete the survey by **March 11, 2013**

We need and greatly value your input. Thank you!

Your Current Home and Possible Future Home

1. Do you currently rent or own your home?

- Rent
- Own (with a mortgage payment)
- Own (free and clear; no mortgage)

Other (please specify)

2. Which best describes your current type of housing?

- Single family home
- Duplex
- Townhouse/condominium
- Apartment
- Manufactured/mobile home
- Assisted living residence
- Independent living residence
- Nursing Home

Other (please specify)

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3. If you are able, how likely are you to remain in your current home?

- Very likely**--I want to remain in my current home for as long as possible.
- Somewhat likely**--I would like to stay in my current home.
- Somewhat unlikely**--I would like to move someplace else (in the next 2-5 years).
- Very unlikely**--my plan is move out of my current home as soon as possible (in the next year).
- Don't know yet.**

Comments:

4. If you do think you will be moving in the next 5 years, please select the most likely reason.

- I do not plan on moving in the next 5 years
- My home will become too expensive
- Too much work maintaining a single family home
- My home is too big
- My home is too small
- Change or loss of job
- My health or a family member's health
- My home is not near amenities (shopping, services, clinic, health club)

Please specify below:

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5. What are your preferences for possible future housing? Please rate your interest in moving into the following types of housing.

	Very interested	Interested	Somewhat interested	Not interested
Single family home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Duplex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Townhouse/condominium	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apartment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Manufactured/mobile home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assisted living residence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Independent living residence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nursing Home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

6. Do you think the housing stock in Hastings is diverse enough to accommodate your housing needs/desires?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/Don't know

7. Do you plan on remaining in Hastings after you retire or discontinue your current job?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/Don't know

8. If you were to leave Hastings, why would that be? (You may select more than one response.)

- For other housing options
- For other job opportunities
- For services offered outside of Hastings
- To be closer to family
- To be closer to central cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul
- For warmer weather in the south!

Other (please specify)

Services, Activities, and Transportation in Hastings

9. How would you rate the overall services provided to older adults (or aging Boomers) in Hastings?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent
- Not sure/Don't know

10. What things do you think you may need help with to stay in your home as you grow older than age 65?

- Maintaining the outside of my home
- Yard work
- Snow removal
- Keeping my home clean inside
- Home modifications (for example: install railings/grab bars, move laundry or bedroom/bathroom to 1st floor)
- Grocery delivery or meals on wheels

Other (please specify)

11. How likely is it that you can receive help from family members or neighbors to assist with the chores listed in the previous question?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not likely
- I don't need assistance because I live in an apartment, condo, or Independent/Assisted Living

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12. At this time, how satisfied are you with Hastings as a Community for a Lifetime (a good place to grow up and grow older)?

- Very Dissatisfied**--If I can, I will move out of Hastings
- Dissatisfied**--Hastings seems to be not as good as other communities for older adults/aging Boomers
- Satisfied**—every place can be better and Hastings is no different
- Very Satisfied**--it is a wonderful place to grow up and a great place to grow older
- Not sure/Don't know**

13. What do you think needs to improve in Hastings as Boomers age? Please rate the following SUPPORTS FOR AGING IN THE COMMUNITY in Hastings.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know / No opinion
Availability of in-home services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community gathering places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congregate Dining options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Downtown development (housing, shops, walkability)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for family/friends as potential caregivers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shopping options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public safety services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Faith community involvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

14. What do you think needs to improve in Hastings as Boomers age? Please rate the following HOUSING OPTIONS in Hastings.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know / No opinion
Availability of housing specifically for older adults (Independent/Assisted Living)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of rental units	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of single-level condos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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15. What do you think needs to improve in Hastings as Boomers age? Please rate the following ARTS AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES in Hastings.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know / No opinion
Arts (theatre, music, concerts, art galleries)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educational and enrichment opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				

16. What do you think needs to improve in Hastings as Boomers age? Please rate the following opportunities for PHYSICAL ACTIVITY in Hastings.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know / No opinion
Indoor fitness options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				

17. What do you think needs to improve in Hastings as Boomers age? Please rate the following HEALTH AND MEDICAL SUPPORT in Hastings.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know / No opinion
Long term care options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to medical care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				

18. As your transportation needs change and you may not be able or want to drive, what type of transportation options would you like in Hastings?

- A fixed route bus system
- A circulator bus that stops at specific locations (shopping, library, community center)
- A volunteer driver program
- A combination of transit resources to create more options
- A central agency/organization to coordinate rides (Mobility Management)
- A bus to Minneapolis/St. Paul
- A train to St. Paul (Red Rock line)

Other (please specify)

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19. How can the City of Hastings and/or Community Education best help you as a Boomer to prepare for aging (in place/community)? Tell us what you need or want.

Hastings Community Education, Boomer Advisory Council

20. Are you aware of Community Education's classes, activities, and events in the Hastings designed specifically for Boomers?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please describe what you have heard about Community Education's Boomer offerings:

21. Which of the following activities sponsored by Hastings Community Education have you participated in?

- Participated in a community education class, program, or activity at the Community Center
 Received a community education catalogue or newsletter
 Heard about community education's events or offerings from others in the community
 None

Please specify below:

22. Are you interested in learning more about the Boomer Advisory Council--a group working to plan for aging Boomers?

- Yes
 No, thanks

23. Would you be interested in attending a Community Conversation to share your ideas and thoughts about how Hastings can become more of a Community for a Lifetime?

- Yes
 No
 Maybe

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24. If you would like more information about Hastings Boomer Advisory Council or Dakota County's Communities for a Lifetime initiative, or if you have any other questions, please leave your name, email, or phone number.

Information About You

We ask for the following information to help us better analyze the responses to the survey. Your information is confidential and will not be shared.

25. How did you learn about the Hastings Boomer Survey?

- Postcard in the mail
- Email from Community Education
- Email from another organization in Hastings
- Email forwarded from a friend, family member, coworker
- Article or Caregiver Corner in the Hastings newspaper
- Other (please specify)

26. How many years have you lived in Hastings?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years

27. In which grouping is your age?

- younger than 45
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 and older

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28. Is there an age at which you expect to stop working full time?

- Before age 60
- 60-64
- 65-69
- 70-74
- 75 +
- Already retired

29. Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

30. What is your current marital status?

- Never married
- Married
- Separated/divorced
- Widowed

31. How many adults live in your household?

- I live alone
- One other adult
- Two other adults
- More than two other adults

32. What is your current employment status? (You can select more than one.)

- Employed in Hastings
- Employed outside of Hastings
- Unemployed
- Retired or semi-retired

Other (please specify)

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33. About how many hours per week do you volunteer in the community?

- I usually don't volunteer
- 1 hour or less per week
- 1-2 hours per week
- 2-3 hours per week
- 3-4 hours per week
- more than 4 hours per week

Thank You!!! We appreciate your time in taking this survey.