

## Allen Neighborhood Center

### COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Allen Neighborhood Center is planning to launch a new program to organize support services for EastSide seniors. We are requesting your assistance with assessing needs. There are a wide variety of supports that may become important to people as they age in order to keep them living independently on Lansing's East Side. We have created a listing below of possible services in seven categories. We would appreciate your taking a few minutes to complete this questionnaire to help us analyze needs.

Please check inside the space provided the items that are, or may be in the future, important to you as you consider whether to remain in your home and on the East Side. If a service is especially important to you, mark it as 1, 2, 3, etc. Although we tried to be comprehensive, we left space for you to add items we may have missed. After you complete the questionnaire, we ask that you prioritize the major categories in order of their importance to you.

There are several personal questions at the end of the survey. We ask that you answer these questions, but, to protect your privacy, don't put your name or address on the survey. We will use the data you provide only as part of survey report totals.

- I. **DAILY LIVING/HOME SERVICES** that may be important to you and your decision to stay in your home as you grow older.  
(If a service is especially important to you, please mark it as #1, 2, 3 etc.)

- Meal Preparation
- Meal Delivery
- Transportation
- Shopping (groceries, other)
- Services (dry cleaning, laundry, etc.)
- House cleaning
- General handyman
- Special services (plumber, electrician, etc.)
- Yard maintenance, lawn mowing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- II. **HEALTH ASSISTANCE SERVICES** that are, or may be in the future, important to you should you stay in your home as you grow older.  
(If a service is especially important to you, please mark it as #1, 2, 3 etc.)

- Medical/ dental referrals
- Skilled nursing/nurses aid
- Physical therapy
- Medical equipment (wheelchairs, bed, walkers, etc.)
- Home health care (administer medications, bathing etc.)
- Nutrition (diet)
- Procuring prescriptions
- Filling out health insurance claim forms, etc.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**III. ORGANIZED PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES** that you would like to participate in if you remain on the East Side as you grow older.  
(If a service is especially important to you, please mark it as #1, 2, 3 etc.)

- Scheduled exercise programs
- Walking groups
- Bicycling groups/events
- Swimming
- Dance classes
- Yoga/Meditation/Tai Chi
- Gardening
- Other

**IV. ORGANIZED SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** to be held at conveniently located meeting places on the East Side or scheduled trips.  
(If a service is especially important to you, please mark it as #1, 2, 3 etc.)

- Coffee/tea parties
- Discussion groups
- Hobbies and crafts
- Bridge, chess, other games
- Book club
- Entertainment trips (museums, concerts, theater, movies, etc.)
- Volunteering (with schools, pre-schools, non-profits, hospitals, etc.)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**V. CONTINUING EDUCATION** opportunities that you would like to have available on the East Side.  
(If a service is especially important to you, please mark it as #1, 2, 3 etc.)

- East Side seminars (classes in a variety of intellectual subjects)
- How to classes (computer/Internet training, cooking, bridge, chess classes)
- Investment club
- Consumer Information
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** that you believe will be important to you as you grow older  
(If a service is especially important to you, please mark it as #1, 2, 3 etc.)

- Bill paying
- Balancing checkbook, etc.
- Insurance (health, property, life)
- Investment advice
- Legal advice
- Tax preparation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. HOUSING OPTIONS.** List housing options that you would like to have available to you on the East Side if you are considering moving from your current home. (If a service is especially important to you, please mark it as #1, 2, 3 etc.)

- Smaller homes with smaller lots
- Condominium living
- Townhouses (one or two floors)
- Apartments

**Importance of Services**

Please take an additional moment to prioritize each category of services in the order of how important they are to you as you consider whether to continue living on the East Side as you grow older. Rank the categories 1 to 7 with 1 being the most important and 7 being least important. Also, please mark whether you might pay a small fee to receive.

- Daily Living/Home Services: Importance (1-7) \_\_\_\_\_ I might pay small fee \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Assistance Services: Importance (1-7) \_\_\_\_\_ I might pay small fee \_\_\_\_\_
- Organized Physical Activities: Importance (1-7) \_\_\_\_\_ I might pay small fee \_\_\_\_\_
- Organized Social Activities: Importance (1-7) \_\_\_\_\_ I might pay small fee \_\_\_\_\_
- Continuing Education: Importance (1-7) \_\_\_\_\_ I might pay small fee \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal and Financial: Importance (1-7) \_\_\_\_\_ I might pay small fee \_\_\_\_\_
- Housing Options: Importance (1-7) \_\_\_\_\_ I might pay small fee \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested Personal Information – Will be kept confidential!**

To help analyze the data from this survey, we would appreciate your answers to the following confidential personal information. This information will never be revealed except as part of summary information from the survey.

1. Size of household (persons): 1\_\_\_\_; 2\_\_\_\_; 3\_\_\_\_; 4 or more\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Age: 50 - 54\_\_\_\_; 55 – 59\_\_\_\_; 60 – 64\_\_\_\_; 65 - 74\_\_\_\_; 75 to 84\_\_\_\_; 85 or older\_\_\_\_
3. Education completed: High School\_\_\_\_; College\_\_\_\_; Graduate Degree\_\_\_\_
4. East Side Residency: 1 to 4 years\_\_\_\_; 5 to 15 years\_\_\_\_; Over 15 years\_\_\_\_  
1. Full time\_\_\_\_; Less than 6 months per year\_\_\_\_
5. Do you use E-Mail?  yes  no
6. Do you own your home? (House, Condo)  yes  no
7. Annual household income (optional); Under \$23,000\_\_\_\_; \$23,000 to \$37,500\_\_\_\_; \$37,500 to \$56,500\_\_\_\_; \$56,500 to \$75,000\_\_\_\_; Over \$75,000\_\_\_\_

8. What factors most influence your desire or decision to stay on the Eastside?
- I want to stay in my home
  - I am connected to my church community
  - Nearness of family
  - Nearness of friends
  - Medical Care Facilities nearby
  - Social / Cultural / Community opportunities
  - ANC – GardenHouse, Senior Discovery Group, other programs
  - Safety in the Neighborhood
  - Available School Options

**Thank you for completing this survey!** The Village will be important to all of us as we grow older and plan to live independently on Lansing’s East Side. We welcome any additional comments or suggestions you would like to share with us,

***(To protect your privacy, please don’t put your name or address on the survey. If you want to identify yourself for some reason you may. We will use the data you provide only as part of survey report totals. )***

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