



To: Mayor and Council

Agenda Item #: V. B.

From: Jordan Gilgenbach, Communications Coordinator

Action

Discussion

Date: June 17, 2014

Information

Subject: May "Speak Up, Edina" Report

Action Requested:

Receive report on May 2014 "Speak Up, Edina" discussion about the Edina Senior Center

Information / Background:

Since June 2012, the City of Edina has used the online engagement website, www.SpeakUpEdina.org, to collect ideas and opinions from residents. One of the City Council's six strategic priorities for 2014-2015 is Communication and Engagement: "To clearly understand community needs, expectations and opinions, the City will consistently seek the input of a broad range of stakeholders in meaningful and interactive communication." A goal of that is to host a monthly discussion on www.SpeakUp.Edina.org. In May 2014, the discussion topic centered on the Edina Senior Center. In this online discussion, the City posed the following questions:

- Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?
- What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current "Senior Center model" be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?
- What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?
- If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

The discussion was open for comments between May 1 and June 2. During that time, 131 comments were made both on and offline. Additionally, 576 people visited the site 784 times, garnering 2,971 page views. All the visitors to the site during that period were from Edina (according to their internet provider).

The discussion was promoted through various means, including a press release, *Edition: Edina*, Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor posts, City Extra messages and direct outreach at the Edina Senior Center.

Attached are the comments on this topic.

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Discussion: Edina Senior Center



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Topic: [Membership](#)

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

13 Responses

13 Responses



[Dorothy Lodahl](#) about 1 month ago

yes

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Dorothy Lodahl



[John W Lundquist](#) about 1 month ago

The Center is developing plans to reach new (younger) seniors and increase use of our beautiful Center. This is great. I see the limited parking as the largest problem for achieving this goal.

1 Support

comment...

Reply to John W Lundquist



[Kim Wand](#) about 1 month ago

I am 55 now so don't think I would join til retirement.....not sure if the senior center offers events for "emerging seniors"??? maybe that is something that should be explored.

1 Support



[John W Lundquist](#) about 1 month ago

I would recommend joining the Center. Donna is developing programs for younger seniors both in the evening and weekends. The membership cost is very inexpensive and it informs you of opportunities .

1 Support

comment...

Reply to John W Lundquist

comment...

Reply to Kim Wand



[Hope Melton](#) 26 days ago

I am not a member. I recommend changing the name as there are many people, myself included, who do not identify as "seniors".

1 Support

comment...

Reply to Hope Melton



[Diane Reinhart](#) 24 days ago

comment...Yes, I am a member and use the Senior Center for Yoga etc. This is a very important facility/amenity for the growing number of seniors in our community!!

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Diane Reinhart



[Margaret Stein](#) 22 days ago

Although I am 63, I am not a member. I had planned to use the Center, but not until I retire. If more activities become available during evenings and weekends, I would be happy to join now.

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Margaret Stein



[Marlys Grantwit](#) 20 days ago

comment...

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Marlys Grantwit



[jan palkowski](#) 20 days ago

I recently moved into 5250 Grandview Square. I am a member and I am looking forward to participating in the activities offered. The Senior Center and the library were positive reasons to move to this area of Edina.

1 Support

comment...

Reply to jan palkowski



[barbara mason](#) 19 days ago

I recently moved to Minnesota (Edina) and joined the Center last week. I'm not sure which activities I might use, but I think it is an important facility to support.

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to barbara mason



[Kay Bach Kay Bach](#) at May 28, 2014 at 3:26pm CDT

I've been a member for more years than I can count.. Have actively supported the Edina Senior Center and was on the Board for several terms.. and saw this building become a reality. .So many opportunities for so many types of activities -- both at the Center and great trips or events outside the Center..

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Kay Bach Kay Bach



[Bob McKlveen](#) at May 28, 2014 at 8:10pm CDT

Although I am old enough to be eligible for membership, I have not joined and doubt that I will join. I am much more interested in participating in activities at a community center that is open to all ages. Unfortunately, unlike many neighboring suburbs, Edina does not have such a facility or program.

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Bob McKlveen



[Judy Severson](#) at May 31, 2014 at 11:59am CDT

It seems to me that the Senior Center is geared too much to the older senior. I don't expect that to change, but I would like more options for the younger or boomer generation. I would appreciate a different name other than Senior Center, I think it is outdated. I wish I had an alternative, if I think of one I feel

worthy I will let you know.

0 Supports

comment . . .

Reply to Judy Severson

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Topic: [The Senior Center's Future](#)

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

7 Responses

7 Responses



[John W Lundquist](#) about 1 month ago

I have been a member of the Golf League for 12 years and have enjoyed playing at Fred Richards. It is an ideal course for seniors, youth learning the game, and others who are not considered serious golfers. It has been a great outlet for the 6 leagues that play there. I heard the Braemar might not be ready to accept new leagues until possibly mid summer 2015. I feel our league needs to decide this summer where we will play next year rather than being caught short with no place to play when the season begins in 2015. Once a league moves elsewhere that league is lost to Edina. The City needs to make up their mind. Do they want these leagues next year and if so, what action are they willing to commit to? I don't think they really thought this problem very seriously, if at all.

0 Supports

Reply to John W Lundquist



[Kim Wand](#) about 1 month ago

The Senior Center is definitely needed in Edina! It would be great if it could be marketed a couple times during the year so that residents are aware of it's existence and opportunities. Isn't there a way to track our residents by age for targeted mailings? I think a booth should be set up during the Edina Art Fair as well as a more active presence during the 4th of July parade. Maybe even "senior" events during the year at neighborhood businesses for Edina Residents who show a senior center membership card. Wonder if there could be a fee based transportation offered. MAYbe the senior center could come to targeted SENIOR buildings in the edina community....7500 York & Vernon Terrace. Here they could put on 3-4 activites during the year and encourage residents to participate in Senior Center activities. Both these buildings have bussing available to transport residents to your activities. Seniors typically love to get out fri and Saturday nights but may lack someone to do something with. It would be nice to have a few activities each year that would be dinner and a play in the area.

1 Support

Reply to Kim Wand



[Hope Melton](#) 26 days ago

I've worked for several years with members of the Baby Boomer generation. Most are interested in a more positive image of older adults than "senior" implies. "Retirement" simply doesn't apply to these people. Many subscribe to the mission of the MN Vital Aging Network, to promote civic engagement, personal growth, and self-determination. Accordingly, I'd like to see discussion groups around the expansion of housing options, finding a renewed purpose in life, addressing climate change, all the options for civic engagement. I'd like to see closer ties with the Vital Aging Network.

1 Support

Reply to Hope Melton



[Diane Reinhart](#) 24 days ago

comment...I think the Senior Center is serving an excellent purpose and can increase the offerings. I do think there needs to be more communication about the activities currently available because many Edina Seniors are not familiar with the program. There is a problem with parking and I don't quite know how that is solved. This is a very important amenity for seniors in Edina.

1 Support

comment . . .

Reply to Diane Reinhart



[Margaret Stein](#) 22 days ago

I particularly like what Hope said. The Boomers are retiring and there will be lots of skilled folks ready to get involved, if they only knew where to do it. In addition to bolstering the quality and breadth of services, it is possible that, as volunteers, they can perhaps take up some slack and keep some programs alive when budgets get too tight. (This is not to say we should replace paid employees with volunteers.) I would also like to see a group or place on the website for discussion of retirement options, experiences folks have had as they settled into retirement. I don't know that I have a problem with the name "Senior Center" but I will admit I have a problem identifying myself as a "senior"!

0 Supports

comment . . .

Reply to Margaret Stein



[barbara mason](#) 19 days ago

I am very glad that The Senior Center allows OLLI to use space for its interesting classes. A great pooling of resources! OLLI is one of the reasons I moved to The Minneapolis area

0 Supports

comment . . .

Reply to barbara mason



[Bob McKlveen](#) at May 28, 2014 at 8:14pm CDT

If the senior center hopes to attract citizens like me, it will change significantly. If the center could merge its programs into an all-ages community center, I would be there in a minute. When I look at what has kept my 99 year old mother healthy, it is her engagement with people of all ages. I hope to emulate her senior years and not just hang out with other seniors.

0 Supports

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Reply to Bob McKlveen

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Topic: [Recreational Opportunities](#)

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

4 Responses

4 Responses



[Kim Wand](#) about 1 month ago

Plays, zoo visits, circus, walker.....anything to get out in the community, How about promoting the senior activity card that gets seniors 55 and older into Edina Schools events free of charge.

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Kim Wand



[Hope Melton](#) 26 days ago

Kim is right. The fact that recreational opportunities is the only other major topic regarding the Senior Center is symptomatic of the problem. I can find all sorts of recreation opportunities in the community. I love working with the school district, for example. What I want is to really make a difference in this troubled world.

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Hope Melton



[Margaret Stein](#) 22 days ago

I would like to see a beginning yoga offering, open to people who can't get on the floor, which would help improve balance and flexibility. I would like to see it offered on the weekend or about 7pm during the week.

0 Supports

comment...

Reply to Margaret Stein



[Bob McKlveen](#) at May 28, 2014 at 8:18pm CDT

As Hope said, the senior center is the appropriate vehicle for engaging seniors in their broader community. Our senior citizens have many skills to offer, and it is sometimes difficult to find outlets for those skills. In this community, I have no trouble finding recreational opportunities; it is the opportunity for service that can sometimes be difficult to find.

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Reply to Bob McKlveen

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Topic: [Timing of Offerings](#)

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

1 Responses

1 Responses



[Kim Wand](#) about 1 month ago

I am still working and plan to retire in 5-8 years. Best time for "emerging senior" activities would be Saturdays any time or Sunday afternoons. Those 65 and older, I'd offer a variety of time, even into the evenings. Evening after dinner can be a very lonely time for seniors.

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Reply to Kim Wand

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Ideas In Action

This questionnaire seems geared or aimed at younger people, not seniors currently being served by the senior center



"Speak Up, Edina!" May 2014 Discussion

Name Mary R. Ireland

Address 4350 Brookside Ct #106
Edina

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not? (yes)

I did not join for several years, because I was not aware of all the activities that were offered (Maybe more publicity? needed)

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years? Yes, I think it will be "relevant". I like having

a place just for seniors. I just came back from visiting a city where the senior activities were incorporated into a ^{large} community center. It seemed that senior activities there were "lost" in the whole list of offerings for younger people. The place was noisy, confusing, and had long walks ^{from parking}

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do ^{inside} boomers want? ^{the bldg} I believe the activities that are offered by the Senior Center reflect the needs & interests & abilities of the population. Early retirees want more activity, but as we get older, we need ~~more~~ less strenuous things to do. These tendencies will not change ~~with~~ ^{when} boomers age!

NA If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered? As people age, I see that they want to be out in the daytime only (safety concerns, sight concerns) But some ^{early} evening classes or activities could continue to be offered.

(Concerning the Senior Center itself -
(The only problem I notice now is the lack of parking spaces at some times of the day)

- Robert to Senior Center - May 1 - 31



"Speak Up, Edina!" May 2014 Discussion

Name Sandra McCalvy
Address 3201 Heritage Dr #202 Edina

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I am a member. Joined in 2013, 2 years after retiring. Was unaware of the center until I saw a blurb in the Star Tribune about an event they were holding. I think if people were more aware of their many offerings, more people would join and participate.

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Perhaps less relationship oriented and more activity oriented, as younger seniors have time to do things. I'm guessing many current members are ^{now} long-time friends. I love the seminars on successful aging, end of life issues, adapting to the new realities of living longer.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

My friends and I love the outings to theater, tours, etc. Don't have to figure it out, drive, etc. Just pay the fee and show up. I've lived in MN all my life and have seen places with the center where I've never been or seen. What fun.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

I drive very little at night so the current, mostly daytime events work very well for me. Summer evenings would work well too. Winter is a challenge no matter what.

Seem very responsive to ideas.

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"Speak Up, Edina!" May 2014 Discussion

Name CONNIE SANMARTIN
Address 5501 Duway Hill Rd EDINA

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership?
Why or why not? PLANTO BECOME A MEMBER

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years? I don't know

I HAVE BEEN TAKING YOGA CLASSES AT THE CENTER FOR 2 YEARS. THEY HAVE BEEN WELL TAUGHT AND VERY HELPFUL WITH MY BACK PAIN

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

I HAVE ONLY TAKEN YOGA I AM NOT SURE WHAT ALL THE ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE NOW, BUT YOGA IS VERY HELPFUL TO SENIORS HEALTH AND WELL BEING

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

RETIRED

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"Speak Up, Edina!" May 2014 Discussion

Name MARIE MATTISON

Address 5250 Grandview SQ Unit 2410 Edina, MN 55436

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I'll join when I quit working AND HAVE MORE FREE TIME

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

It seems relevant for today's seniors
It would need to change with the times

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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Name Elizabeth Wiley
Address 6105 Lincoln Dr #333
Edina, MN 55436

Questions: Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I enjoy participating in activities at the center!

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Yes Regarding future of the senior center, I believe it will be available to seniors for many years.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

Beginner's Bridge on Wednesdays or Fridays.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

I am retired

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Name

CONOR LEGERO

Address

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Yes

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Big enough

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

A party, w/ entertainment. Lots of people who want a good place to meet. I've seen them dance years ago.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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Name Betty Magnuson
Address 5250 Grandview Dr

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I am a member

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current ‘Senior Center model’ be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

I am not sure

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren’t currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

*Would like to see a day trip to Target Field.
Have a guided tour. — Not a game —
Trip to The Equine Center of M Campus — done once before —
trip fee up fast —*

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

*McPhail School of Music — done once before — trip
fees up fast.
Guthrie afternoon productions!*

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Name Mikki Lindsay + John Fowler

Address 5290 Villa Way

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Member

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Absolutely! The boomers are coming. They may want different programs though.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

Don't know.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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Name Mike Sewall

Address 7300 CAMDEN RD

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

YES

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current ‘Senior Center model’ be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

MIGHT NEED MORE ROOMS

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren’t currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

Exercise classes
should not conflict with
bridge sessions. I want to
do both. TAI CHE Gong

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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Name JACK GRACRAFT

Address _____

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

YES

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

SAME AS NOW

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

NO IDEAS

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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Name JOE + LOU MABEY

Address 6409 SHERWOOD AV S
EDINA 55435

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Yes

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Yes

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

NO

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"Speak Up, Edina!" May 2014 Discussion

Name Mary Brown

Address 6667 Briar Ridge Dr

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Member

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Yes - if you do something about the parking problems.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

- I don't think anything is missing

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

Retired - former reactor

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Name JERRY & GIGI STANGLER

Address 7200 YORK AVE S #100

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

We are members.

Forced membership for those 55+ is a bit of a hassle.

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Don't know as the future is bright with our aging population.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

*There is nothing we would need anymore.
Can't think of anything you should start.*

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

We are retired.

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Name Leire Weiner
Address 8104 - Highwood Drive

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

↑
Yes

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

↑
Yes

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

Can't think of any - you add in to add activities as people request them.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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Name Dana Lew

Address 4362 Brownlake Ave, Edina, MN 55424

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Yes.

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Good, hope it continues.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

Retired. Any appropriate time is fine.

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Name R. Johnson

Address 5300 Woodhill

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

member

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

yes

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

retired

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Name Avelina (Evy) Schneider

Address 6115 Lincoln Drive #211. Edina, MN 55436

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I am a member

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

I hope so - It has been a great community for me -

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

I am not a "boomer" - I think the activities are very relevant - Bridge, trips (longer short) - Tax help - Computer group - (Speakers?) - Physical stuff like dance etc.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

Retired - all times of day although I don't drive much after dark anymore

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Name Barbara Pugh

Address 7545 Portland Ave

Questions: Mpls MN 55423

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Yes - we are members

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Sam sure changes will need to be made

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

Biking - The center already offers a nice variety of activities
Marscent

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

Not working - Retired

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Name JOHN WHELAN
Address 5509 W. 70th

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I'm a member because I'm a bridge player and I support the center.

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Absolutely!

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

N/A

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Name Marcia Cracraft

Address 9227 Alden Drive

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Am now

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Yes, especially if we go back to the old format of the Sr. Letter - all the pages look alike & harder to find what I want.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

Not working

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“Speak Up, Edina!” May 2014 Discussion

Name Patsy Schutte
Address 6701 Rosemary Lane

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

yes

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

*I hope it will always be here, it special to all of us
no changes*

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

84 - retired

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Name Mike Bolnick
Address 8506 Virginia Circle So.

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Yes

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Should continue to grow as population ages

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

Concert opportunities
sometimes card game times conflict
EX Cribbage & 500 same time

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

Retired
Daytime

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Name Deanne Stokes

Address 6896 Longford Dr - Edina MN 55436

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I am a member.

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Who knows - things change so fast, but it seems like the center has opened up to more activities (mentals) to help keep the cost down.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

outing for 2-2 ^{days} that are all inclusive trips not like the Chicago trip this year.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

after 55

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Name JIM WALSH

Address 2216 KENILWORTH PL., Mpls 55405

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I have belonged for about 8-10 yrs. (I am 86 yrs old).

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

very good.

yes

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? ~~What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?~~

mild exercise equipment room.

~~If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire?~~ What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

noon to 5 pm.

You do a fine spread of interests now.

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Address _____

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Am a member

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current ‘Senior Center model’ be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren’t currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

why can't the Center be more of a drop-end for members - impromptu cards / games

1500 members = how many using the Center. Must it all be organized activity?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

same

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Name LINDA VOKES

Address 7220 York Ave S. Edina

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Yes

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

As long as there are things that people enjoy doing the Senior Center will be relevant.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

Exercise classes

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

Not working

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Name DAVID LUND

Address 5048 37th AVE MPLS 55407

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Yes

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Yes - ~~THE~~ ^{W/} A NEW CAST

OF CHARACTERS 😊

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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Name Kathryn C. Volante

Address 6912 Hillcrest Ln.
Edina.

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

Yes, we are members for 12 to 13 years.

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

We enjoy all the trips, classes and games!

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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Name Dom Violante

Address 6912 Hillcrest Lane Edina, MN 55435-1606

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

We are members

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Yes. Love the trips. The education classes.
The Senior golf league.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

I think ESC does a good job with the activities. Would like to see more classes concerning history and Minnesota.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

I have been retired for 18 years. Just about any day of the week would be fine. I normally have something going on Wednesday.

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Name WAYNE EDSALL
Address 4350 Brookside Ct. #111, Edina

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

I am a member. It is a great resource for seniors.

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

The senior centers will remain relevant as they serve the fastest growing segment of our population. The "curriculum" and programs offered will change to accommodate a "younger & perhaps more active membership. This is a good thing that will challenge our visioning & assets.

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

They want to remain very active. Tennis, exercise classes, work out equipment, ski trips, Travel + 'adventure' travel trips. They will tell us what they want & our job is to respond.

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

I'm retired, so anytime can work. Evenings can be good for younger seniors.

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Address _____

*This survey applicable
only to "youngsters!"*

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership? Why or why not?

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

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"Speak Up, Edina!" May 2014 Discussion

Name M. Martenoff

Address 4425 Brookside Tr.

752-929-1236

Questions:

Are you a member of the Edina Senior Center, or will you join when you become 55, the eligible age for membership?

Why or why not? yes member

What do you think is the future of the Senior Center? Will the current 'Senior Center model' be relevant in five, 10 or even 15 years?

Never had enough Parking!
More educational classes
like literature, biography etc

What types of recreational activities should be offered that aren't currently? What sort of recreational opportunities do boomers want?

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If you are currently working, at what age do you plan to retire? What is the best time for recreational opportunities to be offered?

no, Retired

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