

AGING IN PLACE OF LOWER BUCKS COUNTY

Aging in Place of Lower Bucks County is a grass roots organization of local residents and business representatives whose aim is to provide the resources and services (e.g., volunteers, programs, vendors) to enable older persons to continue to live independently in their own homes and communities. Please contact Tanya Ivan at (267) 278-6284 or email her at tivan06@yahoo.com to get more information. All are welcome to join ☺.

Many of us purchased houses some years ago and enjoy living in our communities. And while we plan to stay in our homes for the long-term, each of us will likely need some help to do so. The purpose of this survey is to help identify those services, activities and resources that you believe would help you remain in your home now and/or in the future.

Instructions: Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire. In the spaces provided, check those items that are important to you and your decision to remain in your home in Lower Bucks County. Your answers are completely anonymous. We do not track responses, so in no way can responses be identified with an individual.

I. **HOME SERVICES** that may be important to you and your decision to stay in your home as you grow older. [check all that apply]

- General handyman (small repairs and/or improvements)
- House maintenance (painting, gutter cleaning, windows, screens)
- Landscaping (cut grass, weed beds, remove snow)
- Skilled services (plumbing, electrical, heating, air conditioning)
- Home modification specialist (disability modification – bathroom, stairs)
- Auto maintenance (inspections, oil changes, tune-ups, tires)
- Other: _____

II. **DAILY LIVING SERVICES** that may be important to you and your decision to stay in your home as you grow older. [check all that apply]

- Errands (food shopping, clothes, pick up medications, etc)
- Meal preparation / delivery
- Laundry / house cleaning
- Transportation (church, events, doctor visits, etc)
- Companionship / TLC calls (daily telephone calls, social visits)
- Pet sitting (walk dog, feed cat)
- Other: _____

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III. **HEALTH ASSISTANCE SERVICES** that are, or may be in the future important to you should you stay in your home as you grow older. [check all that apply]

- Personal care (dressing, bathing, transferring, incontinence care, feeding)
- Skilled care (nursing care, physical therapy, nutrition)
- Doctor care (prescriptions, diagnosis, check-ups, etc.)
- Medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, oxygen, stair rises)
- Insurance / health forms (insurance, claims, co-pays, etc.)
- Healthcare buddy / advocate (listen & ask questions on patient's behalf)
- Other: _____

IV. **PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** that you believe will be important to you as you grow older. [check all that apply]

- Pay bills / balance checkbook
- Legal advice / lawyer services
- Tax preparation / accounting services
- Investment advice / financial services
- Computer set-up / repair / training
- Other: _____

V. **ORGANIZED PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES** that you would like to participate in if you remain in Lower Bucks as you grow older. [check all that apply]

- Scheduled exercise programs
- Walking groups
- Aerobics (including water) / step classes
- Dancing classes
- Yoga / meditation
- Other: _____

VI. **ORGANIZED SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** to be held at conveniently located meeting places in Lower Bucks or scheduled trips. [check all that apply]

- Entertainment trips (museums, concerts, theatre, movies, etc)
- Discussion groups
- Coffee/tea parties
- Bridge, chess, other games
- Hobbies and crafts
- Volunteering (non-profit organizations)
- Other: _____

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VII. **CONTINUING EDUCATION** opportunities available to older residents in Lower Bucks County. [check all that apply]

- Aging-in-Place seminars (classes in a variety of intellectual subjects)
- How-to classes (computer/internet training, cooking, bridge lessons, etc)
- Investment club
- Lecture series (professionals/expert speaker series)
- Other: _____

OVERALL SERVICES: Please prioritize each major category in order of importance (1 to 7, with 1 being the most important) if you were to live independently in your home in Lower Bucks as you grow older.

- Home Services (handyman, landscaping, auto maintenance, plumber)
- Daily Living Services (errands, meals, cleaning, transportation,
- Health Assistance Services (aids, nurses, equipment, insurance forms, doctors)
- Personal and Financial Services (book keeper, lawyer, accountant, computer tech)
- Organized Physical Activities (walking groups, exercise programs, dancing)
- Organized Social Activities (clubs, discussion groups, trips, volunteering)
- Continuing Education (how-to classes, lectures, clubs, seminars)

The following information is for categorization purposes only.

1. Size of household (persons including you): 1 2 3 4 or more
2. What is your age as of your last birthday? [] years
3. Are you male or female? Female Male
4. Education completed: High school College Graduate Degree
5. How long have you lived in Lower Bucks County? [] years
6. What is your 5 digit ZIP code: []
7. Do you use email: Yes NO
8. Do you own or rent your current residence? Own Rent
9. Annual household income (before taxes): Under \$25K \$25K-\$49K
\$50K-\$100K Over \$100K

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Thank you for participating in this project. We welcome any additional confidential comments or suggestions you would like to share with us. We want to hear from you ☺.

Please mail completed surveys to the following address:

Bucks County Area Agency on Aging
Re: Aging in Place of Lower Bucks County
30 E. Oakland Ave.
Doylestown, PA 18901

Thank you for completing this survey. All information you provide will be handled as strictly confidential.