

City of Westwood Communities for All Ages Survey

The City of Westwood is participating in the Communities for All Ages Recognition Program, an age-friendly city initiative sponsored through Mid-America Regional Council. The City of Westwood invites you to take a few moments to complete this questionnaire on the livability of our city, and your perspective on elements that make a city age-friendly.

Why is this important? An age-friendly community is a great place to grow up and grow old. As America's population ages, experts believe that the most successful and vibrant communities of the 21st century will be those that are age-friendly: communities that allow for greater mobility, productivity, and optimal health and well-being. We need your input to inform and guide us as we plan for the future.

This survey takes between 15 and 20 minutes to complete.

While you may elect to share your contact information, your individual responses are anonymous and will be combined with all responses for the public. A summary of responses will be made available to the public within three months following the deadline.

OUR COMMUNITY (Section 1 of 9)

1. 1. How would you rate our community as a place for people to live as they age?

Mark only one oval.

- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

2. 2. How Long have you lived in this community?

Mark only one oval.

- 5 years or less
- 5 years but less than 15 years
- 15 years but less than 25 years
- 25 years but less than 35 years
- 35 years but less than 45 years
- 45 years or more

3. 3. Some people reside in places outside the City of Westwood for part of the year. Which of the following describes how you reside in our city?

Mark only one oval.

- Year round, do not reside anywhere outside of Westwood's city limits.
- Seasonally, reside outside of Westwood's city limits during winter, spring, summer or fall on a regular basis.

4. 4. Thinking about your retirement years when you do not work, how likely is it that you will move to a different home within the City of Westwood?

Mark only one oval.

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely
- Not sure

5. 5. Thinking about your retirement years when you do not work, how likely is it that you will move to a different home outside of the City of Westwood?

Mark only one oval.

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely
- Not sure

6. 6. If you were to consider moving out of the City of Westwood during your retirement when you do not work, would the following factors impact your decision to move?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No	Not sure
Looking for different home size that meets your needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining your current home will be too expensive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fearing for your personal safety or security concerns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Looking for a home that will help you live independently as you age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to be closer to family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Needing more access to public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in a different climate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Looking for an area that has lower cost of living	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. 7. How important is it for you to remain in the City of Westwood as you age?

Mark only one oval.

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not at all important

HOUSING (Section 2 of 9)

8. 8. Do you own or rent your primary home – or do you have some other type of living arrangement, such as living in the home of a family member or friend?

Mark only one oval.

- Own
- Rent
- Other type of living arrangement

9. 9. What type of home is your primary home?

Mark only one oval.

- Single family home
- Apartment
- Other: _____

10. 10. How important is it for you to be able to live independently in your own home as you age?

Mark only one oval.

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not at all important

11. 11. People sometimes make modifications to their home so they can stay there as they age. Do you think you will need to make the following types of modifications or improvements to your home to enable you to stay there as you age?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Easier access into or within your home such as a ramp, chair lift or elevator, or wider doorways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bathroom modifications such as grab bars, handrails, a higher toilet or non slip tiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Putting a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen on the first floor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Installing a medical emergency response system that notifies others in case of emergency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adding at least one no step entry in to the house	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. If you answered "Yes" to the last question above, please specify.

13. 12. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
Well maintained homes and properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A home repair service for low income and older adults that helps with repairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow removal for low income and older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable housing options (such as active adult communities, assisted living and communities with shared facilities and outdoor spaces) for adults of varying income levels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homes that are equipped with features such as a no step entry, wider doorways, first floor bedroom and bath, grab bars in bathrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well maintained and safe low-income housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. 13. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
Well maintained and safe parks that are within walking distance of your home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public parks with enough benches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalks that are in good condition, free from obstruction and are safe for pedestrian use and accessible for wheelchairs and other assistive mobility devices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well maintained public buildings and facilities that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well maintained public restrooms that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood watch programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

TRANSPORTATION AND STREETS (Section 4 of 9)

15. 14. Do you get around for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands or going to other places in the following ways?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No
Drive yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have others drive you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ride a bike	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take a taxi cab, Uber, or other ride sharing option	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use a special transportation service, such as one for seniors or persons with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. If you answered "Yes" to the last question above, please specify.

17. 15. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
Accessible and convenient public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well maintained public transportation vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reliable public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safe public transportation stops or areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Special transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well maintained streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy to read traffic lights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enforced speed limits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public parking lots, spaces and areas to park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable public parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well lit, safe streets and intersections for all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Audio/visual pedestrian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

crossings

**Driver
education/refresher
courses**

HEALTH AND WELLNESS (Section 5 of 9)

18. 16. In general, when compared to most people your age, how would you rate your health?

Mark only one oval.

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Fair

Poor

19. 17. How often do you engage in some form of physical exercise (such as walking, running, biking, swimming, sports, strength training, yoga, stretching)?

Mark only one oval.

Everyday

Several times a week, but not everyday

About once a week

About once every other week

About once a month

Less than once a month

Never

20. 18. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not Important At All
Health and wellness programs and classes in areas such as nutrition, smoking cessation and weight control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fitness activities specifically geared to older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conveniently located health and social services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A service that helps older adults find and access health and supportive services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conveniently located emergency care centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy to find information on local health and supportive services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home care services including health, personal care and housekeeping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well trained certified home health care providers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Affordable home
health care
providers**



**Well maintained
hospitals and
health care
facilities**



**A variety of
health care
professional
including
specialists**



**Health care
professionals
who speak
different
languages**



**Easily
understandable
and helpful local
hospital or clinic
answering
services**



**Respectful and
helpful hospital
and clinic staff**



SOCIAL PARTICIPATION, INCLUSION AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES (Section 6 of 9)

21. 19. About how frequently do you interact with your friends, family or neighbors in your community? This interaction could be by phone, in person, email or social media (such as Facebook).

Mark only one oval.

- More than once a day
- About once a day
- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Once every 2 or 3 weeks
- Once a month
- Less than once a month
- Never

22. 20. Where do you typically go for continuing education or self-improvement classes/workshops in your community?

Check all that apply.

- University/Community College
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Faith community
- Local organizations or businesses
- Community/Adult/Senior Center
- Offerings through my work
- Online
- I do NOT participate in any continuing education/self-improvement classes
- Other: _____

23. If you checked the "Other" box above, please specify.

24. 21. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
Conveniently located venues for entertainment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities specifically geared to older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities that offer senior discounts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities that are affordable to all residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities involving young and older people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accurate and widely publicized information about social activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continuing education classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social clubs such as books, gardening or crafts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

VOLUNTEERING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (Section 7 of 9)

25. 22. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
A range of volunteer activities to choose from	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer training opportunities to help people perform better in their volunteer roles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies such as community councils and commissions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for older adults to volunteer in city sponsored activities and programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy to find information about local volunteer opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation to/from volunteer activities for those who need it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. 23. Would you turn to one of the following resources if you, a family member or friend needed information about services for older adults, such as caregiving services, home delivered meals, Home repair, medical transport or social activities?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No
Local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) / Johnson County Area Agency on Aging (AAA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
AARP	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local senior center(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. If you answered "Yes" to the last question above, please specify.

28. 24. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
Access to community information in one central source	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An automated community information source that is easy to understand like a toll free number	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Free access to computers and the internet in public places such as the library, senior centers, or government buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community information that is available in a number of different languages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. 25. How do you keep informed of city news? (check all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- City website
- The Buzz (weekly email newsletter)
- The Shawnee Mission Post
- City newsletter
- Article in local paper
- Word of mouth
- Other: _____

ABOUT YOU (Section 9 of 9)

30. 26. What is your sex?

Mark only one oval.

- Female
- Male
- I describe myself otherwise

31. 27. What is your age as of your last birthday?

32. 28. What is your employment status?

Mark only one oval.

- I am employed full time
- I am employed part time or seasonally
- I am not employed

33. 29. What is your current marital status?

34. 30. How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

35. 31. Besides yourself, do you have any of the following people living in your household?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No
Child/children under 18	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child/children 18 and older	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child/children away at college	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult relative or friend 18 or older (for example, nanny, caretaker, or tenant)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

36. 32. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you and/or your spouse or partner From fully participating in work, school, housework or other activities?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, myself
- Yes, my spouse or partner
- Yes, both me and my spouse or partner
- No

37. 33. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Mark only one oval.

- K - 12th grade (no diploma)
- High school graduate, GED equivalent
- Post-high school education/training (no degree)
- 2-year college degree
- 4-year college degree
- Post-graduate study (no degree)
- Graduate or professional degree(s)

38. 34. In general, how often do you go online to access the Internet for things like sending or receiving email, getting news and information, paying bills or managing finances or buying products or services? This includes access from home, work, a mobile device (such as a smartphone), or someplace else.

Mark only one oval.

- Several times a day
- About once a day
- 3 - 6 times a week
- 1 - 2 days a week
- Once every few weeks
- Once a month or less
- Never go online

39. 35. How do you receive calls at home?

Mark only one oval.

- Landline only
- Landline and cellphone(s)
- Cellphone(s) only

40. 36. What was your annual household income before taxes in the most recent tax year?

Mark only one oval.

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$79,999
- \$80,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

41. 37. Would you be interested in participating in a community forum to share your ideas regarding the City of Westwood being a Community for All Ages? If so, we may contact you. Please leave your name and contact information in the additional comments section.

42. 38. Please provide any additional comments.

Thank you

Thank you very much for completing this important survey. Your assistance in providing this information is greatly appreciated. Appreciation is given to AARP for guidance in developing this survey.