

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PRESTON  
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February 5, 2010

Dear Preston Residents,

The Preston Housing Authority is working to bring congregate housing for seniors to our community. We need your help to support this effort. Enclosed you will find a brief survey about the needs and interests of potential occupants. Please take the time to answer the questions and return the completed survey to any one of the following sites by **April 1, 2010.**

Preston Town Hall  
Preston Housing Authority complex  
Preston Library  
Preston Plains School  
Preston Veterans Memorial School  
Preston Senior Center

You may also download the attached file and e-mail the completed form to [pha11@comcast.net](mailto:pha11@comcast.net).

If members of your household are 62 years of age or older, please have one of them complete the survey. If not, the survey may be completed by the head of household or another adult. If you have a senior friend or relative who is not currently a Preston resident and who might be interested in relocating if affordable housing was available, please contact Carol Onderdonk, Preston Housing Authority Executive Director at (860) 887-4865 to request additional copies of the form.

The members of the Authority respectfully request that you return the survey as soon as possible so that the results can be compiled to determine our next step. We appreciate your time and welcome your comments.

Sincerely,

Preston Housing Authority Members

JOHN HARRIS

CINDY HARRIS

MARY LOU JENSEN

BEA PHILLIPS

## SENIOR CONGREGATE HOUSING SURVEY 2010 – TOWN OF PRESTON

### 1. General Information

- a. Your age:  below 35  36-50  51-60  61-70  71-80  Over 80
- b. Sex:  Female  Male
- c. My current housing:  Own home  Rent  Live with family/friends  Other
- d. Should the town have more senior housing?  Yes  No
- e. If yes, what size senior housing should be built?  1 bedroom  2 bedroom  3 bedroom
- f. If applicable, what reasons do you have for being interested in senior housing in Preston? (Check all that apply)
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability          | <input type="checkbox"/> Companionship        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety concerns        | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church association     | <input type="checkbox"/> Close to family      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close to friends       | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to services   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) |   |
- g. **Income data** (This information is requested to determine how many people would be able to pay for particular kinds of senior housing. This information, as with all of your responses, will be held in strict confidence whether or not you choose to identify yourself. Please select in which range below your net annual income falls, counting all sources (wages, pension, Social Security and investment). Your most recent tax return may be your best source for this info.)
- Less than \$16,000
- \$16,000 - \$26,000
- \$26,001 - \$40,000
- \$40,001 - \$50,000
- More than \$50,000

## 2. Living Arrangements

a. What are your thoughts about the idea of apartments or units for seniors and/or for disabled individuals that include a “congregate living” component? Congregate housing would allow seniors who cannot maintain their current living arrangements the option of remaining in Preston. This residential environment fosters independent living by providing many conveniences and less worry. Congregate living can offer a variety of fee-based features such as:

- One meal a day (lunch)
- Light weekly housekeeping
- Scheduled van transportation
- Emergency call services
- Specialized medical equipment
- Other (please explain your request)

b. Overall, how would you rate this idea of Congregate Living for seniors/disabled in the Town of Preston? Would you say it was ... (please check one)

- An excellent idea
- A good idea
- A fair idea
- A poor idea

c. How likely do you think you, a relative or friend in Preston would desire Congregate Housing in the next five years? Would you say it was ... (check one)

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Very unlikely

d. Please add any comments:

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**3. Contact Information (optional)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_