

October 7, 2015

Dear Chilmark Resident:

The Chilmark Board of Selectmen is supporting the efforts of the Dukes County Healthy Aging Task Force to conduct a Needs Assessment with seniors in Chilmark and other Island towns. We need your help in planning for our future. I hope you will take a few minutes to answer the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the enclosed envelope to the Health Aging Task Force by October 26, 2015. Your help in meeting this date is deeply appreciated.

We have been working in cooperation with the HATF and a team of planners from Brandies University to better understand the needs and living situations of Island elders. As you may know, we expect a dramatic shift in the island's population over age 65, with the numbers doubling in the next thirty years, and we want to be prepared.

Even if you feel that you have no immediate needs at this time, please DO complete the questionnaire. Your views are valuable, and a large response will lead to a representative study.

Please be assured that this survey and your answers to questions will be totally confidential. Only total scores on individual questions, not specific individual answers, will be reported; your personal confidentiality will be fully respected.

Members of the Healthy Aging Task Force will be happy to assist you with this form if requested. If you find some of the questions confusing or would like help, please call Paddy Moore (508-693-1627) or Peter Temple (508-645-3690) and one of the HATF Needs Assessment committee will be glad to assist.

When you have completed the form, return it in the enclosed addressed envelope.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely Yours,

Jonathan E. Mayhew, Chairman