

Waban Future Planning Survey #3: Aging in Waban, Commercial Center, Arts & Entertainment

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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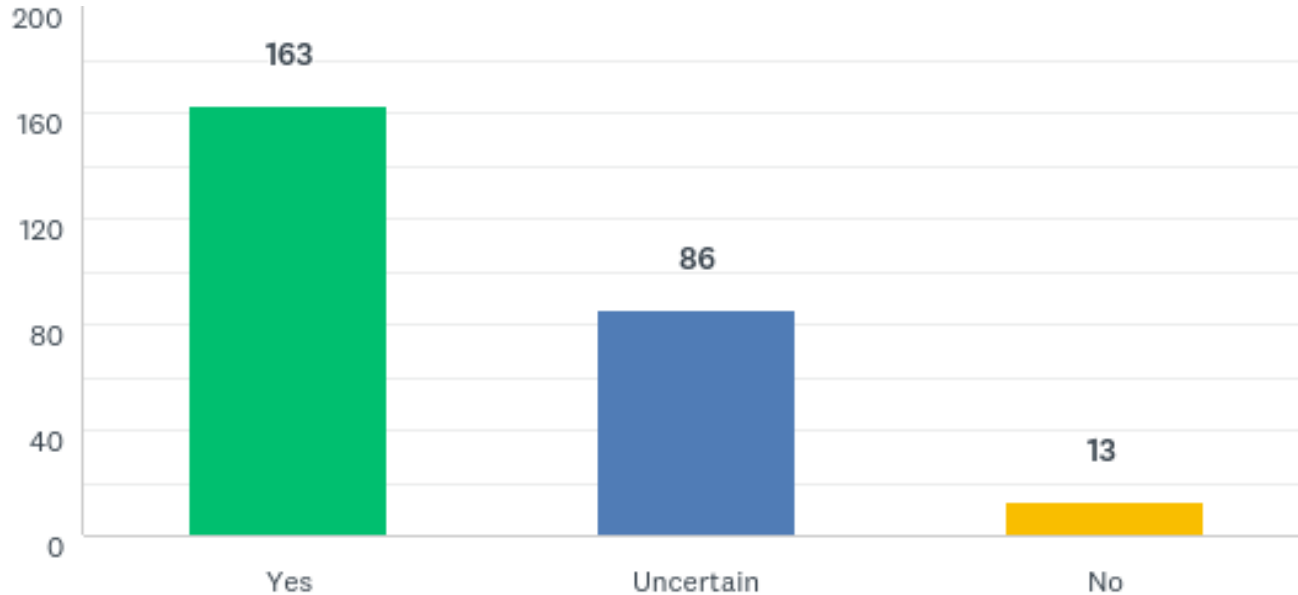
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Date Created: Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Complete Responses: 243

Q1: Are you planning to stay in Waban as you age?

Answered: 262 Skipped: 2



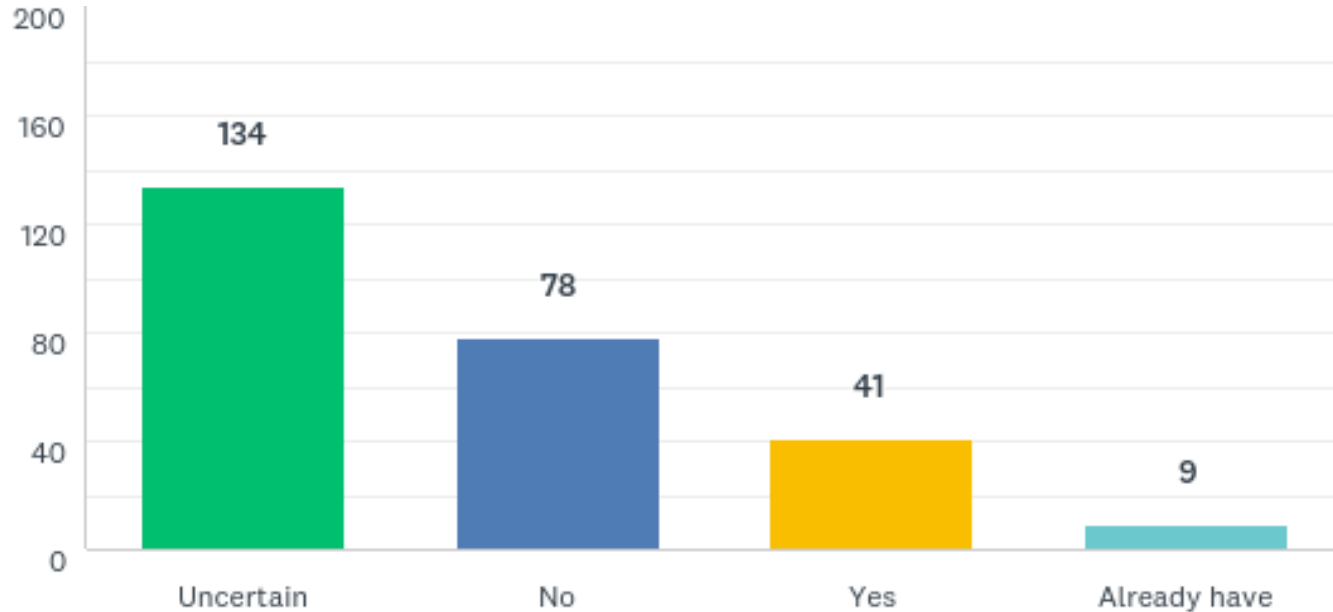
Q1: Are you planning to stay in Waban as you age?

Answered: 262 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.21%	163
Uncertain	32.82%	86
No	4.96%	13
TOTAL		262

Q2: Are you planning on adjusting your current home for aging in place?

Answered: 262 Skipped: 2



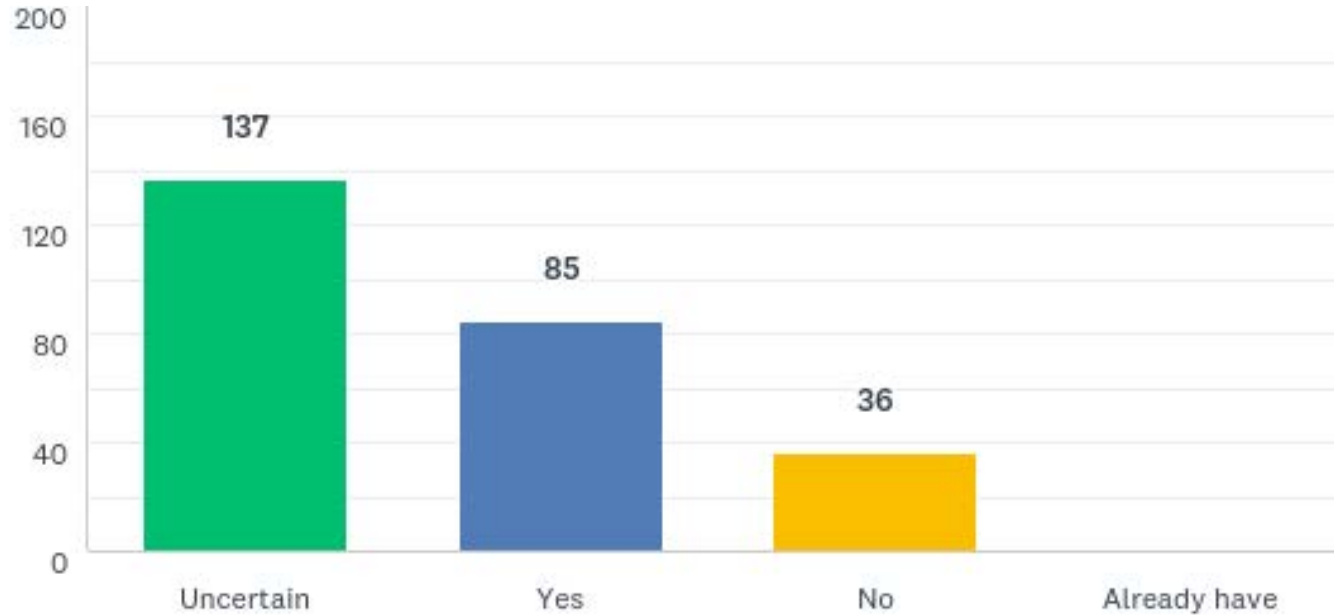
Q2: Are you planning on adjusting your current home for aging in place?

Answered: 262 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Uncertain	51.15%	134
No	29.77%	78
Yes	15.65%	41
Already have	3.44%	9
TOTAL		262

Q3: Do you expect to have in-home care as needed?

Answered: 258 Skipped: 6



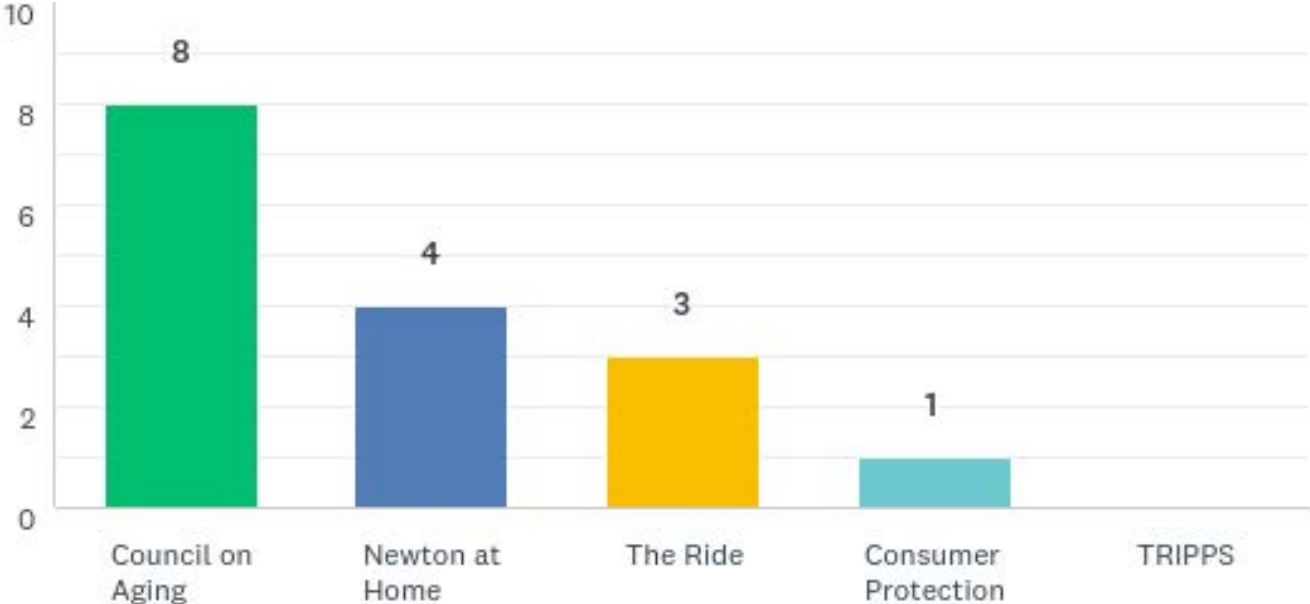
Q3: Do you expect to have in-home care as needed?

Answered: 258 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Uncertain	53.10%	137
Yes	32.95%	85
No	13.95%	36
Already have	0.00%	0
TOTAL		258

Q4: Have you availed yourself to any of the following:

Answered: 15 Skipped: 249



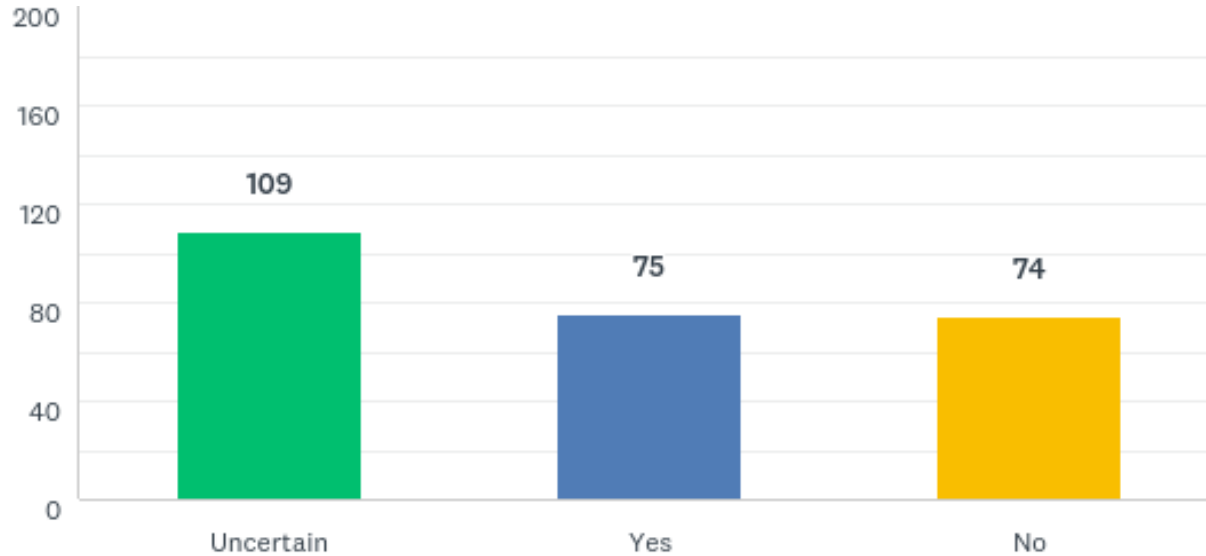
Q4: Have you availed yourself to any of the following:

Answered: 15 Skipped: 249

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Council on Aging	53.33%	8
Newton at Home	26.67%	4
The Ride	20.00%	3
Consumer Protection	6.67%	1
TRIPPS	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 15		

Q5: Do you anticipate having issues with transportation as you age?

Answered: 258 Skipped: 6



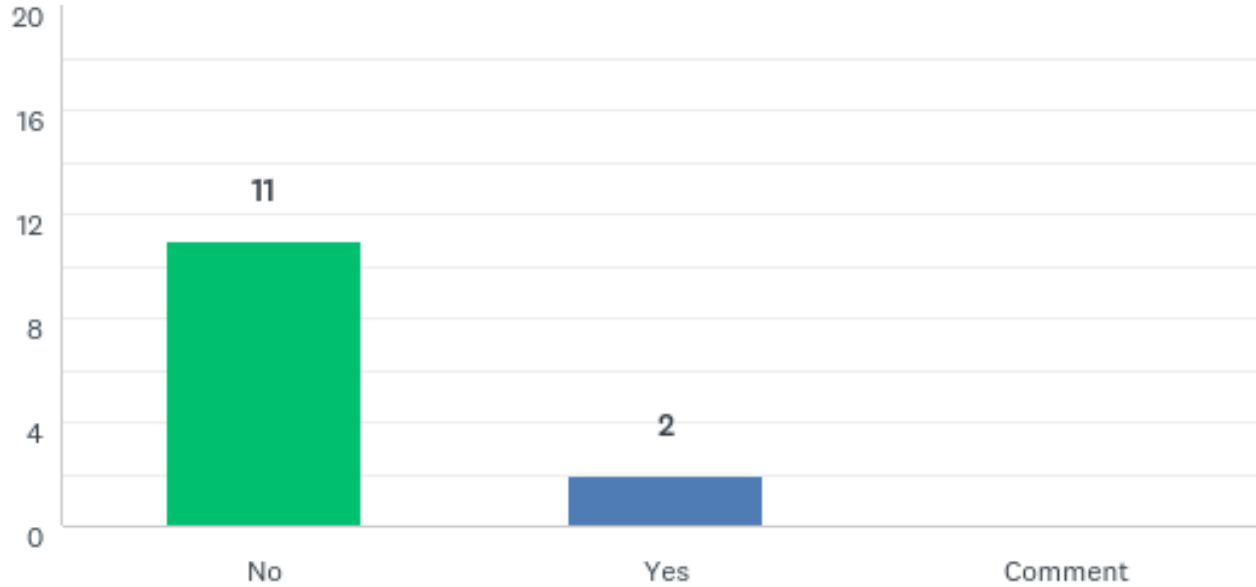
Q5: Do you anticipate having issues with transportation as you age?

Answered: 258 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Uncertain	42.25%	109
Yes	29.07%	75
No	28.68%	74
TOTAL		258

Q6: If you are using services from Newton at Home, are you pleased with the help?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 251



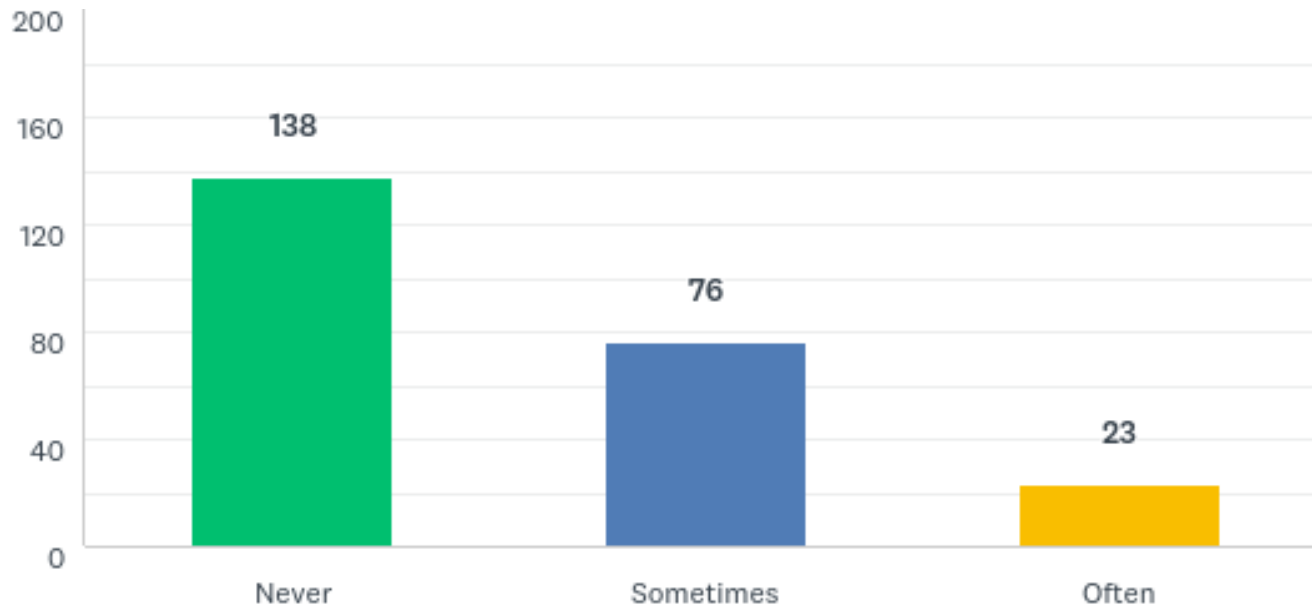
Q6: If you are using services from Newton at Home, are you pleased with the help?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 251

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	84.62%	11
Yes	15.38%	2
Comment	0.00%	0
TOTAL		13

Q7: Do you have trouble clearing snow from your walkways for deliveries and mail, and your sidewalks for pedestrians?

Answered: 237 Skipped: 27



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	58.23%	138
Sometimes	32.07%	76
Often	9.70%	23
TOTAL		237

Q7: Do you have trouble clearing snow from your walkways for deliveries and mail, and your sidewalks for pedestrians?

Comments

We have no sidewalk
We hire a service or have a child who does it
hired service but have trouble with maintenance clearing after street
plow, melting, etc.
We do not have sidewalk
No sidewalk at my house
We hire out the work and pay a lot to include all the sidewalks.
Hire a professional
I use a service, hopefully will always be able to do so
lists of snow shovelers in the area would be helpful.
Private companies are so expensive, its a real problem
We employ someone to provide this service
Use a service.
N/A
Already have assistance with this
Not yet but someday it seem inevitable
We keep our walk clear but others don't
what happened to the city program to list people who will shovel for pay?
Not now, but expect I will have to hire someone as I age
This is a serious concern especially as we are a corner house and the city
put in additional sidewalk that we are now responsible for.
contracted plowing service
I employ professionals to do it
city should hold property owners accountable
We hire someone
we hire a service but they don't do all the walks
I don't always like doing it but I can, now....

employ a service to plow driveway and shovel walks
We pay our gardener/snow plower to clear snow.
The plows pile all of the snow on our corner, which is also a school bus
stop! It's impossible to keep the sidewalk clear.
the snow plows tend to make it hard to get the end of the
driveway and walkway clean
hire a person to do for us
We have generous and kind neighbors, but feel uncomfortable relying on
them.
I pay a lot of money to have this done. Newton used to plow the
sidewalks.
We hire a plow driver, but sometimes do it ourselves. I, a woman with a
disability, cannot shovel, but my husband can sometimes.
we use a company to do it
Lucky enough to have contract with local plowing service
The plows put so much snow on the sidewalk that there is nowhere to
move it.

Q7: Do you have trouble clearing snow from your walkways for deliveries and mail, and your sidewalks for pedestrians?

Comments

I have a snowblower and am young and fit enough to do it myself

Someone else does it

Not because I am aging, but because plowed snow is a hindrance

I pay a service to do it for me.

only when one of us is travelling. hard to be outside shoveling when the kids are inside!

Pay someone to do it

thank goodness for my good neighbor (& our co-owned snowblower)

Not yet, but it is getting hard.

no sidewalk

Bilotta Landscape!

arthritis in neck, shoulder, hands. also, if snow is wet and heavy, can't do it.

We have a service

use company to do for me

I hire a plow but I am on a corner and can't do sidewalks -

We use a service

Snow shoveling fines need to be enforced. Chestnut St. is

not pedestrian friendly in the snow.

hired services

I pay someone to do it

not yet!

Snow plows pile snow from neighbors obliterating already cleared sidewalk

do not do sidewalk

use snowblower

spouse is still clearing snow but I'm not happy about it!

cleaning snow from sidewalk can be difficult, esp if traveling or busy at work.

hire someone

I stopped doing this myself 3 years ago.

Use a snow removal service

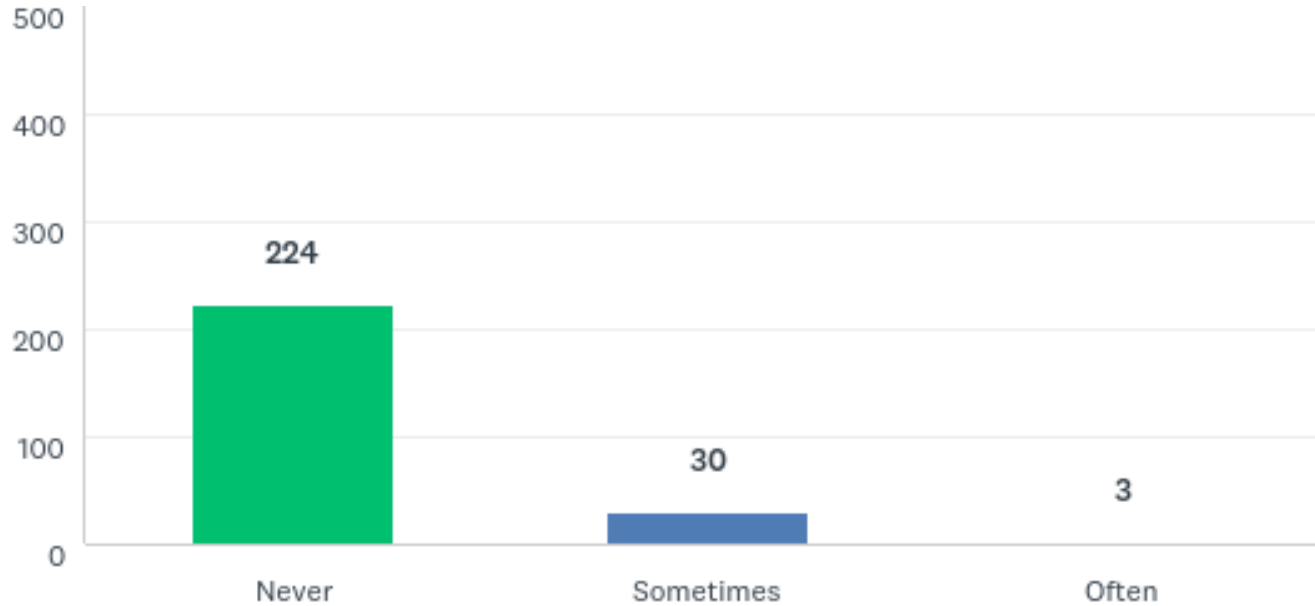
I do not have trouble now since I am younger than old but

I do anticipate snow clearing will be a big problem when both my husband and I are old

Hire a service

Q8: Do you have trouble getting trash receptacles to the curb?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 7



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	87.16%	224
Sometimes	11.67%	30
Often	1.17%	3
TOTAL		257

Q8: Do you have trouble getting trash receptacles to the curb?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 7

when there's lots of snow

N/A

Snow

Not now, but as I age, I expect I'll have to hire someone

When it's snowy/icy

due to my disability

If there is a ton of snow and we haven't properly cleared the driveway then it can be difficult to drag the trash bins to the street.

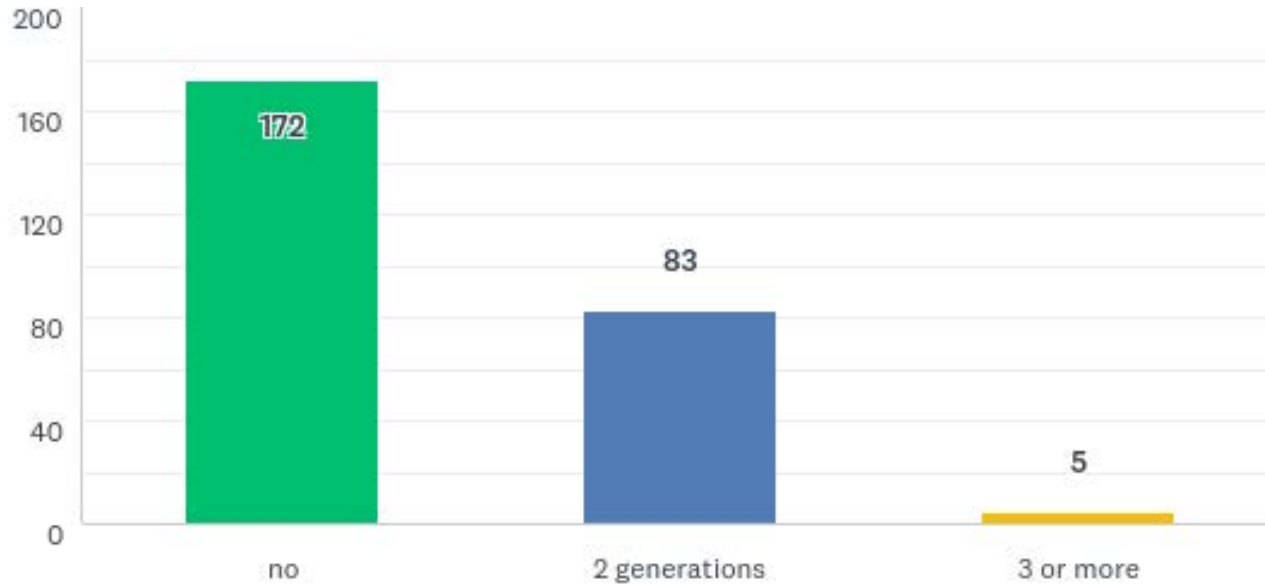
Someone else does it

Not because I am aging, but because plowed snow is a hindrance again, not yet

I have a long driveway. When my husband and I are old, it can be an issue but I can always place them closer to the front of the driveway.

Q9: Is your home currently multi-generational?

Answered: 260 Skipped: 4



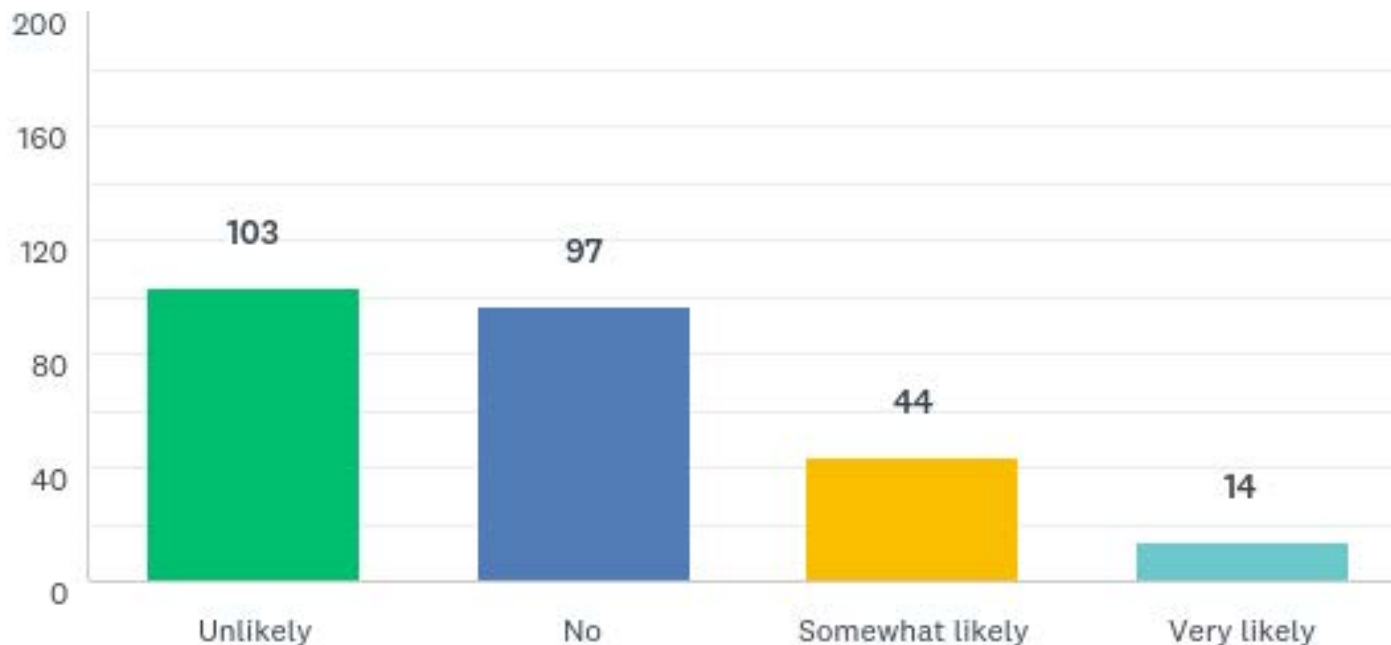
Q9: Is your home currently multi-generational?

Answered: 260 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
no	66.15%	172
2 generations	31.92%	83
3 or more	1.92%	5
TOTAL		260

Q10: Accessory Apartments are one way homeowners share their homes and create income. Is this something you might consider doing?

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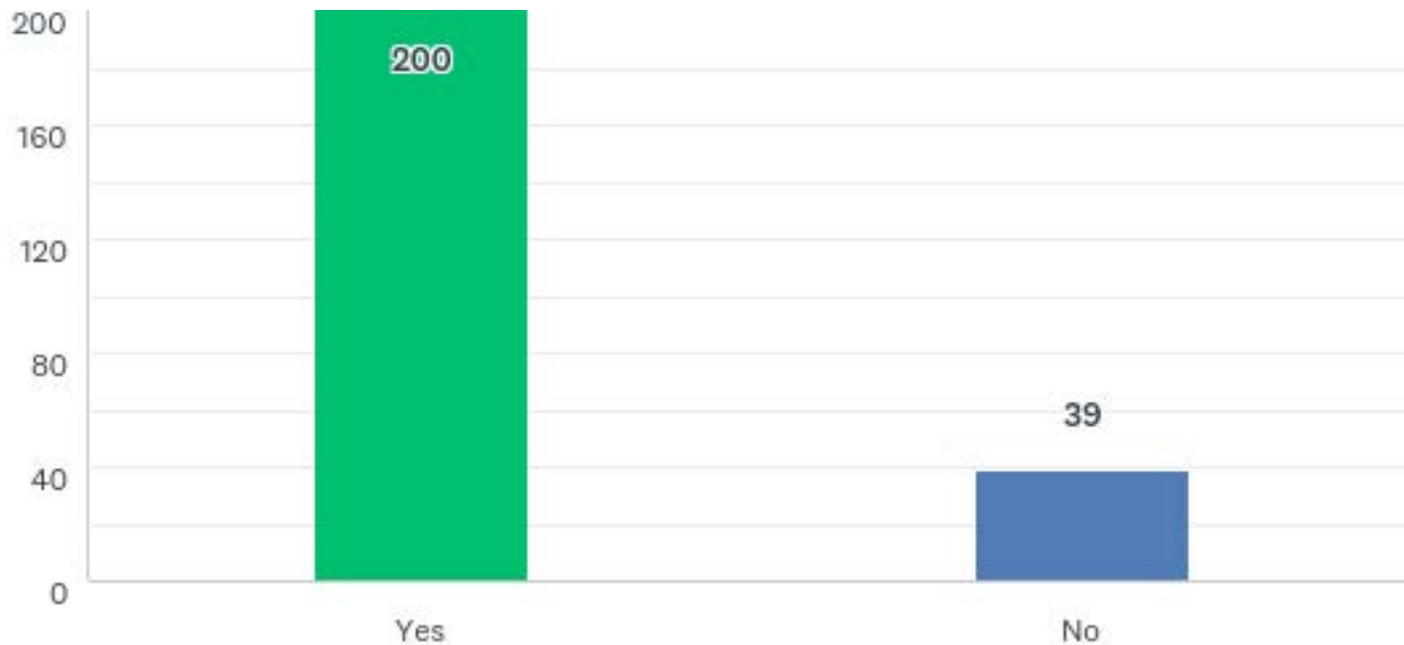
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Unlikely	39.92%	103
No	37.60%	97
Somewhat likely	17.05%	44
Very likely	5.43%	14
TOTAL		258

Q11: Was having a convenient village center important to your decision to move to Waban?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 25



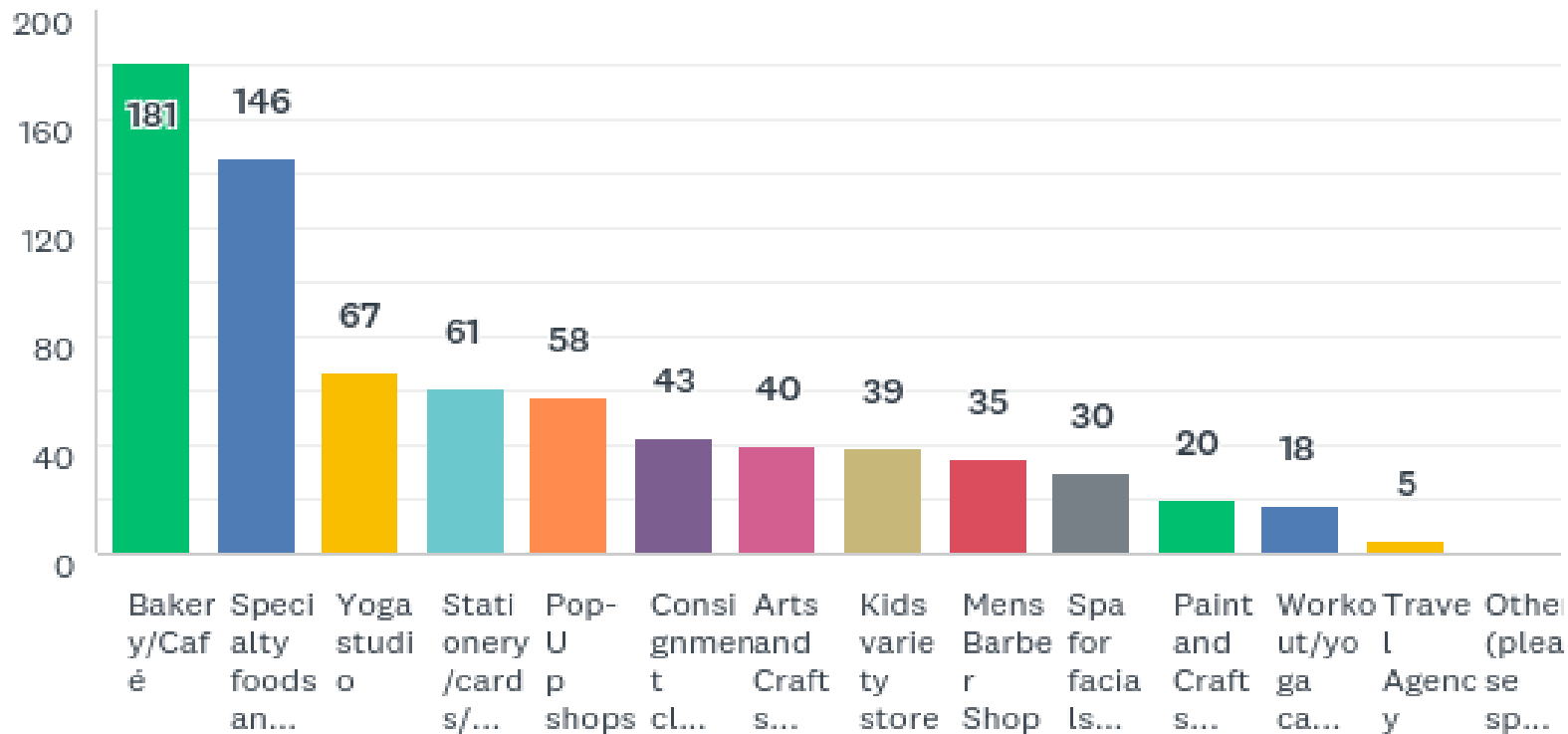
Q11: Was having a convenient village center important to your decision to move to Waban?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 25

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.68%	200
No	16.32%	39
TOTAL		239

Q12: What type of shops would you like to see at Waban Square if/when there is a vacancy?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 37



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bakery/Café	79.74%	181
Specialty foods and/or prepared foods	64.32%	146
Yoga studio	29.52%	67
Stationery/cards/papers	26.87%	61
Pop-Up shops	25.55%	58
Consignment clothes , books , antiques, home goods	18.94%	43
Arts and Crafts Gallery	17.62%	40
Kids variety store	17.18%	39
Mens Barber Shop	15.42%	35
Spa for facials and massages	13.22%	30
Paint and Crafts Studio eg Paint -in	8.81%	20
Workout/yoga casual clothes	7.93%	18
Travel Agency	2.20%	5
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 227		

Q13: What type of shops would you like to see at Waban Square if/when there is a vacancy?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 37

fine food restaurant
Prepared foods + palates or yoga studio + refreshed grocery store
some type of cooperative store/gallery where people could
volunteer time as well as support whatever product being displayed
Cafe, Ice cream, other food places.
Keep grocery store
Good restaurant.
drug store
Pharmacy
Ice cream
ice cream store, Penzey's Spice store
ice cream shop
another restaurant
ice cream!! bookstore.
nail salon
Pharmacy that would deliver Medicines, grocery store, good dry
cleaner and tailor, hardware store (great!),
A deli with less attitude
Pharmacy would be great.
Another sit-down restaurant or two, a movie theater (or more, and
more regular evening library events/movie showings/musical
performances/etc.), one fewer shoe repair place,...
restaurants
Pub
Book Store
manicures

More casual dining
ICE CREAM!!!! We are missing Freeze!
A flower store
Keep Waban Market or other like convenience store
Restaurant
an ice cream shop
Fitness studio like cardio high
Cafe, full scale restaurant, bakery
no
Restaurants
Restaurants or take-out food is always nice to have!
Bakery/ ice cream
destination restaurant; someone like Waban Kitchen
Ice cream! Another coffee shop
Full service restaurant
Clothing boutique
A pub
no
Take out restaurants
More restaurants
Nice nail salon, orange theory or other fitness studio

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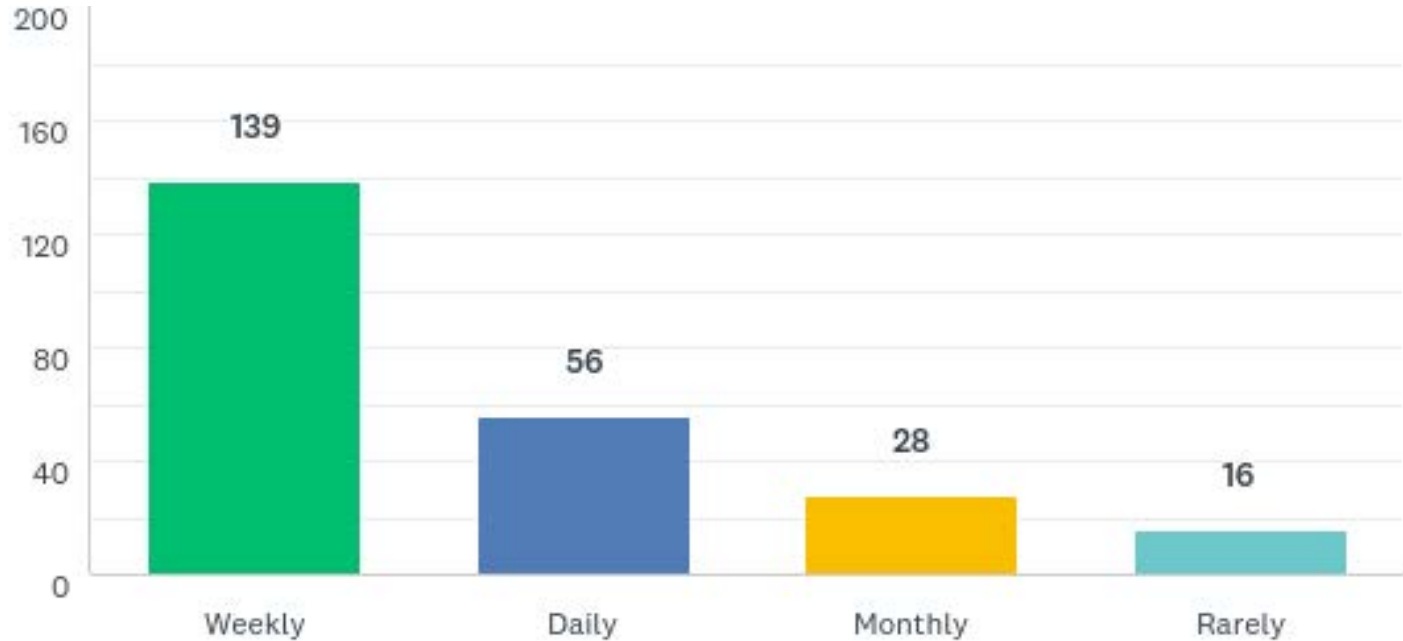
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Drugstore/pharmacy, bar, more takeout food
Ice cream shop, pharmacy
Restaurant
Good restaurants and a good deli - Barry's is horrible service
Full-service restaurants, a drugstore, a bar
drug store
Ice Cream parlor
pharmacy
Ice cream store!!!!
Fine dining restaurants
pharmacy
More dining options.
Flower shop, ice cream
ice cream shop
Burrito - taqueria - casual - inexpensive counter service
Excellent womens' wear shop, Excellent book store
I love the shoe repair place, hope it stays or is replaced if it moves
An upmarket diner with full bar
more choice of restaurants
Restaurants
Ice cream shop, and/or wine bistro
Gift shop
Pharmacy
Another grocery
Ice cream parlor, craft beer and wine store, florist
Pharmacy- locally owned

Fitness (YMCA), a non-Starbucks coffee shop, drycleaner
Ice cream
Grocery store. Waban market is great
Music Studio
pub
Casual but interesting restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
co-working space; communal kitchen incubator space; drug store
reasonable priced women's clothing
More restaurants
Ice Cream Shop - Freeze was a great destination, very sad they got
kicked out.
soup and salad cafe or takeout
Outside tables and chairs; historic street lights; back-in parking;
miss the drug store, but unlikely to find another
Waban has a good variety of shops
Convenience store, high end ice cream/yogurt, tailor
a pub
Replace Barry's Deli and Waban Mkt
Bookstore, Copy shop, Flower shop, Flexible exercise space for rent
for classes by local teachers/trainers
Tea shop
prepared foods would be INCREDIBLY successful
Book store/café
tailor, shoe store and shoemaker, UPS, liquor or wine store
drug store

Q14: How often do you visit establishments in Waban Center?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 25



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Answered: 239 Skipped: 25

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Weekly	58.16%	139
Daily	23.43%	56
Monthly	11.72%	28
Rarely	6.69%	16
TOTAL		239

Q15: How do you get there?

Answered: 228 Skipped: 36

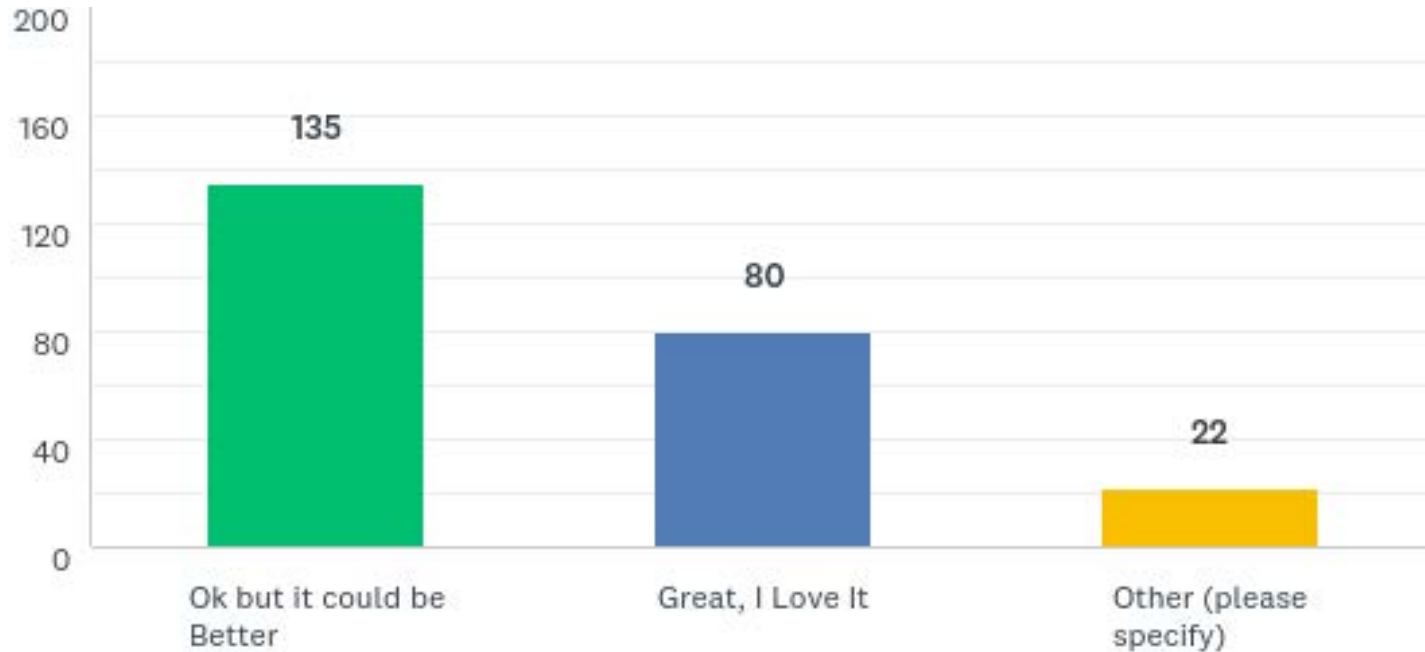
170 drive

158 walk

17 bike

Q16: As A Neighborhood Place, how would you rate Waban Square

Answered: 237 Skipped: 27



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ok but it could be Better	56.96%	135
Great, I Love It	33.76%	80
Other (please specify)	9.28%	22
TOTAL		237

Q16: As A Neighborhood Place, how would you rate Waban Square

Other:

Not as clean as it used to be!!

Looking "downtrodden"

Traffic patterns need to change especially around Waban Market. Waban Market needs to be replaced or greatly upgraded, it doesn't serve the community it's in it serves a community that lives elsewhere.

Cont to have useful stores

Okay... but I would love more stores, & variety

don't like the new pizza place. Would like a healthy reasonably priced restaurant where you could sit outside cafe style.

I love it, but I rarely have a need for the stores that are there

The return of the hardware store was good

Please do not have paid parking meters, a pain for short hops.

Could be a lot better

I do love it, but it could be better.

It is pretty good for the space available

I love it but definitely room for improvement!

Another good restaurant

Ugly signage ruins beautiful old English village feel. Should be more unified in overall feel. Same awnings and or unifying type for their names.

my children grew up in Newton Centre at Mason-Rice and that formed my "neighborhood"

Boring. I go to the Highlands or L'Arora to meet with friends (Don't like Starbucks). More restaurants would be a draw. I only go there if I need to use the bank.

Pizza place is a big add!

barely exists

I am very pleased there's a fine hardware store there now. I like Waban Market. Dislike Starbucks and would prefer Pete's or George Howell, etc.

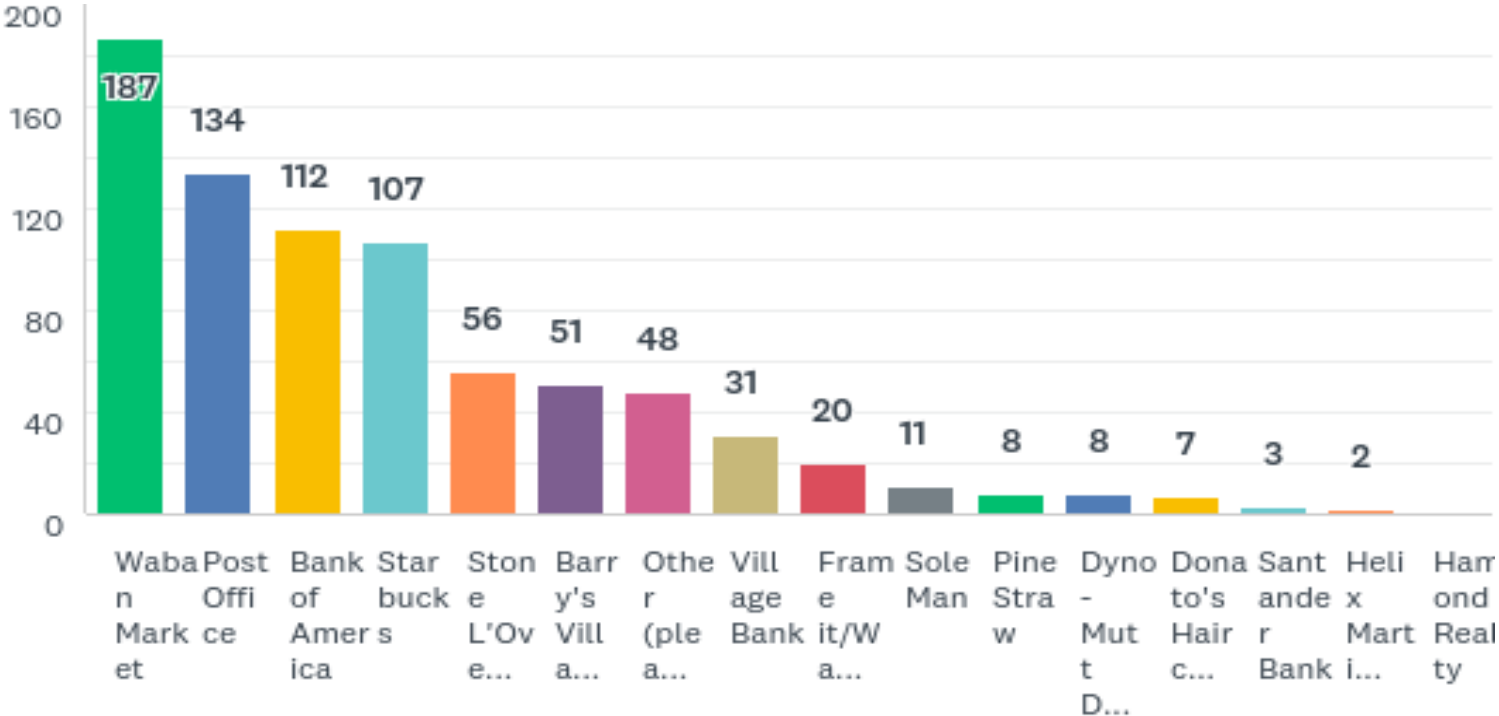
the current gift shop has almost nothing of interest.

parking on beacon is frightening

Needs more shops, restaurants, gathering space/small park—and people living there

Q17: What are the top 3 things you visit in Waban Center?

Answered: 237 Skipped: 27



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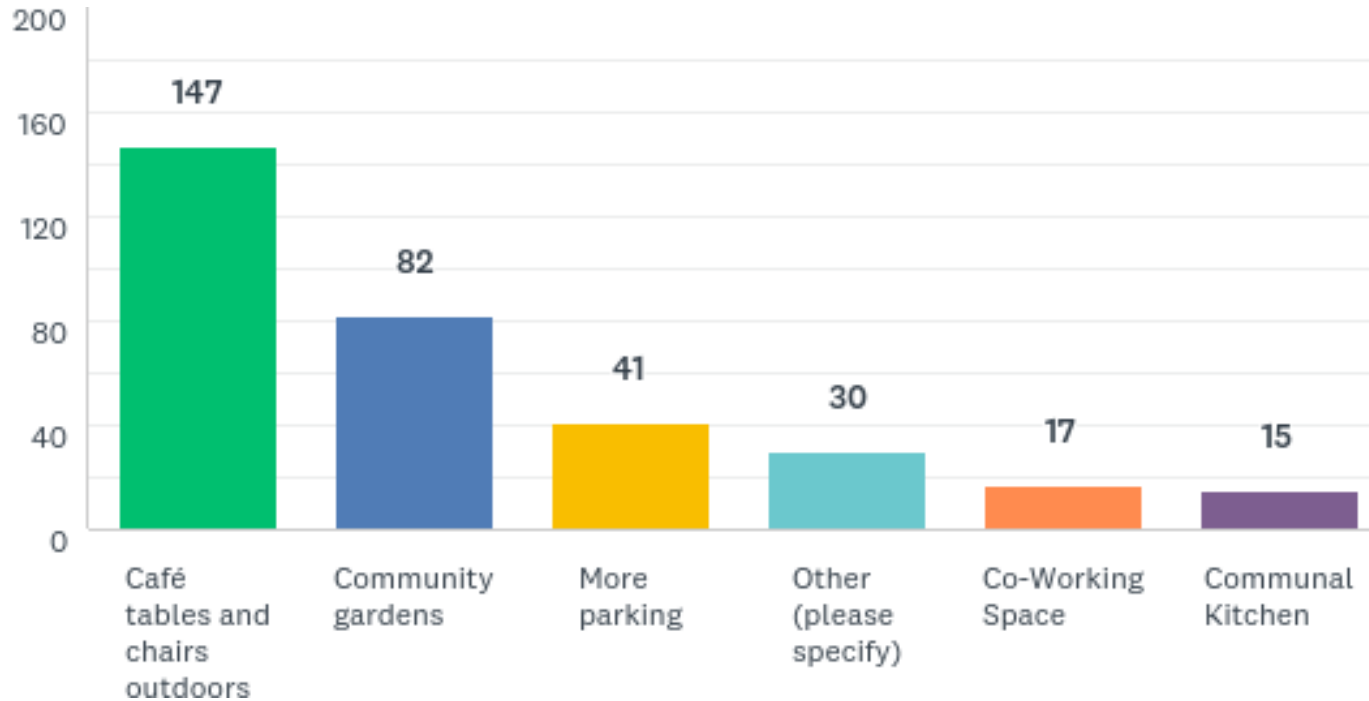
Answered: 237 Skipped: 27

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Waban Market	78.90%	187
Post Office	56.54%	134
Bank of America	47.26%	112
Starbucks	45.15%	107
Stone L'Oven Pizza	23.63%	56
Barry's Village Deli	21.52%	51
Other (please specify)	20.25%	48
Village Bank	13.08%	31
Frame it/Waban Gallery	8.44%	20
Sole Man	4.64%	11
Pine Straw	3.38%	8
Dyno-Mutt Dog Grooming	3.38%	8
Donato's Haircuttery	2.95%	7
Santander Bank	1.27%	3
Helix Martial Arts	0.84%	2
Hammond Realty	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 237		

31 Hardware
6 Library

Q18: What other activities or special features would you like at Waban Square?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 68



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Answered: 196 Skipped: 68

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Café tables and chairs outdoors	75.00%	147
Community gardens	41.84%	82
More parking	20.92%	41
Other (please specify)	15.31%	30
Co-Working Space	8.67%	17
Communal Kitchen	7.65%	15
Total Respondents: 196		

Q18: What other activities or special features would you like at Waban Square?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 68

Good restaurants

Multifamily housing; public plaza/park; parking meters; ice cream parlor

Not sure

more restaurants

Outdoor music. Same as newton highlands

An enclosed area for dogs to socialize

never metered parking, that makes a center unfriendly

Music Studio

Thank

Restauranto

More restaurants

I would like to keep it a peaceful and quiet center. The less hubbub the better.

Better pedestrian path from Upper to Lower Square; better lighting; safer crossings at Windsor and Woodward and Beacon intersections; benches; a place to sit outside with a lunch purchased at Barry's or Waban Market;

Outdoor movies in the summer

a pub

Replace gift shop on corner

small live music venue

More active use of space at library

A piazza

Fitness studio

15 min. parking in front of the post office

Starbucks and the T have made it more difficult to park near the Post Office and bank.

News and stationery store

alternate restaurant choice

See my answer to #16. Terrible signage. Kills the aesthetic of the square.

DON'T TAKE AWAY THE FREE PARKING

Restaurants, cafes

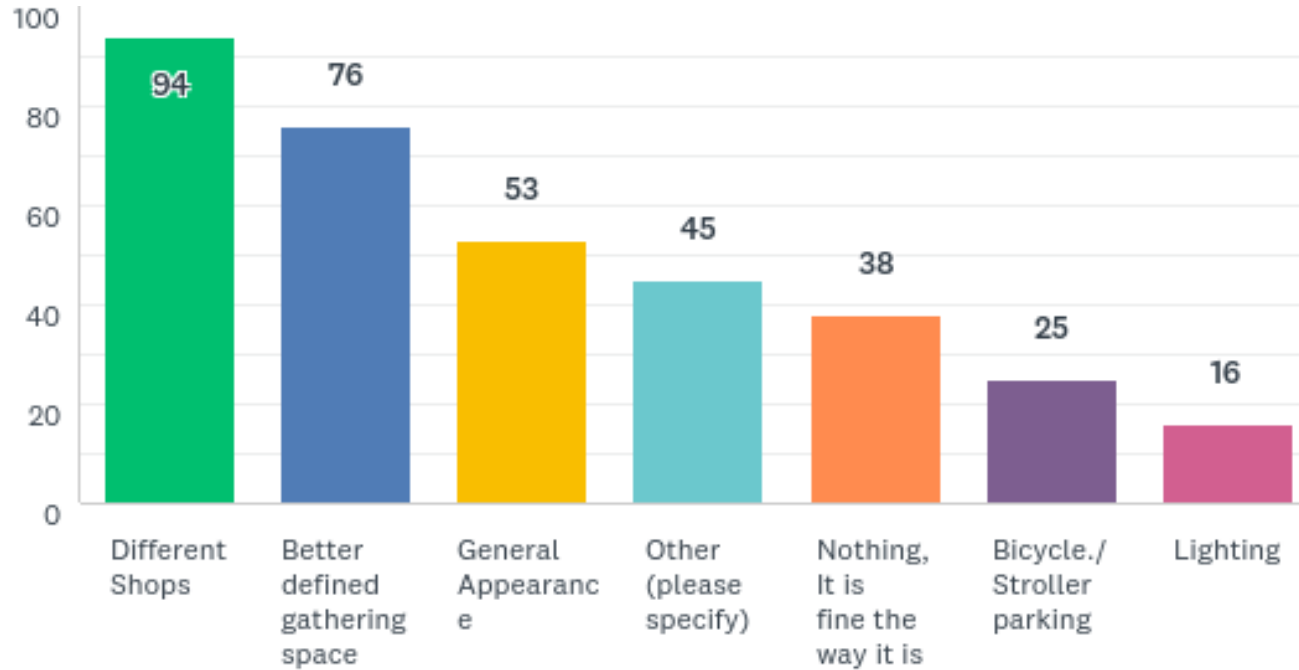
Bookstore

things seem fine

Anything that brings the community together - tree lighting and waban village day are fantastic

Q19: What would make your experience at Waban Square better?

Answered: 218 Skipped: 46



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Answered: 218 Skipped: 46

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Different Shops	43.12%	94
Better defined gathering space	34.86%	76
General Appearance	24.31%	53
Other (please specify)	20.64%	45
Nothing, It is fine the way it is	17.43%	38
Bicycle./ Stroller parking	11.47%	25
Lighting	7.34%	16
Total Respondents: 218		

Q19: What would make your experience at Waban Square better?

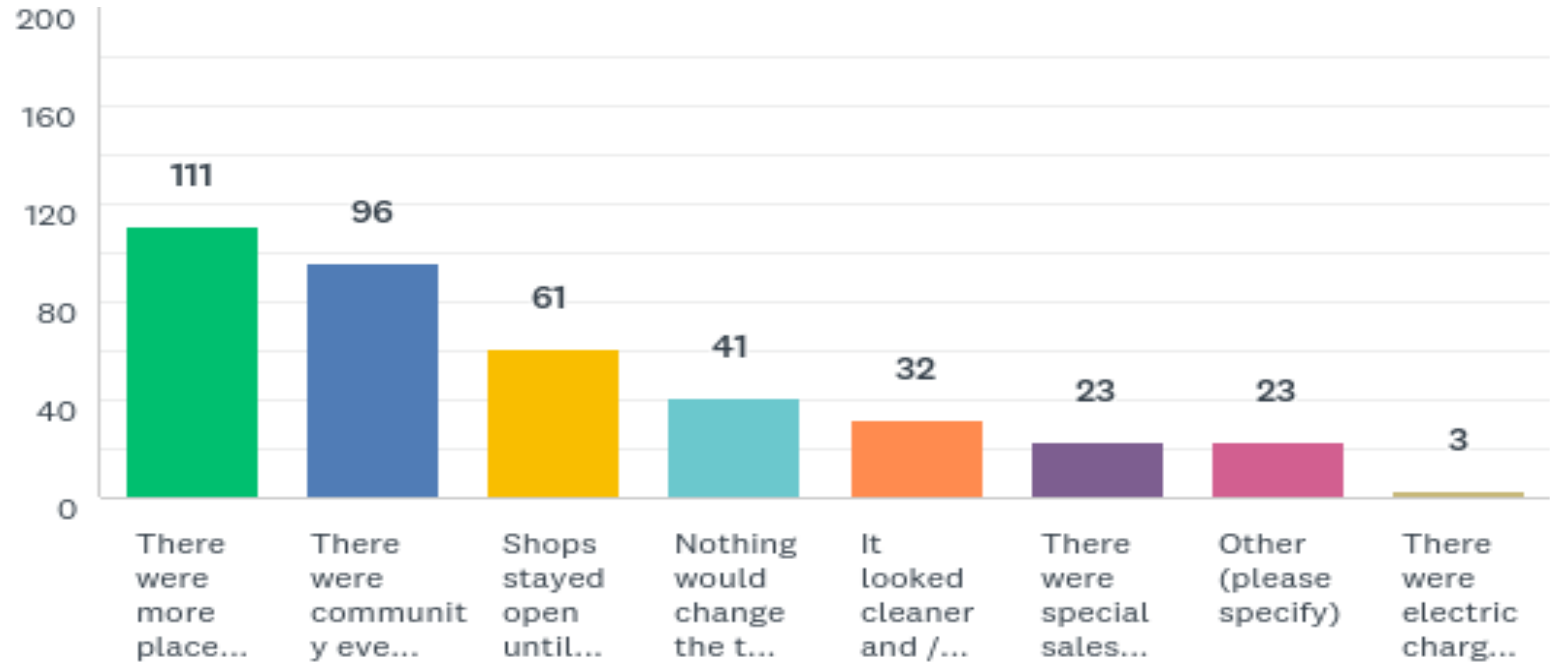
Answered: 218 Skipped: 46

Not sure if "better defined gathering space is quite it, but making a park-like setting where you can hang out, with benches, etc. would be nice.
Landscaping and architectural lighting would go a long way
More people strolling and hanging out
more trees
keeping "old village" upscale charm
Clean the area. It used to be immaculate!!
better use of the WLC as a community center
outdoor seating and tables
Outdoor tables and chairs, sidewalk sales, festivals
More trees
We like the whole village concept and were glad to see the pizza place open. Traffic and parking can be issues - cannot imagine if that behemoth apartment building is allowed to go in.
Please do not over develop it! It will create more traffic/congestion
don't ruin what's a perfect balance
A tavern
not sure, more stores
shops instead of offices at ground floor
inexpensive take-out - counter service
More kid-friendly shops/eateries
Parking
More places to get food
Kinder, more welcoming neighbors
full service newsstand

a cafe or lunch shop with more modern/healthy food choices
slower traffic along beacon & turning in front of the library
more stores... lol
A reasonably priced restaurant with healthy food. Don't like the new pizza place and don't like the new gift store
more uniform signage
Waban Square is only one of several places I go...
It looks old and run down. Needs to be cleaned up and modernized.
more variety
more retail shops
No tai kwon do. No dog shops.
Better police presence to ticket those who drive in an unsafe manner
PREPARED FOOD STORE
Improve conditions of sidewalks and traffic controls
ice cream shop
drivers who stop at crosswalks!
love the new pizza shop - would like to see other casual places too
parking can be impossible
Fix the clock!
less traffic
Could use a bakery or health food emporium.
A coffee shop that has speakers, readings, etc.
More housing density in this T-accessible area would create a dynamic constituency that would allow the market to drive viable businesses
Traffic in front of Waban Market changed

Q20: Would you come to Waban Square more often if:

Answered: 216 Skipped: 48



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Answered: 216 Skipped: 48

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
There were more places to hang out	51.39%	111
There were community events at the stores, eg wine tastings	44.44%	96
Shops stayed open until 7PM	28.24%	61
Nothing would change the time I spend in Waban Square	18.98%	41
It looked cleaner and /or brighter	14.81%	32
There were special sales events lowering prices	10.65%	23
Other (please specify)	10.65%	23
There were electric charging stations	1.39%	3
Total Respondents: 216		

Q20: Would you come to Waban Square more often if:

Other

Overall, Waban Square feels tired and aged - this is exacerbated by some of the existing storefronts (Barry's, Waban Market, karate studio, etc.). The area needs a facelift. The square would benefit from another good restaurant/deli or two.

Bike parking on Beacon/Windsor; better restaurants

Need to stimulate a sense of Community

There was a nice bar/restaurant

again, a restaurant or two

Ice cream and frozen yogurt!!!

impossible to say really

better bike racks

if there was a reasonably priced women's clothing boutique

and a healthy restaurant with outside tables

outside restaurants

Another coffee shop like Peets

IF I COULD BUY PREPARED FOODS

The square has grocery store, Starbucks, bank and post office and now pizza/sandwiches etc but after that - there really

isn't a lot to draw people to the area. Sadly - the seasonal ice cream shop didn't make it, bakeries have come(and gone).

Seems to be a difficult place to make a go of it.

Stores relevant to my family

something to do with the kids after dinner. like a walk for ice cream!

Free kid activities

...and more pleasing to the eye.

how about an entertainment venue for concerts

more restaurants

Places to meet a friend (other than Starbucks)

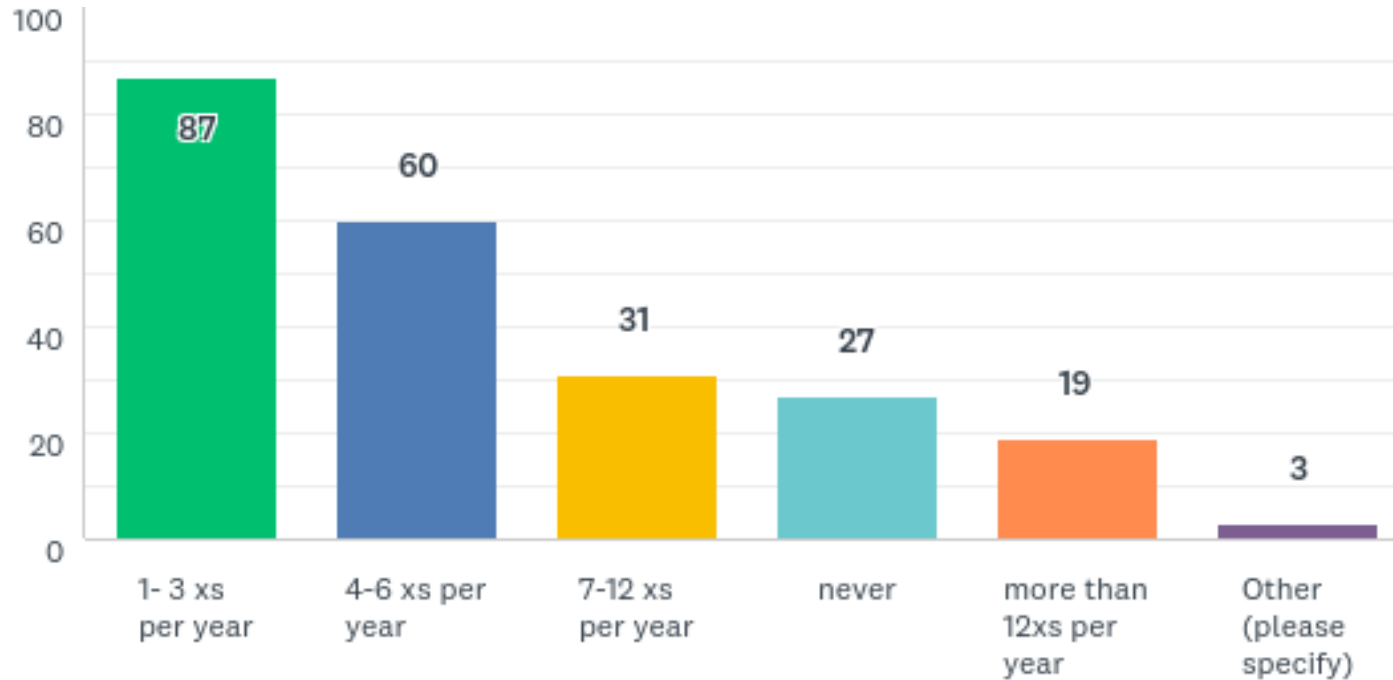
Not sure.

More variety of dining establishments

Activities after 7pm

Q21: Do you go out to hear music?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 37



Q21: Do you go out to hear music?

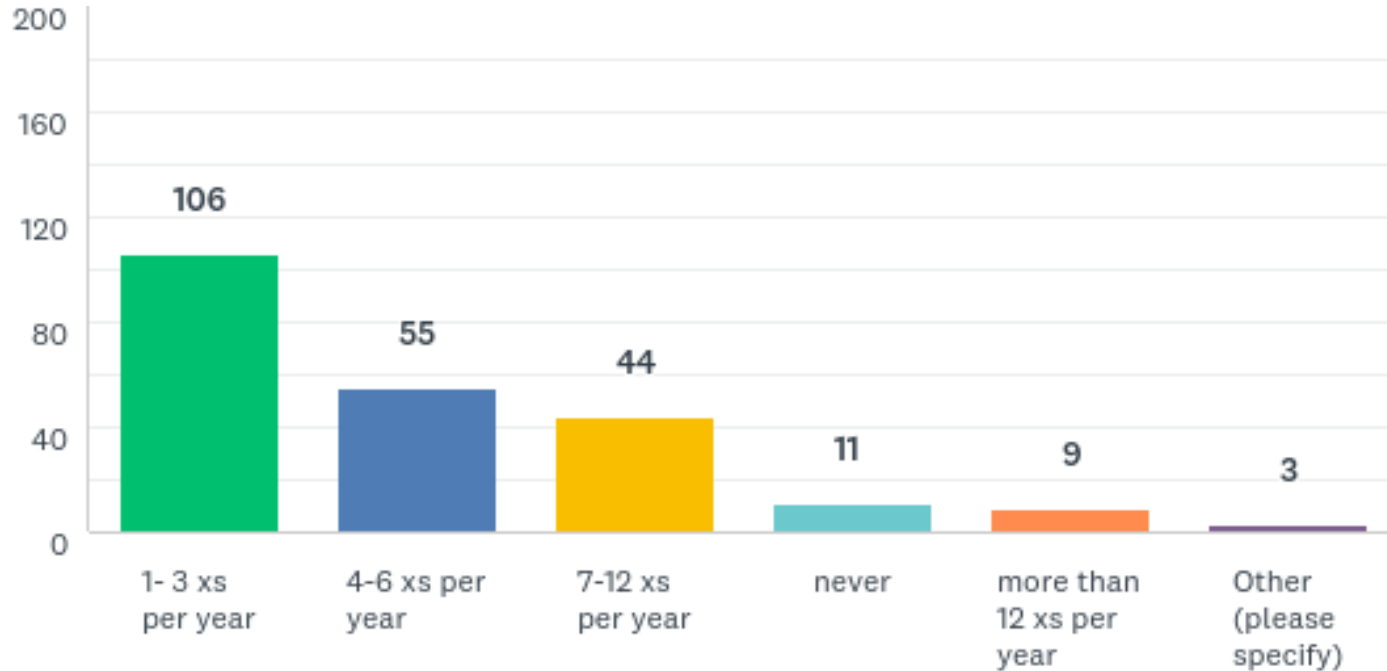
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1- 3 xs per year	38.33%	87
4-6 xs per year	26.43%	60
7-12 xs per year	13.66%	31
never	11.89%	27
more than 12xs per year	8.37%	19
Other (please specify)	1.32%	3
TOTAL		227

I play music many times a month, watch music less often
very infrequently
infrequently, but sometimes

Q22: Do you go out to the theatre?

Answered: 228 Skipped: 36



Q22: Do you go out to the theatre?

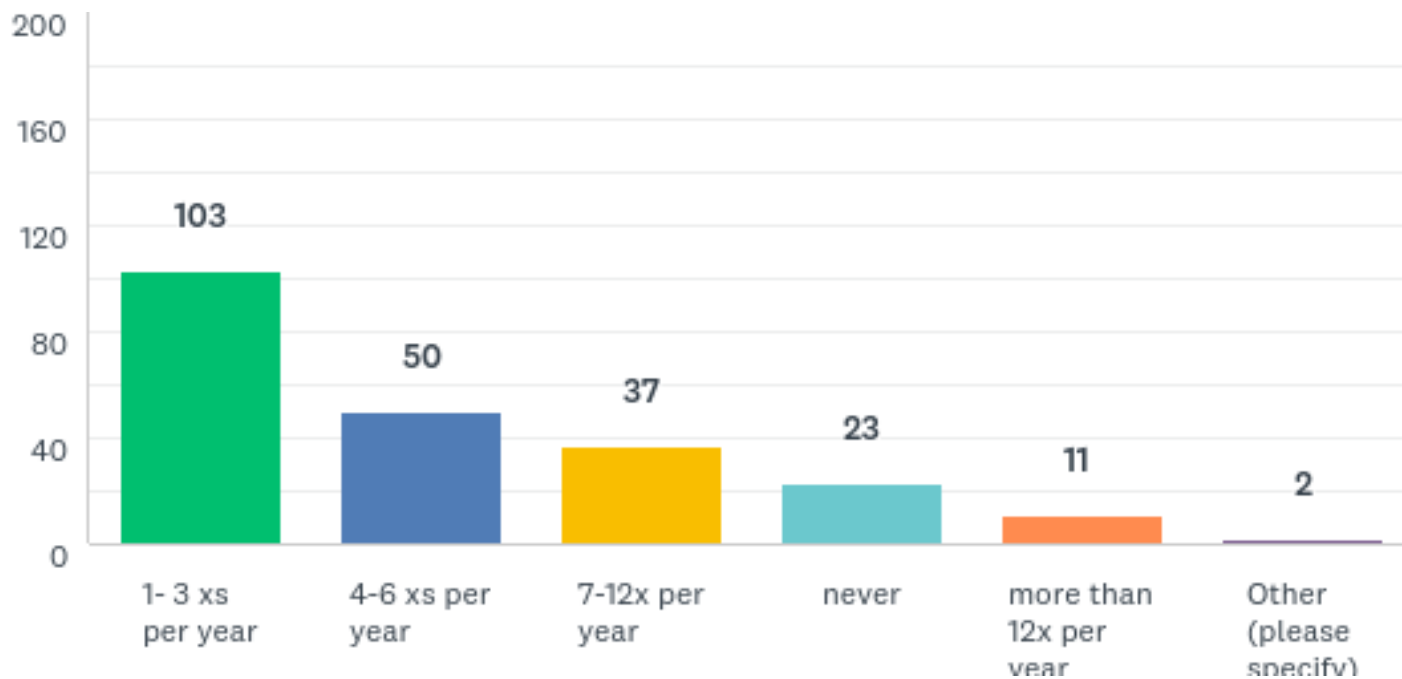
Answered: 228 Skipped: 36

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1- 3 xs per year	46.49%	106
4-6 xs per year	24.12%	55
7-12 xs per year	19.30%	44
never	4.82%	11
more than 12 xs per year	3.95%	9
Other (please specify)	1.32%	3
TOTAL		228

Movies, not plays—7-12 times/year
Love the Nomadic Theatre.
less than once a year

Q23: Do you go to see visual arts?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 38



Q23: Do you go to see visual arts?

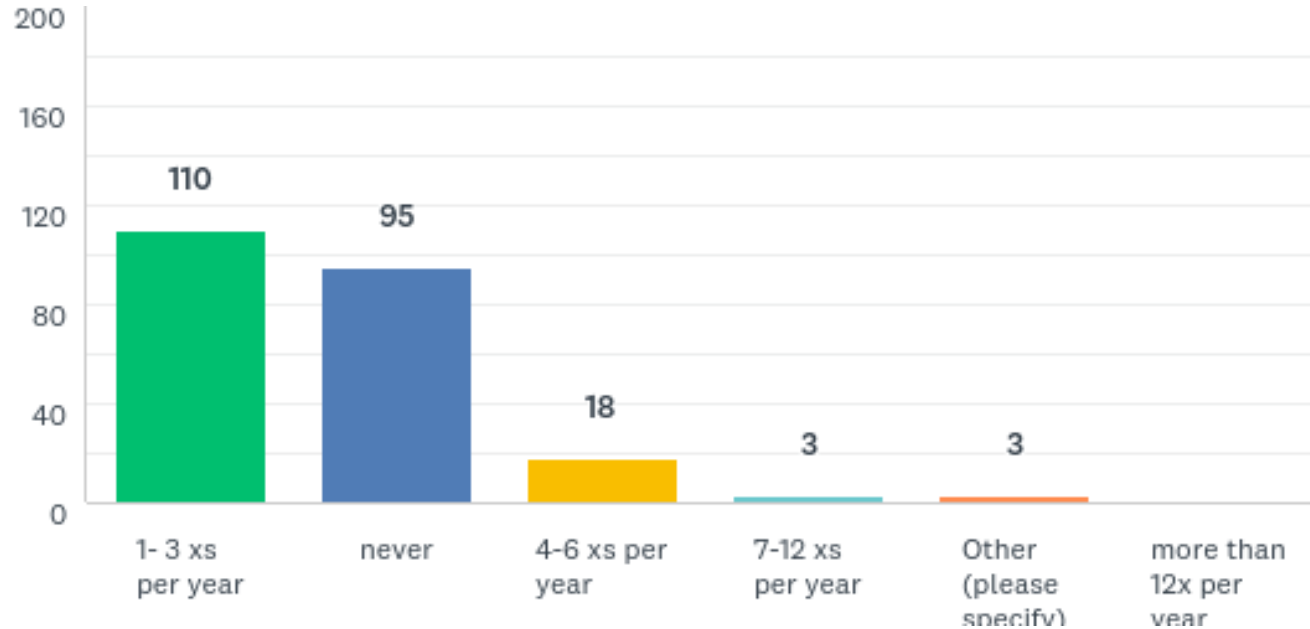
Answered: 226 Skipped: 38

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1- 3 xs per year	45.58%	103
4-6 xs per year	22.12%	50
7-12x per year	16.37%	37
never	10.18%	23
more than 12x per year	4.87%	11
Other (please specify)	0.88%	2
TOTAL		226

every week-once or twice
less than once a year

Q24: Do you go to see dance/ballet?

Answered: 229 Skipped: 35



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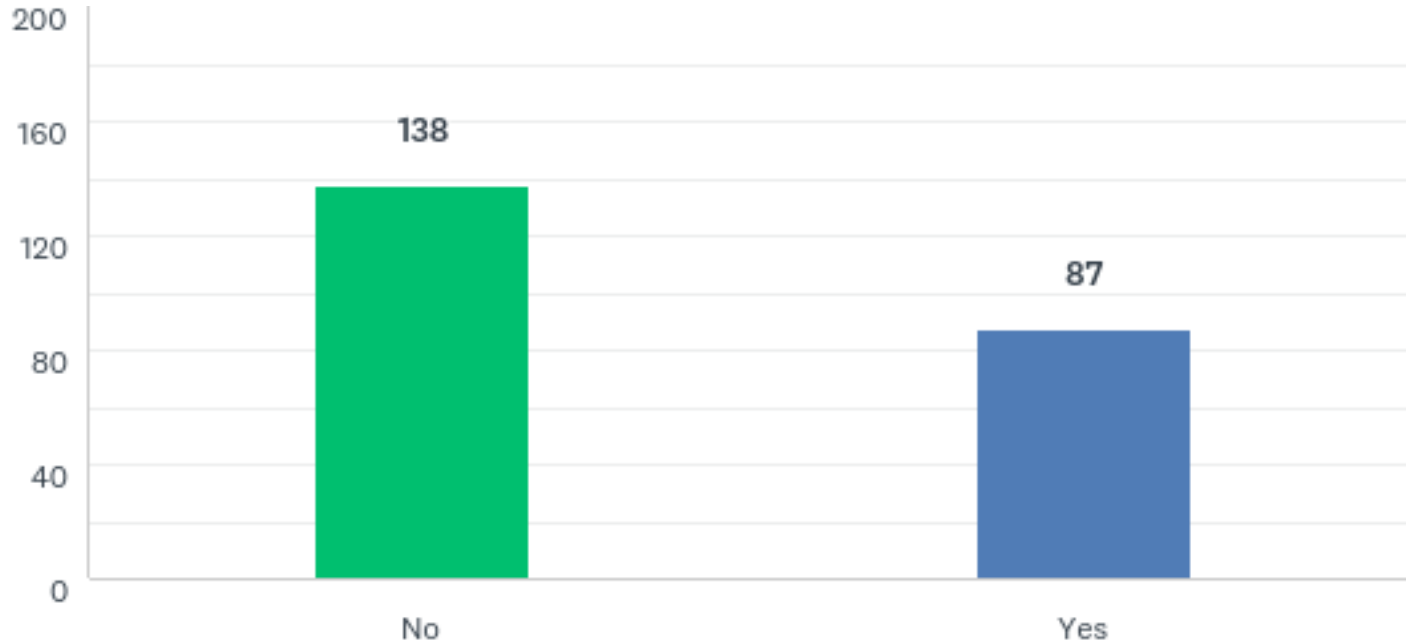
Answered: 229 Skipped: 35

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1- 3 xs per year	48.03%	110
never	41.48%	95
4-6 xs per year	7.86%	18
7-12 xs per year	1.31%	3
Other (please specify)	1.31%	3
more than 12x per year	0.00%	0
TOTAL		229

less than 1x per year
Would like to more often
Almost never

Q25: Have you visited the Newton Arts Calendar?

Answered: 225 Skipped: 39



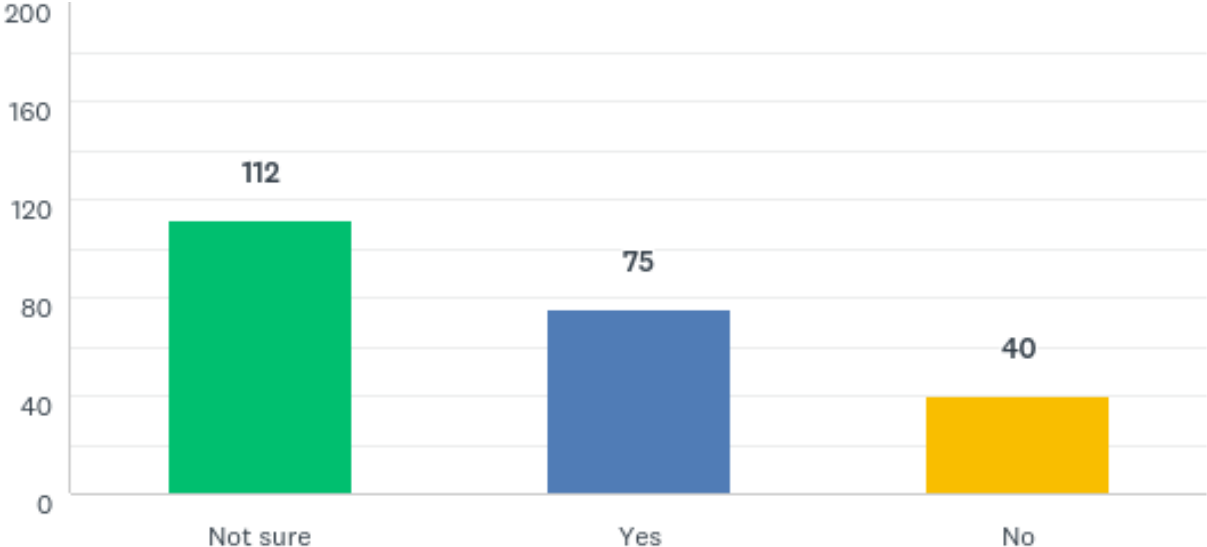
Q25: Have you visited the Newton Arts Calendar?

Answered: 225 Skipped: 39

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	61.33%	138
Yes	38.67%	87
TOTAL		225

Q26: Should Newton pursue developing an arts performance center?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 37



Q26: Should Newton pursue developing an arts performance center?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 37

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not sure	49.34%	112
Yes	33.04%	75
No	17.62%	40
TOTAL		227

Q26: Should Newton pursue developing an arts performance center?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 37

I'm glad the Turtle Lane Playhouse is coming back.

The Newton Cultural Alliance is a good organization, I'd trust their judgment.

There's already so much in the Boston area, although low key kids' events would make sense..

Great idea however it seems tough enough to pay for what we already think is important...

Would be great. But don't raise taxes for it.

what about that theatre in Auburndale? Don't support tearing down and building new center

Not clear what that is

depends on where it would be located and the cost

like The New Rep at Arsenal

Not sure what that entails; likely a complex issue

Can't the facilities at Newton North be used for that?

would be nice, but definitely not a priority for me

Yes if for live theater

Not in Waban, please

We're too close to Boston. I go into Boston when I want to see a performance that would require an arts center space. Also, we have an excellent venue for performance arts: NNHS,

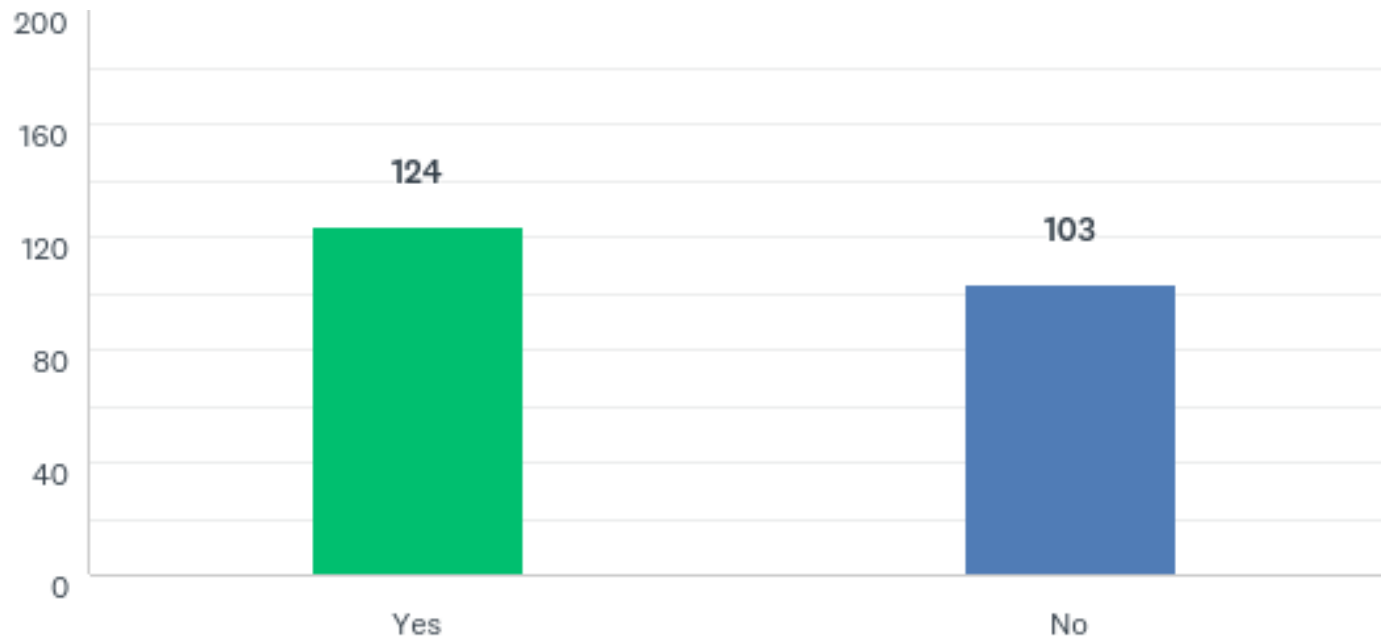
as a founder of the new art center, we used to have performance, it was great

hard to compete with Boston. And who would pay for it??

Would need significant buy and someone or drive it

Q27: The Waban Library Center hosts a variety of cultural events, have you attended any?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 37



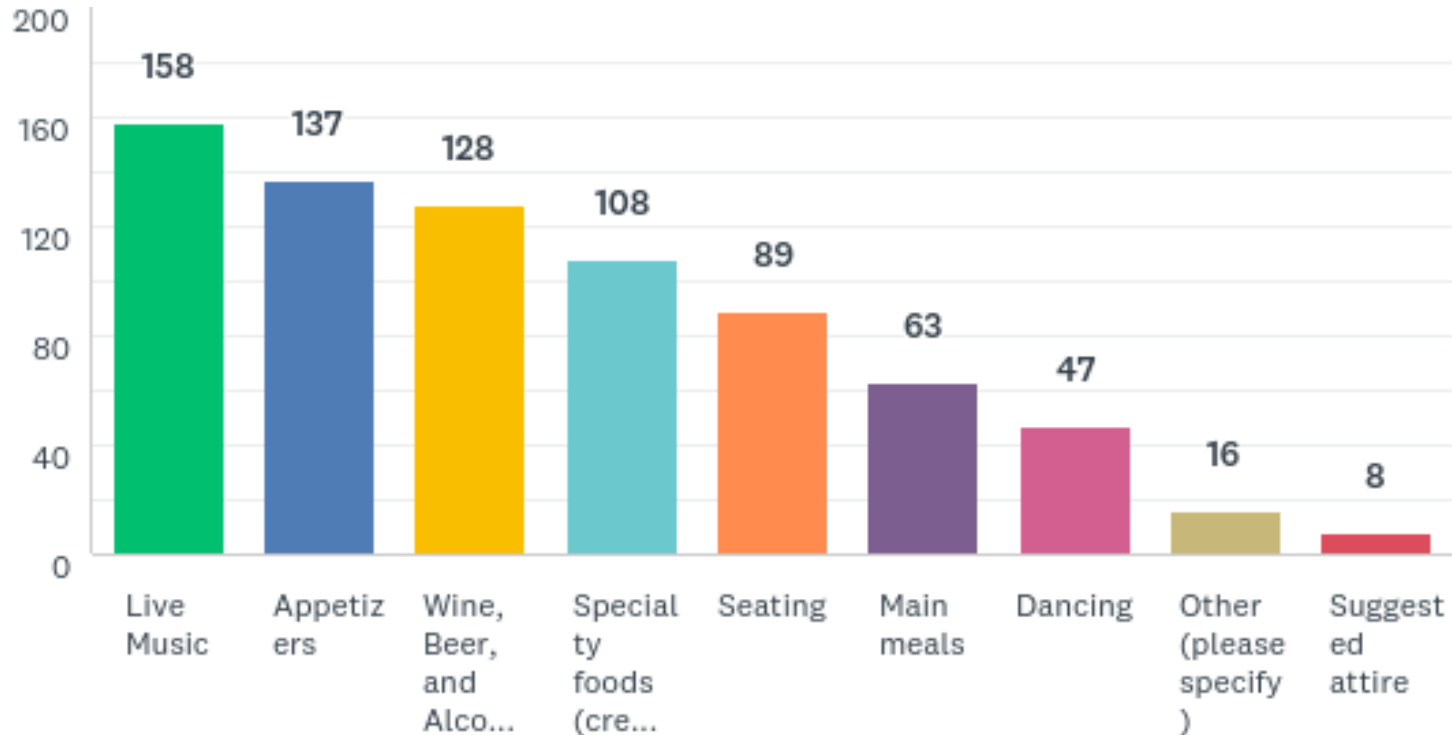
Q27: The Waban Library Center hosts a variety of cultural events, have you attended any?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 37

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.63%	124
No	45.37%	103
TOTAL		227

Q28: If you could invent your favorite event with no restraints, check off items it would include:

Answered: 198 Skipped: 66



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Answered: 198 Skipped: 66

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Live Music	79.80%	158
Appetizers	69.19%	137
Wine, Beer, and Alcoholic Beverages	64.65%	128
Specialty foods (crepes, desserts, chocolates, etc)	54.55%	108
Seating	44.95%	89
Main meals	31.82%	63
Dancing	23.74%	47
Other (please specify)	8.08%	16
Suggested attire	4.04%	8
Total Respondents: 198		

Q28: If you could invent your favorite event with no restraints, check off items it would include:

Answered: 198 Skipped: 66

Plays/musicals

proper etiquette instruction/advice

Whatever it is, high quality

Weird question

Free and Open to all

farmers market, healthy local crafts food

Thank

Look at the fun events that happen on the Cape (outdoor movies, group dancing, concerts) that happen weekly on certain nights so it's easy to remember when they happen and get in the groove of attending.

New little arts theatre showing foreign films/cafe

CASUAL ENVIRONMENT -- -ADULT ONLY

Something to do other than just eating and talking.

Kid friendly

Open Studios

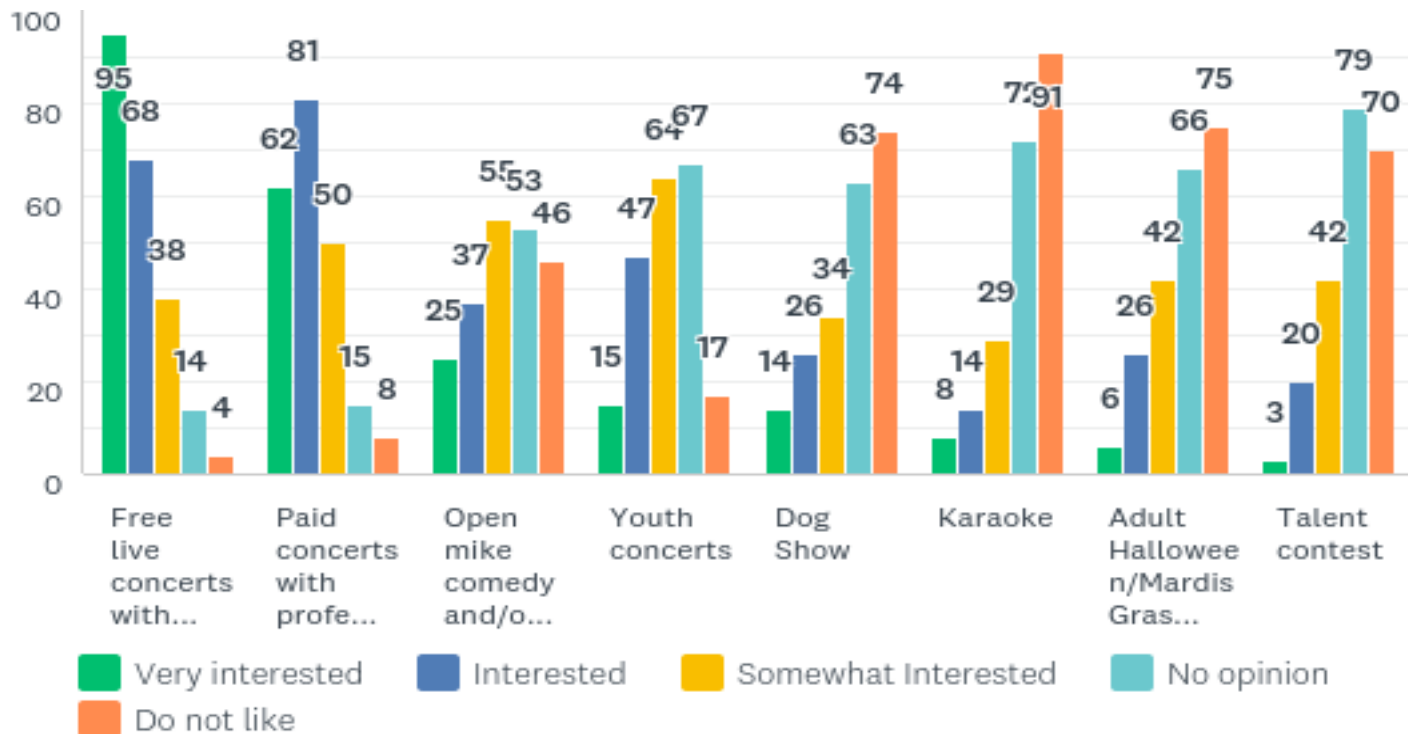
Probably none of the above

good books

Simpler the better - pianos at the library are a great example

Q29: To help Waban event organizers understand your preferences, please rate the following for your interest level:

Answered: 222 Skipped: 42



Q29: To help Waban event organizers understand your preferences, please rate the following for your interest level:

Answered: 222

	VERY INTERESTED	INTERESTED	SOMEWHAT INTERESTED	NO OPINION	DO NOT LIKE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Free live concerts with professional talent	43.38% 95	31.05% 68	17.35% 38	6.39% 14	1.83% 4	219	1.92
Paid concerts with professional talent	28.70% 62	37.50% 81	23.15% 50	6.94% 15	3.70% 8	216	2.19
Open mike comedy and/or stories	11.57% 25	17.13% 37	25.46% 55	24.54% 53	21.30% 46	216	3.27
Youth concerts	7.14% 15	22.38% 47	30.48% 64	31.90% 67	8.10% 17	210	3.11
Dog Show	6.64% 14	12.32% 26	16.11% 34	29.86% 63	35.07% 74	211	3.74
Karaoke	3.74% 8	6.54% 14	13.55% 29	33.64% 72	42.52% 91	214	4.05
Adult Halloween/Mardis Gras Party	2.79% 6	12.09% 26	19.53% 42	30.70% 66	34.88% 75	215	3.83
Talent contest	1.40% 3	9.35% 20	19.63% 42	36.92% 79	32.71% 70	214	3.90

Q29: To help Waban event organizers understand your preferences, please rate the following for your interest level:

Answered: 222 Skipped: 42

Plays/musicals

Ping pong, cornhole, ladder golf

Food or beer festival

block parties with dancing and live music

I'd like to see more opportunities for young local musicians to perform

Outdoor movies, square-dancing, line dancing (look at what Wellfleet does,)

Why not have Waban be the site of one of Newton's international festivals?

community jam sessions

Bake-off of pies or something else; talks by Waban residents about something unique; communal meal (such as Feast of the Falls in Upper Falls).

Movie night...

new years party

Please not in Waban. I like our neighborhood quiet- one

Newton Nomadic Theatre; community event such as the Falls Ball where everyone brings a dish;

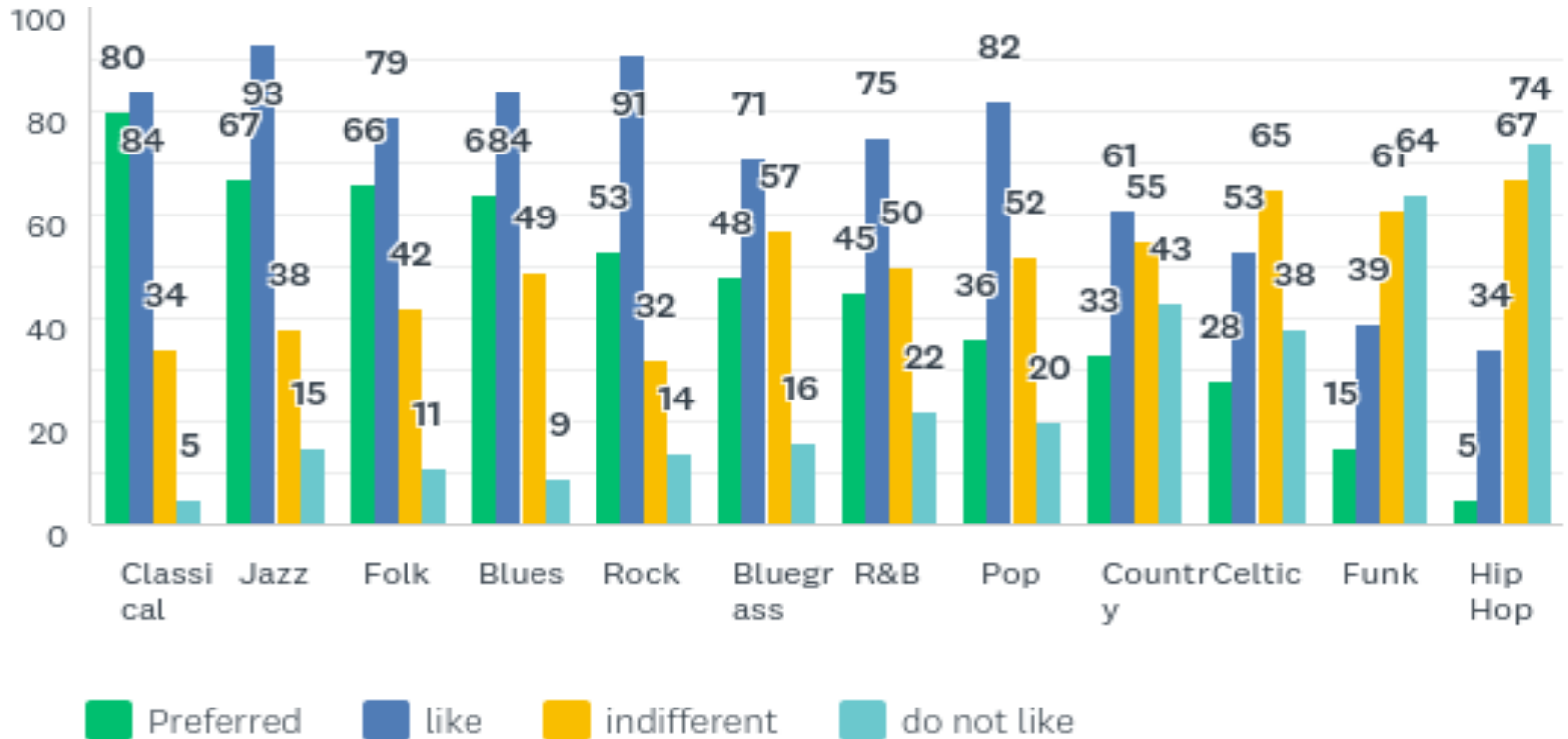
traveling dinner; house tours; Open Studios

I don't want to spend RE tax dollars

culture based event/ethnic food sampling

Q30: If Waban event organizers were to sponsor performances, please rate the following music preferences:

Answered: 219 Skipped: 45



Q30: If Waban event organizers were to sponsor performances, please rate the following music preferences:

Answered: 219 Skipped: 45

	PREFERRED	LIKE	INDIFFERENT	DO NOT LIKE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Classical	39.41% 80	41.38% 84	16.75% 34	2.46% 5	203	1.82
Jazz	31.46% 67	43.66% 93	17.84% 38	7.04% 15	213	2.00
Folk	33.33% 66	39.90% 79	21.21% 42	5.56% 11	198	1.99
Blues	31.07% 64	40.78% 84	23.79% 49	4.37% 9	206	2.01
Rock	27.89% 53	47.89% 91	16.84% 32	7.37% 14	190	2.04
Bluegrass	25.00% 48	36.98% 71	29.69% 57	8.33% 16	192	2.21
R&B	23.44% 45	39.06% 75	26.04% 50	11.46% 22	192	2.26
Pop	18.95% 36	43.16% 82	27.37% 52	10.53% 20	190	2.29
Country	17.19% 33	31.77% 61	28.65% 55	22.40% 43	192	2.56
Celtic	15.22% 28	28.80% 53	35.33% 65	20.65% 38	184	2.61
Funk	8.38% 15	21.79% 39	34.08% 61	35.75% 64	179	2.97
Hip Hop	2.78% 5	18.89% 34	37.22% 67	41.11% 74	180	3.17

Q30: If Waban event organizers were to sponsor performances, please rate the following music preferences:

comments

chamber music (subset of classical)

old-time music

show tunes/cabaret

Latin (especially salsa)

all of the above

I go to enough events outside Newton. Wouldn't likely add any more to my agenda.

choral music

performers that appeal to kids.

I am a professional classically trained musician

A lot of "likes" depends on talents!

I love music but don't want loud performances in our neighborhood!

There are many fine classical musicians and groups in Newton that do not have sufficient opportunity to perform publicly. I think we should partner with the groups and institutions in Newton promoting this music. Especially ANMS.

Dance

Q31: Are there events you would like to see in Waban?

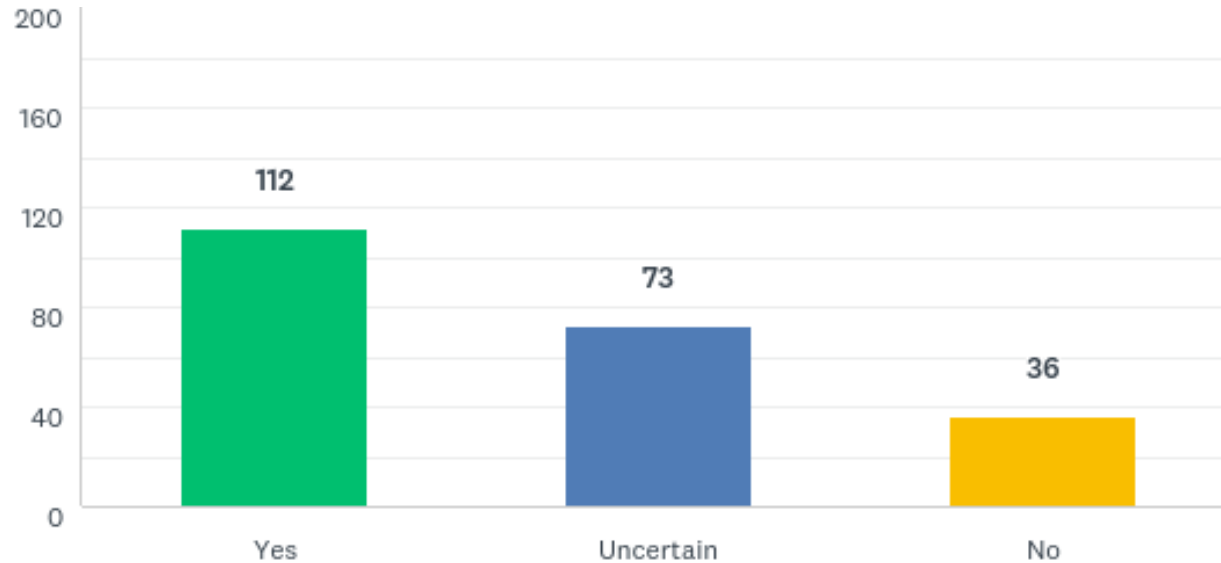
Answered: 33 Skipped: 231

Live music
Plays/musicals
Live music outdoors
local performers or students
Music a Waban Library Center; theater on Waban
Common;
live theatre group, musical concerts
Open air seating with tables and live local music
Yes, live theater, e.g. plays!
Movies
Tumbling and other Gymnastic skills on display. Plus small
musical groups (quartets) playing classical or folk.
local artists shows
House tours; outdoor art event (open studios in the
Square, evening concerts in the Square during the week in
the summer, anything that would draw groups of people to
the Square
Bridge games say at Library
Sure!
Group exercises in the square--Qi Gong, etc.
Community fundraisers, for the Food Pantry, etc.
Authors, readings, theater

Family events that celebrate diversity
No
Art and Photo Fairs
donation days of stuff we don't need to places that do
(boston)
Outdoor movies, square dancing, food festivals
??
Presentations/informal conversations and interviews on
local and state issues with reps and officials.
Waban could host various ethnic/cultural events which
would help residents appreciate Newton's cultural
diversity.
new years party
No. We would like to keep it quiet.
No
cooking classes; walk-in yoga or spinning; lectures
Probably, but have not yet discussed this with anyone in
our village
huge neighborhood yard sale and party in waban sq and/or
Lincoln Field
More sporting events which would include adults and kids
Dinner debates

Q32: House concerts - music or theatre performances hosted in a home to a small audience - are becoming more frequent, would you be interested attending in Waban?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 43



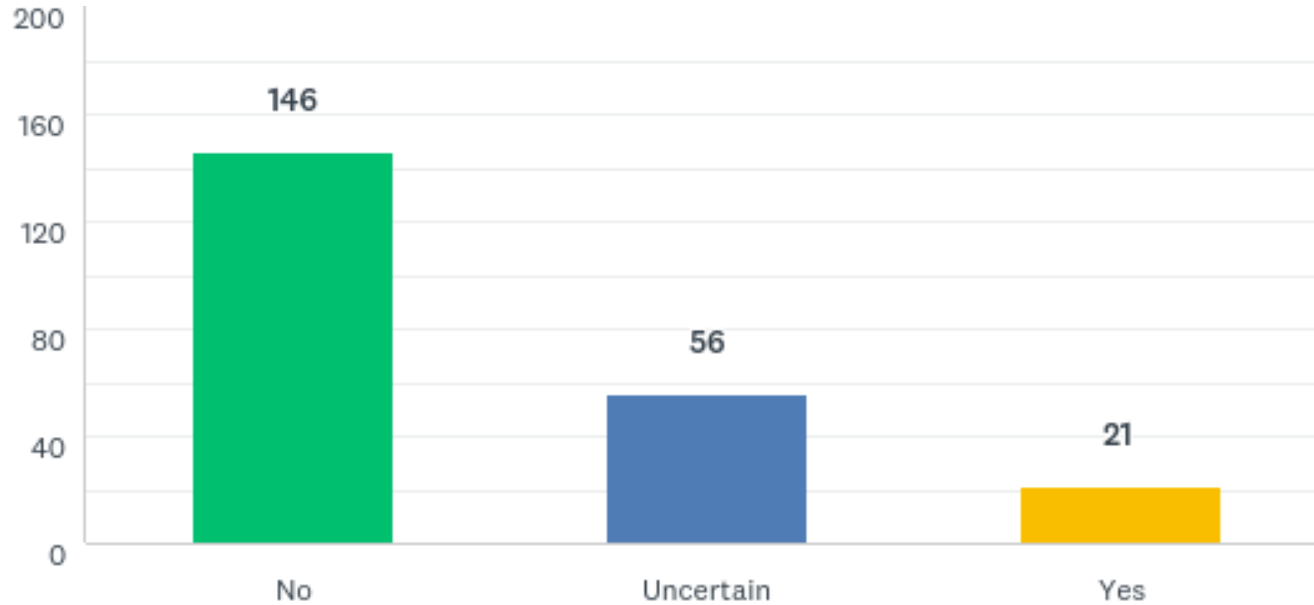
Q52: House concerts - music or theatre performances hosted in a home to a small audience - are becoming more frequent, would you be interested attending in Waban?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 43

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.68%	112
Uncertain	33.03%	73
No	16.29%	36
TOTAL		221

Q33: Would you be interested in hosting a house concert?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 41



Q33: Would you be interested in hosting a house concert?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 41

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	65.47%	146
Uncertain	25.11%	56
Yes	9.42%	21
TOTAL		223