

This is an update on the review of the survey that the Activity Center Committee sent to the membership on April 29th, 2022 regarding HRCA activities. A total of two hundred and forty-seven (247) members completed the survey.

Recap of Top Survey Findings

When analyzing the survey data, the Committee members had several key takeaways that they would like to bring to the Hunters Ridge Community Association Board of Directors as recommendations.

Question four (4) asked “About how many months of the year do you live at Hunters Ridge?”. Of the members who participated, 72% responded “More than six (6) months” or “Full time”. This indicated that there is a need, especially this summer, to have a full complement of fitness classes and activities available throughout the calendar year.

Thirty-four percent (34%) of those who completed the survey indicated that they do not utilize any of the activities at Hunters Ridge. When asked why, the answers fell into three main categories: 1) Health/Personal Reasons (i.e., Covid, disability/age, scheduling conflicts); 2) Lack of interest in the types of activities offered; and 3) Issues with facilities (i.e., fitness room too small/not updated).

Question seven (7) asked the other 64% which activities they participate in. Sixty-two percent (62%) participate in exercise classes, 34% participate in card games, 76% participate in water aerobics and 75% use the fitness center. Because many of these activities utilize the same limited spaces, the Committee agreed that we need to be creative in looking at alternative spaces in addition to offering options for activities during evening and weekend hours.

Question eight (8) asked members what new activities would interest them in the future. Of the options given, 44% are interested in group outings/day trips, 34% are interested in a cooking class, 27% are interested in a book club, 24% are interested in art classes, 23% are interested in an additional Arthritis Class, 23% are interested in a Tai Chi exercise class, 23% are interested in Bingo, 22% are interested in a walking club, 21% are interested in dance lessons and 19% are interested in a Chair Yoga exercise class.

Question thirteen (13) asked members if they have any special interests or skills that they would be willing to volunteer. Seven percent (7%) answered ‘Yes’ and the Committee members will be reaching out to them.

Top Priorities To Focus On

Based on the comments from members explaining that there is a lack of interest in current activities, the Committee would like to focus on adding various activities to the community that are of interest based on the survey answers. Group outings/day trips are of high interest (44%), therefore, committee members will research and organize various group outings/day trips that are cost effective beginning in the Fall. An additional Arthritis class (23% interested) will be taught every Monday at 5pm beginning June 6th. A Chair Yoga class (19% interested) will be taught every Tuesday at 12:15pm beginning June 7th.

Over time, the Committee would also like to focus on finding volunteers/vendors who could assist in the coordination of a book club, art class, Tai Chi, bingo and walking club which were all of high interest to the membership. Dance lessons were also of interest, but we have plans to begin dance lessons taught by member Mel Logsdon in the winter of 2023. The Committee is also interested in having a cooking lesson with the HRCA Chef(s) as was done in the past sometime in the future.

The Committee would like to focus on providing more activities in the summer months as 72% of members stated that they reside at HRCA for six months out of the year or full time.