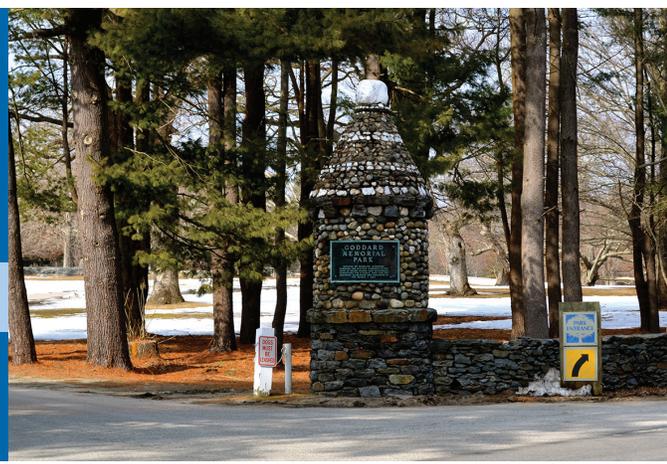




## COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

# Warwick



The Warwick Community Health Assessment was held at the Pilgrim Senior Enrichment Center, on October 2, 2014. In addition to organizers and representatives from sponsor organizations, including Department of Health Director, Michael Fine, MD, 51 individuals attended, including Warwick's Mayor, Scott Avedisian. Residents were asked to name the health issues that most concerned them in their community. This report summarizes key issues expressed by Warwick residents.

### HEALTH ISSUES VOICED BY WARWICK RESIDENTS:

#### **Better access to affordable prescription medications**

- “Fortunately I can pay, but I know there are other people who are not taking medications because they can’t pay for them.”

#### **Inadequate public transportation to access medical services**

- “My concern is the transportation to get to the medical appointments. The average person has to be in the bus for 2 hours to go from one end of Warwick to the other end of Warwick, going through Providence.”

#### **Need for improved access to primary care doctors and quality of care**

- “I think people (are) going to the hospital for things that the PCP could do. A few years ago I could not get a doctor who would take Medicare.”

#### **Lack of information about the airport’s impact on the environment**

- “I am concerned with people who live very close to the airport, so I really think monitoring the emissions needs to be more closely watched.”

#### **More opportunities for healthy living and bringing the community together**

- “Warwick needs more access to activities like senior centers and wellness centers, so people feel better all around.”



Far Left:  
Department of Health Director, Michael Fine, MD, spoke with community members.  
Left: Department of Health Director, Michael Fine, MD, speaks with Scott Avedisian, Mayor of Warwick.