



NISKAYUNA TOWN MEETING

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 2nd at 4:30PM

Approval of Minutes – October 5th meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre)

Public Comment

Community Programs Items (Lori Peretti)

November/December Events

1. Red Cross Blood Drive - update
2. Halloween Parade - update
3. Ski Club - update
4. Toys for Tots Collection
5. Things of My Very Own
6. Parents Night Out
7. Annual Tree Lighting
8. AED discussion
9. Resolutions

Senior Programs Items (Linda O'Brien)

Senior Program/Trips update

10. New program – The Great Directors of American Cinema
11. Nov. Programs
12. Proctors trip – update

Schedule next meeting– December 7th @ 4:30pm

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Town of Niskayuna
October 5, 2023

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: A. Finan, J. Puccioni, J. Moskowitz, B. Greenwood, J. Foti, L. O'Brien, J. Lohre

Approval of Minutes – September 7, 2023 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre). The minutes were approved as presented.

Community Programs Items – Julie Lohre

Fall Fun Run – This year's Fall Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th. The event begins at 5:00 with a 100 yd. dash, followed by the 5K race and ending with a 1-mile run. On-line registration will close on Friday, 10/6. The Community Programs Department is in desperate need of course marshals, so if anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Lori Peretti. Julie Lohre will be reaching out to Club Advisors at the High School to find student volunteers.

Halloween Parade – This year's parade will be held on Sunday, October 29th from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. We will be coordinating with the Police Department as we have in the last couple of years to combine this event with their Open House.

Ski Club – Registration is open for the West Mountain Friday Night Ski Club for Grades 9-12. At this point there are approximately 20 kids registered for the West Mountain part of the program, and we have 26 kids on the list to reserve a seat on the bus. Our coach bus holds about 45 passengers, and while registration won't open for a while yet, we know that families want to secure their seat before they register for the program.

AED Discussion – Councilman Moskowitz informed the group that he and Lori Peretti have researched various cabinets/storage units to house the two AEDs in the parks. The Town has received a \$5000.00 grant from the Niskayuna Community Foundation, as well as \$3520.00 in private donations. A discussion was held regarding various options for funding the balance of the purchase price. There is a concern that if we wait to place the order, and then run into availability issues or shipping delays, we may not have them in place for next summer. Supervisor Puccioni thanked Councilman Moskowitz for all of his hard work on this endeavor.

Resolution Items:

1. A Resolution to authorize the purchase of AED Storage Cabinets may be needed this month.

Senior Program Updates –

Linda O'Brien up-dated the committee on all the exciting things happening at the Senior Center. The book for the November Book Club will be The Wind in My Hair by Masih Alinejad. The Alzheimer's Association will hold their monthly support group on Friday, 10/6.

There will be a representative from CDPHP coming in on October 10th and again in November. He will come in in the morning and make his services available if anyone has Medicare questions. There is also a representative from Schenectady County who is scheduled to come in. These reps will do a short presentation, and then be available for confidential one-on-one meetings in the library area, to help seniors navigate the enrollment process.

The entertainment scheduled for 10/12 will be the group Never Too Late. There will also be a trip to Proctor's Theater on 10/26 to see Mrs. Doubtfire. The two SAS Art Workshops that are scheduled for October will be Palette Knife on Saturday, 10/14 and Block Printing on Thursday, 10/19. Every SAS Workshop that is held on a program day is full. While these workshops are paid for by a grant, there is a fee for the Saturday programs.

The Center's Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, October 16th. It will be held on the Upper Level of the Senior Center. Supervisor Puccioni reminded Linda that Jean Foti can help with promotion for the event. On Tuesday, October 31st, the center will be doing something different, hosting an "Everything Pumpkin" event. All of the treats, without the tricks! Seniors are invited to bring in treats and recipes to share. Costumes are welcome, but not required.

The Senior Program will be working with Niskayuna Fire District #1 on a Smoke Detector Information program. They are hoping to have this scheduled for early December. The Qi Gong instructor has expressed interest in running a program to help with transitioning into retirement. She will be putting together some thoughts to run by the staff. They will then see about opening a program up to the public. The Electric City Barn will be partnering with the Niskayuna Community Foundation to provide a series of free programs. On Thursday, November 2nd, there will be a teaching artist presenting a workshop on Fall themed scrap fabric and ribbon art. The center had a trip to Lakeside Farms earlier this fall, and will likely schedule at least one more, as they are very enjoyable and easy to arrange.

Linda wrapped up by pointing out how heavily utilized the Senior Program has become. There are seniors who drive up to pick up their pre-ordered meal from Gershon's, and there are seniors who enjoy the many exercise class options. There are also people who come to play cards or games or work on art projects or to just socialize. The Senior Center has a lot going on!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 4:30 pm

Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre