



NISKAYUNA TOWN MEETING
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 7th @ 4:30pm

Approval of Minutes – November 2nd meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre)

Public Comment

Community Programs Items (Lori Peretti)

November/December Events

1. Ski Club - update
2. Toys for Tots Collection
3. Things of My Very Own
4. Parents Night Out
5. Annual Tree Lighting
6. Resolutions

Senior Programs Items (Linda O'Brien)

Senior Program/Trips update

7. Holiday entertainment
8. Programming

Schedule next meeting– January 4th @ 4:30pm

Happy Holidays!

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Town of Niskayuna
November 2, 2023

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: B. Greenwood, J. Moskowitz, J. Foti, L. Peretti, S. Goldstein, J. Lohre, L. O'Brien

Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2023 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre). The minutes were approved as presented.

Community Programs Items – Julie Lohre

Red Cross Blood Drive – The Red Cross Blood Drive, held on 10/16, exceeded the expected number of donations.

Halloween Parade – The weather did not cooperate this year. The Halloween Parade as well as the Police Department's Haunted House had to be cancelled due to rain. The Police Department held a "Trunk or Treat" event in several of the town neighborhoods to give away the candy from the event.

Ski Club – The Friday Night Ski Club bus is filled, and registration at West Mountain is closed at this point. There are 47 skiers pre-registered for a seat on the bus, and an additional six whose parents will be driving them. We are pleased with the turnout. Our numbers are about the same as last year, although there were more students who drove themselves to the mountain last year. This had been allowed for the past few winters due to COVID concerns about riding the bus. We are happy to be pulling back from this, as we feel it is safer to have students riding the bus or being driven by a parent.

Toys for Tots Collection – Lori Peretti reported that the collection boxes are out in the Town Hall Lobby, and are available Monday-Friday from 8:00 am– 5:00 pm. We are accepting donations up until Friday, December 8th, and as always, we are hoping to exceed the number of boxes that we filled last year.

Things of My Very Own - The Town has once again been chosen as a host site for "Wish Tags". Once we have the tags in our possession, we will send out a blast and put the information on our website. The organization is working on the tags now, and we hope to have them by mid-November. At that time, we will put up the small silver tree in the lobby with the tags attached, so people can come in and pick up a tag(s). Residents can also e-mail Lori and she will randomly pick a tag and email them the information, so they do not have to come in person. This was a very popular option last year. We gave away over 500 tags last year, and are hoping to exceed that number as well!

Parents Night Out – This year’s event will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. The admission is one new, unwrapped, toy for the Toys for Tots bin. Registration is required, and is limited to 24 children ages 4-10 years old. There will be holiday crafts and fun activities, and we will be showing the Pixar movie Elemental. Registration opens on November 6th.

Annual Tree Lighting – The Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 8th from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Choral groups from Niskayuna High School will be singing holiday songs, and we will be serving hot chocolate and candy canes

AED Discussion – Lori updated the committee on the cabinets for the AEDs that will be installed in the Town Parks. The quote for five fiberglass cabinets with alarms is \$2900.00. Lori will be sending the information out to the Supervisor and Board members so that everyone can see what we are looking into. It should be on a resolution for the end of the month.

Resolution Items:

1. A Resolution to authorize the purchase of AED Storage Cabinets may be needed this month.
2. A new exercise instructor for the Senior Center - Lisa Newcomb is replacing an instructor.

Senior Program Updates – Linda O’Brien told the group that the Halloween “Everything Pumpkin: Treats – no Tricks” event was very fun and well attended. People brought goodies and recipes to share, and some even came in costume. The Electric City Barn event was held on Thursday, with two women coming to the Center to make Fall fabric wreaths with the Seniors. This event was also very well attended. Joe Severino is scheduled to come in and entertain the group on Thursday, November 9th.

The Senior Center will be hosting a new program exploring the reasons that certain movies become classics. This was brought to their attention by Jim Dillon, the gentleman that created this program and facilitates the discussions. He has also referred us to a licensing service that can be used by the entire Community Programs Department. The first director that will be discussed will be Frank Capra. The Center hopes to continue this program on a regular basis with discussions about movies by different directors each time.

There are two SAS Art Workshops scheduled for November. There will be a Folk-Art Painting Class on 11/16, and then on Saturday, 11/18 the workshop will get more in depth. There is a fee for the Saturday program. There are two Vent Fitness Demo classes scheduled for 11/16 and 11/30. There is no charge for these classes. The Senior Program will be joining forces with the Niskayuna Fire Department to promote the use of smoke detectors in the home. The Holiday Luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday, December

7th. It will bridge the gap between Thanksgiving and the December holidays. This was done last year and it seemed to work out very well. Things get busy, and often the weather can be a factor, so a date earlier in the month seemed to work out for everyone.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 4:30 pm
Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre