



NISKAYUNA TOWN MEETING
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 3 @ 4:30pm

Approval of Minutes - July 6 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre)

Public Comment

Community Programs Items (Lori Peretti)

1. Summer Playground update
2. Driving Range update
3. August Movie Nights
4. Summer Concert Series
5. Farmers Market update
6. Fall Fun Run
7. Resolution Items

Senior Programs Items (Linda O'Brien)

8. Senior Program update
 - a. Schenectady Co. BBQ
 - b. Art Out (Aug 11-13)
 - c. The Lion King
 - d. exercise

Schedule next meeting - Sept. 7 @ 4:30pm

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Town of Niskayuna
July 6, 2023

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: J. Lohre, L. O'Brien, J. Foti, S. Goldstein, J. Moskowitz, A. Finnan

Approval of Minutes – June, 1 2023 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre). The minutes were approved as presented.

Community Programs Items – Julie Lohre

Town Pool Opening Date – The town pool opened for the season on Saturday, June 17th. The weather has been cooperating with only a few early closures. It has been a flurry of activity, with public swim, swim and dive lessons, swim team, lap swim, Adult Aqua Aerobics, and pool parties! The pool has a wonderful staff this summer, and they are making sure everyone is safe and having a great time.

Summer Program Update – Summer programs are in full swing! Registrations for the Summer Playground Program have been great. Some playground camp staff have been shifted around to accommodate the higher numbers at some camps, but all three locations are well staffed and campers are enjoying all of the fun activities.

Summer Concert Series – Our Summer Gazebo Concert Series is off to a great start, with no weather-related cancellations. The Niskayuna Middle School and High School Jazz Ensemble concert was moved indoors - to the High School auditorium due to concerns about the air quality on June 8th. Coming up in July will be AROX, featuring Niskayuna resident Pete Guzzo, on 7/13. The following week will feature Triskele, an all-female Irish band on 7/20. Niskayuna High School alumnae, and former Town Pool manager, Derek Wolfe, joins us as part of The Trojan Horns on 7/27. Stewart's will be donating ice cream for the concert on July 13th.

Movie Night- The scheduled Movie Nights have not enjoyed the same good weather, but we are hoping to start the series with a movie on Friday, July 14th. The movies will start at dusk and all of the movies are free and open to the public.

Farmer's Market Update –The Niskayuna Farmer's Market will return to the Town Hall Green for the 5th season, this Saturday, July 8th from 8:30 am– 12:30 pm. There will be 16 vendors this week, a free bounce house as well as live music and games on the green.

NCF Grant – A special thank you goes out to the Niskayuna Community Foundation for awarding us a \$5000.00 grant, allowing us to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators and the protective coverings for two of our town parks.

Senior Program Updates – Linda O’Brien informed the committee that this week is the first of the two weeks that the Senior Center is closed each year. The staff uses this time to catch up on paperwork and plan for upcoming events. Mondays at the Center are typically used for office hours. There is a Qigong class in the morning followed by Pickle Ball. In the evening, there is an open art workshop, and a beginning mah jong class. The Total Body Combo has begun on Tuesdays, and the summer Water Aerobics will begin this week. This program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 at the Town Pool. All the other exercise programs are generally the same for the summer, and their schedules can be found on-line.

On Thursday 7/20, The scheduled entertainment will be the group “The Forgettable 4”. This will be their first time performing at the center, and everyone is looking forward to it. The Senior Program coordinators are trying to make sure that there is entertainment scheduled for each month. Last month’s entertainment was a comedienne whose material was very timely and she was enjoyed by all. The SAS Art offerings for July will be held on Thursday 7/27, and will feature “Posca Pens”. The center is planning a trip to Proctor’s Theater on August 10th, to see “The Lion King”. They are hoping to schedule a trip to see “Mrs. Doubtfire” later this fall. For this summer, they are also looking into trips that are slightly farther away, such as the ballet in Saratoga. These are trickier to schedule, when you need to work around program days, bus driver schedules, etc.

The Schenectady County Senior Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd, with a rain date of Wednesday, August 30th. It will be held at the Community Center pavilion. Linda has not received a lot of information at this point, but does have a phone meeting scheduled next week to iron out the details. The center staff continue to work on getting signage for the building, and are kept busy with weeding and other outdoor projects to keep things looking neat and welcoming.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 4:30 pm
Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre