



Town of Niskayuna  
September 7, 2023

## **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2023 Meeting (prepared by Julie Lohre). The minutes were approved as presented.

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### **Community Programs Items – Lori Peretti**

**Pool** – The Town Pool closed for the season on Labor Day. There were some rain closings, but it was a great summer. A big shout-out to Zoe Schlesinger (the Pool Manager), as well as the Assistant Managers, Life Guards and Staff for making this season such a success.

**Driving Range Update** - The Driving Range has had a tough season, due to all of the rain. The Range will be open weekends only until October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Pre-K and Fall Soccer Update** – Pre-K and Fall Rec Soccer are scheduled to begin on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Farmer's Market Update** – We are entering the 10<sup>th</sup> week of a very successful Farmer's Market season. It is noteworthy that there has been a large decrease in SNAP payments this year. The Market will wrap up its season on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall Fun Run** – This year's Fall Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at 5:00 with a 100 yd. dash, followed by the 5K, and then ending with a 1-mile run. The fee for early registrants (5K only) is \$25.00. Early registration will end on 9/30. The festivities include a D.J., along with balloon animals, Kona Ice and more! Information on the event and how to register can be found on the Community Programs webpage.

**AED Donation** – the Town has been contacted By Niskayuna residents Bill and Denise Leader. The Leaders saw the article in the newspaper regarding the grant to install AED s in some town parks, and would also like to make a donation toward the purchase of additional devices. We are overwhelmed by their generosity.

### **Resolution Items:**

1. A Resolution to hire Fall Soccer Referees, and an Instructor for the Pre-K Skills and Drills Program.
2. A resolution to accept AED Donations

**Senior Program Updates** – The Senior Center has decorated for Fall - in spite of the ninety-degree temperatures. The fall months are so busy that the calendar pages are now 8.5 x14 inches. There is lots of fun stuff to do - definitely something for everyone.

The gentleman who runs the twice monthly computer clinic is also well versed in ancestry research. The center staff will begin adding some of his programs to their lineup. The English Country Dancing is back for three days in September, since people are really enjoying that program. The Monday Qi Gong class will be starting up again, after a summer hiatus. The exercise classes are back in full swing. The Book Club just finished All the Light We Cannot See. October's book will be Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy. The entertainment on September 14<sup>th</sup> will once again be Tony Schettino. The SAS art classes continue with a card making class on 9/21.

The staff has been busy cleaning up the outside gardens and getting everything ready for fall. Seth asked if there had been programs held in the Community Center Pavilion, as it has recently been set up for internet access. Linda informed the group that the band used the wi-fi for the Schenectady County Senior Picnic. The county wide event went very smoothly, with the County's team having everything well in hand. Our facility looked great with the bocce court being utilized and everyone having a great time. There were over two hundred seniors in attendance.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 4:30 pm**  
**Minutes prepared by Julie Lohre**