

# Niskayuna Town News



Spring 2006

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## **SUPERVISOR SAYS:**

This spring, I have been working on some issues that I want to share with you concerning information that has been brought to my attention either by residents, or raised by recent events.

In February, we had a severe windstorm that caused power outages in several parts of town. Some of the outages lasted several days. Due to the fact that the outages coincided with the coldest temperatures of the winter, the Town, in coordination with the County Office of Emergency Management, put in place an emergency response plan. Our actions included door-to-door contact with residents in the affected areas. One of these locations, Van Antwerp Village Apartments, has a significant senior population. In anticipation of a continuing problem, we opened our Community Center, and again, with the help of County Emergency Management, Fire District One, Fire District Two, Town Police Department and other town staff, we were prepared to feed and house over 100 residents. Fortunately, only several residents showed up before power was restored. All the individuals involved were pleased with the response, which showed that we were prepared to meet the needs of our residents. It also demonstrated that in the event of a larger emergency, our responders are prepared to implement plans to assist our community.

Over the past year, the Town has been working with a community group which has been named the Safe Routes Committee. This volunteer group has been working on a plan to be incorporated into our Comprehensive Plan that recommends inter-connections of our bike-and-hike paths throughout the town. The goal is to allow residents to travel from one neighborhood to another and to our schools without getting into their cars. This process has been under discussion by town committees and the Town Board, and has been reported in the newspapers that cover Niskayuna.

This year's budget included a plan to do the first of these connections from Rosendale Estates to River Road Park, and from the Park to Iroquois and Rosendale Schools. This plan was discussed at the Public Hearing on the Town Budget. Despite this level of communications, several residents have called indicating their surprise that this process has begun. It is unfortunate that some people missed the fact that this Safe Routes project is moving forward, but the Town is confident that over the next several years, as this project moves forward, it will be seen as a benefit to all of the town.

Our Dog Park at Blatnick Park has been open for about eight months and is being enjoyed by the dogs and their owners. If you would like to use the Dog Park, you should contact the Town Clerk's Office for a permit.

The Town is also reviewing its leash law requirements. We will be holding a Public Hearing on a change to the law that will require dogs to be leashed when not on private property or in the Dog Park. In addition, we will include a section in the code that will allow dogs under the control of their owners to run free in a posted area adjacent to the Dog Park. The term "under the control of owner" will be strictly defined and enforced.

Have a great spring and summer, and don't forget that Niska-Day is May 20<sup>th</sup>. It is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so come join us and have fun on this special day.

Sincerely,

Luke J. Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke J. Smith", written over the printed name.

Supervisor

# YOUR TOWN COMMITTEES AT WORK

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Luke Smith, Chair

- Approved bonding for several large drainage projects
- Recommended that Veterans Property Tax Exemption be approved by Town Board
- Reviewing the plans for town-wide property revaluation. Similar initiatives underway in all other Schenectady County municipalities
- Town Budget being monitored due to concern for ever-rising fuel costs and health insurance costs. Modifications may be necessary.



- Preliminary discussion regarding reconstruction of Hillside Ave.

## POLICE COMMITTEE

William Chapman, Chair

- Niskayuna Police Dept. working with county staff on implementation of wireless 911 service
- NPD updating department operational procedures manual in pursuit of accreditation by the N.Y.S. Division of Criminal Justice Services
- NPD has new computer software to monitor home security alarms tied to Town Hall. Software expense to be covered by fees for this service.
- Committee reviewing possible modifications to Town Code related to leash law definitions
- Committee debriefing emergency response to recent power outage in order to make modifications where necessary

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Luke Smith, Chair

- Adult care home project on Consaul Rd. under review by Town Planning Board
- Safe Routes Committee completed review of Town Map for inter-connections of hike-and-bike path. Town will be looking to incorporate the plan into town's Comprehensive Plan
- Plans for housing subdivision off Aqueduct Rd. under review by Planning Board
- Medical Arts building on corner of River Road/Zenner Road under review by Planning Board

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS COMMITTEE

Maria Freund, Chair

- q Planning being done to upgrade water and sewer infrastructure
- q Software purchased to analyze and evaluate water distribution system — will assist in upgrade decisions
- q Town wells are being redeveloped. Will enhance capacity and reduce dependency on city water supplies
- q Stanford/Fillmore Sewer project is complete. Individual homeowner lateral connections should be completed this summer.

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Diane O'Donnell, Chair

- Recommended hiring temporary labor service for weekly yard waste pick up
- Considering hiring consultant to provide recommendation on Oakmont/Heather intersection related to issue of making diverter and one-way permanent
- Exploring purchase of water/oil separator for truck washing in response to Clean Water Act and storm water management regulations
- Discussion of whether to rent or purchase road patch roller

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Liz Orzel Kasper, Chair

- New lacrosse fields (coming soon) thanks to the efforts of lacrosse families
- New handicapped accessible pool steps installed
- New Pop Warner concession & storage building adjacent to the football field built by Pop Warner families
- Competitive indoor and outdoor bocce team for seniors
- Many new and exciting programs and trips for seniors coming up
- Progress made on developing new safe routes for biking and hiking throughout the town
- Community Center used as emergency shelter during recent multi-day power outage
- Sixth Annual Senior Snowball held in February in cooperation with Alterra Wynwood Center and Union College Chapter of Hillel

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

### Notice to alternative Veterans

The Niskayuna Town Board unanimously passed an increase in exemption amounts for the maximum allowed by New York State law. The new exemption levels will be applied to the 2006/2007 assessment roll and will take effect on the 2007 general tax bill.

The Town Board, in the same resolution which granted the increase exemption amounts for veteran homeowners, also unanimously recommended to the New York State Legislature, specifically Senator Hugh Farley and Assemblyman Jim Tedisco, that legislation be passed to provide a State Income Tax Exemption or credit, which will accrue to benefit all eligible veterans — not just those who own homes.

### Revaluation

In the coming months, the Assessor and the Town Board will

be discussing the possibility of a Town revaluation. Preliminary discussions will include the cost, the company to aid in the completion of the project, a timetable for the project, State aid to the Town for completion of the evaluation, and long-term goals after the project is completed.

The Assessor and the Town Board will keep property owners well-informed at all stages of this process, and welcome all public input to the revaluation project.

### **2006/2007 Assessment Roll**

The Assessor will be filing the 2006 Tentative Assessment Roll on May 1, 2006, which will reflect all changes to the roll. Residents are urged to inspect the new roll on or after May 1, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Assessor's Office at Town Hall. To accommodate those residents who are unable to inspect the roll during business hours, the Assessor will schedule times in the evening and on the weekend. Evening and weekend dates will be published in the Daily Gazette's legal notice section on Monday, May 1, 2006.

If you have questions on the information above or any other assessment related matters, please call the Assessor's Office at (518) 386-4550, or email [ahoulihan@niskayuna.org](mailto:ahoulihan@niskayuna.org).

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

### **Weekly Yard Waste Pick up:**

From April 10 – May 12 (weather permitting), highway trucks will circulate the town randomly picking up yard waste that has been placed at the curb (scheduled zone pickup will be at a later date). Cans and barrels must be no larger than 32 gallons, and bags no heavier than 40 lbs. Branches and brush should not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet in length, and should not weigh more than 30 lbs. Please do not include garbage, rocks, sod, dirt or metal in your yard waste.

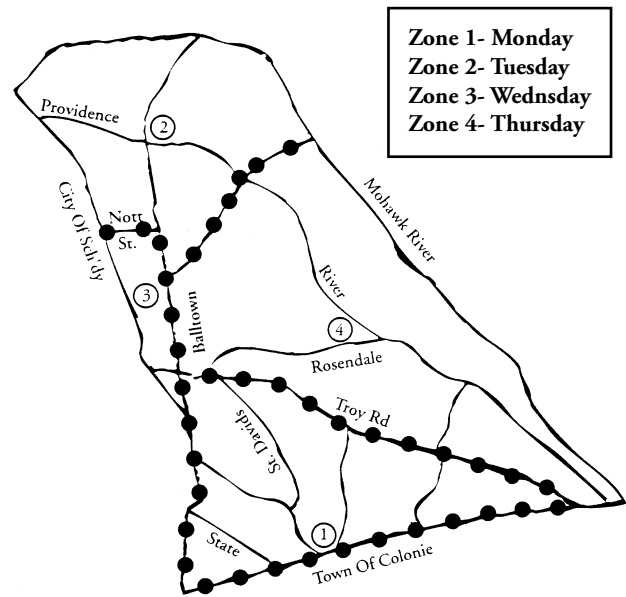
Biodegradable yard waste bags can no longer be purchased from the town, but may be bought at any hardware or grocery store. Plastic bags should not be used for yard waste, and if used, will not be picked up. Please remove containers from the curb as soon as possible after the waste has been taken away.

### **Scheduled Zone Pickup**

Scheduled zone pick up will begin Monday May 15. All barrels/containers (except bags) must be labeled with "Yard Waste" stickers, which are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Recreation Department, Transfer Station, and Highway Department.

### **Paving Schedule**

Please contact the Highway Department at 785-9753 to inquire about the paving schedule.



### **Obstruction within the Highway Right-of-way**

Last year's survey of town highways found that at least 190 town property owners were in violation of Section 319 of the NYS Highway Law. The law prohibits any obstruction in the right-of-way including, but not limited to, basketball hoops, rocks, posts, and bushes and trees over 18 inches high.

If the Highway Department informs you that you are in violation of the law and you do not correct the problem, the Town will remove the obstruction and you could be charged for the expenses incurred in its removal.

## **WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

### **Water Rate**

The second part of this year will see an increase of .05 per 1,000 gallons of water. The residential and business rates will change from \$1.65 to \$1.70 and from \$2.26 to \$2.31 respectively.

### **Water Break Related Pavement & Lawn Repair Schedule**

As of March 8, 2006, the Water Department had 23 pavement repairs and 40 lawn repairs to complete this spring. Typically, we first try to complete the lawn repairs that do not abut the pavement, next we do the pavement repairs, and finally, the lawn repairs that abut the pavement are completed. The earliest we can start paving is early to mid-April when the asphalt plants open. All repairs should be completed by early to mid-June.

We will try to keep you informed about proposed weekly repairs by posting an updated list on the Niskayuna web page under the Water & Sewer Department.

### **Water Main Flushing Schedule**

The annual water main/hydrant flushing schedule will be posted on the Niskayuna web page. We typically start flushing on the

first week of April and finish in mid-June. Approximately 140 miles of water main is flushed. We operate, maintain and repair all of the 1150 public fire hydrants in the town as well as 50 private hydrants under service agreements. The purpose of this program is to (1) maintain water quality and (2) insure that the hydrants will operate properly for fire protection.

## **SCHENECTADY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Schenectady County Historical Society would like to borrow photos of Niskayuna (1800's - 1960's) to use in an Images of America book about Niskayuna. The photos can be of people, places, events, transportation, school life, churches, etc.

If you would like to contribute photos for the book, please contact the Historical Society at 374-0263 and ask to speak to Ann Eignor, Beth Pfaffenbach, or Carol Lewis.

## **COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM**

Schenectady County will start its 2006 monthly collection of household chemicals this April. The program allows County residents to bring unwanted household hazardous materials to the County Farm at 24 Hetcheltown Road in Glenville for safe and environmentally sound disposal. To participate in this program, you must pre-register by calling 1-800-494-2273 to find out when the next collection day will be held. Collection dates are not publicized; therefore, you must call to pre-register.

A \$15.00 permit (cash only) must be purchased at the County Farm in order to use the facility. This permit is valid for 12 uses throughout the year. Please have your vehicle registration available at the time of purchase.

Last year the number of cars serviced was 50% greater than that of 2004. Of the acceptable items received, paint was the most common. A maximum of twenty cans of paint per visit is allowed. For further information on hazardous waste disposal, please contact Jeff Edwards, County Hazardous Waste Coordinator — phone #386-2225, e-mail jeffe2@yahoo.com, or visit the sites listed below:

<http://www.geocities.com/sceac/swhouseholdhazardouswaste.htm>  
[http://www.schenectadycounty.com/index.php?page\\_id=293](http://www.schenectadycounty.com/index.php?page_id=293)

The County Farm accepts florescent light bulbs and ballast, thermostats, paint, solvents, automobile fluids (except motor oil), household cleaners, drain decloggers etc. It does not, however, accept computer equipment, TVs, air conditioners or rechargeable batteries. These items, except for rechargeable batteries, must be disposed of at our yearly Regional Earth Day Electronics Collection, which is usually held in the month of April. Information on our electronic collection day will be available at the Niskayuna Town Clerk's Office (386-4503) as soon as the date is confirmed. There will be an announcement on WNYT TV, and on its website at [www.wnyt.com](http://www.wnyt.com). Earth Day collection coupons will be available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The following is a list of some items that must be disposed of as

hazardous materials. Visit the household hazardous waste web sites above for more information:

- Florescent light bulbs
- Computers and computer equipment (especially monitors)
- TV's
- Air Conditioners
- Thermometers containing mercury
- Rechargeable batteries (which may be returned to Radio Shack or Staples stores).

## **TAX OFFICE**

### **Property Tax**

The Town has received a one-month extension of the tax collection period. The General Property Tax may be paid until May 1, 2006. The penalty for late payment in the month of April is 3.75%. No payments may be accepted after that date, but a postmark of May 1 will be honored.

**Water Rent** bills have been sent out. Payment will be accepted until June 1 when the collection will close. There will be a penalty of 8% after the due date until the end of the collection. The correct amount will be listed on the bill.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

With the cost of energy skyrocketing this year, many residents are installing un-vented, gas-operated room heaters in their homes. Most of these come in the form of gas logs. Although these units are legal for sale and installation in New York State, there are several things of which you as homeowners should be aware:

- 1) The heaters may not be used as the primary source of heat.
- 2) They should not have an input rating in excess of 40,000 Btu/hr.
- 3) They should not be installed in sleeping rooms, bathrooms, or closets (some exceptions apply).
- 4) The heaters must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 5) They require a Building Permit.

In addition to the above Building Code requirements, and more importantly, **the heaters may not be installed in a confined space or an unusually tight construction unless provisions are provided for adequate combustion and ventilation.** Because this is critical for the safe and efficient operation of the unit, your retailer or installer should address it prior to your purchase.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact us at the Building Department at 386-4522. Your family's safety is our primary concern, and we are here to help.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

On Friday, April 14, from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM, the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the Board Room at Town Hall. Please call Jay Holick at (518) 462-7461 for an appointment to give blood. Walk-ins are also accepted.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Police Department continues to be responsive to the needs and concerns of our community. Each member of the Police Department, sworn and civilian, has an important role in

making our department a success. As part of our commitment to the community, we offer several programs in which our residents may participate. For more information on any of these programs, please call us at 374-3159.

### **Police Department Tours**

Police tours are available to youths and adults, and include an explanation of arrest and booking procedures, teletype and computer system, along with a view and explanation of the radio room, prisoner holding room and a police car. Tours are given (on availability) Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

### **Police Awareness Program**

A police officer in uniform discusses the role of the police officer in the community with elementary and preschool children.

### **Combat Auto Theft (C.A.T.)**

The Combat Auto Theft program is available to any town resident who brings to the police station a valid vehicle registration and the vehicle they wish to enroll in the program. By signing a consent form the registered owner allows a reflective, numbered sticker to be applied in two locations on the vehicle. If the vehicle is observed being operated between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., it can be stopped to determine if it has been stolen or used unlawfully

### **Child Passenger Safety**

A certified child passenger seat technician will properly install a child seat into a vehicle brought to the Niskayuna police station. The technician will offer tips and ideas on keeping young children safe while travelling in automobiles.

### **Operation I.D.**

We will lend you an electric engraving tool so you can put a unique number on valuables in your home. Afterwards, you may complete a written inventory and return it with the tool to us. In the event that any of the property is stolen, it can be traced to its original owner by means of the number that has been put on it.

### **Home Security Survey**

A member of the Niskayuna Police will come to your home and make suggestions regarding locks, lighting, and shrubs around your house. These items that are often overlooked can give unwanted guests just what they need to conceal the crime they are thinking of committing.

### **Home Checks**

If you plan to go away for an extended period of time, you can call the Police Department and provide us with information such as the dates that your house will be vacant, who will have they keys to the house should entry be necessary, whether any vehicles will be left in the driveway, and whether or not your home is equipped with an alarm. By providing this information, an officer may be able to detect suspicious activity while you are away and act to prevent a crime. No one wants to return home from a trip to discover that he/she has been a victim of a crime.

## **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

### **Birth Certificates & Passports**

By January 2008, travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada will be required to have a passport or other secure, acceptable document to enter or re-enter the U. S. Applications for a passport can be secured from the County Clerk's Office, or the main post office on Jay Street, Schenectady. A certified copy of your birth certificate is required with the application.

Many people born in New York were issued "Birth Registration" certificates at the time of their birth. Currently, because of tighter security measures, sometimes these documents may not be accepted as readily as they used to be for identification purposes. Also, souvenir certificates of birth issued from the hospital are NOT legal documents and will no longer be accepted for identification.

The easiest way to receive a certified copy of your birth certificate is to write to the Town or City Clerk where you were born and request a certified copy (cost is \$10).

### **Dog License News**

New Agriculture and Market rules require that no dog license may expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccination. Call the Town Clerk at 386-4510 if you have any questions about your dog's license, renewal, or dog park permit.

### **Marriage Licenses**

Residents who plan to apply for a license to be married in New York State are required to show identification in the form of a driver's license and birth certificate. Where applicable, you are also required to produce prior divorce decrees. Calling ahead (386-4510) could help save time when you arrive at our office.

## **NISKA-DAY 2006**

### **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Mark your schedule. Niska-Day is Saturday, May 20. Groups interested in participating in the parade should contact Maria Freund at 377-1144 or e-mail [freundm@strose.edu](mailto:freundm@strose.edu).

## **NISKAYUNA LIBRARY GARDENERS**

The Niskayuna Library Gardeners will have an orientation and planning meeting on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Niskayuna Library Community Room. Anyone interested in volunteering in the gardens during the upcoming season is encouraged to attend.

We need more helping hands, both women and men, to assist not only with planting and weeding, but also with pruning, edging, and mulching. This year, we are considering adding an evening gardening team to enable people who work during the day to participate. We will be assessing interest in that option at the meeting. The meeting will provide an opportunity to get acquainted with other volunteer gardeners. Light refreshments

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will be served.

If you are interested, but unable to attend the meeting, please call Elaine at 377-4541 for more information. Regular weekly gardening sessions will begin on Thursday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the library.

The Library Gardeners are most appreciative of the many contributions from community members. Of special note, we thank the Niskayuna Rotary for the beautiful Hawthorne tree planted last season on the island in the parking lot.

## NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS

On November 14, 2005, The Niskayuna Community Foundation (NCF) presented the Town with a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to fund equipment to assist the physically challenged at the Town Pool. The presentation was made at a Community Celebration in recognition of the formation of the NCF and the completion of the Founders' Campaign, which raised initial funds to accomplish the Foundation's purpose of enhancing the Niskayuna Town and School District through organized philanthropy.

At the celebration, Assemblyman James Tedisco spoke of how the Foundation gives Niskayuna an advantage in its efforts to remain competitive as a vibrant and progressive community in which to live and work.

Town Supervisor Luke Smith praised the donors (numbering well over 100) who chose to give back to the community and help plan a healthy future. He announced that the week of November 14, 2005, was Niskayuna Community Foundation week in Niskayuna.

Some of the other grant recipients were:

Niskayuna Day Care – for expansion of needed day care facilities  
Birchwood PTO – for adaptive recreational equipment for the physically handicapped  
Proctor's Theater – for dance residency program in Niskayuna  
Jewish Community Center – for early childhood recreational equipment.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Foundation may send a check payable to Niskayuna Community Foundation, P. O. Box 9711, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Questions may be directed to Cindy Phillippe at 339-2360.

## RECREATION NEWS

- Activities for children will include:
- Soccer
- Babysitting Course
- Stamp Collecting
- Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Ice Hockey
- Fencing
- Family Fun Run
- Spring Parade & Meet the Bunny

- Chess Instructions
- Mini Golf
- Roller Skating
- Middle School Parties
- Bowling
- Field Hockey
- Activities for Adults include:
- Tai Chi
- Men's Basketball
- Golf Lessons
- Defensive Driving Class for individuals age 55 and older
- Chess Club
- Family Fun Run
- Exercise
- Table Tennis League

All programs are detailed in our annual Spring Recreation Activity flyer, which is available at the Recreation Office, Niskayuna Town Hall, and on line at [www.niskayuna.org](http://www.niskayuna.org). Call the Recreation Department at 372-2519 for information.

**Driving Range:** The Niskayuna Driving Range, called the "Best Kept Secret in Niskayuna", and voted "Best Driving Range in the Capital Region" by the Albany Times Union, will open for the season in mid-April. Located on River Road near the entrance to the Recycling Station, just east of Blatnick Park, the Driving Range offers golfers an inexpensive and delightful way to practice and improve their driving skills.

**Niskayuna Skate Park** located in Blatnick Park on River Road, the Niskayuna Skate Park will open in early May, weather permitting. For use by skateboards and rollerblades only – no bicycles. Users will be required to wear helmets, elbow and knee pads, and follow all posted rules. Skate Park rules will be strictly enforced. Children under 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when using this facility. Admission is free. Please note, Skate Park will be open only when conditions are safe. If in doubt, we suggest you check with the Recreation Department to verify that the park is open. Adult supervision provided.

### Town Pool Membership ID Cards:

Membership registration cards are available online at [www.niskayuna.org](http://www.niskayuna.org). If your photo (less than 3 years old) is already on file, simply complete the card, and return with check to the Niskayuna Recreation Department. Your passes will be waiting for you the first time you use the pool. For those who need a photo taken for the 2006 pool season, ID cards will be sold at the Niskayuna Community Center on April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., and June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Thereafter, pool passes will be issued only during prescribed times during regular business hours at the Recreation Office.

**Picnics:** Don't forget, you can rent the pavilion at Blatnick Park, River Road Park, Avon Crest Park and the Recreation Complex for parties, picnics, family gatherings and other events.

**Summer Concerts:** The Niskayuna Town Band will once again perform in the annual Niskayuna Gazebo Concert Series this summer. Practice begins in late March at the Niskayuna Community Center. Concerts will be held on selected Tuesday and Friday evenings in July and August. The band welcomes new members. If interested, please call the Recreation Department.

**Summer Activities:** The Recreation Department summer activity booklet will be available the second week of May. Copies will be available at the Recreation Office, Town Hall information table, at all elementary and middle schools for students to bring home, and online. Information on the town pool, the driving range, playground program, sports camps, parks, summer concert series at the gazebo, and fall recreational soccer will be included in the booklet.

**Youth Employment:** Niskayuna youth interested in employment ranging from babysitting to yard work to part-time jobs in area businesses are encouraged to call the Niskayuna Youth Employment Service at 372-2519, or visit Betty Ferencik in the Media Center at Niskayuna High School. Similarly, if you have a job to be filled, call the Youth Employment Service for names of available workers. In addition, the Recreation Department needs youths and adults to work in a variety of part-time spring and summer jobs as referees, counselors, lifeguards, and specialists. For more information, call the Recreation Department.

**The Niskayuna Community Center**, a handicapped-accessible, two-level building located at 2682 Aqueduct Road, is available throughout the year for private party rentals by Niskayuna residents. The building includes a large, upstairs open room and a large room downstairs set with banquet tables adjacent to a kitchen. Amenities include a pool table, ping pong tables, large screen television, VCR, shuffleboard table, foosball table, and basketball game.

## **NISKAYUNA SENIOR NEWS**

Join us at the Niskayuna Senior Center, 2682 Aqueduct Road, each Tuesday and Thursday, year round. Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. and include senior fitness class; line dancing; indoor bowling; bocce; shuffleboard; arts & crafts with Edit; bridge, scrabble and other card games. A chef-prepared, hot lunch is served at noon (\$3 suggested donation) followed by an early afternoon activity with speakers, games, movies or other entertainment. Free blood pressure screening is offered once a month by the Visiting Nurses.

Monthly calendars are available at the Senior Center, Town Hall, online at [www.niskayuna.org](http://www.niskayuna.org), or in the Saturday Schenectady Gazette. We also plan special events (see below). We invite all area seniors to participate, and welcome suggestions for new and interesting programs. There is no membership fee and many activities are free of charge. We provide door to door bus transportation for Niskayuna residents age 60 and older. Please come and join us.

**Niskayuna Recreation Senior Arts and Crafts** proudly announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Show, which runs through April 30 in the Board Room at Town Hall. There will be a "Meet the Artists" reception on March 28, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. The Show will run through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Niskayuna Seniors are also knitting and crocheting squares for lap robes for the less fortunate seniors in our community, and would appreciate a donation of yarn or your time to help us accomplish this goal. We meet Tuesday mornings at 10:30 for this project. Please drop off yarn donation at the Niskayuna Recreation Department.

## **Special Senior Events for Spring 2006**

**Saturday, April 1:** 2006 Mystery Trip????... "Take a stroll back in time, see a gal that's so fine, candlelight as we dine, maybe have a little wine..."

**Tuesday April 11:** Spring Fling Holiday Luncheon at Senior Center. Appetizers at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at noon. Entertainment and lots of fun \$4 (suggested donation).

**Tuesday - Thursday, April 18 - 20:** Three-day trip to Atlantic City. Deluxe motor coach transportation, two nights in hotel, two breakfasts, \$20 coin bonus, free show and much more.

**Tues., May 16: 21<sup>st</sup>** Anniversary Celebration of our Senior Center with special lunch and honored guests. Festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. Entertainment after lunch \$4 (suggested donation).

**May 22 & 24:** AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving program 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Must attend both days.

For information on these and other senior activities, please call the Niskayuna Senior Center at 372-2519.

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