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Dear Resident,

As your Chief of Police, it is difficult to find a forum for speaking to so many of you at once, so while out of the ordinary, I have decided to send this note out with the water bill in hopes it might reach as many town residents as possible. I just want to touch on a few topics in an effort to further promote public safety here in our town. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas about public safety issues, please contact my office at (518) 386-4585.

There may be several reasons you need to contact your police department. To report any emergency, **Call 911**. To report any incident that is a non-emergency, call **(518) 630-0911**. Either of these numbers will connect you to a dispatcher at the Unified Communication Center. If you need to request copies of any records or reports, call (518) 386-4585.

**Website:** I would encourage you to explore the town website ([www.niskayuna.org](http://www.niskayuna.org)). Each department, (Police, Highway, Water and Sewer etc.) has a page within the website that contains a lot of useful information. You will find phone extensions and e-mail addresses for each of our officers, as well as other programs we offer. For example, you can submit a "Vacation Notification" where you can give police certain information about your home, key holders, or how to contact you if there is a problem while you're away. Additionally, the town periodically sends emergency text notifications and you can sign up for those on the website as well.

**Traffic Safety:** Traffic safety is a priority of this administration. Whether you are in a vehicle, riding a bike, or walking around town, one of my goals is to continually reduce the number of accidents that cause injuries and property damage. You may have recently noticed officers monitoring stop sign intersections as part of this effort. In addition, our officers are asked to educate bike riders about the safety of helmets and participate in the "Safe Summer Ticket" program, where kids can earn an ice cream at a local Stewart's if they are "caught" wearing their bike helmet. Finally, I would also ask that if you are a walker, walk against traffic, so you can view on-coming cars, and have the ability to step out of traffic if need be. You should also carry a light, and wear bright, reflective clothing so you can be easily seen. Even on bright days, objects or people in shady areas can be difficult to see.

**Crime prevention:** While we do patrol around the clock including weekends and holidays, our officers cannot be everywhere at once. Niskayuna is a safe town, but we do have crime. That being said, we have to count on you, the homeowner, the tenant, the commuter, or the student to report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary. Please call! I can assure you that we would rather respond and discover it to be nothing, than to not respond only to find out it was something we might have ended or prevented all together. So please, "See Something, Say Something".

**Construction:** We do have a lot going on. Along with the new bridge and round-about, and Lishakill and Pearse Road projects, our Highway and Water and Sewer departments are out paving, picking up leaves, and maintaining infrastructure. Please be patient, cautious, and courteous when driving in the town and in our work zones. Like you, these workers, as well as the drivers around you, are anxious to get home safely to their families at the end of their day.

In closing, I would encourage you to stop and talk to our officers when you see them. We do appreciate your support. You'll find that your police officers are courteous, professional, well trained and of high integrity. You are our neighbor, and our children go to school with yours. We are proud of what we do and proud to be a part of this community.

Sincerely,

Dan McManus