



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

Parks and Community Programs Committee

Senior Advisory Committee

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Meeting Notes- Friday, June 29th, 2012

The Senior Advisory Committee held a meeting on Friday, June 29th, 2012. The meeting was chaired by Councilwoman Julie McDonnell. Town Supervisor Joe Landry and Councilwoman Liz Kasper were in attendance as well as over 15 committee members and staff.

The subcommittees reported on their progress as follows:

Transportation – Richard Ratajak reported on other senior transportation resources such as CDTA and Catholic Charities. The Committee suggested that we try to centralize this information through the Town website and provide information in the Senior newsletter so that seniors can find all these resources in one place.

Fundraising- Nancy Marcello reported on the progress of the cookbook which is nearly complete. In addition, a “yard sale” is proposed for October 12 and 13th at the Community Center. Community donations to the yard sale will be encouraged and crafts made by seniors will benefit the senior center. An election-day bake sale is still being planned.

Communications and Outreach – Toni Boughton reported that the subcommittee would now be focusing on outreach to seniors who may be interested in programs or activities. A list of senior residents in Niskayuna is needed.

Trips, Programs, and Facilities: Richard Ratajak reported on some upcoming trips and the Committee as a whole discussed the summer calendar, which includes trips to Saratoga for the ballet, as well as a day at the Saratoga Race track. A Lake George boat trip and other activities are also planned.

Councilwoman McDonnell congratulated Mr. Ratajek on a successful baseball stamp presentation held on June 5th which was also covered by the Niskayuna Spotlight.

Community Resources: Janice Mansfield reported on the site visits to Halfmoon and Cohoes Senior Centers and provided the committee with documents summarizing their structure, funding, and membership. An interesting discussion was held by the Committee about the different structures, meals and the use of volunteers. Site visits will be continuing in upcoming months and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Staff Report:

Rosemarie Mullaney and Cindy Desso reported on the summer calendar and asked senior for input on upcoming programs.

The Senior Advisory Committee meetings will generally be held on the last Friday of each month at 10am at Niskayuna Town Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 27th.