



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

Parks and Community Programs Committee

Senior Advisory Committee

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Meeting Notes- Friday, July 27th, 2012

The Senior Advisory Committee held a meeting on Friday, July 27th, 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 asked when the recommendations regarding the Town Bus would be adopted. Supervisor Landry responded that we will review the recommendations and prepare a policy to be adopted by the Parks and Community Services Committee at their September meeting.

Fundraising- Nancy Marcello reported on the cookbook, which will hopefully be ready by the holidays. The Committee also discussed in detail the plans for the October 13/14 yard sale at the community Center. Councilwoman McDonnell reported that the community Center is now reserved for that event for the entire weekend. Community donations to the yard sale will be encouraged and crafts made by seniors will benefit the senior center. There was also discussion about serving food at the event (soup, chili, cornbread, etc). The seniors are busy making crafts for this event. Ms. Marcello will look into newspaper advertising through the Gazette and Spotlight to solicit donations.

Communications and Outreach – The Committee discussed the idea of a mailed newsletter that could be sponsored by businesses in the community (in order to offset printing and postage costs). June Scoville brought up the idea of a membership card, which would enhance the sense of belonging. The committee liked this idea, and felt that it would also provide the town with current information on members of the center. Supervisor Landry will pursue getting a list of senior residents of Niskayuna from the Board of Elections.

Trips, Programs, and Facilities: Richard Ratajak reported on the upcoming Saratoga Day at the Races and announced that he will be providing a seminar on racing/wagering on August 23rd at 1:00pm at the Senior Center to prepare for the trip.

Community Resources: Vern Scoville reported on an upcoming visit to the Rotterdam Senior Center on Friday, August 3 at 10am. All are welcome; please let Janice Mansfield know if you are planning to attend.

Staff Report:

Rosemarie Mullaney and Cindy Desso reported on the August calendar (which is on the Town's website). They reported that the Saratoga Ballet and Lake George Theater trips were successful and heavily attended. Attendance at the Senior Center has also been rising steadily. Several special programs are planned for August, including a Luau luncheon to be held on Thursday, August 9th.

Next meeting:

Councilwoman McDonnell and well as several staff members and Committee members are on vacation the last week of August so it was decided that Supervisor Landry and Councilwoman McDonnell would attend the Senior Center on Tuesday, August 21 for informal discussion, which would also allow other seniors to participate. **The next formal Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Friday, September 28th at 10 am at Niskayuna Town Hall.**