

Darien Youth Commission Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2024

- Past programs – 50 wreaths were handed out to Mather Senior Center Seniors at a special luncheon on 11/30/23. Alicia even received a couple of thank you notes that she was able to forward onto the students to whom they were directed
- TOPS – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mistletoe Magic – less than 100 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended this holiday dance. That’s a significant drop in attendance from past holiday dances but the kids who attended had a blast
- Over 150 letters were answered through the P&R/YC letter writing campaign, a significant increase from 2022.
- Alicia met with the Town Administrator, First Selectman and Director of Finance to review budget as submitted. Next step is, once approved, budget becomes Town Administrator’s and is presented to Board of Selectmen for their approval.
- Upcoming programs:
  - Happy Hearts for Seniors – coordinating with Mather Senior Center
  - Community Supper – meal prep 3/13; meal 3/14 – St. Patrick’s Day menu
  - Spring Surprise for Seniors – not necessarily Easter this year as it’s quite early in 2024. Looking for a mid-April date
  - Spring Food Drive – voted on April 6 this spring
  - Movie in the Park – rescheduled from October date which was cancelled due to rain. Looking at April 26.
  - Yellow Tulip Window Painting Event – suggested that we see about painting windows at the schools to bring awareness there. Alicia will check with head of facilities at the BOE, Kevin Munrett
- Darien Dash – after much discussion it was decided that rather than focus on retail locations for the Dash, the event be more community/volunteer based. After lengthy discussion about what that might look like it was decided to postpone the event to Fall 2024.
- Summer Camp & MSSAP Update – letters sent to 2023 counselors eligible for rehire with guaranteed position through January 19, 2024. Open for new candidates 1/22/24. Camper registration commences 2/12/24.

Respectfully submitted – Alicia Sillars – Youth Director