

# Haverstraw Center News

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Village of Haverstraw/Haverstraw Center



## Haverstraw Holiday Party

Every year for at least the past 20 years, Nikki Merriman has taken it upon herself to provide great, home-cooked food, gifts and a good time for the Village of Haverstraw children and their families. Nikki relies on donations from church, family, friends, organizations and businesses to make this event the success that it is. For the past five years, the Sparta family (Red Rock Café) has donated the

beautiful tree as well as pasta for the dinner. Toys for Tots provides many of the gifts for the younger children. Union Restaurant, Fairmount Baptist Church, Fidelis, Costco, BJ's, Shop-Rite, Rappaport Knights of Columbus and others have faithfully donated money and items for this event. Village Hall staff, our Mayor and Commissioner continuously donate their services and tasty food



Two very special people to the Haverstraw Center: Santa and Kevin Jones!

items. In these very desperate times, the donations continue to come in and the families of the Haverstraw Community are very grateful! This year the party is December 19th from 4—6 PM. You must be registered.

### Special points of interest:

- HAVERSTRAW CENTER offers many programs free of charge (See schedule)
- COUNSELING for help with: alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, family problems, boyfriends/girlfriends, school
- RECREATION and homework help
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES

## Village of Haverstraw Welcomes the Holidays ~ Santa's Workshop, Christmas Tree Lighting, Concert



On Saturday, December 3, 2011, the Village of Haverstraw together with the Greater Haverstraw Chamber of Commerce and the Haverstraw Center will be sponsoring "Holidays in Haverstraw." The day promises to be filled with holiday joy for everyone!

ALL DAY at Bella Rose Café, the newest eatery in the Village located at 11 New Main Street in the former Haverstraw Times building, one may purchase gingerbread latte and holiday cupcake pops at half price!

From 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Lucas Candies at 6 Main Street is offering an opportunity to make a chocolate snowman with Santa. (There is a fee for this activity.) Lucas Can-

dies is also offering "Storytime with Santa" at 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm.

Antoine McGuire's at 19 Main Street is offering a Prix Fixe Holiday Menu from 12:00 noon—4:00 pm. The cost is \$19.00.

The Bricktown Inn Bed and Breakfast at 112 Hudson Avenue is the beautiful site for a Victorian Tea with seatings at 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm. The cost is \$22.00 pre-paid/reservations required. Call 845.429.8447.

From 2:00 pm—4:00 pm, the Central Presbyterian Church at 64 New Main Street is the setting for the Rockland County Concert Band. Sponsored by the Greater Haverstraw Chamber of Commerce, the con-

cert and refreshments are free and not to be missed! What a wonderful holiday tradition!

The Village Tree Lighting will take place at 4:30 pm at the Village Clock (New Main & Maple) with Santa arriving! Refreshments will be served at Village Hall and Carolers from Renew Haverstraw will sing some of your favorites.

Santa will lead the procession from Village Hall to his workshop at the Haverstraw Center at 5:00 pm. Free supper for the kids with Santa is sponsored by the Village of Haverstraw and the fabulous 42 Club!



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## Monthly Youth Celebration



Thanksgiving Tree 2011

The Monthly Youth Celebration for November was combined with the annual Thanksgiving Feast for the Center participants on Tuesday, November 23rd. As the youth gathered, they were asked to write on a paper cut out leaf, what they were thankful for. The leaves were then hung on a tree and became part of the decorations. Some of the many things they were grateful for are: "this wonderful meal, life, family, friends, what my family does for me, love and support, trees!" The staff prepared plates of yummy Thanksgiving fare and were assisted by

a crew of helpers from Open Arms. While the Thanksgiving theme was carried out, November birthdays and those Caught Being Good were not ignored. Selected this month were: 10/27/11 Caroline Alcantara, Keysha Gonzalez, Kwani harris, Destiny Lopez, Muhssia King, Julissa Ramos, Marcus Rodriguez, Kara Santana, Jerrie Thifault, Kevin Sicha, & Adarra Wiley

11/3/11 Kayla Alicea, Dymond Bartee, Nyimma Bartee, Julissa Estevez, Danny Hernandez, Krystal Morris, Xavier Torres-Perez, Anthony Ruth-

erford, Evelyn Torres, Krystle Torres, & Seivon Toussaint

11/10/11 Kayla Alicea, Dymond Bartee, Lucy Cousar, Kezi Gualpa, Naté Harris, Chantel James, Kenny Nazario, Xavier Torres-Perez, Antoine Remy, Marcus Rodriguez, Krystle Torres, & Rashan Wise

11/17/11 William Chavez, Julissa Estevez, Keysha Gonzalez, Naté Harris, Joel Henriquez, Chantel James, Muhssia King, Rafael Lopez, Ivan Real, Chelani Rivera, Debria Thomas, Krystle Torres, & Xavier Torres CONGRATULATIONS!

## Teen Advisory/Group



The teen advisory has had another busy month. The teens meet once a week for special group sessions, once a week for instruction and once a week to discuss what they would like to see happen or change at the Haverstraw Center.

Under the direction of Project Coordinator, Tanya Soto, the youth have experienced some very worthwhile and exciting workshops and trips. Along with Melissa Almenas, the

youth have been treated to info-sessions on completing the college application, including writing the college essay. In addition they have visited local colleges in person and on-line using the technology afforded by the computers in the upstairs teen homework lab.

Those in the group continue to visit Haverstraw Place under the direction of Dina Nezman, where they interact with the seniors by playing

board games, baking (this month they made corn muffins) and talking about life past, present and future.

In December, the teens plan to assist in the decorating of the Center and Haverstraw Place, will continue performing community service at the Center and many are looking forward to early admissions letters!



## Holiday Activities



- 12/1/11 The Village of West Haverstraw will have their tree lighting at 6:00 pm at the Community Center on Samsondale Avenue with refreshments and a visit from Santa!
- 12/3/11 Sign up at the Haverstraw Center for the HPAL holiday party 10:00 am—1:00 pm in the art room

- 12/3/11 Santa's Workshop at the Haverstraw Center (See cover story)
- 12/10/11 WHES PTA Holiday Gift Shoppe at the Haverstraw Center in the gymnasium 10:00 am—6:00 pm
- 12/17/11 HPAL Party for those who registered on 12/3/11 at the Haverstraw Center in the gymnasium from

- 12:00 noon—2:00 pm
- 12/19/11 Haverstraw Center Holiday Party for those who registered with Nikki



Sorting the many toys donated by Rocky Craziano and the Toys for Tots collection efforts.

### Favorite Holiday Recipes



#### Marion's Butter Cookies

16 Tablespoons (2 sticks or 1 cup) butter, softened

1 1/2 Tablespoons heavy cream

2 egg yolks

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 1/4 cups flour

1/8 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

1. Preheat oven to 350°
2. Beat butter and sugar and continue to beat until smooth.
3. Add cream, egg yolks, and vanilla. Beat well.
4. In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Add to first mixture and beat well.
5. Refrigerate for 1/2 hour.
6. Either roll out the dough, and cut into shapes, or use a cookie press.
7. If you like colored sugar on top, sprinkle it now!
8. Bake for 8-10 minutes, or until slightly golden around the edges.

#### CORNFLAKE WREATHS

By Kellogg's™

1/3 Cup Butter or Margarine

1 10 ounce package of marshmallows (about 40 large) or 4 Cups miniature marshmallows

1 teaspoon green food coloring (paste works best)

6 Cups Kellogg's™ Cornflakes

Red Cinnamon Candies

1. Melt butter over low heat.
2. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Remove from heat.
3. Stir in food coloring.
4. On waxed paper, portion warm cereal mixture

Marion Breland Oswald, Director of Youth and Family Services bakes delicious and beautiful Christmas Cookies every year that she shares with staff, friends and family.  
THANK YOU, Marion!



evenly by using a 1/4 cup dry measure coated with cooking spray. Using sprayed fingers, quickly shape into individual wreaths. Dot with cinnamon candies. Store in an airtight container.



Holiday pies ready to serve at the Center's annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

### Volunteer of the Month

Sue Ireland has been donating craft supplies to the Center for a number of years. With the supplies come her wonderful ideas for projects that the youth can complete. Sue is resourceful in that nothing goes to waste. She has ideas for items most of us toss in the garbage. Her message of reduce, reuse, recycle is one that needs to be heard all over and it is an excellent message to teach the youth who attend the

Center activities. Thank you Sue for your generous donations of other craft supplies as well, including, but not limited to ribbons, bric-a-brac, yarn, buttons, sequins and wooden dowels.

We have been fortunate to be at the receiving end of your generosity and we are very appreciative.

THANK YOU!!



If you have someone you would like to see featured in this newsletter or if you have a recipe to share, please e-mail Peggy at: Peggy.Koval@VoHny.com

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## The Haverstraw Center Mission Statement

The Haverstraw Center serves all residents of the Village of Haverstraw by providing and hosting high-quality, comprehensive services for youth, families, adults and elders, promoting the health, safety, and well-being of community residents of all ages, and raising the quality of life for all people of our diverse community in a spirit of non-partisanship and cooperation.

We're on the WEB!  
[http://www.voh-ny.com/dept\\_youth.htm](http://www.voh-ny.com/dept_youth.htm)

## Haverstraw Center General Schedule

The Center will be closed on Saturday, Sunday & Monday, December 24th, 25th & 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday



↑ THANKSGIVING  
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Location	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
Computer Room	Homework Help 3:00 PM—7:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—7:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—7:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—7:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—7:00 PM	
Game Room	3:00 PM—7:00 PM	3:00 PM—7:00 PM	3:00 PM—7:00 PM	3:00 PM—7:00 PM	3:00 PM—7:00 PM	
Multi-purpose Room	Homework Help 3:00 PM—7:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM—9:30 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM CASAC School 6:00 PM—9:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—7:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM CASAC School 6:00 PM—9:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—7:00 PM	SATURDAY CASAC School 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Gymnasium	Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—5:00 PM Steve's Basketball 7:30 PM—9:30 PM	Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—5:00 PM JUMP 6:00 PM—7:30 PM	Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—5:00 PM NY Knights Basketball 6:00 PM—7:30 PM 35 & Over Basketball 8:00 PM—10:00 PM	Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—5:00 PM NY Knights Basketball 6:00 PM—7:30 PM Steve's Basketball 8:00 PM—10:00 PM	Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—9:00 PM	SATURDAY Sharp Shooting Academy Co-ed Middle School Youth 9:00 AM—11:00 AM Steve's Basketball 11:00 AM—1:00 PM SUNDAY HPAL 8:00 AM—5:00 PM Ito's Basketball Club 7:00 PM—9:00 PM
Conference Room	Homework Help 8th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:30 PM RFS Empowerment Group 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Homework Help 8th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:30 PM Clinical Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM	Homework Help 8th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:30 PM	Homework Help 8th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:30 PM Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM		
Group Room	RFS—babysitting 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Self Expressions 5:15 PM—6:15 PM	RCDOH Health Insurance Assistance 2:00 PM—5:00 PM	Teen Advisory (10th—12th grade) 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Teen Group (10th—12th grade) 4:00 PM—5:00 PM	Teen Group 3:00 PM—4:00 PM	
Art Room	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Kitchen						
Counseling Room						
Other						