



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, boy-friends/girlfriends, school**
- **RECREATION and homework help**
- **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

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Haverstraw Center News

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UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Begun in 2003, Unity in the Community was an effort of the Haverstraw Collaborative to allow children a safe place to go with positive alternative activities during their mid-winter recess. Due to a change in the school schedule, Unity now takes place during the spring break where staff was looking forward to spring weather!! This year, the first day of Unity, snow flurries were in the forecast, but that did not deter the almost one hundred youth who came for a day of fun filled activities including basketball clinics, educational workshops and arts and crafts. One group walked to Emeline Park led by a retired school teacher to learn about the Hudson River. The youth sketched designs and made water-color paintings that will become part of the mural at the Center's playground. Most of the youth participated in the Keep Rockland Beautiful "Great

American Clean Up" efforts by collecting over fifty bags of garbage!

On Tuesday, with the sun shining a little warmer, the youth enjoyed a new round of activities that included workshops in creative writing, song writing, games, and healthy relationships. The day ended with a "Town Hall Meeting" to address the subject of underage drinking. Led by an experienced panel that included the Haverstraw Center's very own Assistant Director, Peter Fata as well as Rockland Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependence, Inc. executive director Ruth Bowles, the Honorable John Grant and Town of Haverstraw Police Officer Richard Spatta, moderated by Haverstraw Center director Marion E. Breland. Guest speaker, Maureen Heller of C.A.N.D.L.E. invited the attendees to participate in

the "Only 2 Will Do" campaign to create art work encouraging store owners to ask for two forms of identification when purchasing alcoholic products. The Center hopes to take this one step further by asking government officials to consider enacting a law, instead of making this a voluntary request.

The last day of Unity, the youth enjoyed a trip to the movies. Each day lunch and snacks were provided and on Tuesday the youth also enjoyed dinner of pasta and salad. Thank you to all of the staff, volunteers and donations that made this a huge success! And a special thank you to Tanya Soto for coordinating this wonderful venue.



CREATING HEALTHY PLACES GRANT WORK CONTINUES

The Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play in Rockland County, a grant sponsored by the Rockland County and NYS Department of Health continues to provide funding for many projects in Haverstraw and other communities in the county. One of these projects is the Village of Haverstraw Community Garden. The garden will be enjoying its

fourth season with an opening day celebration to take place on April 14, 2013.

The community playground created in the Haverstraw Center courtyard will enjoy its grand opening at a date to be announced in May.

The Haverstraw Farmers' Market will introduce its capability for EBT for those

enrolled in SNAP. We look forward to improvements along the Greenway Trail as well as new healthy options offered at local restaurants.

With much gratitude to the RCDOH for their efforts we look forward to continuing to make Haverstraw a healthy place to live, work and play.

THE HAVERSTRAW
COLLABORATIVE
PRESENTS:
THE SENIOR/SENIOR PROM



On May 3, 2013 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM the "seniors" of our community are invited to attend a "Senior Prom" at the Central Presbyterian Church. The theme is "HURRAY FOR HOLLYWOOD" and the youth from the Haverstraw Center will serve as paparazzi taking pictures of the attendees as they arrive on the red carpet. There is no charge for this event and the "seniors" will enjoy a delicious meal, entertainment and dancing to the "Big Band Sound" with DJ John Lima.

MONTHLY YOUTH CELEBRATION/CAUGHT BEING GOOD

The Monthly Youth Celebration took place on Tuesday March 19th. This event includes recognition of those youth who have been "Caught Being Good" at the Haverstraw Center as well as birthdays celebrated in February and March. Frankie Vazquez and Pete Fata prepared baked ziti and salad which was enjoyed by all. Youth volunteers and Open Arms helped to serve and clean up.

This month's celebration focused on Unity in the Community. Unity in the Community was devised to offer youth positive alternative activities to keep them busy during the mid-winter recess. However, in recent years, the school has eliminated that break, so Unity now focuses on activities during the spring recess. (see cover story) In addition, the youth signed a banner to thank Union Restaurant. The youth posed with this colorful banner for a group picture to send to Union Restaurant in appreciation of the fabulous job they do every year serving free dinner during their "We Care Event".

Every monthly youth celebration also acknowledges those youth who were caught being good at the Center. Each

KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

On April 14th, the Village of Haverstraw Community will unite their efforts in the Great American Clean Up. While the Haverstraw Center had a jump start during their Unity in the Community/Community Service project, there are many areas that could use some attention. Anyone who is interested in assisting should meet at the "Clock" across from Village Hall at 10:00 AM. Wear gloves and bring a bottle of

time a youth is nominated for "Caught Being Good", his/her name is placed in the hat for a drawing of prizes. Thank you to Kevin Jones for doing those honors every month. Most months the prizes are \$10.00 gift certificates to McDonald's in hopes that the youth will make healthy choices when they redeem their prize. Sometimes the prize is a donation from a local business and some months the Town of Haverstraw makes a generous donation of tickets to one of their Youth Board sponsored trips.

Those who received certificates this month were:

January 31

Amari Alacantara, Mariyah Cousar, Markeyah Cousar, Essence May, Ann Pierre Jean, Eddie Rodriguez, Yeidy Rodriguez, Krystle Torres, Jisel Wallace, Tattianna Wallace

February 14

Jasia Bartee, Leopoldo Bautista, Kaily Cano, Leana Estevez, Gavin Guzman, Kwani Harris, Rocio Juca, Kerry Pierre Louis, Essence May, Amayfi Santana, Luke Swanson, Tattianna Wallace, Nigel Williams

February 21

Markeyah Coussar, Claude Lartigue, Essence May, Donovan Quinones, Chelani Rivera, Gabriel Rivera, Kiara Tous-saint

February 28

Tyrell Allen, Eridiby Caraballo, Aniel Infante, Kenny Nazario, Kenneth Nazario, Carlos Perez, Osmeiry Santana, Ashley Taveras

March 7

Franklin Bennet, Kaily Cano, Joel Henriquez, Nathaly Lopez, Kerry Pierre Louis, Melquan Monroe, Carlos Perez, Krystle Torres, King White

March 14

Kyle Curley, Wendy Pierre Jean, Nathaly Lpez, Kiara Toussaint, Alan Urgilez, Tattianna Wallace

CONGRATULATIONS!!



water; bags will be provided. To add some fun to the clean up, Keep Rockland Beautiful has introduced their new mascot KiRBY who will be popping up at littered sites. Anyone who finds KiRBY will be able to redeem him for prizes. For additional information about the clean up contact Steve Moetzinger @ 845.429.3690 or sm8961@att.com.

Together, we can KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL!

DRUG MARKET INTERVENTION UPDATE

We continue to provide services for seven individuals including referrals to substance abuse treatment, mental health services, housing, and social services.

We look forward to hosting community meetings throughout the year to hear your concerns and to create greater community partnerships.

If you have any ideas you'd like to share, please contact us at dmi@vohny.com and please like our Facebook page (keyword: Haverstraw DMI)!



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM



FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

- Dinner with your family
- Babysitting for younger siblings
- Parent/Guardian sessions
- Youth sessions
- Information on communication, peer pressure, expectations, clearer rules

This 6-week program will provide you with the tools that will put you and your family on the path towards making your dreams come true.



HAVERSTRAW CENTER

50 West Broad Street

Behind the Knights of Columbus

FREE! Tuesdays

For youth ages 10-14 and their family 4/9/2013–

5/14/2013

6:00 PM–8:30 PM

To register, call: 845.429.5731

- Looking ahead:
- Strengthening Families Program Begins April 9th
 - Great American Clean Up April 14, 2013
 - Community Garden Opening April 14, 2013
 - Senior/Senior Prom May 4, 2013
 - Playground Ribbon Cutting TBA
- See articles in this issue

HAVERSTRAW COLLABORATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

The Haverstraw Collaborative consists of agencies who meet the first Wednesday of every month from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM to discuss issues and ideas that affect the North Rockland Community and the Village of Haverstraw in particular. The Haverstraw Collaborative was founded in 2001 for the purpose of all community-based organizations serving the children, youth, elders, adults and families of Haverstraw to meet monthly in a spirit of non-partisanship and cooperation which is reflected in the Mission Statement.

The March agenda included

an inspirational reading regarding St. Patrick's Day, Easter and Passover. A tasty lunch was offered while introduction of the 30 attendees was made. Marion Breland, director of the Haverstraw Center and chair of this Collaborative, welcomed guest speaker Barbara Gavin, Director of DSS Children and Family Services who offered an overview of the Community-Focused Child Welfare System. No new business was introduced, but there were updates by the sub-committees.

At the conclusion of the meeting, agencies circulated flyers and/or information

about upcoming events. The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, April 3, 2013 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM. The Senior/Senior Prom Committee will meet on April 10, 2013 at 12:00 noon.

Please call 845.429.5731 x 10 to confirm your attendance.

PHOTO GALLERY ~ UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY



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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.

Save the Date

KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL Great American Clean Up 4/14/2013 10:00AM-12:00noon

We're on the WEB!
http://www.voh-ny.com/dept_youth.htm

April Special Events and Notable Days

- 4/1 April Fool's Day
- 4/3 Haverstraw Collaborative NOON
- 4/3 FREE HIV Testing
- 4/7 World Health Day
- 4/9 Strengthening Families Program Session 1
- 4/13 Scrabble Day
- 4/14 KRB Great American Clean Up
- 4/14 Community Garden Opening Day
- 4/15 Tax Day
- 4/16 Strengthening Families Program Session 2
- 4/19 FREE HIV Testing
- 4/22 National Jelly Bean Day
- 4/23 Strengthening Families Program Session 3
- 4/24 Administrative Professional's Day
- 4/27 Tell A Story Day
- 4/30 Strengthening Families Program Session 4
- 4/30 National Honesty Day

- APRIL CELEBRATES:**
- Keep America Beautiful Month
 - National Poetry Month
 - Stress Awareness Month
 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - Week 1 Library Week
 - Week 2 Garden Week
 - Week 3 Organize Your Files Week
 - Week 4 Administrative Assistants Week



Haverstraw Center Schedule/APRIL

Schedule Subject to Change

Location	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
Computer 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	
Game Room	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Multi-purpose Room	Homework Help 2nd—6th grade 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM—9:30 PM	Homework Help 2nd—6th grade 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Hip Hop Dance 6:00PM-8:00PM	Homework Help 2nd—6th grade 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Boys' Council 11-14 year old 4:30PM-5:30PM	Homework Help 2nd—6th grade 3:00 PM—6:00 PM RPCC—SUPPORT Program 6—8PM	Homework Help 2nd—6th grade 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Gymnasium	St. Agatha Fitness 9-10AM; 12-2 PM Senior Dancing 2:00PM-3:00PM Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	St. Agatha Fitness 9-10AM; 12-2 PM Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM JUMP 6:00 PM—7:30 PM	St. Agatha Fitness 9-10AM; 12-2 PM Open Gym 3:00 PM—7:00 PM 35 & Over Basketball 8:00 PM—10:00 PM	Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM YOGA 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Adult Basketball 8:00 PM—10:00 PM	St. Agatha Fitness 9-10AM; 12-2 PM Open Gym 3:00 PM—9:00 PM NR Travel Soccer 8:30 PM—10:00 PM	SATURDAY Sharp Shooting Academy Co-ed Middle School Youth 9:00 AM—11:00 AM Steve's Basketball 11:30 AM— 1:30 PM SUNDAY Jason's Basketball 7:00 PM—8:30 PM
Conference Room	Homework Help 9th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	Homework Help 9th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM Clinical Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM	Homework Help 9th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	Homework Help 9th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:30 PM Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM	Homework Help 9th—12th grade 3:00 PM—5:30 PM	
Group Room	Girl Scouts 3:30PM-4:45PM (Girls ages 8—14) Anger Management 5:00 PM—6:30 PM	Girls Club 3:30PM—5:00 PM Grades 4, 5, & 6	Girls Club 3:30PM-5:00PM Grades 7 & 8 Project S.H.I.F.T. 6:00PM—8:00PM	Teen Advisory (9th— 12th grade) 3:00 PM—4:00 PM Teen Group (9th—12th grade) 4:00 PM—5:00 PM Self Expressions 5:30 PM—6:30 PM	GIRLS GAME DAY With Barbara 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Art Room	Homework Help 7th and 8th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	RILC 10:00AM—2:00PM Homework Help 7th and 8th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	RILC 10:00AM—2:00PM Homework Help 7th and 8th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	Homework Help 7th and 8th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	Homework Help 7th and 8th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	
Kitchen			RCDOH Health Insurance Assistance 2:00 PM—5:00 PM			
Counseling Room	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	
Other			Smoker's Aftercare	Butts Out		