



Haverstraw Center News

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Village of Haverstraw/Haverstraw Center



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 home-work help
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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HAVERSTRAW COLLABORATIVE SENIOR/SENIOR PROM

On May 3, 2013 the Haverstraw Collaborative held its first annual Senior, Senior Prom at the Central Presbyterian Church. Titled "A Night to Remember" it followed the theme of *Hooray for Hollywood*, with a red carpet, and "press agents" (youth) snapping pictures as the "dignitaries" (seniors) arrived for dinner, dancing and entertainment. Film clips, put together by Ashley Koval, from popular movies starting off with the famous "Coming Home" starring Babe Ruth in Haverstraw were enjoyed by all. DJ John Lima volunteered his time playing big swing, current music and the favorite party music all love to dance to, and the youth and seniors had a great time on the dance floor together.

The Senior, Senior Prom idea grew out of another project that involved the

Collaborative, the Haverstraw Center, youth and seniors and Peggy Koval, Co-chair of the event wanted this interaction to continue. Proven to be beneficial to both generations, the Senior, Senior Prom showed the youth that seniors can have fun, too AND the seniors got to experience the youth's enthusiasm and service to them. Dina Nejman, co-chair, said the driving force behind her taking on this position was the desire to give back to those who have given so much. Dreams, desires, fun, hard work all achieved from this wonderful event. (More pictures on page 2)



HAVERSTRAW FARMERS' MARKET
 Eat Fresh Eat Local Eat Well

Opening Day - Sunday, June 9th!
9:00am to 1:00pm

This Season - **Do Re Me Farms & The Perez Family Farm** return with newly picked local vegetables, fruit & more!

Welcome new vendor, **The Coffee Bakery** with freshly brewed coffee, pies, turnovers, cookies & on-the-go fuel-up options for our cycling thru patrons!

And we're also very excited to have newcomer, **High Mountain Foods** who will have crabcakes, fish steaks, ravioli, stuffed breads, lasagna, stuffed clams, fresh mozzarella cheese, pickles & more!

For the kids, we are lining up events through out the Season!
We'll keep you posted with more vendors & news to come!

June 9th thru Oct 27th - Just outside Village Hall at 40 New Main St & Maple Ave
www.haverstrawfarmersmarket.org email haverstrawfarmersmarket@yahoo.com
www.facebook.com/HaverstrawMarket

THE VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW

The Village of Haverstraw Farmers' Market begins again on Sunday, June 9th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Thanks to a grant, "Creating Healthy Places" from the Rockland County Department of Health, the market will be able to utilize EBT to enable more people to purchase fresh produce for their families.



MONTHLY YOUTH CELEBRATION/CAUGHT BEING GOOD

In Praise of June
By *Stuart Schlamp, RILC*

What other month of the year is referred to as “busting out all over”? What other month ushers in summer, pays national respect to our beautiful flag, and salutes fathers everywhere? And what other month has as many deep-blue-sky days, and is filled with anticipation of just maybe the absolute, very best, most fun, and exciting summer of your life? Well, that’s June.

But, June, like every other month on the calendar, has many “hidden” historical treasures that few know of, but that many should. One of these very special, but largely unknown dates is June 19th, which has come to be known as “Juneteenth”.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration, or jubilee, commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended, and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was 2 1/2 years AFTER President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863.

One of General Granger’s first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas the following: “The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer.” The reactions to this profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. The celebration of June 19th was coined “Juneteenth”, and grew with more participation from descendants.

Economic and cultural forces provided for a decline in Juneteenth activities. (cont p. 3)

The Monthly Youth Celebration took place on Wednesday May 29th. This event includes recognition of those youth who have been “Caught Being Good” at the Haverstraw Center as well as birthdays celebrated in April. Frankie Vazquez and Pete Fata prepared rice with London broil and salad which was enjoyed by all. Youth volunteers and Open Arms helped to serve and clean up.

This month’s celebration introduced the children to the upcoming summer schedule including camp activities, the Talent Show and year end barbecue. Sponsored by CANDLE, “Only 2 Will Do” posters were also on exhibit. We are so proud of the first and third place winners from the Haverstraw Center:

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

April 25

Maleik Crowder, Mike Keating, Matt Miceus, Pam Miceus, Kenneth Nazario, Yeidy Rodriguez, Cristian Veras

May 2

Tyrell Allen, Markeyah Cousar, Michael Keating, Ann Pierre Jean, Donovan Quinones, Jayzon Quinones, Shirley Taveras, Alan Urgilez

May 9

Markeyah Cousar, Kyle Curley, Kwani Harris, Roger Harris, Essence May, Cincere McMurin, Matt Miceus, Pam Miceus, Tim Murphy, Kenneth Nazario, Kenny Nazario, Gabe Rivera, Yeidy Rodriguez, Chris Sand, Ashley Taveras, Elijah Tillman, Kiarra Toussaint, Alan Urgilez, Cristian Veras, King White

May 16

Caroline Alacantara, Kaily Cano, Elijah Edwards, Kingmill Miceus, Leyti, Kenneth Nazario, Osmeiry Santana

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Strengthening Families Program

The Haverstraw Center held the closing celebration for the Strengthening Families Program on May 21st with nine families completing the program. The free six-week program also includes free dinner and free babysitting for younger siblings. The format for the program includes the family eating together, the youth and their parent(s)/guardian(s) attending informational sessions, then coming back together for family sessions. Look for an announcement for the FALL session. “We are strong families who care about each other and have fun together.”



Senior/Senior Prom Photo Gallery



PROJECT 25 LIVE LONGER A National Initiative of RILC

Rockland Independent Living Center presented their national initiative "Project 25 Live Longer" on May 15th at the Levity Live theatre at the Palisades Center Mall. Guests were invited to enjoy the debut of their film "Heart and Soul" and meet special guest Ted "The Golden Voice" Williams who appears in the film. Opening for the event was comedian, Paul Virti followed by CEO/Executive Director of RILC George Hoehmann with welcoming remarks. Andy Kohlbrenner, CPRP, RILC Director of Mental Health Recovery/ Program Development introduced the documentary film .

To quote the advertisement that RILC put out, "People with mental health and substance abuse issues are dying 25 years younger than the average person." "This is no laughing matter."

Other guest speakers included MaryAnn Walsh-Tozer, LCSW and Commissioner of the RC Department of Mental Health, State Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski, Jr. and Ted Williams.

Rockland Independent Living Center offers peer recovery services with support for individuals coping with mental health and substance abuse issues. "YOU have power, control and choice in your wellness."



Peggy Koval, CASAC of the Haverstraw Center with Ted Williams at the RC debut of RILC's film "Heart and Soul"

RILC offers hours at the **Haverstraw Center**, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10—2 or visit their website for more information.

<http://www.rilc.org/home>

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 May agenda included an inspirational reading that

offered "Thoughts on Service to Community". A tasty lunch was served while introduction of the 30 attendees was made. Marion Breland, director of the Haverstraw Center and chair of this Collaborative, welcomed guest speaker Rose Leandre of HACSO , office for New Americans. Also presenting were Haydee Veloz, visiting Nurse Service of New York with an overview of services and Rollin Aurelien, Department of Social Services school liaison coordinator.

Sub-committee updates were given including an extensive report from Cheryl Hunter Grant with the compilation of results from the Teen Preg-

nancy surveys. The Parental Involvement committee is seeing its programs coming to fruition as well. New business invited community participation to a new initiative with the DA's office, police department, The Center and Community members in conjunction with DMI. 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, June 5, 2013 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM. Please call 845.429.5731 x 10 to confirm your attendance.

(Cont. from p. 2) The Civil Rights movements of the 50's and 60's provided a resurgence for the Juneteenth celebrations. Today, Juneteenth is enjoying a phenomenal growth rate within communities throughout the country—all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African-American history and culture, and encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

The future of Juneteenth looks bright. Getting involved and supporting Juneteenth celebrations creates new bonds of friendship and understanding among us. This, indeed, brightens our future—and THAT is the Spirit of Juneteenth.

Happy June, 2013—in Haverstraw, and everywhere.

VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW SUMMER CAMP BEGINS

JULY 8, 2013

Registration forms available at Haverstraw Village Hall or at the Village website

For information call: 845.429.0300

<http://www.voh-ny.com/CCcamp/2013-Camp%20Applications.pdf>

DRUG MARKET INTERVENTION UPDATE

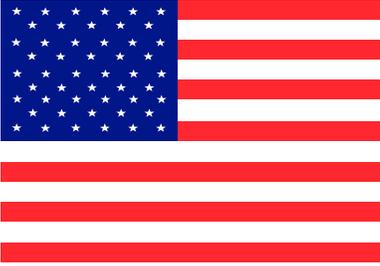
We continue to provide services for seven individuals including referrals to substance abuse treatment, mental health services, housing, and social services.

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)!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO MAKE THE SENIOR/SENIOR PROM SUCH A MEMORABLE EVENT:

- Haverstraw Transit
- Central Presbyterian Church
- Safe Harbour Group, Ltd.
- A & N Rappaport Lock & Alarms, Inc.
- '42 Club
- Rockland County YMCA
- Hood, Hood and Hood Law Firm
- Rivertown Magazine
- Rockland County Times
- Dr. Roufa
- Thomas McGuire
- Andy Koval Home Improvements
- John Lima
- Antoine McGuire's
- Abbey Ice
- Louis Gomes, LG Vending
- ShopRite/inserra
- Meals on Wheels
- Rockland County Department of Health R.S.V.P.
- Fidelis Care at Home
- NR Lion' Club
- WellCare
- North Rockland Central School District
- YOUTH at the Haverstraw Center
- Ashley Koval and Chris Miedowski
- Open Arms Household, Inc.
- Dollar Tree/W. Haverstraw
- Kathy Vanderwoort
- Juliet Allen

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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 co-operation.



**HAVERSTRAW
CENTER'S
GOT TALENT
SHOW**
And End of the Year Celebration
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013
5:00 PM

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

June Special Events and Notable Days

- 6/1 Garden Celebration 11:00 AM
- 6/5 Haverstraw Collaborative NOON
- 6/5 FREE HIV Testing 2—5 PM
- 6/5 RCDOH Insurance Assistance 2—5 PM
- 6/5 World Environment Day
- 6/6 National Gardening Exercise Day
- 6/8 Best Friends Day
- 6/9 Opening Day FARMERS' MARKET
- 6/12 RCDOH Insurance Assistance 2—5 PM
- 6/14 Flag Day
- 6/14 She and Me Girl Scout Tea Party Event
- 6/15 Smile Power Day
- 6/16 Father's Day
- 6/16 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1:00 PM
- 6/17 Eat Your Vegetables Day
- 6/18 Haverstraw Center's Got Talent Show
- 6/19 Juneteenth
- 6/19 RCDOH Insurance Assistance 2—5 PM
- 6/21 FREE HIV Testing 2—5 PM
- 6/21 Summer Solstice
- 6/21 Last Day of School
- 6/23 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1:00 PM
- 6/26 Forgiveness Day
- 6/26 RCDOH Insurance Assistance 2—5 PM
- 6/30 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1:00 PM

JUNE CELEBRATES:

- Aquarium Month
- Candy Month
- Dairy Month
- Gay Pride Month
- National Accordion Awareness Month
- National Adopt a Cat Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month
- Rose Month
- Turkey Lover's Month
- Fishing Week



Haverstraw Center Schedule/JUNE

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 Cornell Cooperative Extension/Nutrition 12:00—2:00 PM	Homework Help 2nd—6th grade 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Lifeskills/11-14 year old 5:00 PM—5:45 PM ZUMBA (all ages) 6:00 PM—7:30 PM	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 Steve's Basketball 7:00 PM—10:00 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 College Basketball 12:00—2:00 PM Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—7:00 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 College Basketball 12:00—2:00 PM Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 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) Project SHIFT Anger Management 5:00 PM—6:30 PM	Girls Club 3:30PM—5:00 PM Grades 4, 5, & 6	Girls Club 3:00PM-5:00PM Grades 7 & 8 Personal Empowerment Series Project S.H.I.F.T. 6:00PM—8:00PM		GIRLS GAME DAY With Barbara 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Art Room	Girls' Talk High School 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	RILC 10:00AM—2:00PM	RILC 10:00AM—2:00PM Art with Barbara 4:00 PM—6:00 PM	Art with Barbara 4:00 PM—6:00 PM RPCC-Support 6:00PM—8:00PM	Homework Help 7th and 8th grade 3:00 PM—5:00 PM	
Kitchen			RCDOH Health Insurance Assistance			
Counseling Room	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	
Other			Smoker's Aftercare	Butts Out		

