



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



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Haverstraw Center News

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Village of Haverstraw/Haverstraw Center

The Village of Haverstraw FARMERS' MARKET

Welcome back market manager Alex who brings enthusiasm and experience to the Haverstraw Farmers' Market.

Come on out and support the market. Meet your neighbors. Get information and fresh produce from the friendly vendors. Enjoy the weather, the music, the live cooking demonstrations, kids activities and more!! The market is located on Maple Avenue, in front of Village Hall and is open 9 AM—1 PM every Sunday, June through October.

Please check the Village web-site for updates on the July market events. <http://www.voh-ny.com/farmers.htm>

VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp begins on July 8th in the Village of Haverstraw. Campers meet at the Haverstraw Center Monday through Friday where they are served a light breakfast in preparation for the day's activities. Mondays: Rockland Lake. Most Tuesdays: in-house at the Center with a variety of exciting activities planned. Every other Wednesday: trip to The Castle and Rye Playland. Thursdays are mixed days: some campers go to Hi Tor Bowling and others go to Bowline Park. The New City Cinema rounds out the campers week with alternating age groups attending alternating weeks. FREE lunch is served daily.

The entire camp will enjoy a BBQ at Bowline on Thurs-

day, August 15th, where the campers show off their talents on the fabulous Town of Haverstraw stage. Joining them this year will be students of "Vegg" who finessed their work at his local recording studio and at the Center.

For those parents who are new to camp this year, an orientation will be held on July 8th. T-shirts will be distributed on that day, as well as any additional or new information parents may need to know for a successful camp season for your children.

All of the camp counselors go through a comprehensive screening, training and two day orientation. Our returning camp director,

Esteban Diaz is highly qualified and certified in CPR and First Aid for the Healthcare Provider. Assisting him are Frankie Vazquez and Tim Sanders, very familiar faces at the Haverstraw Center who also have their certification.

The camp day runs from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Please speak with Frankie or Tim if you need to make arrangements for early drop-off or late pick-up. The Center will work with you to make reasonable accommodations.



GRADUATION

Haverstraw Center's Administrative Assistant, Peggy Koval graduated from SUNY Empire State College on June 9, 2013 with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Community and Human Services. Many who attend the Center or who work at the Center graduated from North Rockland High School on June 21, 2013. They are: Alicia Noel (*Monroe College*), Merline Pierre Jean (*College of Mt. St. Vincent*) Roger Harris (*Monroe College*), Jerry Thifault (*University of Bridgeport*), Elijah Tillman (*Monroe College*), Rolanda Sands (*RCC*) and Aaron Simmons (*RCC*).



Frankie Vazquez mans the grill, cooking up beef and chicken shish kebobs for the year end celebration of the girls and boys groups at the Center.



Y's Beginnings Visit the Haverstraw Community Garden

Eleven adorable youngsters from the Rockland County YMCA program, Y's Beginnings visited the Haverstraw Community Garden on Monday, June 10, 2013. The children learned about the garden and why a community garden is so special. They went on a garden scavenger hunt and found such things as strawberries, broccoli and fragrant basil. We were all looking for butterflies on this dreary day, when one enlightened child pointed excitedly to her shirt decorated with them, to the delight of all.

The children were quite interested in this "big" garden as they have been watching their "jack in the beanstalk" green beans grow at school. They even planted their own flowers around the sign at the school located in the Central Presbyterian Church on New Main Street and Hudson Avenue.



STRAIGHT TO THE TOP GRADUATION



Seventy-five youth received a certificate of participation for going "Straight to the Top", a Haverstraw Center initiative to encourage reading, and raise their reading comprehension, as well as develop positive & efficient study habits that promote growth. The program's mission is to help youth appreciate education at an early age!

EEL MIGRATION

The 11—14 Boys' Club was given a wonderful opportunity to help out with the conservation of local wildlife. The boys assisted in collecting valuable data on the "glass eel", as well as clean and reset the nets. This experience was very beneficial and exhilarating, the members are eager to continue with these nature based outings! A special thank you to Laurie Seamon and staff from Strawtown Studios for a wonderful opportunity!



GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF THE HUDSON TEA PARTY



Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson sponsored an introduction to Girl Scouts TEA PARTY with crafts, manners, and "Girl Scout" ways being taught. Girls from Troop 09060 welcomed the new girls and assisted with the activities. All then enjoyed some time in the playground. The troop will continue to meet over the summer, every Monday from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM. If you are interested in joining or providing program services, please contact Peggy Koval at 845.429.5731 x 24 or Peggy.Koval@VoHny.com.



Haverstraw Center's GOT TALENT

The Haverstraw Center celebrated the end of the school year showcasing the talents of many of the youth who attend the Center activities. Hot dogs and chips were provided to all who attended. Snapple™ and water were provided by the Gomez family of LG Gomez, Vending. Judges for the evening were the Center's own, Nikki Merriman along with the beautiful Frances Gomez and the very talented Vandjee! The judges awarded points for originality/creativity, stage presence, appearance/costume and crowd appeal. DJ services were provided gratis from DJ A-One. There were seventeen acts to be judged with the talents of others interspersed. Some members of Pete Fata's Self-Expression group offered poetic readings. Kevin Jones sang and danced. A gospel choir provided an uplifting performance during intermission, and Vandjee had the crowd on their feet!! The competition was fierce; the youth spent a great deal of time practicing in whatever space was available at the Center. The first place victors were Debria Thomas and Angie Hemmings dancing to "Tambourine". Both of them should also be applauded for their unending energy helping the younger participants with choreography, tips and support. Second place went to Nathaly Lopez for her outstanding "Mrs. Right" dance routine. Nathaly's facial expressions were also priceless. Third place was awarded to another dance team: Markeyah Cousar, Essence May and Chelani Rivera who danced to "Whip My Hair". Thank you to Tanya Soto and the Gomez family for making this such an amazing event.

Haverstraw Center's Got Talent

Volunteer Recognition

At the end of the school year celebration and talent show, the following people received certificates of recognition for their outstanding volunteer efforts at the Haverstraw Center:

~Christina Abraham~Abe Altheu~Rudy Arias~Chris Jean Baptise~Bruce Bortnik~Suzy Chhim-Tarisi~Janelle Colon~Honey Criger~Kathy Emslie~Dery Fernandez~Jairo Gallimere~Frances Gomez~Louis Gomez~Nakwon Harris~Carleen Hobbs~Chris Jean~Jennifer Jiminez~Barbara Jones~Kevin Jones~Julian Kaval~LeninLopez~Michael Keating~Theresa Keegan~John Lima~Andrea Martins~Michael McCrae~Kayla Nash~Kenneth Nazario~Ann Pierre Jean~Wendy Pierre Jean~Sean Pachtinger~Tammy Pinson~Jason Quiñones~Tono Quinones~Kevin Rodriguez~Barbara Seidman~Felicia Somma~Glen Sungela~Krystle Torres

Congratulations and Thank You!



Haverstraw Collaborative

The Haverstraw Collaborative consists of organizations 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 June agenda included a delightful reading of quotes, a delicious lunch, introductions, welcome, presentations and updates. There

were thirty-two in attendance.

Representatives from Rockland Independent Living Center gave an overview of the vast amount of programs offered to the community. These include advocacy, transportation, sensory disabilities, a cyber café with computer classes, the PACER program, mental health services, and an employment network.

Representing Fidelis Care at Home, Gail Terrell Green spoke about Managed Long Term Care services available.

Subcommittees on Immigration Advocacy, Drug Prevention, Food and Nutrition, Parental Involvement and Teen Pregnancy gave their updates.

Marion introduced the idea of long-term planning for a future Collaborative retreat.

Agencies offered their updates and continued to network. The July meeting will be held on July 3, 2013 at 12:00 noon. Please call 845.429.5731 x 10 to confirm your attendance.

The Senior /Senior Prom committee will meet Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 12:00 noon for anyone who is interested in helping with the second annual event.



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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.

6/9-10/28/2013
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
All new
FARMERS' MARKET
 On Maple Avenue in
 Front of Village Hall
 (Every Sunday through October)



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



Haverstraw Center Schedule/JULY **SUMMER CAMP—Please take note that schedule is subject to change**

July Special Events and Notable Days

- 7/3 Haverstraw Collaborative NOON
- 7/3 RCDOH FREE HIV Testing
- 7/4 Haverstraw Center Closed
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!
- 7/5 FIREWORKS at Bowline
- 7/7 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1 PM
- 7/8 Haverstraw Day Camp Starts
- 7/9 Ramadan
- 7/11 World Population Day
- 7/14 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1 PM
- 7/19 RCDOH FREE HIV Testing
- 7/21 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1 PM
- 7/22 Hammock Day
- 7/28 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1 PM

- National Ice Cream Month
- National Blueberry Month
- National Cell Phone Courtesy Month



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| Monday | July 8th First Day Orientation for parents and campers | July 15th Rockland Lake | July 22nd Rockland Lake | July 29th Rockland Lake | August 5th Rockland Lake |
| Tuesday | July 9th Rockland Lake | July 16th In House | July 23rd In House | July 30th In House | August 6th Rockland Boulders |
| Wednesday | July 10th In House | July 17th The Castle | July 24th In House | July 31st Rye Playland | August 7th In House |
| Thursday | July 11th 10—11 am 6-8 year olds Bowling 12 -2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling | July 18th 10-11 am 9-14 year olds Bowling 12-2 pm 6-8 year olds Bowling | July 25th 10-11 am 6-8 year olds Bowling 12-2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling | August 1st 10-11 am 9-14 year olds Bowling 12-2 pm 6-8 year olds Bowling | August 8th 10-11 am 6-8 year olds Bowling 12-2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling |
| Friday | July 12th 6-8 year olds Movies 9-14 year olds In House | July 19th 6-8 year olds In House 9-14 year olds Movies | July 26th 6-8 year olds Movies 9-14 year olds In House | August 2nd 6-8 year olds In House 9-14 year olds Movies | August 9th 6-8 year olds Movies 9-14 year olds In House |