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Village of Haverstraw/Haverstraw Center

IT'S IN THE BAG

Special points of interest:

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

People to People and the Haverstraw Center are working together to assure that kids who benefit from school breakfast and lunch programs during the week are provided with food for the weekend.

What's [In the Bag?](#)

In the Bag is a new People to People program that supplies weekend "goody bags" to kids who participate in Haverstraw Center programs. Many, if not most of the kids involved in Haverstraw Center programs are also enrolled in the subsidized breakfast and lunch program offered at all schools. The subsidized breakfast and lunch program is a vital source of

nutrition for many of our kids—Monday through Friday. But what about Saturday and Sunday? Schools are closed but our kids still need breakfast and lunch. That's why we're launching [In the Bag](#) beginning November 7, 2013.

So What's Going [In the Bag?](#)

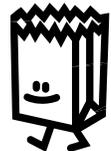
The [In the Bag](#) "weekend goody bags" will be filled with enough food items for two breakfasts, lunches and snacks as well as beverages including fruit juice, water or shelf-stable milk for each child.

Want to Get [In the Bag ?](#)

If you are interested in providing your child or children with what's [In the Bag](#) ,

please complete the [In the Bag](#) enrollment form. Please be advised that there are income eligibility requirements that must be met and documents—including the first page of your IRS 1040 form—that must be provided in order to participate in this program.

For more information about [In the Bag](#) , contact Frankie Vazquez at the Haverstraw Center, 845.429.5731 ext 16. [In the Bag](#) enrollment forms are available in the Haverstraw Center lobby or see below.



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ITS' IN THE BAG ENROLLMENT FORM

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| Parent/Guardian Name: | |
| Address: | |
| Telephone Number: | |
| Email: | |
| List names and ages of children who will receive meals (must live in the North Rockland school district and be of school age): | |
| I have attached the first page of my IRS 1040 Form. I have been made aware that my personal information will be kept strictly confidential. | |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: | _____ |
| Date: | _____ |

MONTHLY YOUTH CELEBRATION "Caught Being Good"

Thanksgiving

Haverstraw Center
Thanksgiving Dinner and
Monthly Youth Celebration
Wednesday,
November 27, 2013
After school
(By invitation only)



Donations accepted until
Friday, November 22, 2013



*Strengthening Families Program
certificate presentation
and celebration
October 29, 2013*

The Monthly Youth Celebration took place on Wednesday October 30th. This event includes recognition of those youth who have been "Caught Being Good" at the Haverstraw Center as well as birthdays celebrated in October. Frankie Vazquez cooked a tasty pot of chili with chips which was enjoyed by all. Youth volunteers helped to serve and clean up. Open Arms sent volunteers to help set up.

Each time a youth is nominated for "Caught Being Good", his/her name is placed in the hat for a drawing of prizes. 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.

Tanya's teen group organized a haunted hallway complete with costumes and scares galore, scavenger hunt and booth games for all to enjoy. Goody bags were also distributed.

This month the nominees are:

September 26

Andrew Babcock, Kanye Evans, Angie Hemmings, Mekei McCrae, Valenti Mendez, Wess Mendez, Pamela Miceus, Kenie Nazario, Keanu Olivares, Ansel Pichardo, Kiara Polanco, Donovan Quinones, Marcus Rodriguez, Ashley Taveras, Wanda Taveras

Strengthening Families Program

The fall Strengthening Families Program completed this cycle on October 29th and six families were presented with certificates of completion. The sessions focus on a variety of activities for the parents, youth and family.

Each session begins with the family eating together. The youth then participate in specific activities while the parent(s) gain tips on love and limits. The families then come back together for reinforcement of the skills learned.

The FREE program is for parents and youth ages 10—14 and includes free dinner and free babysitting for younger siblings. Watch for the announcement of the Spring session. Call 845.429.5731 x 32 to be placed on the waiting list.

October 3

Atilla B, Laura Delacruz, Aaiyana Faria, Jorny Gomez, Lilliana Gomez, Cincere McMurren, Kenneth Nazario, Jeisy Olivares, Gabriel Rivera, Osmeiry Santana, Ashley Taveras, Wanda Taveras

October 9

Allison, Gabriel A, Genesis Benjamin, Mariyah Cousar, Yoel Fana, Wesslin Mendez, Pamela Miceus, Kerry Pierre Louis, Jayzon Quinones, Xavier Quinones, Theodore Summerville, Ashley Taveras, Andy Veras, Tattianna Wallace

October 17

Mariyah Cousar, Liana Encarnacion, Jorny Gomez, Angie Hemmings, Allison Hernandez, Anriel Infante, Mekei McCrae, Donovan Quinones, Jayzon Quinones, Melissa Quinones, Danny Rodriguez, Marcus Rodriguez, Damien Sanchez, Theodore Simmons, Sherley Taveras, Tattianna Wallace

October 24

Laura Delacruz, Jamilca Francis, Valenti Mendez, Donovan Quinones, Chelani Rivera, Marcus Rodriguez, Damien Sanchez, Ashley Taveras, Brian Thomas

Happy Birthday to Staff Members, Interns & Special Volunteer:

Kevin Jones, Tanya Soto, Myriam Saravia, Marlene Sanon, Alex Livesey

YOUTH CREED
"We are strong young people with a great future. We are making good decisions, so we reach our goals."

PARENT CREED
"We are strong & caring parents who show love & set limits. We are helping our kids become responsible young adults."

FAMILY CREED
"We are strong families who care about each other and have fun together."



18th ANNUAL
ROCKLAND COUNTY
STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Retired North Rockland High School librarian Elise Krakower has been visiting the Haverstraw Center, bringing her craft of Storytelling to the Monday Girl Scout troop # 9060. The girls have learned how to loosen up by practicing tongue twisters. The girls have also learned to gain greater self-confidence through the skills being taught. They now know how important it is to make eye contact, to project their voices and to speak slowly and clearly. In reading the Aesop fable about the “Bear and the Bees” the girls were instructed to retell the story in their own words, to make it their own by adding pieces to the story that would make it more interesting to their listeners. And in presenting these stories to their peers, they learned the importance of respect in listening to each other. The girls are looking forward to the 18th ANNUAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL to be held on November 17th, 2013 from 1:30 pm—4:30 pm at the Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library, 10 West Ramapo Road, Garnerville, NY 10923. The festival is FREE to all and will feature professional storytellers Felix Pitre, Elise Krakower, Pamela Schembri and Christopher Agostino’s Story-Faces. In addition there will be student storytellers and story crafts for children.

Light refreshments

SPONSORS: First Niagara Foundation, rtc, HKDL, STAC, Town of Haverstraw, Union Restaurant, Rockland Reading Council, Town of Clarkstown, Green Meadow Waldorf School, Kastin and Newman Orthodontics

HALLOWEEN PARTY/MONTHLY YOUTH CELEBRATION PICTURES



HVERSTRAW 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 October meeting moved its location back to Catholic Community Services of Rockland where many remembered attending the Collaborative before the Haverstraw Center expanded its services. The reason for this tempo-

rary move was so that Collaborative members could enjoy the “Farm to School” partnership program where sixth graders from Haverstraw Elementary School harvested organically grown fruit and vegetables from the “Garden of Love”, sold the produce and donated the profits to a charitable cause.

The meeting then moved indoors where the October agenda included a warm welcome by Collaborative Chair and director of the Haverstraw Center Marion E. Breland to the record breaking fifty-seven in attendance, and enlightening and informative presentations from Andrew Lehto, Hudson River Health-Care and Candy Pittari, Center for Safety and Change.

Mr. Lehto introduced the topic “Affordable Care Act—What We Need to Know” and

discussed the differences between a health center and a federal quality health center. He will return at a later date to answer some of the many questions presented on this very unfamiliar topic.

Candy Pittari gave an emotional presentation regarding domestic violence and encouraged all to wear purple on October 17th to show your support.

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

As the concluding agenda item, agencies offered updates and planned events.

The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, November 6, 2013 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM at the Haverstraw Center. The Teen Pregnancy Subcommittee will meet immediately afterwards, also at the Center. Please call 845.429.5731 x 17 to confirm your attendance.

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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.

**FREE
Immigration
Workshop
Sponsored by RC
Clerk
Paul Piperato
Haverstraw
Center
11/2/13
1:00—3:00 PM**



**11/17/13
Storytelling
Festival**

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



- November Special Events and Notable Days
11/1 All Saint's Day
11/2 Immigration Workshop
11/4 Daylight Savings Time ends
11/5 Election Day VOTE!!
(Center closed for activities, but POLL is open)
11/6 Haverstraw Collaborative NOON
11/6 RCDOH FREE HIV Test 2—5 PM
11/11 Veteran's Day (Center closed to honor Veteran's)
11/13 Sadie Hawkins Day
11/15 RCDOH FREE HIV Test 2—5 PM
11/17 World Peace Day
11/16 RC Storytelling Festival 1—4 PM
11/21 Great American Smokeout
11/27 Thanksgiving Luncheon and Monthly Youth Celebration
11/27 Hanukkah begins at sundown
11/28 THANKSGIVING (Center closed)
11/29 Center closed
NOVEMBER CELEBRATES:
Aviation History Month
Child Safety Protection Month
National Adoption Awareness Month
National Epilepsy Month
Native American Heritage Month

Haverstraw Center Schedule/NOVEMBER

(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 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM—9:30 PM | Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM | Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Literacy Zone 6:30 PM—9:30 PM | Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Family Connections 6:00 PM—8:00 PM | Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM | SATURDAY Literacy Volunteers 10:00 AM—1:00 PM |
| Gymnasium | Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Adult Basketball 7:00 PM—10:00 PM | Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM JUMP 6:00 PM—7:30 PM | College Basketball 12:00 PM—2:00 PM Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM 35 & Over Basketball 8:00 PM—10:00 PM | Youth Basketball 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Adult Basketball 7:00 PM—9:00 PM | College Basketball 12:00 PM—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 11:00 AM—1:30 PM |
| Conference Room | | Clinical Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM | RCDOH Health Insurance Assistance 3:00 PM—6:00 PM | Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM | | |
| Group Room | Girl Scouts 3:30PM-4:45PM (Girls ages 8—15) Project SHIFT Anger Management 5:00 PM—6:30 PM Literacy Zone 6:30 PM—9:30 PM | Girls Club 3:30PM—5:00 PM Grades 4, 5, & 6 | Girls Club 7th & 8th Boys' Life Skills 11—14 3:15 PM-5:00PM Grades 7 & 8 Project S.H.I.F.T. 6:00PM—8:00PM | High School Teen Group 2:30 PM—4:00 PM | | |
| Art Room | | Art with George 3:30 PM—5:30 PM | RILC 10:30 AM—2:00 PM Art with George 3:30 PM—5:30 PM | It's In the Bag 4:30 PM—6:00 PM | Sewing by So You 3:30 PM—5:30 PM | |
| Kitchen | | | | | | |
| Counseling Room | By Appointment | By Appointment | By Appointment | By Appointment | By Appointment | |
| Other | | | Smoker's Aftercare | Butts Out | | |

