



Special points of interest:

- **HAYERSTRAW 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 is looking forward to spring weather!!

This year, the first day of Unity, scheduled for April 14th, the youth will arrive at 11 am to register for workshops and enjoy lunch. The youth will break into groups according to their ages and enjoy such activities as arts and crafts, nutrition education, setting goals, a visit from the "Balloon Man" and Hi Tor Animal Shelter. In addition, the youth will participate in a community service project as they pick up trash in the Village

parking lots as part of the annual "Keep Rockland Beautiful Great American Clean Up" campaign.

On Tuesday, the youth will enjoy a new round of activities including workshops in media literacy, nutrition, fire safety and face painting. The day will end with a "Town Hall Meeting" to address the subject of underage drinking. Led by an experienced panel that includes 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, Town of Haverstraw Police Detective Richard Spatta, and Town of Stony Point Detective Kryger, the meeting will be moderated by Haverstraw Center director Marion E. Breland. This

panel offers valuable information to youth and their families.

The last day of Unity, the youth who participate in both days of activities will enjoy a trip to the movies. Each day lunch and snacks will be provided. Tuesday the youth will also enjoy a dinner of pasta and salad.

To donate or participate, please contact Tanya Soto, program coordinator at 845.429.5731 ext 17 or Tanya.Soto@VoHny.com.



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 Departments 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

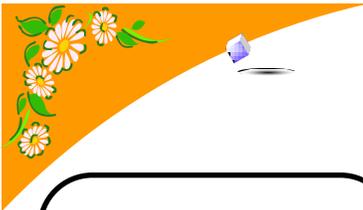
fifth season with an opening day celebration to take place on April 12, 2014.

The Haverstraw Farmers' Market which introduced its capability for EBT for those enrolled in SNAP last season will be enjoying its fourteenth year in operation!

We look forward to improvements along the Greenway Trail including beautiful banners and ex-

ercise stations. New healthy options will be introduced and offered at local delicatessens and bodegas.

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 2, 2014 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM the "seniors" of our community are invited to attend a "Senior Prom" at the Central Presbyterian Church in Haverstraw. The theme is "WACKY PROM FASHIONS" and the youth from the Haverstraw Center as well as community VIP's will be walking the catwalk in some outrageous prom wear. There is no charge for this event and the "seniors" will also enjoy a delicious meal and dancing to the music provided by DJ John Lima. For information contact Peggy Koval at 845.429.5731 x 32 or Dina Nejman at 845.300.1659

MONTHLY YOUTH CELEBRATION/CAUGHT BEING GOOD

The Monthly Youth Celebration took place on Wednesday March 26th. 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 prepared pepper steak and Manny donated macaroni and cheese, both at the request of the very grateful young people. Youth, volunteers and Open Arms helped to serve and clean up.

This month's celebration was dedicated to SPRING even as the forecast called for more snow! Thank you to Barbara and Rebecca for the beautiful flowers that decorated the hallway and gymnasium. Wilson Abreu offered a Tae Kwon Do demonstration featuring the very beautiful and talented Chelani Rivera. Angie Hemmings performed a dance routine with the very agile Amaya Santiago and other great dancers from the Center. The boys and girls listened and danced to music while enjoying the delicious food.

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:
 January 30
 Caroline Alcantara, Journey Gomez, Kwani Harris, Angie Hemmings, Trelissa Matthers, Mekei McCrae, Wesslin Mendez, Danni Quesada, Paul Quezada, Donovan Quinones, Jade Roché, Jamel Roché, Amaya Santiago, Adrian Taveras, Kiarra Toussaint, Anthony Veras, Genesis Benjamin
 February 6
 Maliek Clark, Journey Gomez, Kwani Harris, Jayzon Quinones, Gabriel Rivera, Donté Roché, George Vasquez
 February 20
 Atila Abellard, Carmen Gil,

Liliana Gomez, Cristi Gonzalez, Efrain Graulau, Edison Henriquez, Essence May, Kenny Nazario, Kiara Polanco, Lesley Ramos, Laura Ravel, Darleny Taveras, Wanda Taveras, Cindy Vargas, Arielis Vega, Anthony Veras
 February 27
 Juliana Velez Diaz, Journey Gomez, Danni Quesada, Gabriel Rivera, Brayon Tavaréz, Sherley Tavaréz, Christian Veras
 March 6
 Allison Hernandez, Carolyn Alcantara, Carmen Gil, Liliana Gomez, Franklin Lugo, Jade Roché
 March 13
 Carolyn Alcantara, Kaylah Blackwell, Carmen Gil, Liliana Gomez, Lesley Ramos, Cindy Vargas, Tattianna Wallace
 March 20
 Atila Abellard, Carolyn Alcantara, Alex Bautista, Genesis Benjamin, Kaylah Blackwell, Mekei McCrae, Wesslin Mendez, Matt Miceus, Chelani Rivera, Jade Roché, Saivion Veillard, Jisel Wallace, Tattianna Wallace, Nigel Williams

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday to student worker Laura and volunteer Kevin Rodriguez.



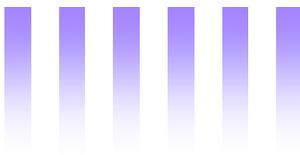
KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

On April 27th, 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 Tower" across from Village Hall at 10:00 AM. Wear gloves and bring a bot-

tle of water; bags will be provided. To add some fun to the clean up, Keep Rockland Beautiful has hidden their 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!





Looking ahead:
 Great American Clean Up
 April 27, 2014
 Senior/Senior Prom
 May 2, 2014
 Community Garden Opening
 May 3, 2014

FAREWELL TO MASTER GARDENER CLIFF ELTON

The very handsome, very generous, (sometimes cantankerous), very knowledgeable Cliff Elton will be moving and giving up his volunteer position as garden coordinator. Cliff participated in this wonderful endeavor since its inception and will be sorely missed.

He platted, he potted, he planned get-togethers; Cliff laid pavers, moved dirt, tilled, and planted. He worked tirelessly, educated the novice gardeners and demanded nothing but the best from his fellow master gardeners.

Cliff's plot was always just so,



from the beautiful flowers to the delicious eggplant, setting a great example for all to follow.

His garden gatherings were always a delight and the skills he shared as a master gardener allowed others to have successful plots.

Mayor Kohut wrote to Cliff, "You will be greatly missed. Without you, the vision for that space would have been smaller and the reality of that space would be not have been anything like it is today." Another gardener wrote, "Haverstraw garden started as idea and untended soil. You lead the charge and made it a thriving beautiful oasis."

THANK YOU, CLIFF!!

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 with quotes from those "celebrities" who celebrate March birthdays. A tasty lunch was offered with dessert provided by Anne Carey -Colorado of the Literacy Zone, while introduction of the 38 attendees was made. Marion Breland, director of the Haverstraw Center and chair of this Collaborative, was absent, so Peggy Koval of the Haverstraw Center co-chaired with Ron Figueroa of RCDSS .

The agenda was full offering four presentations. **Rockland County Mental Health Association** provides "families and individuals with high

quality community-based services that respect cultural differences and encourage hope, self-determination and independence." **Affinity Health Plan** presented the many services offered and spoke about their Medicare savings plan. **Legal Services of the Hudson Valley** has a multi-lingual staff to assist qualified low-income families, individuals and children by "protecting rights and promoting justice." **The Rockland County Re-Entry Task Force** explained how they take parolees from assessment to referrals to positions within the community in concert with many important partners.

A Collaborative Retreat is tenta-

tively scheduled for May, updates by the sub-committees including the Literacy Zone and interest in a drug prevention subcommittee were discussed.

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 2, 2014 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM. The Senior/Senior Prom Committee will meet on April 9, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

Please call 845.429.5731 x 32 to confirm your attendance.

COMMON CORE

Common Core—the new buzz phrase for much of the United States, has parents, educators, students and everyone in between scrambling to either understand or explain what the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers sponsored as an education initiative. Designed to help students in

all the states be able to compete with other students on a national and global scale, opponents see a flawed system that may not work in a classroom with students who have learning difficulties or those who are learning English as a second language.

Proponents state that "the

Common Core standards outline a national set of principles, theoretically putting all students on equal footing." (Family Education Network)

North Rockland has taken this matter seriously and has developed as part of the NRCSD website, links and resources as a toolkit for par-

ents and families. Included are links to other national organizations, the top 10 things parents need to know about the Common Core and what parents can do. There are also links to mathematics CCLS, mathematics leaning progressions, and English Language Arts CCLS.

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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 4/27/2014 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
- 4/2 Haverstraw Collaborative NOON
- 4/2 FREE HIV Testing
- 4/3 Strengthening Families Program Session 6
- 4/12 Community Garden Opening Day
- 4/13 Palm Sunday
- 4/13 Scrabble Day
- 4/14 Passover begins at sundown
- 4/14 Unity in the Community
- 4/14 KRB Great American Clean Up
- 4/15 Tax Day
- 4/15 Unity in the Community
- 4/15 Town Hall Meeting 4:30 pm
- 4/16 Unity in the Community Trip Day
- 4/18 Good Friday
- 4/20 Easter
- TBA FREE HIV Testing
- 4/22 Earth Day
- 4/23 Administrative Professional's Day
- 4/28 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 4/27 Tell A Story Day
- 4/27 KRB Great American Clean Up
- 4/30 National Honesty Day

APRIL CELEBRATES:
Keep America Beautiful Month
National Poetry Month
Stress Awareness Month



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 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Boys' Council 4:15 PM—5:15 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 6:30PM - 9:30PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM RPCC—SUPPORT Program 6—8PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Gymnasium	Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Steve's 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 8:00 PM—10:00 PM	College basketball 12:00 PM—2:00 PM Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	SATURDAY Sharp Shooting Academy Co-ed Middle School Youth 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Steve's Basketball 12:00 PM— 2:30 PM NRSA 2:30 PM—4:00 PM NRSA 4:30 PM—6:00 PM SUNDAY Jason's Basketball 7:00 PM—8:30 PM
Conference Room	Literacy Zone 3:00 PM—7:00 PM Open Arms Meeting 4:00 PM—6:00 PM	Literacy Zone 10:00 AM—7:00 PM	Literacy Zone 12:00 PM—3:00 PM 6:00 PM—7:30 PM RCDOH Insurance 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Literacy Zone 10:00 AM—12:00 PM 2:00 PM—4:00 PM Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM	Salvation Army 12:00 PM—4:00 PM	
Group Room	Girl Scouts 3:30PM-4:45PM (Girls ages 8—14) 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 Project SHIFT 5:00 PM—7:00 PM	Girls Club 3:30PM-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	CASA 4:30 PM—6:30 PM	
Art Room	Art with George 3:30 PM—5:30 PM	Art with George 3:30 PM—5:30 PM	Art with George 3:30 PM—4:30 PM CASA 4:30 PM—6:30 PM	It's In The Bag 4:00 PM—6:00 PM		
Kitchen						
Counseling Room	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	
Other		Clinical Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM	High School Extension/Life Skills	Butts Out at Open Arms		