



Haverstraw Center News

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Village of Haverstraw/Haverstraw Center

Special points of interest:

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



Youth recognized on 7.14.14

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HAVERSTRAW CENTER YOUTH HONORED AT THE JULY 14 BOARD MEETING

With a vast range of activities that take place at the Haverstraw Center, many youths volunteer their time to insure the success of these varied programs and special events. They have learned that very important lesson of giving back to their community and the Mayor and Board of Trustees took time to recognize the value of their good work.

Those youth who assisted with the second annual Senior, Senior Prom (an event to foster positive relationships between the youth and the senior community) are: Atila Abelard, Liana Encarnación, Ly Ly Garcia, Louis Gomez, Jorny Gomez, Cristi Gonzalez, Kwani Harris, Edison Henriquez, Allison Hernandez, Jeffrey Jiminez, Silvia

Martinez, Mekei McCrae, Marlie Munoz, Keanu Olivares, Maliek Paterson, Dani Quezada, Chelani Rivera, Gabriel Rivera, Jade Roché, Louise Tejada-Rodriguez, Genesis Torres, Kiarra Tousseint, Noe I Vega, Jisel Vega Wallace, Tattianna Ellena Wallace, Juliana Velez, Cristian Veras and Darlene Villegas.

The Teen Advisory Volunteers who volunteered year-round at such activities as the Hunger Awareness Presentation to the Haverstraw Collaborative, the Halloween Haunted Hallway, Christmas wrapping party with over 150 presents to distribute to the children, Christmas Party, Monthly Youth Celebrations, Unity in the Community, Catholic Community Services of Rockland: Blessing of the Soil and opening of the gar-

den, Babysitting for the Spanish Speaking Parents Group, Babysitting for Strengthening Families Program, and the DREAM Project are: Arelyis Vega, Carmen Gil, Cindy Vargas, Cristi Gonzalez, Darlene Villegas, Darleny Taveras, Edison Henriquez, Edwendy Lopez, Kiara Polanco, Laura Ravel, Lesley Ramos, Liliana Gomez and Wanda Taveras.

Several youth also participated in the "Only 2 Will Do" initiative with Community Awareness Network for a Drug-Free Life and Environment (C.A.N.D.L.E.) to prevent underage drinking. Those youth are: Jade Roché, Kenie Jon Nazario, Kenneth Nazario, Elijah Tilman, Roger Harris, Krystle Torres,

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VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW SUMMER CAMP

The Village of Haverstraw Summer Camp began on July 7th with the parents and campers being introduced to the counselors, procedures and the schedule. Camp is held Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM (later on trip days) and the campers are served a light breakfast in preparation for the day's activities. Lunch is also served daily, with an eye towards healthier choices including fresh fruits.

Mondays, all campers go to Rockland Lake (where they were first tested for their

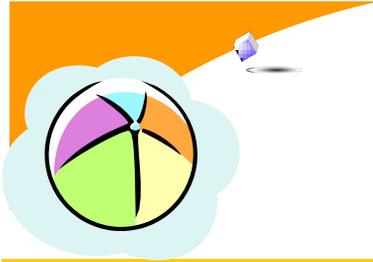
swimming ability). Most Tuesdays and Wednesdays, campers enjoy their day at the Center with a variety of exciting activities including basketball tournaments, arts and crafts, dancing, Wii and outdoor water activities when the weather is really hot! Trips are also planned on these days to Splash-down Park, Rye Playland and The Castle. Thursdays are mixed days with some campers going to Hi Tor Bowling and others going to Bowline Park. The Lafayette Theatre rounds out the campers week with alternating age groups attending



alternating weeks. The camp BBQ at Bowline is on Thursday, August 15th. It is at the BBQ that the campers show off their talents on the fabulous Town of Haverstraw stage. And on the last day of camp, Friday, August 16th all campers will enjoy bowling at Hi-Tor Lanes.

The entire camp staff is doing a fabulous job and the kids are having a great time.

With attendance at an all time high, the Village is to be commended for running such a superb program!



Eel Migration wrap up— where the kids got to interact with the local scientist and researchers from all the sites.



THE FOURTH ANNUAL UNITED LATIN FESTIVAL OF HAVERSTRAW

August 3, 2014 the fourth annual United Latin Festival of Haverstraw begins with a parade that steps off at 11:00 AM from the vicinity of Emeline Park. The parade progresses up Main Street to Broadway and ends at the grounds of the Haverstraw Elementary School where live music, great food and entertainment take place. “This festival gets better and better each year!” commented one festival attendee. The Queen and her court are chosen at pageants held in the Village during the month of July and represent Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Ecuador. This year’s festival is honoring Grand Marshal Hilda Cusick, Latin American Students of the Year Alicia Rivera and Guillermo Vasquez, Parade Godmother Caterina Pantano, Parade Godfather Fr. Estaban Sanchez, Latin Honoree of the Year Jose Guillermo Rosa and Businesses of the Year George M. Holt Funeral Home, Inc., Vilma’s Bakery and Catholic Community Services of Rockland. For more information contact Ramon Soto at 845-406-1969.

Village Board Recognitions, continued:

Cristian Veras, Keanu Olivares, Maliek Crowder, Na Kwan Harris, Michael Keating, Cincere McMurrin, Julissa Estevez, Naté Harris, Matthew Miceus, Caroline Alcantara, Merline Pierre Louis, Jerri Thifault, Chris Sand, Nigel Williams and Rolanda Sand.

Marion E. Breland, Director of Youth and Family Services thanked the Board for taking the time to show these outstanding young people that they are recognized, supported and appreciated by their community.



GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF THE HUDSON ENJOY SUMMER PROGRAMS

Girl Scouts began another exciting summer program at the Haverstraw Center. Working on the S.T.E.M. program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), the girls will be introduced to some very interesting and thought provoking activities.

“Research has found that minority students and women are gravitating away from science and engineering towards other professions, and also that employment in the STEM fields is increasing at a faster pace than in non-STEM fields. Experts say the U.S. must increase proficiency and interest in these areas to compete in the global economy.”

Jerra Mann, Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson representative, led the girls through the creation of marshmallow and toothpick structures. The girls learned about gravity, geometric shapes and teamwork. They were also given a lesson in nutrition, making their own healthy plate placemats. At their second session the girls learned about air, creating their own kazoos and vehicles powered by wind. Sit-upons completed the day’s activities with a lesson on weather.

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM

Tanya Soto, Program Coordinator for the Haverstraw Center, along with Nikki Merriman, Recreational Activities Coordinator, continue their teen program for the fourth year in a row.

The program is structured to be informative, fun and service-minded. On Mondays, Catholic Community Services of Rockland on Hudson Avenue is the fortunate recipient of the youths dedicated service to the community. They help in the garden or in the food pantry. Their enthusiasm and willingness to give is heart-warming. On Tuesdays, the group enjoys the beautiful Bowline Park, weather permitting or enjoys an outing to a sporting event. On Wednesday, the teens participate in group discussions including the employment application process, making proud choices, the college process and Reality Check. Thursdays, they once again are rewarded with swimming at the beautiful Bowline Pool. Fridays find the youth either attending the movies, going bowling or enjoying a trip. The teens and the community benefit greatly from this fantastic program. Thank you Tanya and Nikki!!

- HAVERSTRAW CENTER HIGHLIGHTS**
- *Prevention Counseling Services*
 - *Gambling Prevention Awareness*
 - *Monthly Youth Celebration*
 - *Caught Being Good Recognition*
 - *Straight to the Top*
 - *After School Homework Help*
 - *Girls’ Clubs*
 - *Girls’ Circle*
 - *Boys’ Clubs*
 - *IMPACT*
 - *LifeSkills Program*
 - *Teen Intervene*
 - *Teen Advisory*
 - *Teen Group*
 - *Strengthening Families Program*
 - *Self-Expressions*
 - *Girl Scouts*
 - *Haverstraw Community Garden*
 - *Haverstraw Collaborative*
 - *Summer Camp*
 - *Recreation*
 - *Adult basketball*
 - *Project SHIFT*
 - *Anger Management*
 - *Unity in the Community*
 - *Focus Study Groups: Hunger, Teen Pregnancy, Immigration, Community Health Issues*
 - **MORE!!**

Project SHIFT

Project SHIFT is a crime prevention program for young people ages 14 –21 who are struggling to make better choices in their lives. Funded by a Rockland County Youth Bureau grant, it is a collaborative effort of the Haverstraw Center, the Town of Haverstraw Justice Court and Police Department, the North Rockland Central School District, the District Attorney’s Office and Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic. Jeanmarie Galietta, CASAC serves as the coordinator for this program designed to increase positive behaviors such as attending and succeeding in school or training, getting and keeping a job and developing and keeping positive relationships. This will be achieved by focusing on five areas:

- *Character and Leadership Development: Honesty, Integrity and Responsibility
- *Education: Continuing education, vocational skills
- *Health and Life Skills: Nutrition, coping skills, assertiveness training, alcohol and other drug prevention
- *Positive Use of Time: Recreational activities, the arts, creative self-expression
- *Community: Volunteerism, civic participation

The four—eight week program offers a comprehensive assessment, one-to-one guidance, educational and process groups and ongoing support for the identified youth and their families, connection to programs and services that meet participant’s interests and needs, and follow-up to ensure success.

Supporting Healthy Interventions For Teens

PICTURES FROM CAMP Rockland Boulders Day



HAVERSTRAW COLLABORATIVE

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 July agenda included a reading of July 4th quotes, a delicious lunch with a festive salad, introductions, welcome, and three very informative presentations.

Representing Jawonio, Natalie Ortega spoke about their Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Services (CDPAS) dedicated to advancing the independence, well-being and equality of people with disabilities and/or special needs.

Alice Ennis gave an overview of ARC of Rockland initiatives especially the new “eWorks” program that is a full service electronics recycling, refurbishment and resale business that provides cutting edge skill sets and environmentally friendly “green” jobs for their

workers with disabilities. Chair of the Haverstraw Collaborative and Director of Youth and Family Services, Marion E. Breland presented the PRIDE Survey Results of 2014 and noted - it is mostly good news!

Marion also announced the County Executive’s NEW Commission on Mental Health which hopes to provide services once again in Haverstraw.

Subcommittees on Immigration Advocacy have begun the discussion regarding how “crossing borders” is affecting Rockland County. The Teen Pregnancy subcommittee is now known as the DREAM Project and the Parental Involvement committee continues its efforts in training agencies regarding Safe Havens. As the concluding agenda item, agencies offered their updates and upcoming events.

The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, August 6, 2014 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM at the Haverstraw Center. Please call 845.429.5731 x 32 to confirm your attendance.

The Senior/Senior Prom Committee will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM at the Central Presbyterian Church in Haverstraw.

LITERACY ZONE

The Literacy Zone of Westchester and Rockland County is about to complete its series of ESOL and Citizenship Classes that are held at the Haverstraw Center and the RCC Haverstraw Annex. Thirty students registered for the Citizenship Preparation Class, thirty-one are taking the beginner ESOL classes and twenty-eight enrolled in the intermediary ESOL classes. Chuck Maze, CEO of the RC YMCA has been instrumental in collaborating with the Literacy Zone by providing free childcare services so that the parents can easily attend the classes.

The Literacy Zone has helped to establish a more efficient computer lab at the Haverstraw Center to the enthusiasm of the youth who truly appreciate the updated equipment. Computer Literacy is also offered at various times throughout the year to older learners.

A Stakeholders Meeting will take place at the Haverstraw Center on August 14, 2014 from noon until 2 pm in the multi-purpose room.

If you have any questions, please call Anne Carey Colorado at 845.429.5731 x 13, Ana Diaz at 917.520.1736 or Gricelda Serrano at 914.325.8224.

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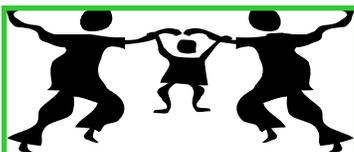
SAVE THE DATE!

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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.



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

Fall Session Dates:
Thursdays
October 2—November 6
6:00 pm—8:30 pm
FREE dinner included
FREE babysitting for younger siblings
FREE Program for youth ages 10—14 and their parent(s)/guardian(s)
CALL 845.429.5731 to register



SUMMER CAMP continues

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

See Schedule

Haverstraw Center Schedule/AUGUST

SUMMER CAMP—Please take note that schedule is subject to change

August Special Events and Notable Days

8/2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
8/3 United Latin Parade & Festival
8/6 Haverstraw Collaborative (NOON)
8/6 RCDOH FREE HIV Test 2—5 PM
8/9 Book Lover's Day
8/10 National S'mores Day
8/15 Relaxation Day
8/15 RCDOH FREE HIV Test 2—5 PM
8/21 Senior Citizen's Day
8/24 4th Annual Back-to-School Backpack Family Event
8/26 Women's Equality Day
8/28 MLK gave "I Have a Dream" speech
8/29 More Herbs, Less Salt Day

AUGUST CELEBRATES:
America's Night Out Against Crime
Women's Month
Medicine Abuse Month
Admit You're Happy Month
Family Fun Month



Monday		August 4th Rockland Lake	August 11th Rockland Lake
Tuesday		August 5th Splashdown Water Park	August 12th The Castle
Wednesday		August 6th Activity Day	August 13th Field Day
Thursday		August 7th 10-11 am 6-8 year olds Bowline 12-2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling	August 14th Picnic and Talent Show at Bowline ALL
Friday	August 1st 6-8 year olds Movies 9-14 year olds In House	August 8th 9-14 year olds Movies 6-8 year olds In House	August 15th Bowling ALL

**Schedule a
Gambling Prevention
Awareness Workshop
Call 845.429.5731 x 14**

**VILLAGE OF
HAVERSTRAW
FARMERS' MARKET
IS BACK!!!!
SUNDAYS
9:00AM—1:00 PM
In front of Village Hall
on Maple Avenue
DO-RE-ME FARMS
accepting
S.N.A.P./EBT**