



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, boyfriends/girlfriends, school
- RECREATION and homework help
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES
- SUMMER CAMP



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The Village of Haverstraw FARMERS' MARKET

Village of Haverstraw Trustee Emily Dominguez is rebuilding the Haverstraw Farmers' Market offering village residents an opportunity to walk to this community-based shopping experience. With support of the Rockland County Department of Health and the Creating Healthy Places grant, the market continues to take EBT/S.N.A.P. The Pauhucki Family of Do-Re-Me Farms in New Hampton is delighted to be back for their fifteenth year, offering freshly picked produce at reasonable prices. If you see something you haven't tried before, just ask and

the friendly vendor will offer recipe tips. Other vendors include the Perez Family farm stand, lemonade, hand knit items and plants.



Please check the Village web-site for updates regarding the September market.

SENIOR, SENIOR BREAKFAST

Remember how much fun you had at the Senior, Senior Prom? Well, the Haverstraw Collaborative is sponsoring a Senior, Senior Breakfast on October 17, 2014, 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Virgin Mary and St. Pachomius Coptic Church in Stony Point. Free transportation will be provided. Come enjoy a light continental breakfast served by the NRHS ASPIRA students and listen to a panel discussion of services available. FREE!!!!!!

HUNGER AWARENESS & ACTION WEEK *Hunger Hurts Us All*

September is National Hunger Awareness Month during which national and regional organizations—including Feeding America, Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY and the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley—will step up efforts to raise awareness of the issue of hunger in our region and our nation.

During Hunger Action Month, *People to People*, Rockland County's hunger relief organization will join with the aforementioned organizations and others to identify and support advocacy efforts aimed at providing hunger relief to Rockland County residents. In addition, *People to People* will step up its efforts to generate the food and finan-

cial contributions needed to help feed Rockland's hungry.

The week will kick off with a County of Rockland Proclamation to be announced by County Executive Ed Day on September 3, 2014.

Other activities include Rockland County's Department of Transportation and Department of Social Services *Stuff a Bus with Food for Rockland's Hungry* at county offices in Pomona and New City on September 25, *Active International and Rockland Boulders* will take the Charity Challenge into the playoffs on September 6, *Raymour and Flannigan* will hold a special event on September 13 at its Nanuet site to benefit "It's In the

Bag" initiative and the "25 at 25" luncheon celebrating the twenty-five milestones of *People to People's* history over the past twenty-five years, to be held September 19 at the Paramount Country Club are just some of the events to raise awareness.

For more information about Hunger Action Month activities, please visit the *People to People* website at www.peopletopeopleinc.org or contact Executive Director Diane Serratore at 845-623-4913.



Back to School

We welcome new students to our after-school homework help program. There is currently a waiting list. Backpack distribution took place at the Center on August 27th with generous donations by the NAACP, the McPartland family, the Haverstraw Senior Center and the Stephens family. The youth received a backpack filled with paper, notebooks, pens, pencils and various other school supplies. Tim Sanders and Frankie Vazquez will continue to incorporate additional reading into the program, with assistance offered by our valued volunteers. Currently, the gym will be open for basketball and other activities from 3:00 PM—6:00 PM. Look for a future announcement of boys and girls club start ups, including Life Skills for our high school students. We can always use additional dedicated volunteers. Questions? Contact Recreation Activities Coordinator, Nikki Merriman at 845.429.5731 x 20.



**Rockland's 7th Annual
RECOVERY RALLY**
SEPTEMBER 28, 2014
12:00 noon — 3:00 pm

Recovery Works!! The public is invited to attend Rockland's 7th Annual Recovery Rally on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at Congers Lake Memorial Park. With FREE admission and parking the fun begins at 12:00 noon and runs until 3:00 PM. There will be music, a 2.6 mile recovery walk, speakers a motorcycle ride-in and more! For information contact RCADD at 845.215.9788 or visit their website at www.rcadd.org.



The Haverstraw Literacy Zone

The Haverstraw Literacy Zone has been “working with the community for the community” for just about one year. Presenting at their first Haverstraw Collaborative meeting last November, the group has since provided ESOL classes to over 200 students, computer classes to 18 students, case management services to 75 clients and their families and increased computer capacity at the Haverstraw Center. They have worked closely with partner agencies such as the Rockland County YMCA, SUNY Rockland at the Haverstraw site, Haverstraw Center,, the North Rockland Central School District, the Haverstraw Kings’ Daughters Public Library, and Tomorrow’s Workplace. The professional staff of Patricia Rajala, President and CEO, Ana Diaz, Academic Coordinator, Gricelda Serrano, Lead Case Manager and Anne Carey-Colorado, community Liaison, have accomplished so much in such a short time. We are grateful for their presence. Thank you!!

VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW SUMMER CAMP COMES TO A CLOSE

The Village of Haverstraw Summer Camp enjoyed the camp BBQ at the Haverstraw Center on Thursday, August 14th where the campers showed off their talents , enjoyed good music and celebrated new friendships. Art work was displayed thanks to the volunteer efforts of Kevin Rodriguez. Friday, August 15th, the campers were transported to Hi Tor Lanes for a final celebration and great bowling. It was a fine ending for an extremely busy and fulfilling camp season.

The youth enjoyed tasty breakfasts and lunches with fresh fruit, provided by the North Rockland Central School District. The trips were enjoyable; they especially had fun at the “Castle”, Rye Playland and “Splashdown” water park.

This camp has been operating in the Village of Haverstraw for a number of years. Some of the counselor’s attended the very same camp their parents attended or were counselors at, carrying on a honorable tradition.

Counselor of the year award went to Dariela Vasquez, a former student worker at the Center who is adored by the entire staff. Congratulations, Dariela!

SAVE THE DATE!

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

This 6-week program will provide you with the tools that will put you and your family on the path towards making your dreams come true.



FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

- Dinner with your family
- Babysitting for younger siblings
- Parent/Guardian sessions
- Youth sessions
- Information on communication, peer pressure, expectations, clearer rules

HAVERSTRAW CENTER

50 West Broad Street
Behind the Knights of Columbus Building

Thursdays
10/2/2014—
11/6/2014
6:00 PM—8:30 PM

To register, call:
845.429.5731

HAVERSTRAW CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Prevention Counseling Services
- 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
- Haverstraw Community Garden
- Haverstraw Collaborative
- Summer Camp
- Recreation
- Adult basketball
- Project S.H.I.F.T.
- A Call to Action
- Anger Management
- Unity in the Community
- Focus Study Groups: Hunger, Teen Pregnancy, Immigration, Community Health Issues
- MORE!!

Haverstraw River Arts Festival

The Haverstraw River Arts Festival will take place at Emeline Park on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from noon until 7:00 pm. There will be live music with a diverse selection of musical artists, including local talent. The Hudson River Flotsam and Jetsam Sculpture Event will also be featured with participants creating sculptures with 100% trash collected along the river. (Wire and duct tape will be provided.) Prizes will be awarded. This event is designed to build and celebrate community and its location is a prize in and of itself to this Village. For additional information, go to the Village website: www.voh-ny.com. Information is available in English and Spanish.



PICTURES FROM CAMP



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 August agenda included a delightful reading of quotes regarding the ocean, a delicious lunch, introductions of the 38 attendees, a warm welcome by Collaborative Chair and director of the Haverstraw Center Marion E. Breland, and a most important presentation by Michael

Leitzes and Christine Verrierlametti of the Rockland County Department of Mental Health Services.

A few years back, the county, looking to save money, consolidated all of its services back to Pomona, but realized the great loss to this community. Before this year's end, we should see a new satellite office opening its doors on the second floor of the Haverstraw Center with limited hours. As the need is shown, it is possible to expand the hours of operation. Extensive surveys will be conducted under County Executive Ed Day's Commission on Mental Health to assess the needs. The committee has already met with the school district and is looking to have a social worker and a psychiatrist in place at the Fieldstone Secondary School for one to one and one-half days per week.

Subcommittees on Immigration Advocacy, Drug Prevention, Food and Nutrition, Parental Involvement and Teen Pregnancy gave their updates and "Pennies for Martha" collection continued. Please take note that CCSR is now known as Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland, serving Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, September 3, 2014 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM. Please call 845.429.5731 x 32 to confirm your attendance.

The Senior/Senior Prom committee will meet the second Wednesday of the month, September 10, 2014 at 3:00 PM at the Haverstraw Central Presbyterian Church.

Village of Haverstraw/Haverstraw Center



**Senior, Senior
Breakfast**
October 17, 2014
10 am—11:30 am
Call Peggy at
845.429.5731 x
32 for details

July—October
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Village of Haverstraw
FARMERS' MARKET
In the parking lot on
Maple Avenue by Village
Hall
(Every Sunday through October)

50 West Broad Street
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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.

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

- September Special Events and Notable Days
9/1 Labor Day (CENTER CLOSED)
9/3 Haverstraw Collaborative NOON
9/3 RCDOH FREE HIV Test 2—5 PM
9/4 First day of school
9/7 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1 PM
9/7 Grandparent's Day
9/8 Suicide Prevention Week
9/9 Primary Election 6 AM—9 PM
9/11 Patriot's Day
9/13 Positive Thinking Day
9/14 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1 PM
9/16 Step Family Day
9/17 Safe Haven Committee Meeting
9/19 RCDOH FREE HIV Test 2—5 PM
9/21 International Peace Day
9/21 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1 PM
9/22 Autumn Begins
9/24 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
9/28 Ask A Stupid Question Day
9/28 Farmers' Market 9 AM—1 PM

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATES:
Classical Music Month
Hispanic Heritage Month
National Courtesy Month
Self Improvement Month



Haverstraw Center Schedule/SEPTEMBER (Schedule Subject to Change)

Location	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
Computer Room	Homework Help 4:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 4:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 4:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 4:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 4:00 PM—6:00 PM	
Game Room	4:00 PM—6:00 PM	4:00 PM—6:00 PM	4:00 PM—6:00 PM	4:00 PM—6:00 PM	4:00 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	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Homework Help 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	SATURDAY
Gymnasium	Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Adult Basketball 7:00 PM—10:00 PM	Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Adult Basketball 8:00 PM—9:00 PM	Open Gym 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	SATURDAY Steve's Basketball 11:00 AM— 1:00 PM
Conference Room	Literacy Zone 3:00 PM—7:00 PM Open Arms 4:00 PM—5:30 PM	Literacy Zone 10:00 AM—7:00 PM	Literacy Zone 12:00 noon—7:30 PM RCDOH Health Insurance 3:00 PM—6:00 PM	Literacy Zone 10:00 AM—4:00 PM Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM		SUNDAY Jason's Basketball 11:00 AM—3:00 PM
Group Room	Project SHIFT Anger Management 5:00 PM—6:30 PM	Project SHIFT 6:00 PM—8:00 PM				
Art Room						
Kitchen						
Counseling Room	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment	
Other		Clinical Staff Meeting 12:00 noon—2:00 PM Smoker's Aftercare		Butts Out		