

FALL 2025

THE HISTORIC TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

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*WHERE HENRY
HUDSON FIRST DOCKED
THE HALF MOON*

*THE HOME OF THE
BRICKS THAT BUILT NEW
YORK*

*THE HOME OF THREE
MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENTS*

*THE HOME OF THE 95TH
CIVIL WAR
REGIMENT FLAG WHICH
WAS CARRIED AT THE
BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG*

Dear Residents,

It has been my custom to write to you regarding our accomplishments of the current year and to add some insights into our plans for the upcoming year. The Town of Haverstraw Sports Recreational Complex is currently under construction to add three pickleball courts, playground area, skateboard/rollerblade park and handicap accessible restrooms. All of this is being accomplished without bonding for a single dollar. It was great to see the synthetic multipurpose field and the synthetic baseball/softball field being used by so many youth groups in our Community. The feedback from the large and small dog park has been wonderful. We are now working on putting in shade structures by the benches in the dog park. Hundreds of people have taken advantage of using the perimeter walking path. It's great to see so many individuals using the newly installed physical fitness equipment.

At Bowline Point Park, we were happy to open the Olympic size pool with the newly poured concrete deck, drainage and stainless steel gutter system. The water slide decking for the stairs was also rebuilt and completed. We did this by acquiring grants which paid for a significant amount of this Capital Project. We held many different events during the summer which included the Memorial Day Watchfire, NR 5K Race, Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks, Thursday Night Open Air Concerts, Latin Night, Movie Nights and Volunteer Recognition Night. There was no excuse for not being in shape this summer, with our free classes at Bowline that included Zumba, Strong Zumba, Country Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Taekwondo, Yoga and Senior Aquatics.

The Town of Haverstraw's Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course was rated the 5th best municipal golf course out of 157 municipal golf courses reviewed. The course accommodated a number of golf leagues, which includes a ladies league, men's club on the weekend, 9 weeks of golf camp for the youth, spring and fall after school program for the youth, Saturday junior clinic (16 and under), a peewee clinic and numerous charitable golf outings. The Town has made several upgrades to the golf course. This Fall we will be reshaping several bunkers and repairing the decking on the bridges throughout the course. (continued on page 3)

TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW'S CURRENT AND FUTURE FISCAL OUTLOOK

The New York State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Test (which is a measurement of a municipality's financial health) has once again given the Town of Haverstraw an excellent score on its 2024 Fiscal Stress Test. The Town's rating shows a 0.0% rating of fiscal stress which is an upgrade rating received of 3.3% in 2023. Our Fiscal Stress rating continues to be one of the best in all of New York State. The Town of Haverstraw also has the Highest Bond Rating (Aa2) for a Town our size.

The 2026 New York State Tax Levy Cap limit is either the lower of Inflation Factor which is 2.64% OR the allowable Levy Growth Factor which is 2.26% with allowable exclusions per the New York State Comptroller's Office. In 2026, the Town's allowable Tax Levy dollar increase is approximately \$884,553. The Town's proposed 2026 levy increase is \$1,954,133.

For the 2026 Budget, there is a (1) one percent shift from the Non-Homestead Class to the Homestead Class. This shift in tax classes caused an average increase in tax of \$29.63 to each Homeowner.

The 2026 Budget reflects the following tax increase for the General, Part-Town, Highway Town-Wide and Highway Part-Town funds of an estimated average increase of \$112.59 per Homeowner. Therefore, the total Homeowner Town tax bills will see on average an increase of about \$142.22 or \$11.86 per month without special districts.

Special District (Ambulance, Water, Street Lighting, Refuse & Sewer) will see on average an increase of about \$13.10 or \$1.10 per month.

The Town only collects the Fire District Budgets. The taxpayers in each Fire District votes and approves each fire district budgets. The Town then turns over the funds to each Fire District. Taxpayers in the Thiells Roseville Fire District will see an average tax increase of \$200.00 for the bonding cost for the new Fire House and taxpayers in the Moleston Fire District will see an average tax increase of \$50.00.

Breaking down the 2026 Budget, the General Fund Budget expenses reflects a total increase of \$1,641,000. Of this increase, \$1,400,000 is represented in the (4) following categories: Police Salaries, Police Equipment & Contractual, Police & Employee Retirement, and Health Insurance. All other General Fund Budget expenditure lines had a net increase of \$241,000.

The Part-Town Fund will have a increase in levy of \$142,000. Both the Highway Town-Wide and Highway Part-Town Fund Levies will have a total increase of \$25,000 in each Fund. The Ambulance District Fund represents a total increase of approximately \$125,000. The Thiells/Roseville Fire District has an increase in Levy of \$1,233,582 due to Bonding Cost. The Moleston Fire District has an increase in Levy of \$87,205. All other special districts have a combined increase of \$48,197 over last year's Budget.



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

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The Superintendent of Highways, Bart Gordon had contracted and repaved 12 roads in the unincorporated area. He is planning to repave more roads for 2026.

Our Town Clerk Office continues to be extremely busy performing over 80 marriages this year and still going. The Clerk's Office issues dozens of conservation licenses (hunting & fishing), numerous landscaping permits, notary services, carting licenses and handicap parking permits.

We have one of the most active senior citizen clubs in New York. Some of the events and places they travel to are LiGreci's with a Frank Sinatra performer and an Italian fest, Eisenhower Hall for Simon & Garfunkel, Hunterdon for the Jersey Tenors, Carmines & Broadway shows, The Shore Club, Hudson River Cruise, Resort World in Monticello with Beach Boys, Beatles, Bee Gees and Motown cover bands. They meet every Monday at the Knights of Columbus.

The Town of Haverstraw Police Department partnered with NR School District to provide four school resource officers to be stationed in all local schools to ensure a safe learning environment. They also established a 2nd K-9 Unit, created the Special Operations Unit to address quality of life & violent crime; Community Resource Officers who patrol the downtown area on foot & bicycles, Inter-Agency Collaboration which assigns officers to the RC Narcotics Task Force, RC Intelligence Unit, FBI Safe Streets Task Force, and Homeland Security to strengthen partnerships at the local, state and federal level. We provided youth engagement by having a Youth Academy, Youth Court, Books & Bagels and Badges for Baseball Programs.

It is a pleasure and an honor to work for the people of Haverstraw. On behalf of the Town Board and all the Elected Officials I would like to thank you for this privilege. We pledge to provide you with the most affordable, accessible and accountable Town Government in the state of New York.

Sincerely,
HOWARD T. PHILLIPS, JR.
SUPERVISOR



2025 BUSINESS GRAND OPENINGS IN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW



202 CANNABIS COMPANY



DOLLARVILLE ON ROUTE 202



HOME FRITE ON THIELLS MT. IVY ROAD



POMONA WINE AND LIQUOR ON
THIELLS MT. IVY ROAD



GABAI FITNESS ON THIELLS
MT. IVY ROAD



SAM'S TAVERN ON
ROUTE 202



2025 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW EVENTS



THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HELD IT'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL AT BOWLINE POINT PARK. EVERYONE ENJOYED THE INFLATABLE RIDES, HAUNTED HOUSE, HAYRIDE, GOODY BAGS AND COSTUME CONTEST.



2025 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW EVENTS



THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW CELEBRATED JULY 4TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH SOUNDS FROM "EPIC SOUL BAND"
AND FIREWORKS FROM "FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA"



2025 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW EVENTS



THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HONORS THOSE WHO MADE THE
ULTIMATE SACRIFICE DURING MEMORIAL DAY, WATCHFIRE,
VETERANS DAY
AND 9-11 CEREMONIES



FROM THE DESK OF OUR ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATORS



JAY HOOD, JR.



PAUL C. CLEARY

As we begin the 2026 Rockland County Budget season, we remain focused on responsible fiscal management while continuing to prioritize the services and support that matter most to you and your families. We're proud to share that Moody's Investor Services recently upgraded Rockland County's credit rating to Aaa - the highest possible. This recognition reflects the County's financial strength and signals to lenders that we present minimal credit risk. In real terms, this allows us to borrow at the lowest interest rates available, saving significant taxpayer dollars over time.

Thanks to continued discipline and smart planning, county property taxes were cut in 2025 and 2024, and there were no increases in 2023 or 2022. These reductions were achieved without cutting vital services and while continuing our strong support for local nonprofits that serve our diverse and vibrant community. Organizations such as the Haverstraw Brick Museum, Haverstraw African American Connection, United Latin Festival, Catholic Charities Community Services, Head Start, Garnerville Arts Center, Haverstraw Riverwide Arts, Leo Laders Post 130, Harold B. Holt – Manny Lopez Post 46 and Kadenburg-Bucca Memorial Chapter 66 all continue to receive county support as they enrich the lives of our residents.

Looking ahead, we have several important initiatives underway. A Rockland County Fallen Firefighters' Memorial is being constructed on the front lawn of the County Courthouse. This long-overdue tribute will display the names of those we've lost and serve as a place of reflection for families, friends, and fellow firefighters. We've also awarded nearly \$400,000 in tuition reimbursement through the Higher Education Recruitment and Retention Opportunities (HERRO) program, supporting volunteer first responders with up to \$6,000 in tuition reimbursements annually. In addition, the new All-Abilities Training Program, created in partnership with the Anderson Center for Autism, is providing important training to county staff, businesses, and emergency personnel to better support individuals with special needs, particularly those with autism.

Our next Comprehensive Plan is now in development - the first since 2011. This long-term strategic document will help guide Rockland's future when it comes to land use, development, infrastructure, and housing. Progress continues on infrastructure as well. The new traffic circle at Suffern Lane, Hammond Road and Thiells-Mt. Ivy Road has improved traffic flow and safety. Paving has also been completed along Call Hollow Road and Letchworth Village Road. Through our Safe Streets program, \$3.4 million is being invested to build new sidewalks on Railroad Avenue, Beach Road, and Thiells-Mt. Ivy Road, including a new crosswalk near Mt. Ivy Plaza to improve pedestrian safety.

Community enhancements are also underway. Restoration work continues on the Minisceongo Creek embankment near the DMV - fully funded by over \$11 million in FEMA aid. Upgrades to the Garnerville and Suffern Lane dams are also progressing, with engineers hired and work-plans being developed. We thank you for your continued trust and engagement. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to us at (845) 638-5100 or by email at HoodJ@co.rockland.ny.us or ClearyP@co.rockland.ny.us.



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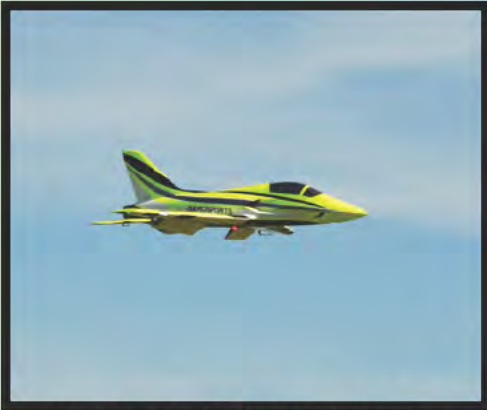
THE HAVERSTRAW TOWN BOARD DEDICATED THE DETECTIVE BUREAU TO HECTOR L. SOTO FOR HIS YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HAVERSTRAW



THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW WELCOMED NEW POLICE OFFICERS TO THE TOWN POLICE FORCE AND CELEBRATED POLICE PROMOTIONS AT RECENT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS



2025 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW EVENTS



THE HUDSON VALLEY RADIO CONTROL CLUB AND THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HELD ITS ANNUAL RADIO CONTROL AIR SHOW AT THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HUDSON SCENIC RIVER VIEW PARK



THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HOSTED ITS ANNUAL LATIN NIGHT AT BOWLINE POINT PARK. ALL WHO ATTENDED HAD A WONDERFUL EVENING LISTENING TO THE SOUNDS OF LATIN CULTURE



2025 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW EVENTS



THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HOSTED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENING FOR OUR FIRE AND AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS AT BOWLINE POINT PARK.



THE HAVERSTRAW TOWN BOARD RECOGNIZED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SERVICES DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH. THEY ALSO RECOGNIZED AN EAGLE SCOUT FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL PROJECT AT A TOWN BOARD MEETING.



2025 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW EVENTS



ONCE AGAIN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HOSTED 8 TRIPS ON THE SCHOONER PIONEER TALL SHIP FOR SIXTH GRADE CLASSES TO LEARN ABOUT THE HUDSON RIVER AND HISTORY OF SAILING TALL SHIPS.



THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HOSTED THE NORTH ROCKLAND COMMUNITY FAMILY DAY 5K AT BOWLINE POINT PARK. THE NRCFD 5K IS A FUNDRAISER FOR FAMILIES IN FINANCIAL NEED DUE TO MEDICAL ISSUES.



2025 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW EVENTS



THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW RECOGNIZED THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR YOUTH BOARD, YOUTH COURT AND NR YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY AND THOSE WHO CAPTURED NYS CHAMPIONSHIPS



TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town Court - Justice Ivonne S. Santos & Justice George G. Coffinas

Court sessions on Mondays, Civil starts at 4:00PM and Criminal starts at 5:00PM. Court sessions on Thursdays, Criminal starts at 9:00AM and Civil starts at 10:00AM. The Court Office is open: Monday through Friday 8:00AM - 4:00PM. Payments at the Justice Court window are only accepted until 3:30PM. Any questions please call (845) 947-0020.

Town Clerk - Raquel Ventura, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm.

We offer a bilingual staff and have extended hours during the year.

The Town Clerk's office provides a number of services that include: Notary Public, Marriage Licenses and Officers, Conservation Licenses, Dog Licenses, Landscaping Licenses, Snowplowing Licenses, Handicap Permits and Mt. Ivy Commuter Parking Lot Permits.

At the end of the year all renewal applications will be mailed out.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call (845) 942-3727.

Building Department - George Behn, Building Inspector

The Building Department operating hours are 8AM – 5PM, Monday through Friday. If any homeowner has any questions regarding **alterations, renovations, repairs, building permits**, etc., please feel free to contact the Building Department at (845) 942-3710, or by fax (845) 786-7647.

Receiver of Taxes - Donna M. Rose, Receiver

In January the Town & County tax bills are due. We will have extended hours for payment on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 and Thursday, January 29, 2026; we will be open from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm on those days. If you have any questions, please call (845) 942-3720.

TAXES CAN BE REVIEWED ONLINE ONLY. A CREDIT CARD FORM IS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE TO FILL OUT AND SEND TO RECEIVER OF TAXES TO PAY WITH CREDIT CARD BY FEBRUARY 2, 2026. Please go to: WWW.TOWNOFHAVERSTRAW.ORG

Credit and Debit cards are accepted IN PERSON with ID and a 2.45% convenience fee will apply.

Superintendent of Highways - John "Bart" Gordon, Supt. of Highways

The Highway Department has continued to update their equipment fleet in 2025 with the final replacement of a new plow and spreader and lifts for the maintenance garage to help the servicing of the Town of Haverstraw Highway's equipment fleet in house which saves the taxpayer money. In 2025, we have continued our road resurfacing program with Paver-Placed Surface Treatment on 12 Streets in the unincorporated area of the Town of Haverstraw. We have been repairing numerous catch basins and are gearing up for Winter Operations for the Winter of 2025-2026.

Please remember that Bulk pick-up is by appointment only on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Any questions please call (845) 429-9126.



TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town of Haverstraw Police Department - John Gould Jr., Chief

The Police Department is located at 101 West Ramapo Road, Garnerville NY 10923.
For Police matters, please call 845-354-1500 or visit www.haverstrawpolice.org.

Assessor's Office - Harley McNally, Assessor

All new Enhanced or Senior exemption applicants must file an Income Verification Program Form (IVP) with the New York State Tax Department by March 1, 2026, please call (518) 457-2036. All exemption applications must be filed with the Assessor's office between January 1, 2026 and March 1, 2026. Senior Citizen Exemption is available if your income is \$58,400 or less using your 2024 Tax return. The Renewal application for Senior Citizen Exemption will be mailed to homeowners and must be returned between January 1, 2026 and March 1, 2026 with a copy of your 2024 Federal Income Tax Return. Also available is an exemption up to 10 percent of assessed value on a volunteer firefighter and ambulance corps workers' primary home.

New Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants need to be registered with the New York State Tax Department. You will receive a credit in the form of a check from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption on your tax bill.

The Enhanced Star Exemption is available for seniors over 65 with a combined income of less than \$110,750 for 2026. Any questions please call (845) 942-3717.

Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course - Chris Dyroff, Supt. - Mike Laudien, Golf Pro

In 2025, the Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course continued to attract new golfers. We thank the public for their support of the Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course.

Also in 2025, the Town has continued its Deep Tine Aeration of the greens twice a year. By adding the maintenance of rolling the greens, we continue to have the best greens in New York State on a public golf course.

The Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course was ranked 5th in New York State for Public Golf Courses out of 157 Public Golf Courses.

The Town has made several upgrades to the Golf Course. In addition, this Fall and in 2026, the Town will look to reshape several Bunkers around the Golf Course and repair the decking on the Bridges throughout the Golf Course.

Park's Department - John Frizalone, Parks Director

Bowline Point Park had a major renovation of the pool deck and gutters which has enhanced the facilities to make our 2025 season another success for our residents. Our Saturday Senior Aquatic Aerobic Classes and Sunday Senior Open Swim were a big success. The Thursday Summer Concert Series, Movie Nights and the Summer Fitness Classes were enjoyed by all.

At the Haverstraw Recreation & Sports Complex the Town is working on completing phase (3) to include 3 pickleball courts, playground amenities, a skate park, fitness equipment around the walking path, and a new restroom building by the playground equipment. The complex continues to be used by numerous youth organizations through out the year between practices and games.

Our Parks Department will continue to make improvements, increase activities and enhance the overall recreational experience for our residents.





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