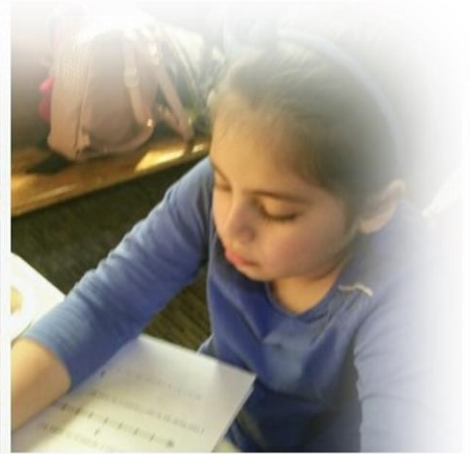


NYACK CENTER'S 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



*More than a community building,
a place for building community*



Our Mission

“Nyack Center serves the Nyacks and the larger community of Rockland County by supporting children, youth and families through educational and recreational programs. Our non-profit organization provides a welcoming gathering space for vital before-and-after school activities, cultural celebrations and community events”.

Nyack Center was founded 28 years ago in 1990 by a group of concerned citizens and is housed in a renovated historic church in the heart of Nyack, N.Y. We provide the lowest cost before-and-after school care in Rockland County and The Hudson Valley Region.

As we close the chapter on our 27th year of service, we want to express our gratitude to our beloved community. People often ask how Nyack Center can provide services free or low cost. The short answer is our community. Our donors and pro-bono supporters make it happen every day! Many thanks to all of you for making a difference in the lives of children and families in our community, 98% of whom are at or below the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty.



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Nyack Center Strategic Plan

In May 2017, The Nyack Center chose to focus on three goal areas over the next three years.

Goal #1 Ensure the Nyack Center's Financial Stability

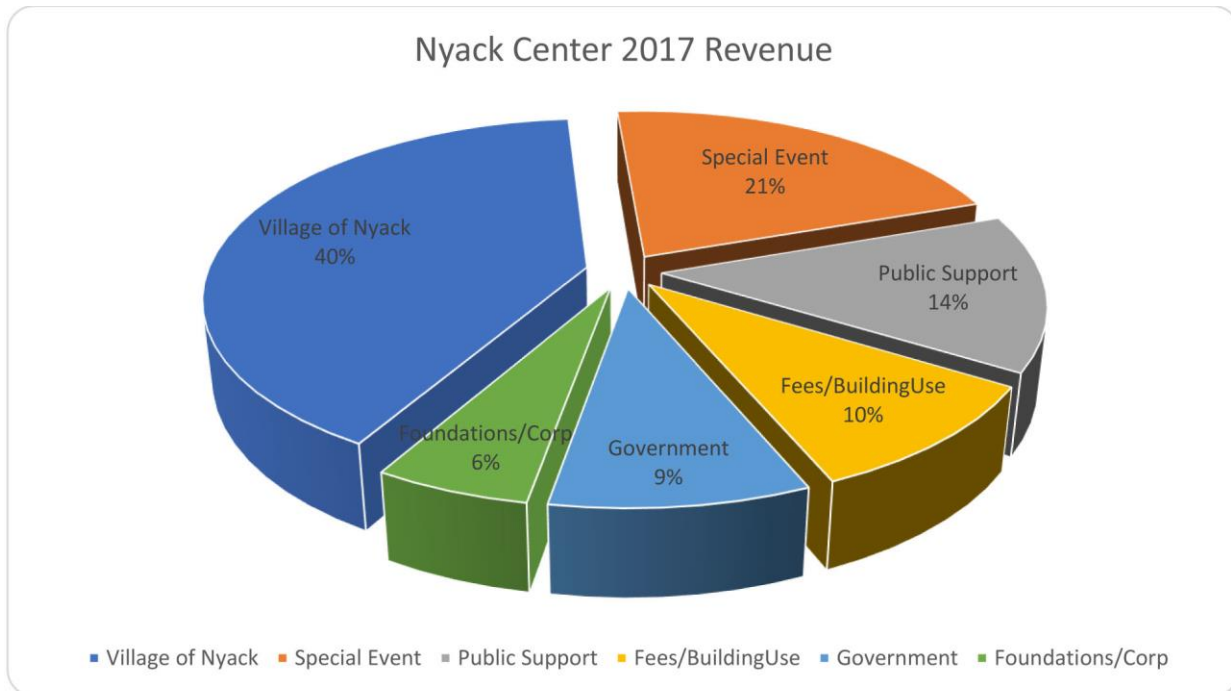
The Nyack Center continues to weather economic ups and downs and has recently purchased its land. At the same time, the organization struggles with important gaps in its financing, including no operating reserve (recommended best practice for non-profits is six months). Addressing this will provide the organization with needed long-term stability.

- Thanks to 2 generous large donations in the past 6 months, Nyack Center currently has 2 new Fidelity Funds in addition to our longstanding Legacy Fund. The first fund is a General fund and has approximately \$107,000 with about \$45,000 dedicated to providing Health Insurance to our Assistant Director over the next 5 years. The second fund is a Scholarship fund created by Ray Wright, called Scholarship Plus and has \$50,000. An additional \$150,000 will be donated by Ray Wright over the next 3 years to Scholarship Plus.

- In order to increase efficacy, we are continually evaluating the effectiveness of our fundraising activities. In 2017 we grossed approximately \$138,017 in fundraising efforts and are on track to raise \$153,127 in 2018. Please see upcoming dates below
- In concert with Personnel and Programming Committees we are analyzing our grant seeking and administration processes. Our Assistant Director and Program Director roles have been updated recently.



Nyack Center Strategic Plan



INCOME

Total 2017 = \$983,000

Government

Total 2017=

Village of Nyack

Youth Services= \$125,000

Camp Nyack= \$144,500

Public Support

Individual Total 2017= \$121,000

Corp/foundation Total 2017= \$140,700

Special Event Revenue

Total 2017= \$154,000

Program and Building Use Revenue

Total 2017= \$74,500

EXPENSES

Total 2016= \$825,700

Audit- Our 2017 audit is pending. When complete, copies will be made available upon request

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Goal #2 Strengthen Nyack Center's Core Programming

The Nyack Center meets significant community needs with services that are highly valued by participants, staff, board and community partners. All programs are at capacity, and often begin each school year with a wait list. Survey, focus groups and Advisory Board focused on increasing hours, providing college prep/readiness support for teens and additional training for staff.

- In 2017 The Nyack Center increased capacity and lengthened the hours of Camp Nyack from 6-7 weeks with an optional extended care until 5:30 and plan to continue this practice in 2018.
- Many families use Computer Lab time for their children once After School Program is over. This allows parents to work past the 5:30 pick up during the school year.

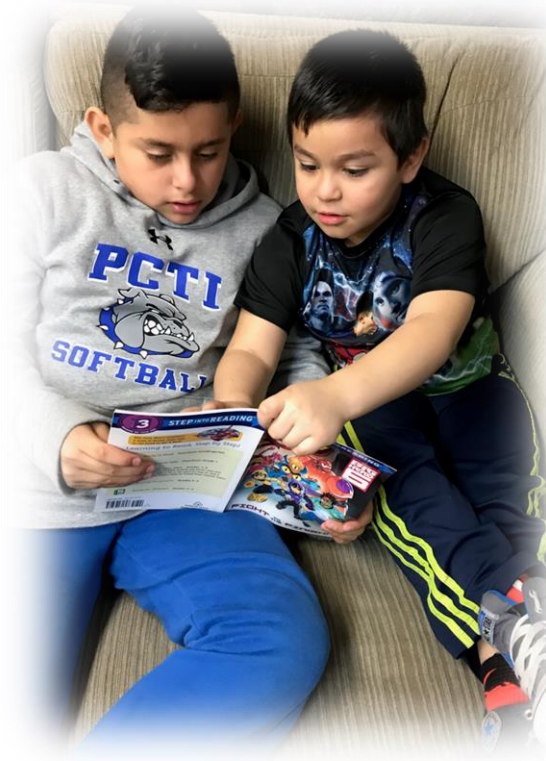


- We have also added new college preparation component for our teens and Teen Council. Community teens and members of our Teen Council worked with Board Member Jessica Wahlstrom for several sessions leading to a mentoring evening with professionals in fields like; law, videography, professional sports, forensics and health. Our Teen Council has gone on several college visits and went on a visit to Yale University.



Nyack Center Strategic Plan

- Several grants through the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation have deepened our After school, Camp Nyack and summer activities. Our primary focus has been on literacy. In collaboration with a certified teacher and additional staff, we have established daily reading initiatives in After School Program, Camp Nyack and Summer Enrichment have completed their summer reading packets through our program.



- The Nyack Center has provided additional training and support for staff by bringing in Child Educators, Upper Nyack Principal Joe Mercora, and community organizations like Center for Safety & Change. Two staff attended Undoing Racism with VCS Community Change Project.



- We have a new Coordinator for Family Connections, our program for women in Rockland County Jail. In 2017 a Welcome Home Project was created using donations and community volunteers to provide newly released participants with toiletries, clothing and other basics. In addition to the weekly support group, a weekly book group was started in 2018. There is also a new robust book program to provide new books to inmates through community donations.

Nyack Center Strategic Plan

Goal #3 Invest in The Nyack Center Building

This community building requires renovation of many public spaces. Rentals provide a reliable and essential income stream. Attracting renters requires that the building is maintained and upgraded. The recently finished media studio can be a source of income as well as a programmatic opportunity.

- In 2017 we upgraded our Auditorium with the installation of new carpet.
- With support from Senator Carlucci we replaced the Kitchen floor and painted the space.
- In the summer of 2017, Didier Dumas spearheaded a fundraiser that raised over \$13,000 for upgrades of a commercial oven, refrigerator, freezer that will help support a cooking program for Nyack Center children and teens by Didier Dumas and other local chefs.



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Programs

Our programs are open to the Nyacks and Rockland County. Nyack Center is committed to providing low cost before and after school care to low income working families. Our fees for before and after school care are the lowest in Rockland County. As poverty rates rose in Rockland County, Nyack Center has seen an increase in the number of families we serve at or below the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty. In 2015 98% of the children in our programs were at or below the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty, an 8% increase from 2013. For a family of four that is \$24,250.

Most of our students are from our primary catchment area, which includes the low-income housing complexes near the Center, many of whom come from single-parent households

Priority is given to working parents. In a recent survey and focus group given to parents who use Nyack Centers programs, parents found that without affordable options provided by Nyack Center, they could not afford to work or live in our community.

Our current student enrollment is 46% Latino 48% African American, 4% White and 2% Asian. Our Latino and African-American students still under perform scholastically in Nyack Public Schools and nationally when compared to their white peers. Many of the youth in our community are at risk due to economic, social, educational and judicial issues. Our students range from Kindergarten to High School depending on the program.

In 2016 and 2017, we were awarded a special grant by **The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation** for a unique literacy-based pilot program at Nyack Center. The goal of the program is to strengthen our children's reading skills and better equip them to be successful with Common Core and ultimately school outcomes.



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Programs



Breakfast Club

Provides 44 children, grades K-8 with nurturing, educational and recreational activities and a nourishing breakfast before school, from 7:00am to 8:15am. In collaboration with The Nyack School District, students are bused to their various schools. The program is free.

After School

Operating until 5:30pm, 87 students K-8 in The Nyack School District receive homework help and a nutritional after school snack. Children participate in educational, creative and recreational activities. In collaboration with The Nyack School District, students are bused from their various schools to the center. Parents pay on a sliding scale based on family income. This program has been enhanced by our IICF literacy initiative and partnership with The Rockland YMCA. All our children are learning to swim thanks to a program called Swim REX with the Y! Nyack Center is proud of our caring staff. Studies cite positive staff child relationships are critical to success in After School Programs and have been associated with children's higher reading and math development.

Camp Nyack

For the last eight years, Nyack Center has contracted with the Village of Nyack to run its summer camp for children K-6 grade. The camp is six weeks, 5 days a week from 8:30-3. Activities include lunch, swimming, arts and crafts, gym time, computer time, reading and weekly field trips. Campers pay based on a sliding scale based on family income.

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Computer Time

The free program provides about 25 youth daily with computer and recreational activities Monday-Friday 5:30-8:30 pm throughout the year. A Computer Coach supervises and mentors the teens. This program has been enhanced with the IICF grant upgrading our computer lab and staff.

Teen Night Fridays

A substance free program for teenagers. A collaboration with O.C.A.D.A., The Nyack Center Teen Council and an adult advisor coordinate the program. Students meet every Monday at 6pm and plan events 2 or 3 times a month. This program is free to local teens.

Teen Council

A weekly meeting of teen leaders at Nyack Center. As part of our collaboration with O.C.A.D.A., the group and adult advisors plan Teen Nights at Nyack Center. Teens attend community groups and workshops to develop leadership skills, go on college visits and learn more about our community and world.

Programs



Summer Youth Enrichment

In addition to Camp Nyack, Nyack Center hosts an onsite program for up to 35 youth. Summer Youth Enrichment is open M-F from 9:30-3 for 10 weeks. The program is free with breakfast and lunch-classes include: Please Pick Project with local Chefs, Recording Studio Time, Day Hiking, Computer Coding, Summer Reading, arts & crafts and recreational time.



Nyack Youth Collaborative

A monthly meeting of over 40 youth service organizations in Rockland County. A series of youth and employment forums are run each year. The first of its kind in Rockland County. 4 different Rockland collaborative grew from this pilot.



Family Connections

Family Connections at Nyack Center supports families living in Rockland County who are separated due to the incarceration of a parent. The program provides professional and peer support, education and link to vital community resources to parents incarcerated in the Rockland County Correctional Facility, their children and families. There is a weekly mothers support group in the County Jail, part time pre- and post-case management services, and some mentoring for parents and their children. Family Connections Nyack Center is one of a kind program with proven results. This is a collaboration with Episcopal Charities and Grace Episcopal Church.

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SOAR-a project of Nyack Center

Nyack Center is delighted to announce that SOAR, is a new project at Nyack Center. Center. **SOAR**—the Science & Outdoor Alliance of Rockland—works to strengthen our children’s relationship with the natural world, including their understanding of the natural systems and myriad of species that make up life on Earth. This new project of the Nyack Center provides hands-on, project-based learning programs to spark children’s innate curiosity and bring the natural sciences alive.



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Community Programs @ Nyack Center



Rivertown Film

Office and films several Wednesday a month



FACE2FACE-free counseling by CANDLE

Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-8:30pm



NAACP Monthly Meeting, Nyack Branch

4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 PM.

NAACP Youth Council, Nyack Branch

First Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 PM.



ROCKLAND PRIDE CENTER

Woman 2 Woman: A Lesbian Support Group 4th Tuesday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

The Rockland Gay Men's Association 2nd Tuesday of Each MONTH 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Talking about Gender: TaG Every Second Wednesday of the Month 7:30pm - 9pm



Working Together for Racial Justice

2nd Wednesday of every month, 9:00 AM - 10:30

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Honors & Scholarships

Honors

Nyack Center annually honors community leaders at three of our events. At our Legacy Gala we honor individuals who have left a legacy at Nyack Center and Rockland County. At our Black History Celebration, we recognize those who have contributed to the lives of African Americans and our community. During Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch we honor community minded achievers for their vision, innovation and leadership towards improving the quality of life for others.

Legacy 2017

Jen Hatch, Annie Hekker, Sue Smith & Paul Weiss

Black History Month Celebration 2018

Oscar Cohen, Dornzella Milligan & Chris Pinset

Women of Leadership and Vision 2018

Christine Cordey, Diana Rivet, Elizabeth Rosa Santiago & Girl of Leadership & Vision, Josie Rothman



Scholarships

Each year we give scholarships as awards the top finalists of our **MLK Oratory Contest** at our Black History Celebration.

This year we gave our sixth annual **Young Woman of Leadership and Vision Scholarship**. The \$1,000 award went to a young woman who is a High School Senior and is active in helping others in her community.

The Lang Family has created a scholarship of \$1,000 for a High School Senior who is involved in some way at Nyack Center. the grant is for two consecutive years.

I Made a Difference Scholarship The award is meant to acknowledge and inspire young people to follow in the footsteps of our wonderful supporters Jo and Peter Baer. The award was created by their daughters, Barbara Baer and Kelly Baer Mayhew.



2018 Black History Month MLK Oratory Scholarship- Darian Almonte, Nia Gabrielle Spann, & Stephen Shaji

2018 Young Woman of Leadership & Vision Scholarship- Ritzy Alamazon-Welchez

2018 The Lang Family Scholarship - Niara Nichols

2018 I Made a Difference Scholarship - Travahnni Harris

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Events

Community

- Back to School BBQ
- Back to School Backpack Drive
- The Great Nyack Get-Together
- Welcome Night
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Holiday Gift Drive
- Holiday Feast
- Rotary Senior Luncheon
- Hunger Run
- O.C.A.D.A. Community Meetings, Headstart Festival & Graduation, NAACP and NAACP Youth Council, Village Meetings and Nyack Public School Events



Fundraising

- Black History Celebration
- Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch
- Men Cooking
- Sips, Dips & Tips
- Summer Soiree
- Halloween 5K
- Monster Mash
- Made by Hand
- Legacy Gala
- Music & Readings in a Holiday Spirit



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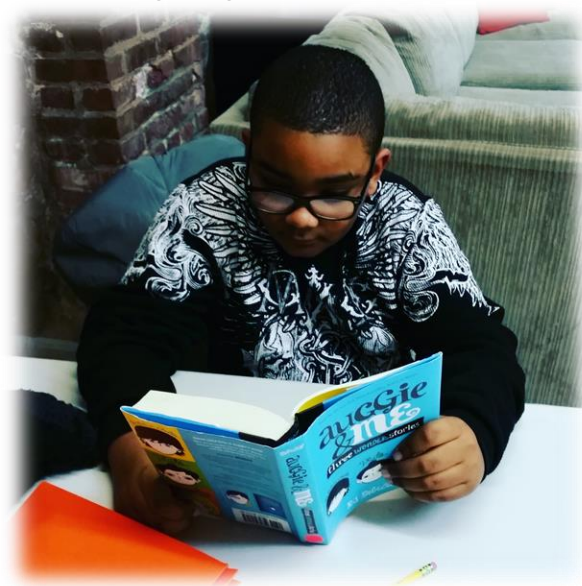


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OUR HISTORY

Nyack Center is located in a beautiful and historic church building in the heart of Nyack. The current building erected in 1839 is 179 years old this year.

In 2018 Nyack Center celebrates its 28th year of service at a center of community life in the Nyacks and Rockland County. The community we serve defines Nyack Center and the role we play. Nyack Center was developed as a model for community government partnership. The village and community members saw the need for services for youth especially and came up with this unique way of providing programs under a non-profit umbrella separate from the village. We are grateful to the Village of Nyack along with all of our government supporters for their commitment to Nyack Center.



Community life is what Nyack Center is all about. Nyack Center has long sought to provide a gathering place to discuss concerns and find solutions. To that end, Nyack Center provides space for discussion, programs to learn and services to youth to prevent more violence and find stable options for them to become successful in school, at home and in our community. We run programs for school age children, at risk youth, and teens. We provide space to many organizations that hold events, meetings and workshops that enhance our community life here in the heart of Nyack.

1990 Establishment of Nyack Center. *"It was created in 1990 from the vision of two Presbyterian ministers who saw a potential to renovate the building to its past glory while benefiting the community. They foresaw an "urban mission" where townspeople would decide how best to utilize the space. Demographically, ethnic and poorer communities were located in the hills behind the Center, while the more affluent settled in front of the Center along the Hudson River. The ministers hoped to break down social barriers by emphasizing the Center's hospitality at both the back and front door. Current programs grew out of community needs. "The "Back Door", a teen run café, grew out of a need for teens to have their own space and express themselves. Children alone at home before school due to working parents' schedules, evolved into "Safe Haven", later called "The Breakfast Club". Lastly, "The After School Program" solved a latchkey and homework help problem."* from old fundraising documents

1991 Capital Campaign started

1992 Non-profit 501c3 status granted

1994 Steve Butler Executive Director

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OUR HISTORY

1995 Phase I exterior renovations included door and window upgrades, roofing and siding repair, complete exterior repainting and installation of a handicapped access ramp.

1997 Phase II interior renovations, seeking to make our space more flexible and usable included conversion of the sanctuary into a 400 seat auditorium/activity space; construction of offices, meeting rooms, activity areas, two secure computer labs; upgrading of utility systems and installation of handicapped accessible bathrooms. First Annual Black History Celebration.

Suzanne Barclay and Michael Killing Interim Executive Director

1998 Phase III renovations, completed in late 1998 converted a portion of the basement area into much needed storage space and included two new additional bathrooms and installation of a new boiler. Franz Payout Executive Director

1999 Phase IV converted the balance of the basement area into additional program activity space and will almost double the building's capacity. Alfred E. Prettyman Interim Executive Director.

2000 Alfred E. Prettyman Executive Director.

2001 First Annual Men Cooking Event. Tamara Kopko Interim Executive Director

2002 Kim Cross Executive Director

2004 Certified NY State School Age Care License. Installation of Film Screen and Rivertown Film.

2005 New Furnace installed in basement for entire building. New Acoustic System installed in Auditorium.

2006 Air Conditioning installed on main floor and in Auditorium.

2007 Computer Lab with 15 computer Stations. New Computers and phone system for staff. New Stairs, front doors and vestibule floor. Out of School Suspension collaboration with Nyack Schools begins. Establishment of Legacy Endowment and first Legacy Gala. First Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch.

2008 Camp Nyack contract awarded to Nyack Center to run. Gang Prevention Program begins. Pilot Youth Community Policing Initiative begins.

2009 Middle School Computer Time started. Village Summer Food Program housed at Nyack Center. NY State Sound and Recording Studio Grant announced. Rowathon event with River Rowing Association established. Gym Proposal presented to Village for 1.6-2 million.

2010 20 Anniversary Legacy Gala. Establishment of e-newsletter commUNITY. Nyack Center joins Facebook.

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2011 Satellite Breakfast Club program started at Waldron Terrace. Establishment of The Rev. Martin Luther King Oratory Scholarship. Nyack Center joins Twitter.

2012 Nyack's first sketch mob at Nyack Center. Establishment of Young Woman of Leadership and Vision Scholarship. Nyack Center creates a new website. Nyack Center adopts a new logo design.

2013 Painting of front façade and stairs. Nyack Farmer's Market begins indoor winter market at Nyack Center. Family Connections program in Rockland County Jail comes under the auspices of Nyack Center.

2014 New roof installed. Renovation of Lobby, Middle Room and Terry Hekker Library. Auditorium painted.

2015 Sound & Recording Studio Renovation and 25th Anniversary Gala!

2016 Completion of Sound and Recording Studio. Nyack Center joins Instagram and LinkedIn. Nyack Center and IICF begin a literacy initiative with support from certified teachers to improve participants reading skills. Establishment of The I Made a Difference Scholarship.

2017 New floor and paint in Kitchen thanks to Senator Carlucci. Newly upgraded Computer Lab and mobile laptop cart through IICF Grant. Nyack Center purchased its land from The Hudson Presbytery. Establishment of The Lang Family Scholarship.



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Upcoming 2018

Nyack Center Events-

June 10, Men Cooking for Nyack Center @ 5-7pm

TBD Sips Dips and Tips

Sept. 15, The Great Nyack Get-Together

Oct 27, Monster Mash, directly following Nyack Halloween Parade

Nov.3, 11th Annual LEGACY GALA @ 7pm

Dec.9, Music & Readings in a Holiday Spirit @7pm



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