



To: Unit, District, & Council Leadership

From: Ben Mills, Council President

Gregg Dick, Council Commissioner

David Horton, Scout Executive

RE: Closing of the Hudson Valley Council Service Center & Scout Shop

Over the course of the last 9 months the Hudson Valley Council, has been, and continues to work through, the effects of the global pandemic (COVID-19). At the July Council Executive Board Meeting, a recommendation was made to create a committee that would make a real and sincere effort to divest the Council of the current Service Center located in Newburgh. This is in direct response to the ongoing global pandemic (COVID-19). Our recent experiences with working remotely brought about the dialogue, and the belief, that the Council did not have need of a “stand alone” building to house the paid staff and provide adequate support to the volunteer structure. Given recent developments in the Hudson Valley Real Estate Market – an acceptable offer was tendered. The Council appointed committee, working on behalf of the Council Executive Board, made the decision to accept the offer and, therefore, the Council Service Center will be vacated effective this December. The specific dates that need to be conveyed are as follows:

The Service Center will be open for business on Monday and Tuesday each week from now (11/9/20) through Tuesday (12/8/20).

The Service Center will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday each week from now (11/9/20) through Friday (12/11/20) for cleaning, packing, and moving purposes. “Drop off” and/or meeting opportunities exist on these days by appointment only. Please contact the staff member you wish to see/speak with directly and make arrangements to do so.

Please Note: December 11th, 2020, is the final day that anyone will be located at the Council Service Center in Newburgh.

The Scout Shop will remain open for business through November 25th, 2020. The Scout Shops current hours will remain in effect through November 25th (Wednesday). You can find more Scout Shops and how to [order advancement online here](#).

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Our staff will be working remotely (after December 11th, 2020) for the remainder of the calendar year and early January. An announcement will be forthcoming relative to the relocation of the Council Service Center. Current thoughts suggest the Service Center will be based at one of our camping properties.

Questions or comments should be directed to David Horton, Scout Executive. David may be reached at: 845-566-7300 ext. 304, or David.Horton@scouting.org. Thank you for continuing to support the Scouting program.

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