February is Black History Month (BHM). A national commemoration for our communities to celebrate the achievements & contributions of African-Americans. BHM was founded by Carter G. Woodson (known as the "Father of Black History") in 1976. It was originally launched as "Negro History Week."

The Census is Coming & CVH wants to ensure a Complete Count!

Once every ten years, the Census takes a count of every person in the United States. CVH is ensuring everyone in NYC & the Hudson Valley is counted. The census will determine our fair share of much needed funding for education, infrastructure, roads, public transportation and our representation in our congress. Stand up and be counted in the 2020 Census. By April 1st (Census Day) every home would have received an invitation to complete the Census. Join us and take the pledge today at https://www.cvhaction.org/census-2020

Westchester 2nd Annual Jazz & Soul Night a Success

Great jazz, good food and good company helped us achieve our $10k goal! CVH took over the The Jazz Forum in Tarrytown on January 30th. Three-time winner of Showtime at the Apollo, PETAWANE rocked the house. These funds will be used to help the continuation of CVH's presence in Westchester County and the Hudson Valley as we fight for racial, social and economic justice for all.

Planning Ahead! March 2020
Chapter Meetings

New York City
March 4th at 6:30pm
115 E. 106 St
New York, NY

Westchester County
March 19th at 6:30pm
28 N. Broadway,
Yonkers, NY

Orange County
March 18th at 6:30pm
388 Ann Street
Newburgh, NY

Dutchess County
March 10th at 6:30pm
29 N. Hamilton
Poughkeepsie, NY
On Tuesday, February 5th our Orange County chapter held a meeting for Newburgh residents who live in buildings eligible for rent control. Over a four day period a team of members knocked on nearly 300 doors in the city, where they heard stories from families and senior citizens regarding rent increases and the lack of consistent needed repairs. Some residents shared how they don’t receive advance notice if their rent will go up and how much harder it makes it to plan in advance.

The meeting concluded with residents agreeing to host meetings in their buildings and scheduling a meeting with NYS Senator James Scoufis to discuss the NYS Homes Guarantee that calls for (1) Investment in Public & Social Housing, (2) Universal Rent Control, (3) Ending Homelessness and (4) Taxing the rich to house NY. When a 96 year old Newburgh resident was asked, how will your life be impacted if rent control isn’t passed? the tenant said, "I will have to choose which is more important to me. Paying rent, paying for medication or eating."