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## **HANCOCK PREPARES FOR HARVEST DAYS, OCTOBER 7, 8 AND 9**

Vintage baseball played by the rules of 1898 will highlight Hancock Harvest Days October 7, 8 and 9 in downtown Hancock. Competing for the Honest Eddie Murphy trophy on Saturday afternoon at Hancock's Firemen's Park will be the Hancock Nine, the Roxbury Nine and the Hamden Polecats. Hancock is the birthplace of the legendary Eddie Murphy who played 11 years for the Philadelphia Athletics, Chicago White Sox, and Pittsburgh Pirates. He appeared in 3 World Series and was nicknamed "Honest Eddie" because he was not implicated in the "Black Sox" World Series scandal of 1919. Honest Eddie Murphy raised his family and spent his later years in Dunmore, PA.

There'll be plenty to see before and after the games in Hancock, with most Harvest Days activities taking place in the center of the village at the square surrounding the former Charlie's Great American.

Festivities begin Friday afternoon with hayrides and kids' activities at Hancock Elementary School, followed by a wine-tasting, chili-feed, and music by the Kurpil Family Singers at the square.

Saturday's line-up, in addition to the baseball games, includes crafts vendors, a farmers market and a fine arts exhibit featuring the works of Hancock's growing number of resident artists. Also on tap Saturday morning is a Tractor & Antique Car Parade through the village.

Horse and buggy rides, a chicken barbecue, and a charity pie auction by the Hancock Rotary are slated for Saturday afternoon. The Uphill String Band will perform at Saturday night's square dance on Wheeler Street adjacent to the square.

Harvest Days activities also include a scarecrow contest for village residents sponsored by the Hancock Area Chamber of Commerce. Winners will be announced by the Hancock Partners on Saturday afternoon.

Harvest Days festivities will conclude Sunday morning with a pancake breakfast at Father Rausch Hall in the village.

Visitors to Hancock during the weekend will also find sidewalk sales at merchants surrounding the square, and Harvest Days specials at Hancock area restaurants.

For a complete listing of Hancock Harvest Days events, times, and locations, visit the Hancock Partners website at [www.hancocknewyork.com](http://www.hancocknewyork.com).

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