

Town Topics

by Supervisor Richard Craft

From the Shawangunk Ridge, to the floor of the Rondout Valley, to the low rolling hills, to our west at the foot of the Catskills, the *Town of Wawarsing* is in an enviable position.


What makes us most unique is, that while surrounding towns have a little of this and a little of that, we've got just about everything! Consider, if you will, the positive aspects of our town:


The *Town of Wawarsing* is the major manufacturing center in Ulster County, employing many hundreds. Think of the employment opportunities offered by our two large correctional facilities, or the presence of a number of resorts appealing to many different tastes. There is our now-expanding *Ellenville Regional Hospital*, and its growing outreach to the community. The resurgence of our *Joseph Y. Resnick Airport* and its planned expansion over the next five years will bring new business and concentration of activity to our area.

Thousands of acres of forests in the town have been declared "forever wild," thus providing outdoor sports enthusiasts access to these lands for year-round recreational activities. Another aspect of our town often overlooked is the presence of the nationally-acclaimed RV Parks, which bring return visits from far and near.

Pride in our communities is increasing as we see revitalization projects surfacing in Ellenville, Napanoch, and Kerhonkson. Other evidence of community spirit is found in the many churches, civic organizations, service organizations, fraternal organizations, youth programs, special yearly events, retail shops, fire, police & emergency services. Then there's our expanding parks system, Equity summer theater, hang gliding and ultralight centers, music concerts in the town square and in our recently-constructed and refurbished schools (which also have a vast variety of community and inter & intra-mural activities). What you find is a community on the move, and moving in a forward direction.

I'm proud to be a resident of our town. I am proud of our leaders, representing a wide cross-section of our community. Their volunteer efforts are here applauded.

We have an exciting future... be here! 

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Village Views

by Mayor T.J. Briggs


I would like to offer my best wishes to the Chamber on its new publication, *Wawarsing.Net*.

There are many exciting and positive things taking place in our community right now:

The senior-housing complex is well underway. The *Village of Ellenville* is forging ahead with its **Center Street** revitalization project. There is a developer looking at the building on **Main Street**. Not to be forgotten is the ever-present talk of gambling coming to the area.

These are topics I will discuss in the future.

I look forward to a publication that details the good that is happening in our community.

I am positive that *Wawarsing.Net* will be a breath of fresh air for its readers. 

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