

# Inside the Chamber

**Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**  
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*The problem with a monthly publication is that deadlines and scheduled events don't always coincide. When this publication hits the streets, our town meeting regarding the casino impact will have already taken place. Our next issue will recap the events of that meeting.*

*The importance of projects such as casino gambling is staggering. Our economic and social future as a community seems to be teetering on each word spoken by the parties involved. Whether or not casino gambling comes to town, we will still feel its impact when it opens in Sullivan County, as anticipated. Of course, our neighbors in Sullivan County don't have the green light yet either, but their foot is on the accelerator. By their interpretation of the "process," it is only a matter of time.*

*What all this will mean ten to fifteen years from now, nobody knows. Discussion and careful planning is beginning to take place. We must not, however, let this planning bog down progress. Casino gambling is not the only topic for us to consider. As issues come before us in the next few years, we can not wait for things to unfold. We must aggressively react so that we can shape the future of our community. What do you want our community to be in the future? The time is at hand for us to shape our own future.*

Sincerely,

*Dr. Mark Craft*  
President

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The **Chamber** welcomed a new member, Paul Bozenhard, to its last meeting. Paul has moved to our area to start a day-lily business. He plans to be involved in both retail and wholesale lilies. Best of luck to Paul and his enterprise.

We have several volunteers for distributing our flower planters, but could use a few more able bodies. If interested, please call Robin at *Country Flowers*, 647-5256 to sign up.

**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** will mark the return of the *Classic Car Show Parade* in downtown Ellenville. The parade will begin at **7:00 PM** and will be followed by entertainment. See the more detailed article elsewhere in this issue.

*Music in the Square* is set for each **Saturday evening in July, 5:30 - 7:00 PM.**

The *Shawangunk Wild Blueberry/Huckleberry Harvest Festival* will take place **Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** in **Liberty Square**. The **Festival Committee** is hard at work to make this event a huge success. Actually two festivals in one, it will combine the former *Harvest Music Festival* with the *Blueberry Festival*

previously held at the *Farmers' Market*. If your organization would like to be a "Friend of the Festival" for a \$100 donation to the **Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**, please reply as soon as you can. Any local organization interested in hosting a blueberry pancake breakfast the morning of the festival, please contact committee Chairperson Dianne Turner, at *WAGS* pet store.

Our **Bicentennial Committee** has ordered Christmas ornaments etched with a picture of the **Cragmoor Stone Church** and the **Napanoch Reformed Church** (no longer standing). Sales of these ornaments will be announced within the next two months. Our friends at *Imperial Schrade* have come forward to help us produce tote bags with a silk screen image of **Liberty Square**. These bags will be available this summer. All proceeds from sales will be used to fund our celebration in 2006.

Speaking of items for sale, the **Chamber** still has the following quantities of annual commemorative knives available: 2002 (23); 2001 (21); 2000 (11); 1999 (3).

We are still looking for a part-time secretary for the **Chamber**. Computer skills and basic secretarial skills are a must. Send a letter of interest to the **Chamber Office** at **PO Box 227, Ellenville, New York 12428.** ✨

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