

Inside the Chamber

Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce
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We are blessed to have a community that has organizations that devote serious energy to the betterment of our area. Without listing them all (for fear of missing one), I do want to bring to everyone's attention that as our community continues to grow and prosper, our community organizations are to be appreciated. Everything from holiday season lighting & banners, special events for the children, highway clean-up, flower pots, improved means of communication, street fairs, sports events, etc., are all made possible by people in our community – business owners and individuals – who unite in some way as part of a community organization. When you really take a moment to think about it, we are truly blessed.

Having said that, it has been mentioned from time to time at board meetings of many of these organizations that we could further improve our overall effectiveness with some additional coordination and communication. I look forward to the time when we bring representatives of all the area organizations together to coordinate regular communication in order to do more of what we all want – to better our community.

To initiate this possibility, I am asking that each and every organization contact our board with your regular meeting time, key contact(s), primary focus, and goals in this new communication process, and any other pertinent information.

Together we make a great community. Our future looks brighter the more we work together. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Dwight Coombe

Board Member

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

Famous 50's Northeast Nationals comes to the *Nevele Grande Resort Hotel* **Friday, June 13th** and **Saturday, June 14th, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (\$7)**, rock & roll concerts **8:00 PM (\$10)**. **Thursday, June 12th** will mark the return of the *Classic Car Show Parade* in downtown Ellenville, scheduled from **6:00 to 8:00 PM**, and to be followed by entertainment. See the more detailed article in the May issue for details, or the flyers available around town.

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

The *Shawangunk Wild Blueberry/Huckleberry Harvest Festival* will take place **Saturday, August 23rd, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** in **Liberty Square**, combining 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, or providing music, please contact committee Chairperson Dianne Turner, at WAGS pet store.

Our **Bicentennial Committee** has ordered Christmas ornaments etched with a picture of the **Cragsmoor 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.


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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