

Town Topics

by Richard Craft, Supervisor, Town of Wawarsing

The Welcome Mat is Out! Come on Over and Sit a Spell!

Talk to any real estate brokers and they will tell you that land is being sold almost as fast as it is put on the market. You must beware of the urban sprawl that is finding its way into the Town of Wawarsing.

In time, only the rich will be able to afford Rockland and Orange Counties. Guess who is next in line in the search for reasonably-priced housing and open space? You guessed it... it is Sullivan and Ulster Counties. Even now, new faces are showing up at Town Hall trying to adapt to country living. They are asking about garbage removal, transfer station privileges, the name of a good carpenter, plumber, or electrician. Inquiries are being made about our health care providers, school, and other public services. This is a major move for most, and we all must be sensitive to their needs.

To all of our newcomers I say, "Welcome!" We know you're out there and we'd like to get to know you. We don't know where you are, but, by now, you know where we are. Whether you are a year-round newcomer, a weekender, or a snowbird, you can find the Village Hall and the Town Hall. We urge you to drop in and say hello.

We can tell you what the region offers and suggest areas that might appeal to you. We have a beautiful township and it beckons your inquiry. We'd like to know why you've chosen to make this your home and what you can offer us in expertise. We encourage your questions and will try to help you with your needs. In short, we'd like you to feel you're a part of our community... but you may have to make the first move.

We pride ourselves in our diversity and I'm sure you'll find your own niche and circle of new friends. We also take pride in our rural character and ask you to join with us as we seek to maintain a balance between our untouched mountains, forests, and streams and the inevitable growth which is becoming more and more challenging as it makes its way northward.

You will notice a little bit of everything here. Industry, employment, recreation, an excellent hospital, fraternal and service organizations, and over twenty-five different houses of worship. We offer fresh air and, at times, a solitude that can make you feel, if just for awhile, that you are the only living soul within miles. We are hoping the presence of existing minds and new ones will provide the initiative and pride that will set Wawarsing apart as a special place.

You will find us a friendly people. You will find an excellent community spirit and many opportunities within our boundaries. Bring your own shovel and start digging in. The welcome mat is out and all you have to do is "come on over and sit a spell." We'd love to meet you!

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