



Glusker Gardens Apartments Officially Dedicated June 20th

Glusker Gardens Apartments, the area's newest senior community, officially opened at **93 Center Street** in Ellenville on Friday, June 20th, 2003, with a blue-ribbon gathering of area public officials, plus relatives and friends of former Ellenville Mayor Gene Glusker, for whom the senior apartments are named.

The idea to name the facility after Mayor Glusker came from Village Clerk Ann Bowler, who was asked by the developers to propose some possible choices. That the old Glusker store occupied that very site for so many years, and that Gene was a beloved community-spirited presence in the village for many decades, made the suggestion easy, quick, and obvious to Mrs. Bowler.



Above: Ellenville Village Clerk Ann Bowler reads the dedication plaque as developer Barb Lamphere and Mayor Jeff Kaplan look on. Right: State Senator John Bonacic.

Mayor Jeff Kaplan kicked off the ceremonies by introducing the numerous officials who took the time to honor Gene Glusker by attending. Congressman Maurice Hinchey, the first to speak, spoke of how Gene was there at the very start of his own political career and was always available with advice and support.

Both he and State Senator John J. Bonacic noted how this facility's construction was due in no small part to the active cooperation among the federal, state, county, and local officials who worked ceaselessly to bring it to fruition, moving the process along through its many stages and through the many agencies and committees, and working with the banks and developers to keep things flowing smoothly. Federal and state-secured funding of ↗

