

Inside the Chamber

Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce
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Led by Grand Marshall Francis Irwin, nearly 100 entries weaved their way through the streets of Ellenville to celebrate the Fourth of July. Near 100-degree weather did not hinder the pride and spirit of both the participants and crowd.

Joining the festivities was Bob Mangels, a former Ellenville resident, and long-time local radio host (WELV) and public booster. Years ago, he spearheaded the resurrection of this fine event. Bob returned to make sure the celebration is in good hands... and it is!

The **Fourth of July Committee** works year-round to make it the best one-day celebration in the area. They have already begun planning next year's event, which promises to be even bigger and better.

Funding comes from our municipal governments, fund-raising dinners, concerts, and private donations. Businesses that make a donation receive the festive red, white, and blue bunting you see hanging throughout the town. It only takes money for our able volunteers to bring us the great parade and evening of fireworks, which was the best yet! If you feel so inclined, I am sure Committee Chairperson Jane Eck would be happy to accept any additional donations. To help this celebration, drop by when she's at her other job, Town Clerk for the Town of Wawarsing.

The **Fourth of July Committee** truly deserves our thanks for consistently reminding us what a small town can accomplish when people come together and work for a common cause.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark R. Craft

President

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It's the Blueberry Festival!

The **Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring the **Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Harvest Festival** on **Saturday, August 23rd**, **9:00 AM - 4:00 PM** in **Liberty Square**, Ellenville.

Admission is **FREE**. The rain date is Sunday, August 24th, 12:00 - 6:00 PM, but a book signing by historian Marc Fried, author of *The Huckleberry Pickers: A Raucous History of the Shawangunk Mountains*, will take place, rain (indoors) or shine, accompanied by folk music.

The day begins with a blueberry pancake breakfast hosted by *Pioneer Engine Co. #1*, from **6:00 AM - 9:00 AM** at **73 Center St.** Ellenville's long-running **Harvest Festival** will occupy **Canal St.** and **Liberty Square**, with its street fair, music, entertainment, food court, and hay ride. Between **Rte. 209** and **Liberty Square**, in the **Wawarsing Town Hall** parking lot, there will be an all-blueberry bake sale, blueberry pie judging & sale, book signing, folk music, and exhibits of the Shawangunk Mountains. The exhibitors scheduled to attend include *Sam's Point Preserve*, *Cragmoor Historical Society*, *Open Space Institute*, *Minnewaska State Park*, author Marc Fried, Dr. Heinz Meng (falcon expert), *Mountain Wings* (hang gliders), *The Inner Wall*, *Ulster County Cooperative Extension*, *Catskill Native Nursery*, *Rusty Plough Farm*, and craft artisans.

If you would like to raise funds for your organization at the all-blueberry bake sale, call **647-5626**. Vendor spaces are still available, and are **FREE** for non-profit organizations. For an application, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at **647-4620** or Chairperson Dianne Turner (in photo, below right, with Chamber President Mark Craft, left) at **Wags** at **647-4700**.



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(while supplies last)

9 - 5:30 M-F

9 - 2 Sat

"Never on Sunday"

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