

Take My Money, Please!

(A look at some services available in the Town of Wawarsing)
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Last month I wrote about holiday shopping in the Town of Wawarsing. My gifts were a big hit, though I must say there was a bit of pouting from the people who didn't get Zip Zaps, or NAPA's equivalent little truck. And breaking tradition, after Christmas brunch the men did dishes; the women played with the cars (yeah, right!).

This month, to welcome the New Year, I'm touting services available locally. I come from the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" school. The businesses I'm writing about have served me well for the 13 years I've been back in town, so I've had no need to look elsewhere (Please note that if a service provider is not listed, it's simply because I haven't personally used them, and is in no way a reflection of their quality).

Over the past few years, much of my discretionary income has gone to medical co-pays, plumbers, and contractors. I enlisted my sister's help in reviewing some of the more 'fun' services available locally, only to find a couple of areas that are sorely lacking (but more about that in a moment)

First, on to the "ain't broke" complement:

FUEL OIL

With a prepay program that came in at \$1.29 this year, *Goldsmith Fuel* works fine for me. They're the folks who came to fix a malfunctioning switch on Christmas Eve a few years back, and never posted a service charge. They were tolerant when health problems made me a 'slow pay,' and are always eager to lend a hand when my antiquated furnace gets out of sorts.

CATERING

Why cook? With *Wilson's Deli*, *Peter's Market*, *Lighthouse Deli*, *Richard's*, *Cohen's Bakery*, *Il Paradiso*, and *Guzman's Bakery*, save yourself the trouble. For years I'd passed off *Peter's* coleslaw as my own, until my little friend Louis knowingly quipped 'Bove, your coleslaw tastes just like my Grandma's'. Not one to argue with his discerning palate, I did what any self-respecting cook would do: started passing off *Wilson's* coleslaw as my own. I used *Wilson's* to cater my son's graduation picnic, a good plan in light of the 100-degree weather we had that year. I'm a good cook, but their meatballs are better than mine. Chef Rettenmaier of *Richard's* has catered a number of functions I've attended, and I've just discovered some excellent South American food at *Guzman's*. A porchful of hungry teenagers?? Three or four pies from *Il Paradiso*, or a giant sub from the *Lighthouse* work just fine! And don't get me started on *Cohen's* raisin pumpernickel. Again, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

MEDICAL SERVICES

My favorite doc, who wishes to remain anonymous, has orchestrated my health care for years now. When I needed referrals to specialists, they were there, as if by magic. Narcissist that I am, I almost believed these doctors were brought in for my own personal attention. Well, come to find out, expert medical care is available, for anyone in need, right here in the Town of Wawarsing.. I often hear people say if they need specialized health care they're going to Westchester (Medical Center), Albany (Medical Center) or the city. Why bother? The doctor who treats you there may well be the same one who consults locally at *Ellenville Regional Hospital*, or works at *Family Practice of Ellenville*. The hospital's current outpatient →

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