


Our Back Yard

by Elliott Auerbach, Village Manager, Ellenville

To Protect, Serve, and Comfort

Winter would not let go as Friday, April 4th slowly gave way to Saturday. A late evening rain shower manifested itself into a pre-dawn snow and ice storm that left a treacherous coating atop the soaked streets of Ellenville. Sergeant Jeff Van Aslet and Patrolman Chris Spylios were winding up an extremely busy eight-hour tour as they recounted the events of their midnight to 8:00 AM stint and put the finishing touches on their reports.

Their "A Line" shift was consumed with a vehicle rollover, an apprehension of a drunk driver, and an arrest for endangering the welfare of a minor. Both cops looked forward to completing the myriad of paperwork and heading home in less than twenty minutes. Then the station's phone rang. It was a grandmotherly voice on the other end of the line that pleaded for help. She explained that her feeble octogenarian husband had fallen while getting up out of bed and she was unable to help him up. She dialed the familiar seven-digit number to the *Ellenville Police Department* and requested assistance.

Without hesitation, the policemen reached for their jackets and portables and responded to the call only a few blocks from the station. Within minutes, they returned the elderly gentleman to his bed, comforted his wife, and returned to the station to complete the procedural details of the shift. Just another day in the life of two community-minded cops who took an oath to protect and serve... and provide comfort to a very thankful elderly couple. 

Changes to Village Walk Schedule

Following April walks to **Edwards Place** and **Spring & Hickory Streets**, the Ellenville Village Board will continue its neighborhood walks throughout the Village, but with a change in the schedule.

Because of recent concerns from and about *Gillette Creamery*, the May 10 walk will be on **Lincoln Street & Backman Avenue**, and the walk from **Center Street at Church Street** will be re-scheduled to July 12th.

The neighborhood walks will take place, weather permitting, at **5:00 PM** on the dates below, before the regular Village Board meetings.

- **May 10** **Lincoln Street & Backman Avenue**
 - **May 24** **Charles, Carl, Ira Streets; Penny Place**
 - **June 14** **Tuthill Avenue**
 - **June 28** **Yankee & Bartlett**
 - **July 12** **Center at Church St. East to Towpath**
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Ellenville Designates Village Engineer


The Village of Ellenville recently designated Barton & Loguidice, P.C. (B&L), Consulting Engineers, to provide a full range of municipal engineering services as their Village Engineer.

"We are extremely pleased with the confidence Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan and the trustees of the Village of Ellenville have entrusted upon B&L to fulfill the village's many needs," said Richard A. Straut, B&L's Vice President, Albany office manager, and Ellenville's primary point contact. "Our broad spectrum of in-house capabilities can address any engineering and planning issues that the village may face."

"Our top priorities will be to ensure that our infrastructure and services, such as water, sewer and highways, are safe and reliable," said Mayor Kaplan. "Then, as I've stated before, we need to work with Wawarsing Supervisor Jim Dolaway and his council members to focus on a joint village/town master plan for the future. The Village of Ellenville needs the cooperation from the Town of Wawarsing, and vice versa. Together, we can both prosper."

Barton & Loguidice, P.C., has been providing professional engineering services to municipalities throughout New York State for nearly 43 years. B&L's staff of over 125 professionals offers services in many areas, including wastewater management, water supply, facilities engineering, solid waste management, environmental services, transportation engineering, land planning, and site design.

"The Mid-Hudson Valley is experiencing unparalleled growth, and it's paramount to the Village of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing to make sure that we're part of the region's resurgence," Mayor Kaplan said. "We're excited to have B&L on board and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship."

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