

Events

High Strung Community Orchestra Performs in Ellenville

The *High Strung Community Orchestra* will present a concert on **Sunday, June 6th at 5 PM** at *Congregation Ezrath Israel* in Ellenville, marking the start of a series of concerts at the synagogue. *Congregation Ezrath Israel* not only boasts a lovely room, the **Resnick Auditorium**, with a beautiful stage, but is conveniently located at **31 Center Street** and offers ample parking in the back.

The ever-growing 13-piece ensemble is comprised of amateur and budding young musicians ranging in age from 12 to 70 years. Works by Lasso, Baker, Grieg, Gspann, and Handel will be featured. While the musicians are working very hard to prepare for the program, there's lots of laughter during the rehearsals and the participants are clearly attempting to have a good time. "Working towards an actual performance is an essential part of good musical training," says Anastasia Solberg, who coaches the group, and who is founder of the nonprofit Music Institute of Sullivan and Ulster Counties (MISU). Suggested donation of \$10 will benefit MISU.

For more information call: **647-5087** or **647-4450**. ✨

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WAGS' Spring 2004 Rabies Vaccination Clinic was a HUGE success: 103 cats & dogs were inoculated

Proceeds from this clinic will enable us to spay/neuter an additional 20 cats as part of our local spay/neuter program.

"Thank You" Dr. Hartelius and Sally Posner of *Rondout Valley Veterinary Associates*, Kerhonkson and Sue Clarke, our local cat lady extraordinaire, for assisting in the success of this clinic and "Thank You" to all who brought your animal friends.

Further to the *Blueberry Festival*, the *Committee*, of which I am Co-Chair, would like to include a "Farmers' Market" area as part of the daylong celebration. So, farm-stands, produce vendors, and nurseries... if you'd like to be a part of this hugely successful event, please contact Dianne Turner at **647-4700**, or John Adams at **647-5626**.

We ARE going to have the "ART at the FESTIVAL" this year. Artist Judy Sigunick of Cragmoor is our volunteer co-ordinator (e-mail pjsigunick@yahoo.com or phone is 647-8299). She comes to us with a lot of enthusiasm, knowledge, and contacts in the art community.

The host site is to be the downstairs **Community Room** of the *United Methodist Church of Ellenville* at **83 Canal Street**. Thank you to Rev. Louise Thomas and her congregation! I'm now devising a registration form for entries that will soon be posted on the Chamber website, along with the vendor registration form.

We are still accepting vendors for the street fair, food vendors, and entertainment for the kids. We also welcome volunteers to assist with tasks to pull this all together. I keep saying, "This Festival is all about community... our community."

WAGS is having its 10th anniversary June 1st; we want to thank all our patrons, who help keep us in business! ✨

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