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\*\*\*\*Locations in bold are "anchor locations" in the zone

# From the Editor

*"We're in the money, we're in the money;  
We've got a lot of what it takes to get along!"*  
— lyrics by Al Dubin from the film "Gold Diggers of 1933"

With July Fourth at hand, let's consider what a Day devoted to Independence should celebrate and strive for. (Historians still debate whether the holiday should be on July 4<sup>th</sup> or, as John Adams claimed, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is the day in 1776 that Congress actually passed an effective resolution of independence.) Sure, there's the political independence that comes with sovereignty (a word much in the news of late) and "diffolving the political bands" that bound one country with another. Such independence is primarily a construct in the mind, a sense of allegiance to one body politic, and non-compliance with any other political entity.

Although this desire for political and national independence is strong and a motivating factor (and, if you read the Declaration of 1776, you will note that NO single nation was created then; *thirteen* colonies simply *declared themselves* thirteen "Free and Independent States" or nations – and THAT wasn't even accomplished in FACT until the Revolutionary War was won and the Treaty of Paris signed in 1783! They were an alliance of the "thirteen united States" and *not yet* "THE United States"! It wasn't until the Constitution was ratified on June 21, 1788 that a *single* nation was formed, and one might consider THAT day as the actual birthday of the United States of America!), the greatest impetus for action was *economic!*

More than merely throwing off the mild shackles of the British Crown, many, more passionately, wanted to prevent the mercantile British East India Company, one of the most powerful commercial enterprises of its time (the Wal-Mart/ Microsoft/Enron of its day; our red & white striped flag is actually derived from theirs!) from creating the same economic dependence in America as they had wreaked in India. As Americans were major importers of Indian tea, the trade monopoly that *was* the East India Company pressured Parliament to pass the despised Tea Act of 1773 in order to have greater autonomous control of American tea trade... which triggered the Boston Tea Party, which led to Lexington & Concord, which sparked the Revolution, and led to the Declaration of Independence, and the rest, as they say, is History!

Jump to around 1940. A film called "Ellenville on Parade," funded by local businesses, and shown in the *Shadowland Theatre*, reminded residents (every few minutes!) that local businesses paid over 60% of the local taxes that supported the services they desired. Therefore, it was one's patriotic duty to support local businesses, as "the mail order catalog company, and the big chain store" will not come to help when the fire brigade needs a new truck, or the school needs a new roof, or the roads need paving!

Lesson for July 4, 2004: when you spend *your local money* in "local" businesses *not* owned by neighbors who *live* here, only 3% stays IN the community; *that's* neo-colonialism! But money spent in *locally-owned* stores and businesses keeps fully 45% in our community, where it will be spent in more local stores, including, perhaps, *yours*, and help pay for the services we all desire without having to borrow, beg, or owe... or be at the *economic* mercy of *today's* East India Company equivalent! Now *that's* Independence!



**Cover: Music in the Square, Liberty Square, Ellenville, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, USA.** What says "Summer in the Country" like an outdoors evening concert? From a 2003 photo, "Swing Shift" plays Big Band music from the **Hunt Building**. *Swing Shift* is one of four musical groups performing this year. July is Music in the Square Month in Ellenville; details on page 4.

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