

## Historic Preservation Law Adopted

With the stated intent of protecting, enhancing and perpetuating landmarks and historic districts within the Village of Ellenville, the Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved *Chapter 127, Historic Preservation*, as part of its local laws at the June 14, 2004, meeting.

Chapter 127 creates a commission to be known as the *Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Ellenville*, to consist of five members to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Village Board of Trustees. Consideration shall be given to balancing representation to incorporate expertise and interest in different areas of historic preservation. Commission members shall serve three-year terms, except for the initial commission, which shall have one one-year term and two two-year terms.

Duties of the *Commission* include establishment of rules and regulations necessary for the conduct of its business, adoption of criteria, provisions for surveys, and designation of identified structures or resources, among others. The entire text of *Chapter 127* can be read at <http://www.wawarsing.org/elv/HistPresFinal.htm>

Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan announced that applications for membership on the *Commission* would be accepted until July 15<sup>th</sup>. Prospective members should apply in writing to Mayor Kaplan, *Village of Ellenville Municipal Building*, and should enumerate their background, interests, and the area of expertise that would qualify them for *Commission* service.

*Chapter 127, Historic Preservation* will be effective after it has been filed with New York's Secretary of State. Applicants for *Commission* membership should read the law prior to applying for membership, so they have a clear picture of the intent and scope of its historic preservation processes. ☆

## New Youth Court Sworn In

by Charles J. Dechon,  
Ellenville Youth Court Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that the fourth class of the *Ellenville Youth Court* was sworn in on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, during the Village of Ellenville Board meeting at the *Ellenville High School*. The new members were introduced to the Village Board, after which Mayor Kaplan issued the "Oath of Office" to our newest Youth Court members:

1. Joshua Avery, Freshman
2. Melanie Bittencourth, Freshman
3. Vanessa Bollin, Freshman
4. Frankie Brown, Senior
5. Stephen Dechon, Freshman
6. Steven Figueroa, Senior
7. Chalen Ford, Freshman
8. Christopher Hufnagel, Senior
9. Sarah Hufnagel, Freshman
10. Sarah Minuck, Freshman
11. Abner Rivera, Freshman
12. Duane Smith, Sophomore
13. Jordan Torres, Freshman

All of these young adults are students at *Ellenville*



The new *Ellenville Youth Court* members, standing from left to right: Abner Rivera; Vanessa Bollin; Stephen Dechon; Chalen Ford; Jordan Torres; Josh Avery; Frankie Brown; Melanie Bittencourth; Sarah Minuck; Steven Figueroa; Sarah Hufnagel; Duane Smith. Kneeling, Youth Court Coordinator Charles J. Dechon. Christopher Hufnagel is missing from the picture.

*High School*. Each *Youth Court* member has completed an intensive course in the origins of law, the American criminal justice system, and the operation of a youth court. Their commitment to their community and the *Ellenville Youth Court* is commendable and will hopefully inspire other youths to make a difference in their communities. ☆

## Summer Recreation Program

Registration for the 2004 *Ellenville Summer Recreation Program* (which is free, and open to children ages 5 through 12 who are enrolled in the Ellenville School District), will be held Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> at the *Ellenville Middle School Cafeteria*, 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to register

The *Ellenville Summer Recreation Program* begins on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and ends on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The daily program begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. A variety of activities will be available, including swimming, sports, arts & crafts, and field trips. Breakfast and lunch will be served. The program is under the direction of John Burns. ☆

## CWC Grant to AAMA

The *Catskill Watershed Corporation's (CWC)* Cultural/Not-For-Profit Grant has been awarded to the Village Of Ellenville to strategically plan for culturally-based economic development.

With a focus toward "investing in the Catskills future," the *CWC* recognized the efforts of Ellenville's *African American Men's Association (AAMA)* and the positive foundation they have built for the youth of the Village. Quietly, the *AAMA* has been involved in mentoring children, helping with job skills training, providing cultural programming, and keeping kids out of trouble.

The *CWC* grant in the amount of \$4887.50 will supplement a \$7000 local initiative grant from Assembly Member Kevin Cahill (*101st Assembly District*). The grants will be used to enable the Village to engage TRANSART and Cultural Services Inc. to facilitate a strategic plan in order to continue *AAMA* organizational viability and vibrancy.

The application was made under the direction of Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan and designed and written by Shingebiss Associates, Inc of New Paltz. ☆