

# Village Views

## Resnick Park & Baker Mural Dedicated

The Mayor and Board of the Village of Ellenville invited the public to join them on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004, at the Village Park at the corner of **Main and Canal Streets** for a brief ceremony to dedicate the Park as the **Mildred & Louis Resnick Park** in their honor, and officially unveil Roger Baker's new mural on the wall of the old *Ellenville National Bank* building (*bottom right*).

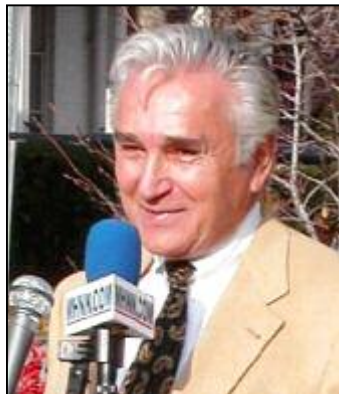


Upwards of 60 persons enjoyed the mild weather, and admired the mural while waiting for the ceremonies to begin (*photo above*).

Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan (*below*) welcomed and greeted the assembled guests, which included numerous public officials and private citizens, many making it their special business to attend as their way of thanking the Resnicks for their many contributions to the community over the years. Among those speaking were US Congressman Maurice Hinchey (*below*), who recalled his early and continued association with the Resnick family starting



with work on Joseph Resnick's congressional campaign in 1964; NY Assemblyman Kevin Cahill (*below*), who noted that this was one of the busiest corners in Ulster County,



and revealed his particular fondness for old, analog clocks, such as the one provided to the Park by *Provident Bank*, as they remind you not just of the present moment, but also where you've been and where you will be; Village Manager Elliott Auerbach (*top right*), who called the



new mural an "autograph" for the community; artist-in-residence Roger Baker (*below*), whose five-panel mural combines iconic views of the area with an iconoclastic and fanciful blending of past and



present elements; and Myrna Jargowsky (*below*), who spoke on behalf of her parents and the Resnick family.

Mildred Resnick (*below*), making her first public appearance since a recent hospitalization, was clearly overwhelmed with emotion as the plaque bearing the Park's new name was uncovered. The large "Shawangunk grit" conglomerate stone on which the plaque is affixed was personally selected by Baker and brought down the mountain by members of the *Ellenville Street Dept.*, who also provided cider and donuts for the crowd. 🌿

