

Good Works

Family of Ellenville Fundraiser

Family of Ellenville will be holding its first outdoor penny social fundraiser on **August 6th**, in the shady backyard at **221 Canal Street**. It will offer the usual variety of high-quality items as our past indoor penny socials, as well as a barbecue and music. Gates open at **3 PM** with the calling beginning at **5 PM**. Festivities end at dusk. For more information call Lisa or Delores at **647-2443**.

Family of Ellenville staff will also be baking up a blueberry storm for the **Blueberry Festival**. About a dozen different bakers will be creating blueberry pound cakes, blueberry muffins, blueberry cobblers, blueberry pies, and maybe blueberry cookies. Another group of staff will be participating in the **Health Fair** section, distributing small sample cups of plain blueberries. ✨

Aquatics Facility Planned

Valley Community Aquatics, Inc. is a newly-formed New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation that needs your help in the creation of a very ambitious project. We were formed in Kerhonkson to build and run a year-round aquatics facility in the Rochester/Wawarsing Area to benefit all of our communities.

Our facility will have a 50-meter long, 25-yard wide competitive pool with a diving well. At the opposite end, we will have a lift floor for easy access for our elderly, handicapped, and young swimmers. This pool will also have a maxi-wave system for rough water training. The pool will be used for swimming lessons, swim teams, lap swimming, kayak lessons, lifeguard training, scuba training, diving, competitive meets, swim parties, open recreation, water polo, aqua-aerobics, and much more. We will also have a smaller 30' x 50' pool with a lift floor, which will be kept at a warmer temperature than the big pool for lessons, aqua-aerobics, recreation, therapy, and other programs.

We also will have some funds available to aid those families who don't have the means to pay for programming.

Our facility will add 20-30 jobs to our valley. We will aid existing businesses with our competitive meets; USA invitational meets are 3-day events and bring up to 300 families to the area. We will be inviting teams from as far away as Albany and Long Island. All of these people will need places to stay and eat. Many people who come may want to come again to visit our beautiful valley on vacation. If you would like to help, contact us at: **Valley Community Aquatics, Inc., PO Box 730, Kerhonkson, NY 12446**.

Please take time to fill out our online survey at www.vcaswim.freehomepage.com. ✨

Gus Macker Basketball Presentation

The **Ellenville/Wawarsing Youth Commission** has tentatively scheduled a preliminary public presentation to the community on **September 8th**, at **6:00 PM** at the **Ellenville Central School**, to explain the benefits and scope of Ellenville hosting a Gus Macker Basketball tournament in July 2006. The potential is for hundreds of teams and thousands of visitors coming from all over New York State to participate in and watch this very popular 3-on-3 basketball tourney (www.macker.com) while local non-profit groups benefit from proceeds raised, and businesses and the community benefit from the publicity and many visitors.

Although the **EWYC** is acting as lead agency, local volunteers and sponsors will be needed to round out the committees and make this a success, as well as the cooperation of local municipal governments, hence the reason for holding this preliminary meeting. ✨

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