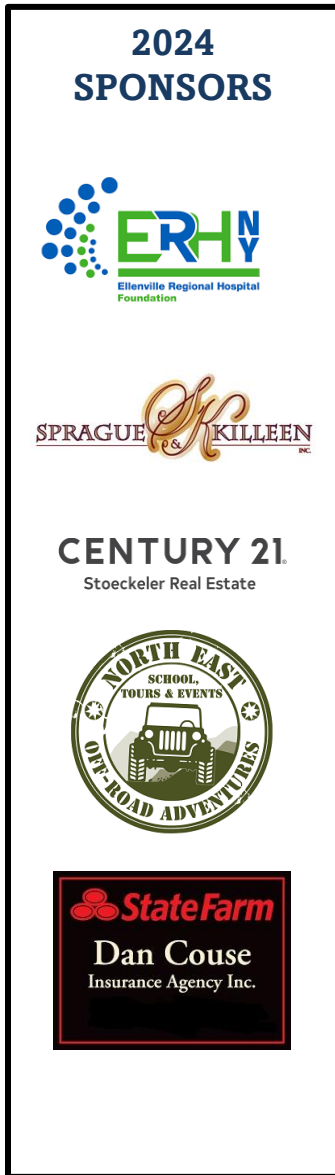


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Mission Statement

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Welcome to the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce!

On behalf of the officers, directors and members of the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, we welcome you and are glad that you have chosen to become an active member of our organization.

To assist you in becoming more familiar with the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, its operation and activities, we present you with this folder, complete with informative data for your review.

Included in this packet is a copy of our By-Laws, a copy of our most recent membership brochure, and information about our “world famous” Blueberry Festival.

There is also a membership application that you can pass along to another business that might be interested in joining the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce.

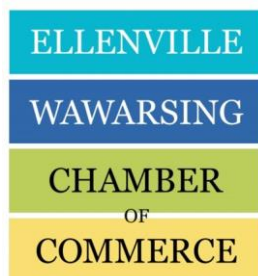
You are now a member of the area’s premier business organization, dedicated, as stated in our Mission Statement, “to promote economic development, tourism, community betterment, legislative action and an interest in public affairs, with programs designed to make the community a better place in which to live and make a living”.

Again, welcome! We’re glad that you have joined us!

Sincerely,

2024 Board of Directors

*Susan Trager • Kristen Osterhoudt • Elena Holy • Dan Couse
Joe Stoeckeler • Scott Trager • Laura Villegas • Harry Patel • Lynn Churchill*



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WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

What's in it for me?

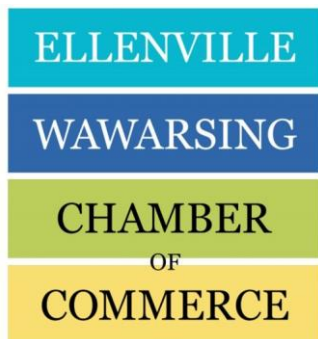
When you join the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, a door is opened to some robust (and often unique) membership benefits designed to promote your business. They include:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony for new businesses (or relocated businesses).
- The opportunity to advertise your business in our Visitor & Relocation Guide which distributes over 10,000 copies annually.
- Individual webpage (linked from the chamber's main website) which lists your business' information with uploaded pictures, etc. and, if you already have a website, a link to it or other social media.
- A mobile app is available for both Apple and Android users to interact with the chamber and create an opportunity to promote your business via one-time E-coupons, etc.
- The Chamber maintains social media pages where sponsors and participants are listed and promoted.
- A community calendar is located on the Chamber's website to list and promote your events.
- Reduced cost for Chamber-sponsored events, such as the annual Blueberry Festival.
- Help in interaction with local governmental agencies, i.e., Village of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing.
- Opportunity to further showcase your business through sponsorship of our public events.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors these public events to help promote local businesses:

Blueberry Festival (August) Harvest Festival (October) Wawarsing Wassail (December)

Your participation in the Chamber of Commerce and the various activities will help to promote the Ellenville-Wawarsing area as a great place to live, work, and operate a business.



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- MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION -

☐ RENEWAL

☐ NEW

Date _____

☐ JOINT EWCOC / RVBA (Rondout Valley Business Association)

Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone 1: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Email: (Please PRINT clearly): _____

Your Business Website address: _____

Please print a brief Description of your Business/Service: _____

2023 ANNUAL ROLLING MEMBERSHIP

☐ Business Membership: \$75.00

☐ Individual Membership: \$50.00

☐ Non-Profit Membership: \$50.00 *(include a copy of your tax-exempt certificate)*

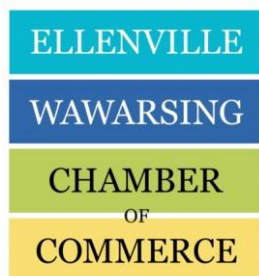
☐ Joint Membership: \$150.00 **(EWCOC & RVBA)**

Membership in the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce (EWCOC) is an investment in the future of our area. Even a little of your time and talent means a lot to us!

Please check your Interests: ☐ Membership ☐ Community Calendar ☐ Harvest Festival

☐ Blueberry Festival ☐ Wawarsing Wassail ☐ Other _____

***EWCOC thanks you in advance for your commitment and appreciates your support!
Welcome!***



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STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATION/CALENDAR CLUB:

Getting the word out about any event is key to its success! Morning meetings happen at Cohen's 4-6 times per year to promote and publicize events of the many Ellenville Wawarsing organizations and businesses.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

This annual event takes place on the 2nd Saturday in August. It is the major event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Planning includes hiring bands, outreach to vendors, and helping to make the event a pleasant and successful experience for all.

MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP/ANNUAL MIXER

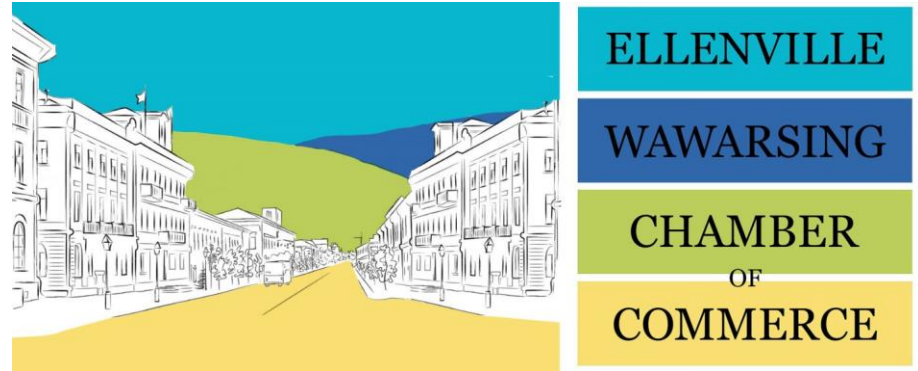
Working with the Chamber Office Admin, members of this committee reach out to both existing and potential members, discussing concerns and in general offering support and encouragement to business owners. Ribbon cuttings for new businesses are within the purview of this committee. Handles the coordination of the annual membership mixer and helps to plan and advertise the event, seek sponsorship, and assist in selection of the venue.

WAWARSING WASSAIL

This annual event takes place the first weekend of December and includes events such as the Jeremy Peters Memorial Electric Fire Truck Parade, Holiday Market and the tree and menorah lightings.

HARVEST FESTIVAL/FALL COUPONS

This new annual event takes place on Indigenous/Columbus Day weekend. A true community festival with participation from the Shawangunk Garden Club, COFFE, etc. to benefit all the businesses and organizations in the community.



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By-Laws

Revised 1/6/2024

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the “Chamber”, and shall be incorporated under the membership corporation law of the State of New York.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. It is the purpose of the Chamber to promote economic development, tourism, community betterment, Legislative action and an interest in public affairs, with programs designed to make the community a better place in which to live and make a living.
2. The primary area of service shall include all of the Town of Wawarsing, although membership by those outside the primary area will be welcomed.
3. The foregoing shall not be construed to infringe on the rights, prerogatives or interests of any other local Chamber of Commerce or merchants or trade association within the designated area, as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties concerned.

ARTICLE III - LIMITATIONS OF METHODS

1. The Chamber, as an organization, shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian and shall take no part in or lend its influence or facilities, either directly or indirectly, to the nomination, election or appointment of any candidate for office in village, town, city, county, state or nation; nor shall any meetings of a political nature whatsoever be held within the premises occupied by or under the control of the Chamber.
2. The Chamber shall observe all local, state and federal laws which apply to a non-profit organization as defined in section 501(C)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

1. All persons, associations, firms and corporations interested in the general welfare and prosperity of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing shall be eligible for membership in the Chamber. Membership applications shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors or its designee. Membership shall not be denied based upon race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, age, disability, marital status, or familial status.

2. The basic annual schedule of membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors as is deemed necessary to effect the programs of the organization.
3. Membership dues are payable immediately upon joining the Chamber. Memberships will expire the following year on the anniversary join month.
4. A member in good standing (defined in Article IV-1) and with dues paid for the current year, shall be entitled to one vote in the annual election of the Chamber and in any other special vote.
5. Any member failing to maintain paid-up status shall not be entitled to vote. If the annual dues remain unpaid after 11 months, the member will be dropped from the rolls of the Chamber.
6. The Board of Directors shall have the option, by a two-thirds vote, to drop any member from the rolls for good/and/sufficient reason. Before any member is dropped from the rolls of the Chamber, that member shall have the opportunity for a hearing before the Board of Directors. In the event that the Board of Directors shall expel a member, all dues paid shall be forfeited.
7. Any person deemed worthy, upon being approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, may be admitted to honorary membership and shall be exempt from the payment of dues. Such membership shall be a non-voting membership.

ARTICLE V – GOVERNMENT

1. The government of the Chamber shall be vested in a Board of Directors comprised of nine (9) members elected from the membership of the Chamber. The Immediate Past President may serve as a non-voting advisor to the Board. The Directors shall hold office for terms of three (3) years, with three (3) Directors being elected each year.
2. The official year of the Chamber shall be the calendar year from January 1 to December 31.
3. The President shall appoint a three (3) member Nominating Committee from the general membership or from the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the September meeting of the Board of Directors and shall present a full

slate of nominees, as set forth in Article V.1, for the office of Director, no later than the October meeting of the Board of Directors. Within 14 days of that report, the Chairman will instruct the Executive Secretary to distribute the ballots to the membership. Ballots will be distributed as determined by the Board and shall include paper or electronic balloting. The results of such balloting shall be presented to the Board of Directors no later than the date of the November meeting of the Board.

4. Upon acceptance of the results of the ballots by the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee (Article V-3) shall meet to present a slate of officers to the Board of Directors for action. The slate of officers shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the December meeting. The new Board members will be invited to be present at the December meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. Only members in good standing for at least one full calendar year preceding the election shall be eligible to serve in any elected or appointed capacity.

6. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by an appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Such appointment shall be for the unexpired term of the Director who is replaced.

7. At the January meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board shall elect a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. A President may succeed himself/herself twice. He/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

8. All officers shall assume their duties immediately upon election and shall serve for one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

9. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the employment of an Executive Secretary.

10. In general, the Executive Secretary will be directly responsible to the President. The full scope and duties of the position shall be outlined in a written job description approved by the Board of Directors, which shall be subject to review and revision at least annually or as deemed necessary.

11. The duties of the Officers shall be such as general usage would indicate by the title of the Officers as required by law and as may be assigned to them respectively by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Vice President assumes the duties of the President in his/her absence.

12. A member of the Board of Directors may serve a maximum of six consecutive years, two (2) three-year terms. Each member of the Board of Directors is entitled to one vote.

13. Any member in good standing has the right to petition the Board of Directors to reconsider a position taken on a specific subject. Should the Board, after review, determine that the prior decision shall stand, said member has the right to request that the Board of Directors submit the issue to the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The will of a simple majority of the membership present and voting at that meeting shall prevail.

14. Any Director absent from three (3) consecutive meetings within a given year, without a reasonable excuse, shall be considered to have resigned from the Board of Directors. The Secretary will be instructed to so notify the Director in writing that his/her office as Director will be declared vacant and a successor named to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

1. The President, with the counsel of the Board of Directors, shall establish a committee structure essential to implement the program of the Chamber. The President shall appoint chairpersons, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors may authorize and define the powers and duties of any committee.

3. Finances: No committee has the right to commit any expenditure without specific approval by the Board of Directors, unless said committee has been issued an appropriation by the Board of Directors in advance.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

1. Meetings of the membership of the Chamber shall be annually, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The time and place of the meeting shall be publicized at least one week prior to the date of such meeting.

2. Meetings of the members may be held at such other times as the President or Board of Directors may determine, or upon written request of ten (10) members in good standing. such request shall indicate the purpose for which the meeting is to be called.

3. At all meetings of the members, a minimum of ten (10) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.
4. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly, at a time, date and location to be determined by the Board.
5. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, or by any three (3) Directors by issuing a call to each Director, stating the purpose of the meeting, not less than 48 hours/2 days prior to the meeting.
6. At all meetings of Directors, a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
7. At all meetings of Chamber committees, a majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.
8. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order. All meetings shall be led by the President, or the Vice President in his/her absence.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES

1. The Treasurer shall submit monthly financial reports to the Board of Directors, with a complete annual report within thirty (30) days of a close of a year. Monthly financial reports shall be a complete reporting of income and disbursements, with balances, of the preceding month's financial activities. The annual report shall categorize both income and disbursements and shall serve as a general outline for the ensuing year's financial plan.
2. No obligations or expenses shall be incurred, nor money appropriated or paid out of the general fund, except in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the membership corporation law of the State of New York to purchase, hold, sell, mortgage, or lease real property, incur debts, borrow money giving notes of the Corporation signed by the President and Treasurer when duly authorized by said Board, and enter into contracts of any kind in harmony with the purposes of this organization. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors shall be required in order to borrow money.
3. All disbursements shall be made by check. Checks and/or withdrawal forms shall be signed by designated signatories agreed upon by the Board of Directors. Exceptions may be made for automatic deductions of tax payments by the Chamber's accountants, upon prior blanket approval by the Board of Directors.

4. The Board of Directors has the right to call for an independent audit at any time for any reason.
5. The fiscal year shall be January – December 31.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of members in good standing present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose, as long as there are at least ten (10) members present at the meeting and provided that proposed amendments, alterations, provisions to be repealed or revisions in toto shall be plainly stated in the call for the meeting at which they are to be considered.
2. Notice of meetings at which amendments, alterations, or provisions are to be considered must be given at least ten (10) days prior to the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

The Chamber shall use its funds only to accomplish the objects and purposes specified in these By-Laws, and no part of said funds shall inure, or be distributed, to the members of the Chamber. On dissolution of the Chamber, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific, or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors.

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