

Ellicottville

By Daniel Meyer

With year-round outdoor recreation opportunities, the comfortable charm of a close-knit community and scenic beauty for as far as the eye can see, Ellicottville is one of Western New York's most desirable destinations in which to live, work, and visit. Entrepreneurs who operate in the region are extremely optimistic about Ellicottville's economic forecast. "Ellicottville is wonderful and represents that perfect place in which many people wish they could live," says Jane Eshbaugh of the Tamarack Club. "I think the people who do live here really enjoy it and those who visit wish they could reside here all year long. There is just so much optimism here. Ellicottville is where you go to have fun, and from the looks and

sounds of things, the fun is going to continue for the foreseeable future and only lead to more great things."

As a construction leader in Ellicottville, Timberbuilt helps to define the region's landscape thanks to nineteen homes, six residential projects, and three commercial buildings. Recognized and awarded as a designer of stunning, environmentally friendly timber-frame homes, Timberbuilt began its love affair with Ellicottville in the mid-1990s. With the construction of timber-frame signature homes came praise of the structures due to their architectural design, impressing residents and tourists alike. Timberbuilt significantly expanded their Ellicottville client base in 2006 with the construction of four-unit

townhouse complexes at the foot of Holimont Ski Resort, with each structure representing picture-perfect getaway homes for all four seasons. From that point Timberbuilt evolved to one of the crown jewels in their commercial renovation and design business. The praise for The Ellicottville Brewing Company comes from those impressed with the massive 8,000-square-foot timber frame project, which took one year from design through construction. The structure includes a dining space, a German beer garden, and a beer house that has gained world-renowned praise. While Ellicottville has served as one of Timberbuilt's prime building locations for more than twenty years, the company has continued to expand its

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market across the country and into Canada. Their connection with the Southern Tier community promises to remain strong thanks to Timberbuilt's latest Ellicottville project, Sommerville Valley. Set on eighty-five acres outside of the village, Sommerville Valley is a community of five-acre building lots featuring timber homes strategically nestled within sixty acres of common wild-life area to be used for skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, mountain biking, and other outdoor winter activities. Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino is located approximately twenty minutes away from the heart of Ellicottville. The facility has expanded over the years, giving visitors to the region the opportunity to enhance their trip to the area by visiting nearby Salamanca for a very intimate experience that offers superior customer service and excellent entertainment options in a beautiful and quiet setting. The twenty-four-hour casino has more than three million visitors each year who are attracted to a rich diversity of fine-dining options, luxurious award-winning hotel rooms, a full-service salon and spa, well-renowned world-class entertainment, 2,000 of the latest slot machines, and

over thirty action-packed table games. The favorable economic conditions for a region that continues to thrive makes Ellicottville highly desirable for entrepreneurs. "The local residents appreciate, respect and continually support the many different businesses in Ellicottville," says Eshbaugh. "Their existence is one of the main reasons why they live here. The unique stores, award-winning restaurants, and the many festivals and social activities that take place throughout the year keep the year-round residents here and bring thousands of visitors to our community." Labeling Ellicottville as a home away from home is an understatement for many of the repeat visitors. "The people are really genuine here and that definitely attracts people to Ellicottville," says Eshbaugh. "There really is no other place like it and that is what causes first-time visitors to return year after year." The community as a whole has a shared philosophy and vision for their region. Because most of the existing small business owners understand their success will help contribute to improved marketing of Ellicottville, they promote one another and highlight the many year-round

recreation opportunities that are available to residents and visitors. "There are so many fun things to do here," says Eshbaugh. "Most everyone knows we are a four-season community and just a tremendous place to come and relax. The visitors who we are constantly welcoming make every day of work fun, interesting, and enjoyable. When you look at all of the recreational activities that are offered, especially now in the winter months, it really is not hard to see why Ellicottville is a truly awesome place to live, work, and play."

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