

# A VIEW OF THE FALLS

## Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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Dear Friends;

As 2010 winds down and 2011 begins, I'd like to take a moment to wish all of you a very happy, safe and prosperous New Year. While our economy has been difficult at best our community continues to move forward and positive growth is on the horizon.

Certainly, we struggle like most communities with a few empty storefronts and we hope to see this change, but in actuality we are doing quite well. While there are about seven open store fronts, there has been interest in businesses coming to our area and there are some in progress. We also have property owners renovating/expanding their properties such as the old Hair Designers building and Oppedisano's Bootery which look absolutely fantastic! We have had about 6 small businesses close in 2010 but at the same time six new businesses were started. I appreciate all those who are investing in our community.

You have all seen the rebirth of the facility that has housed a grocery store and various restaurants (most recently the Norton Grille) on West Main Street over the years. The new Flaherty's Three Flags restaurant will certainly have a positive impact on the community and I am confident it will provide another great place to dine and socialize; this should be open by early February and will bring people to our community.

Tractor Supply has been issued a permit and we expect them to begin building in early Spring 2011 on West Main Street and we believe another building will be added to the West Main Street project location near the current Honeoye Falls Eye Care and ABVI/Good Will drop off store.

KJT renovated the old "Mantagna" building on East Street next to the bridge and have started the Falls View Academy as well.

We will continue to struggle with the basic cost of doing business but I can tell you we are working hard to keep costs in line while still moving forward. I'm sure we'll do the same in 2011. I expect there to be a need to look very closely at all of the services we supply to our residents as we get into our budget process.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful volunteers that serve on our Emergency Services groups and on our various Village Boards/Committees. Our emergency services groups (fire & ambulance) continue to be a shining example of first rate service and we appreciate all they do. Our Village highway/DPW staff and office staff also do a fantastic job and are a credit to our community. I thank you all for your service and efforts.

As always, I encourage you to keep involved in our community, ask questions and be ready to offer support where needed. Please contact me at any time ([mayorvhf@frontiernet.net](mailto:mayorvhf@frontiernet.net)) and I'll be happy to respond.

Happy New Year!

Rick Milne  
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