

A VIEW OF THE FALLS

Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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Greetings from the Village Office;

Well, Mother Nature really teased us with nice weather this past Friday. Kids out riding bikes after school, people walking around the Village that certainly were not bundled up and a few more people out on the deck at "The Brewery" looking at the falls amazed that a week earlier it was all but frozen over. But Friday night into the weekend, we got slapped back to reality of the fact that we do live in Western NY State. The old saying "what a difference a day makes" never held so true.

The reality for the Village staff is that we're not quite ready to put the plows away yet, but like most of you, we're certainly ready for it. Those who enjoy the winter sports generally like the kind of snow and cold we've had this year, but I have to think that when that first real sign of spring comes; they have to be happy too!

I've had a couple people stop me lately and ask about our plowing procedures but more importantly, our sidewalk plowing. Most folk have generally commented how great a job our highway staff does (and I agree 100%). Most appreciate the fact that our sidewalks are plowed and kept fairly clean. But as the nice weather comes or we get a mid-winter thaw we see the sides of the sidewalk areas where the grass meets the walkway and some damage created by the plow. I, like the rest of you, have some of that damage at my residence as well.

The village highway staff does the best they can to mitigate damage during plowing events. Unfortunately, some damage is inevitable but we do our best to minimize it as well as repair damage each spring at our earliest opportunity. The biggest issues we have is when we get an early or late snow when the ground isn't fully frozen, this is when you see the most damage. The other time is when we have excessive snow and we get to a point that for safety reasons and to have the ability to plow, we have to widen our travel path.

Please understand that we are cognizant of this concern, we will do our best to minimize damage created by the sidewalk plow and as weather gets better get out and repair damage caused by our side-walk plow.

Regards,
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