

A VIEW OF THE FALLS

Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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Dear Residents,

As the holiday season comes upon us, we take time this week to give thanks for the many blessings we have. Not only do we live in the greatest nation on earth (but certainly with issues), we also live in a wonderful community with incredible people surrounding us.

I am thankful to have served as Mayor of this fine Village for the past 7+ years and as I complete the end of my 8th year I realize just how blessed I am. Not only do I have an incredible supporting family and friend base, but I work with some of the most wonderful hard-working people around.

Just a couple weeks ago, the East Coast was slammed by a "Super-Storm", the ravages this storm wrought will be felt for a long time. Our medical and fire volunteers were at the ready if needed and our local residents rose to the occasion with some 600+ coats and 400+ blankets that were collected by Bill and Gina Hurley and then delivered to the NY/NJ area. We always want to help, but the planning and support is always difficult on a national level like that. We should all be proud of what has been done and with what has been offered. If the call comes. . .we will be ready.

We have also shown support to a special group of people - our active service members and veterans. As has been reported, a volunteer group of residents from Lima, Honeoye Falls and Mendon with full support of all the municipal boards have created a "Home Town Hero's Banner" program which honors our local active service members. We continue to get requests from local families who have a family member serving and we are proud to make sure they get a banner as well. Kudos to the group that has worked on this program and I am especially happy that this group truly represents all of our communities of Mendon, Lima and Honeoye Falls - this is the type of community spirited project that makes our area special.

Our Village of Honeoye Falls Veteran's Memorial continues to develop and we look forward to the completion of Phase #1 with a special dedication around Memorial Day. Fund raising has gone well and brick sales continue to increase. Please look on the Village website and Facebook page for more information on these two great projects.

There continues to be an active group working on our Village Hall Revitalization project. This is certainly a long term project but well worth the time spent.

And lastly, the Village has awarded the John Steinmetz Planning Group to help coordinate and complete our Village Comprehensive Plan. While this has taken longer that I'd hoped to get moving, it's estimated that we should have this completed within 10 months and all our community members will be hearing and reading more about this in the upcoming weeks. Your involvement in the open forums and survey will be critical to its success and completion.

On behalf of the Village of Honeoye Falls staff and all our Boards, we wish you all a very happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Rick Milne
Mayor, Village of Honeoye Falls