

A VIEW OF THE FALLS

Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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Dear Residents,

October will be a busy month as there are a few activities around the Village and the Town. Please check the Village Calendar as details and times of these events will be posted. The annual Pumpkin Festival hosted by our local Girl Scouts at Harry Allen Park is slated for Saturday, October 19th and we have a very fun cemetery tour hosted by Village Historian Lynne Menz on the 26th of October. Also, The HF-M ROTARY Club will host its annual fall (Harvest Dinner) at the Rabbit Room on Friday, October 18th. All proceeds go directly to ROTARY International to support their community programs. Visit the [HF-M Rotary website](#) for more information.

Many have asked for an update on the status of the Public Hearing that could provide for restaurants with drive-thrus to be allowed in Honeoye Falls. To that, I offer the following information:

- The Public Hearing will be at the HFL District Auditorium at the HFL Middle School on 10-21-13 at 7:30 PM. (Actual Village Board meeting begins at 7:00 PM)
- The proposed code change is for the General Commercial (GC Zoning District) only. No other zoning districts are being discussed. This code change was made available for review on the Village Web-Site on 10-9-13. (www.villageofhoneoyefalls.org). A copy was also sent to the Sentinel newspaper and is available at the village office. This announcement was posted on our village Facebook page and an email blast has gone out as well.
- Contrary to some misinformation, the proposed hours of operation for business will not be 24-hr. It is proposed for 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM in the Code Change proposal.
- Protection for the residential districts is included that will not allow a restaurant with drive-thru to be directly adjacent to or across the street from a residential district. This also limits the number of sites that could host such a business.
- It is also proposed that there be a limit of two (2) restaurants with drive-thrus allowed in this district at any one time.

Amending our Zoning Districts has been discussed informally amongst the board for years, the General Commercial district is an obvious place for this type of development and in conjunction with the information provided through the Comprehensive Plan survey, and I believe changing this code at this time is appropriate. The Village Board realizes that the Comprehensive Plan must be completed in order to gain a stronger opportunity for municipal grants and to have an up-to-date vision plan. While there are some that do not believe this type of business is appropriate for our Village community, there are many that do. I firmly believe that we can allow this type of business into the Village providing a choice for those that do want it and yet still maintain the historic character of the Village Business district and our Village in general.

On another note, I will also ask the Village Board to consider changing the Code in the VB (Village Business) district to clearly **NOT** allow restaurants with drive-thrus. Currently these types of businesses are allowed. The (VB) district is our down-town core and it is my opinion that there are not appropriate sites for this type of a business to locate. With that, it will be suggested that we consider this change as well.

I have received many positive and negative comments about these topics and I appreciate your opinion and comment. (mayor@villageofhoneoyefalls.org)

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