

# A VIEW OF THE FALLS

## Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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Dear Residents,

Now halfway through the holiday season and the celebration that goes along with it, the Village of Honeoye Falls staff and various boards would like to wish all a very happy and safe New Year. As we ring in the new year, we think back to the year that 2013 was. From a village stand-point, 2013 was a difficult year. The loss of General Motors and the work done by those dedicated people was difficult, losing those people walking through the village and frequenting our businesses has been tough. The closing of Home Video was another long time business that had been a big part of our business community as well. (Thanks to Jamie and Jim for their long commitment to our community) But as always, our community is resilient and we work together to continue to move forward. Supporting efforts to bring small privately owned businesses to the village business district as well as continued development in the general commercial district is key to our continued village success. I look forward to these efforts continuing and to seeing positive growth and also to supporting the efforts to rejuvenate our village business district.

The Village highway/DPW staff has replaced a large portion of a sewer line on North Main Street which will enhance the system and help alleviate backups in the line. This project will be completed in the summer of 2014 after the school year is over. The final portion of the work will be affected by traffic flow and it's important to "time" this work around a lighter traffic period.

The Village began work on its comprehensive plan and a dedicated group of village residents and business people have worked very hard with the Steinmetz Planning Group on this effort. One public meeting has been held and at least two more are planned in the upcoming months. A date in February will be announced soon for the first public review of the efforts completed thus far. Completing this work and moving the comprehensive plan forward in 2014 is the goal. After this work is completed, there will be implementation items to consider and work on these will also be conducted by committees of local residents and business members interested in being involved in these projects.

Certainly there are many other projects that have been worked on that are not always seen and many others that will be part of our standard work schedule as the new year begins. I believe 2014 will be a great year for Honeoye Falls and I look forward to working with the Village Board, appointed boards as well as our many volunteers and supporters that donate their time and talents to the positive path forward in the Village of Honeoye Falls.

Again, we hope you all have a safe and happy New Year!

Rick Milne  
Mayor, Village of Honeoye Falls