

“Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2010 / Rochester Prays!”

Week of July 25, 2010 – Town of Mendon

“Community of Focus” Profile



The Hamlet of Mendon was first settled in the late 1700's and the Mendon Township was Established in 1813. The Town of Mendon is a community of over 8,300 located in southern Monroe County in the State of New York.

The Town of Mendon was originally part of Ontario County and was annexed to Monroe County when it was formed in 1821. Mendon was organized in 1813, and the first town meeting was held in April of that year, at the home of Thomas Ewer (later adjourned to his barn) at the corner of West Bloomfield and Cheese Factory Roads. The Honorable Timothy Barnard was elected Moderator.

Mendon most likely got its name from one of its early settlers, Caleb Taft, who came here from Mendon, Massachusetts. Most of the early settlers to Mendon came from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and from the eastern counties of New York State, where their prospects for existence were poor. Between 1792 and 1800, 26 families settled in Mendon, most of them near “Mendon village” or East Mendon, as it was called in early days.

By 1860, the Town of Mendon contained three hamlets, the village of Honeoye Falls and 23,000 acres of excellent farmland. Mendon contained two churches, a steam flouring mill, a steam sawmill, a foundry, and twenty houses. Mendon Center had a grist and saw mill and 15 houses and was an early Quaker settlement with choice land for farming. Sibleyville was a busy hamlet in the southwest part containing a sawmill, machine shop which manufactured carding machines, a foundry, water grist mill and saw mill which doubled as a cider mill in the fall, a woolen mill, cobblestone meeting house and about a dozen houses. Later on, about 1896, Rochester Junction became a hamlet with a railroad station, hotel and post office. Honeoye Falls was, and still is, the only village in the Town of Mendon. The population of the Town of Mendon in 2000, including Honeoye Falls is approximately 8,370 and embraces an area of approximately 39 square miles.

The Town of Mendon is a rural community in the Eastern Genesee Valley and Finger Lakes Regions of Upstate New York. Stretching along the Southeastern portion of Monroe County, Mendon boasts the county's highest elevations topping 1,028 feet above sea level. Mendon is well known for its history, scenic views and farmlands that are seemingly quilted into the rolling landscape. Like many rural communities, Agriculture remains Mendon's economic strength.

Government:

- **Town Supervisor: John D. Moffit**

- **Town Board:**

Mike Bickweat

Mark Cottle

Karla F. Boyce

Shari Stottler

- **County Legislator: 12th District – Jeff Adair**

Key Community Agencies / Entities: ADULT EDUCATION – HF-L Community Education Program, Mendon Child Care, Mothers’ Cooperative Child Care Association, Mendon Ponds Park, Creekside Nursery School, Mendon Community Nursery School, NURSERY SCHOOL -- St. John’s, Honeoye Falls-Mendon Senior Citizens Club.

Schools: Mendon is served by the Pittsford and Honeoye Falls-Lima Schools.

- **Pittsford schools:**

- Allen Creek Elementary
- Jefferson Road Elementary School
- Mendon Center Elementary
- Park Road Elementary
- Thornell Road Elementary
- Barker Road Middle School
- Calkins Road Middle School
- Pittsford Mendon High School
- Pittsford Sutherland High School

- **Honeoye Falls - Lima**

- Lima Primary School
- Manor School
- Middle School
- High School

Churches:

St, Catherine’s of Siena, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Mendon Presbyterian Church, Mendon Church, First Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, St. Paul of the Cross, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Edgewood Free Methodist Church.

Prayer Points

- **Pray that a spirit of intercession falls in the Town of Mendon.**
- **Pray for the key authority structures and spiritual leaders in this community - Pray for all pastors and government leaders. Pray for faith, wisdom and holiness in the leaders of this area.**
- **Pray for the church in this community to be empowered by God - Pray for the churches to arise in prayer, godliness, and spiritual strength. Pray that the Church becomes a light to the lost.**
- **Pray for the families & children and pray for the schools they attend.**
- **Pray for all of the key agencies, their funding, and the services they provide.**