

## Main Street Laundromat reopens, announces new ownership

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INDIAN ORCHARD – After a brief hiatus, the Main Street Laundromat, located at 95 Main St., in Indian Orchard, announced its reopening on April 3, under the new ownership of Tom Halgas.

The Monson native, who also runs a local vending business with his father, already knows a thing or two about the commercial laundry service business. Halgas has been in charge of installing the vending machinery inside the laundromat for the last two decades.

Earlier this year, when the previous owners, whom he described as good friends of his father's, announced their plans to sell, Halgas' entrepreneurial side kicked in, and he decided to take up ownership of the laundromat.

"This is a service business, and that's what I'm used to," he said. "I like to work with the people."

Halgas said he's been able to get to know the Laundromat staff well as their vendor for so many years. He said the laundromat has the "brightest and friendliest" atmosphere.

"People are very happy that we are reopened," Halgas said.

Located on a main street, Halgas said he is able to serve a diverse group of customers.

"We get families, truck drivers passing through here that know about us, and we get some seniors," he said.

Halgas said many of his customers also appreciate the cleanliness of the laundromat. In addition to the 26 washers



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available, Main Street Laundromat also offers a "wash, dry and fold" service.

Between running both businesses, Halgas said he tries to make it to the laundromat as much as possible but said at least one friendly staff member will always be available to attend to customers' needs.

Although branching out into other locations with the laundry service business sounds like a nice idea, Halgas said for now he plans to concentrate on his current location. He hopes plans for new machinery, more signage and word of mouth about the business will continue to bring in customers.

The laundromat will continue to be open daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information about the Main Street Laundromat, call (413) 543-9049.

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