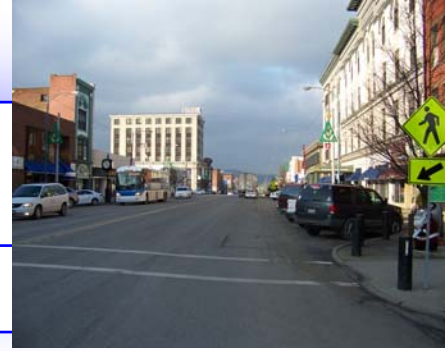


Community Update

A Bi-weekly News Report on the City of Olean
From the Desk of Mayor Linda Witte



2012-2013 budget on Feb. 7 agenda

Mayor Linda Witte has been diligently working with City Auditor Fred Saradin, as well as all Department Heads, on her 2012-2013 budget proposal. She will present it to the aldermen in the Common Council's February 7 committee work-session at 6:30 p.m.

"I think it will be a positive budget, I want it to be fiscally responsible and I don't want to become overzealous and put ourselves behind the 8-ball, as happened in the past," said Mayor Witte.

Under the existing deficit financing measures the NYS Comptroller's Office will review the plan over the next couple of weeks.

Also on that date the Strategic Planning Committee, under Chairman Ann McLaughlin (Ward 2) and Vice-Chairman Nate Smith (Ward 6), will review and update the 5-Year Capital Plan. Several issues currently under review will be the subject of a Power Point presentation.

The Youth & Recreation Committee, led by Chairman Tina Kamery (Ward 3) and Vice-Chairman Nate Smith (Ward 6) will discuss possible fees for weddings in Gargoyle Park.

Announcements:

City workers are collecting nonperishable food items for the Super Bowl Of Caring again this year, with donations destined for the Olean Food Pantry. Olean High School Senior Maria Skrobacz is the Olean Coordinator.

Mayor Witte welcomes Christian Dougherty to the Olean Youth Bureau Advisory Board as a student member representing Archbishop Walsh.

Check out the new photo murals in Applebee's Restaurant on West State Street. Many of these photos were snapped by Mayor Witte and also can be seen on her "Mayor's Community" web page of the city's website, www.cityofolean.org.



B'Nai Israel Temple

According to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation the B'Nai Israel Temple, at 127 South Barry St. in Olean, was listed January 4, 2012 on the National Register of Historic Places. The Temple is just one of several Olean properties listed on the National Register. Properties owned by municipalities and not-for-profit organizations can apply for state historic preservation matching grants. Owners of income-producing properties can qualify for federal income tax benefits.

Olean Theatre Workshop's Washington Street Theatre Celebrated 20 Years!



A large and enthusiastic crowd of Workshop participants gathered in the Theatre January 20, 2012 to celebrate the occasion.

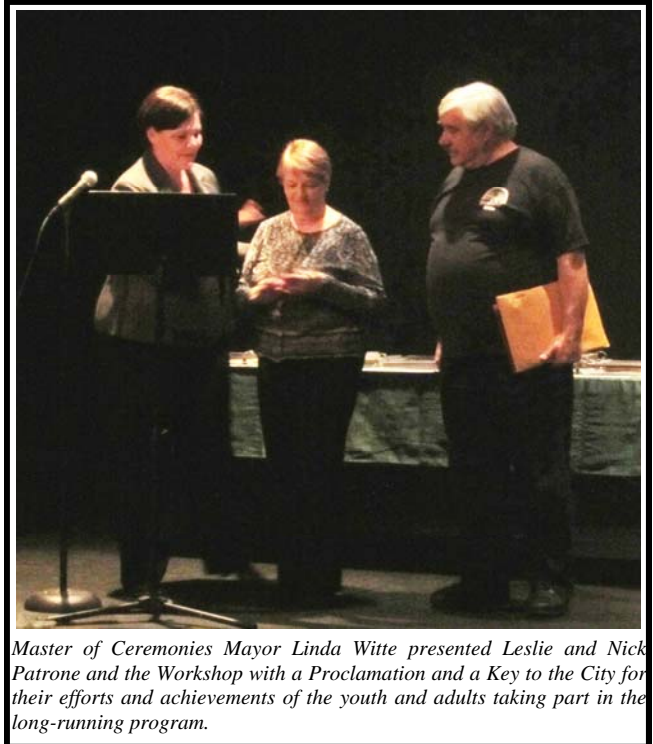


Everyone had a chance to leaf through the scrapbooks that chronicle two decades of community productions and successes.



Senator Cathy Young (R-Olean) presented a proclamation and spoke words of appreciation for the Workshop's impact on the community.

Twenty years' of performances in the Washington Street Theater began in January 1991. The Theatre has served as a steadfast and dedicated contributor to the quality of life here in Olean, providing a venue for the full range of artful pursuits in all forms, including 125 productions seen by an audience totaling 28,800. We look forward to another 20 years! Thank you!



Master of Ceremonies Mayor Linda Witte presented Leslie and Nick Patrone and the Workshop with a Proclamation and a Key to the City for their efforts and achievements of the youth and adults taking part in the long-running program.



Afterward, everyone enjoyed a delightful cake!



Sam Hoyt, Senior Vice President for Regional Economic Development, Empire State Development Corporation, visited Olean Feb. 1.

About 50 people turned out Feb. 1 to hear about Governor Andrew Cuomo's proposed budget.

The budget sounds "pretty positive" according to Mayor Witte, who attended the presentation and introduced Mr. Hoyt.

"He discussed the issues that the Legislature is facing with pensions and he touched on the school funding. He also talked about mandate reforms that the Governor would like to see in place, as well as his desire to thin out the multiple agencies.

There were some questions asked about the proposed state environmental regulations for horizontal hydrofracking.

"Mr. Hoyt said, 'What we do will be done responsibly to protect the taxpayers and the environment, and the potential to make money is there,'" said Mayor Witte.

The presentation was attended by a number of elected officials, city staff, developers, organizations and citizens. It was held in Jamestown Community College's Cutco Theater in Olean.



Sam Hoyt

How can the city help?

By Mayor Linda Witte

As your Mayor I continue to have an Open Door Policy. You can contact my office at 376-5615 with questions and complaints. 2012 City Directories will be published and available by February 6. These list the phone numbers of the Department Heads and Alderman. Phone numbers and other information is also available on the city's website, www.cityofolean.org. We want your suggestions! Employee salary information is available on the website www.SeeThroughNY.net Aldermen can be contacted at these numbers:

Jim Brady, Council President, Ward 1: 372-3692
Ann McLaughlin, Ward 2: 560-8407 (c)
Christina Kamery, Ward 3: 307-7457
Matt Keller, Ward 4: 585-378-0557
Jim Finch, Ward 5: 373-0163
Nate Smith, Ward 6: 307-8199
Tom Morgan, Ward 7: 373-4860

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