

Community Update

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

Patriotic banners usher in Memorial Day and July 4



Before Memorial Day 38 bright new red, white and blue banners (right) were hung on light poles around Olean’s downtown business district. These replace older faded U.S. flags that had been hung on flagpoles attached to the light poles in summers past.



Members of the Olean Common Council were consulted in advance on the choice of banners and they approved of this design. The banners measure 28” X 60” and are custom printed on both sides with the city’s name. They were mounted by the city’s Electrical Department using hardware that the city owns. Funds of \$2,814 came from the Mayor’s 2012-2013 Celebrations line item. The banners cost \$73 apiece.

At left are two photos of patriotic banners that were purchased in 2010, with 8 more added in 2013. These stock flag banners measure 30”X60” and cost \$79 each.



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Mayor Linda Witte (seated in the photo at right on the left) was one of a large group taking part in the African American Center for Cultural Development’s Fourth Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 22, 2013.



Improvements under way around the city!



It's a smooth ride down 10th Street past the YMCA after the Department of Public Works made repairs. This view was recorded by Mayor Linda Witte on June 29.

Bartlett House Painting



Finally, painting has begun at the Bartlett House and Olean Point Museum. The \$85,000 project has removed asbestos, made some siding and other repairs and in late June trim work began.

Corporate Challenge pushes ahead despite rain!

Eight members of sponsor Mayor Linda Witte's Challenge team, "Pulse of the City," (below) posed before the start of the race on JCC's campus. They are (from left) City Clerk Al Utecht, Public Works Director Tom Windus, Michael Witte, Mayor Linda Witte, Jerry leFeber (Alderman, Ward 1), Nancy leFeber, City Attorney Wendy Peterson, and Annabelle Rogers. The Olean General Hospital Team (bottom right) brightened the landscape with balloons and umbrellas, which were on prominent display throughout the soggy event. At right walking teams tried to stay dry while traversing the dike system.



The East End “Gateway” is nearly ready



Good Times Family Recreation Center’s entrance (right) was a welcoming spot with a new parking lot in anticipation of a series of openings to kick off July 18. The Chestnut Street “extension” (left) has been a “private driveway” for many years. Thanks to the new construction of the Good Times Center, the developer is paying Lake Shore Paving to build a road to city specs because it can be



done in the private sector at a lower cost. The Common Council voted to



approve the purchase of the street for \$150,000 when completed. The street will be maintained by the city and called "Leisure Lane." The name tied with "Brickyard Boulevard," an entry that harks back to the history of the location, which was once a brick yard manufacturing site. Leisure Lane was pulled out of the hat by Ann McLaughlin in a tie-breaker drawing in late June. These photos were snapped by Mayor Linda Witte from June 22 to June 29. Nearby (below center and right) work continues on Bradner Stadium and lighting.



Page One Photo Feature: 38 new banners in red, white and blue, provide a bright welcome to the city's business district.

Photo by Mayor Linda Witte

2013 Citywide Clean-up Week

Sunday, August 11, is the start of the 2013 Citywide Clean-up Week.

Participating residents can come to the Department of Public Works Offices and pay \$35 in advance.

Watch for a newspaper notice after July 12 announcing that payments can be accepted.

Items set out for pickup can be placed in a 180 cubic-foot area (equivalent to 3' wide, 10' long, and 6' high).

The City has set aside \$5,000 for the project. Casella Waste Management of Olean was the lowest of two bidders and was awarded the contract, based on a bid of \$135 per ton.

Thinking of Getting Married?

Mayor Linda Witte will schedule your wedding in the Olean City Limits. To check on dates she is available call 376-5615. New York State Law says marriage ceremonies cannot be performed for 24 hours after a marriage license was issued.

To obtain a license, call the Department of Vital Records at 376-5605 or the City Clerk (376-5604). The nearby John Ash Community Center on North Barry Street is an excellent spot for the reception! To book that space, call 376-5666.

Can the city help?

As your Mayor I continue to have an Open Door Policy on the first floor of the Municipal Building at 101 East State St. You can call my office at 376-5615 with questions and complaints. Please stop in and pick up a 2013 City Directory for phone numbers of Department Heads and Alderman or check the website, www.cityofolean.org. At that location is a link where you will find this newsletter!



Fixing Up One Neighborhood At A Time

July 10, 6-7 p.m.

Due to inclement weather in June, the Neighbor Watch Task Force didn't visit area neighborhoods as planned. July 10, 6 p.m. the team will visit neighbors in the Center St./"Avenues" area to encourage involvement in the "Watch" program to deter crime and drugs in our city.



Standing Committees and Common Council

Meet most Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

Online Bill Pay Option

The Online Bill Pay & Customer Service option is up and running on the city's website for a \$3 fee. Go to www.cityofolean.org and click on "The Online Bill Pay & Customer Service" button from the menu on the right side of the home page. At the online payments home page, choose between water/sewer bill payment and parking ticket payment options.

Water and Sewer bill payers register and set up a password, then view transaction history and chart water consumption through by billing date. Parking ticket payers simply search for the citation number or vehicle info. (This destination can also be reached by typing this into your browser: <https://w.municipalonlinepayments.com/oleanny/utilities>.)

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