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SPRING IS HERE: TIME TO CLEAN

April 15, 2014--Olean—The City of Olean Neighborhood Preservation Committee (CONPC) is gearing-up to hit the streets again this year. Armed with bags, gloves and safety vests, the volunteers will start cleaning-up the litter that our long, cold winter has left behind.

The committee enlists volunteers to clean a given area from the first weekend in May until the last weekend in October. Various groups and individuals adopt areas and make their own schedule for cleaning the location. Some volunteers go out once a week, others once a month; the scheduling is entirely up to the individual volunteer.

“We are encouraging volunteers to get a jump on the mess that winter has created by coordinating their initial clean-up effort in conjunction with Earth Day which is on April 22,” said Lila Ervay, the committee’s co-chairman along with Casey Jones. “We currently have approximately 25 volunteer groups consisting of schools, businesses, churches and service agencies, to name just a few. In addition we have approximately 35 individuals who have adopted certain streets and areas of the city.”

Despite the enthusiastic response to the clean-up program, more volunteers are needed. “We still have many streets in the city that need attention.” Lila Ervay added. “We are grateful for any volunteer help we receive—no matter how little time a person might be able to dedicate to this cause. Nothing is more productive than the collective efforts of many people banding together for a common cause.”

“The City of Olean Neighborhood Preservation Committee has had a very positive effect on Olean. The efforts of the Committee have not only kept the litter off our streets; they have helped in the renovation of Bradner Stadium and have helped to keep our streets safe.” Mayor William J. Aiello said. “I appreciate all the efforts of both Lila and Casey and their committee. Their dedication to our community makes Olean a great place to live and work.”

For more information about to volunteer for the cleanup endeavor please contact either Casey Jones 372-3772 or Lila Ervay at 373-0677.

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