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## Groundbreaking Scheduled for Olean's North Union Street Walkable Olean Reconstruction Project

**September 10, 2014—Olean--**The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the City of Olean's North Union Street Walkable Olean Reconstruction Project will take place in front of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 2:00pm.

William J. Aiello, Mayor of Olean, has extended invitations to many of the dignitaries and officials, both state and local, who helped to make this project a reality for Olean. Invitations were also sent to the business owners along North Union Street who will be impacted by this construction project.

"The reconstruction of our business district along North Union Street will fix our water and sewer lines and our streetlights; it will upgrade our railroad crossing. The project's aim is to improve traffic flow and to bring a new ambiance to the street that will revitalize our city." Mayor Aiello said.

"It has been controversial, but you cannot turn your back on Federal aid of over \$6 million dollars. The City's infrastructure along North Union Street has been deteriorating for many years and many facets of the project will address these long over-due upgrades," he added.

Mayor Aiello continued, "The two year project will heavily impact the restaurants, retail operations and other businesses along the street and I pledge that the Mayor's office will work diligently to keep the street as business and pedestrian friendly as possible during construction."

Regarding the groundbreaking event Mayor Aiello said, "I hope we have a great turn out for the event. It's the future of our beautiful city and I extend this invitation to all citizens of Olean. Please come down for the Groundbreaking on September 16<sup>th</sup> and continue to watch the progress over the next couple of years. It is going to be a very interesting project, with an end product that will only enhance the beauty of our valley."

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