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## **Mayor Aiello to Recognize Adopt-a-Planter Participants**

**October 14, 2014—Olean**--William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, will recognize the community groups, businesses and residents who participated in the Fourth Annual Adopt-a-Planter Program at the Common Council Meeting on October 14, 2014.

Once again businesses and individuals took on the challenge to beautify our streets with flowers and foliage in the spring, summer and early autumn. Many businesses landscaped in front of their establishments; other businesses and individuals planted, nurtured and watered their personal arrangements in the new planters that were placed along the street. The program added life and color to Olean's business district.

This year nineteen groups adopted planters: K-9 Connection, McElfresh Map Company, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, McCarthy's Emporium, Databranch, Southern Tier Agencies, Susan Avery in memory of Mary Avery, Tom and Joey Enright, Jamestown Community College, Marcia Kelly and Maureen Sheahan in memory of Dr. Francis Matthew Bohan, Former Mayor Linda Witte, her daughter Mandy and granddaughter Lily, the Price and Mahar Families, Neighborworks, Olean Medical Group, Community Bank, Bella Ruche, Uptown Florist, the McNamees of Olean and A Hairstyling Encounter.

Marian Blair of Olean graciously accepted the invitation to judge the planters. Four times during the summer she did a walk-about and judged them on eight different criteria. After the four viewings, the winner was the planter adopted by Maureen Sheahan and Marcia Kelly. The planter was located near the railroad tracks on the east side of North Union Street. It was a beautiful arrangement.

Mayor Aiello said, "The Adopt-a-Planter program, originally suggested by Laurie McCarthy of McCarthy's Emporium, is a great way to brighten our business district and give Olean that hometown touch. I am very appreciative of all the business owners and individuals who take on the responsibility of landscaping our downtown whether it is on their own or by adopting a planter."

The City's Parks department will soon move the planters into storage for winter. All of our urban gardeners are asked to remove any plants they wish to keep.

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