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SPRING IS APPROACHING: TIME TO CLEAN

April 12, 2018--Olean—Spring weather will be here soon and the City of Olean Litter Control Program is gearing-up to hit the streets again this year. Armed with bags and gloves, the volunteers will start cleaning-up the litter that the 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 go twice a month and some go once a month; the scheduling is entirely up to the individual volunteer.

“This year we are in great need of volunteers” said Lila Ervay, the committee’s chairman. “We currently have a number of volunteer groups consisting of schools, businesses, churches and service agencies, but we have lost quite a few volunteers over the last couple of years and need at least 20 new volunteers to compensate for this attrition.”

“Nothing is more productive than the collective efforts of many people banding together for a common cause and we are grateful for any volunteer help we receive—no matter how little time a person might be able to dedicate to this cause,” Ms. Ervay added.

“The City of Olean Neighborhood Preservation Committee has had a very positive effect on Olean. The efforts of the Committee have kept the litter off of our streets, but we need help from property owners,” said William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean. “The Committee asks that residents maintain their property; keep it free of litter and other debris and rake-up old leaves. In most instances it is no more than a 5-10 minute job, once a week, to clean up a yard and sidewalk area and the results make a huge difference in the neighborhood.”

“I would also like to remind our residents who use the Westons Mills Transfer Station that their loads should be tied down when travelling through the city,” Mayor Aiello added. “The Committee has frequently noticed that trash and debris, intended for the transfer station, is scattered about our neighborhoods after falling out of a truck.”

“I appreciate all the efforts of Lila and her committee. Their dedication to our community makes Olean a great place to live and work,” said Mayor Aiello.

For information about the cleanup endeavor, please contact Lila Ervay at 373-0677.

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