

Around & About Olean

*News and information from the Mayor's Office at
101 East State Street*



LET THE SUMMER BEGIN!

It started with a parade on Memorial Day. The sun was shining and the thermometer climbed into the seventies, maybe even touched eighty degrees.

During the next week the Olean Municipal Pool opened for the summer.

Olean High School hosted the Section 6 Track and Field Championships.

The Olean Professional Firefighters sponsored a fund raiser for the Fourth of July Fireworks.

Bradner Stadium opened for the season with the annual Bradner Bash.

Those pesky potholes continued to be patched.

And the planters on North Union Street started to be filled with flowers.



Former Chief of Police Brian Donnelly (to the right) and former Deputy Chief Jack Bell at the Police Memorial Service in the City Building on May 16th.

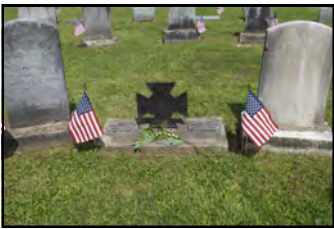


Former Police Lieutenant Art Filjones with Lonnie Gleason and Father Greg Dobson at the Police Memorial Service.





The Civil War Journal of Confederate W.W. Hartsill described his railroad journey from an Illinois prison camp to Fortress Monroe on the Virginia Peninsula. He was part of a prisoner exchange program. Travelling through our neck of the woods he commented on the names of the towns. He mentioned Salamanca and Cuba.



It was a route that many Confederate POW's made until the program was disbanded. There was one who died en route. His name was unknown, but he was granted a proper funeral and burial here in Olean.

He is buried at Mount View Cemetery in the Field of Honor among his fellow Americans who bravely fought for our nation. His family never knew what happened to him, but the kind hearted locals did not let a war interrupt their civility toward another American.



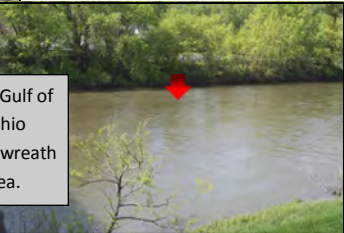
The City of Olean honored the nation's fallen veterans on Memorial Day. The celebration started sharply at 10:00 am with a parade down North Union Street to the South Union Street Bridge.

A ceremony took place on the bridge in memory of those who died at sea. The parade continued to the Veteran's Field of Honor in Mount View Cemetery. As the Olean High School Band played *The National Anthem* our nation's flag was raised. On the ridge above Veterans Field, the Honor Guard stood. The sound of Taps followed by a twenty-one gun salute hauntingly echoed against Mount Herman—a solemn reminder that our freedom was won by those who served our nation and gave their lives.



The Olean High School Band followed by a bicycle brigade converge on the bridge prior to the wreath ceremony.

The wreath en route to the Gulf of Mexico via the Allegheny, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The wreath honors servicemen lost at sea.



Captain Lance Newton reads the original 1868 Memorial Day order of General John Logan.

The American Flag flies high over the Veteran's Field of Honor at Mount View Cemetery.



From the Mayor's Office:

Summer time is quickly approaching. It is the season for longer and warmer days, as well as lawn mowers and home repair projects. I'd like to remind residents of some of the city's policies and address some of the questions that have been asked.

I've heard a number of times that people do not want to do routine maintenance on their home citing high permit fees and fear that the project will trigger an increase in their assessments leading to higher taxes. This is not the case.

According to Captain Ed Jennings, Code Enforcement Officer, a building permit is required for structural changes and new construction. Projects such as deck and porch additions, re-roofing, foundation repairs, demolitions, and sheds larger than 100 square feet in size would need a permit. As would installations of new electrical service, new heating units or a solid fuel stove. A permit is required in

these instances to protect the property owners. The Code Enforcement department has procedures to make sure that the construction is built according to specifications, that current zoning laws are met, and that the contractor is properly licensed and insured."

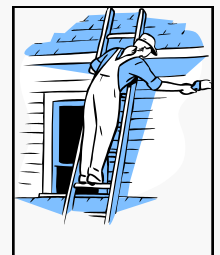
There are many projects that do not need permits. Examples include fences, siding, house painting, as well as gutter and downspout replacement. Replacement windows generally do not need a permit; however, if there are structural changes when a window is replaced, a permit would be necessary. When in doubt, it's probably a good idea to call Codes at 716-372-5683.

As for the cost of a permit, they generally run \$35.00 plus \$4.00 per thousand of building cost which includes material and labor.

Fearing an increased assessment

is not necessary for routine maintenance. Nancy Champlin the city assessor explains that maintenance and repair work to replace items that have come to the end of their useful life and are necessary to retain the present value of the property, will not increase the assessment. However, renovations and additions that upgrade the condition of the property would result in an increase in property value.

I hope this clears up any misunderstandings that Olean residents have about the City's policies. If residents have questions, please call my office and we will help you find the answer to your question.





Left: City Electrician Dustin Kelley at War Vets Park installing lighting near the tunnel to Bradner Stadium.



The City of Olean Fire Department tests a new fire truck. Above Chief Bell with Firefighter Tim Hite.



To the left Mayor Aiello is aloft with Firefighter Justin Melfi and Captain Jim Theodore.

Below: Police Sergeant Tim Cashimere with his family at Forness Park. His sons had just received the Arrow of the Light Award from Boy Scout Troop 621.



City Building workers Dressed Down to Raise Awareness for Southern Tier Advocacy Center. Pictured above is Sandy Goode, Al Utecht, and Terri Belli. Missing from the picture is Connie Dutton and Glenda Jester.



THE CITY AND IT'S POWER SOURCE PLANT TREES



National Grid trucks at Mount View Cemetery in May to plant trees in the Veterans Field.

You see the trucks on US 86 frequently. They usually travel in a convoy and are headed toward a disaster or into a snowstorm. The crews inside the trucks arrive to restore electricity. Not too far behind the National Grid convoy, the Asplundh trucks follow. The wind, the snow, the ice, Mother Nature in general, can be very destructive to trees—and professional maintenance is necessary to keep tree limbs off of our electric lines.

Stand on a street and look at

the utility poles—the electric lines are on top. They are the first in line to get hit when a tree goes down or a limb falls off. That is why National Grid is constantly checking the trees that grow near the lines and prune them if necessary—before we get hit by a storm.

To give back to the city the company has established a program called *10,000 Trees and Growing* in which Olean has joined. Each year, around Arbor Day, National Grid Employees help the city

plant and pay for a number of trees.

This year National Grid Arborists joined Olean's forester, Sue Cooper and other volunteers at the Veteran's Field of Honor in Mountain View Cemetery on May 13th to plant eight Black Locust Trees. According Sue Cooper, the Black Locust trees, six of which are planted along the fence, will grow straight and reach a height of

about thirty feet. Those two features will keep the branches away from the electric lines that travel along West River Road.

Jay McIntosh, the local National Grid arborist, was joined by his colleagues from the Buffalo and Genesee Regions for the event. They were available to answer questions from the public, unfortunately not too many people came, it was an incredibly rainy morning that turned into a very hot day. A good day for a tree, not so good for people.



After serving the city for twelve years as the Bingo Inspector, Gary Casey Jones called it quits on May 24th. Mr. Jones is very well known in the

City Building. He served as alderman to his ward for a number of terms and has served on many committees including the Neighborhood Preservation Committee.

Street sweeping continues in the City of Olean through October 15th.

Cars must be off the street on nights in which the street is scheduled for sweeping. Please check the schedule for more details.

The schedule is posted on the City's website—www.cityofolean.org.

Curb-side Yard Waste Pick up

WHEN: Last Wednesday of each month (April through September)

DETAILS: All yard waste must be in PAPER lawn bags and/or containers no larger than 30 gallons.

Brush must be bundled together with twine or rope and be no larger than 3' long and 18" in diameter.

There is no charge for this service. Yard waste must be at the curb by 7AM on the last Wednesday of each month.

Please call the City of Olean Department of Public Works with any questions 376-5651.

Contact information for Common Council members:

Ward 1	Gerard leFeber	716-378-7877
Ward 2	Ann McLaughlin	716-560-8407
Ward 3	Paul Gonzalez	716-790-1121
Ward 4	Steve Barnard	716-307-1862
Ward 5	Jim Finch	716-373-0163
Ward 6	Nate Smith	716-307-8199
Ward 7	Adam Jester	716-790-8226



SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD CEREMONY



Mason Windus and Collin Young both seniors at Olean High School. The Youth Court Honorees were Gabrielle Nunez and Alexis Shorter. At the dinner Mayor Aiello awarded the Mayor's Scholarship to two winners: Brianna Dempsey and Courtney Padlo.

Brianna played in varsity tennis and is in the National Honor Society. She participated in Homeless Huskies and she volunteers at the SPCA. Brianna plans to study Criminal Justice or Forensic Science. In her essay she stated that she is looking for an exciting field where every day is a new challenge. Mayor Aiello, a former police officer, chuckled and said, "I can assure her that criminal justice is just the field she is looking for..."

Courtney plans to study accounting at St. Bonaventure. She has worked for the City of Olean both as a recreational leader in the summer and a recreational attendant in

the winter. She is a member of DECA and the Student Activities Council. She has participated in track, cross country and soccer. She has also received the Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award.

Following the dinner, award recipients Tobi Snyder and Rintaro Wada, accompanied by members of the Wada family, provided music for the guests and other honorees.



The City of Olean Youth Bureau and Recreation Department sponsored the Service to Youth Award Ceremony on Thursday May 22nd at Mickey's Restaurant. The Service to Youth Recipients were Lenny Anzivine, Paula Keenan, Tobi Snyder, Rintaro Wada and Ben Wright. The Youth Advisory Board Honorees were Christian Daugherty a Senior at Archbishop Walsh,



*Cattaraugus County Department of the Aging
Older American's Recognition Reception*



Outstanding Volunteer, Lois McLaughlin is pictured from the left with County Legislators John Padlo and Earl McElfresh, Mayor Aiello, Legislator Carl Edwards and David Rodkey. Not pictured is attendee Legislator Linda Edstrom.



Above : David Rodkey recognized Olean resident, Lois McLaughlin, for her 1,000 hours of volunteer service.



Mayor Aiello stands with Larry Ordway, one of the many volunteers who helps Cattaraugus County Department of the Aging.



SPECIAL PROCLAMATION FOR OLEAN'S AMERICORPS



Mayor Aiello proclaimed May 3, 2014 as National Service Recognition Day at an AmeriCorps event scheduled to clean up Oak Hill Park. He stated that service is the hallmark of the American character and central to how we meet our challenges.

The Olean AmeriCorps members have in the last year, provided 6,800 hours of service for a total of 130 hours per week. They work with the students of the Olean City School District and provide academic enrichment as well as individual and group tutoring to over 150 students in the Olean Intermediate Middle School. AmeriCorps coordinates an after school theatre program in which 75 students participate as well as

the Summer Star Program which serves approximately 300 students and provides employment for 40 high schools students. In addition AmeriCorps coordinates 75 service projects for our community during the year, each generating teams of community volunteers.

The AmeriCorps members demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism. In his proclamation Mayor Aiello encouraged resident to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city and to thank those who serve



Making Wedding Plans?



Mayor Aiello is available to perform marriage ceremonies in the City of Olean. Please call his office (376-5615) for more details. There is no set fee, however any donations will be placed in the Mayor's Scholarship

Fund.

New York State law requires you to obtain a marriage license twenty-four hours prior to a marriage ceremony. For more information about marriage licenses please call the Department of Vital Records at 376-5605 or the City Clerk at 376-5604.

Many marriages are performed right in the Mayor's Office. The John Ash Community Center on Barry Street is an excellent spot for a reception as are Olean's various parks facilities. For more information on the city's facilities please call 376-5666.



Seniors are Never Bored In Olean

The Olean Senior Center located at the John Ash Community Center on North Barry Street has many activities and programs for those age 55 and above. Some of the June activities include:

Square Dance/Silvertones: Mondays 12:30/1:00

Walking Program: M-F at 9:00am

Flag Day Party: June 13 at 11:00pm

Movie Day: June 24 at 1:00

Coffee Hour: 9:00 Wednesdays

Secret Pals Annual Party: June 19

Computer Class: June 3, 10, and 17 at 1:00pm

For more information or for a complete calendar of events please call Kathleen Hamed at 376-5670.



"I'm open to suggestions and I'd like to hear from people. If we're doing something you think is right, I'd like to know. If we're doing something you think is wrong, I'd like to know. If you have suggestions for me, I beg you pass them along."

—Mayor Aiello, January 2, 2014



You can reach the mayor at his office in the Olean Municipal Building at 101 East State Street in Olean, or by phone at 716 376-5615, or by e-mail at waiello@cityofolean.org