

# Around & About Olean

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



## BE PREPARED!

Mayor William J. Aiello co-hosted, in conjunction with a number of state and local officials, the **New York State Citizen Preparedness Training Program** on Saturday July 12, 2014 at Olean General Hospital.

With the help of the National Guard, participants in the two hour training course learned the necessary tools and resources to prepare for any man made or natural disaster; how to respond accordingly and thus recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.

Proper preparation in the home was encouraged. Participants were asked to ensure that homes are equipped with working fire extinguishers as well as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. In addition, trainers supplied information on how to register for NY-Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system. It's a very easy process—just visit [www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov) to register. Alerts will be delivered to your e-mail account or to your cell phone via text message or voice. If you have family members scattered around the state, you can personalize your account to get alerts from the various areas statewide.

There is another Emergency ALERT Sys-



**Aldermen Nate Smith and Adam Jester (l-r) and other Cattaraugus County residents attend the NY State Citizens Preparedness Training Program at the Olean General Hospital on July 12.**

tem (EAS) which delivers free wireless notifications to your mobile device. Many of the carriers and a number of phones are already on the system. If your phone is capable, you can activate EAS through your settings. Notifications include imminent threats and missing persons alerts.

The participants learned what products are necessary for survival and should be on hand in the event of a disaster. Items including water, non perishable food, batteries, flashlights, matches, and even a whistle. In addition the participants were told what to take with them if ordered to evacuate.

One of the more interesting facts that came out

of the program is that crank radios are now equipped with a USB port. Why is this important? They can recharge cell phones and other devices during a power outage.

A number of city employees attended the event. Members of the Olean Fire Department participated in the Q&A at the end of the seminar. For more information please see the website at [www.prepare.ny.gov](http://www.prepare.ny.gov).



**A key component of the training was the distribution of New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps Response Kits. The kit includes a number of items that would assist individuals in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. The kit included:**

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| Plastic drop cloth             | Light stick        |
| (2) D Batteries                | First Aid Kit      |
| Face mask                      | Safety goggles     |
| AM/FM pocket radio w/batteries | (6) food bars      |
| (6) packs of drinking water    | Regular flashlight |
| Emergency blanket              | Duct tape          |
| Work gloves                    |                    |



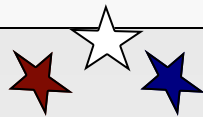
**Over the years Olean has had its share of natural disasters. The mighty Allegheny River and its tributary Olean Creek have spilled over their banks leading to significant flooding—most recently in 1972. Mayor William O. Smith moved into his office in the Municipal Building, and with the help of the Director of Public Works Bob Carr, monitored the situation and called the shots.**



**The Waste Water Treatment Plant on South 19th Street recorded the river's rise. Over the three days from June 21 until June 24, nine inches of rain was recorded. The river, at different times, increased up to seven inches per hour. On Thursday July 23rd, Mayor Smith called for the evacuation of one-third of the city. Civil Defense volunteers aided the police department which was run by Police Chief Michael Luty. The National Guard was called in and helped residents evacuate. On Friday, July 24th at 1:30 pm the Allegheny River crested at 24.2 feet.**



Mayor Aiello welcomes Bishop Marion Richey and the congregation of the Light-house Church of God of Prophecy to its new home on King Street. The Mayor extended his best wishes to the church as it strives to meet the needs of our community with the spirit of love and caring.



Jay McIntosh of National Grid presents a check to Mayor Aiello and Council President Ann McLaughlin. The City of Olean participated in National Grid's 10,000 Trees and Growing Program. The program reimburses the city for planting trees that are utility compatible.



Above Mayor Aiello and Bill Heaney from Senator Cathy Young's Office honor the Veterans of Aspen Towers at the residents annual picnic on July 23, 2014.

*From the Mayor's Office:*

Plenty of good news in Olean in July. The City's summer youth program is having a banner year, with attendance at all time highs. The parks have everything from pet shows to baseball clinics; nature walks to track meets. It's not too late. See what's happening in our parks.

The Olean Professional Firefighters once again sponsored the magnificent fireworks display on the Fourth of July at Bradner Stadium. The event was very well attended. Speaking of Bradner Stadium, Cattaraugus County has pledged \$200,000 to help the City build a field house on the grounds.

Most of the pot holes have been filled and work on Prospect and York will be starting very soon. Finally, thank you to the merchants and individuals who have adopted a planter, or did some plantings and bought some color to our downtown. Olean is looking great!





## The Corporate Challenge

The summer began on a healthy note. The Corporate Challenge took place on June 25. The City of Olean’s team is on the left. Below are members from the Olean City School District Team, and to the left the Olean High School Tennis Team.

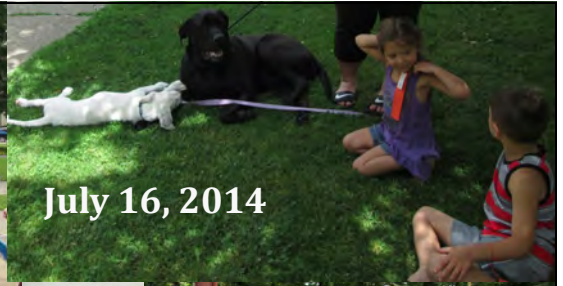


The Corporate Challenge takes runners and walkers though downtown Olean. Above more members of the Olean City School District team, clockwise a few members of the SBU team including Sister Margaret Carney, the University’s president. To the right Mayor Aiello with City Clerk Alex Utecht.





## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OLEAN'S PARKS!



July 16, 2014

Showing Off Pets in Lincoln Park



July 23, 2014

Baseball clinic in Forness Park featuring the Olean Oilers.







## A Retirement—Chief Schnell



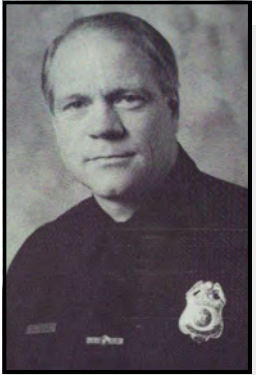
Terry Schnell reported for duty at the Olean Police Station on November 7, 1982. Prior to that he had served in the United States Navy and had studied criminal justice at Jamestown Community College.

On January 1, 1992 he was promoted to Sergeant. It was a position he held for fourteen years. On May 2, 2006 Mayor David Carucci appointed Sgt. Schnell to be the Chief of the Olean Police Department.

Chief Schnell retired on July 12, 2014 and we wish him the very best.



## A Retirement—Captain Ireland



Kurt Ireland started his career with the Olean Police Department in November 1977. He started his career as a patrolman. In December 1993 he was promoted to Sergeant. He became a Captain in November 1998 and in February 2002 he was named Captain in Charge of the Patrol Division.

Captain Ireland retired, after thirty-two years of service to the Olean community on June 28, 2014 and we wish him the very best.



## A Celebration—Olean Senior League All-Stars are State Champions!

History repeated itself in Olean when the Olean Senior League (15-16) All-Star Team came home as State Champions at the end of July. Many members of the 1981 State Championship team and coaching staff joined Mayor Aiello in welcoming them home and sending them off to their regional tournament in New Jersey. Olean Patrolmen Brian Cross and Dan McGraw were both members of the 1982 team.



## Common Council Corner

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## OGH HOSTS THE MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE FORUM



Olean General Hospital hosted the second Mayor's Executive Forum on June 27, 2014. Tim Finan, CEO of Upper Allegheny Health Care gave a presentation regarding the hospital's new Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

Cattaraugus County has an extremely high rate of cardiac arrest related deaths. There are a number of reasons for this statistic but as Mr. Finan explained, "Time is muscle." Time for tests, time for results, time to get to Buffalo: all have played a role in giving our area this dubious distinction.

OGH partnering with Kaledia Health met the necessary requirements to open the "Cath lab" in our community which allows the patient to by-pass the ER. Lab results take less time and by utilizing up-to-date technology the doctor can read results from the field and start necessary procedures instantaneously. Dr. Christopher Mallavarapu has joined the staff of the hospital to run the new clinic.

Mr. Finan also announced that OGH is utilizing intensivists in the ICU. This program reduces the ICU mortality and shortens lengths of stay in the ICU.

Mayor Aiello led a discussion about Olean. He shared the good news that Cattaraugus County has committed \$200,000 to a field house for Bradner Stadium.

Sister Margaret Carney of SBU, Lori Cornell of Gov. Cuomo's Office, Meme Yanetsko of GOACC, Corey Wicktor of CCIDA, Crystal Abers of Catt. Co., Jeff Alevy of YMCA and Colleen Taggerty of OCSD gave updates on their organizations.



### 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. August activities include

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

**Walking Program: M-F at 9:00am**

**Movie Day & Ice Cream Social: Aug 20 at 12:30pm**

**Junior League Picnic Aug 19 War Vets Park at 5:00 pm**

**Coffee Hour: 9:00am Wednesdays**

**Euchre: Aug. 8, 15, 22 at 1:00pm**

**Computer Class: Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1:00pm**

**Senior Forum: August 21 in Great Valley. Reservations necessary.**

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



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