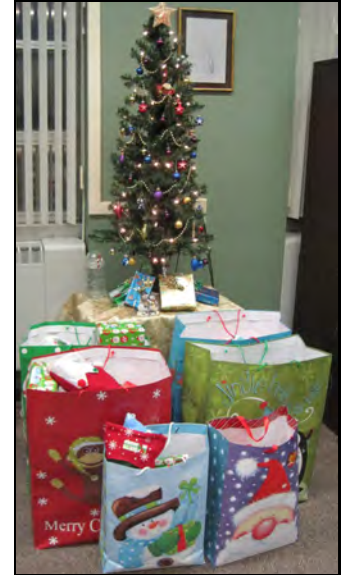




# Around & About Olean

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

## Christmas in the City Building



The halls of the Olean Municipal Building were bright and merry with trees and wreaths, poinsettias and ribbons. Festive music played by the entrance way. It was hard not to notice the Christmas spirit.

Upstairs, the DPW office transformed into Santa's workshop after Thanksgiving. The elves prepared many wonderful gifts for six little boys. The DPW office staff organized a city employee-wide drive to adopt two families in the *Olean Times Herald*

and Interfaith Care Givers Annual Gift Tree Program. The little boys asked for pajamas—but after Connie Dutton's Black Friday power shopping, they were in for a great surprise on Christmas morning. Oh! And why are the elves not in the pictures—because they felt it was team effort and didn't want to take all the credit.

Downstairs the *Toys for Tots* quietly filled-up with some great toys including Barbie Dolls and Lego's. Pastor Chuck Maine is pictured with Mayor Aiello when he picked up the toys.

Christmas is the season of giving and the City of Olean Employees outdid themselves this year.





***Santa Claus Lane became an Olean institution in 1929. No parade—just some fresh garland sprinkled with red, green and white lights suspended across North Union and West State Streets. Edward F. Devlin was the chairman of the project.***

***By 1934, under the leadership of Mayor Fred Forness, the Common Council passed a resolution, the Olean Chamber of Commerce raised some money and the C.W. Gabler Electric Company installed festoons across the streets. It was a tradition that lasted until 1972 —38 years.***

***In 1964 a 12 x 14 cottage was build by Bradley Builders to house Santa in Lincoln park. Unfortunately it was a casualty of the Flood of '72.***



***The Modern Santa Claus lane***

***is credited to the late Louis Marra. Local merchants among others raised over \$80,000 to purchase new garland and lights. In 2004 Santa's Cottage was rebuilt and over the years lights have been added to Olean's parks and bridges.***

***Olean is definitely festive during the holiday season, which by the 1934 resolution, lasts until January 2.***

***(For more information, please see the GOACC website.)***



The Olean City School District was the host for the Mayor's Executive Forum held on December 8th at the Olean High School. It was a very upbeat meeting. The school district, after years of struggling and downsizing, is entering into a budget season which looks very promising.

Following the District's presentation, by Superintendent Colleen Taggerty and Business Manager Kathy Elser, Mayor Aiello took the floor and discussed many of the investments taking place in Olean. The list is impressive, it includes the Bradner Stadium Field House, the North Union Street project, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the North Union Street Development project. He also mentioned that he and Larry Sorokes were headed to Albany to Governor Cuomo's Economic Development Award Ceremony the next day. Both the City and GOACC were awarded a substantial amount of money to invest into our City.

Olean's City Attorney Nick DiCerbo, Jr. discussed some of the steps that the city is taking to preserve our neighborhoods. Corey Wiktor of the IDA discussed some of the applications that they are reviewing including the Olean Gateway Development on the Brownfields. Crystal Abers of Cattaraugus County mentioned some of the projects that her office is initiating to bring tourists to Olean, including a possible Underground Railroad Tour. Officials from Cutco, JCC, the WYNPRR, the Olean Medical Group, Napoleon Engineering Services and St. Bonaventure also spoke. The future looks good for Olean.

### *From the Mayor's Office:*

I cannot believe that it has been a year since I took office. There is so much going on in Olean and I feel very optimistic for the New Year.

A few warm days in December helped the field house construction crew at Bradner Stadium. It went from a hole in the ground to a structure in just a few short days. It looks great.

Zoladz put some finishing touches on Prospect Avenue and

York Street before closing down for the winter. They will be back in the Spring to finish the two jobs.

We had a couple of snow storms already and the crews were out plowing and salting. Please remember we have ordinances regarding sidewalks and parking during the winter months. If you are unsure of the procedure please call my office or better yet, visit the [City's](#)

[website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

We had some great news early in the month—the long vacated property, also known as the Brownfield, is set to be developed by Krog. Gateway Olean, right at the crossroads of Route 86 and the exit, will house a hotel and a retail complex. The project is currently getting Planning Board approval.





OLEAN'S  
SANTA CLAUS  
LANE PARADE  
NOVEMBER 28, 2014  
TEMPERATURE: 19° F

It wasn't the perfect night for a parade—by any standards—but for the arrival of Santa Claus it was just right in Olean. It was cold, it was snowy and it was windy. It was what we have come to expect on that Friday night after Thanksgiving. The night that Santa Claus blows into town and lights up our business district.





## DECEMBER IN OLEAN 2014



From the Olean Senior Center to the elementary schools, the Christmas Spirit was alive and well in Olean. To the left the Mayor joins the festivities at the Senior Center. And below Mayor Aiello's grandson Liam is pictured with his pre-school class at Eastview Elementary as Santa Claus visits.



A spell of nice weather in late December was just what was needed for the construction of the field house at Bradner Stadium. The shell of the building should be completed soon so the crew can work on it through the winter. It should be ready in the spring.



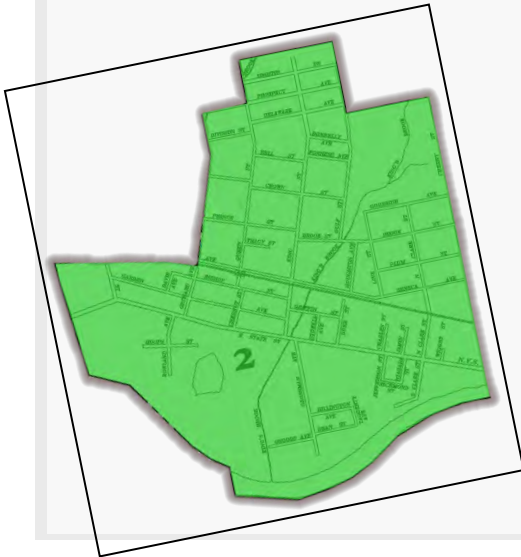


## Councilman Kelly Andreano—Ward Two

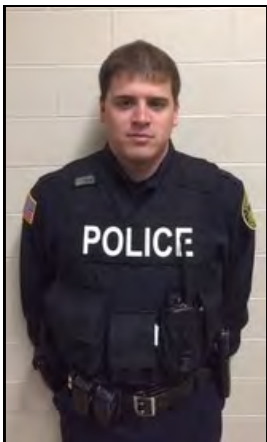
Mayor Aiello announced the appointment of Kelly Andreano to replace Ann McLaughlin as the Alderman of Ward Two in Olean. Her appointment was approved unanimously by the Common Council on November 25th. Kelly has been a resident of Olean

for twenty-one years and has been a Speech Pathologist for the Olean City School District for twenty-six years. In addition she is currently the Chairperson for Preschool Special Education for the District. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Edinboro State University and her Masters from Fredonia College.

Kelly is married to Jeff Andreano. They have two daughters ,Kaitlyn and Kylie. The family resides on East State Street in Olean.



## Two New Police Officers



There are two new faces in the Olean Police Department.

Chris Barnard is an Olean resident. He graduated

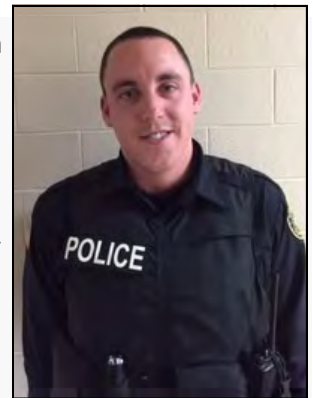
from Olean High School and re-

ceived his Associates Degree from Jamestown Community College. He is a graduate of the Chautauqua County Police Academy in Jamestown. Prior to his appointment, he was employed by the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department.

Matt McClelland is also an Olean resident. He graduated from Olean High School and received his Associates Degree from Jamestown Community College. He is a grad-

uate of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Academy in Jamestown. Prior to his appointment he was employed by the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department and the Lakewood-Busti Police Department.

We wish the best for Olean's two newest police officers.



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## Unbroken Opens in the Movie Theatres in December



Louis Zamperini was a track star, he was an Olympian, he was a war hero and he was a Prisoner of War. He was also an Olean native. Over the past year a number of area citizens got together and established a new monument in War Veterans Park to honor Mr. Zamperini. The beautiful monument includes a brief synopsis of his amazing life. His life has also been memorialized in *Unbroken* written by Laura Hillenbrand which opened as a movie on Christmas day.

Late in December Jim Bardenette the chairman of the monument committee was invited to ride on a float in honor of Louis Zamperini and represent his birth place of Olean, New York.

The Mayor sent tokens from Olean including a key to the City and a plaque which includes a picture of the monument.

### 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. The monthly calendar is now on the city's website under the [Youth and Recreation Department-Olean Senior Center](#).

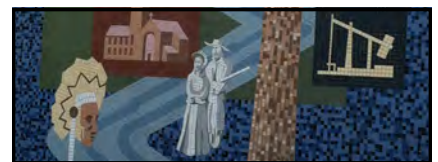
For more information or for a paper calendar of events please call Kathleen Hamed at 376-5670.



The City's website is great source of up-to-date information. Please visit it at [cityofolean.org](http://cityofolean.org). In addition the city has a Face Book page and Twitter feed—all are excellent sources for information.

*"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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