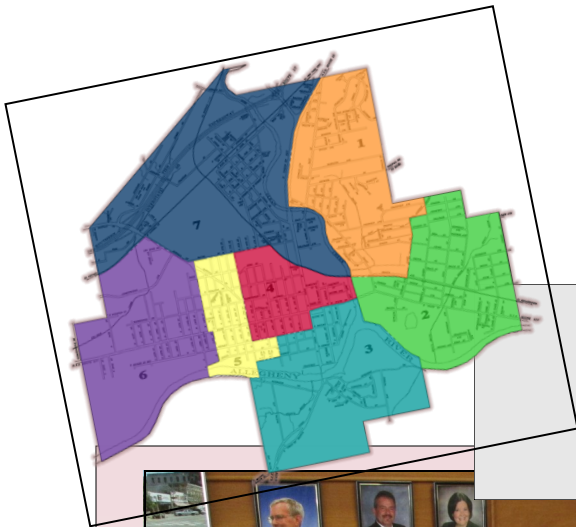


Around & About Olean

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



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Mary George explained why she loves her job, "My job takes me in all directions, but it is very rewarding. In fact, we were instrumental in securing the funds to help a local business—Four Mile Brewing—get started. And we help first time home buyers meet loan requirements and get into their own homes."

During the past month, Keri passed out umbrellas on an OATS bus promotion. Mary met with the Planning Board, the OLDC, and the URA to make decisions about the future of the Brownfields, Bradner Stadium, and the buildings on the first block of East State Street, respectively. The two of them, with the help of the Cattaraugus County Arts Council, the Olean General Hospital, and the Community Foundation filled the windows in buildings on North Union Street with artwork. A project that will help keep our business district vibrant during the two year overhaul of the street. And that was just one month!

FYI: Maps are available for the new OATS route in the City Building and [online](#).

A Jeopardy Question:

Answer: Two offices, two staffers, several bus routes, a multi-million dollar reconstruction project on North Union St., a multi-million dollar development in the Brownfields, a Pedestrian Bridge over the River Allegheny, enhancement of the River trail, aiding the Planning Board, abetting the Urban Renewal Agency, encouraging new investment and home ownership in Olean and paperwork galore.

Question: What is Olean Community Development, Room 219, Program Coordinator Mary George and Senior Stenographer Keri Kerper?

You do not have to look very far to see the fruits of their very hard work. Recently finished projects include the East State Street renovation and the East State Street Pump Station.

Keri smiled when talking about the bus

routes, "Mayor Carucci wanted to save the City's bus route. So Mary and I went out in the City car and designed the initial route. We chose the stops and timed the route." She said that they were really unsure about transportation; but obviously they knew what they were doing: today OATS has five routes and the City partners with the Rehabilitation Center, St. Bonaventure University, the Seneca Nation and Cattaraugus County. A new route will be initiated in May which will enable people to get to North Union Street during the construction.

A very quick calculation of the current outside dollars that the department has brought to the table is \$10.2 million—but that really doesn't even touch some of the small things the office accomplishes.





Cattaraugus County Historic Path published an Underground Railroad map titled "A County Wide Fight for Freedom." Olean played an important role in the movement, especially a citizen named Judge Martin. He held many government positions and owned the Martin Hotel, which is now known as the Olean House. The Martin Hotel was a refuge for runaway slaves seeking freedom.

Lore has it that two bounty hunters on horses came into Olean looking for runaway slaves from Virginia.

They stopped at the hotel and Olean residents sent the outsiders on a wild goose chase towards Buffalo as the former slaves hid in the hotel. When the Virginians returned, their guide was tarred and feathered at the Quirin lumber mill.



Another icon mentioned in the informational map was Sarah Johnson (photograph above) She escaped from her plantation in Maryland, determined to make her way North. Sarah eventually migrated to Olean and was found on the corner of N. Union and Laurens St in 1833. Dr. Mead befriended her and taught her to be a midwife. Sarah Johnson went on to become a valued community member of Olean, NY.



On April 9th, the 150th Anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox, Bill Moore, Larry Kilmer, and Steve Teachman ran the bell in Lincoln Park at 3:15 pm for a nationwide celebration of the end of the Civil War.

Alderman Kelly Andreano and her daughter, Kylea, coach a team of her students at the Unified Sports Day at St. Bonaventure University. Teams from Olean, Allegany, and Hinsdale participated in the event.



From the Mayor's Office:

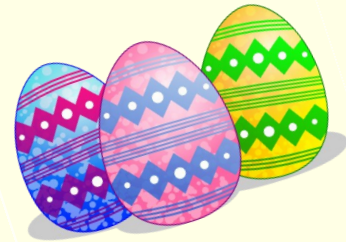
We have a budget for 2015-16 and I am pleased to announce that our taxpayers will not see an increase in their taxes. The budget process started soon after the first of the year. The City's department heads were well aware of the tax burden that our residents face and they worked hard to streamline their individual budgets to maintain the status-quo. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, our assessed valuation dropped, but we are

working on that with the redevelopment of North Union Street and hope to see a reversal in that trend soon. The North Union Street project is in full swing. Please don't forget to frequent our merchants and businesses in the district. Work on the Bradner Stadium Field House is continuing, and we're looking forward to those summer days and nights at the Stadium. The Bradner Bash is scheduled for May 29th. Hope

to see everyone there. The Blight Task Force is meeting monthly. We'll be rolling out our website and hotline later in the month. A City-wide curbside pick-up day is scheduled for June. And finally the City of Olean Neighborhood Preservation Committee is gearing up to work on the litter that the winter has left behind. Please help them out. They are looking for more volunteers. Please call Lila at 373-0677 or Casey at 372-3772.



Easter Bunny Hops



To the Olean Rec Center





Olean Home Show



Mayor Aiello awards “Best Use of Theme” to Dr. Green Lawn at the Olean Home Show in mid-April.



Mayor Aiello awards “Best Overall Booth” to Kitchen Kraft at the Olean Home Show in mid-April.



Representatives from Buckles Allstate Agency take pride in their spring-themed booth at the Olean Home Show.



Spring clean up with Casella Waste at the Olean Home Show.



Genesis House 20TH Anniversary



On Friday, April 24th, Nikki Johnson-Huston was the special guest speaker at a breakfast commemorating the 20th anniversary of Olean’s Genesis House. Johnson-Huston has led a life that everyone can admire. She was born into poverty and was homeless at age 9. Her maternal grandmother supplied her with the support and the stability that young Nikki needed. Her grandmother also instilled in her the thirst for education and the drive to work hard. In high school, Nikki worked diligently and earned a scholarship to St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. Although she failed out of her first semester at college, she didn’t give up. She got a job as a nanny and returned to college, taking night classes. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1998. She then attended Temple University Beasley School of Law and earned her JD, MD, and LLM in taxation. She worked for the city of Philadelphia as an Assistant City Solicitor in the City’s major tax unit for six years. Later, she founded the Law Office of Nikki Johnson-Huston LLC. Through her difficult life, Nikki has learned many lessons, but one in particular that she learned from her grandmother was, “There is no shame in being poor, but being poor of character.”



Mayor Aiello welcomes Nikki Johnson-Huston to Olean at the Genesis House Anniversary Breakfast.



Thanking Paul Kaduc



Paul Kaduc was hired by the City of Olean Department of Public Works in March 1985. He started in the Sanitation Division as a Sanitation Worker for 3 years, then he moved into the Street Division as a Street & Sewer Maintainer for 3 Years. He finished his career in the Water Distribution Division as a Water Maintainer and Senior Water Maintainer for 24 years. After 30 years of service with the City of Olean, Paul retired on 4/5/15. Wishing Mr. Kaduc plenty of success and happiness in his retirement.



Think Spring: time for Flowers and Grass



Volunteers are needed to adopt the City’s planters. They will be distributed around the City in the next month. Because of the construction on North Union Street they will be moved around a bit. Stay tuned for more information.

Please remember the Olean’s Grass Ordinance is in effect from May 1 until October 15. All grass and weeds must be cut in such a manner that they do not exceed eight inches in height.

The street sweeper will be making the rounds soon. Please remember that cars must be off the street on nights that the sweeper is scheduled. More information is available [online](#) on the City’s website.

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Jazz Appreciation Month



Dr. Les Sabina, Mark Howden and Jan Rhody-Marvin accept the Proclamation for Jazz Appreciation Month.

Mayor Aiello proclaimed April as Jazz Appreciation Month through a proclamation at the April 28th Common Council Meeting.

Whereas, jazz has achieved preeminence throughout the world as an indigenous American music and art form, bringing to the City of Olean, our country and the world a uniquely American musical synthesis and culture through the African-American experience;

Whereas, jazz makes evident to the world an outstanding artistic model of individual expression and democratic cooperation within the creative process, thus fulfilling the highest ideals and aspirations of our republic;

Whereas, jazz is a true music of the people, finding its inspiration in the cultures and most personal experiences of the diverse peoples that constitute our Nation;

Whereas, jazz has become a true international language adopted by musicians around the world as a music best able to express contemporary realities from a personal perspective;

Whereas, this great American musical art form has been recognized in the year 1987 by the House of Representatives and the Senate concurred, that it was the sense of Congress that jazz was to be designated as a rare and valuable national American treasure;

Whereas, it is important for the youth of the City of Olean to recognize and understand that jazz is a significant part of their cultural and intellectual heritage and it is in the best interest to the residents of Olean to preserve and celebrate this unique art form.



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.



So Many Ways to Pay your Bills

We love to see you in the Municipal Building. But if you can't find parking—or it is too hot and humid, there are many other ways to pay your bills. Just installed—a drop box right on Times Square. You can't miss it—it's white and has the City Logo proudly displayed. In addition, you can pay on line at this link:

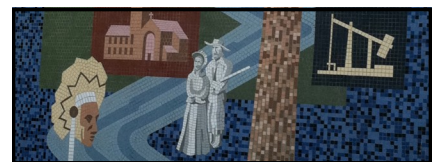
www.municipalonlinepayments.com/oleanny/



The City's website is great source of up-to-date information. Please visit it at www.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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