

# Around & About Olean

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



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The smell of hot tar and fresh mowed green grass is the olfactory sign of summer and Olean's Department of Public Works is very busy keeping those pleasant odors in the air.

With the help of Cattaraugus County and contractors, the Streets Division has taken to the streets. The selected roads are milled by a contractor and paved by the County. The City provides the hauling services. In total they will be upgrading about 23 streets. Or if you're a numbers geek—an area of over 40 thousand square feet. In addition they plan to pave seven of the City's dirt streets during the summer.

What does the City ask for in return—patience! The upgrade is a two phase process. During the milling phase a number of streets will be difficult to maneuver and will look terrible.

After all the targeted streets are all milled, the paving process will begin. The end result will be smooth streets that will make travelling through the city much easier.

The refurbishment of South Eighteenth Street is a little bit different. It is a brick street—and restoration requires a very labor intensive process. Please see the photographs later in the newsletter which document the process.

The City Parks department has been very busy keeping our parks top notch. Olean has approximately 160 acres of parkland. Please, if you notice that a park has been misused and needs immediate attention, call the Department of Public Work at 376-5650 or the Mayor's Office at 376-5615 and they will be will be happy to pass your information on to the appropriate department.



## STREETS



Cattaraugus County has a published a new map entitled *Heritage and Times Gone by...*

A number of Olean sites are listed on the map including some of the city's numerous oil fields, the Olean House, the Allegany River and the Mount View Cemetery.

One stop in particular—site 29—was the home of Olean Brewing Company. According to the map, the brewery had a modern bottling plant and produced 30,000 barrels. It also employed 30 to 40 men. Unfortunately the Volstead Act, also known as the 18th Amendment or Prohibition, put the brewery out of business.

Over the years the building was retrofitted by a number of companies for various uses.

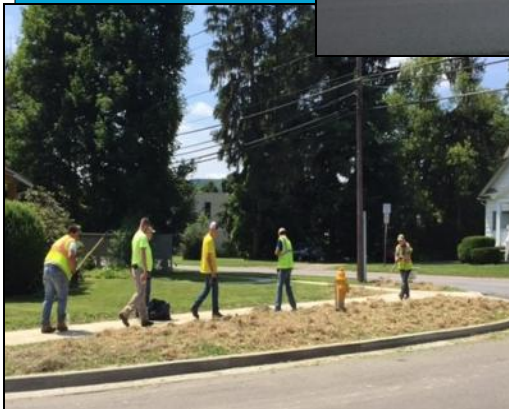


Three entrepreneurs eyed the building, saw the potential, made an investment and have brought it back to what it once was....

The Four Mile Brewing Company opened in May to rave reviews and City Building's own Gregg Piechota is the head brewer. Well wishes and good luck to Gregg and his partners Nick Bohdanowycz & Jaye Beattie. Their enthusiasm for their craft has given Olean a new industry right on the Allegany River.



As July ended North Union Street got it first layer of pavement .



Above City crews put the finishing touches on Prospect Avenue. Both Prospect and York Street were paved by the end of July.

Olean's Oilers kept the fans coming to Bradner Stadium and won the NYCBL championship. Mayor Aiello's shirt is photographed below.



*From the Mayor's Office:*

July was a month of changes for Olean. Our last quarterly water and sewer bills were mailed in July. Starting in August all residents in the City of Olean will be billed on a monthly basis. Please bear with us as we iron out any wrinkles in the system. But it looks like it should run smoothly. During the month the north end of North Union Street went from a dusty dirt road to a street with pavement on it. The street is beginning to take shape and by

the end of August we hope to see the entire street open for traffic. Our Youth and Recreation program is in full swing. Activities continue through August 14th. The pools are both open: Fran- chot will be open until August 16th; the Rec. Center pool will be open until August 30th. With the retirements of last month we welcomed many new faces to the Municipal Building. Christine Winans is working for Police Chief Rowley, Kathleen Hewitt is working in Codes.

Amber LaRue formerly of Codes has moved to the Wa- ter Department, replacing Connie Dutton who moved to DPW. Bradner Stadium saw plenty of action throughout the month of July. The Olean Oilers went on to win the League Championship and brought record crowds to the facility. I received many com- ments and compliments on the facility—Olean is on the upswing—pun intended.



# Olean's Youth and Recreation Summertime Fun



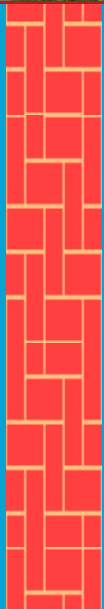
A Fishing Derby, a doll and stuffed animal contest, a pet show, a trail walk, a baseball clinic, a track meet. Olean Youth Bureau and Recreation Department was very busy during late June and July. The activities continue through August 14th. The program is free of charge and offers many programs for Olean's youth. If you need some information or would like to register please call 376-5698.



## Olean's South Eighteenth Street Gets a Facelift

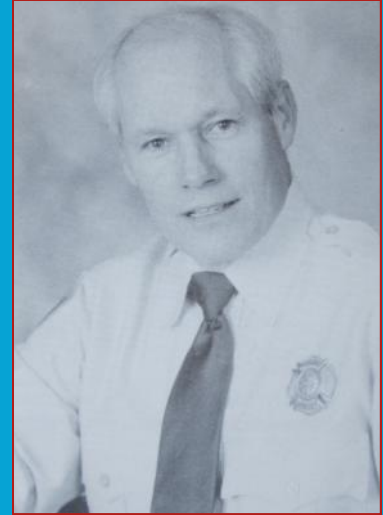
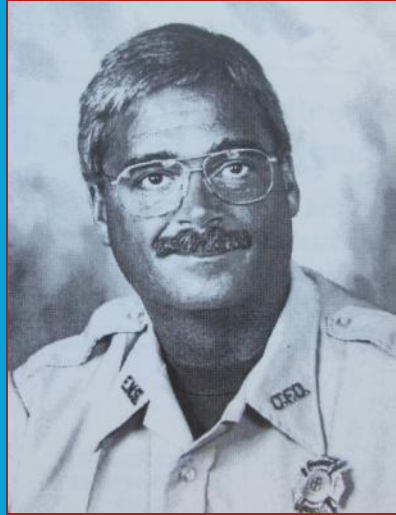


Olean is lucky to have a number of streets that are paved with bricks. On a year to year basis, the upkeep is minimal—bricks tend to last forever. But when the streets need to be refurbished, it is a process that is extremely-labor intensive. In the photos at the top of the page, the street is prepped for the work. On the left, a segment is smoothed for bricks to be re-installed. Below to the left bricks are laid into the prepped surface. And below workers separate and clean the bricks for re-installation. They are working in the bike trail parking lot on Henley Street .





# FIRE DEPARTMENT-RETIREMENTS



The Olean Fire Department lost well over 100 years of experience when three members of the department retired in July. Firefighter Dave Nolder (left) was hired in 1974. He served on Platoon E. Firefighter Tom Abdo (middle) was hired in 1980 and also served on Platoon E. Jeff Wallen (right) was hired in 1984 and served on Platoon B. The three fire-fighters will be missed by both their colleagues and the community.



On July 29th Mayor Aiello issued a special proclamation to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Medicare. He is pictured with Cathy Mackay, the Director of Cattaraugus County Senior Services:

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Older Americans Act into law;

**WHEREAS**, this act, as part of the President's Great Society Initiative, provided assistance to older adults to help them remain healthy, stay independent and have active and social lives;

**WHEREAS**, Medicare was a product of the Older Americans Act and has provided our senior citizens the ability to access quality health care for fifty years;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olean recognized the significant contributions of the City's senior citizens and wanted those residents to enjoy their retirement years with companionship and social activity;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olean dedicated the John Ash Community Center as a hub for senior center activities on a daily basis and allowed for the Senior Nutrition Program to use the facilities to provide healthy, daily meals to the City's senior population;

**WHEREAS**, today we celebrate the 50th Birthday of Medicare at the Olean Senior Center with the members of our community who the Older Americans Act was designed to help;

**THEREFORE, I, William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, do hereby proclaim today, July 29, 2015 as a day to recognize and celebrate Medicare's Birthday and urge all citizens of our community to recognize the important contributions and the significant achievements that our senior citizens have made to our City.**

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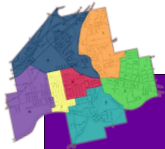
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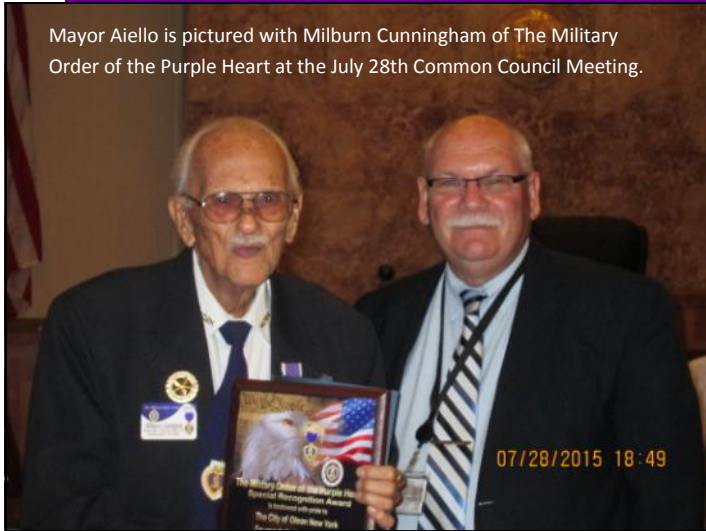
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# Olean Becomes a Purple Heart City

Mayor Aiello is pictured with Milburn Cunningham of The Military Order of the Purple Heart at the July 28th Common Council Meeting.



At the Common Council Meeting on July 28 Olean became the first City in Western New York to become a Purple Heart City with the following Proclamation:

*WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782;*

*WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America;*

*WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly—make sure that we never forget;*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olean has always supported its large, highly decorated military veteran population including the many Purple Heart recipients;*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olean appreciates the sacrifices that our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned;*

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**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. AIELLO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OLEAN, do hereby proclaim the City of Olean as **PURPLE HEART CITY** and encourage the citizens of the City of Olean to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.**

## 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/](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/oleanny/)



The City's website is great source of up-to-date information. Please visit it at [www.cityofolean.org](http://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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