### **Around & About Olean**

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



# A North Union Street Milestone





new road configuration on September 14th. According to Chris Michel in the *Olean Times Herald* the truck was 225 feet long, had 20 axels and weighed 446,000 pounds. It took the Wayne Street turn on to North Union Street with ease and continued down the road to the North Union Street Extension. The whole process from the start of the Wayne Street turn until the truck cleared the Main Street rotary took less that five minutes. The process was repeated one week later. Both times Olean residents came to witness

The first extra large load shipped by Dresser maneuvered the

The process was repeated with another large load one week later on September 21. It was not a miracle that the trucks maneu-

the event. The optimism in the crowd was

evident.

vered the turn, Dresser personnel worked diligently with the City and Hatch Mott McDonald, the engineers of the project, throughout the design phase to guarantee the success.

In fact according to Tom Windus, under the old traffic pattern, a load this large would not have been able to make the turn.

It was a great night for Dresser and for the City of Olean.



Alderman Gonzalez and Alderman Smith brought their children to see the Dresser load pass through town. They are pictured with Alderman Smith's father Dale Smith and Mayor Aiello.



A fire at a Belmont factory

in 1912 and a decision to relocate was the start of something very big for Olean. In 1880 Clark Brothers was founded in Belmont, NY. The company manufactured machinery for the timber and agricultural industries. After the devastating fire the owners relocated to Olean. In 1918 the company started to manufacture machinery for the ever growing oil industry.

Dresser Industries also got its start in 1880 when Solomon Dresser, an oil prospector, developed and patented a device that would separate the crude from the other underground liquids. The device was a success and Solomon quickly moved on to tackle a problem in the natural gas fields—the need for leak proof piping to deliver the gas to the cities. Again his product—leak proof pipe coupling—was a success.

In 1938 Dresser Industries and Clark Brothers merged.



During World War II, the new company, received official government recognition for superior performances five times. As it continued to build its standard engines and compressors, the company designed and built marine diesel engines for use in U.S. Army tugboats and tankers. For the U.S. Air Force the company helped to develop oxygen generating equipment.

#### Olean Gets a New Park



A new playground is under construction for Homer Hill residents. Located on Homer Street by the Route 86 Exit, the new playground is replacing the old playground that was located on the corner of Johnson and Homer Streets. Some great playground equipment is being installed for the neighborhood.

#### A Hero Receives His Medals

Olean's War Vets Park was the site for the presentation of Military Awards for Ernest Weller of Franklinville. Senator Young and Pascal Soares of the French Honorary Council presided over the ceremony. Mr. Weller was in the Army Signal Corps during World War II. His unit installed and maintained the lines of communication for the Allies from the shores of Normandy at D-Day to the Ardennes during the Battle of the Bulge.



Mr. Weller is in the center, flanked by his son, Cattaraugus County Legislator William Weller to left and Mayor Aiello to the right.

#### From the Mayor's Office

Time goes by so fast when you are having fun!

September was a great month for Olean. Two of the rotaries opened and I am happy to report that they are working well.

There is a glitch—Wayne Street does tend to get congested, especially from North Union to North First. But as soon as the rest of North Union Street opens that problem will be alleviated. The North First Street detour is causing much of the delay.

Volunteer groups have taken to the streets. Please read about

them in this letter. I am so grateful for all that they do to keep our city clean and inviting. Their work is never ending.

Keep you eyes on the newspaper. The City will be flushing the hydrants soon and will do the annual leaf collection. Please remember not to put leaves in the street until the collection dates.

There were many activities during the month. The Annual United Way Swine, Wine and Music Festival took place. It was a little rainy, but the ribs (I was a judge) were excellent.

Trinity Methodist Church installed their new Pastor, Lamont Higginbottom during the church's 150th anniversary. St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church celebrated their Centennial.

And the good news—the blighted properties on Wayne Street that have been an eyesore for some time are in the process of demolition.

Enjoy the falling leaves.



















### **OCTOBER IS MANUFACTURER'S MONTH**

The City of Olean's contribution to the industrial age in America is incontrovertible; with the railroads and pipelines transporting oil and natural gas from our area, steam and water power were no longer necessary and whale oil was passé. It was a new generation for manufacturers and luckily for Olean many innovations started right here. Manufacturing has been the City's lifeblood since the late 1800 's and it continues to be today. During October the local industries will be working with local students in the Dream It. Do It. Campaign. Mayor Aiello issued a proclamation to make October Manufacturers Month in the City of Olean.



WHEREAS, the City of Olean is proud of its manufacturing sector and corporate leaders who are reaching out to the local community to grow candidates for the highly-skilled jobs they need to fill their workforce;

WHEREAS, manufacturing is dependent on innovation and fresh approaches to fuel productivity and economic development, which in turn expands employment opportunities and boosts the standard of living and economic vitality;

WHEREAS, the resulting "Dream It. Do It." is a national campaign that has taken hold in the City of Olean: Cutco Corporation, Cytec Industries, Dresser-Rand, Eaton/Cooper Power Systems, Keystone Tool & Die, Mazza Mechanical Services, Napoleon Engineering Services, Pierce Steel Fabricators, Scott Rotary Seals, SolEpoxy, and Total Piping Solutions have invited 600 students from 15 area schools into their factories to promote training, education and career choices that will grow our community;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier (MAST), have devoted October 2, 2015, as National Manufacturing Day, to educate and prepare students and stimulate their interest in engineering, technology, productive work habits and other skills needed to fill many of the specialty jobs available in our local manufacturing community;

WHEREAS, this year "Dream It. Do It.,"in partnership with Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, will provide a month of activities celebrating Olean's manufacturing base;

WHEREAS, the City of Olean is supportive of the "Dream It. Do It." partnership between our local manufacturing sector and our schools that will provide the needed skills to our area's young people and keep them in the community;

WHEREAS, the number of skilled manufacturing jobs in the city appears to be on the rise and these efforts are an attempt to turn the local skilled labor shortage around, which could provide the additional benefit of increasing the city's population over time and improving our economic viability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Aiello, Mayor of Olean, NY, USA, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October to be MANUFAC-TURING MONTH in the City of Olean, NY, USA...



## **Olean's Volunteers Make Our City Shine**

Optimism and volunteerism have always been traits of Olean residents even in the worst of times. During World War II the ladies waiting for their men fighting overseas, kept watch, high atop the city, at various locations, for enemy planes. Olean was a target with vast resources,

factories and trans-

portation.

Today our volunteers are different—
they see a beautiful community and work very hard to keep it that way.
Their work is never ending and they are always looking for more volunteers
Their work is crucial to our City and they do it because they love Olean.



Lila Ervay and Casey Jones started the *City of Olean Neighborhood Preservation Committee* years ago. The Committee's volunteers are instrumental in keeping Olean's streets litter free. The group starts up in the spring and works through October. Their work is never done. And volunteers are always needed. Interested in volunteering, please call the Mayor's office and ask for a contact number.

Known on Facebook as *Revitalizing Olean*, Kathy Paciorkowski has a thumbs-up attitude toward Olean. Her Facebook Page has 1,736 members at last count. Her posts are optimistic and the work her volunteers do range from recovering "lost" shopping carts to cleaning the bus shelters; from delivering mums to homes that are getting a facelift to finding hidden planters and filling them with seasonal flowers. Their latest project? Keep an eye on 101 North Union Street—the former bank building—it appears that it is being spruced-up for the holidays.



Kathy Paciorkowski and Mayor Aiello giving the Revitalizing Olean Thumbs-up.

Rebuilding Together Volunteers working on a house in July 2015.

Rebuilding Together was very busy in July. The group painted five houses. The organization has been active in Olean since it started in 1992 as Christmas in April. It changed it's name in 2000. The mission of Rebuilding Together is: "Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of homeowners in need." Sue Cooper, the City's Forester, is one of the group's volunteers. Rebuilding Together is always looking for new volunteers.





John Ensell took on one of the City's bus shelters and added a little color and some wit. The bus shelter is on South First Street and it will definitely bring a smile to your face.



### SEPTEMBER WAS A BUSY MONTH



Mayor Aiello presents Meghan Monahan with a proclamation to recognize September 7 through September 13 as National Suicide Prevention Week and to urge citizens of Olean to participate in the Out of Darkness Walk.



John Sheehan and Skip Wilday stopped by the Mayor's office during the month—they were on a mission. As team number 57 of the Fireball Run they were on an 8 day 2000 mile adventure to draw attention to Missing Children. Their record has been exemplary—they have participated for three years and each year their missing child has been found. For more information please see the Fireball Run Website.





On behalf of the Senior All Stars State Champions, Brian O'Connell accepted Certificates of Achievements for the team, the coaches and the manager. It was a great year for Olean Baseball.



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# **Olean an official Purple Heart City**



New signs that welcome travelers to our Purple Heart Community were presented to Mayor Aiello at the September 22nd Common Council Meeting. Mel Cunningham, the CFO for the East Pasco Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, worked diligently with the Mayor's Office and the Common Council for Olean to get this distinction. The two are pictured to the left with the new signs.

#### 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.co m/oleanny/



The City's website is great source of up-to-date information. Please visit it at <a href="www.cityofolean.org">www.cityofolean.org</a>. 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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