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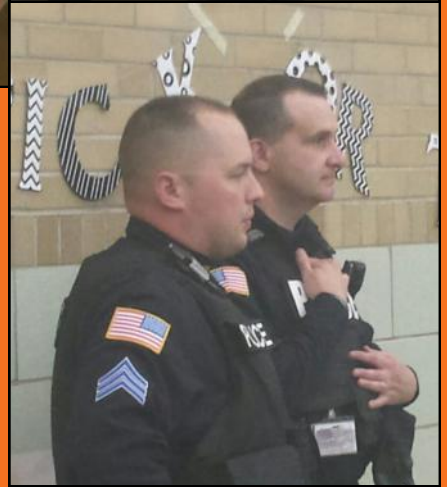
News and information from the Mayor's Office
at 101 East State Street.



Halloween



The City of Olean Youth and Recreation Halloween Social took place on Saturday, October 31st at St. John's Youth Center. There was a costume judging contest, seasonal games, a safety presentation and a Halloween favorite—Cider and Donuts. 



Do not despair as winter starts to set into our beautiful valley. There are so many things to do in Olean from ice skating to supervised recreation to basketball leagues and hockey games. Please see the [Olean Youth Bureau and Recreation Department Fall/Winter program](#) for more information.





Olean might not be the first city to install rotaries to revitalize the downtown, but it was one of the very first cities to install surveillance cameras on the main street.

At the September 10, 1968 meeting of the Common Council, the Alderman voted to enter into a contract with Allband Cablevision, Inc. to install and maintain an electronic surveillance system. The \$6,526.04 (FYI: in current dollars: \$44,621.80) per year contract included maintenance and repair of all monitors, cameras and other equipment. The contract was to be funded by the Police Budget. The resolution just squeaked by—6 aldermen voted aye, 5 aldermen voted nay.



The surveillance system was short lived. By May of 1969 the aldermen were hedging their support. The system was unpopular: apparently, businesses didn't want the cameras mounted on their buildings. The cameras are long gone, but the company Allband Cable produced a promotional piece that featured Olean. Somehow that survived and is available on [YouTube](#).



An Olympian visits the Mayor's Office. Larry Ordway stopped by the Mayor's office to show him his Special Olympic Metal that he won in the recent competition..Larry's sport is volleyball.



This familiar blockade was dismantled on Friday October 30 and traffic was once again routed on Union Street from State Street to Main Street. Construction is winding down for the season as the finishing work is completed.

The first (to the right) and second trees are planted along North Union Street on November 3, 2015.



From the Mayor's Office

October was a beautiful month as the Enchanted Mountains gave us a spectacular Autumn show.

In the City, work continued on North Union Street and on Friday October 30th the barricade at the Sullivan Street was dismantled and traffic flowed freely along the street.

It has been long summer and I appreciate the enormous amount of patience our busi-

nesses and residents displayed during the construction.

The crews will continue to work along the street during the next few weeks. Please continue to exercise caution while driving in the construction zone.

The Department of Public Works has done the first round of picking-up the leaves. If the weather cooperates, they will try to do another round if necessary and possible. They have done an excellent job maneuvering the

streets to get the leaves.

Yes, there is a new building at Bradner Stadium, and no it is not an Oiler's fan trying to squat. It is a storage facility and will be used to house opposing teams during inclement weather.

Please attend the Veterans Day Ceremony at Lincoln Park on November 11th at 11:00 am. It's a great way to honor the men and women who served our nation.



OLEAN AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM



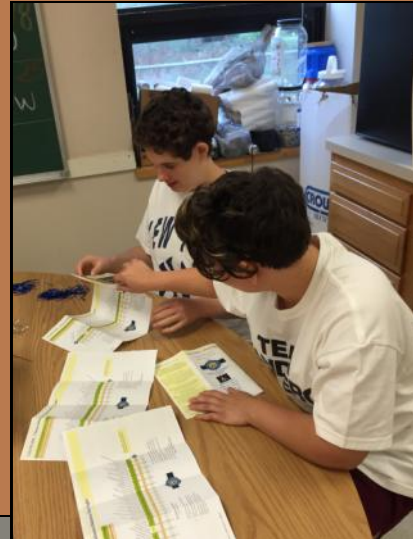
Olean Area Transit has partnered with the Rehabilitation Center and Foundations for Change to promote the City's Bus Routes. John Ensell is pictured at the North First Street Bus Shelter with the creative design that he painted. Keep an eye on the shelter, he plans to paint additional seasonal designs during the holidays.

Five additional shelters will be spruced-up by the ReHab Center Community Day Habilitation Program,

The partnership has also taken on the challenge of getting the word out about the OATS bus and extended stops. Volunteers from Foundations for Change fold the maps and through the efforts of

several programs at The Rehab Center the maps get distributed to over 50 businesses in Cattaraugus and Allegany County.

OATS accommodates people of all ability levels for travel around Olean, Salamanca and Cuba and to Allegany County with the ACT System. There are currently three different routes in Cattaraugus County and ten bus shelters in Olean. For more information please see the [City's Website](#).



OLEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Olean Police Department has been certified by the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police in a special sex offender management program. The certification recognizes that the Olean Police are employing proactive and sound practices in managing sex offenders in our community. Sgt. Lance Edwards is the Sex Offender Registration Act Compliance Officer for the police department. He handles all communications from the State for the sex offenders in Olean, as well as preparing cases to be prosecuted when offenders fail or refuse to register.

At the Common Council Meeting on Tuesday October 13 the City was formally notified of the Certification. Police Chief Jeff Rowley said, "The officers of the Olean Police Department are very serious about their commitment to protect our community. We are always looking towards improving our ability to make Olean a safe place to live. We feel that the new procedures that we have implemented in the area of Sex Offender Management will do just that."

Both Mayor Aiello and Chief Rowley thanked Sgt. Edwards for pursuing the certification and Mayor Aiello thanked the Olean Police Department for their dedication in keeping Olean a safe place in which to live.



SCENE'S FROM MANUFACTURER'S MONTH



10/02/2015



Mayor Aiello was fortunate enough to take in two tours during Manufacturing Day on October 2nd. In the morning he toured Dresser with a group from Olean High School. It was also Homecoming Weekend—Go Huskies!



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In the afternoon Mayor Aiello toured Eaton/Cooper Power Systems with Plant Manager Jason Burt and a group from the Rehabilitation Center.





OCTOBER PROCLAMATIONS



Mayor Aiello presents the proclamation to Father Greg and another official from St. Mary of the Angels.

WHEREAS, in 1913, a Catholic Church built in 1858, was moved to the southwest corner of West Henley Street and South First Street in order to begin construction on a new Church for the parish of St. Mary of the Angels;

WHEREAS, the new Gothic styled church, built under the direction of architect Emile M. Uhrich, was finished on May 15, 1915 and St. Mary of the Angels Roman Catholic Church was opened for divine services by Reverend Nelson Baker on September 26, 1915;

WHEREAS, tucked into our valley in the midst of the Allegheny foothills, St. Mary of the Angels Church, built of Pennsylvania Marble with two steeples that rise 150 feet into the air and host seven foot illuminated crosses on top of each, is an aesthetic inspiration to the residents of Olean and a beacon to our community's Catholic population;

WHEREAS, St. Mary of the Angels Church in celebrating its Centennial undertook a two million dollar restoration project to preserve the legacy of this Olean landmark;

WHEREAS, in honor of the Centennial, Bishop Richard J. Malone presided over a special Anniversary Mass held on September 13, 2015 and the Church hosted the Southern Tier Symphony on September 27, 2015;

THEREFORE, I, **William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, and on behalf of the Common Council**, hereby proclaim today, **October 13, 2015** as a day of tribute to **St. Mary of the Angels Roman Catholic Church**.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others;

WHEREAS, an average of 100 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year;

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, brought national attention to the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices faced by fire and emergency services personnel on a daily basis;

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in Olean;

THEREFORE, I, **William J. Aiello, Mayor of Olean**, call upon all citizens of our community to observe the day of **October 4, 2015**, to recognize the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel and encourage appropriate ceremonies in which all of our citizens may participate to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.



Fire Chief Robert Bell accepts the Proclamation on behalf of the Olean Fire Department.

66 If you see City of Olean employees briskly walking, exercising or checking their pedometers, it is all part of the Route 66 Walking Challenge sponsored by the City's health insurance carrier, Blue Cross Blue Shield. Walking from Illinois to Missouri to Oklahoma to Texas and at this minute touring New Mexico. Did you know that the Texaco Station in Tucumcari, NM is the only gas station to operate continuously since Route 66 was established.? It's amazing what you learn during a walking tour. The tour will wind up at the Santa Monica Pier after a jaunt through Arizona and California.



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Eagle Scout Thomas Crino



At the October 27, 2015 Common Council Meeting Thomas Crino was recognized for obtaining the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor, the Eagle Scout. Thomas entered the Scouts as a Tiger Scout in 2004 and became a Boy Scout in 2009. He earned thirty-one merit badges and participated in the High Adventure Reserve at Elk Lick Scout Reserve. His notable awards include the Cub Scout Catholic Scouting Award and the Boy Scout Catholic Scouting Award. He served in numerous leadership positions including Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

In order to achieve the Eagle Scout distinction, Thomas created a Memorial for the Unborn at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Olean. His Eagle project required him to move and repaint the Pro-Life Sign. In addition he landscaped the area and created the footer for a granite memorial, donated by the Olean Knights of Columbus, to be placed at the site. Thomas also created 330 baby crosses to be placed at the site at various times of the year. The crosses serve as a reminder of the number of abortions that take place daily in New York State. St. Mary of the Angels is a Pro-Life community and had wished for the memorial in order to draw attention to the issue.

As he issued the Special Citation and Certificate of Achievement, Mayor Aiello said, "Eagle Scout Crino is an excellent example to our community of leadership, values and ideals." Thomas's parents are Mark and Colleen Crino, his uncle is Ward Two Alderman Paul Gonzalez.

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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