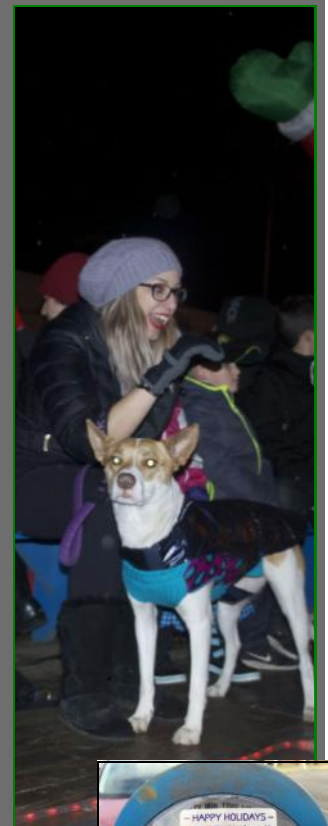
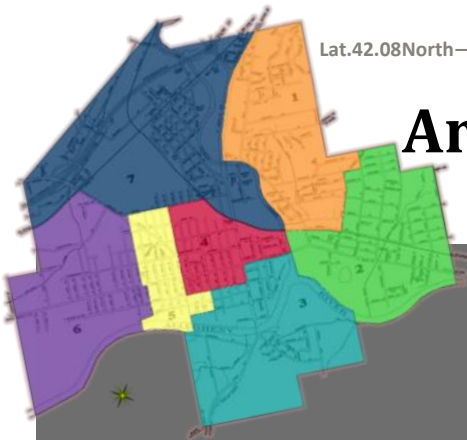


# Around & About Olean

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



A little drizzle did not stop the parade! Olean's annual Santa Claus Lane parade took place on the day after Thanksgiving. The crowds were significant and waited patiently for Santa Claus as the parade made its way along North Union Street from Delaware Avenue to State Street. The many participants this year made for a festive beginning to the Holiday Season.





*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 built by Bradley Builders to house Santa in Lincoln park. Unfortunately it was a casualty of the Flood of '72.*



The new lights in front of the City Building look great—don't they? Thank you to the staff in the DPW office, Linda Huff and Connie Dutton. Some elves came to help them decorate this year. To the left, Connie's daughters, Skylar and Kaycee, put on the finishing touches.



Mayor Aiello made some friends at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Olean High School. The pictures they drew him are currently posted on his office wall.



The Olean Senior Center was blessed to have Katrina Schneider as it's director. Her tenure at the Center will be remembered enthusiastically as she has a golden touch. Mayor Aiello and John Anastasia joined Katrina in a celebration during November. They are pictured to the left.



*The Modern Santa Claus lane is credited to the late Louis*

*Marra. Local merchants and 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.*

[\(For more information, please see the GOACC website.\)](#)

### *From the Mayor's Office*

November was an excellent month. It started with traffic flowing easily down North Union Street without any detours and ended with the Santa Claus Lane Parade marching along both the new and old sections of the street.

During the month the Common Council voted to remove the stop signs on Wayne and North First Street and remove any turning restrictions at the intersection.

In addition they voted to make the stop signs at the intersection of Front and Seneca Streets perma-

nent. Over the summer we received many positive comments about the temporary signs at the intersection.

The Blight Task Force continues to meet and we have made some excellent strides in eliminating some of the blight that plagues our community. The Wayne Street houses have been demolished, and we are working on a number of other properties in the City. Good News for downtown: Parking's on us for the holiday season! Come down town, visit our shops and salons, have lunch at our restaurants, make transactions at

your bank and don't worry about the meter.

Finally, Council President Adam Jester and Alderman Steve Barnard will be wrapping up their terms at the end of the month. It has been a privilege to work with these two gentlemen. They both have had the best interests of our Community as they conducted their work on the Common Council. Their dedication and commitment to Olean is outstanding and they will be missed.





# THE INS AND OUTS OF OLEAN'S WATER



The City of Olean's Water Filtration plant lies on the banks of the Olean Creek in North Union. It is a relatively new building dating back to 2001-02. It was a huge construction project; it started in May 2001 and was completed around November of 2002. During construction, a crane rose high above the new plant—after 9/11 the workers hoisted the American Flag on the crane and during December the crane donned a Christmas tree and lights.

According to the yearly water report, the City utilizes four water sources including three wells and the water from Olean Creek. The water from the creek is treated and filtered at the water plant then pumped out for distribution. The distribution system is approximately 125 miles of waterlines throughout the City. Any excess water gets pumped into the storage tanks that are visible on Mount Herman.



Across town on the banks of the Allegheny River lies the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The water that gets pumped into our homes and business also leaves those premises via an intricate underground piping system and makes its way to the South 19<sup>th</sup> Street facility. According to the [City's Website](#), the Wastewater Treatment Plant's 10 pump stations and one flood station process about 368 dry tons of solids per year with an average flow of about 3.5 million gallons per day.

Construction just started on a major update for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The \$23 million dollar renovation will, among other things, replace the 4 anaerobic digesters that were constructed in 1938—77 years ago. The project will continue through the winter and will be completed sometime in late 2016.





# In November We Gave Thanks: To Our Volunteers



An army of volunteers steps out of their homes in late April. They are geared-up to do battle against the litter that afflicts our streets and neighborhoods. With gloves protecting their hands, and vests, if necessary, protecting them from traffic, they rid the City of tons of litter.

In appreciation, Mayor Aiello invited the City of Olean Neighborhood Preservation Committee, chaired by Lila Ervay and Casey Jones, to a Pizza party in the Mayor's Conference Room on November 17, 2015.

As an added bonus members of the Washington Club from the Olean Intermediate Middle School were invited into the Mayor's office for a tour and a briefing of City activities.





# In November We Gave Thanks: To Our Veterans



On November 11th, Mayor Aiello spoke with a number of other distinguished guests at the Veterans Day ceremony in Lincoln Park.

“Veteran’s Day is a nice occasion because we can stand up here and actually thank veterans in person and not memorialize the veterans of the past.

“We thank our veterans for their service to our country and to the cause of freedom. There are local veterans here with us in the park this morning who have stood against fascism, communism and now terrorism. They brought down fascism, they ended communism and they will defeat terrorism.

“We thank our veterans for their courage and valor and sacrifice—but I’d also like to thank them for the nobility they bring to the cause of freedom.

“American armies in World War 2 were unique in the history of war because as they moved across Nazi Germany, German children flocked to our columns knowing that American soldiers would give them food—and more importantly—candy.

“Then there is a photograph taken on Saipan in 1945. A man is seen staggering out of a smoking cave and a U.S. Marine is gesturing to his fellow Marines, his hand held out, his fingers spread wide, telling them to hold their fire. The man staggering out of that cave, that late in the war, would not have lived one second had he confronted any other army in the world except an American army and American soldiers.

“And there is the example of a local PT boat skipper. Two shivering, captured Japanese soldiers were held on the stern of his boat. The crew expected that they would just be pushed overboard. Instead the skipper arrived on deck with blankets and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

“America is great because of our veterans, but we mustn’t forget that our veterans are great because they are Americans.

Thank you.”



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# Mayor's Executive Forum



Mayor Aiello held an executive forum on Monday, November 23, 2015 at the Magnano Room at Jamestown Community College. The event was catered by El Mariachi Restaurant of North Union Street. Larry Sorokes, CEO of Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce and the Olean Business Development Corporation spoke about the groups' plan for the former OBI building. The building will be occupied by anchor tenants such as the Chamber and other areas of the building will be used as incubator space for new small businesses, with experimental learning labs and per diem office space. St. Bonaventure University, JCC and the Connect-4 School Districts (Allegany-Hinsdale-Olean-Portville) have all signed on as partners in the venture which will help to revitalize the entrepreneurial spirit in the Olean area.

John Sayegh, Vice President of the Cattaraugus County Campus, Continuing Education, and External Partnerships, also spoke about the new Manufacturing Technology Institute that is currently under construction on the corner of North Barry and Hamilton Streets. The new facility will help train students and employees for the area's manufacturing industries.

Mayor Aiello spoke about the City's and some of the milestones that have been accomplished over the past few months and some of the events in the economic pipeline including North Union Street, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Form Based Code, the Brownfield Development and his upcoming trip to Albany.

During the roundtable discussion, Mr. Jim Stitt, Sr., of Cutco, reminded the guests of the wonderful assets that our area possesses, especially St. Bonaventure and Jamestown Community College. Mari Howard of the Rehab Center mentioned the partnership of the City of Olean, the ReHab Center, St. Bonaventure University, Cattaraugus County and the Seneca Nation in the Olean Area Transportation System. Al Wager of National Grid talked about a grant the National Grid awarded to the Olean Business Development Corporation. Lori Cornell of the Governor Cuomo's office was also in attendance and discussed Lt. Governor Hochul's recent visit to SolEpoxy and St. Bonaventure and mentioned that the University has been a leader in the governor's "Enough is Enough" legislation.

## 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 if it is too cold and snowy, there are many other ways to pay your bills. Recently 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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