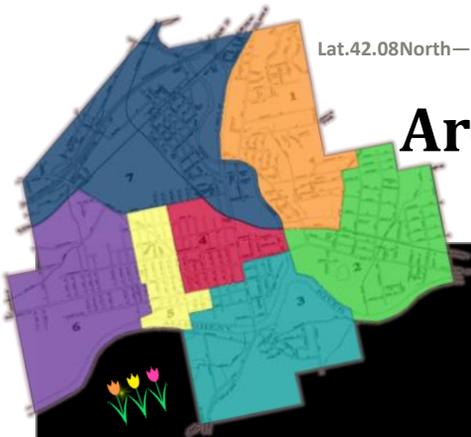


Around & About Olean

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



SPRING



IS IN THE AIR



In March Olean was the home of the NY State Basketball Champions. And it was a city of leprechauns. Plus there was a sighting of a giant Easter Bunny delivering eggs and baskets to the little ones.

See inside for more information...





In 1895 a group of women in Olean established the Olean Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was based on three corner stones: historic preservation, education and patriotism and was affiliated with the National Chapter of the DAR that was founded in 1890 in Washington, DC.

The ladies had their first meeting at the home of Mrs. J. B. Strong, and they hosted their first event at the home of Mrs. Frank W. Higgins. Within 5 years of their founding they had 71 members and two of the ladies, were, in fact, daughters of men who had fought in the Revolutionary War.



Over the years, both Mrs. Strong's house on Laurens and Second Street and the Higgins mansion on South Street were demolished to make room for grocery stores. The grocery store on the former Strong property became the Olean Public Library.

Sadly, over the years, the Olean Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution shuttered and merged with another chapter. But.....

On March 13, 2016 that Olean Chapter was revitalized at the Olean Public Library—the same geographic location as the first meeting of the Olean DAR in 1896.



About the Leprechauns

On St. Patrick's Day, Larry Ordway stopped by the City Building on his way to deliver Meals on Wheels. He is pictured on the cover with Council Clerk Tiffany Taylor, and to the right with Mayor Aiello.



About that Bunny

Olean's War Vets Park was the scene of the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Youth Bureau and Recreation Department. The children of Olean had a great time looking for eggs on a nice sunny day.



From Mayor Bill Aiello's Office:

Spring came early to Olean this year. The sun was warm, the clocks moved forward an hour, and construction—on our downtown streets—started. We finally got some street lights, which are in place on the north end of the street on North Union.

It is budget season too. And hard fiscal facts target our budgeting. Given the guidelines of the tax cap that Governor Cuomo instituted, the City is only allowed to raise taxes .12 percent or \$7,000. As a taxpayer, I like that rate. But as Mayor, I see the difficulties of running a City like

Olean, providing the necessary services that our taxpayers deserve and staying within the tax cap. It is difficult, but not insurmountable.

The Common Council has established new or has rewritten old ordinances over the past year to maximize the City's revenue in other areas. For example, parking tickets have been largely ignored by our residents. The number of outstanding tickets is staggering, but the dollar amount, just about \$200,000, is money that is owed to our residents and the city has the responsibility to collect that money.

Unfortunately our local laws made the violations difficult to collect. The law has been changed to allow for booting of cars. Having a car immobilized is both unpleasant and expensive. I urge all residents to call the City Building to see if they have outstanding tickets and get them paid before booting starts on April 8th.

We have also made some changes to City Parking Lots, please see page 5 for more information.

Looking forward to an enjoyable April...



ABOUT THE CHAMPIONS



They left on a warmish, rainy day and returned on a cold, rainy day. But their fans were there to meet them both times. Over that very wet weekend, the Olean Varsity Boys Basketball team became the Class B State Champions and their coach, Jeff Anastasia, was inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame. According to *Olean Times Herald* reporter, Diana McElfresh, Mayor Aiello, at the homecoming celebration, said, "They beat some very good teams and that just shows they have a lot of character, a lot of dedication and they play well together. It's not a one-man show on that team."

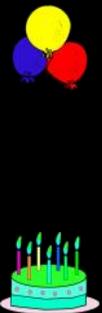


Congratulations Huskies





Happy 100th Birthday Quido Ramire



WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor Quido Ramire on the occasion of his 100th birthday;

WHEREAS, Quido Ramire was born on March 24, 1916 in North Olean, and has lived in the community all his life;

WHEREAS, Quido Ramire is a Veteran of the United States Army and served as a medic in World War II;

WHEREAS, Quido Ramire married his wife, Louise, in 1937 and they were married for 71 years;

WHEREAS, Quido Ramire is the father of four children, the grandfather of nine and the great-grandfather of thirteen;

WHEREAS, Quido Ramire was employed at Sacony Vacuum, the Thatcher Glass Plant and spent 32 years at Clark Brothers;

WHEREAS, Quido Ramire is a sports legend in Olean, he played fast pitch softball for Thatcher and Clark Brothers; he played basketball for Sacony Vacuum and the Christopher Columbus Lodge; he was a coach for the Olean Little League; he umpired Little League, high school and St. Bonaventure games in the 1950's; he coached basketball for the Olean City Championships, and he was a trainer for St. John's Midget League Football and Archbishop Walsh Football.

WHEREAS, Quido Ramire has served his community in many capacities: he was a Committeeman for Ward 8 in 1938; he was appointed as Chairman of the Recreation Department by Mayor Schneiderman; he helped build the concession stand; he was president of the West End Beagle Club; and served as president and vice president of the 4601 Chapter of Clark Brothers Retired Workers; and,

WHEREAS, Quido Ramire has been a very active and supportive member of the Senior League for 37 years and in 2013 he was named Volunteer of the Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Aiello, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Olean, do hereby **congratulate Quido Ramire on the occasion of his 100th Birthday**, and thank him for his many contributions to our community, and I extend my best wishes to Quido for many more healthy and happy years.



A Month of Proclamations



James Theodore, Jr. was named Elk of Year in March. Pictured to the left and surrounded by his family, he receives the key to the City from Mayor Aiello. Captain Theodore also serves in the Olean Fire Department and has been a firefighter since 1994. In 2001 he helped lead the local effort to fundraise for the firefighters that were lost in the attacks on the World Trade Center. He was honored to present a check from our community totaling over \$50,000 to the NY City Union President.

March for Meals Month was celebrated on March 23rd at the Senior Nutrition Center at the John J. Ash Community Center. Mayor Aiello recognized the month with a Special Proclamation that said in part:

During the past year in Olean over 40 volunteers delivered 31,200 meals to 120 homebound residents. They worked a total of 3,017 hours and donated \$69,602 to the community.

To the left, Mayor Aiello participates in the event by delivering Meals on Wheels.



It's that time again. Construction has resumed on North Union Street. The City of Olean has made changes to the parking lots to allow for downtown shopping during the construction. The City owned lots on North Barry Street and North First Street at Sullivan are now manned with a parking attendant. Parking is \$.25 per hour. Parking stubs can be validated at most businesses in the shopping district. And many of the stores have made their businesses accessible to the parking lots with updated back doors. Come downtown, see the construction progress, do some shopping and have a meal at one of our wonderful restaurants.

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A Word of Thanks from Mayor Aiello

We go to work every day, anticipating and hoping for a peaceful day. On March 22, it was not a quiet day in Olean. As a former police officer, I knew immediately that something was wrong. My radio confirmed it. I heard what every Mayor dreads, "shots had been fired..."

As Mayor, I would like to personally thank the City of Olean Police Department, the City of Olean Firefighters, the City of Olean Dispatchers, the Cattaraugus County Sherriff's office, the New York State Police, Allegany Village Police and the Department of Environmental Conservation Police. It was a long day for all of them and they should be commended for their professionalism, patience and co-operation as they brought the situation to resolution.



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 rainy, 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/



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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