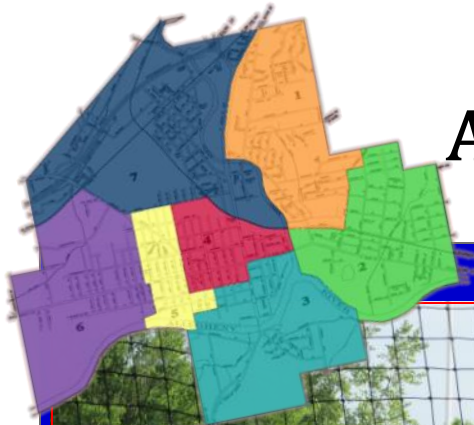


Around & About Olean

News and information from the Mayor's Office
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Olean's Got Grit



Just a few years back, who would have thought that on a sunny evening during Memorial Day Weekend as the American Flag fluttered gently in the wind, Mercy Flight would land in Bradner Stadium to deliver the ball for the first pitch for the 2015 NYCBL State Champion Olean Oilers? It was inconceivable, but, as it turned out—not impossible. It took foresight, patience and determination—or grit—to re-vamp an Olean landmark that was built in the 1920's. And the results are amazing. A number of organizations take advantage of the stadium, including the Southern Tier Diesel, whose season starts on June 25th at 7:00 p.m.

A few blocks to the north west, Olean's Business District is in the midst of a major overhaul. When it is done new wiring and new plumbing will lead to the buildings. Olean's four lane street will be reduced to two lanes with a median down the middle and the red lights will be a thing of the past. As the construction resumed this year, residents have continued to show patience. And we are witnessing the resolve of Olean citizens to make the new

street a place where people want to come to shop, eat, bank, and even live. Olean's got grit!





The Civil War Journal of Confederate W.W. Hartsill described his railroad journey from an Illinois prison camp to Fortress Monroe on the Virginia Peninsula. He was part of a prisoner exchange program. Travelling through our neck of the woods he commented on the names of the towns. He mentioned Salamanca and Cuba.



It was a route that many Confederate POW's made until the program was disbanded. There was one who died en route. His name was unknown, but he was granted a proper funeral and burial here in Olean.

He is buried at Mount View Cemetery in the Field of Honor among his fellow Americans who bravely fought for our nation. His family never knew what happened to him, but the kind hearted locals did not let a war interrupt their civility toward another American.



The Annual Police Memorial Service took place on Friday May 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the City Building. The service is for all departed law enforcement officers.

Many retired police officers attended the event. Pictured left to right are Captain Jim Connelly, Lieutenant Art Filjones, Chief Michael Luty, Chief Brian Donnelly, Deputy Chief Jack Bell, Patrolman Terry Shearer, Mayor (former Captain) Bill Aiello and Captain Frank Connelly.



From Mayor Bill Aiello



The past month should prove that we live in a great City. The Service to Youth Award Ceremony honored some great individuals who have dedicated their lives to make Olean a great place for children to live. At the stadium: the Bradner Bash was a success, the baseball season started and we celebrated Memorial Day—all in one weekend. Construction along North Union Street continues At the north end of the street the landscaping is in place. If you

want to learn more about the rain gardens, there is an excellent article at the [walkableolean.com website](http://walkableolean.com) Cattaraugus County helped the City to get ownership of 13 properties. Our fight on blight is progressing. I would like to thank the Cattaraugus County Legislature and the Olean Common Council for their support. Blight is a cancer that is killing our neighborhoods and it will only be remedied if we work in unison to defeat it. The County Legislature also agreed to a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) of \$1 for the

Airport. In the past the City's PILOT has been \$8,500. I am very thankful to the Legislature, the Airport is such an asset for our County. Please remember that many of the merchants on North Union Street can validate an hour of free parking in our lots. Please come downtown, have a great meal at one of Olean's great restaurants and do some shopping. There is plenty of parking available. And finally, thank you to the many volunteer groups who continue to keep our streets clean and bright.



SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD CEREMONY



On Thursday, May 19, 2016 The city of Olean Youth Bureau and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Olean Youth Advisory Board, recognized the "Service to Youth" recipients.

Joseph DeCerbo received the "Distinguished Service to Youth Award." Recipients of the Service to Youth Award were Dan Brown, Eric Keller, Matt Threehouse and the late Ron Threehouse.

The Olean Youth Advisory Board High School Senior Honorees were Kylea Andreano and Shane Pancio both of Olean High School. The Olean Area Youth Court High School Senior Honorees were Elizabeth Jaremko and Ryan Volz, both of Allegany-Limestone High School.

At the dinner, Mayor Aiello awarded two scholarships to Nicholas Trass and Jacob Cavana of Olean High School. Nicholas will graduate from Olean High School and will study Criminal Justice at Erie Community College. He belongs to Liberty Partnership and SkillsUSA. He plays Big 30 Soccer, is a Boy Scout and is on the BOCES Honor Roll. Nicholas has worked at Good Times of Olean since February of 2015. He was encouraged to enter the field of Criminal Justice by his uncle, who is a judge and his cousin who works on border patrol.

Jacob will graduate from Olean High School and will study Accounting at Niagara County Community College. He belongs to the National Honor Society. He plays basketball and baseball for Olean High School in addition to playing AAU basketball and travel baseball. Jacob received the National Honor Society Scholar Athlete Award. Jacob has worked at Sparky's Pizza of Olean since 2014.



And speaking of the city of Olean Youth Bureau and Recreation Department—the Summer Program 2016 has been published. It looks like another great summer in our local parks. There are plenty of activities for children. And fun for adults too: the **Olean Oilers season has already started at Bradner Stadium.** The **Southern Tier Diesel** season starts on June 25, **The Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby** starts on **June 11 at the William O. Smith Recreation Center.** The **Thursday Evening summer concert** series starts on **June 23 at Lincoln Park.** And **City Cup Softball Tournament** is **August 12-14** at all **City Fields.** And there are also the Fireworks on July 4th at Bradner Stadium. The Program is available on-line and at the City Building.



150 Years of Community Bank



Community Bank, NA celebrated it's 150 Anniversary on May 20, 2016 at the bank's North Union Street branch. Both Mayor Aiello and Senator Cathy Young attended the festivities. Mayor Aiello made the following proclamation in honor of the bank's anniversary:

WHEREAS, one hundred fifty years ago in 1866, the S. D. Hungerford and Co. Bank was founded in Canton, New York; it had one branch and a few employees and was later renamed the St. Lawrence County National Bank;

WHEREAS, this bank was the foundation for Community Bank, N.A. which currently has a branch network of almost 200 locations and more than 2,000 employees;

WHEREAS, in 1870 as the local oil industry developed and Olean became the epicenter of production, three gentlemen, Claudius Barse, Henry Morris and Willis Barse, founded State Bank of Olean;

WHEREAS, in 1878, this local Olean bank reorganized under the name Exchange National Bank; with a national charter and paid up capital of \$100,000;

WHEREAS, in 1984 Community Bank, N.A. obtained the national charter for The Exchange National Bank and in 1992 the bank consolidated with four other affiliates into a single banking subsidiary, known as Community Bank, N.A.;

WHEREAS, today the Olean and Western New York market of the Bank consists of 35 branches, a total of \$906 million in deposits and \$328 million in loans;

WHEREAS, despite its growth, Community Bank is committed to serving the financial needs of customers in smaller communities and believes in local decision making;

THEREFORE, I, William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 20, 2016 as **Community Bank Day** in the City of Olean, and on behalf of the Common Council, I congratulate the Bank for 150 years of valuable service to the community and the region.





Bradner Bash—May 27, 2016



Gary Stebick, City Clerk Alex Utecht, the

Crum Brothers and Mayor Aiello enjoy the sun, the conversation and the surroundings at the Bradner Bash.



To the left, former City Attorney Mark Howden, Captain Randy Wind, and Sgt. Ron Richardson meet up at the Gar Lane Stephen tunnel entrance.



Connie Dutton from the DPW Office dances with the Crum Brothers.



Kristiana Pavone and Sean O'Connell, the Director of Baseball Operations, for the Olean Oilers enjoy the food .



Olean Fire Chief Robert Bell and his wife Kathy enjoy the summer evening at the stadium.



Mary George, Keri Kerper and Connie Dutton greet customers with bright smiles.



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The Memorial Day Celebration took place at Bradner Stadium this year. Although the venue was different, the sentiment was the same. Mayor Aiello offered the following words at the ceremony:

In the rush of events that keep us pre-occupied and busy, it's wonderful to have this opportunity—this Memorial Day—to offer our thanks to the men and women who couldn't be here today because--in the service of our country—they died to make this day possible.

Because of their sacrifices, we can gather here this morning to honor them—free citizens in a free country—under our grand old flag—the flag that is now the oldest national flag in the world.

Because of their sacrifices, we are about to choose the people who will lead our country--rather than being informed--in no uncertain terms--who those leaders will be.

Because of their sacrifices, we can actually argue about politics. You may not always see that as a great blessing—but it is—and one of the greatest. It's a luxury that most of the world can only dream about.

Because of their sacrifices we have a country people are dying to get into, rather than a country that people are dying to get out of.

Memorial Day is most of all a reminder that freedom is not free--it's not a gift--it's not a given. Many people have paid very dearly so that we could all be here—in Olean, New York—on this sunny morning to honor them, to remember them, to thank them.

But we're here to reassure them that we hold the same values that they did--and stand ready--as they were--to preserve--to protect and defend the freedoms that will allow us to gather here next year in the same way to honor the men and women who gave their lives that this nation might live and breathe free.

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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