



# Around & About Olean

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



## HONORING HERBERT V. ELMORE

A Plaque Dedication Ceremony in honor of Herbert V. Elmore took place on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Olean Central Fire Station. Revitalizing Olean, the Facebook group, founded by Kathy Paciorkowski, was instrumental in organizing the tribute to the late Mr. Elmore, Olean's first African-American Firefighter.

Mr. Elmore was hired in 1964 and was a very active member of the department. An on-the-job injury disabled his firefighting duties in December 1974; however he continued to be instrumental in the fundraising activities of the Professional Firefighters Association until his death in 1994.

Kathy Paciorkowski said that Revitalizing Olean is always on the look for a project that will make Olean a better place to live. The sign at the Fire Training Center at Gargoyle Park caught their eyes. The group decided to take the weather beaten sign and refresh it—with a donation from Close's lumber and the artistic ability of Brittani Jones from Brittani's Country Loft. Simultaneously, the group noticed that the building had been dedicated to Mr. Elmore and they pursued purchasing a plaque to recognize this fact.

Revitalizing Olean devised a plan to raise funds for the plaque: Paul and Sue Marra graciously hosted a New Year's Eve event at the Premier Banquet Center and Cory Crandall of Crandall Memorial's helped create the plaque which reads: *In honor of Herbert V. Elmore 1930-1994 for his faithful service to our City, may his courageous deeds live on forever through those who serve.* Revitalizing Olean worked with Mayor Aiello and Fire Chief Robert Bell to establish a date and venue for the event which was attended by Mr. Elmore's family and opened to the public. A large crowd gathered for the ceremony.



*Frank Bartlett was born on Christmas Day in 1858 in Allegheny County. He attended public schools while living on the family farm. In 1879 he went to work at the First National Bank of Cuba and on the following year he took a position at the Exchange National Bank in Olean. He started as a bookkeeper and worked his way to the position of Clerk in 1885. He was elected president in 1911 and under his management the bank was very successful.*



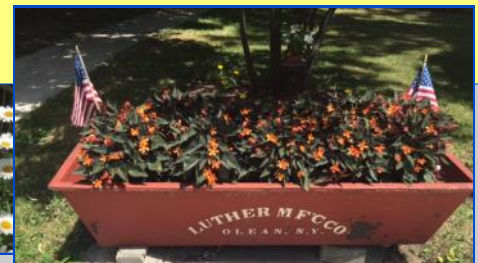
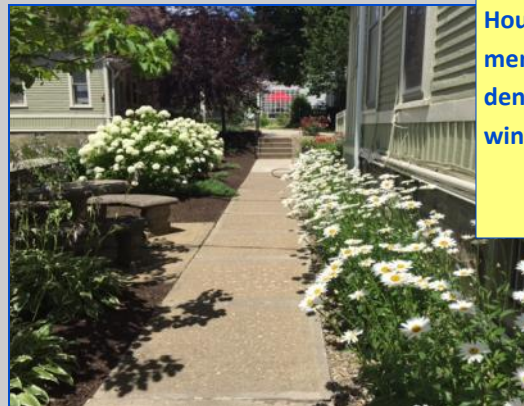
*Mr. Bartlett also was president of the Olean Glass Company, president of the Sterling Brick Works Company; treasurer of Pierce Leather Company, treasurer of Olean Improvement Company and connected with all of the Higgins Industries. He was a trustee of the Presbyterian Church of Olean and president of the Hamilton (later Bartlett) Country Club. In 1886 he married Frannie E. England of Tidioute, PA and together in 1891 they purchased a beautiful Victorian Stick style house on Laurens Street. The home had been built by George Forman in 1881 and today it is a museum that preserves Olean's grand old past. Mr. Bartlett died in 1922, he and his wife are buried in Mount View Cemetery.*



**Mayor Aiello joined our U.S. Representative Tom Reed and they assisted with the Summer Lunch Program at Oak Hill Park on Friday July 29, 2016.**



**The Gardens are in full bloom at the Bartlett House and Olean Point Museum Complex. Summer does not last long, but the beautiful gardens will be remembered fondly during the cold winter months.**



*From Mayor Bill Aiello*

**What a month! The month of July started and ended with celebrations. And no one can complain about the weather in between. July has been the perfect month.**

**Kathy Paciorkowski and the Revitalizing Olean Group spearheaded an event on Saturday July 2, 2016 to honor and memorialize the late Herbert Elmore, Olean's first African American firefighter. It was an excellent way to start the Fourth of July Weekend.**

**The Olean Professional Firefighters Association once again**

**brought Independence day to a close with a brilliant display of fireworks.**

**The City's Youth and Recreation Program is in full swing and once again has a great participation rate. I have received many compliments regarding the program and my thanks goes out to the City's summer staff who supervise the programs.**

**The North Third Street reconstruction has started. It is a complete street project which includes new water and sewer lines, sidewalks and the street**

**will be rebricked, with many of the same bricks.**

**The North Union Street project continues to push ahead. As August starts we will see the rotary at the intersection of State and Unions Streets take shape. The landscape at the other end of the street is blooming and I have had volunteers stop by my office to offer their help in keeping the street free of weeds and litter. Please drive carefully as the North Union Street project comes to a completion.**



## Summer in the City of Olean



Mayor Aiello accompanied by Common Council President Paul Gonzalez and Alderman Kelly Andreano of Ward 2 threw out the first pitch at the New York State Collegiate Baseball League championship game on Sunday July 31, 2016. They are pictured above with Rene O'Connell, Brian O'Connell.

\*Photo from the Facebook page of the Olean Oilers.

Over ninety years ago the Bradner family contributed \$60,000 for a 6,000 seat stadium in Olean. The opening event took place on June 20, 1927 and featured the Detroit Tigers versus the Boston Braves. It was the first of many exciting ball games to take place here in Bradner Stadium.

The stadium survived many harsh winters and spring floods, but time had really taken its toll on the Bradner's gift to Olean.

Olean's former Mayors, David Carucci and Linda Witte, along with current Mayor William J. Aiello and their respective Common Councils realized that the stadium was a gem in the heart of Olean. The Mayors and Common Councils have worked together for nearly a decade to continue the refurbishment effort.

The new Bradner Stadium was a team effort. The Olean Local Development Corporation was founded to spearhead the endeavor. And, generous support from New York State Senator Catharine Young, the Cattaraugus County Legislature, the City of Olean, the American Legion, Rally in the Valley, and private contributions, has ensured that another generation of Olean-area residents will continue to enjoy events at Bradner Stadium.

Mayor Aiello and the Common Council want to thank Brian and Rene O'Connell and the Olean Oilers for renewing the baseball tradition that was started with the Bradner family's vision.



Sister Margaret Carney. O.S.F, S.T.D., retired from her position as President of St. Bonaventure University at the end of July. Sister Margaret has always been a friend of Olean, was one of the early supporters of Walkable Olean and was a regular attendee of the Mayor's Executive Forum. Mayor Aiello and the City of Olean will miss her leadership and enthusiasm and wish her well as she embarks on her next journey.

\*Photo Courtesy sbu.edu





# SUNSETS AND LIGHTS, BRICKS AND GRAVEL



As beautiful sunsets painted the evening sky during July, lights illuminated Bradner Stadium.



On North Third Street, the cobblestone bricks were dug-up in early July. As the month drew to a close the installation of the water and sewer lines had begun.



The city of Olean Fire Department received the Bronze Award for the 2016 Mission: Lifeline® Award for their outstanding success with in the Mission: Lifeline® STEMI Program. The award was given by the American Heart Association of WNY for improving cardiac patient care and outcomes in the community. Olean General Hospital received the Silver Plus Award and Trans Am Ambulance Service received the EMS Gold Award.

Pictured above are Firefighter Jim Whiteman, Captain Steve Wolfe, Lt. Tim Richardson, Chief Robert Bell and Mayor William Aiello

\*Photo supplied by OGH.



The Olean Area Transit System will continue to run when the North Union and State Street detours are in effect. It is a great travel alternative. Please see the [OATS Schedules](#) on line for more information.



# Olean Parks are Open for Fun



Once again this year Olean's parks are the place to be for fun and sun. Sponsored by the Olean Youth Bureau and Recreation Department there is something interesting to do almost everyday of the summer. From craft projects in the parks to Bowling and Miniature Golf at Good Times of Olean. As well as tennis clinics, contests, a fishing derby and swimming—at two pools. The Summer Concert series is ongoing until

August 25th. The Southern Tier Diesel have three home games scheduled in August and the popular City Cup Softball Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of August 12, 2016. Summer is winding down — but there is still so much to do in Olean's parks.



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# STUDENTS CLEANING OLEAN



Enroute to the Police Department to bring care packages to the officers, a youth group from the First Baptist Church in Olean stopped by Mayor Aiello's office. They had spent the better part of the day picking up litter along the streets of Olean before stopping by the Municipal Building. Mayor Aiello thanked them for helping to keep Olean tidy, gave them a tour of his office and as they left, he gave them each a City of Olean lapel pin.

## 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/](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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