## Around & About Olean

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



# Amazing Olean















As we say good-bye to one of nicest summers on record, take a look at some of the treasures that are in Olean for everyone 's enjoyment.



Olean The Times Herald ran a series from August 29 to August 31 on Olean's history in the oil industry The City's residents were pioneers in the field—from drilling and refining to storage and transportation they found solutions to the problems that this new industry created. In fact the Allegheny River and its miles of tributaries could be considered the birthplace of America's Industrial Revolution.



The last article in the series gave a quick history of Olean's Gargoyle Park. It had been part of a massive tank farm, but when the oil industry moved west and the tanks were dismantled for scrap, Socony sold most of the property. The company kept 50 acres for an employee picnic area called the Gargoyle Club. It became Gargoyle Park and interestingly is the site of the yearly Oil Producer's Clam Bake. It's a great park with excellent facilities, another Olean gem. And the name Gargoyle: it stems from a product line of Socony-Vacuum.

## Olean, NY August 2016

The Olean Common Council went on a field trip to the fire stations. The tour was led by Chief Robert Bell and one of the highlights was to see the amazing capabilities of the City's



new fire truck.

The United Way Rib Fest was held at Good Times of Olean in early August. Dr. Watkins from the Cattaraugus County Health Department was judge in the event with Mayor Aiello.



#### From Mayor Bill Aiello

Another great month in Olean. The City's parks were alive with people all summer long: from the concerts in Lincoln Park on Thursday nights to the youth recreation program and the sporting events at Bradner Stadium. We had excellent weather and great participation. A wonderful summer.

The City made one of the tennis courts at Oak Hill Park a Pickle Ball court. And local Pickle Ball enthusiasts had a tournament in late August.

The City's parks are a great asset to Olean. A number of

groups sponsor successful events in our facilities and I plan to put more emphasis on marketing the City's parks, John Ash Center, Bartlett House and other City facilities.

Construction on North Union Street continues. Residents and travelers struggled with the closing of the State and Union Street intersection and the resulting detour during August. I greatly appreciate everyone's patience through this process—especially our North Union Street Merchants. The process has been long, but the results look great so far. We are planning for a ribbon cutting on October 21st. Although I promise that the street will be opened before that!

School will be in session soon. Please remember that our smallest residents will be on the streets again. Please remember to travel slowly and obey the traffic laws around our schools and throughout the City.

Finally—if you have any suggestions on how Olean can be a better place—please let me know.













Wow! So many changes. Catco moved very quickly in August. In mid-August traffic was detoured away from the State and Union Street intersection to allow the Construction company to build-up the rotary. It started as a painted out circle and by months end was pretty much completed.

The final paving was started on September 2, 2016 as photographed to the left.

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## **KIDS DAY IN AUGUST**



















Summer Youth Recreation Program closed

out the season on August 12, 2016 with the Annual Kids Day at War Vets Park. The pool was open for free swim and there were carnival games, inflatables, Disney Characters, birds, food and music. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. All the proceeds from Kids Day will benefit the Youth Memorial Scholarship Funds. A special thanks goes out to the City's Summer Staff who made our parks come alive through numerous events through out the summer.







## August Was a Very Busy Month in Olean



KOBELCO

Olean was the host for the Gus Macker 3 on 3 basketball tournament during the month of August. Mayor Aiello is photographed with the team he sponsored: from the left, Justine Brooks, Hannah Aiello, Mayor Aiello, Sophie Aiello, Kyl Lyons.

The tournament took place by the Olean Center Mall on Delaware and North Barry Streets.

> Construction continued through the month on North Third Street. The streetscape project includes new water and sewer lines as well as new curbs being installed below and to the left. The street will be rebricked soon





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Mayor Aiello attended a celebratory Picnic at Franchot Park on Friday August 5, in honor of World Breastfeeding Week. The picnic was a joint venture between Cattaraugus County WIC Program and the LaLeche League of Olean. Mayor Aiello made the following proclamation:



Maloney of the Cattaraugus County WIC Division ...

#### ing Action August 1-7, 2016;

WHEREAS, World Breastfeeding Week in 2016 is themed Breastfeeding: A Key to Sustainable Development;

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics that each baby have a diet of purely breast milk for the first six months of life;

WHEREAS, a direct correlation has been found linking breastfed babies with a significantly lower risk of many health concerns such as diabetes, obesity, asthma and allergies;

WHEREAS, the Cattaraugus County Health Department WIC Program and the Le Leche League of Olean will observe World Breastfeeding Week in accordance with the World Alliance for Breastfeed-

WHEREAS, a Celebratory Picnic held on Aug. 5, 2016, will raise awareness of the steps to successful breastfeeding as well as the many added benefits for mother, baby, family and society from the choice to breastfeed a child;

THEREFORE, I, William J. Aiello, Mayor of Olean, NY, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim August 1, through August 7, 2016, to be World Breastfeeding Week in the City of Olean, NY, USA.

### **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.co m/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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