#### **Around & About Olean**

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





Terry Shaw, Activities Director at the John J. Ash Community Center, was honored by the Olean YMCA at their 32nd Annual Salute to Olean which was held at Good Times of Olean on March 3, 2017.

"The City of Olean is very lucky to have Terry Shaw as the Director of Activities at the Senior Center," said Mayor Aiello. "He has done an excellent job; by adding new and creative programming into the lives of Olean's older population, he has managed to significantly increase attendance at the center."

"His commitment to this age group is even more evident by his volunteer work with the Department of Aging Advisory Council and the Planning Committee on the Problems of Aging," Mayor Aiello added. "His dedication to our community enhances the quality of life for all of our residents."

Before Mr. Shaw took over the senior program at the Community Center, he served in the United States Navy, worked for seventeen years at the West Valley Demonstration Project and taught construction safety courses at BOCES. In addition, he helped to bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to Olean and he works with Rebuilding Together. He received a commendation from President Nixon for saving the life of a 7 year old who was in a run away boat.

Mr. Shaw lives in Olean with his wife Janet and they have four children and seven grandchildren. Later in the month Mr. Shaw will be honored as Citizen of the Year at the 44th annual Elk of the Year awards dinner at the Olean Elks Lodge.

A special proclamation was made in February recognizing the Olean Municipal Building Tile Mural. The Municipal Building was designed by Milton Milstein and the general contractor was Carl W. Ek and Son Construction Company. The Design department of the **Olean Tile Company created** the mural which measures approximately 15 feet wide and 20 feet high and contains more that 50,000 pieces of tile. Collaborating in the design were Allen Harvey and Marilyn Reynolds. Mrs. Allen Harvey put the tiles together and the Ideal Tile and Marble Company was contracted to install the mural.





**Above:** The City's donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring are picked-up by Cory Walker. **Moving clockwise:** City Electrician Dave Kahn officiates an Abp. Walsh basketball game. Mayor Aiello bids farewell to Rev. Dan McDowell and below the OHS JV girls basketball team. Mayor Aiello's granddaughters, Hannah and Sophia, are in the first row.







The proclamation was made because the recent obituaries of Bernard Edwards and Basel V. Aldrich said that they were involved in the installation of the mural. The proclamation said, "... [the City] thanks all of those involved in creating, installing and maintaining the striking mural that vividly depicts Olean's remarkable history." The mural was produced by products made in Olean. If you haven't paid attention to it in years—please take a second look at it today.

#### From the Office of Mayor Bill Aiello

Looks like spring is in the air—but please keep an eye on the pot holes. The City's DPW Supervisor of Operation, Jennifer Tompkins, and the Streets crew are busy filling them. But with the weather changing constantly, new pot holes appear daily. If you come across a bad one, please call my office. We will be sure that DPW gets notified.

I would like to personally thank the City's Police Department.

Their job never ends and the work that they do tends to go unnoticed. It the past month a couple of their cases have made headlines and it reminds us how important it is to have a dedicated staff in the Police Department.

The Common Council has started their budget deliberations. The City Charter stipulates that the Mayor develops a budget and sends it to the Common Council on February 15th.

The Final Budget will be adopted by April 15th.

The City will be starting the renovation of the William O. Smith Recreation Center as soon as the Home Show closes on April 9, 2017. It is a very large project that will remedy a number of issues that affect the efficiency of the ice rink. In addition the restrooms and locker rooms will be renovated. This project will enhance our quality of life in Olean.



Whether you're 5 or 55 or a centennial—there are plenty of options for entertainment in Olean. The William O. Smith Recreation Center has skating in the winter and swimming in the summer. And the pool in Franchot Park is a great place to take the kids on those hot summer days! But that's not all the city of Olean has to offer.

The John J. Ash Community Center comes alive on weekdays as the hub of activity for Olean's seniors. From Tai Chi to Yoga, to Square Dancing and crafts and cards—the Center has it all, plus it is the Olean site for Cattaraugus County's Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program.

Got that itch to get outta town—strange as it may sound, the Senior Center is the place to go. In March, the Senior Center will sponsor a bus trip to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn plus a day of shopping in Angelica. And in June the Olean Coaster Jr. Sr. Group will sponsor a 5 day—4 night Tour of Chicago.







THERE IS ALWAYS SOME-THING TO DO IN OLEAN





The City of Olean Youth Bureau and Recreation Department's mission is to provide a wide variety of positive recreational, cultural, social and educational programs to Olean's residents of all ages. Think you'll agree—it's meeting it's mission.....













**Top left**: Senior Center day trip to Letchworth. **Top Right**: Fun at After School Recreation at the St. John's Youth Cen-

ter. The informal drop-in program operates throughout the entire school year and provides the children the opportunity to enjoy recreational pursuits in a safe, positive environment.

**Second Row Left:** The Youth Basketball program runs from mid-November until mid February for boys and girls grades 4-6. The objectives are participation, enjoyment, exercise, sportsmanship and instruction. **Second Row Right**: The December Lunch at the Senior Center was festive and entertaining.

**Third Row Left**: The Halloween Party was well attended by goblins, nuns and even the then Presidential Candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. **Third Row Right:** The Youth Basketball league games are well attended by family and friends.



# LaDorna Fox Receives Key to the City







Mayor Aiello presented LaDorna Fox, longtime member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the Key to the City at the Common Council Meeting on February





### A SPECIAL PROCLAMATIONRECOGNIZING LADORNA FOX

WHEREAS, LaDorna Fox has been an active member of the Olean community for many years;

WHEREAS, as an artist, LaDorna Fox has taught her skills to a number of Olean residents;

**WHEREAS,** LaDorna Fox has volunteered her time to others by helping senior citizens with their taxes, working at the YMCA and delivering Meals on Wheels;

**WHEREAS,** LaDorna Fox represented the former Ward 10 as Alderman on the Olean Common Council from 1992 until 1994 and she served on the Civil Service Commission;

**WHEREAS,** LaDorna Fox was appointed to the City of Olean Zoning Board of Appeals in 1994, she was voted in as Chairperson in 2002 and continually served in that position through 2016;

**WHEREAS,** LaDorna Fox's unwavering commitment to Olean has been apparent throughout her term on the Zoning Board of Appeals as she made a number of important decisions for our residents;

**WHEREAS,** LaDorna Fox's wealth of knowledge and experience were vital as the Zoning Board of Appeals dealt with many challenging issues over the years;

**THEREFORE**, I, William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, on this the Twenty-eighth day of February in the year 2017, recognize **LaDorna Fox**, and on behalf of the Common Council, I extend our appreciation for her 25 years of service to our community. Her contribution to Olean is significant, and accordingly, I hereby present a **Key to the City of Olean**, **New York** to **LaDorna Fox**.





Mayor Aiello was invited to BOCES on Thursday, February 9 by Jim Hilyer, the Product Design and Manufacturing Instructor at the facility, to attend a presentation by Stacy Hale from NASA. The presentation described the HUNCH program: a NASA outreach program where students machine parts for the International Space Station. Mr. Hilyer said that the Olean BO-

CES center has been a part of the HATCH program for four years and that they create latch parts for storage lockers that are sent to the International Space Station. Mr. Hale brought a locker for the students to sign—with a special pen—the locker will be headed to the Space Station soon.

Above Mayor Aiello is photographed with Korryn Martin, an Olean High School Student who served as the lead designer and programmer.

## 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.

# Seniors are Never Bored In Olean

The Olean Senior Center located at the John Ash Community Center on North Barry Street has many activities and programs for those age 55 and above. The monthly calendar is now on the city's website under the Youth and Recreation Department-Olean Senior Center.

For more information please contact: 376-5670 or <u>seniorcenter@cityofolean.org</u>.



The City's website is great source of up-to-date information. Please visit it at <u>cityofolean.org</u>. 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



You can reach the mayor at his office in the Olean Municipal Building at 101 East State Street in Olean, or by phone at 716 376-5615, or by e-mail at waiello@cityofolean.org

