

# Around & About Olean

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



## Memorial Day Parade Returns to Union Street



The annual Memorial Day Parade returned to Union Street this year after a one year hiatus. The parade stopped on the South Union Street Bridge to honor servicemen lost at sea, and continued to Veterans Field at Mount View Cemetery. Mayor Aiello was a speaker and said,:

“Thank you for being with us this morning in Veterans’ Cemetery to celebrate Memorial Day. This is the one special day of the year set aside to honor those men and women who died in the defense of our country.

“New York was the first state to officially recognize and celebrate this most solemn of national holidays in 1873. This morning is the 144<sup>th</sup> time the people of Olean have gathered to recognize and thank these heroes who—as Abraham Lincoln said, “Gave their lives that this nation might live.”

“We don’t have to look too hard or too long across the vast horizon of today’s world to quickly realize and recognize that the business of keeping America safe is not over, is never ending, the cost is always high—and the price is mostly paid by the brave men and women who serve in the armed forces of our nation.

“We’re here this morning to memorialize and honor them. That’s as is should be. But we must also recognize the collective sacrifice made in the homes and broken hearts of their families and friends who lost—not a hero—but a son, a husband, a wife, a daughter, a mother, a father, a pal or a gal.

God bless them. God bless Olean, and God Bless America.”



“The Constitutional Congress met 240 years ago today and passed the first Flag Act. “Resolved, that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.”

“In the 1800’s, Henry Ward Beecher, a clergyman, a reformer and an abolitionist wrote an essay entitled *The Meaning of Our Flag*.

“He wrote, “Our Flag carries American ideas, American history and American feelings. Beginning with the Colonies, and coming down to our time, in its sacred heraldry, in its glorious insignia, it has gathered and stored chiefly this supreme idea: *divine right of liberty in man*. Every color means liberty; every thread means liberty; every form of star and beam or stripe of light means liberty - not lawlessness, but organized, institutional liberty - liberty through law, and laws for liberty!”



“It is my honor to be here tonight with so many of you who have put yourselves in harms-way to protect our Flag and protect that “one nation, under God, indivisible in liberty and justice for all.”

“Thank you for your service and your commitment and dedication to our nation and the communities that make up our great country, the United State of America.”

From Mayor Aiello’s Flag Day Speech at the Olean VFW



Flag Day Celebrations were held at the Olean VFW Post on June 14 2017. Members of the Olean American Legion and Boy Scout Troop 621 also took part in the event. Mayor Aiello was the guest speaker. His comments are in the left hand panel.

### From the Office of Mayor Bill Aiello

Finally—summer. And doesn't Olean look great. Again, thank you to all the volunteers that continually pick up litter and weed the gardens in Olean’s parks. We are most grateful for your dedication to our community.

Things are happening at Bradner Stadium. Please stop by for an Olean Oilers Baseball game or a Southern Tier Diesel football game. It is definitely a great way to enjoy an evening in Olean.

The wading pool at Franchot just opened. It’s now opened everyday from noon until 5:00 p. m. The pool is a great way to beat the heat.

Olean’s Youth Bureau and Recreation Department has an exciting summer planned for our children. Please see the bright yellow brochure that is available at the City Building and on line. So much to do — and free of charge. Please be sure to register, you will be glad that you did.

The City’s street crew has been busy filling pot holes and doing a great job. Please let us know if they missed one. Winter was very tough on our streets.

The Summer Concert Series at Lincoln Park started. Please stop by on Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 8:30. Great music—great venue—and take a look at the Silent Policeman that has been commissioned by the Rotary Club.

Have a safe month and enjoy the weather.





North Barry Street was shut down in early May to allow for paving. An excellent job was done by the City of Olean Street Crew. And thank you to the businesses and patrons for your patience during this two day project.



Luke Rogers (left) and Dylan Spencer (right) were awarded the Mayor's Scholarship at the Service to Youth dinner on May 17th. The Mayor's scholarship is awarded yearly to two Olean students who plan to continue their education in a college in New York State and plan to study engineering, accounting or criminal justice. The scholarship is funded by the contributions that Mayor Aiello receives



Olean's North Union Street Transformation Project receives another award. This time from New York Conference of Mayors at the annual meeting in May. Common Council President Paul Gonzalez (left) is photographed with NYCOM President Thomas Roach (center), Mayor of the City of White Plains and City Attorney Nick DeCerbo, Jr. (right).





A large crowd was on hand for the Golden Olympics held at Good Times of Olean on June 8, 2017. An excellent event with great competition.



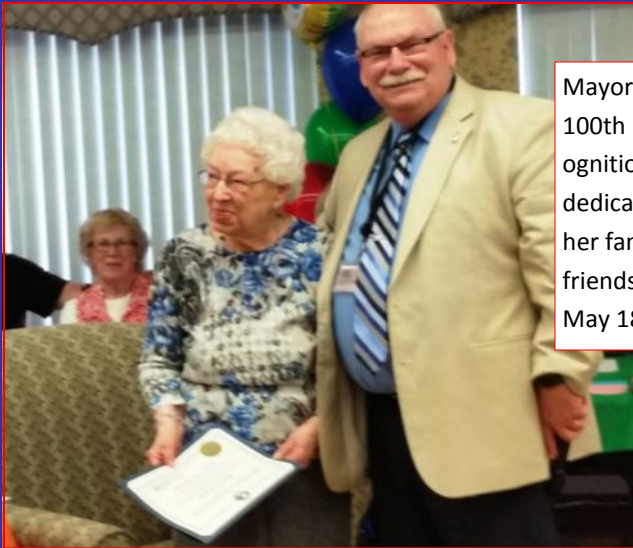
It was a beautiful day for the annual National Children's Day at Franchot Park on June 11, 2017. The event started in Olean in 1995 when the City dedicated a portion of Franchot for a Children's Memorial Garden to establish a living memorial to all children, living or

deceased. The garden, situated near the Johnny Appleseed Memorial Tree Grove, gets revived with a new planting of flowers each year on National Children's Day. This year was even more special as the brick walkway was finally completed by Eagle Scout Antonio Belvees (see below)



For his Eagle Scout project Antonio (Tito) Belvees, of Boy Scout Troop 617 finished the Children's Memorial Garden at Franchot Park by installing the bricks that had been purchased by residents for the "Johnny Appleseed Lane." In the picture from the left is Mayor Aiello, Antonio's father, James Belvees, Antonio, and his mother Jeannette Belvees.





Mayor Aiello wished Helen Swift of Eden Heights a Happy 100th Birthday and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition commending her steadfast dedication and commitment to her family, her community and her friends. Mrs. Swift turned 100 on May 18, 2017.



Saad Mirza interned for Mayor Aiello last summer and presented an option for decreasing the City's feral cat population to the Common Council. An Olean High School senior, Saad graduated from the Olean Campus of Jamestown Community College before his high school graduation. Mayor Aiello was at the graduation ceremony as well.



Many retired members of Olean Police Department were present at the Annual Police Memorial Service. Mayor Aiello included. Sitting next to him is Lieutenant Art Filjones. Behind them from left to right are Chief Mike Luty, Captain Frank Connelly, Lieutenant James Tambash, Captain James Connelly, Chief Brian Donnelly, Chief Terry Schnell and Deputy Chief Jack Bell.





Mayor Aiello attended the Hospice Walk on May 20, 2017. Before the well attended event started he said, "Is a pleasure to be here today... to be here on the Allegheny River Trail with families who are not only honoring loved ones, but who are spending their Saturday morning walking to raise funds for Hospice. Thank you for being here.

"Hospice is headquartered in my hometown of Olean. But it serves residents throughout our county, Cattaraugus, as well as the surrounding counties of Allegany, Genesee and Wyoming.

"In Olean, we have companies that make knives and turbines, plastics and bearings, among so many other things;

but *this* organization, *Hospice*, is *much* different. Its one product is caring. Hospice employees tend to the sick and the terminally ill and offer emotional support to family members. Hospice has helped countless families over the past year.

"I thank everyone involved in the organization for offering compassionate support to patients and families during a very difficult and emotional time. And I thank all of you who are supporting Hospice today by running or walking on this beautiful setting along the Allegheny River and through St. Bonaventure University."



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### 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 [seniorcenter@cityofolean.org](mailto:seniorcenter@cityofolean.org).



The City's website is great source of up-to-date information. Please visit it at [cityofolean.org](http://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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