



Around About Olean



Another First for Olean



The City of Olean is pleased to be the recipient of four Clearview Mobility charging stations from the Cattaraugus County Health Livable Communities Consortium. The charging stations will help people who use wheel chairs and mobility scooters to power their devices and allow them to enjoy Walkable Olean without the fear of a dead battery.

The charging stations were purchased through the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Improving Health in People Living with Disabilities Grant and were delivered by Sandy Brundage and Dr. Watkins of the Cattaraugus County Health Department.

Ms. Brundage said that Olean is the first municipality in New York State to receive the chargers. She added that the gentleman who created the chargers has a chronic disease, is confined to a wheelchair and lives in Oregon—a state known for its beautiful trails. After getting stranded on a trail he created the device.

Ms. Brundage said that City of Olean continues to work very hard to make the community walkable and with about 30 percent of Cattaraugus County residents living with a disability, many of whom have limited mobility, the devices,

will allow more residents to enjoy Walkable Olean without the fear of getting stranded.

The chargers will be deployed in four strategic areas of the City, including War Vets Park, Lincoln Park, North Union Street and West State Street.

Above from left to right: Bob Ring, DPW Director, Keri Kerper, Community Development Director, Mayor Aiello, Dr. Watkins, Cattaraugus County Health Director and Sandy Brundage.



Very early on the City of Olean's motto was "City of Natural Advantages". It was also the title of a book compiled by in 1889 by L. E. Chapin, the secretary of Olean's Board of Trade.

The Olean Board of Trade was started on October 5, 1887 at the City Club (currently the offices of Louis Proto). A group of citizens met for "the purpose of organizing to further the commercial and manufacturing interesting of Olean." The group was very successful. During its first year of existence. Olean's population increased by twenty-five percent. Its labor force increased by 900 men and it was stated that local business were capitalized at \$750,000. More on the Board of Trade later....



Returning to the "City of Natural Advantages". The author didn't know where the motto came from—it was in place long before Olean's natural resources were discovered. So he surmised it was the location—"within the oxbow formed by the Allegheny River and Olean Creek, the perfect drainage thus obtained upon three of its sides; the fact that it is at the end of the backbone of the Allegheny mountains and at the junction of three widely diverging valleys which render a natural passage way...for canals, railroads and highways...



From the Left: Halley Kottwitz, Young Entrepreneurs Academy Program Manager, Mayor Aiello, Anderson Phillips, Mikailyn Gronemeier, Michael Lambert, Sophia Riquelme, Jakob Theodore

Mayor Aiello recognized both the inaugural class and the Program Manager, Halley Kottwitz, of the Cattaraugus Allegany Young Entrepreneurs Academy at the Common Council Meeting on October 24, 2018. The Academy serves students in grades 6-12 and teaches them to generate business

ideas, conduct market research, write and pitch business plans, and launch companies.

"Over the past few months I have been invited to celebrate significant anniversaries with a number of companies in Olean: Henry H. Hill, 100 years; Hedley Brook, 90 years; Olean Medical Group, 70 years; ELANTAS PDG, 60 years; and Eden Heights, 30 years," Mayor Aiello said.

"These businesses, and actually our entire manufacturing sector, were started by someone with an idea, and over the years they have not only created jobs but have made our community a better place to live."

"The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is helping our local students advance their ideas into the next generation of businesses in our community and I appreciate the effort that Ms. Kottwitz and the numerous professional presenters are making to advance local entrepreneurship," Mayor Aiello added.

From the Office of Mayor Bill Aiello

Summer is long gone and autumn was a little dreary—lots of rain and clouds. But when the sun *did* shine Olean was positively beautiful. Our mountains glow in the fall.

Have to thank the Chamber for sponsoring another StrOlean in October. It is such a nice way to get residents to visit North Union Street.

Also have to thank all our volunteers who kept our gardens under control and looking great throughout the season. And thank you to Lila Ervay and the litter control group. They do an

awesome job. You wouldn't even think that Olean has a litter problem.

DPW is out right now picking up the leaves. Looks like the weather will hold out and we will be able to do two runs this year. Good thing as the leaves wanted to stay on the trees.

The Firefighters once again lit the fire house in pink and wore pink shirts during October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Police Department is working with the Olean City School District to provide security

Officers while school is in session. For years the Resource Officer in the school has been an Olean Police Officer and that program has been beneficial to both the school and the City.

November means Election Day, Veterans Day—this year is the 100th year anniversary of the end of WWI, Thanksgiving, and Olean's Annual Santa Claus Lane Parade. As the flowerpots are returned to storage, decorations will be installed. I am sure it will once again be a very festive season in Olean, NY.

Happy Thanksgiving



From left to right: Jeff Belt, President, SolEpoxy; Hugh Freeborn, Director of Engineering, Cutco; William Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean; Evelyn Sabina, Project Coordinator, Dream It. Do It.; Rick Moore, Superintendent, Olean City School District.

Mayor Aiello was pleased to Proclaim October as Manufacturing Month in the City Olean:

WHEREAS, the City of Olean is proud of its manufacturing sector and corporate leaders who are reaching out to the local community to grow candidates for the highly-skilled jobs they need to fill their workforce;

WHEREAS, manufacturing is dependent on innovation and fresh approaches to fuel productivity and economic development, which in turn expands employment opportunities and boosts the standard of living and economic vitality;

WHEREAS, the resulting “**Dream It. Do It.**” is a national campaign that has taken hold in the City of Olean: **Cutco Corporation, Dresser-Rand: A Siemens Business, Pierce Steel Fabricators, Mazza Mechanical Services, ELANTAS PDG, Napoleon Engineering Services, SolEpoxy, Scott Rotary Seals, Eaton CPSD, Keystone Tool & Die, 360RISE, Jamestown Community College-MTI, St. Bonaventure University, Dresser-Rand Challenger Learning Center, Boundless Connections, Moog, General Welding, American Made Store, FiberCel, Stroehmanns and Fitzpatrick & Weller** have invited 800 students from 15 area schools into their factories and educational institutions to promote training, education and career choices that will grow our community;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier (MAST), have devoted October 12, 2018 as National Manufacturing Day, to educate and prepare students and stimulate their interest in engineering, technology, productive work habits and other skills needed to fill many of the specialty jobs available in our local manufacturing community;

WHEREAS, this year “**Dream It. Do m**” will provide a month of activities celebrating Olean’s manufacturing base;

WHEREAS, the City of Olean is supportive of the “**Dream It. Do It.**” partnership between our local manufacturing sector and our schools that will provide the needed skills to our area’s young people and keep them in the community;

WHEREAS, the number of skilled manufacturing jobs in the city appears to be on the rise and these efforts are an attempt to turn the local skilled labor shortage around, which could provide the additional benefit of increasing the city’s population over time and improving our economic viability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Aiello, Mayor of Olean, NY, USA, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October to be MANUFACTURING MONTH in the City of Olean, NY, USA; and,



Photographed from the left are: Chief Robert Bell, Nate Veno, Cameron Zollinger, Lt. Sally Bullers, Sean McLaughlin, Capt. Mike Connelly, Mayor William Aiello

Mayor Aiello proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and commended the Olean Professional Firefighters for wearing pink throughout the month to honor those who have fought the disease.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month honors women who have lost their lives to breast cancer and recognizes the survivors who continue to courageously fight the disease.



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.



The City's website is great source of up-to-date information. Please visit it at cityofolean.org. In addition the city has a FaceBook 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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