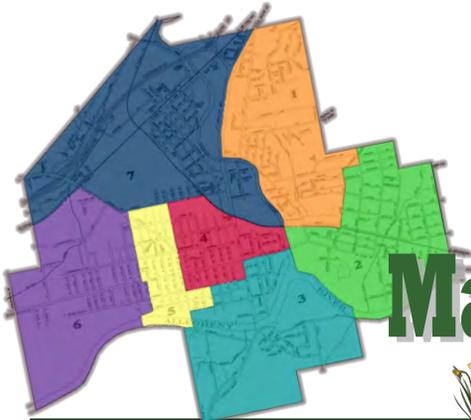


# Around & About Olean

News and information from the Mayor's Office



## Marching into Spring



Wishing you  
a pot of gold



It doesn't look like Spring will ever arrive this year—but the greens of St. Patrick's Day reminded us that nice weather is just around the corner. It was a festive day at the Senior Center

in the John Ash Community Building. Traditional St. Paddy's Day fare of corned beef and cabbage was on the menu. The haunting sound of bagpipes accompanied by a snare drum entertained the gathering with music from the Emerald Isle. A variety of games and other festivities were available at the Senior Center to celebrate the day. Mayor Aiello was on hand for the event.



And all  
the joy  
your heart can  
hold!





In 1927-28 the ladies of the Parents-Teacher Association of School Three located very close to where the Olean Municipal Building now stands, got together and published a *Hostess Reference Guide*. The guide is invaluable if you are interested in the Roaring Twenties. But it is the ads that give a sense of Olean.

Miller Hardware, Crystal Confectionery, and the Oriental Chop Suey Restaurant were located on North Union Street.



Other businesses on North Union Street included:

- the Venice Restaurant where there was music every night and Guy Ross was the manager.
- The Home Dairy Co. Restaurant boasted *Two Good Places to eat—Here and at Home*.
- Allen McDermott Boot Shop where *it paid to buy your shoes*.
- D.W. Sheehan & Son was a grocery store *where you could phone for food*.
- The Hickey Brothers were plumbers, gas fitters and heating engineers. One could go into their store and see their *fine line of kitchen sinks*.
- Jaekle Brothers was located at 323 North Union Street—*sales and stables; carting and teaming*.

*Times have certainly changed!*

It was incredibly cold, wet and snowy—and it was a Sunday. But that did not stop the City’s water department from heading out and answering—not one but two—emergency water main breaks. A break on Hamilton was caused by a broken t-connection that services a fire hydrant. On Seneca Avenue and Alder Street the break was caused by a broken 4 inch valve. Water was restored to the Hamilton Avenue residents by 7:00 pm and by 12:30 am to the residents on Seneca Ave. Mayor Aiello echoed the sentiments of both the Director of Public Works Tom Windus and the Water Superintendent Mark Whiteman, “The City’s staff did an excellent job, under very adverse weather conditions, to investigate and fix these two leaks. I am very proud and thankful for their commitment to our community.”



### *From the Mayor’s Office:*

The snow hasn’t completely melted but phase two of the North Union Street Project has started.

I am very pleased to announce that a number of the businesses along the street with parking lots have been gracious enough to offer parking places to the other businesses along the street. The VA Clinic lent three spots to Angee’s during the lunch hour. CVS has given three spaces and Wendy’s offered their auxiliary lot. I really appreciate

their community mindedness.

The 2015 Construction Guide “Olean on the Move” is available. Copies can be picked-up at the Chamber of Commerce or in my office. Among other items it includes a parking guide for the North end of the street and directions on how to navigate a rotary.

In addition a weekly e-mail is sent to the businesses and institutions in the area that may be affected by the traffic changes.

It has been a long winter. There are potholes and they are being filled as quickly as possible. If you see one that needs immediate attention, please let us know and we’ll pass it on to streets department.

My grandchildren are looking forward to the Easter Egg hunt in War Vets Park next week. We have some great parks in Olean and the City is gearing-up for another fun-filled Summer in the Parks. Stay tuned for more information.



# A Buffet of Chef Challenges



Mayor Aiello was invited to judge the Healthy Heart Chef Challenge at Olean General Hospital in March. The challenge: a healthy meal in thirty minutes. Six chefs from the Olean and Bradford Hospitals competed and the winner was a scallops with salsa.



Across town at the St. Stephen's Club former Mayor Quinlan, Vinnie Marra, Jim Melaro, Jim Bardenette and Mayor Aiello judged a meat ball contest organized to raise money for the Olean Sports Boosters. They are pictured to the left with the winner.

Photographs from the hospital event were supplied by Olean General Hospital



Council President Adam Jester and Mayor Aiello met up at Eastview Elementary School to explain the importance of working together in government. Council President Jester is standing in the middle of the photograph.

The cold weather and snow did not stop a contingent from the American Legion from meeting up with Mayor Aiello and Jim Bardenette, the Zamperini Committee Chairman, to place a wreath at the memorial for Louis Zamperini.



Seeing double? Does the Mayor have a twin? No! Pictured with the Mayor is Tom Barie.



Phase two of the North Union Street construction project has begun. Construction updates are available on the [Walkable Olean Website](#). Please call my office (376-5615) if you have any concerns or comments.



# Happy 99th Birthday Quido Ramire



March 24th was a festive day at the Olean Senior Center. Quido Ramire, a long time volunteer at the Center, celebrated his 99th birthday with family and friends. Mayor Aiello honored Mr. Ramire with a special proclamation

### A Special Proclamation To Recognize Quido Ramire On His 99th Birthday

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to honor Quido Ramire on the occasion of his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday;

**WHEREAS**, Quido Ramire was born on March 24, 1916 in North Olean, and has lived in the community all his life;

**WHEREAS**, Quido Ramire is a veteran of the United States Army and served as a medic in World War II;

**WHEREAS**, Quido Ramire married his wife, Louise, in 1937 and they were married for 71 years;

**WHEREAS**, Quido Ramire is the father of four children, the grandfather of nine and the great-grandfather of thirteen;

**WHEREAS**, Quido Ramire was employed at Sacony Vacuum, the Thatcher Glass Plant and spent 32 years at Clark Brothers;

**WHEREAS**, Quido Ramire is a sports legend in Olean: he played fast pitch softball for Thatcher and Clark Brothers; he played basketball for Sacony Vacuum and the Christopher Columbus Lodge; he was a coach for the Olean Little League; he umpired Little League, High School and St. Bonaventure games; he coached basketball for the Olean City Championships; and he was a trainer for St. John's Midget League Football and Archbishop Walsh Football;

**WHEREAS**, Quido Ramire has served his community in many capacities: he was a Committeeman for Ward 8 in 1938; he was appointed as Chairman of the Recreation Department by Mayor Schneiderman; he helped build the concession stand; he was president of the West End Beagle Club; and served as president and vice president of the 4601 Chapter of Clark Brothers Retired Workers;

**WHEREAS**, Quido Ramire has been a very active and supportive member of the Senior League for 37 years and in 2013 he was named Volunteer of the Year;

**THEREFORE, I, William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, on this, the 24th day of March 2015, do hereby congratulate Quido Ramire on the occasion of his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and thank him for his many contributions to our community, and I extend my best wishes to Quido for many more healthy and happy years.**



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# Eagle Scout Lucas Mehmel



*Lucas Mehmel was honored at the Common Council meeting on March 24, 2015 for obtaining the Boy Scouts' highest honor, the Eagle Scout Award. In order to achieve this award, Lucas undertook the challenge of cleaning and organizing the Olean High School sports storage complex.*

*In the winter of 2013 Lucas envisioned his Eagle Scout Service Project which would, upon completion, increase the storage space for sporting equipment for organizations that use the building and would allow for future improvements on the building.*

*Initially, Lucas interviewed Mr. Paul Ksionzyk, the athletic director of Olean High School, to determine the scope of his project. He then got direction and the necessary permissions from the coaches and groups that use the facility.*

*In the summer Lucas created an efficient floor plan of the facility. He organized a group of twenty-two people, including other scouts, friends and family members. At that time the project site was dirty, cluttered and unorganized. Under his leadership, the team organized and cleaned the facility. The group removed garbage and recycled scrap metal. With the free space that was created, they organized the sports equipment to make the items more accessible.*

*In his special proclamation Mayor Aiello said, "Eagle Scout Mehmel is an excellent example to our society of leadership, values and ideals."*

## 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 it is too cold and snowy, there are many other ways to pay your bills. Just 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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