

Around & About Olean

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



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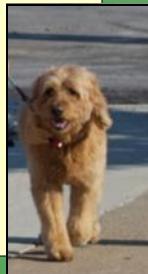
Before North Union Street opened-up to traffic, Mayor Aiello, Council President Adam

Jester, Brittani Jones and Sharon Myers got to give the City's new rotaries a go. High above the action, aboard the City's ladder truck, Danny Bush, the multi-media producer at St. Bonaventure University, video taped the event for *Walkable Olean: Navigating Roundabouts*.

Sharon Myer's company SMA Consulting directed the production and Danny Bush edited the video. The video is available on all Walkable Olean social media—including YouTube and Facebook. [The video is also available on the City website.](#)

St. Bonaventure University kindly lent the talents and services of Danny Bush to the effort.

Olean's Director of Community Development, Mary George, played the role of the pedestrian. Moriss, her dog, tagged along for the adventure. He was definitely the star of the video.





In 1805 Adam Hoops donated a plot of land in Olean to be used as a public cemetery. As the City grew Oak Lawn Cemetery found itself in the geographic center of the community. Many houses were built around the cemetery and plenty of children lived in the area.

At the Common Council Meeting of September 23, 1904 the Finance Committee presented a report about Oak Lawn Cemetery. There had been discussion about erecting a fence around the cemetery. The committee said that a basic fence would cost thousands of dollars. A fence with ornamentation would cost even more. The finance committee, with the deepest respect for the families of loved ones buried at the cemetery, made a suggestion.....



"If it could be discontinued as a cemetery and converted into a public park it would be of great benefit to the people of the City...The children from the whole of City west of Union Street could use it without the necessity of crossing Union Street...the ground would lend itself admirable to park purposes and nature has already done a great deal toward furnishing the base of ornamenting it in the way of trees..."

On May 5, 1905 with the approval of the Governor, the City was authorized to acquire Oak Lawn Cemetery for the purpose of establishing a public park, to move the graves in the park to another location and to issue a bond for the purpose of doing so.

Oak Hill Park as we know it today was on its way....



Local students refurbished the totem pole at Oak Hill Park during the summer. Pictured with Mayor Aiello are Chantel Singleton, Victoria Certo and Andrea Certo. The totem pole has been a landmark in the park for many years.

In late spring the Friends of Oak Hill Park spent the morning cleaning the park and getting it ready for the summer. Their efforts, as illustrated, were substantial.



Oak Hill Park is home to many squirrels—including one of the Olean's famous Woodland in the City Squirrels.



From the Mayor's Office:

What a month—Olean busted with activity during the Month of August.

The project on North Union continued—we started to see the traffic circles, the pavement, the median and grass. It looks great and was partially opened for traffic on August 31st. A new detour is in place as the rotary at the Mall gets constructed.

The construction zone did not deter the Gus Macker. It was a great weekend in Olean and the weather—which looked dicey at the start of the day—

cooperated to make it a memorable event.

The Chamber and the Rally in the Valley Committee out did themselves again this year. It was a beautiful weekend, the events were outstanding and Bradner Stadium was the perfect venue for many of the events.

School will be starting soon and some of our youngest residents will take to the streets. Please drive carefully and stay alert for our students.

Our water bills are now on a

monthly schedule. Please remember that payments are due earlier in the month.

It is nice to see plenty of activity on the Allegheny River. Following the lead of Portville and Allegany, Olean will have a boat launch, hopefully it will be installed by next spring .

Olean's DPW, with the cooperation of Cattaraugus County, has made major improvements to many of our streets. They look great—thank you.



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Olean Drivers Take to the Rotaries



North Union Street opened up for traffic on August 31, 2015 at approximately 12:30 pm. Detours are now in place for the area between the Olean Center Mall and West Sullivan Street. It has been a very interesting summer as we watched the modernization of Olean's infrastructure. Many positive changes to our water lines, our storm sewers and our lights.



A Sunny and Busy August in Olean



Gus Macker came to the City and put its courts right up along side our massive construction project. It was great weekend of basketball for Olean residents. And this year's tee shirt made an imaginative use of our new road.



Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce's Rally in the Valley had numerous events throughout the City from August 19th until the 23rd. On Thursday night *The Hootz* was the featured band for the *Banking on a Good Time* street dance on Laurens Street sponsored by Community Bank.

Many Olean residents were graduates of the former St. Joseph Parochial School. It was knocked down in August. The land that the school stood on will be used by the school district for parking. St. Joseph's Parish relocated to the former Transfiguration Church after a fire destroyed their Church.





NEW FACES AT THE CITY BUILDING



Upon the retirement of Debbie Teachman, there were some changes in the DPW office. Linda Huff assumed the role of Public Works Office Supervisor. Connie Dutton moved into Linda's former role as Principal Account Clerk. And Amber LaRue stepped into Connie's former position as Senior Account Clerk typist. In addition there is a new counter in the DPW office.

There is a new face in the Codes Office—Kathy Hewitt . She serves as secretary for the department.



Christine Sherlock has taken over the role of Records Clerk for the Police Department.

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Senior Picnic at War Vets Park



The City of Olean and the SWAN nutrition program hosted the Senior Picnic at War Vets Park on September 1, 2015. It was the perfect day for a picnic and the pavilion provided a nice cover from the hot sun.

The event started with coffee at 9:00, followed by a hootenanny sing along at 10:00. Lunch was provided afterwards.



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 hot and humid, 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 online at this link:

www.municipalonlinepayments.com/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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