

Community Update

A Bi-weekly News Report on the City of Olean
From the Desk of Mayor Linda Witte



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East State Street reconstruction gets under way in early June

Olean Public Works Director Tom Windus said he hopes to have a contractor on board soon for the East State Street reconstruction project.

The work should begin during the first full week in June between Front and King Streets if everything goes according to schedule.

The project is expected to cost about \$3.5 million and will include replacement of water and sanitary/storm sewer lines, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, in addition to the road base replacement, resurfacing and black top.

Bradner Stadium lights and other items to receive upgrade

(see photo p. 2)

Workers have begun preparations on one important item at Bradner Stadium, where future sporting activities and other gatherings are planned. A stellar event will require good lighting!

The light poles, bases and lights will be removed and repaired, painted and then re-installed on new bases that have already been set up.

Currently, the Olean Local Development Corporation is collecting do-



Chris Kelsay (l) and Mayor Linda Witte.

Bills' Defensive Lineman Chris Kelsay is the special guest at Salvation Army Awards Din-

Chris Kelsay of the Bills greeted a crowd during the May 16 Salvation Army Annual Awards Dinner at Premier Banquet Center. Also honored was Christina DeLorenzo, the Salvation Army's Family Social Service worker. The Awards theme was "Praise, Prayer and People!" According to Corps officers Majors William and Cecelia Lynch, the organization served 206 families at Thanksgiving and 210 families at Christmas. Among the programs noted is the new Street Ministry Feeding Program serving 125 individuals twice a month.

Page 1 Photo Feature:

The picture in the upper right, front page shows East State Street from Barry to the bridge as it can be seen from the roof of the Manufacturers and Hanover Bank Building.



Repairs are slowly being made to Bradner Stadium to create a new sports and events facility.

“Bradner” ...Continued from Page nations that will be used to bring the Olean Oilers collegiate league baseball to the historic facility.

Stage 1 work continues on digester repairs

The work on the inner piping of the wastewater treatment plant’s first digester is now complete. During the week of May 21 the cover will be replace and weights put in, and a contract will prepare to put on a new roof. Completion is targeted within 2-3 weeks.

Three digesters are in need of this type of refurbishment and then the condition of the final stage (fourth) digester will be assessed.

Work has been made affordable and possible with the help of equipment from Cattaraugus County Government. Repairs to the first digester will stay under \$50,000 due to the cooperative effort and savings due to the use of in-house labor. Repairing the entire digester array is estimated at about \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Announcements:

The City Recreation Department will hold its annual auction of recovered bicycles on Saturday, June 9 in the William O. Smith Recreation Center. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the biiding will start at 10:00 a.m. Other municipal surplus items will be auctioned in addition to the bicycles! See you there.

Do you park on the street? Don’t forget that **street sweeping** begins May 15! Please check with the Department of Public Works if you haven’t located an alternate parking spot. To view the 2012 Street Sweeping Schedule, click on the Public Works Department “Seasonal” button to gain access to the 2012 sweeping schedule.

The Front Street yard waste site was closed in 2010 but residents of the city may place yard waste at the curb for free pickup six times a year from April through September on the last Wednesday of each month. The next date is May 30. Brush must be bundled with rope, yard waste such as leaves should be placed in containers no larger than 30 talons. Items should be at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. **Note: There is no clean-up week scheduled in 2012.**



Mayor Linda Witte (center), Ward 2 Alderman Ann McLaughlin (l) and City Auditor Fred Saradin (r) attended the annual New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials April 24 and 25 in Saratoga Springs. The trio attended seminars and met with other municipal officials to share information and to stay abreast of new policies and opportunities affecting that cab help the city of Olean.

City of Olean, Cattaraugus County emergency responders and staff team up to join eight-county Storm West incident drill



Mayor Linda Witte (top) served as a member of the Command Staff, along with Police Capt. Jeff Rowley, Fire Chief Robert Bell, Police Chief Terry Schnell.



Olean City Fire Capt. Ed Jennings (above) briefs the team on the (imaginary) rising level of the Allegheny River at noon April 26. Firefighter Dan Gonska pores over maps with Police Capt. Mike Marsfelder (left, center) Cattaraugus County Emergency Services Chris Baker (lower center), worked alongside Code Enforcement Captain Ed Jennings and other multi-agency personnel. All played an important role in the exercise, which was one of the first times folks from various municipal, professional and emergency agencies were given the chance to drill together.

As incident commander for the exercise, Public Works Director Tom Windus (below) led the participants in the response and held a review of the process to determine where improvements will be needed.



Dispatchers, police and emergency teams worked in shifts fielding calls from the public and helping to send assistance to the public and response teams out in the field. Needs and placement of materials and staff was monitored by all participants on a large projection screen in the operations room (below).





Fire Capt. Ed Jennings, Community Development Project Coordinator Mary George, Police Chief Terry Schnell and Public Works Director Tom Windus (l-r) are the fine foursome who competed on behalf of Mayor Linda Witte and Dr. Gilbert Witte in the Olean General Hospital's 2012 "Golf To Fight Cancer" benefit May 16. The team raised money in honor of Dr. Witte's parents, Shirley and Henry Witte. Mr. Windus won the longest putt award (20'0" on Hole 16!!!!).

Pay tickets, water, sewer bills on-line!

The Online Bill Pay & Customer Service option is up and running on the city's website for water and sewer bills, and for parking tickets.

If you want to pay a water bill or a parking ticket, go to www.cityofolean.org and click on "The Online Bill Pay & Customer Service" button from the menu on the right side of the home page.

This will take you to the online payments home page, where you will choose between water/sewer bill payment and parking ticket payment options.

This destination can also be reached by another path. Type this into your browser: <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/oleanny/utilities>.

Bill payers must register and set up a password, while parking ticket payers can search for their ticket by citation number or vehicle information. Water and sewer customers can view their transaction history and chart water consumption through the last billing date. All transactions are billed \$3 for the service.



How can the city help?

By Mayor Linda Witte

As your Mayor I continue to have an Open Door Policy. You can contact my office at 376-5615 with questions and complaints.

2012 City Directories are available in my office. These list the phone numbers of the Department Heads and Alderman.

Phone numbers and other information are also available on the city's website, www.cityofolean.org.

Adopt-a-Planter 2012

Area businesses, groups and residents are invited to participate in the city's second-annual Adopt-a-Planter Competition. More than 23 gardeners filled the redwood flower pots on North Union Street with vivid color and vibrant foliage during the summer of 2011. Winners of the competition took home prizes and had lunch with Mayor Linda Witte.

Planting Day is planned for June 1. Participants will be responsible for planting, nurturing, and watering their own unique horticultural arrangements in one of city's pots along North Union Street. Planter arrangements will be judged in a series of random inspections by the Portville Garden Club in the categories of: colorful, unique, general condition and overall design.

Some local businesses and gardeners who participated last year will have reserved planters, while new gardeners can request one of the remaining planters. They will be placed on a waiting list for a preferred planter.

Mayor Linda Witte's office will take phone reservations at 376-5615 for these from individuals, groups, organizations and businesses

Announcements (cont'd from page 2)

The Neighborhood Preservation Committee is again seeking volunteers for trash cleanup and safety activities in various parts of the city. Hundreds of volunteers are now involved in this effort in its third season.

If you would like to volunteer to help a larger group pick up trash, adopt your street to keep it clean, or if you are interested in "neighborhood watch" activities, call Casey Jones at 372-3772.