

Community Update

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

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Olean airport is the scene of the 2012 US & Canada Aerobatic Challenge

The Cattaraugus-Olean Municipal Airport (KOLE) is a publicly-owned public-use airport on County Road 81, off State Route 16 north of Olean, in the Town of Ischua. It boasts a 4800 foot runway and serves the greater Olean area and Cattaraugus County.



Visitors from far and near enjoyed the U.S. & Canada Aerobatic Challenge June 23 and 24. Here are some of the scenes of this colorful event. The I.A.C. Buffalo Chapter 126 hosted the challenge. Many other activities take place at the airport too. July 7 and 8 is the weekend of the annual S.T.A.R.S. model plane rally, and the Cattaraugus County Planning Board will hold its Annual Dinner Meeting July 25 in the facility, featuring Speaker George Grasser (“What Smart Growth and



New Urbanism Can Do For Rural Communities”). To learn more about the airport go to <http://www.cityofolean.org/DPW/airport.html>



Regular updates on East State St. Project now available

A new web page on the East State St. Reconstruction Project is now available to the public at: <http://eaststate.cityofolean.org/> The Olean Times Herald will publish a weekly update each Saturday.

The bidding process is complete and low bidder Mark Cerrone, Inc., of Niagara Falls, is under contract. At a recent preconstruction meeting a tentative completion date of July 2013 was set, but that date could be moved up closer. Work begins July 5 at 7 a.m., with a groundbreaking ceremony planned later in the morning. Bids for Phase II will be opened on July 16 for that portion of the project to begin mid-August through completion Oct. 31.

Sidewalk is already being removed on the south side of East State St. in preparation for the start of work July 5. Streets will be removed west of King Street at the start.

The contractor has set up a detour and temporary traffic signal at Front and Seneca. East-bound traffic will continue to use East State Street in a single lane. Westbound traffic will be diverted to Seneca Street.

National Fuel will obtain easements to replace an old steel line from Orchard to King St. National Grid will move utility poles at various locations.

Phase II will include new curb and gutter from King Street to Clark Street along the south curb lane. Blacktop from King Street to the City line will be remilled and repaved.

Update meetings during construction will be held the third Thursday of each month at 2 pm in the Olean Recreation Center fitness room. A representative from the construction company will be present July 19. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact Public Works Director Tom Windus (376-5650) or Ward 2 Alderman Ann McLaughlin (560-8407).



That's Progress!

Mayor Linda Witte snapped this photo of the ongoing construction at the former Askey Building site at the East State Street bridge. Work there is nearing completion on the East End Sewer upgrade.

Announcements:

On Saturday, Sept. 8. Mayor Witte will judge the Rib Cook-Off contest in the Swine Wine & Craft Festival. The event is an annual United Way fundraiser in War Vets Park. Home brewers, wine makers, and rib cook-off teams will compete for prizes. Register at www.uwcattco.org.

Yard waste can be placed at the curb for free pickup on the last Wednesday of each month through September. The next date is July 25. For more information about yard and lawn waste, street sweeping parking regulations, etc., visit the Public Works page at www.cityofolean.org.

The Neighborhood Preservation Committee seeks volunteers for its third season of trash cleanup and safety activities around the city. To volunteer to help, call Casey Jones at 372-3772.

Pay tickets, water, sewer bills on-line! The Online Bill Pay & Customer Service option is up and running on the city's website for a \$3 fee. 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. At the online payments home page, choose between water/sewer bill payment and parking ticket payment options.

Water and Sewer bill payers register and set up a password, then view transaction history and chart water consumption through by billing date. Parking ticket payers simply search for the citation number or vehicle info. (This destination can also be reached by typing this into your browser: <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/oleanny/utilities/>)

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

The Olean Oilers are off to a great season.

Mayor Linda Witte snapped some photos at the June 24 game as you see here.

The team is 12-7 for the season, and beat Rochester's Athletes In Action 6-5 during the game pictured, going on to a second 12-5 win on June 27, following up on the 6-5 win over that team on Sunday.

The team will be on hand for a Meet & Greet Fundraising Event

Sponsored by the Olean Local Development



Corporation at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2012 in War Vets Park.

The team will sign autographs and pictures. There will be a free cookout with hamburgers, hot-dogs, and refreshments. There will

also be chances on raffle baskets and 50/50.

Come take part in the activities for the children and the adults!

Support our home team.



Page One Photo Feature:

This lovely restful scene on Page One spotlights one of the city's recreational gems on a hot, sunny June day: The Forness Park's pond and pavilion.



Mayor Linda Witte is proud of these new trash bins that arrived the last week in June, paired here with the freshly-planted flower pots. These bins have already added a fresh look to the landscape. They're being installed in permanent spots on North Union Street where they will be most useful and picturesque.



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. Please stop in and pick up a 2012 City Directory for phone numbers of the Department Heads and Alderman. Information is also available on the city's website, www.cityofolean.org.

Adopt-a-Planter 2012

The redwood planters on North Union Street are blooming to welcome you, you and you for a stroll on N. Union St. Which ones do you think are most colorful or unique, in the best condition and overall design?

Why not take a stroll through the business district and pick your favorite arrangement?



The Neighborhood Preservation Committee's recruitment efforts have been quite successful. This crew of volunteers, all of them Olean High School seniors, helped clear and sweep debris, and painted the cement pillars on the N. Union St. just before Memorial Day. Seen here are Jessica Swetland (left in background), Brad Nenno (center) and Matt Witte (right). Volunteers are always needed. To volunteer to help, call Casey Jones at 372-3772.