

Community Update

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



What is your vision for North Union Street in the future?

A group of city officials and the steering committee traveled to Erie County to view other “walkable communities” and the amenities provided design enhancements being explored for Olean.

Mayor Witte snapped these photos of the streetscapes found in Hamburg and East Aurora.

The North Union Streetscape Design Project continues to take shape. If you have ideas for changes to this neighborhood, please contact Mary George of the city’s Community Development Department at 376-5647

mgeorge@cityofolean.org.



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Volunteers Still Needed!

It’s still snowing in Olean. City Streets Department workers clear the streets and residents and business owners must keep sidewalks cleared or risk fines. The Mayor’s office is still getting calls from the elderly and disabled asking for a list of volunteer sidewalk shovelers. If you can help these folks please call 376-5615 and we’ll add your name to our list. If you need help, please remember to call on a weekday during business hours. (The Mayor’s Office is not open on week-ends.)

Oats bus and neighboring Access Allegany plan a “service swap” beginning in February

Efforts are under way for OATS and Access Allegany to collaborate on public transportation services in the Olean-Salamanca, Olean-Portville, and Wellsville-Olean bus routes.

OATS and Access Allegany propose a "service swap," to extend the Olean-Salamanca-Olean service to Cuba, along Route 446 and Route 16 on the morning and afternoon round trips, only. Changes should enhance public transportation options and encourage transfer opportunities between the two public transportation systems.

To make connections with existing Access Allegany services in Cuba and other parts of Allegany County, the morning OATS Cuba-Olean-Salamanca route will start 20 minutes earlier than currently scheduled, beginning in Cuba at 7:04 a.m., arriving at Olean Medical Group at 7:40 a.m. and the Seneca Allegany Casino Events Center at 9:35 a.m., returning immediately to the Olean Center Mall at 10:36 a.m., to arrive in Cuba at 11:18 a.m.

The OATS Cuba-Olean-Salamanca afternoon route will start 28 minutes earlier than currently scheduled, beginning in Cuba at 12:56 p.m., arriving at the Olean Medical Group at 1:32 p.m., and the Seneca Allegany Casino Events Center at 3:02 p.m.

The return trip will leave the Seneca Allegany Casino at 3:02 p.m., arrive at Olean Center Mall at 4:31 p.m., and end in Cuba at 5:08 p.m.

Other proposed changes are listed below:

1. The evening round trips from Olean to Salamanca to Olean will not be changed.

2. One-way fare from Cuba to Olean is \$1; passengers originating in Cuba pay a maximum \$2 beyond Olean to Salamanca.

3. Maximum fare is \$2 from Salamanca to Olean and through Olean to Cuba; one-way fare from Olean to Cuba is \$1.

4. Olean Area Transit System and Access Allegany will accept either monthly pass.

5. Access Allegany monthly pass is \$30 and the Olean Area Transit System will increase its monthly pass to \$30.

6. February 4 is the effective date of the proposed schedule changes, one-way fare structure, and fare increase.

7. In the transition, Access Allegany will shadow the OATS bus from Cuba-Olean and Olean-Cuba from Feb. 4 to Feb. 18.

8. Access Allegany Route 2 will stop in Portville on Route 417 into Olean.

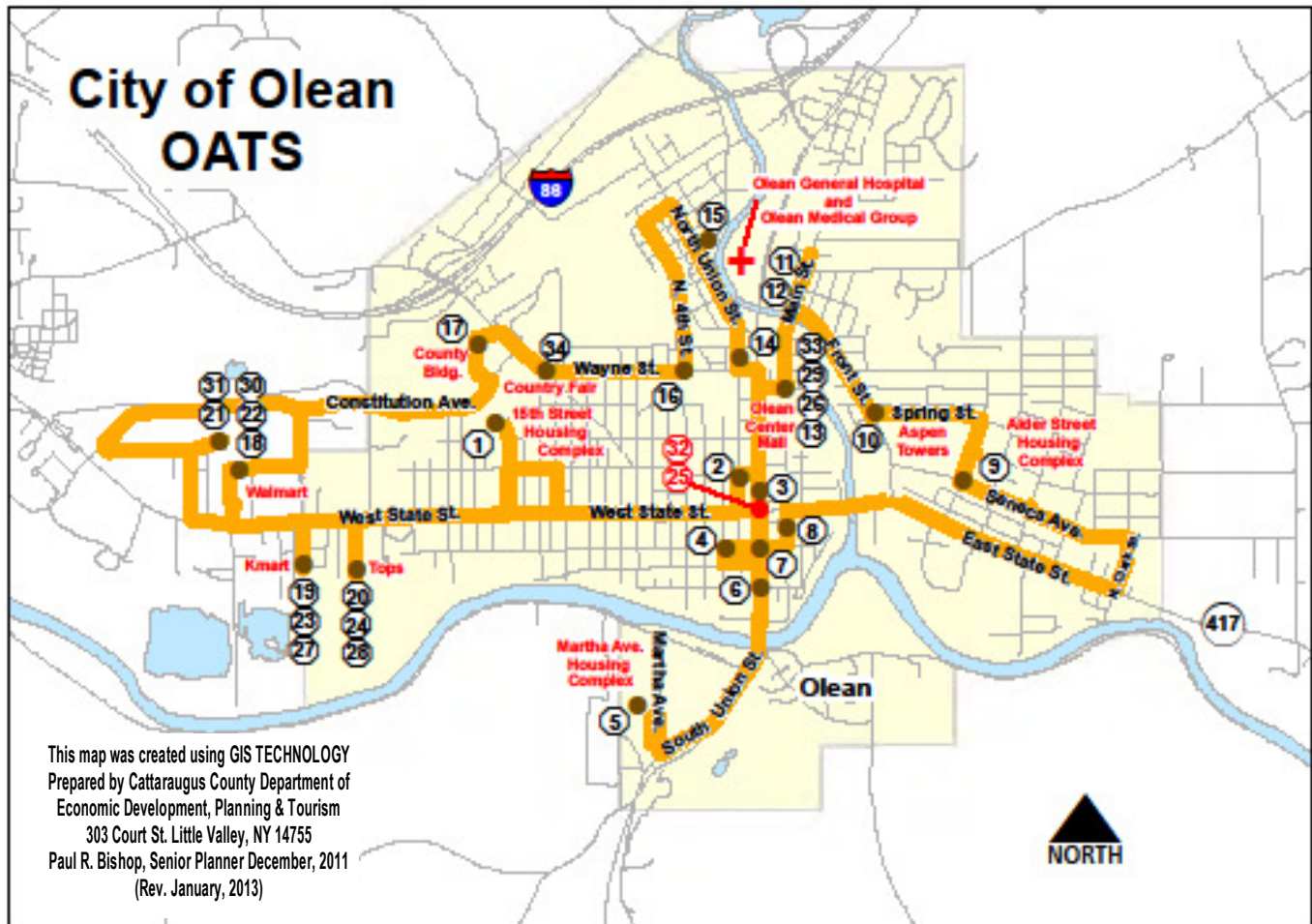
9. OATS Olean-Portville-Olean service will no longer make three round trips to Portville

10. OATS “City Service” will operate only in the City of Olean.

11. Service from Portville to Olean will increase as Access Allegany Route 2 makes 4 trips into Olean, daily, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Proposed route schedule info is available by contacting the City of Olean Department of Community Development at 376-5647. Proposed schedules can be seen at www.cityofolean.org.

Proposed changes to the Access Allegany Route 2 service are available by contacting Access Allegany at 585-593-1738.



The city of Olean OATS bus route shown above is one of several new schedules and routes proposed as part of a new service-sharing arrangement that will cover parts of Allegany County and extend west to Salamanca. Public comments are being solicited prior to the changes, set to take effect February 4.

Bartlett House décor provide glitz and glitter for Olean Community Theatre OVATIONS



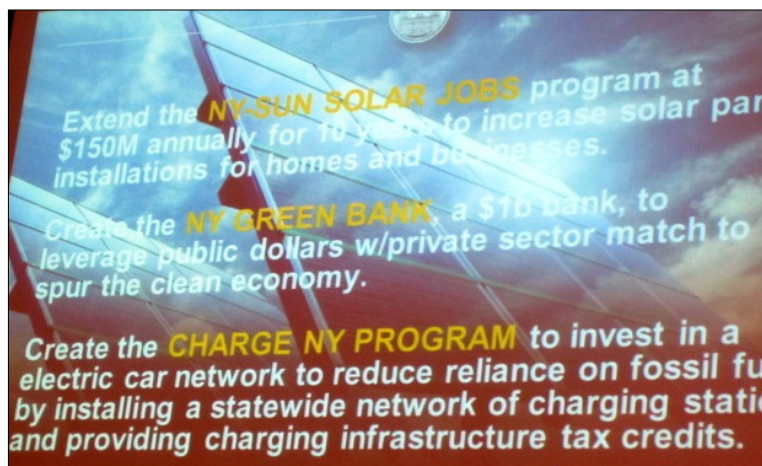
The Olean Community Theatre Board presented OVATION Awards to a group of supporters January 10 in the Bartlett House. Recipients were Board Member Nathan Bell, JCC Olean Campus Dean John Sayegh, and State Sen. Catharine Young, R-Olean. At right Mr. Bell presents an award to Mr. Sayegh. At left, and below, the Bartlett House was able to use the occasion to display its finest holiday décor.



Sam Hoyt relays Governor Andrew Cuomo's State of the State Message

Mayor Linda Witte welcomed Sam Hoyt, regional president of the Empire State Development Corporation on January 15. He presented the Governor's 2013 State of the State Address to a group of community leaders in the JCC Cutco Theatre.

Among the Governor's initiatives for the upcoming year are raising the minimum wage, an upstate casino gaming plan, green jobs and marketing local products.



Page One Photo Feature: The City of Olean continues removing old bleachers and light poles on the south side of Bradner Stadium. A new field will be home to the Olean Oilers, a collegiate league franchise team.

Photo by Mayor Linda Witte

East State Street Construction Update

Construction has been suspended for the winter and the street has been reopened to two direction traffic. Anyone with questions or concerns about the East State Street reconstruction should call the Department of Public Works at 376-5650.

Can the city help?

As your Mayor I continue to have an Open Door Policy on the first floor of the Municipal Building at 101 East State St.

You can call 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. At that location is a link



Council Committee leaders, members named

Standing Committees and the Common Council meet on Tuesday nights beginning at 6:30 p.m. in 2013.

Common Council President Ann McLaughlin (Ward 2) has selected Council members to chair and serve on these following Standing Committees: **Public Safety:** Jim Finch (Chair), Ann McLaughlin (Vice-Chair), Jim Brady, Paul Gonzalez, Matt Keller, Nate Smith, Tom Morgan; **Division of Youth & Recreation:** Tom Morgan (Chair), Nate Smith (Vice-Chair), Ann McLaughlin, Paul Gonzalez, Matt Keller; **City Operations:** Paul Gonzalez (Chair), Jim Finch (Vice-Chair), Ann McLaughlin, Matt Keller, Tom Morgan; **Strategic Planning:** Ann McLaughlin (Chair), Jim Brady (Vice-Chair), Paul Gonzalez, Matt Keller, Jim Finch; **Finance Committee:** Matt Keller (Chair), Paul Gonzalez (Vice-Chair), Jim Brady, Ann McLaughlin, Jim Finch, Nate Smith, Tom Morgan.

Are You Thinking of Getting Married?

Call Mayor Linda Witte to schedule your wedding within the Olean City Limits. Mayor Witte has performed many weddings during her term in office.

To schedule a ceremony, call 376-5615. It is New York State Law that marriage ceremonies cannot be performed until 24 hours has passed since a marriage license was issued. To obtain a license, call the Department of Vital Records at 376-5605 or the City Clerk (376-5604). The nearby John Ash Community Center on North Barry Street is an excellent spot for the reception! To book that space, call 376-5666.

Announcements

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://w.municipalonlinepayments.com/oleanny/utilities>.)

Christmas Tree Pickup

Please place your discarded live Christmas trees by the curb. DPW street crews will be picking them up during the coming weeks as weather permits.

How do you contact 2013 Aldermen?

Jim Brady, Ward 1 716-372-3692 jbrady@cityofolean.org	Paul Gonzalez, Ward 3 716-790-1121 pgonzalez@cityofolean.org	Matt Keller, Ward 4 585-378-0557 mkeller@cityofolean.org	Jim Finch, Ward 5 716-373-0163 jfinch@cityofolean.org	Nate Smith, Ward 6 716-307-8199 nsmith@cityofolean.org	Tom Morgan, Ward 7 716-373-4860 tmorgan@cityofolean.org
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