

Community Update

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



Turf mapped for ADOPT-A-PLANTER Competition

Olean Mayor Linda Witte announced the names of the planter entries in the 2013 North Union Street Adopt-A-Planter contest and urged the public to come out and take a tour.

"We're excited to have twenty individuals and teams of gardeners already signed up to reserve planters this year." said Mayor Witte. "Many of them have already started planting and some pots are already in bloom and we are eager to see how impressive these efforts will become as we show off our colorful city."

Mayor Witte said two more contestants are needed to take remaining pots, Number 9 and Number 23, both on the west side of North Union Street. Also, more North Union Street merchants are invited to join those who have filled window boxes and hanging pots with greenery in the separate "business" category.

"Our goal is beautification of the streetscape to draw residents and visitors downtown, and to brighten the quality of life for those who work and play each day on North Union Street," said Mayor Witte.

Each planter will soon be marked with the name of the adoptive gardener and located on a special "Adopt-A-Planter" map visible to the public on the Mayor's website, www.cityofolean.org.

Here are the planter contestants on the West side of North Union Street, running from south to north: #1 Mayor Linda Witte, #3 Uptown Florist, #5 Bella

Ruche, #7 Community Bank, #9 Vacant, #11 Olean Child Day Care Center, #13 Olean Medical Group, #15 BOCES, #17 Olean Business Institute, #19 Olean Business Institute; #21 Kenney Family; #23 Vacant.

Here are the planter contestants on the East side of North Union, running from south to north: #4 Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce; #6 McCarthy's Emporium; #8 Databranch; #10 Brothers' Bistro; #12 Robin Avery-Barnard & Tom Barnard; #14 Valley Tire; #16 Tom & Joey Enright; #18 Jamestown Community College; #20 Jamestown Community College; and #22 The Dr. Francis Matthew Bohan Planter.

Contestants in the "business" category will be announced at a later time.

Random judging will begin soon after June 1, when all 22 planter entries and several business contestants, should have the planters prepared. Random judging will continue until awards are presented later in the season, when the blooms are at their peak. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in the planter category and one business entry will be selected. Ranking is based on color, uniqueness, condition and design.

Judges are members of the Portville Garden Club, a group with a membership residing not just in Portville, but also in Olean and throughout Cattaraugus County.

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Volunteers Always Needed!

There are many residents who could use a neighbor's hand with small chores. These and other volunteer opportunities are essential to life in our beautiful city of Olean. Knock on a door and see if you can help out, or call Casey Jones (372-3772) and Lila Ervay to help out with cleanup efforts on our public rights-of-way.

Around Olean...



The Gold Star Monument in Lincoln Park is undergoing a renovation this spring, let's see what pops up.



New trees are moved in and planted along East State Street. And Good Times keeps rollin' towards an opening.



June 4: Oilers vs Nitros at Husky Field

The Olean Oilers Baseball Team will kick off their 2013 season with a home game against the Wellsville Nitros on Tuesday, June 4th at 5:00 PM at their new home field of the Olean High Huskies, located on Wayne Street, Olean.



May 12-18 Nursing Home Week

OLEAN – Mayor Linda Witte proclaimed May 12-18 as Nursing Home Week in the City of Olean, home to several nursing homes and a number of elderly residents.

“I have a great amount of respect for the many residents of our city who have spent their lives here and are able to remain in the community,” said Mayor Witte, who spent six years as a member of the Cattaraugus County Legislature’s Senior Services Committee as the city’s legislative representative.

“The County’s nursing homes provide a valuable service to our county residents.”

She read her proclamation during a ceremony Monday, May 13, at the Olean Pines Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. The Proclamation was also read at the Olean Common Council meeting May 14 . Also on hand was Cattaraugus County Legislature Chairman Norman Marsh, who read a countywide proclamation.

The Pines’ theme for the 2013 observance is “Team Care: Everyone Pitches In.”

Page One Photo Feature: The lovely Magnolia Tree blooms each year in April-May. Photo by Mayor Linda Witte

**Preiffer Nature Center's
7th Annual
Woods Walk
& Trail Run
June 1, 2013**

Events include: Guided nature walk <1 mile; 4K walk; 10K walk; 5K run, 10K run, 10 Mi. Run (part of the Eastern Grip Trail Running Series)

Enter Online at
www.WoodsWalk.net
or call **716-933-0187**

No Council Meeting May 21!
**Standing Committees and
Common Council**

Meet most Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

Thinking of Getting Married?

Call Mayor Linda Witte to schedule your wedding in the Olean City Limits. Mayor Witte has performed many weddings during her term in office and will be happy to schedule yours.

To schedule a ceremony, call 376-5615. It is New York State Law that marriage ceremonies cannot be performed for 24 hours after 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.

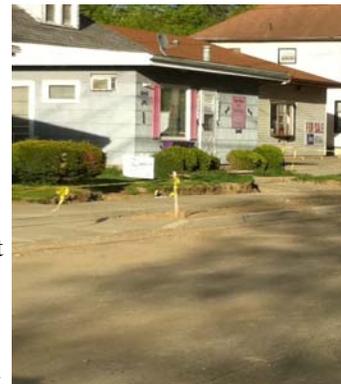
Can the city help?

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 2013 City Directory for phone numbers of Department Heads and Alderman or check the website, www.cityofolean.org. At that location is a link where you will find this newsletter!



East State St. Construction Update

Construction resumed April 15 and crews have been busy this week replacing curbs and gutters on the north side of East State on the West end. For any questions call the City of Olean Public Works Department at 376-5650. As in 2012, residents on the construction side of East State shall be allowed to park overnight in the gravel area during the time it takes for the new curb and gutter to cure, which is approximately one week; temporary access will be given to businesses. Public Works officials ask patience and cooperation during the disruption.



Online Bill Pay Option

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>.)

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