

Community Update

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



Flag Day Ceremony marks the end of an era for historic elementary school



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Above: The Boy Scouts' color guard raised the flag (above) and then led the Ivers J. Norton Elementary School students in the Pledge of Allegiance during a colorful outdoor ceremony in the school yard June 14. **Top right:** Mayor Linda Witte (left) read a Flag Day proclamation. **Center:** Guest Speaker and IJN grad John Baker (center right) spoke on "Flag Day history at IJN." Master of Ceremonies, Principal Linda Nottingham (right), presented Mr. Baker (with his wife and grandson looking on) with the marker that hung over his parking space when he served as principal. Students sang "The Star Spangled Banner," led by the Fifth Grade; "You're a Grand Old Flag," "God Bless the USA" and "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy." IJN, the city's oldest elementary school and a designated historic site, will close its doors to save money for Olean City Schools at the end of this school year. Students will attend Washington West Elementary School in the future.



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The Old Gives Way To New
 The pillars outside the **William O. Smith Recreation Center** at War Vets Park (left) were carefully removed June 1 by local contractors. The ground was leveled and millings were laid down for future parking or activities. The pillars represented the last vestiges of past recreational favorites: tennis courts and later a skate park. The space (bottom photos) is now cleared for re-use for a mix of future recreational activities. Stay tuned.



Page 1 Photo Feature: *Volunteers stationed themselves at prominent intersections June 8 and greeted early morning commuters, hawking special "Community Day" edition newspapers in the annual citywide fundraiser. Mayor Witte collected donations in front of the City Building on East State Street. (Photo By L. Witte)*



Announcements:
 Olean City Clerk Alexander Utecht said \$1,427.25 was raised in the sale of 40 recovered bicycles (and several small items) during the Recreation Department's annual auction June 9 in the William O. Smith Recreation Center.

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.uwcatco.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 June 27. 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.



June: Volunteer projects under way, improving every corner of our city



Niagara Mohawk's crew spent a recent Saturday working on sections of the Allegheny River Trail



Penny's Garden is readied

African American Center for Cultural Development



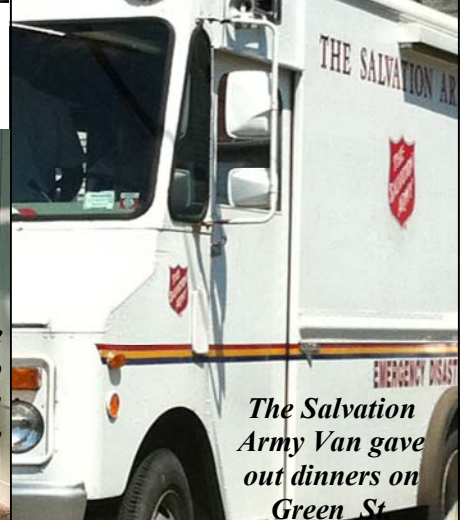
Olean General Hospital unveils the new Mildred Milliman Outpatient Surgery Center



The Outpatient Center endowments came from fortunes that grew out of a small delivery service in Portville



A new coat of paint on Gargoyle Park's shelter, thanks to Cattaraugus County Sheriffs Weekend work crew



The Salvation Army Van gave out dinners on Green St

Children's Garden grows again in 2012



A dedicated and energetic group brought the bloom back to the flower beds in the Children's Garden at 1 p.m. June 10 in Franchot Park. Boy Scouts raised the flag in a special ceremony. The Garden was dedicated 17 years ago in honor of all of the children that we've lost.



Mayor Linda Witte was traveling eastbound on I-86 June 9 when she snapped this photo of a rainbow over the Olean area.

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?



City crews began paving projects on June 12 in the area of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenues (above).