

Community Update

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



Did you notice a gradual improvement in the looks of the city buildings?



The Olean City Police Juvenile Officer’s basement suite received a fresh coat of paint on a chilly weekend in January. It’s another space that has been made brighter, cleaner and more welcoming, with the help of the Cattaraugus County Sheriff’s team of “weekend workers.” These supervised helpers are working off their court sentences by completing such civic projects for various municipalities. Also in 2013 Mayor Witte will paint ceiling tiles and steel heat ducts in the Municipal Building first floor hallways.



Mayor Linda Witte rolled up her sleeves again for a weekend of painting and sprucing up city facilities.

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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 weekends.)

Olean City workers contribute to 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring



Left: Mayor Linda Witte (center), Glenda Jester of the City Auditor's Office (left), and City Clerk Alexander Utecht (right), handed over the city's collection of food-stuffs to Souper Bowl of Caring volunteers. Each year Mayor Witte donates \$100 to the effort. Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement to combat hunger in the community. Food collected between Jan. 28 and Feb. 1 is donated to the Olean Food Pantry. Funds that are gleaned in this effort are spent by the Food Pantry to stock up on some of the more scarce but necessary foods.

Right: Mayor Linda Witte spearheaded a collection of food from city workers to help the Olean High School Class of 2015's Souper Bowl of Caring drive for the Olean Food Pantry. Several boxes of nonperishables were collected in the Municipal Building during late January in the week before the Super Bowl. The students said their collections netted an estimated 1.5 tons of much-needed groceries. She posed with sophomores: (front row, left to right) Kahlee Bowen and Lauren Puller; (back row, left to right) Michaela Byrne, Mary Pezzimenti and Ally Rakus.



Good Times Family Recreation Center rises out of a winter landscape



The framework is taking shape at the future site of the Good Times Family Recreation Center off East State St. (adjacent to the Forness Park ball fields). These photos show the work continuing on the weekend of February 2-3, through Feb. 6, 2013.

Photos by Mayor Linda Witte



Page One Photo Feature: Work continues on Bradner Stadium's bleacher replacement project. The Stadium was shrouded in snow Sunday, February 3. 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. After Feb. 11 please stop in and pick up a 2013 City Directory for phone numbers of Department Heads and Alderman or check the city's website, www.cityofolean.org. At that location is a link where you will find this newsletter!



Budget and Finances take center stage in February



Mayor Linda Witte and City Auditor Fred Saradin met recently with WVTM reporter Josh Hatch (right) to discuss their 2013-2014 budget plans.

Mayor Witte and Mr. Saradin provided the latest draft to representatives of the State Comptroller's Office Wednesday, February 6. The Comptroller's Office must review and comment on it before it is adopted by the Council. The tentative spending plan will be presented to the Council on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Are You 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 even unite one special couple on Feb. 14!!!

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

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

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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