

Around & About Olean

News and information from the Mayor's Office at 101 East State Street



A New Year—A New Mayor

The New Year started out with clean shaven policemen, a snow emergency and a new Mayor.

Olean had once again dodged a major storm front that plagued the region, but as Mayor William J. Aiello walked into his office in the Municipal Building on January 2, 2014 the snow was falling and it wasn't going to let up.

As the storm pounded our region, the city's plows were out in full force: four of them running nonstop, spreading almost fifty tons of salt.

Volunteers called the mayor's office to offer assistance to their neighbors—the citizens of Olean tend to shine when there is a low dark sky and oodles of white snow piling up.

In the mid-afternoon after Mayor Aiello told his out-of-town family not to travel to his swearing-in ceremony, he did his first official act—he called a snow emergency. It was time, he got the word from the department of public works that four inches of snow had fallen in a twenty four hour period.

That evening in the standing room only council chambers after a blessing from Father Edward Sheedy of St. John's Parish, Mayor Aiello and the Common Council members took their oaths of office and the mayor followed with his State of the City address.



Bill Aiello after taking his Oath of Office with his wife Patricia and Judge Daniel Palumbo.

In his address, the Mayor stressed his campaign platform and said, "I have no agenda, political or otherwise, except to make our city function at its best for everyone. I'm open to suggestions and I'd like to hear from the people. If we're doing something you think is right, I'd like to know. If we're doing something you think is wrong, I'd like to know. If you have suggestions for me, I beg you pass them along." He later added, "I understand that this is much too small a place to be divisive--we're all in this together. This is much too small a place to be dismissive of anyone."

Mayor Aiello, also used his address to thank his predecessors: Mayor David Carucci and Mayor Linda Witte. He said, "Both of them were instrumental in getting the City back on it financial feet and

they leave me a City in good, sound financial shape, well situated to move onward and upward."

As he closed his speech Mayor Aiello added, "I'd like to offer a special heartfelt thanks to all of the people who, like me, call Olean home. All the people who've kept faith with the City, stayed the course, rolled with the punches, fought the good fight.....the people who are here day in and day out, winter, spring, summer and fall, the people who, with billions of the world's square miles to choose from, chose these six square miles in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, to call home.

Now about those clean shaven policemen...



About the Clean Shaven Police Officers....



FACT: In the City of Olean there are 138 lane miles or roads that have to be plowed and salted during a snow storm.

So you think there is nothing to do in Olean during the winter?

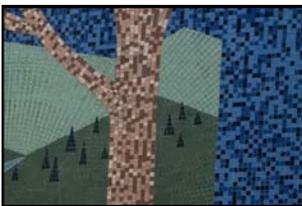
Think about skating...

Hours at the W.O. Smith Rec. Center:

M-F: 11:30am - 2:00pm
Tues & Thurs: 3:30pm-5:00pm
Sat & Sun: 1:30pm-3:00pm
Fri-Sun: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Fees:

Child/Senior	\$ 2.00
Adult	\$ 4.00
College Student w/ID	\$ 3.00
Family	\$10.00
Skate Rental	\$ 2.00
Sharpening	\$ 5.00



FACT: The City of Olean is responsible for 10 miles of sidewalks during a snow storm. The Parks crews maintains these as well as all of the city parking lots.

Early in January, The Olean Police Department received a thank you “for your tremendous fundraising efforts” from the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Back in November the Police Department raised \$500 by participating in **No Shave November** (also known as **November**), an international cause that draws attention to and raises funds for a number of men’s health issues by shelving razors and letting hair grow—wild.

Although initially reluctant, Police Chief Schnell embraced the idea and former Mayor Witte gave her approval for the change in facial hair standards in the police department. Eighteen officers participated in the month long event, each donating \$25 to the cause. The money was donated to

Roswell Park to benefit cutting-edge prostate and testicular cancer research.

In the United States one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. After skin cancer it is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men. There are amazing statistics regarding prostate cancer: a new case is diagnosed every two minutes and every seventeen minutes a man dies from the disease. However, if it is detected and treated early there is a 97 percent chance of survival. Prostate cancer is so prevalent that a man has a 35 percent more of a chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime than a women has of being diagnosed with breast cancer.

Testicular cancer generally occurs in young men from the ages of 15-35. Again, if detected and treated early enough a man has a 95 percent chance of survival. For more information on the two diseases please visit the website <http://us.movember.com/mens-health>.

In addition to their fund raising efforts, the Olean Police Department received a thank you from a stressed out holiday shopper who was stranded and very grateful to be helped out by an Olean police officer, with as she said, “a smile on his face.”

It was in December—no beard, just a smile.

A Message from Mayor Aiello

During my campaign I stated that I will be looking at the housing situation in the City of Olean. Particularly the rental property throughout the City. I also stated that I will be forming a committee to look into this matter. This committee will take a look at the existing City Codes to see where we can strengthen the Codes that deal with our housing throughout the city. I hope to have a well rounded approach to this committee involving members of city government, home owners, landlords, realtors and community members. I will also be looking to keep this committee manageable.

If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact me by calling the Mayor office at 716-376-5615 or by email waiello@cityofolean.org with your interest and a short narrative stating why you think you can contribute to this committee.





Steve Barnard is committed to his family, his job, his hometown and his ward. Mr. Barnard is a lifelong resident of not

only of Olean, but also of Ward 4. Married for twenty-seven years, he has three adult sons and one grandson. He has been employed by Olean General Hospital for 38 years.

Mr. Barnard has been active in city politics for many years. He served on the local Democratic committee as well as on a

number of committees formed by former Mayor David Carucci.

Mr. Barnard stated that he is enjoying his time on the council, and is receiving quite an education. Mr. Barnard ran unopposed, but he is committed to keeping the tax rate down and making Olean an affordable city for families. In his freshman roll



on the Common Council, he will serve on the Public Safety Committee, the Youth and Recreation Committee and the Finance Committee.



New Faces—Adam Jester, Alderman Ward 7

Adam Jester was born, raised, and educated in Olean and has called Ward 7 home since 2002. He

graduated from St. Bonaventure with a B.S. in Computer Science and is a proud alumnus of Leadership Cattaraugus (Class of 2011). Since his graduation from SBU he has worked at Cutco Corporation and currently holds the title of Network Supervisor.

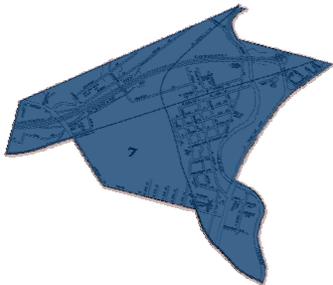
In addition, Mr. Jester owns an IT consulting business called Adam's

Total IT Services, LLC which helps small businesses in the Olean area with their technology challenges.

Mr. Jester's goals for this term include remaining active in the Brownfield Opportunity Area, helping to streamline Code Enforcement in the City, assist in any way possible those who are tasked with bringing new businesses



to Olean, further investigation into the former Van der Horst property, and helping to create new efficiencies through the use of technology.



Common Council Corner

Unanimous is always a good way to start a year and that was the vote Ann McLaughlin received from her colleagues for Council President on January 2, 2014. Mrs. McLaughlin was re-elected to her position as alderman for Ward 2 in November. This will

be her second term serving as president.

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So What Exactly is a Snow Emergency?

A snow emergency is called when four inches of snow falls during a twenty-four hour interval and it affects the city's streets and parking:

Parking on Olean's primary streets – North and South Union Street and East and West State Street--**is prohibited on the next calendar day between 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM.**

Parking on Olean's sub-primary streets—Alder Street from Seneca Ave to Spring Street, Buffalo Street, Clark Street, North and South Clinton Street, Constitution Avenue, Delaware Avenue for North Union Street to North Barry Street, East and West Elm Street, Eighth Street for Sullivan to Wayne, Euclid Avenue, Fifteenth Street, South First Street from State to Irving Street, North First Street, East and West Forest Avenue, North Fourth Street (200 and 300 blocks) North Fourth Street from Wayne Street North, South Fourth Street (200 Block), Franchot Blvd (East of South Union Street), Franklin Street, Front Street, Genesee Street, West Green Street, Hamilton Avenue, west Henley Street, Higgins Avenue, Highland Terrace, Homer Street, Indiana Avenue, Irving Street, Johnson Street, King Street, Laurens Street, Madison Avenue, Main Street, South Nineteenth Street, Oregon road from River Street to Homer Street, Oviatt Street (east of Main Street), East and West Pine Street, Prospect Avenue, Queen Street, Reed Street from Third Street to Thirteenth Street, River Street, Seneca Avenue, North and South Seventh Street Wayne Street, South Street, East Spring Street, Spruce Street, Stardust Lane, West Sullivan Street (from North Union Street to North Fifteenth Street), Sunrise Drive (from Stardust Lane to Van Buren Avenue), Terrace Street, North Third Street (300 Block), North and South Twelfth Street, North Twenty-first Street, North Twenty-fourth Street, Times Square, North Union Street Extension, Van Buren Avenue, Washington Street, Wayne Street, and York Street—**is prohibited between Midnight and 7:00AM.**

Parking on Olean's Secondary Streets—All Streets other than those identified as Primary or Sub-Primary—**is prohibited on the next calendar day between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM.**



The First Wedding

Alieus Hosley

&

Shanna Atkins



Shanna Atkins and Alieus Hosley came to the Municipal Building on January 13th applied for a marriage license, walked across the hall, made a couple of inquiries and little more than twenty-four hours later, they were married—officiated by Mayor Aiello. It was the first marriage preformed by the Mayor in his office. The wedding was attended by a number of family members and friends. Getting ready for the event led to a very exciting twenty-four hours in the Mayor's office—but the mayor is now ready to perform marriages in the City of Olean.

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—Mayor Aiello, January 2, 2014



You can reach the mayor at his office in the Olean Municipal Building at 101 East State Street, Olean, NY 14760. Or by phone at 716 376-5615. Or by e-mail at waiello@cityofolean.org.



Mayor Aiello is available to perform marriage ceremonies in the City of Olean. Please call his office for more details. There is no set fee, however any donations will be put into the Mayor's Scholarship Fund.