

What's New in Olean

A cleaner print edition of the City's new community update featuring current projects, neighborhood initiatives, recreation and the people helping move Olean forward.



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MAYOR'S WELCOME · DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

From the Mayor's Desk

Welcome to the first edition of *From the Mayor's Desk*, a new way to share updates on City projects, neighborhood initiatives, upcoming events and the people who help keep Olean moving.

Our goal is to make it easier to follow what is happening in City government, find opportunities to get involved and stay connected to the work happening throughout the community.

— Mayor Amy Sherburne

FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor's Monthly Town Hall

Monday, October 26 · 6–7 p.m.

John Ash
Community Center

SEASONAL REMINDER

Leaf Collection Begins Nov. 2

Leaves may be placed in the street starting Saturday, October 31.

RECREATION

Skating season returns

Public skating and winter fun are back at the Recreation Center.

Projects in Motion



STREETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Final Stretch: Front Street Paving

Front Street is the final street on Olean's municipal paving schedule this season. Milling and resurfacing are part of a broader effort to maintain streets, improve driving conditions and protect the City's roadway investments.

Teamwork across departments: Engineering has overseen assessments, design, drainage evaluation and project oversight. DPW and field crews have handled traffic control, equipment deployment, milling and asphalt work.

State funding matters: CHIPS funding and other State support help offset paving and equipment costs so the City can make planned improvements rather than rely entirely on temporary patches.

Questions: DPW work and traffic · (716) 376-5650.



MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Shining a Light on History

The Municipal Building is getting a brighter look, and its historic clock is once again keeping time after years of being out of service. Exterior lighting improvements and the clock restoration draw renewed attention to a familiar downtown landmark.

The work was made possible using remaining grant funds from the East State Street corridor project that were eligible for this improvement.

Special recognition: Community Development Director **Keri Kerper** helped identify and secure the remaining funding, and the City's Electrical Division — **Dave Kahm, Maddison and Rleigh** — carried out the work.

WASTEWATER & THE ALLEGHENY RIVER

Protecting the Allegheny River and Planning for the Future

The health of the Allegheny River, and of the people who live, work and spend time along it, remains a priority for the City. Managing municipal wastewater means balancing infrastructure needs, regulatory requirements and the financial realities facing a community our size.

DEC oversight includes strict standards, monitoring requirements and engineering schedules designed to safeguard public waters. The City is committed to working with regulators, following applicable requirements and continuing the planning and improvements needed at the wastewater treatment facility.



The Allegheny River remains central to the City's wastewater planning and environmental stewardship.

Community Pride



PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

Leave No Trace: A Cleaner Future for City Parks

Olean is introducing a “Leave No Trace” approach across municipal parks, drawing on conservation practices used in New York State parks. The idea is simple: **pack out what you pack in** and dispose of waste responsibly.

Visitors to Gargoyle Park, Lincoln Park, Forness Fields, Bradner Stadium and other public spaces can help keep those areas safe and welcoming. Food scraps and loose garbage can attract wildlife, create issues where families gather and send litter into wooded areas and waterways.

Small actions add up to cleaner parks and a healthier Allegheny River Valley.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help Clean Up on Your Own Schedule

The Mayor’s Office offers a flexible cleanup opportunity with **no set volunteer hours**. Residents can help in neighborhoods, City parks or along the Allegheny River Valley Trail whenever their schedule allows.

Heavy-duty trash liner bags are available through the Mayor’s Office. People completing community service hours can also arrange verification there.

Mayor’s Office: (716) 376-5615.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Working Together for Stronger Neighborhoods

Residents and the Code Enforcement Department share a role in keeping neighborhoods safe, clean and welcoming. The City’s online complaint form makes it easier to report possible property maintenance issues, receive a claim number and follow the status of a submission.

Citizen Portal: cityofolean.gov/departments/code-enforcement/citizen-portal/

SEASONAL REMINDER

Secure Your Garbage — Don’t Invite the Critters

- Bag household waste and tie each bag securely.
- Keep garbage in covered containers with lids closed.
- Avoid leaving loose bags or exposed food waste outside.
- Keep garbage contained until collection day.

A few small habits can prevent messes and protect neighborhood appearance.

Events & Recreation

WED • OCT 21

Spooky Spectacular

John J. Ash Community Center •
6–7:30 p.m.

Seasonal family entertainment.
Remove after the event has passed.

MON • OCT 26

Mayor's Town Hall

John Ash Community Center • 6–
7 p.m.

Conversation and questions with
Mayor Sherburne plus a chance for
residents to share ideas.

MON • NOV 2

Leaf Collection Begins

Curbside collection starts
November 2.

Leaves may be placed in the street
starting Saturday, October 31. Keep
storm drains clear and watch for
route details.



FALL & WINTER 2026–27

Lace Up Your Skates, Olean!

The City of Olean Youth Bureau & Recreation
Department is welcoming residents back to the William
O. Smith Recreation Center for public skating, rentals
and winter fun.

Seasonal highlights include the anticipated **12 Ice
Skating Days of Christmas, Skate with Santa** and
planned Learn-to-Skate opportunities to help children
build confidence on the ice.

Program information: cityofolean.gov/fall-winter-program/
Recreation Center: 551 East State Street • 373-RINK (7465)
or Recreation Department (716) 376-5698.



AROUND OLEAN

A Community Full of Activity

The bulletin board in the Mayor's Office provides a
colorful reminder of how much is happening across
Olean. Recreation schedules, after-school activities,
veterans' programs, volunteer opportunities and
community events all reflect the work of staff, local
organizations and volunteers.

Each announcement represents someone organizing a
program, coordinating volunteers or creating an
opportunity for neighbors to connect.

**When someone asks what there is to do in Olean,
the answer is simple: quite a lot.**

Stay Connected & Employee Spotlight

YOUR OLEAN COMMON COUNCIL

Stay Informed, Stay Involved

Common Council meetings provide residents with a way to follow legislation, City discussions and decisions affecting services, infrastructure, public safety and neighborhood improvements.

2026 ward representatives, based on the submitted Council list: Ward 1—Lawrence “JR” Bennion; Ward 2—Joe Keary; Ward 3—Jennifer Forney; Ward 4—Sonya McCall; Ward 5—John Crawford; Ward 6—vacant on the submitted list; Ward 7—David Anastasia. *Please confirm before publication, especially Ward 6.*

Common Council information: cityofolean.gov/departments/common-council/



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT · 30 YEARS OF SERVICE · JULY 2026 MILESTONE

Meet Jerry Volz: Keeping Olean Connected

For 30 years, Jerry Volz has helped keep the City of Olean's technology running behind the scenes. As IT Department Head, he oversees systems that support the daily work of City departments — from computer networks and cybersecurity to public safety technology and online services.

Technology has changed dramatically during his City career, and Jerry has helped Olean adapt to those changes while making the most of available resources.

We appreciate his years of service, problem-solving and commitment to keeping City operations connected.

ROLE

IT Department Head

MILESTONE

30 Years of Service

FOCUS

Systems, Security & Support

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