CITY OF OLEAN / MAYOR'S OFFICE

WHAT'S NEW IN OLEAN

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Welcome to the first edition of **What's New in Olean**, 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

THE LATEST AT A GLANCE

NOV 30

MAYOR'S TOWN HALL

6-7 p.m. | John J. Ash Community Center

NOV 2

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaves may be placed in the street Oct. 31

CITY HALL

CLOCK & LIGHTING

Restoration and exterior improvements

WINTER

SKATING RETURNS

Public sessions, rentals and seasonal programs

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CITY PROJECTS

Projects in Motion



STREETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Continuing Street Improvements

Front Street is the final street on the City's paving schedule this season. Milling and resurfacing support better driving conditions and long-term roadway maintenance.

ALSO ON THE PAVING LIST

100 block of **North Fourth Street** | **North Seventh Street** | **North Eighth Street** - milling and resurfacing work.

How the work happens: Engineering has overseen assessments, drainage evaluation and project oversight, while DPW and field crews have handled traffic control, equipment, milling and asphalt work. New York State CHIPS and other state aid help offset paving and equipment costs.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Shining a Light on History

The historic Municipal Building clock is working again, with new exterior lighting highlighting a familiar downtown landmark.

Remaining eligible East State Street corridor grant funding supported the work.



Special recognition: Community Development Director Keri Kerper helped secure available funding; the City's Electrical Division - Dave Kahm, Maddison and Rileigh - carried out the work.

PLANNING FOR THE ALLEGHENY RIVER

Wastewater planning continues under Department of Environmental Conservation requirements, balancing environmental protection, infrastructure needs and affordability. **Read more:** cityofolean.gov/departments/public-works/wastewater-master-plan-information/

COMMUNITY PRIDE

Cleaner Parks, Stronger Neighborhoods



The Allegheny River valley and its public spaces benefit from responsible stewardship.

PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

Leave No Trace

Olean is introducing a 'Leave No Trace' approach across City parks: **pack out what you pack in** and dispose of waste responsibly.

Unsecured garbage and food scraps can attract wildlife and contribute to litter in parks and waterways. Small choices make a real difference.

VOLUNTEER ON YOUR SCHEDULE

Help Keep Olean Beautiful

There are no set volunteer hours for neighborhood, park or trail cleanups. Heavy-duty trash bags are available through the Mayor's Office; community-service verification can also be arranged.

Mayor's Office: (716) 376-5615

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Stronger Neighborhoods

Residents can report possible property-maintenance concerns through the City's online complaint system, receive a claim number and follow their submission.

cityofolean.gov/departments/code-enforcement/citizen-portal/

SEASONAL REMINDER

Don't Invite the Critters

Secure your garbage. Bag waste securely, use covered containers, avoid leaving food scraps outside and keep garbage contained until collection day.



EVENTS & RECREATION

On the Calendar & Around Olean

FALL & WINTER 2026-27

Lace Up Your Skates, Olean!

Public ice skating, rentals, Learn-to-Skate opportunities and seasonal events are returning to the William O. Smith Recreation Center.

Details: cityofolean.gov/fall-winter-program/



MONDAY / NOVEMBER 2

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaves may be placed in the street starting Saturday, October 31. Please keep storm drains clear.

MONDAY / NOVEMBER 30

MAYOR'S TOWN HALL

6-7 p.m. at the John J. Ash Community Center, 112 North Barry Street. Questions and conversation with Mayor Sherburne.

A COMMUNITY FULL OF ACTIVITY



From recreation and after-school activities to veterans' programs and volunteer opportunities, the Mayor's Office bulletin board offers a snapshot of the many organizations helping keep Olean active and connected.

For current dates and details, refer to the City's website and latest announcements. **When someone asks what there is to do in Olean, the answer is simple: quite a lot.**

STAY CONNECTED

Your Common Council

Common Council meetings are an opportunity to follow City decisions and stay informed about services, infrastructure, public safety and neighborhood improvements.

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Lawrence "JR" Bennion
(716) 372-7776

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Joseph Keary
Phone not publicly listed

WARD 3
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(716) 307-7401

WARD 4
Sonya McCall
(716) 307-3164

WARD 5
John Crawford
(716) 790-8607

WARD 6
Seat Vacant
Appointment pending

WARD 7
David Anastasia
(716) 378-7782

Council directory: cityofolean.gov/departments/common-council/common-council-members/

MEET THE TEAM



Jerry Volz: Keeping Olean Connected

For 30 years, Jerry Volz has helped keep the City's technology running. As IT Department Head, he supports the networks, cybersecurity, public safety systems and online services that City departments rely on every day.

His work has helped Olean adapt as technology has changed, while making the most of available resources.

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