

# CITY OF ONEIDA

## April Newsletter



## Our City's Growth & Success in 2024

We would like to thank our many established businesses and welcome those that are new. 2024 is about moving forward, improving services, revitalizing downtown and improving the quality of life for everyone. Working together, we can make a positive impact. Your dedication and involvement is key to achieving this goal!



## MEETINGS

COMMON COUNCIL  
APRIL 2, 2024-6:30PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WATER BOARD  
APRIL 9, 2024-3:30PM  
WATER DEPARTMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION  
APRIL 9, 2024-6:00PM  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD  
APRIL 16, 2024-2:00PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COMMON COUNCIL  
APRIL 16, 2024-6:30PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# CITY OF ONEIDA

## MOVING ONEIDA FORWARD

**One Generation At A Time**

Mayor Rick Rossi and his wife Nicole are the proud parents of 3 beautiful children and successful business owners of the newly opened U.S.A. Barber School, along with his father, Angel Vargas and mother Teri.

## MAYOR RICK ROSSI

Together they are the Administrators of *Oneida for Change*, a Facebook Page that has grown to have over 5.1K members. This group promotes business, events, and people in Oneida. It also provides an open forum for comments from the public.



315.363.4800, Ext. 122







## CITY ASSESSOR REBECCA LENNON

### Important Dates

- May 1, 2024: All exemptions applications & renewals are due
- June 1, 2024: Tentative Roll submitted
- June 11, 2024: Grievance Day 4-8pm-Council Chambers
- August 1, 2024: Final Roll submitted

## ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- The Assessor keeps a current record of the physical description (or inventory) and value estimate of every parcel. This is called the Property Assessment Roll. It is available to the public. That roll is given to the City Council and County legislature members. They use it to help develop an annual budget. That is why the goal of the Assessor is to make sure the market value of each property is fair, so that each taxpayer pays their fair share of the tax burden.
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- Does the Assessor raise or lower your taxes? No! While you may often hear the job title of "Tax Assessor," there is no such position defined by New York State Law. Your elected officials who create and vote on budgets are responsible for tax rates and levies.

## STAR PROGRAM



The BASIC Star Program is available for owner-occupied, primary residences with qualifying incomes.

The ENHANCED Star Program provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens ages 65 and older with qualifying incomes.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

**CHRIS HENRY**

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## ONEIDA DRI PROGRAM

By Barb Henderson

Oneida's \$10 M Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) is moving forward! A specified portion of the funding, which comes from the NYS Homes & Community Renewal agency, will be used to repair and renovate existing structures within the DRI boundary area. The Business Assistance Fund (BAF) program kicked off last fall, with a public presentation at City Hall. Several applications have been approved, and owners are currently working with consultants to develop their individual projects. We expect to see activity on those sites later this year.

At this time, there is still some funding available for potential applicants. If you are interested in learning more about the BAF program, go to the City of Oneida website at [oneidacityny.gov](http://oneidacityny.gov). Hover on Our Community at the top right side of the page, then click on DRI in the dropdown menu, and check out the Supporting Documents and Web Links. Call Barbara Henderson at 315-363-7467 x.164 for more information.

The municipal projects that are being funded through the NYS Department of State are still waiting for official paperwork from Albany. Consultants have already been chosen, and we are ready to get started working on downtown infrastructure, the AYSO Soccer Fields, and the upgrades at Veteran's Field as soon as all of the documentation is completed.

## RFP ANNOUNCEMENT

We are thrilled to announce the release of our Request for Proposals (RFP), seeking services to modernize our Comprehensive Plan and establish a form-based code zoning overlay within the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) boundary.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Exciting news: This city is developing an adaptive reuse law aimed at revitalizing historic structures across the city, promising a vibrant future while preserving its rich architectural heritage.



# CITY OF ONEIDA



## JOB VACANCIES

### AVAILABLE POSITIONS

- City Manager ✓
- Lateral Transfer ✓
- Police Officers ✓
- Seasonal Lifeguard ✓

### APPLY NOW

- 📞 315-363-2022-Jessica Kaiser
- 🌐 [www.oneidacityny.gov/Employment](http://www.oneidacityny.gov/Employment)

*Apply now to join our  
team and take the next  
step in your career!*



# ONEIDA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

*Now Hiring!*  
**Lateral Transfer  
Police Officers**



### **Benefits:**

2024 Base Lateral Officer Salary: \$63,502

2024 Lateral Officer Salary w/ 3+ yrs experience: \$64,916

2024 Lateral Officer Salary w/ 6+ yrs experience: \$66,414

Longevity at years 8, 10, 13, 17, 20 (\$1,400-\$3,500)

Stipends, Shift differential (5% & 7%), \$750 annual uniform allowance, Overtime

Annual leave: 56hrs PL, 88hrs Holiday, 10-28 days Vacation, 13 days sick leave

Dental insurance, Health insurance (including after retirement), supplemental options

8 hour shifts - 4on/2off - annual bid

20 mile residency from any city line

Education/degree incentives

20yr NYS Retirement (+ incentive)

Lateral Applicants MUST  
be a NYS Certified  
Police Officer in good standing

### **For more information, contact:**

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# SENIOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Our senior citizens are a valuable part of our community. There are resources available to help enhance their quality of life and assist caregivers. Listed below are some of the resources available that either offer programs or can help direct you.

-  **City of Oneida Parks & Recreation** 315-363-3590
-  **YMCA of the Greater Tri Valley** 315-363-7788
-  **Gorman Senior Place** 315-363-0170
-  **Oneida Public Library** 315-363-3050
-  **Oneida Indian Nation Elders Program** 315-829-8133
-  **Alzheimer's Association** 800-272-3900

## MADISON COUNTY OFFICE OF THE AGING

**CONTACT US**



Call Us  
**315-697-5100**



Visit Our Website  
**[www.ofamadco.org](http://www.ofamadco.org)**

“Our mission is to advocate, assist, and provide services that enrich the quality of life and promote the independence and dignity of older individuals and their families.”

# CITY NEWS

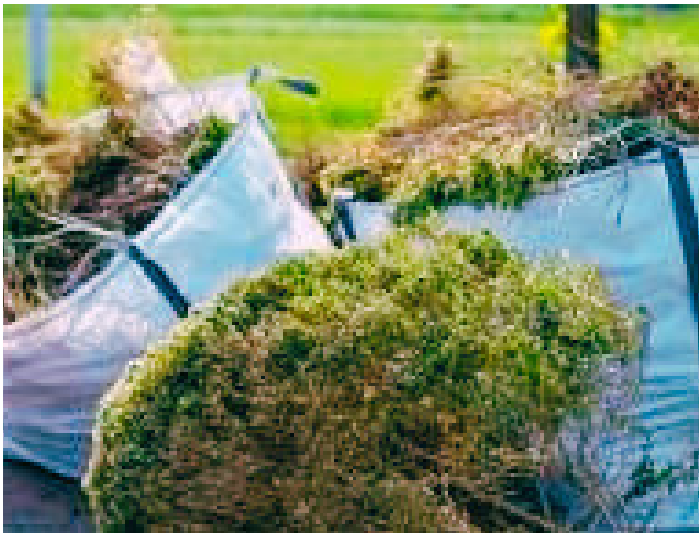
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## HARBORING OF HENS

Several residents in the Inside District have requested a modification to the City Code to permit the harboring of hens. The Council has engaged with the community by listening to comments during open forums and conducting a Public Hearing to gather input. While a Local Law was initially proposed, the Council has opted to conduct further review in response to feedback from residents. It's important to clarify that any changes made will solely impact the Inside District, with no alterations planned for the Outside District at present.

On March 19, 2024, the Common Council voted to establish a special committee comprised of representatives chosen by each councilor. This committee will thoroughly examine the current proposed law and offer recommendations to Council. Subsequently, a revised Local Law will be introduced, followed by another Public Hearing. Stay tuned for updates!



## 2024 SPRING CLEAN-UP

The City of Oneida, Department of Public Works, will begin the annual spring clean-up yard waste removal from April 22nd to around May 10th. Yard waste pick up services will be performed for the Inside Tax District. See our website for more information.

<https://www.oneidacityny.gov/publicworks/page/green-waste-schedule>

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## **City of Oneida to Receive \$1M Grant for Water Improvements**

**The City of Oneida will be the recipient of a federal grant to help pay for critical improvements to the Lake Street Pumping Station. The grant comes as part of a Congressionally Directed Spending package included in a recently passed appropriation bill. “The City wishes to thank Congressman Brandon Williams, along with Senators Gillibrand and Schumer for their support of our project in the 2023 CDS submittal” said Mayor Rick Rossi.**

**The total project cost for the improvements to the station is \$1.9 million. According to Mayor Rossi, this grant will help control Oneida water rates. Mayor Rossi stated, “without it the City would have to recover the entire cost of the pumping station project through what it charges its customers.”**

**The Lake Street pumping station is a major component of the City’s water supply system, helping to reliably move water to all portions of the City, especially higher elevations. Constructed in the 1970’s to meet high water demands in summer and during emergencies, the system has aged over the years. Equipment in the station has deteriorated, and much of it has become obsolete. Only one of the three pumps in the station is presently operable, and there is no emergency power.**

**In addition to improving the reliability of the City water system, the improvements will incorporate modern energy efficient controls and motors that will reduce the City’s carbotion project is part of the City’s continuing investment to maintain a safe and reliable water system for city residents.**





# *City Of Oneida*

## 4TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Live Music-Food-Craft Vendors-Bounce  
Houses-Animals-Touch a Truck-Pumpkin  
Races and so much more!



Saturday  
October 5, 2024



11:00-4:00pm  
Mott St.-Oneida

Admission is free, and there's something for everyone  
to enjoy. So, gather your friends and family!

**FOLLOW THE EVENT ON FB!**







## **MATT ROBERTS**

**Supervisor, Wards 1-2-3**

# **MADISON COUNTY NEWS**

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Matt Roberts is a lifelong resident of the City of Oneida. He and his wife Alice have 3 grown children and 2 beautiful grandchildren. He also is one of the owners of Sherrill Manufacturing, Inc. (Brand-Liberty Tabletop), which is the only remaining flatware manufacturer in the United States.

Supervisor Roberts is Chairman of the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, a member of the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee and is an active member of the Oneida Community.

His vision as supervisor is that “we need to be proactive as a community to create infrastructure, safety, and opportunity to the region.” Supervisor Roberts supports and encourages new businesses in Oneida, and one of his main focuses is to entice businesses to come here, while preserving our rich history and safeguarding our agricultural lands.

## **SOLID WASTE NEWS**

At the February 20, 2024 Madison County Solid Waste Committee meeting, the committee continued to look at what is best for the future of the landfill, residents and employees. Cornerstone Engineering has started their work to evaluate what Madison County Solid Waste would need to be able to scale up operations on their own.

The Madison County Solid Waste Committee is still exploring the three viable long-term options - status quo; Madison County increasing tonnage and operations on their own; or partnering with either a public or a private entity to increase tonnage and operations. The next committee meeting will be held on March 26, 2024 and it is open to the public.

Visit for more information: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/3037/Landfill-Options>

## **RECONNECT BROADBAND PROJECT**

February 6, 2024 - Madison County Board of Supervisors awarded the bid for Phase 1 construction of the Madison County Broadband network to Syracuse Utilities.

Visit for more information: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2765/madison-county-ReConnect-Broadband-Project>

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WE APPRECIATE YOU!

*Thank You  
to Our Local  
Businesses*

Your hard work and dedication  
make our community great.

## WHY SHOP LOCAL?

- For every \$100 spent locally, \$73 remains in the local economy
- Personal connection
- Better Service
- Investment in the success of someone's dream and family
- Original items and products or services unique to the area
- Economic resilience and future growth for our community



Visit

2044 Glenwood Shopping Plaza

# THE ECLECTIC CHIC

The Eclectic Chic recently expanded into the former Rite Aid, and now has even more to offer! Hot coffee, a great place to eat, and so many shops all in one location makes the Eclectic Chic a must see!



## Oneida Office Supply

Oneida Office Supply, located on 226 Main St. has all of your office supply and stationary needs. They have expanded their inventory to offer a wide variety of products for your business and personal needs and are an authorized UPS shipping provider.



## Williams Sewing Center

Oneida's downtown Sewing Center is Williams, located on 123 Main St. Having been in business over 63 years, Williams provides service on all makes and models of sewing machines and performs Singer Factory Warranty Repair.



## MINE & CONSIGN

Mine & Consign is located on 131 Broad St. and has recently expanded to include the former Kym's PalletArt. Owner Tina Marie Coe states that "her true passion is finding something old and turning it into something new again." They feature their own items, as well as take items on consignment.

## ONEIDA COWORKS

Oneida CoWorks is located on 155 Madison St. Owner Paul Marco offers shared office space as a way to decrease the overhead of operating a physical location for your business. State of the art office equipment and technology, coupled with beautiful decor makes this unique business a win win!





## **CALLEE 1945 CHEESE SHOP**

Now Serving Wine & Spirits  
134 Main St.

Callee 1945 is Oneida's first cheese and gourmet food store. Located downtown, it provides a place for family, friends and businesses to gather and enjoy your favorite cheeses and meats, along with specialty items. Catering is available too!

## **WORTHY BOUTIQUE**

Premium & Luxury Items at Affordable Prices  
767 Lenox Ave., Suite 2



Worthy owner Jennifer Bailey believes women should support women. Her boutique offers a “buy out right platform” for all guests. Each year hundreds of dollars are donated to local community fundraisers and charity collections for families in need.

## **THE BLEND**

Kara Hatch, owner of The Blend, offers catering and cocktails, amazing food, great atmosphere and a unique experience in Oneida! They do special events and offer exclusive deals. Stop in for breakfast or lunch served all day-111 Main St.







## THOMPSON APPLIANCE

Located at 121 Madison St., Thompson Appliance & Furniture is a family owned business that has been in Oneida since 1991. They offer top name brands and personalized service that includes repair services and same day delivery.

## BLUE SKY OCG

Blue Sky OCG specializes in popular trading card games and accessories. They offer a diverse selection of products & host events.



136 Lenox Ave.

## DRESSCODE 202

Military veteran, Patrice Carpenter, is the owner & designer. She created this line to honor her unit-the 202nd Transportation Detachment.

134 Lenox Ave.

## ONEIDA FLORAL & GIFTS

Oneida Floral & Gifts provides professional flower arrangements and gifts for any occasion. Located at 166 Main St., they have been in business since 1996.



## MIND GAMES

Mind Games is a game store specializing in Magic the Gathering, Pokemon, and older OOP CCG's and TCG's-114 Madison St. Events & more!

## LUSO'S BAKERY

LUSO's Homemade Bakery is located at 508 Lenox Ave. and offers a variety of baked goods, freshly made from scratch.

## METRO T-MOBILE

Metro by T-Mobile is a wireless provider selling phones, tablets, and accessories. They also sell phone and data plans 117 Main St.

## BETTER HEARING

Better Hearing of Madison County is located at 121 Main St. and provides hearing care services, hearing loss treatment, and hearing aids.

## BALLOONS & BLOSSOMS

Located at 234 Main St., Balloons & Blossoms has been in business since 1985. They are a full service florist and gift shop-family owned!



## MYERS & CO LLC

Located at 118 Vanderbilt Ave., Myers offers self storage options and fire extinguishers sales and service.



## HAIR STUDIO 102 INC.

Hair Studio 102 Inc. is a full service hair and nail salon, located on 102 Williams St. They offer hair, nail, permanent makeup and beauty needs- (formerly Sassy Expressions).

## MADISON SQUARE BARBERSHOP

The Madison Square Barbershop is located at 108 Madison St. Owned by 3 generations of the Genge family, they take walk-ins only.

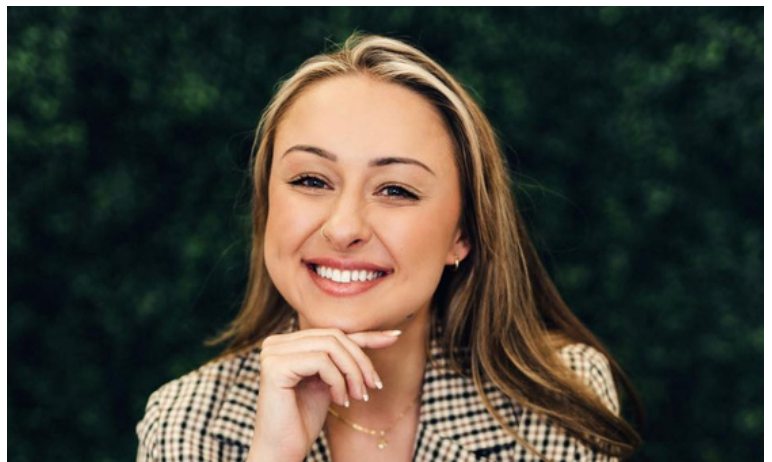


## THEE BEAUTY LOUNGE LLC

Owner Megan Winters opened her salon on 122 N. Main St. in 2021. She runs a full service salon offering hair cutting, coloring and styling; massage therapy; nails; facials; waxing; eyelash extensions; and makeup and hair styling for special events.

## NAVA BROWTIQUE & AESTHETICS

Nava Browtique & Aesthetics is located on 107 Main St. Owner Brittany Bickom offers permanent makeup, brows, eyes, lips, scalp micropigmentation and paramedical tattooing.



## THE 105 HAIR AND LASH LOUNGE

The 105 Hair and Lash Lounge is located at 105 Main St. Owners Morgan Buss and Alyssa Mason offer customized lived in color , high contrast color , blonding , general hair services , eyelash extensions as well as lash lift & tint and brow laminations.



# DOWNTOWN HAS Great Food!

## CONEHEADS ICE CREAM

»» 646 Lenox Ave.

Coneheads, in its new location offers soft and hard ice cream, specialty sundaes, milkshakes and more! They have outdoor seating and in store pickup.



## 31 EXPRESS DELI

»» 147 Cedar St.

Owner Marcia Polisse purchased 31 Express in 2018 and offers deli and grocery items. They also offer catering services and have some of the best food around!



## GIOVANNI'S PIZZERIA

»» 118 Phelps St.

Giovanni's "Big Chesse" Pizzeria offers traditional pizzas, pastas and gourmet italian delicacies all made by hand. They have dine-in and outdoor seating, as well as curb side pickup. Well known for having great pizza!



## OCEAN SUSHI

»» 236 Main St.

Ocean Sushi & Hibachi offers Japanese cuisine with a wide range of delectable options. They offer both dine in and take out service, as well as online ordering.



## SWEET TEMPTATIONS

»» 118 N. Main St.

Sweet Temptations is open for breakfast and lunch only and is well known in the area for being a hot spot for having great food. They accept cash only as payment, have ample parking, and a "home town" atmosphere!



## ORIGLIO'S WAGON WHEEL

»» 212 Main St.

Origlio's is a family run Italian-American restaurant that offers both dine in and outdoor seating (weather permitting). Established in 1942, they also manufacture and sell "Joe's Spaghetti Sauce." At Origlio's you will find a full bar, extensive menu and great atmosphere.

## D-RAYS PIZZERIA

➤➤➤ 215 Broad St.

Located in the former Steve's Kwik Change, D-Ray's Pizzeria specializes in delicious pan pizza, tasty appetizers, and mouthwatering subs.



## JOY'S SOURDOUGH

➤➤➤ 1149 Upper Lenox Ave.



Joy's Sourdough is "Bread Made Right." Owner Joy Hartley's micro bakery specializes in high-quality sourdough bread and other great baked goods. Her mission is to provide healthier, fresher bread.

## ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME

➤➤➤ 128 Main St.

Alexander's Ragtime is a favorite place in Oneida to gather for drinks and great food. Although the menu is limited, you won't be disappointed-sandwiches and salads are the best! Owners Bob and Carol Alexander's Irish Pub provides a unique experience to downtown Oneida.



## CHINA KING

➤➤➤ 103 Main St.

China King Chinese Restaurant offers authentic Chinese cuisine, including vegetarian dishes and online ordering is available.

Mahjong Asian Restaurant, blends authentic flavors with warm hospitality to create a memorable dining experience. Their menu features a diverse range of Asian cuisines, including traditional Chinese and Japanese dishes, along with delectable sushi and mouthwatering entrees.

## MAHJONG ASIAN REST.

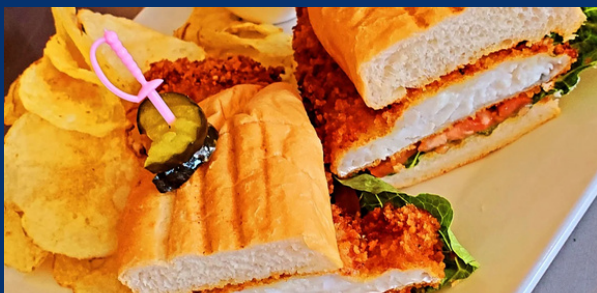
➤➤➤ 145 Madison St.



## SINATRAS PIZZERIA

➤➤➤ 128 N. Main St.

Sinatra's Pizzeria has pizza, wings, appetizers and so much more. Along with online ordering, they also offer daily specials!



## NAPOLEONS CAFE

➤➤➤ 102 Madison St.

Napoleons Cafe is located at the corner of Main and Madison St. and is open for lunch only (11-2). Under new ownership, they have the same great food and atmosphere and is a favorite place to dine while downtown!