



# ONEIDA CITY

## DRI PRESENTATION

Please join us at the Common Council meeting on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm where the Director of Planning and Development, Steve Vonderweidt, will be providing a comprehensive overview of the City's Downtown Revitalization Initiative projects and answer any questions presented. The meeting will be held in Common Council Chambers.

This presentation will help clearly communicate where each project stands, what obstacles remain, and what the path forward looks like for implementation.



## WARM WEATHER ON THE WAY

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes a season of renewal and progress for our community. As the snow melts and the days grow longer, our City crews will be hard at work preparing parks, repairing roads, and getting public spaces ready for residents and visitors to enjoy. Spring also marks the beginning of many community events, outdoor activities, and improvement projects that help keep our city vibrant. We look forward to seeing neighbors reconnect, gardens begin to grow, and our community come alive again after the winter months.

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN

Please be reminded that the hours for the City Chamberlain's Office are Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 3:00pm and closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm for lunch. Payments can be made online, or at the drop boxes located at the Main Street entrance to City Hall or in front of the Chamberlain's office.



# APRIL MEETINGS



April 7, 2026-Common Council-6:30pm-Council Chambers

April 9, 2026-Recreation Commission-6:30pm-Recreation Center

April 14, 2026-Water Board-3:30pm-Water Department

April 14, 2026-Planning Commission-6:00pm-Council Chambers

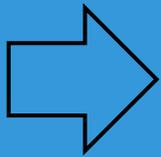
April 21, 2026-Traffic Safety Board-2:00pm-Council Chambers

April 21, 2026-Common Council-6:30pm-Council Chambers

109 N. Main St./217 Cedar St. (Recreation Committee)

# City Update

Message from the City Manager



Stay informed about our community initiatives.



For more details,  
visit our city website  
and Facebook  
Pages and stay  
connected with  
updates.

Together, we can make a  
difference.

As we welcome the month of April, the arrival of spring brings renewed energy and momentum throughout the City of Oneida. After a long winter season, our teams across City Hall are preparing for a busy construction and project season that will bring continued investment and improvements to our community.

One of the most exciting developments this year is the continued progress on projects funded through our Downtown Revitalization Initiative. These investments are designed to strengthen our downtown, support local businesses, and improve public spaces for residents and visitors alike. Several of these projects are advancing through planning and design phases, and we anticipate visible progress throughout 2026.

We are also continuing to move forward on major infrastructure improvements that ensure the long-term stability of our city services. The City recently advanced financing related to our wastewater treatment plant upgrade, a critical project that will modernize our facilities and support future growth in our region. Infrastructure investments like these may not always be visible day to day, but they are essential to protecting public health, supporting economic development, and maintaining the high-quality services our residents expect.

With warmer weather arriving, our Department of Public Works will soon begin seasonal operations including road maintenance, park preparation, and facility improvements across the city. I encourage residents to take advantage of our parks, trails, and community spaces as they reopen for the season.

Spring also brings renewed opportunities for collaboration with regional partners, community organizations, and local businesses as we continue working to strengthen the City of Oneida and support responsible growth.

Finally, I want to thank the dedicated employees of the City of Oneida who work every day to serve our residents. Their professionalism and commitment are what make it possible for our city to continue moving forward.

The Assessor's office operates on a limited schedule. If you need to see or speak to someone, please come during the hours listed or call the number below.



# ASSESSOR HOURS

**MONDAY**

**8 AM TO 12 PM**

**WEDNESDAY**

**8 AM TO 12 PM**

**THURSDAY**

**9 AM TO 12 PM**



315-363-7579

## **TRAFFIC ADVISORY– ROUTE 46 BRIDGE CLOSURE**

The City of Oneida has been notified that the NYS Route 46 bridge over the NYS Thruway (I-90) will be closed beginning Monday, March 30, 2026 for bridge work.

The project is being coordinated through the New York State Thruway Authority, and detour routes will be clearly marked with signage.

Motorists should anticipate changes to normal travel routes in the area and allow additional travel time.

City emergency services and public works departments have been notified and will adjust operations as necessary.

Additional updates will be shared as more information becomes available.

## **NYS THRUWAY AUTHORITY**

# ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE



On Tuesday, March 17, the Common Council will vote on Agenda Item No. 2, a resolution authorizing the advertisement of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the installation and ten-year maintenance of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at 109 N. Main St. and 129 Cedar St.

To view the RFP, please click [HERE](#).



# GETTING MARRIED!

If you are planning to get married in New York State, although the marriage license is issued immediately, the marriage ceremony may not take place within 24 hours from the exact time that the license was issued. A couple who intends to be married in New York State must apply in person for a marriage license to any town or city clerk in the state.

The application for a license must be signed by both applicants in the presence of the town or city clerk. Some offices require couples to schedule an appointment in advance, while others allow walk-in applications. Couples should check with the issuing municipality beforehand to confirm their specific procedures.

Because our office maintains a busy schedule and marriage license appointments can take 30 minutes or longer to complete, couples are required to schedule an appointment in advance. Both applicants must be present at the time of the appointment. The application fee is \$40, and the license is good for 60 days.

**LEARN MORE**

315-363-7378

Click [HERE](#) for the City of Oneida application



# CITY OF ONEIDA FIRE DEPARTMENT



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUREAU OF FIRE

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## **ALL OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2026 THRU MAY 14, 2026**

YOU MAY BURN CHARCOAL OR DRY, CLEAN, UNTREATED AND UNPAINTED WOOD.

**THE BURNING OF LOOSE LEAVES OR LEAF PILES  
AND HOUSEHOLD TRASH IS ILLEGAL.**

### **DURING THE BURN BAN, THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS ARE ALLOWED;**

- Campfires or any other outdoor fires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter.
- Small cooking fires.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires.
- Disposal of flags or religious items in small-sized fires.
- Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.

### **CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES**

- Open burning to control invasive plant or insect species is allowed. Case-by-case DEC approval is required.

### **AGRICULTURAL USES**

- Organic agricultural wastes may be burned on-site where they are grown or generated, including brush and wood produced by clearing fields and other activities.
- Fires must be located on contiguous agricultural land larger than 5 acres, and the materials capable of being fully burned within 24 hours.
- The burning of pesticides, plastics or other non-organic material is prohibited.
- The use of liquid petroleum fueled smudge pots to prevent frost damage to crops is allowed.
- Burning tires and other wastes for smudge is prohibited.
- Individual open fires to control plant and animal disease outbreaks are allowed as approved on a case-by-case by DEC, upon the request by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

### **LOCATIONS**

- *FIRES IN APPROVED CONTAINERS (burn barrels, chimineas, portable outdoor fireplaces, etc.) NOT LESS THAN 15 FEET FROM A STRUCTURE.*
- *CAMPFIRES AND SMALL COOKING FIRES NOT LESS THAN 25 FEET FROM A STRUCTURE.*
- *ALL OTHER FIRES NOT LESS THAN 50 FEET FROM A STRUCTURE.*

### **AFTER THE BURN BAN**

- YOU MAY BURN TREE LIMBS WITH ATTACHED LEAVES. THE LIMB MUST BE LESS THAN 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 8 FEET IN LENGTH (ALSO REFERRED TO AS BRUSH)

**ALL FIRES SHALL BE CONSTANTLY ATTENDED UNTIL THE FIRE IS EXTINGUISHED. FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE USE (fire extinguisher, dirt, sand, garden hose, etc.).**

**Reference: NYS DEC PART 215, 2025 FIRE CODE OF NYS SECTION 307**



*Congratulations!*

**SCOTT BURBIDGE**



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## Retirement Announcement

Today we recognize the career and service of Deputy Chief Scott Burbidge as he signs off for the final time with the Oneida Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Burbidge was hired on January 30, 2006, beginning twenty years of dedicated service to the City of Oneida and the members of this department. Over the course of his career, he has served with professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the job.

In 2011, he was recognized as Firefighter of the Year — an early reflection of the work ethic and leadership qualities that would define his career. Throughout his service, he was also the recipient of multiple department citations, recognizing his skill, composure, and lifesaving care on emergencies. In May of 2018 He was promoted to Lieutenant, where he continued to mentor firefighters and lead from the front. In July of 2022, he was promoted to Deputy Chief, assuming greater responsibility in guiding the department forward.

Since 2023, Deputy Chief Burbidge has managed the SCBA Division, ensuring the safety and readiness of our personnel, and has led the Confined Space Team with dedication and expertise. His commitment to training, operational readiness, and firefighter safety has left a lasting mark on this organization.

After twenty years of answering the call — in the heat, in the cold, at all hours — today we thank him for his leadership, his service, and his sacrifice.

Deputy Chief Burbidge, on behalf of the members of the Oneida Fire Department and the community you have faithfully served since 2006, congratulations on your retirement.

Enjoy this next chapter. You've earned it.

Scott A. Jones  
Fire Chief  
City of Oneida Fire Department

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*KYLE LOVELL, PRESIDENT*

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“I’m incredibly grateful and deeply humbled for the opportunity to serve our business community and lead our amazing Chamber of Commerce. As President, my goal is simple: listen, learn, and truly understand the needs of our local businesses so we can keep improving how we serve our members and support growth across our community. I’m excited for what’s ahead and thankful for the trust you’ve placed in me.”



**Visit Website**



# CONGRATULATIONS

## **ANDY PARENT ANDY'S TOWING LLC**

Local towing professional Andy Parent was formally acknowledged for his continued efforts and contributions to the City of Oneida. His professionalism, strong work ethic, and commitment to assisting residents and public safety personnel represent the very best of the towing industry and reflect a genuine dedication to serving our community.

In addition, Mr. Parent received a medal recognizing a simple act of bravery stemming from an incident in which he rescued an individual from a vehicle. While he is far too humble to promote his own accomplishments, I believe his actions and service deserve recognition and positive attention.

***Steve Lowell, Police Chief***

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315-240-8613

110 Cedar Street

Oneida, NY



**AMERICAN  
TOWMAN**



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# ONEIDA HIGH SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT

Many thanks to the OHS Art Department for their AMAZING art work at the Kallet! We are now officially ready for Easter!



# Madison County DRIVE-THRU



**Appointments are required.**  
\*Appointments open 60 days before a clinic\*

## Make an appointment:

Scan this  
QR Code:



Go online:  
healthymadisoncounty.org

Call: 315-366-2526

## Download our app today!

Search: Madison County Health, NY



**Tuesday, April 21, 2026 • 4 PM – 7 PM**  
Madison County Highway Garage, WAMPSVILLE

**Saturday, May 16, 2026 • 10 AM – 1 PM**  
Madison Central School, MADISON

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026 • 4 PM – 7 PM**  
Oneida High School, ONEIDA

**Wednesday, July 22, 2026 • 5 PM – 8 PM**  
Madison County Highway Garage, EATON

**Tuesday, August 18, 2026 • 5 PM – 8 PM**  
Town of Cazenovia Highway Garage, CAZENOVIA

**Wednesday, September 16, 2026 • 4 PM – 7 PM**  
Chittenango High School, CHITTENANGO

**Saturday, October 24, 2026 • 10 AM – 1 PM**  
Madison County Highway Garage, WAMPSVILLE

- Free to Madison County residents, however a **\$7** donation per pet is appreciated
- Out-of-County pet owners are limited to four (4) pets per household
- Animals must be properly restrained with a leash and collar/harness or cage/pet carrier
- Provide *prior* vaccination proof for a 3-year certificate.
- A vehicle is not required to participate

All Rabies Clinics are by appointment.

- Free to Madison County residents, however a \$7 dollar donation per pet is appreciated
- Out of County pet owners are limited to four (4) pets per household
- All animals must be properly restrained (leash and collar/harness or cage/pet carrier)
- Proof of prior vaccination is required to qualify for a 3-year certificate.

**For more information on the Madison County Rabies Clinic Schedule, please click [HERE!](#)**

**PROTECT**  
**THEIR**  
**LUNGS!**

**GET YOUR**  
**FREE**  
**RADON**  
**TEST**



**CALL**  
**315-366-2526**



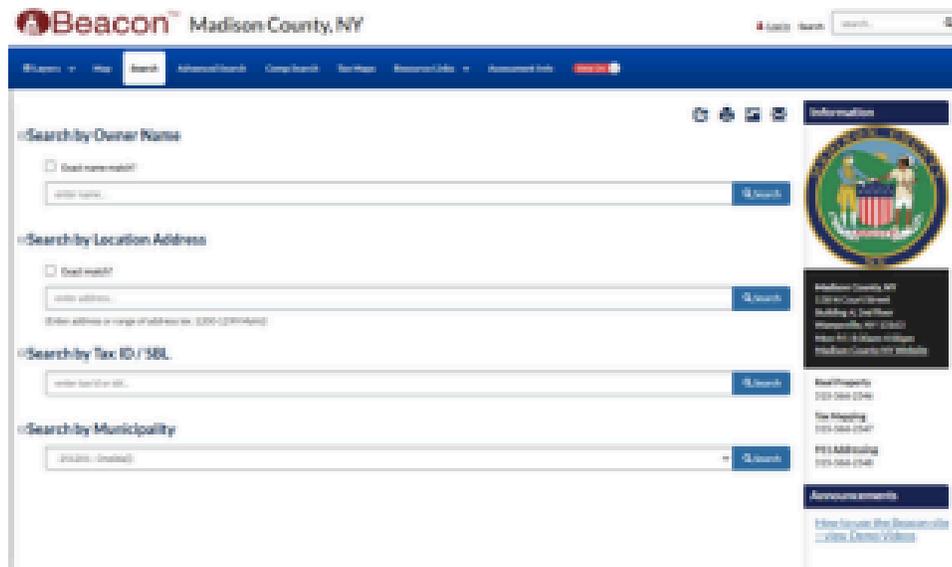
*Although the information in this document has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreements to Madison County Public Health, it may not necessarily reflect the views of the Agency and no official endorsement should be inferred.*

The only way to know if you have high radon levels is to test your home. A radon problem can be fixed.

Visit the [Madison County website](#) for more information on RADON!

# New Site for Real Property Lookup

Madison County Real Property is excited to introduce their new Real Property information website, **Beacon!** Madison County upgraded to a more advanced, and hopefully more user-friendly, website from the previous site, Image Mate.



Going forward, you can utilize the new Beacon website to access all of the same real property information you previously obtained through Image Mate, including assessment information, copies of tax bills and tax maps and so much more. Also, you can view updated Parcel Viewer by clicking on the “Map” tab, which offers a variety of GIS layers and helpful tools.

Please reach out to the Real Property Office if you have questions while navigating the new site!

**To access the Madison County site directly, please click [HERE](#).**

# OHS Drama Club

PRESENTS

# CHICAGO

MARCH 27-28 ONEIDA HIGH SCHOOL-7PM



GET YOUR TICKETS [HERE!](#)



Oneida Parks & Recreation's Annual

# EASTER

## EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH @ 11:00 AM

-----ALLEN PARK-----

AGE GROUPS- 3 & UNDER, 4-6, 7-10

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET!

### City of Oneida's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Bunny arrives on our Oneida Fire Truck!  
Bicycle Give-away! Thank you, O.F.D./O.F.B.A.!

Age groups are 3 & Under, 4-6, and 7-10

We have over 12,000 eggs being spread out  
through Allen Park!

Each age group has a designated area.

Bring your own basket.

Take a photo with the Easter Bunny!

Starts at exactly 11 am!

YMCA OF THE GREATER TRI-VALLEY PRESENTS:

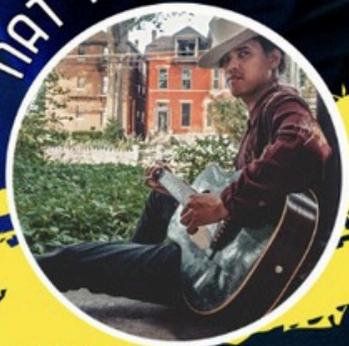


# APRIL 4TH / 5PM CANCER BENEFIT CONCERT A NIGHT OF BLUES

Scan for Tickets!



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EDEN BRENT



BENEFITING THE YMCA  
**STAY STRONG PROGRAM**

MVCC SCHAFER THEATER | 1101 SHERMAN DRIVE, UTICA, NY 13501

**\$25 ADULTS**  
**\$15 STUDENTS**

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🌟👛 DESIGNER PURSE BINGO! 👛🌟

Michael Kors! Coach! Kate Spade! Dooney & Bourke!

📅 Friday, April 24th

🕒 Bingo starts at 6PM

🚪 Doors open at 4PM

🎟 Tickets – \$25 each

🍲 Basket Raffles

💰 50/50 Drawing

🥤 Light concessions available for purchase

🎉 Tickets available NOW – don't wait, these will go fast!

Proudly Sponsored by: Unit #169 Auxiliary

Grab your friends, bring your lucky dauber, and get ready for a night of fun, fashion, and fabulous prizes! 👛💖

CONTACT PENNI FOR TICKETS!

315-264-6581

# WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

# LISTEN, UNDERSTAND, SUPPORT

SATURDAY  
APRIL 25, 2026  
10:00am-2:00pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Meet at Higinbotham Park  
and walk to the Oneida  
Library and back!



St. Patrick's School's Annual

# BASKET BONANZA

MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026

## **DIBBLES INN AT THE CANNERY**

5311 State Route 5-Vernon

### **Each ticket includes:**

Buffet Dinner and Dessert

Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks

Endless Opportunities to win big!

For tickets and more information, visit their

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)



Doors open at 4pm  
Drawing begins at 6pm

**ADULT ONLY EVENT**

# RIDE FOR MISSING CHILDREN



The 2026 Ride for Missing Children is being held on Friday, June 5, 2026. To see the tentative ride route, please visit [HERE](#).

Riders, volunteers, and supporters are invited to join us as we ride together to honor missing children, raise awareness, and support child safety education.

**Registration is now open if you would like to participate in this great event.**

# FALL FESTIVAL



**CRAFT VENDORS-FOOD-LIVE MUSIC**

Join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival! We have pumpkin races, touch-a-truck, petting zoo, kid's activities, 8 food trucks and 100 vendors and non-profits! This is a great event for the whole family.

**OCTOBER 3, 2026-11:00AM to 4:00PM**

***Mott Street-Oneida***